

**LASHER'S AMERICAN STEAKHOUSE NOW OPEN;
GREAT STEAKS AND AMERICANA FARE ARRIVE IN DOWNTOWN BURBANK.**

**A Classic Steakhouse With A Twist of Americana Fare;
Executive Chef James Rico Grey Brings A New Attitude
To Traditional Chop House Dining**

January 11, 2007 (Burbank, CA): Fresh from the success of their Long Beach property, Lasher's "An American Restaurant," Raymond and Lynn Lasher have opened their second restaurant; Lasher's American Steakhouse in Burbank which is located on Olive Avenue in the heart of the bustling Burbank downtown district.

Like their Long Beach location, the Lasher's goal is to capture the quality and atmosphere of fine dining together with a sense of neighborhood spirit. "You can have a range of experiences at Lasher's," explains owner and proprietor Ray Lasher. "We are open for lunch and dinner so everyone can have the opportunity to experience the many selections-one day you can have an \$11 burger for lunch and the next night come in and celebrate an event in style and treat yourself to some of the finest steaks in the city. Lasher's is about fine dining without attitude."

Serving both lunch and dinner, Lasher's has brought in one of the L.A.'s most accomplished executive chefs to man the kitchen; Executive Chef James Rico Grey. Grey, a graduate from the renowned Culinary Institute of America, was the executive chef at the widely popular Lincoln Steakhouse in Santa Monica. Previous to that he was Executive Chef at Union Restaurant & Bar where he received accolades from press and public alike. Prior stints included four years as head chef at Hollywood's famed Les Deux Cafe, putting the hip hang-out on the culinary map, and four years with the Spago Organization.

Lasher's menu features a few signature items from the flagship Long Beach location such as their award winning New England Clam Chowder, the cult favorite Meatloaf with Cranberry Glaze and Fried Green Tomatoes topped with Andouille Sausage. Of course, there are classic steakhouse selections as well, including such favorites as the 14oz Bone in Rib Eye and the 24oz Porter House; plus a few twists - such as the Dutch Valley Veal Chop and the New Zealand Venison Chop. The dinner menu highlights some of Grey's signature dishes as well; Grilled Squab with Blackberry Demi-Glace and Braised Short Rib of Beef in a rich reduction. Grey will also be featuring a selection of daily specials. "I believe people will come here for great steaks and interesting fish and chop choices," notes Grey, "but our specials will also make the experience unique-I'm going to have fun in the kitchen and trust me it will be more than just another steakhouse."

The accomplished wine list features a selection of new and old world whites and reds plus a two page captain's list- a collection of reds from some of the most respected California wine makers and French Bordeaux.

Upon entering, guests will be met by a palette of warm chocolate browns, hand crafted floor to ceiling wine racks throughout, secluded leather banquettes and soft ambient lighting. The tables are adorned with Riedel crystal chargers, exclusively designed for Lasher's, adding a soft and elegant look. Off of the main dining room sits a sexy, sleek and bustling bar that houses a baby grand piano, the nightly entertainment. Additionally, the restaurant can accommodate private parties and affairs; uncommon for most steak/chop restaurants in the city.

Ray and Lynn opened Lasher's an American Restaurant in Long Beach 10 years ago. It has since become an institution in the Long Beach dining scene; receiving praise from local press and patrons alike. Ray spent 31 years in the restaurant business working his way up to management status at the Hyatt to consulting for the University Group and was VP of Operation for Gilliland's Restaurants in Santa Monica.

**Lasher's Steakhouse is located at: 250 E. Olive Avenue, Burbank CA 91502
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Lunch: Monday-Friday 11:30 - 2:30PM Dinner: Nightly 5:00 -10:00PM

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