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## MENU OPTIONS

Please note we have many additional menu items and can often customize to your desire



TRADITIONAL PLATED DINNER Advance Counts Required (SEE PAGE 8)

- ⇔ Cocktail Hour with stationary hors d'oeuvres & your choice of 8 passed hor d'oeuvres plus 2 chef's selections
- Plated First Course (Salad or Appetizer) ~ Serve second course +\$5 per guest
   Three Entrée Selections (advanced counts required) or Duo Entrée
   A Vegan selection is always available upon request
  - ⇔ Custom-designed Wedding Cake
  - → Mini-dessert display for each table
    - ⇔ Coffee and Tea Service



### SERVED-BUFFET DINNER (SEE PAGE 10)

- ⇔ Cocktail Hour with stationary hors d'oeuvres & your choice of 8 passed hor d'oeuvres plus 2 chef's selections
  - ⇔ Plated First Course
  - → Two Salad/Appetizer buffet items
  - → Four Silver Chafing Dish Entrée Selections
    - Two Chef's Entrée Accompaniments
      - ⇔ Custom-designed Wedding Cake
    - ⇔ Mini-dessert display for each table
      - ⇔ Coffee and Tea Service

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#### COCKTAIL RECEPTION (SEE PAGE 12)

Second Cocktail Hour with stationary hors d'oeuvres & your choice of 8 passed hor d'oeuvres plus 2 chef's selections

⇔ Plated First Course

⇔ Four Culinary Stations

Two Chef's Entrée Accompaniments

⇔ Custom-designed Wedding Cake

⇔ Mini-dessert display for each table

⇔ Coffee and Tea Service

When Jillian and John selected Laurita as the venue for their wedding I was delighted. The structure and grounds are magnificent. However, as I think back on the wedding day, besides the beautiful surroundings, the music, our guests and the love in the air, it was the food and service provided by Branches that put the icing on the cake. The staff was a delight to work with! They were calm, allowing my daughter and I to relax and truly enjoy the planning period and wedding day. The staff's attention to deaily was outstanding and so many of my guests contacted me the following week with rave reviews!

I'd like to take the opportunity to share some with you:

- The food was outstanding

- The servers circulated so well, I didn't have to hunt anything I liked down

- The stations and display tables were attractive and well-appointed

- We sat around the next day and the guys were trying to remember and list everything they ate. They couldn't decide or agree on a favorite!

The day was magical! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!! It is so apparent to me that you really listened and heard us when we first spoke about the feel we wanted at my daughter's wedding.

Sincerely, Jane (Mother of the Bride)

# Cocktail Hour included in all packages

#### COLD STATIONARY HORS D'OEUVRES

(SELECT THREE)

Crisp Vegetable Cruditè with dip Assorted Cheese Display with crackers Guacamole & Salsa with tri-colored chips Fresh Seasonal Fruit Display

Middle Eastern Mezze hummus, tzatziki, caponata, olives & pita bread Antipasto roasted peppers, salami, capicola, olives, marinated artichoke hearts & select Italian cheeses Italian Bruschetta with garlic crostini

#### Butler-passed hors d'oeuvres

(SELECT 8 PLUS 2 CHEF'S CHOICE)

#### $\sim$ Meat $\sim$

SPICY CAJUN CHICKEN SKEWERS
CHICKEN CORDON BLEU CRISPS

COCONUT CHICKEN

Buffalo Chicken Shooters Chicken Teriyaki Skewers Crispy Chicken Wontons Fried Chicken Dumplings

CRISPY CHICKEN & GOAT CHEESE DUMPLING

WITH HERBED OIL

**JAMACIAN JERK CHICKEN SKEWERS** 

CHICKEN GADO-GADO

WITH INDONESIAN PEANUT SAUCE

POTATO CHIP ENCRUSTED CHICKEN

WITH SOUR CREAM & CARAMELIZED ONION DIP

Apple Cider Braised Chicken Skewers

LEMON ROASTED CHICKEN

WITH FETA IN PHYLLO CUP

MOROCCAN CHICKEN

WITH CITRUS YOGURT DIPPING SAUCE

GRILLED CHICKEN & MANGO CHUTNEY TARTLET

Mini Reubens

Brazilian Style Beef Churrasco

Mini Shepard's Pie

COCKTAIL MEATBALLS WITH BBQ GLAZE
LAMB CHOPS (MARKET PRICE PER CHOP)

MINI BEEF WELLINGTON

COCKTAIL FRANKS

WITH A DUO OF ALE & WHOLE GRAIN MUSTARD

CRISPY BEEF EMPANADAS

SESAME BEEF SATAY

Mini Sliders

Mini Corn Dogs

GOURMET POTATO SKINS WITH BACON AND CHEESE

RUSSIAN STYLE MEATBALLS WITH CARAWAY

SHORT RIB MINI TACOS

BACON, BRIE AND ONION TARTE

Tenderloin & Bleu Cheese Bruschetta

BEEF TENDERLOIN CROSTINI

WITH HORSERADISH AIOLI

Turkey Sandwiches on Brioche Sandwich

WITH CRANBERRY MAYO

BBO BEEF SPRING ROLLS WITH BLEU CHEESE DIP

CARVED TENDERLOIN MINI-BROICHE SANDWICHES

WITH JACK DANIELS BBQ SAUCE

Antipasto Skewers

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#### BUTLER-PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES CONTINUED

#### ≈ Seafood ≈

SHRIMP SHOOTERS

LOBSTER BISQUE DEMITASSE

SCALLOPS WRAPPED IN BACON

WITH A TERIYAKE GLAZE

MINI CRAB CAKES WITH REMOULADE

SPICY SHRIMP TOSTITOS

GOURMET POTATO SKINS

WITH SMOKED SALMON & GOAT CHEESE

SMOKED SALMON & DILL CREAM CHEESE CROSTINI

PIRI PIRI SHRIMP

CRABMEAT STUFFED MUSHROOM

THAI CRAB CAKES WITH LEMONGRASS TARTAR SAUCE

TEQUILA LIME SHRIMP MINI TACOS

Wasabi Salmon Tartare

SCALLOPS STUFFED WITH LOBSTER MOUSSE

SHRIMP TEMPURA

SHRIMP & SCALLOP CEVICHE ON TASTING SPOONS

SHRIMP AND CORN CAKES

CRAB QUESADILLAS

GOURMET POTATO SKINS WITH

Smoked Salmon and Goat Cheese

SHRIMP STEEPED IN COCONUT MILK

ON TASTING SPOONS

SHRIMP BRUSCHETTA ON CROSTINI

WITH LIMONCELLO & BASIL

SHRIMP SHUMAI OPEN-FACED DUMPLING

Ahi Tuna on homemade tortilla crisp

WITH WASABI MAYONNAISE

#### ∼ Vegetarian ∼

BAKED BRIE WITH POMEGRANATE DIPPING SAUCE

TOASTED CHEESE RAVIOLI

Bruschetta with Mozzarella & Basil

VEGETABLE SPRING ROLLS

Mini Quesadillas

BOCCONCINI MOZZARELLA SKEWERS

WITH TOMATO & BASIL

FILO & ARTICHOKE TARTLETTES WITH GOAT CHEESE

Tomato Bruschetta on Garlic Crostini

PORCINI MUSHROOM TARTS

TOPPED WITH GOAT CHEESE

VEGETABLE STUFFED MUSHROOMS

GAZPACHO DEMITASSE

ASIAN PEAR WITH MELTED BRIE ON TASTING SPOONS

GRILLED AMERICAN CHEESE

Served with A Demitasse of Tomato Sauce

FRIED MACARONI & CHEESE BALLS

Samosas with Mint Yogurt Dip

CURRIED BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP SHOOTERS

Vegetarian Empanadas with Pico de Gallo

Deviled Eggs

Mozzarella and Roasted Tomato Pizza

Individual Mini Vegetable Crudite

WITH TARRAGON AIOLI

SWEET POTATO FRIES WITH LEMONGRASS DIPPING SAUCE

Artichoke Hearts with Francaise Dipping Sauce



## FIRST COURSE

(SELECT ONE)

Included in all dinner packages

We suggest selecting a chilled course in Summer and a hot course in Spring/Fall

#### CHILLED

Fresh Fruit Array with golden pineapple, seasonal berries & mango coulis

CLASSIC CAESAR with Parmesan-garlic croutons

THICKLY SLICED TOMATO WITH FRESH MOZZARELLA pesto, basil and fig balsamic reduction

SALAD OF MESCLUN & FIELD GREENS with French vinaigrette

Mediterranean Chopped Salad with herbs, cucumbers, peppers, tomato, olives, onions, feta cheese & lemon vinaigrette

ITALIAN CHOPPED SALAD with Romaine lettuce, Italian meats & cheeses tossed with lemon vinaigrette

Panzanilla Salad Tuscan bread tossed with fresh greens, tomato, cubed mozzarella & olives served with a lemon-basil dressing

Harvest Salad with dried cranberries, candied walnuts & honey poppy seed dressing

Florida Salad with Romaine, orange segments, candied pecans & raspberry vinaigrette

English Cucumber Collar tender lettuce, grapes, toasted pistachios & jimaca served with roasted pepper coulis & lemon vinaigrette

Green Apple Salad field greens with roasted pecans & julienne Granny Smith apples with raspberry vinaigrette



NOTE: TO SERVE TWO PLATED COURSES, ADD \$5 PER GUEST

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Lobster Bisque with challah croutons

CLAM CHOWDER New England (white) or Manhattan (red) with oyster crackers

Minestrone Soup classic Italian vegetable soup with pasta

Cream of Potato & Leek with buttered croutons

VERMONT CHEDDAR APPLE SOUP

Baked Potato Soup topped with buttered croutons, shredded cheddar cheese, diced bacon

Broccoli & Cheese Soup with Parmesan-garlic croutons

Penne Pasta tossed with roasted peppers, wild mushrooms, garlic, white wine and fresh aromatics

Penne alla Vodka

Penne Pasta with Grilled Chicken

with wild mushrooms, roasted peppers, tossed with garlic, white wine & olive oil

Penne Pomodoro with ricotta, sweet sausage & grated Romano

Eggplant Rollatini satuéed eggplant stuffed with ricotta cheese & served with marinara

WILD MUSHROOM & GOAT CHEESE VOL-A-VENT

Mushroom Ravioli with sage brown butter

Savory Corn Crème Brûlée with truffled lobster salad



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## Entrée

(SELECT UP TO THREE)

Advance counts are required  $\sim$  \$3 per guest for no advanced counts with two selections \$5 per guest for no advanced counts with three selectiosn A vegan entree is available upon request without advanced notice

Roast prime rib of beef au jus

Tenderloin of Beef Chateaubriand Sliced tenderloin of beef served with an elegant red wine mushroom sauce

FILET MIGNON (+\$5.00 PER ENTREE)

Pan-seared and topped with a mushroom and cabernet sauvignon demi-glace

London Broil of Beef Marinated sirloin is grilled and sliced to order served with a red wine-mushroom sauce

Tea-smoked Sliced Tenderloin of Beef With a red-wine mushroom sauce

Braised Boneless Short Ribs of Beef Tender beef topped with frizzled onions

Pan-seared Double Crab Cakes Served with a tropical-corn chutney

Crabmeat-stuffed sole With a lobster cream sauce

Fresh Atlantic Salmon With citrus-dill beurre blanc sauce or mango salsa

Jumbo Shrimp Satuéed in a garlic-white wine sauce over risotto

LIMONCELLO-BASTED SHRIMP Grilled and served over Indian Harvest grains

Parmesan & Panko-Crusted Tilapia With lemon-cilantro sauce

Baked Roulade of Chicken Stuffed boneless breast of chicken with a medley of roasted peppers, pesto & mozzarella cheese Chicken Carciofe With lemon butter, white wine, artichoke hearts, basil, plum tomatoes & scallions

CHICKEN FRANCAISE

Dipped in a light egg batter with pesto and Romano cheese, satueed with shallots, lemon, butter & white wine

Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken Chardonnay
With Roma tomatoes, grilled fennel, mushrooms & Chardonnay cream

Grilled Cilantro Chicken

Boneless breast marinated with cilantro, cumin, olive oil & citrus

Chicken Breast "European Cut" A breast of chicken on the bone roasted with fine fresh herbs and served over a maple-scented sweet potato puree

Tropical Chicken Breast
Bone-in chicken steeped lightly in coconut milk served with mango salsa

CHICKEN WELLINGTON
With wild mushrooms and spinach baked in a puff pastry crust

CHICKEN BREAST NICOISE
Tomato, lemon, capers & white wine

Chicken Fontina With portobello mushrooms, spinach & fontina cheese

Grilled Vegetable Napoleon en Croute Grilled eggplant, red peppers, green & yellow zucchini stacked inside a golden pastry triangle and garnished with tomato coulis, balsamic reduction & pesto

> Pasta Primavera With fresh vegetables, garlic & white wine

Indian Harvest Jewel Blend Grains Served en casserole and topped with an assortment of grilled vegetables

#### ACCOMPANIMENTS

CHEF'S RUSTIC ROLLS WITH BUTTER
CHEF'S STARCH
CHEF'S VEGETABLE

## Served-Buffet Dinner

Our buffet dinners are rather unique. After enjoyng an extended cocktail hour and a plated first course, our staff elegantly serves your guests from silver chafing dishes. This not only provides a higher level of service than typcial buffets, it allows your guests to have a more leisurely dining expereince

#### MEDITERRANEAN TABLE

OUR CHEF'S PRESENTATION OF CURED MEATS, SEVERAL VARIETIES OF OLIVES, MARINATED MUSHROOMS,
CRUSTY TUSCAN-BREAD WITH OLIVE OIL AND ROASTED GARLIC FOR DIPPING WITH MARINATED ARTICHOKE
HEARTS & EGGPLANT CAPONATA WITH CROSTINI

#### Chafing Dish Entrees

(SELECT FOUR)

CHICKEN FRANCAISE

Dipped in a light egg batter with pesto and Romano cheese and sautéed with shallots, lemon, butter & white wine

Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken Chardonnay
With Roma tomatoes, grilled fennel, mushrooms & Chardonnay cream

Grilled Cilantro Chicken

Boneless breast, marinated with cilantro, cumin, olive oil & citrus

Chicken Carciofe
With lemon butter, white wine, artichoke hearts, plum tomatoes & scallions

Chicken Parmesan Hand-breaded chicken breast topped with marinara sauce & topped with melted mozzarella

> Chicken Breast Nicoise Tomato, lemon, capers & white wine

CHICKEN OSSO BUCCO Tender braised chicken leg with an espagnole sauce with tomatoes, mushrooms & garlic

Penne Pasta with Grilled Chicken Roasted peppers & mushrooms tossed with garlic, white wine & olive oil

Fresh Atlantic Salmon With citrus-dill beurre blanc or mango salsa

Parmesan & Panko-crusted Tilapia
With lemon-cilantro sauce

Crabmeat-stuffed Sole With a lobster cream sauce

## SHRIMP & PENNE PASTA With vodka sauce

Seafood Scampi Shrimp, scallops & seasonal shellfish in a garlic white wine broth

SHRIMP POACHED IN COCONUT MILK Served with Jasmine rice

Braised Boneless Short Ribs of Beef Tender beef garnished with julienne vegetables & mushrooms

Beef Tenderloin Tips

Mushrooms, tomato & a red wine sauce

Petite Filet Mignon
Grilled & served with wild mushrooms on a polenta round

London Broil of Beef Sirloin Marinated sirloin is grilled, sliced & served with red wine-mushroom sauce

> Baked Ravioli filled with ricotta cheese Topped with mozzarella and finished with a marinara sauce

> > Penne Pasta Primavera Fresh vegetables, garlic, white wine

> > > Penne alla Vodka

Mushroom Ravioli With sage brown butter

Vegetable Lasagna Rolls With a light marinara cream sauce

Farfalle Pasta, Broccoli & Sundried Tomatoes With mushrooms, olive oil, white wine, garlic & fresh aromatics

Eggplant Rollatini Satuéed eggplant stuffed with ricotta cheese & served with marinara

#### ACCOMPANIMENTS

RUSTIC DINNER ROLLS & BUTTER CHEF'S STARCH CHEF'S VEGETABLE



#### **CHEF ATTENDED STATIONS**

(SELECT FOUR) Served with chef's accompaniments & rustic dinner rolls

## CARVING STATION, SELECT TWO ITEMS Sliced and served with garlic-mashed potatoes and fresh vegetable

Sirloin of Beef ~ Roast Turkey ~ Bone-in Ham ~ Rib Eye ~ Pork Loin

#### Mashed Potato Bar

Rich, homemade blend of Yukon Gold potatoes And Sweet Potatoes Self-serve toppings bar includes: sour cream, diced bacon, diced scallions, shredded cheddar cheese, sautéed mushrooms, bleu cheese & a mushroom sauce

#### Wok Station

Bok Choy, water chestnuts, mushrooms, cabbage, carrots. add-ins sautéed in a ginger-teriyaki sauce and served over Jasmine rice in Chinese to-go boxes with Chop Sticks choice of two: Chicken, Beef, Shrimp, or Tofu

## SCALLOP AND SHRIMP STATION

Sea scallops and shrimp sauteed to order with garlic topped with lobster-cream and served with Risotto

#### MEDITERRANEAN PASTA STATION

Penne pasta tossed with ingredients sautéed in olive oil (garlic, mushrooms, tomatoes, onion, peppers, artichoke hearts), then finished with your choice of sauce and topped with freshly-grated Pecorino-Romano. Marinara and Vodka Sauce

#### CALIFORNIA GRILLE STATION

Split hot dogs on soft potato rolls, Hamburger "sliders" with cheddar, swiss and Gorgonzola cheese, served with potato chips and crispy fried onions Barbeque and honey-mustard condiments

#### SALAD STATION

Caesar: Romaine tossed with creamy dressing, Parmesan-garlic croutons & shaved Romano cheese Florida: Romaine, orange segments, candied pecans, raspberry vinaigrette Apple pecan: Field greens tossed with roasted pecans & julienne Granny Smith apples with raspberry vinaigrette

#### Macaroni & Cheese Station

Cheddar and a three-cheese blend with a self serve toppings bar including: diced bacon, peas, mushrooms, scallions, caramelized onions, red bell peppers, pulled pork, grilled chicken

#### RIB-EYE GRILLE

Slices of Choice rib-eye seared and served with satuéed mushrooms and caramelized onions with two accompanied sauces: red wine mushroom and churrasco

#### Tuscan Tavola Italia Antipasto

Roasted garlic bulbs, Imported sharp Provolone, fresh Bocconcini mozzarella, prosciutto, spiced Capicola ham, green & black olives, marinated mushrooms, marinated artichoke hearts, roasted red peppers, grilled marinated vegetables and Portobello, Tuscan breads with herb-infused olive oil

### Mother Nature's Station

Indian harvest jeweled grains and marinated grilled vegetable

#### SLIDERS STATION

Select 3 out of the following: tuna, beef, turkey or portobello mushroom sliders served with accompaniments: wasaby mayo, cranberry mayo, honey mustard, bbq & assorted cheeses

#### **DIM SUM STATION**

An array of crispy and steamed chicken, shrimp and beef dumplings, presented in bamboo steamer baskets with Ponzu Dipping sauce

#### SATAY STATION

Individual skewers of beef, shrimp, chicken, vegetable and pineapple Brushed with sweet and sour garlic glaze and served on jasmine rice

#### POTAGE STATION

Lobster bisque, cream of mushroom, New England clam chowder (red or white), ministrone, cream of potato & leek, broccoli & cheese, or vermont cheddar apple served with assorted flatbreads and crackers

#### SOUTH AMERICA STATION

Piri Piri shrimp with yellow rice, sliced beef with chimicurri sauce, paella with sausage & chicken, or sweet sausage with caramelized onions & satueed mushrooms

#### CHILI STATION

Meat & vegetarian chili with a self serve toppings bar including: sour cream, shredded cheddar cheese, black olives, scallions and salsa

## Congratulations on your Engagement!

When planning your wedding, everything counts... especially choosing a facility where you are confident and comfortable. Planning a wedding doesn't have to be stressful. Branches is dedicated to helping plan an elegant event for you and your guests.

#### WEDDING CAKE

Branches' works with the following local bakery, please schedule an appointment at least 4 months prior to your wedding. Bring any pictures or ideas you may have. They are fantastic and accommodating.

 Chocolate Carousel, 2510 Belmar Blvd. Wall, NJ www.ChocolateCarousel.com (732)280-0606

#### CEREMONY REHEARSAL

We encourage you to setup a rehearsal tim. Check with your Branches coordinator for determine the best time and date before making all your arrangements, as the space and availability needs to be determined.

#### MENU SELECTIONS

Meet with your Branches coordinator to choose your menu. Your final menu selections should be received no later than one month prior to your wedding. This includes hors d'oeuvres selection, plated or buffet selections, dessert, ice carving and any other enhancements that you have decided upon.

#### FINAL DETAILS

You should schedule an appointment with your Branches coordinator about 2 weeks prior to your wedding. At this final appointment you should bring:

- Final Floor Plan: Any changes to this floor plan should be done with your coordinator. It will detail each table with a table number and amount of seats.
- Reception Items: You will probably have many items to bring to Branches, which may include toasting glasses, cake server and knife, cake topper, place cards, favors, hospitality baskets. You should consider bringing these in 10 days prior to your wedding. She will then go over these items with you to discuss where each item should go. Please note the following:
  - Place cards should be in alphabetical order
  - Any items that need to be put out must be unwrapped, i.e. candles, cameras, etc. Toasting glasses and cake knife may be left in the original box.
  - ❖ Please place all items in a box and label very clearly with your last name, your fiance's last name and the date of your event.
- © Centerpiece/Decoration Set-up: Our service staff generally sets up 2 hours prior to the start of your wedding. Please let your event planner or florist know that they can have access to the room 1 and 1/2 hours prior to the start of your wedding. If your wedding cake needs to be decorated, please let the bakery know to have your cake here two hours prior to your wedding beginning. Should your florist have any questions, please have the contact your Branches coordinator directly.

Thank you for considering us for one of the most important events in your life. You will have our complete dedication to making your wedding memorable!



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