

## History of Pat O'Brien's Bar

Pat O'Brien ran a speakeasy in the 600 block of St Peter Street until the end of Prohibition. He officially opened Pat O'Brien's Bar on December 3,1933 in that same location. It was small, but a very popular neighborhood bar with an upright piano and entertainers.

A few years later Charlie Cantrell partnered up with O'Brien and they purchased a substantially larger building at 718 St Peter and relocated the business in 1942.

718 St Peter was built as a private residence in 1791, complete with courtyard and horse barn. The curved staircases lead up to separate spaces for male and female members of the family, which at that time was common. Years later the building became the first Spanish Theater in the United States and then became a family home again until Pat O'Brien and Charlie Cantrell bought it in 1941. They prepared it to become Pat O'Brien's Bar and opened the new location in 1942.

George Oechsner Jr stepped into the picture around 1945 as General Manager as the bar became more and more popular. He recruited entertainers around the country to create the first "dueling piano" show that still delights visitors today. One very unique feature in the show is the tray tapper. Eddie Gabriel was a waiter in the piano lounge in the late 1940's. He asked Oechsner if he could jump on the stage and play along. Oechsner said sure and people started throwing coins on his metal tray. He played the tray over 50 years!

Another tradition that began at Pat O'Brien's is the world famous Hurricane. In the 1940's, whiskey was in short supply because distilleries were being used to support the efforts during World War 2. However, Rum from the Caribbean was easily imported to New Orleans. Cantrell was given an opportunity to purchase limited whiskey if a large amount of rum was purchased. So, they had a stock pile of rum and eventually came up with a recipe guests really liked. Around the same time a glass salesman approached the guys with a hurricane shaped lamp that sparked the idea of a Hurricane lamp drinking vessel. They named the drink The Hurricane and Pat O'Brien's has been serving Hurricanes in the glass ever since!

Oechsner Jr's son, George "Sonny" Oechsner III began working for his father around 1958, cleaning the bar, then bartending and doing what ever needed to be done. He learned everything he could and propelled to manager, then GM. He was a visionary who brought the bar to a whole deferent level. In 1978 two Oechsner's began acquiring stock in the company and mid 1980 they purchased the business.

The addition of the flaming fountain on the upper courtyard in the 1960's was a beautiful innovative attraction for guests to marvel. The flame is the heartbeat of Pat O'Brien's and is the backdrop of millions of photos, engagements, and celebrations. The design is a reference to a champaign glass overflowing.

In 1989, Sonny bought 624 Bourbon Street. Initially, the purpose was a private event venue. Then in 1995 he decided to make it a full service restaurant connected to the upper courtyard. Around the same time, Pat O'Brien's international opened it's first franchise. Today there is a Pat O'Brien's Orlando at Universal Studios and Pat O'Brien's San Antonio.

In the early 1980's Sonny's daughter Shelly began working for the company shipping gift shop catalog orders in high school. Throughout college she worked various positions, bartend, cashier etc. After

graduation she moved to the office to learn more about the business doing daily sales reports, payroll and other financial necessities. She is President of Pat O'Brien's Bar Inc and is very proud to continue legacy as Third Generation owner of this incredible business.

Over the years Pat O'Brien's has received many awards. In November 2022 The Louisiana Restaurant Association presented the Inaugural ICON of the Year award to the Pat O'Brien's team.



All glassware leaving Pat O'Brien's must be in containers.

# Have Fue! with a Pat O'Brien's® World Famous Hurricane!



# \*Other House Specialty Drinks...



Bloody Mary
Pat O'Brien's®
Bloody Mary Mix
and Vodka. Voted
Best Bloody Mary in
the city!
8.00\*



Cyclone
A blend of Pat
O'Brien's® Cyclone
Mix and 2 oz. Vodka
that will satisfy any
citrus lover's thirst.
10.00



Mint Julep
This traditional New
Orleans drink has
2 oz. of Bourbon
and Simple Syrup
muddled with fresh
mint. Its Perfect!
10.00\*



Rainbow
A colorful drink of
Grenadine, Vodka,
Blue Curaçao and
Pat O'Brien's® Sweet
& Sour Mix, layered
to perfection! House
Favorite!
10.00



Skylab
A fallout mixture
of Rum, Vodka,
Apricot Brandy, Blur
Curacao, Pineapple
and Orange Juice.
10.00



Category 5 Margarita Tequila, orange and a hint of Hurricane mix makes this no ordinary Margarita! Feel the power of a CAT 5!!



Pat O's
Rainstorm
Vodka mixed with
Melon Liqueur,
Coconut Rum,
Pineapple Juice and
Sour Mix, topped
with Blue Curaçao.
10.00



Purple People Eater
This vodka and grape flavored drink has been a favorite since the 60's.
10.00



Fuzzy
Leprechaun
Peach Schnapps,
Blue Curacao, Vodka
and OJ will put a
smile on anybody,
not just the Irish!
10.00



Pat O's Lemonade Refresh with lemonade powered with 2 oz of POB Rum and orange flavored Rum. 10.00

\*Additional charge for Premium and Super Premium liquor in the Bloody Marys and Mint Juleps. To purchase any glassware, please visit the gift shop.

	Patio	i iano Lounge
COCKTAILS * * *	Restaurant	
Call/Bar Brands	7.00	9.00
Premium Brands	8.00	11.00
Super Premium	10.00	14.00
WINE/SPARKLING	WINE &	***
House Wine	7.00	9.00
House Sparkling Wine	7.00	9.00
Sparkling Wine Bottle	25.00	35.00
Premium Champagne	75.00	85.00
BEER & & &		
Domestic	6.00	8.00
Premium	7.00	9.00
Craft/Specialty	8.00	10.00



# Enjoy delicious food in our beautiful courtyard or indoor Bourbon Bar!

Caesar Salad
Bowl of Gumbo 16.00 One of the best in the city full of local smoked sausage, chicken and lots of flavor. Served with white rice.
Jambalaya
Shrimp Basket 17.00 Generous portion of crispy seasoned fried gulf shrimp and served with fries and cocktail sauce.

Red Beans . . . . . . . . . 16.00

Creamy red beans slow cooked with ham hocks

and smoked sausage perfectly spiced and

served with white rice.

Alligator Bites . . . . . MP
Louisiana gator coated with spicy cornmeal and
crispy fried, served with honey mustard sauce.
Crowd Favorite!

Main Bar

Piano Lounge

O'Brien's Burger . . . . . . 17.00 ½ Ib lean beef cooked to temperature, served dressed with Fries.

Chicken Sandwich . . . . . 17.00 Blackened or grilled chicken breast on a bun dressed with fries.

Chicken Tenders . . . . . . . 16.00 White chicken fried crispy with fries and dipping sauce.

Daily Po Boy . . . . . . MP
Chef's choice served on local French Bread.
Always an excellent choice!

Homemade Bread Pudding.... 8.00 Topped with pecans and a warm whiskey sauce.

**Delicious Daily Specials** 

(Prices and Menu Subject to Change) No separate checks please.

PAT O'S COURTYARD RESTAURANT 624 Bourbon Street

## Shop Pat O's on the Patio







Come check out the great merchandise in our Pat O'Brien's Gift Shop located on the Patio

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# The Legend Grows!

#### ~ New Orleans ~

est. 1933

Pat O'Brien's, home of the world-famous Hurricane and a New Orleans landmark since 1933, when Pat O's opened its doors to the world.

#### Orlando

est. 1999

Since February 1999, Pat O'Brien's Orlando has become one of the hottest spots of Universal CityWalk<sup>SM</sup>. It is an amazing replica of the original in New Orleans.

#### San Antonio

est. 2003

Pat O'Brien's style with a Texas twist. At Pat O'Brien's San Antonio you can eat, drink and "Have Fun!". Located between Alamo Plaza and Losoya Street downtown.



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