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MAKE YOUR OWN HISTORY AND CREATE NEW TALES TO TELL AT THE ST. ANTHONY CLUB

Former Members-Only Club Shakes and Stirs History to Craft Flavor and Ambiance

SAN ANTONIO (2016) – Like any good bar, The St. Anthony Club has great stories to tell. But few bars can claim the long history and star-studded tales of The St. Anthony Club, a bar that began as a private club where newsmakers and notables could enjoy liquor by the glass and fine dining in an upscale, intimate setting. And thanks to the current renovation of The St. Anthony, a Luxury Collection Hotel, San Antonio, The St. Anthony Club is once again the toast of the town, offering that same intimate, elegant ambiance, fantastic service and hand-crafted libations.

From the time it opened as San Antonio's first true luxury hotel in 1909, The St. Anthony, a Luxury Collection Hotel, San Antonio, has entertained, fêted and celebrated, hosting celebrities, notable names and locals for parties, celebrations and fine dining. At the center of it all was The St. Anthony Club, known for its stunning décor, notable members, fine dining and entertainment, including live music and nightly dancing.

Intimately Designed by the Doyenne of Design

When The St. Anthony's owners decided to create a private club whose members could buy liquor by the drink in a classy setting, little could they know the impact such a venue would have on San Antonio's social scene, businesses, reputation and economic future.

It was 1959. At the time, Texas laws prohibited selling liquor by the drink except in private clubs. To create a club environment suitable for the luxury of The St. Anthony, the hotel lured internationally-known decorator Dorothy Draper, a top interior designer whose name was synonymous with glamour, to create The St. Anthony Club. A designer known for originating trends, Draper once said, "If everyone likes it, it's too blasé." The St. Anthony Club, a \$1 million renovation, was Draper's first Texas hotel project.

The club was unlike anything San Antonio had ever seen. Draper tore down walls and dismantled rooms to fashion a well-appointed British pub as the cocktail room and a separate, spacious dining room with a wooden dance floor. She brought in artwork from England, France, Holland and India. The fabric on the walls changed seasonally—gold brocade fabric for winter and pink, yellow or green silk in other times of the year—as did the matching dinnerware. A mural on the west wall of the dining room also changed with the seasons: a babbling brook in spring and a snow scene in winter.

Draper's touch can still be felt in the club. An intimate space which envelopes guests in the history of this iconic gem, the club features original Venetian tile floors revealed during the hotel's renovation and rich wood paneling. Dimmed lighting with sparkling abstracted reflections adds to the romance and mystery of the space and the bar, which is the original bar designed by Draper, is dimly lit and crafted in leather panels with decorative brass foot rails. The barstools display a subtle ram's head pattern, a nod to those adorning the hotel's lobby columns and other architectural details. Supple leather banquette seating invites guests and welcomes them to make their own history at The St. Anthony Club.

Where Notables, Newsmakers, Politicians and Celebrities Belonged

San Antonians and out-of-towners of means flocked to The St. Anthony Club to dine, dance and enjoy liquor by the glass. Charter memberships quickly sold to a "Who's Who of San Antonians", and anyone who was someone belonged. The club had special tablecloths printed with signatures of its members, given as complimentary gifts to the members and used on pub tables in the evening. At its peak in 1973, membership

totaled more than 1,600, including former President Lyndon B. Johnson, who frequented the club, his Secret Service team in tow.

The St. Anthony Club was also the place to do business. Over a drink or two, ranchers would discuss, then buy and sell cattle or land, negotiating thousands of head or acres. The same went for oilmen, but in barrels of sweet Texas crude. Much of the decade-long planning for HemisFair '68, San Antonio's world's fair, was done over lunch in the club. Surrounded by exclusivity, class and friendliness, committee members met, planned, debated and worked through the myriad of details necessary for San Antonio to accomplish such an enormous feat.

Big businesses, too, were created over martini lunches. For instance, Southwest Airlines' original triangular route was drawn on a St. Anthony Club napkin. "Many a man drew lots of things on St. Anthony Club napkins, not just me, and stuck it in his pocket," said Herb Kelleher, Southwest Airlines CEO, and entrepreneur Red McCombs negotiated his purchase of the San Antonio Spurs in the club in the early 1970s. "The negotiations involving the Spurs took place in The St. Anthony Club because I went there every single day for lunch," explains McCombs.

Though Texas legalized liquor by the drink in 1971, the club remained popular until the early 1980s when a renovation closed its doors. But thanks to the restoration of the space, the historic club is again greeting guests with elegance and ambiance—no membership required.

Cocktails that Leave a Lasting Impression

The St. Anthony Club offers beer and wine and hand-crafted cocktails from talented mixologists, including a signature drink created specifically for the club by Greg Seider, author of "Alchemy in a Glass: The Essential Guide to Handcrafted Cocktails", owner of The Summit Bar and Co-Founder of Prima and Manhattan Cricket Club in New York. Seider worked with The St. Anthony Club to craft the bar's signature drink, The Triple S.

Famous for his unique fresh taste, as well as his extravagant and delicious cocktail recipes, Seider takes cocktail aficionados on a journey of the palette and through his book, teaches the art of balancing flavors, mixers and spirits, going beyond recipes to show how different flavors work and how to construct a balanced drink. The St. Anthony Club and the historic hotel and city enveloping it spurred Seider, a mixologist who is inspired by different atmospheres and locations, to create The Triple S.

Ultimately representing the elegance as well as the historic elements of a "Texas Jewel Reborn", The Triple S honors the rich tradition of Texas barbeque adorned with sweet, spicy and smoky flavors. Big, juicy watermelon combined with spicy jalapeno chili, hickory-smoked salt, lime and tequila meld together and transform into a libation with a spirit as big as Texas itself.

The club also features two drinks that Seider created for The Luxury Collection, the Mayan Firefly and The Last Cocktail. The Mayan Firefly featured Casa Noble Reposado Tequila with pineapple puree, Mexican cinnamon-infused agave and fresh lime juice for fiery sweet flavor of ancient lands. The Last Cocktail is in honor of The St. Anthony's affiliation with The Luxury Collection and embodies the wondrous experiences and memories of distinctive destinations like San Antonio. Featuring Bombay Sapphire Gin, rosemary infusion, pear purée, lemon juice and Prosecco, the cocktail unlocks an experience to be remembered and savored—a fitting tribute to time spent at The St. Anthony.

Locally Inspired Cuisine: Bites, Sweet Treats and Savories

The St. Anthony Club also offers savories and sweets from Chef Mike Mata, Executive Chef of The St. Anthony. A San Antonio native who excites The St. Anthony's guests' palates and provides delicious foods that create memories, Mata is known for unique dishes flavored by passion, ambition and raw talent.

For The St. Anthony Club, Mata has created nibbles designed to share, like an artisan cheese board with international and Texas cheeses paired with dried fruit, honey comb, gourmet nuts, farmers pickled vegetables, stone ground mustard and garden fruit preserve and a charcuterie board that includes locally cured salami, prosciutto, beef ribeye, turkey and smoked foie gras with farmers pickled vegetables, lavender

honey mustard and herbed aioli with grilled breads. Other options include calamari fries, a ceviche duet including tuna, shrimp and scallops and prime beef tenderloin sliders.

The club makes a perfect stop for drinks and appetizers or a lite bite before a show in San Antonio's busy theater district. Just two blocks from the Majestic and Empire Theatres, and a short walk from the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, The St. Anthony Club also provides an intimate spot for drinks and desserts after a show, with basil olive oil cake, lemon ricotta donuts and sage crème brulee among the options available to end an evening on a sweet note.

So when searching for the perfect place for business or pleasure, The St. Anthony Club is a destination sure to make any occasion historic. Located just off of The St. Anthony Hotel's famed Peacock Alley, The St. Anthony Club is open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. For more information, visit www.thestanthonyhotel.com.

About The St. Anthony, a Luxury Collection Hotel, San Antonio

A Texas jewel reborn, crafted from the dreams of two Texas cattlemen in 1909, The St. Anthony, a Luxury Collection Hotel, was the first luxury hotel in San Antonio and has remained one of the finest expressions of Texas hospitality for more than a century. Featuring 277 guest rooms and suites, as well as more than 31,500 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting and event space in the heart of downtown San Antonio, The St. Anthony is an unrivaled classic reborn with contemporary glamour and opulence. The hotel's timeless elegance and tradition, fused with stunning city views and modern design, serve as the epicenter of San Antonio's social scene, including its sixth-floor outdoor pool and tenth-floor rooftop lounge, as well as the storied St. Anthony Club, a cocktail lounge with historic tales to share, Rebelle, San Antonio's newest culinary destination, and Haunt, a bar offering classic cocktails inspired by the haunting legends of The St. Anthony. For reservations or for more information, contact 210-227-4392 or visit www.thestanthonyhotel.com. #TheStAnthony, #TexasJewelReborn

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