

BOSTON


American Masterpiece

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Chambellan Provincial/Boston Bailli

THE BOSTON BAILLIAGE'S holiday gala at the Omni Parker House Hotel on December 4 capped the chapter's year of fiftieth-anniversary celebrations. Founded in

1855 by Harvey Parker, the iconic hotel was the meeting place for the Saturday Club, whose members included such eminent writers and thinkers as Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Louis Agassiz. Charles Dickens read *A Christmas Carol* to the Saturday Club, and John F. Kennedy announced his candidacy for Congress at the hotel. The Parker House continues to be a touchstone of Boston hospitality as well as the city's culinary history; it claims the creation of Boston cream pie—the state dessert of Massachusetts—and the now-ubiquitous

Parker House rolls. Employees have included Ho Chi Minh, Malcolm X, and Emeril Lagasse.

Orchestrating this sumptuous evening was General Manager/Maitre Hôte John Murtha, assisted by Maitre de Table Hôte John Coviello, Professionnel du Vin Frank Weber, and Executive Chef Gerard Tice. Following the final induction ceremony of the chapter's fiftieth-anniversary year, attendees moved to the grand dining room, where they enjoyed a menu titled "Americus," featuring spectacular food and wines from across the United States. 



Parker's Restaurant

December 4, 2016

OPAH CRUDO

Horse Heaven Sauvignon Blanc
Eroica Riesling

PAN-SEARED MERO SEA BASS
Autumn Root Vegetables, White
Truffle Butter Emulsion

Dr. Konstantin Frank Dry Riesling
Stag's Leap Chardonnay

PAN-ROASTED RABBIT LOIN
Chicken of the Woods
Mushrooms, Rainbow Carrot

Hartford Court Velvet Sisters Pinot Noir

ROASTED VENISON FILET MIGNON
Sweet Jewel Fingerling Potato,
Espresso-Veal Reduction

Dusted Valley Stained Tooth Syrah
Chappellet Mountain Cuvée

LEMON-OLIVE OIL-CANNELLE AND
ORANGE-OLIVE OIL CHEESECAKE
Almond Tuile

Beringer Nightingale Late Harvest
Sémillon/Sauvignon Blanc
Quady Essensia Orange Muscat



Chambellan Provincial/Bailli Marshall Berenson, Executive Chef Gerard Tice, and Vice Conseiller Gastronomique Camilo Gutiérrez.



General Manager/Maitre Hôte John Murtha and Chambellan Provincial/Bailli Marshall Berenson.



Maitre Hôte El-Sayed Saleh, Dame Elizabeth Cohen King, Chevalier Noah King, Maggie Saleh, and Chevalier Saul Cohen.



Officer Michael Cohen, Officer Marci Cohen, Jaclyn Cohen, and Jacob Cohen.



Jaclyn Cohen, Officer Kathy LaShay Berenson, Vice Chargé de Presse Richard DeAgazio, Judy Goodwin, and Dame Kerry Rosengarten.

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