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HISTORY OF THE MANOR HOUSE

Welcome to The Manor House, Houston's legendary estate. Designed in 1955 by local architect John F. Staub for Texas oilman Lawrence Reed, The Manor House tells a story of a home built by an icon. Staub was the mind behind grand Houston homes including the Albert Bel Fay Home, the Ernest Bel Fay home (*transformed into the The Fay School*), and Bayou Bend, former home of the Hogg family. His client list included members of the Cullen, Weiss, Farish, Welder and Elkins families. Historians can find Staub homes across Houston's most prominent communities, with River Oaks as the most recognizable. In 1971, a transformative new story began when the land that included The Manor House estate was parceled together for the creation of The Houstonian.

The rich history of The Manor House continues as the home served as the estate to former United States President George Herbert Walker Bush and his wife, Barbara, as he served as director of the C.I.A. and eventually as vice president of the United States. The Manor House has seen its share of dignitaries, in 1990, President Bush hosted the 16th G-7 Economic Summit in Houston where world leaders met and dined. The home's Botanical Room was at the center of negotiations where Summit treaties were signed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bush relocated to the hotel in 1986, and The Manor House became a private dining restaurant for members of The Houstonian Club. In 2016, after three decades as a private restaurant, The Manor House opened its dining service to the public. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner proclaimed March 8th "30th Anniversary of The Manor House Day, a grand celebration of 30 years of extraordinary service as a premier dining venue and significant landmark for Houston."

The Manor House welcomes you to become a part of its rich history of legendary design, political leadership and entertainment.



