ST. JOHN'S TAVERN
114 ORANGE STREET
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Menu
St. John's Tavern Building...

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Evidently the upper floor of the original building contained only two rooms, one was used for lodge meetings and comprises what is now the Lounge and the East Dining Room. The position of the dias for the Master of the Lodge is clearly indicated in the floor of the East Dining Room in front of the added fire place.

Upon the removal of the old wall-papers the decorations over the mantel were discovered. They are Masonic signs and symbols of the time. Included in this mural are two Coats of Arms of Masonry—the Ancient Coat of Arms at the right and the Modern Coat of Arms at the left. This mural has been faithfully restored from the existing outlines, with actual colors hidden by wall-paper some hundred years.

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Luncheon - Tuesday
August 7th, 1945

Chilled Orange Juice

Chilled Grapefruit Juice

Roast Pork Ham - Apple Jelly - $1.25
Chicken Giblets in Rice - $1.25
Broiled Spanish Mackerel - Tartar Sauce - $1.00
Deviled Crab - Tartar Sauce - $1.00
Shrimp a la Newburg - $1.00
Fried Flounder - Tartar Sauce - $1.00
Fried Sea Trout - Tartar Sauce - $1.00

Green Field Peas
Whole Boiled Potatoes
Steamed Garden Okra

Lettuce and Tomato Salad
Hot Biscuits

Ice Cream

Tea
Coffee
Milk

ON ORDER - SET-UPS - SODA - GINGER ALE - COKE-COLA
THE TAVERN IS AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE PARTIES AFTER SERVING HOURS
St. John's Tavern
114 Orange Street
Telephone 2-8085
Wilmington, N. C.

Luncheon - Dinner

Private Rooms for Entertaining
Delicious Meals - Courteously Served -
In a Historical Setting

Built 1801
From Original Water Color in 1887
By Henry Bacon, Architect
Lincoln Memorial at Washington