

The Three Loaves Story

Our Three Loaves Café was named to acknowledge an event in Benjamin Franklin's life that epitomizes the Masonic Village's Mission of Love and the ideals of Freemasonry. (Benjamin Franklin was twice Grand Master.)

In 1723 at the age of 17, Ben decided to end his apprenticeship at his brother's Boston printing house, hoping to continue his apprenticeship in New York City. Unable to find a suitable mentor in New York, he booked passage on a small sailing vessel headed to Philadelphia. In 1723, the 100 miles from New York to Philadelphia was a challenging journey. En route, young Ben saved a drunkard from drowning and ended up rowing almost the entire 100 miles. Upon arrival in Philadelphia, Ben paid a copper shilling *"to the people of the boat, who first refus'd it on account of my rowing; but I insisted on their taking it, a man being sometimes more generous when he has but a little money than when he has plenty."*

Ben landed on the Market Street Wharf on a Sunday morning. *"I was fatigued with traveling, rowing and want of rest. I was very hungry. I met a boy with bread. I had made many a meal with bread and inquiring where he got it, I went immediately to the baker's he directed me to in Second Street. I bade him give me three penny's worth of any sort. He gave me accordingly three great puffy rolls. I was surprised at the quantity but took it and having no room in my pockets walk'd off with a roll under each arm and eating the other. Thus I went up Market Street as far as Fourth Street. Being filled with one of my loaves I gave the other two to a woman and her child that came in the boat with us and were waiting to go further."*

Most Americans appreciate what an extraordinary man Ben Franklin was for the vital role he played in founding, organizing and fighting for our young nation through huge sweeping acts of intellect, creativity and resourcefulness. At the young age of 17, his seemingly small acts of philanthropy revealed his lifelong character and prophesied a life of service. We can accurately say that the first two actions Ben took in his new community enriched peoples lives through acts of benevolence. In honor of Benjamin Franklin's memory, his simple acts of charity and in the spirit of a caring community, we welcome you to the Three Loaves Café.

Excerpts from: Benjamin Franklin The Autobiography and Other Writings



Operating Hours:
Monday thru Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
(717) 367-1121 ext. 33520

Located in the Masonic Village Freemasons

~ Early to Rise ~
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Eggs to Order-fried or scrambled

Served with Toast and Jelly

One Egg

Two Eggs

*Egg Beaters Available

Omelet to Order

Served with whole wheat or white toast

With up to three choices of mushrooms, cheese,
ham, onion, green peppers, or tomatoes.

Breakfast Sandwich

Served on English Muffin or Grilled Bread

Egg

Egg & Sausage, Bacon or Ham

With Cheese

Homemade Waffle

Pancake, Tall Stack (2), Plain

Blueberry

Breakfast Burrito

Scrambled egg, cheddar cheese, salsa wrapped
in a flour tortilla.

Side Order

Bacon or Sausage Patty

Egg

English Muffin

Hash Brown

~ Sandwiches from the Grill ~

Soup Du Jour

Chili

Cheese

Grilled Chicken "Piatza" Sandwich

Grilled marinated chicken breast served on a Kaiser
roll with marinara sauce, spinach and melted provolone
cheese.

Grilled Reuben on Swirl Rye

Shaved corned beef with sauerkraut, Swiss cheese
and Russian dressing.

Bavarian Roast Beef

Sliced roast beef, shaved red onion, gratineed with a
garlic and herb cream cheese spread, served on a
pretzel roll.

The Sandwich "Elizabeth"

Smoked ham and smoked turkey with provolone cheese
and dijon-mayo served on your choice of breads with grilled tomato and spinach.

Patty Melt

Griddled hamburger patty with sautéed onions, melted Swiss cheese, and Thousand
Island dressing on grilled rye bread, served with coleslaw.

Red Roaster

Roasted turkey, bacon, and American cheese on a Kaiser roll with lettuce, tomato, and
a red pepper and herb spread.

Weekly Specials

Try your sandwich on our specialty breads:

Sourdough or 8 Grain

Lettuce, Tomato, Sweet Peppers, Onion are available
for Grilled Sandwiches upon request

~ Wrap, Roll 'n' Go ~

Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

Grilled chicken strips served on Romaine with croutons and parmesan cheese

Dilled Chicken Salad on Croissant

Dilled chicken salad on a flaky croissant served with a fresh fruit accompaniment.

Chicken and Tuna Salad Duet

Chicken Salad and Tuna salad served in tomato cups nested in tossed greens.

The Valley Wrap

Smoked turkey salad in a yogurt, honey dressing with grapes and walnuts. Served with romaine lettuce, tomatoes, and Monterey Jack cheese rolled in a whole wheat wrap.

Garden Salad

Fresh Fruit Cup

Potato Chips

Additional Salad Dressing

~ From the Bakery ~

Bagels, plain or toasted

Cream Cheese

Crown Muffin, Assorted

Danish

Breakfast Bars

Brownies

Big Cookies

Croissant

Toast, choice of bread

~ Ice Cream Parlor Specialties ~

11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Hand Dipped Ice Cream

Small

Large

Three Loaves Sundae

Up to three (3) toppings

Small

Large

Toppings: Chocolate Syrup, Hot Fudge, Caramel, Chopped Peanuts, Wet Walnuts, Whipped Cream, Rainbow Sprinkles, Reeses Pieces, Strawberry Topping

Extra Topping

Root Beer Float

Old Fashion Milk Shake

~ Beverages ~

Bottle Drinks

Fountain Soda, no refill

Medium

Large

Coffee or Hot Tea, no refill

Small

Medium

Large

Cappuccino, no refill

Small

Medium

Large