



PILLAR HOUSE

Newton Lower Falls, Massachusetts

autumn ~ winter

»»»»» Appetizers «««««

- Fresh Fruit with Sorbet* 2.75
Warm Sea Scallops, Dijon Cream 5.25
Oysters or Littlenecks on the Half Shell 4.75
Paté, Chef's Preparation 3.50
Chilled Gulf Shrimp Cocktail 5.75
Baked Brie with Brown Sugar Almonds 3.75
A Trio of Mushrooms in Pastry 3.75
*Lobster and Scallop Mousse,
Sweet Red Pepper Puree* 3.75

»»»»» Soups «««««

- French Onion Gruyere* 2.50
Soup of the Day 2.00
New England Clam Chowder 2.75
Lobster Stew, with Mussels 3.50
Vichyssoise with Chives 2.25

»»»»» Salads «««««

- Marinated Mushrooms, Endive and Bibb Lettuce* 2.75
California Artichoke 2.50
*Spinach and Feta Cheese,
Warm Bacon Dressing* 2.00
Caesar 2.00
Seasonal Greens 2.00
Fresh Fruit Salad 2.75

»»»»» Entrées «««««

- Fish of the Day* 8.00
Salmon and Chicken roasted in Olive Oil 8.50
Broiled Chatham Scallops 8.50
Grilled Seafood Brochette, Rice Pilaf 7.50
Baked Haddock, Seafood Stuffing 7.25
Broiled Schrod, Lemon Basil Butter 7.00
Baked Stuffed Gulf Shrimp 8.50
Broiled or Steamed Maine Lobster 21.00
Breast of Lemon Chicken with Broccoli 6.75
Calves Liver Sauté with Onion and Bacon 7.00
Broiled Sirloin Steak, Sauce Roquefort 10.25
Grilled Tips of Tenderloin, Rice Pilaf 7.25
Roast of the Day 6.75
Seafood Omelette 6.25
Fettuccine with Fresh Vegetables 6.50

Above entrées are accompanied by salad and choice of vegetables or potato of the day

- Spinach and Feta Cheese Salad,
Warm Bacon Dressing* 5.25
Smoked Turkey with Avocado Salad 5.75
Chilled Seafood Salad 9.75
Salad of Salmon Tortellini, Lemon Basil Vinaigrette 5.75
Caesar Salad 5.25
The Pillar House Chicken Salad 6.25
Fresh Fruit Salad with Sorbet 5.50
Marinated Tomatoes on Bibb Lettuce with Asparagus 4.75

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THIS interesting old house, built early in the classical revival period of our country's architectural history, has been a landmark in Newton Lower Falls since 1828.

The House was built by Allen Crocker Curtis, who lived here until his retirement in 1860. His father, Solomon Curtis, was one of the first to establish a paper mill in this country.

Allen, the eldest of fifteen children, and his brother William, continued the business as partners. Their success was phenomenal, due mainly to the fact that they had smuggled in from England two Fourdrinier machines, which enabled them to be one of the first in the United States to make paper on a continuous roll. Interestingly enough, the paper this menu is printed on is Tweedweave, manufactured by Curtis Paper Company, Newark, Delaware.

Across the Charles River, or the Quinobequin, so named by the Indians, the large stone mill built by the Curtises in 1834 is still standing – mute testimony to the success of these two brothers and to 68 years of paper making by the Curtis family in Newton Lower Falls.

It was probably during his trip to England that Allen Curtis was attracted by the architecture which had just come into vogue and had plans drawn for his home which we have called Pillar House.

Surely, in those early days, it must have been the scene of gracious living, as Allen Crocker Curtis, wealthy paper maker, member of the General Court, Director of a Newton bank, Senior Warden of St. Mary's Church and an ardent sportsman, was here host to his many friends.

Another era in which Pillar House was a focal point in the life of this community occurred during the twenty-odd years that L. Royal L. Putnam lived here. A teacher of piano and dancing, he inspired many of the younger citizens of Newton to appreciate and take part in forms of musical expression. Many of our guests have told us of the pleasant memories they have of their music lessons in the Curtis Room and Mr. Putnam's dancing recitals in the large ballroom on the third floor.

It is with a feeling of reverence for its past history, mixed with an appreciation for modern living, that we dedicate Pillar House to the sole purpose of gracious dining.

The Larsens

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Menu collected
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“The
Lexington
Lounge”

Sandwich Menu

The Battle at Meriam's Corner

In 1850 John White Allen Scott (1815 - 1907) painted the panoramic scene which hangs behind our bar. It depicts the battle at Meriam's Corner: 12:30 p.m., April 19, 1775, a significant event. Scott's version of that event is highly romanticized (characteristic of the Federalist Period and its extremely patriotic lithographs of the mid and late nineteenth century). Artistic license if you will.

The twelve hundred British regulars had started their march eleven hours earlier in Boston and had encountered American resistance on Lexington Green at 5:30 a.m. and at the Concord Bridge at 10:30 a.m. They were exhausted from the march and frustrated at not having accomplished what their leaders had perceived to be a relatively simple mission: to confiscate the military supplies of the Patriots and to arrest their foremost leaders, Samuel Adams and John Hancock.

A line of exasperated British Grenadiers turned suddenly and fired a volley at Captain Parker's regiment which was gathered around the Meriam House. This was the point of no return. For the next five hours a continuous battle was to rage around the retreating Redcoats on a battlefield only a few hundred feet wide but sixteen miles long - all the way from Meriam's Corner to Charlestown. The American Revolution had begun and would not be decided until October 19th, 1781 at Yorktown.

Historians agree that without this encounter at Meriam's Corner the day might have passed without further incident. The skirmishes at Lexington and Concord might have been forgotten - such was not the case.

The picture shows the Redcoats moving away from Meriam's Corner while being fired upon by the Patriots. In the rear is the home of an officer in Captain Parker's regiment, Benjamin Meriam. The home was not destroyed, however, and stands today on Old Bedford Road just off Route 2A between Concord and Lexington.

Sandwich Menu

Served 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Appetizers

French Onion Soup Gruyere	2.50
Soup of the Day	2.00
New England Clam Chowder	2.75
Chilled Shrimp Cocktail	5.75
Oysters or Littlenecks on the Half Shell	4.25
Baked Brie with Brown Sugar Almonds	3.75

Sandwiches & Salads

Grilled Salmon Sandwich	8.50
Prime Rib with Gruyere Cheese Sandwich	6.00
Hot Smoked Turkey Sandwich	5.00
Spinach Salad, Warm Bacon Dressing	5.25
The Pillar House Chicken Salad	6.25
Chilled Seafood Salad	9.75

Beverages

Coffee or Tea	1.00
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No substitutions please

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