



Chers Confreres et Consoeurs,

It's no secret that the Union League of Philadelphia recently welcomed world-renowned executive chef Martin Hamann to critical acclaim. If you loved the Four Seasons when Martin was their executive chef, you will be absolutely astounded by 1862. His addition to the League has arguably raised the stature of this venerable institution to a five-star platinum plane.

As members of the Philadelphia Chaine, you are invited to the first-ever wine dinner to take place in Chef Hamann's new establishment. We feel there couldn't be a better way to celebrate the holiday season than to literally make history at the Union League! Chef Hamann exhibited tremendous enthusiasm during our meeting last week and he's currently devising a menu truly fit for a Chevalier or Dame de la Chaine. Certainly, you will share his exuberance when you discover what's in store for you at this spectacular soirée.

Envision yourself in a posh 1940s Manhattan nightclub boasting a sophisticated bar with burnished metals, antique glass and banquet seating. The lighting is dim, yet soothing while the spotlight shines on the chef performing his culinary theatrics through an open kitchen. To set the mood even further, a jazz pianist produces playfully nostalgic notes which effervesce from a finely-tuned 1897 Steinway grand.

Succulent flavors flirt with every sensory receptor raising your psyche to another stratosphere. Tender foie gras, robust truffles, warm risotto, hackel back caviar, ocean-fresh oysters, mouthwatering chanterelle mushrooms and sweet, decadent crème fraîche catalyze your spirit's elevation to sheer ecstasy.

Have we piqued your interest yet? If that wasn't enough to whet your appetite, feast your eyes on the first course:

*"Scottish Loch Duret Salmon tartare with fine herbs and soft quail egg,
A second preparation is slow cooked with hackel back caviar and citrus aioli..."*

The rest is a holiday surprise. Jim Evans, our wine chair, has selected wines commensurate with the grandeur of each course. **SPACE IS VERY LIMITED.** Please make your reservations promptly as this is one dinner you simply cannot miss!

Vive La Chaine,

Linda Knox
Dinner Chair

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Dinner: 6pm
Members: \$195, Guests: \$215
Attire: Black Tie (with decorations)