

## **Chef Robert Rothfus Named Executive Chef at The Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square**

**Lancaster, Pa. (October 18, 2011)** – The Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square hotel is pleased to announce that Chef Robert Rothfus Jr. has been appointed executive chef. Prior to his promotion, Rothfus served for 2 and a half years as chef for the Penn Square Grille & Rendezvous Lounge.

Rothfus' responsibilities will now expand to include leadership of all culinary functions of the Lancaster County Convention Center, Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, and Penn Square Grille & Rendezvous Lounge. These functions include banquets, catering, and restaurant and lounge service.

"Chef Rothfus' commitment to Lancaster's abundance of fresh, local, and seasonal food, along with his dedication to exceptional quality and his ability to inspire a team, will be a significant asset in his expanded role," said Steven Goris, director of food & beverage. "We look forward to his continued leadership and creativity as we move forward with our mission of exceptional guest experience," Goris said.

### **About Chef Robert Rothfus Jr.**

A graduate of the famed Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, and a resident of Millersville, Pa., Rothfus brings fresh creativity and culinary leadership to his role as executive chef for the Lancaster County Convention Center and Marriott at Penn Square. Prior to his current role and his 2 and a half years as chef for the Penn Square Grille & Rendezvous Lounge, Rothfus served as executive chef at The Cove Fishery and Grill and The Stockyard Inn in Lancaster; Liquid Assets in Ocean City, Maryland; and Tides Inn by the Sea in Kennebunkport, Maine.

His vast experience includes seasonal menu development and utilization of fresh local ingredients. His specialties include American and International Cuisine, butchering, charcuterie, seafood, menu planning, banquet planning, sugar arts, ice sculpting, wines and cheeses.

The work of Rothfus has been featured in numerous publications including Metropolitan Magazine, The Washington Post, Restaurant Digest, Resort Life, Chesapeake Life, Style Magazine, Wine Spectator, Baltimore Magazine, Food and Drink, Southern Living, Susquehanna Style Magazine, Fine Living Lancaster, Lancaster Magazine, and Local Flavor.

### **About the Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square**

The Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square offers 90,000 square feet of function

on space with culinary service ranging from five to 2,500 people. The Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square is owned by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Lancaster and leased to Penn Square Partners, the private company that holds the Marriott franchise. The Lancaster County Convention Center is a publicly owned entity under the direction of the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority.

### **About the Penn Square Grille & Rendezvous Lounge**

Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner in historic Downtown Lancaster, the Penn Square Grille & Rendezvous Lounge focuses on local sustainably produced food and the celebration of connections - to the region through its offering of fresh local bounty, to a city via remarkable presence on Penn Square, and to a treasured past with the reemergence of this landmark setting.

Both the bar and restaurant are designed to take full advantage of their noteworthy presence on historic Penn Square and reflect the elegance of the boldly reused Beaux-Arts facade of the former Watt & Shand Department

Store. Glorious floor-to-ceiling windows, high ceilings, and distinctive decor provide a counterpoint of contemporary flair to the surrounding history. The 92-seat restaurant provides an additional 12-seat private dining room just adjacent to the expansive, 54-seat Rendezvous Lounge. The warm, carefully illuminated interior conveys refined style and comfort with polished dark wood millwork, custom designed banquettes and gracious seating.

More information about the restaurant, located at 2 East King Street, Lancaster, Pa., is available at [www.pennsquaregrille.com](http://www.pennsquaregrille.com). To make a reservation or book a dining event, call 717-207-4033.

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