



CARLOS O'BRIEN'S

JUST ANOTHER BAR AND GRILL



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Please Read the
Back of the Menu
while we try to get organized

CHOWDER ALA MASON JAR

People told us the Mason Jar had the best clam chowder, so we stole their recipe.

2.50

GAZPACHO (boring)

A cold Spanish vegetable soup... of course there ain't too many cold Spaniards. We really don't have it... but for this kind of money we'll send a cab for it!

165.00

SALADS

(We don't have a Salad Bar — for this kind of money, we'll make it and bring it to you!)

GUANDERFUL GUACAMOLE

Large
Dinner Size

3.95
1.95

TOSSED, MIXED AND THROWN GREEN SALAD

Crisp Iceberg lettuce tossed (of course) with tomatoes and red onions. Your choice of dressings.

1.95

POPEYE'S SPINACH SALAD

The best in town — this is the spinach that gave Popeye his strength. Tossed lovingly with bacon and mushrooms, topped with croutons and our own secret dressing. (No, it's NOT Olive Oyl!)

3.95

SHRIMPS AND AVOCADO SALAD

Succulently tender shrimps boiled just exactly long enough for pink perfection, tossed with lettuce, avocado, onions, and our own spicy dressing.

5.25

CHICKEN

Order Carlos' Famous Chicken...
You Won't Squawk

JALISCO CHICKEN — BREAST OF BOTH WORLDS

A little Irish... a little Mexican. Boneless chicken breast marinated in our own secret herbs and spices and broiled with red and green peppers, onions and topped with Monterrey Jack Cheese.

5.75

APPETIZERS

NACHOS

Simple but delicious. Remember Nachos before the Astrodome? No poured on cheez whiz here — individual slices of rich cheddar & Monterrey Jack and our own bet-this-will-wake-you-up jalapenos broiled to perfection on crunchy tostadas we fry ourselves.

2.95

NACHOS SUPREME

Some say this is a meal (but we think that's cheating!) These nachos are topped with beans, a clever blend of hearty cheddar and Monterrey Jack cheeses, jalapenos, sour cream and green onions. The Works!

4.25

FRIED ONIONS

2.25

POTATO SKINS

Cheese and bacon. That's it.

3.75

EXTRAS

(Designed to tempt your palate and make the check higher.)

BAKED POTATO

Real bacon, rich cheddar cheese, dairy butter and sour cream.

1.25

FRENCH FRIES*

.95

DRUNKEN BEANS (Frijoles Borrachos)*

.95

GOOD GAWD FRIED ONIONS

Gawd, dees are good!

2.25

*\$.95 items don't get any fancy descriptions.

ASK TO SEE OUR WINE SELLER

He (or she) will tell you about our fine collection of Thunderbird and other exotic labels.

SPECIAL RUM DRINKS:

"57 CHEVY WITH STOLEN PLATES"

A concoction of rum, Grand Marnier, Southern Comfort, vodka, also equal parts of pineapple juice, orange juice & other juices, splashed with Grenadine. Taste like Hawaiian punch with the Punch. Around here we shoot 'em like shots of Tequila or you can make them last on the rocks.

"WINDJAMMER"

Vodka, Amaretto, pineapple juice and orange juice.

"MYER'S RUM PINA COLADA"

Made special with Myer's Rum, Coco Lopez, pineapple juice, and cream.

"MAI TAI"

2 oz. of Rum, orange juice, pineapple juice, Grenadine, Cream De Almond and Orange Curacao.

CHICKEN FLAUTAS

2 flour tortillas stuffed with chicken and then deep fried. When you got it, flaut it.

4.50

LaGRANGE BAHBQ CHICKEN

(Marvin's favorite)*

From a great barbecue restaurant in LaGrange (what did you think?) we stole this recipe. It's a full half chicken! Barbecue at it's best.

5.50

*Marvin Schwatz, our butcher

FOR THE LITTLE CARLITOS:
GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH
with French Fries.

1.95

Done With the Complete
Blessing of the General
and His Fleet
... The Mayfair, the Nina and The Pinto

BUCKET OF BEER

9.25

Six beers for the price of five...
The rest rooms are to the rear.

RITA LITA
Margaritas by the
liter 16.00

TABLES BUSSED BY RAFAEL
and other members of the
Rio Grande Crew Team
(Rafael is a gentleman and a sculler.)

Splish Splash

You've Got No Beef Coming When You Order Our Seafood!

SHRIMP SURPRISE

The "suspresa" in this Shrimp Surprise is rich cheddar cheese stuffed into 5 Jumbo shrimp. The whole thing is wrapped in bacon.

BAH BQ SHRIMPS

Yeah, it's the same price as the Shrimp Surprise but you get 7 instead of 5 because we don't have to stuff 'em.

8.95

SNAPPER SANCHEZ

(Seasonal... ask your waiter)
A snappy version of this Pacific Coast favorite. Goes best with Bohemia, Tequila (or Maria or Juanita).

9.95

8.95

SWORDFISH CASINO

We're betting this one's a hit — tender swordfish fillet grilled with Carlos O'Brien's special casino butter

9.95

We only have 2 cooks — John and George. They do for food what TV did for night baseball.

CARLOS CATCH OF THE DAY

That's why he's never here! He's always out fishing! When he's lucky we may serve anything from catfish to carp, in our own inimitable style, of course. Price probably unreasonable.

GABALLEROS' CHOICE NEITHER FISH NOR FOWL

FAJITAS

Here's a steak with a Mexican accent! Flavor you won't believe (unless you've been here before.) We serve it with small guacamole and drunken beans so you know it's Mexican.

7.75

RIBS, RIBS, RIBS

Probably our most popular entree. A full pound of extra-meaty BAH BQ ribs.

7.50

CARLOS' PRIVATE STOCK RIBEYE

This is what the boss orders — and he claims he'd buy it even if he had to pay for it. It's topped with onions, red peppers and green chilis; served right in the piping hot skillet (we never did figure out how to dish it up).

9.25

STEAK DIANE

The steak only cost \$5.00; Diane cost \$10.00 and \$2.00. The rest is for fire insurance. Please don't order; we flambe'd a waiter last time.

512.95

TACOS AL CAPONE

Is that right? Anyway, our own marinated steak bits, stuffed inside delumptuous (is that right?) flour tortillas. Cheese or sour cream topping, add .50

5.50

ROAST SUCKLING PIG WITH APPLE (Oink, Oink)

Feeds 23. We need two week's notice, but don't count on it. Apples may not be in season.

1,300.00

SANDWICHES & BURGERS

BLT and AVOCADO

(Built Like a Tank)

Sort of self explanatory: Bacon, lettuce and tomato with avocado. Served with fried onions on the side. Simple isn't it? Good too!

4.25

TAMPICO TIP SANDWICH

Grilled strips of tender steak and onions topped with tangy Con Queso cheese and served with fried potatoes. (No, "tangy" doesn't mean it's made with orange juice.)

4.95

OLD FASHIONED BURGER

(Up-to-date price)

A full half-pound of ground beef with lettuce, tomatoes and onion. Old fashioned quality — rich, hearty flavor and the price includes homemade french fries. Makes it hokay, doesn't it?

3.95

BACON & CHEESE BURGER

4.25

Sounds ordinary — but not when our cook gets through. When he's sober, he's the best there is. A half-pound ground beef burger that is topped with bacon and cheese (What did you expect on a Bacon/Cheese Burger?) Served with french fries.

BURRITOLATTA

4.95

12-inch flour tortilla stuffed with chicken, cheese, beans, guacamole and topped with Con Queso and Sour Cream. Each bite is a new thrill.

CARLOS DE JALAPENO BURGER 4.25

We searched the fields of both Old and New Mexico to find the boldest jalapenos. (Our taster is no longer with us.) We combine cheese, bacon, and jalapenos on our half-pound ground beef and serve them with french fries. Eat the jalapenos... but don't drink the water!

ASK FOR THE MIDNIGHT SPECIAL
...she's probably available.



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EMPEROR'S DEEP DISH BUTTER CAKE

3.50

Rich enough for any palace. So sinfully delicious you'll tell your friends and come back for more. Topped with Blue Bell Ice Cream and Pecans.

BUNUELO

2.25

A South-of-the-Border delight: honey and cinnamon on a delicately fried flour tortilla topped with Blue Bell Ice Cream.

CRUSTY "MEXICAN" BREAD

Is served with all appropriate items. If it's not appropriate, you don't get any. Order of 2 flour tortillas — .50

Keep the buzz going — Try our 60 proof ice cream drinks!
The Golden Cadillac • The Grasshopper • The Brandy Alexander
The Velvet Hammer • The Banana Banshee

N.A. - A.C.
Bar: Grill

NOTAS IMPORTANTES (In English: IMPORTANTES NOTAS)

- 1) Everything about Carlos O'Brien's is **unique**. "Unique" comes from two Latin words: Unus, meaning "One" and Equus, meaning "Horse."
 - 2) Hours: We're open when we're here, and we're closed when we're not.
 - 3) Water served only on request. After all, it's free and interferes with your ordering booze. Why the devil are you asking for water anyway?
 - 4) Observe old Mexican restaurant custom: don't sit around trying to catch an eye. Wave, snap, make psst or whistle. You can sprain an eyebrow muscle making those ocular "Yoo Hoos" — besides, you'll never get waited on.
 - 5) If you need something at your table, you gotta ask. Look for the waiter or waitress or whoever brought you the silverware. Also, ask about "Today's Attempts."
 - 6) If you're a chugalugger — or just impatient — ask for a bucket of beer. That way you can serve yourself.
 - 7) If you see someone you like (preferably one of the opposite sex) follow rule No. 4 (above) just as if you were trying to attract a waiter. They'll probably ignore you, too.
 - 8) We **do not** have a drinking problem at Carlos O'Briens. We drink, we get drunk, we fall down . . . No problem!
 - 9) Airline stewardesses get a discount, show your airline I.D.: it's "Happy Hour" anytime you come in. (We're not sure stewardesses come in but at least this discount makes guys think they do.)
 - 10) Our staff all have interesting backgrounds: Vicky, for example, used to be a secretary until her boss found out she owned stock in the Liquid Paper Company.
 - 11) Pepe is another interesting story. He just got here from Mexico. Don't trip over his flippers.
 - 12) The employees refer to the manager as "The Great One" — on a scale of one to ten.
 - 13) If it rains while you're being served, the service will go from ridiculous to absurd. — But at least we have an excuse.
 - 14) The management is not responsible for what happens to you because of our T-shirt messages. We just sell 'em. We didn't tell you to **wear** 'em.
 - 15) If you just got off a plane, we don't blame you for stopping here before discovering the wonderful world of Houston's freeway system. Ask any employee for directions. Just don't expect to find out anything.
 - 16) If you run into a Carlos O'Brien's or O'Brian's or Carlos anything else somewhere else, we've got nothing to do with them. We're not even speaking. Don't expect them to honor our charge accounts. Don't expect **us** to honor our charge accounts either.
 - 17) Most of our food is made from scratch — and that takes a lot of scratch. But if you don't like it, send it back and we'll try again. . . No problem! Don't be bashful.
 - 18) All of the above is assuming we get open. Ridiculous.
- P.S. We love it when you bitch about the food, but we hate constructive criticism.

HISTORY AND EXPLANATION OF CARLOS O'BRIEN'S — UH — UNUSUAL DECOR

You see, we had this decorator — we really did — and she had a lot of super ideas as well as a fence in Matamoros. So we said hokay — and gave her a bunch of pesos — and haven't seen her since. A rumor floating around says she was busted in Boystown. Told the Federales she was just trying to buy some antiques for some crazy restaurant in Houston, so they took her money and mailed us this junk.

Then we met George O: half Mexican, Half American, Half crazy, but definitely not half-ass. He introduced us to Ron Arena who painted the murals on the walls. They're charp. Look out of place here? Who asked you?

The Flower Cart sitting somewhere in the middle of the restaurant once pulled vegetables and flowers over dusty Mexican roads. Come to think of it, it's still dusty. It got cleaned once: some of our employees rowed it across the Rio Grande when they — moved here.

We open at 11:00 a.m. (approximately) to serve 2 customers . . . "Come See" Spock and "No Problem" Clark. They really don't do anything, but can always make a bad place worse. Lunch always get busier and we generally get better (no promises), and we stay open until all the girls get prettier. Then we know it's closing time.