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### Omar's Carriage House Celebrates 20 Years in Downtown Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va. – (March 2018) – Omar's Carriage House, located at 313 W. Bute Street, will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The restaurant, owned by Omar Boukhriss, will offer a special anniversary dinner menu throughout March that includes two courses for \$20.

#### **First Course** (Choice of one)

SHE-CRAB BISQUE Crème fraiche, crab crouton

BABY KALE CAESAR House-made crouton and parmesan

MUSSELS Gorgonzola cream sauce, truffle fries

ESCARGOT Herb butter, puff pastry

CORN CAKES Chorizo and avocado crema

#### **Second Course** (Choice of one)

STEAK FRITES Grilled flat iron steak, chimichurri, truffle fries

WILD MUSHROOM TAGLIATELLE Lamb sausage, spinach, arugula, wild mushrooms, parmesan

POTATO CRISP FLOUNDER Mac n cheese, grilled asparagus

SHRIMP RISOTTO Thai basil, lemon, parmesan

VEAL BURGER Havarti cheese, marsala mushrooms, truffle fries

Additionally, wines are also available for \$20.

"The neighborhood has been very supportive over the years," says Boukhriss. "We want to thank our loyal patrons for allowing us to serve them for 20 years, and we hope to continue providing our fresh and unique menu for many years to come."

The building is a historic site in Norfolk, and the original carriage house was built in the early 1840's for horses. From the first floor, you can still see the large opening where hay used to be loaded into carriages. A 19th century timber merchant Captain John L. Roper bought the property after the Civil War. The family carriage, horses, riding equipment and even a sleigh were kept there until the mid 1940's when daughter Virginia Bruce Roper converted the facility into a restaurant. Its reputation grew as a quaint tea room where good food and good friendship were regularly enjoyed.

Omar Boukhriss purchased it in 1998. A curious legend lingers of a ghost that lurks the Carriage House halls from days of dinners past. It is said to be the wispy ectoplasm of a pre-Civil War slave with a penchant for playful service. Menus move, the lights dim and friends hear funny things.

Omar's Carriage House is open for lunch Monday through Friday, for dinner Monday through Saturday and for Sunday brunch. The restaurant offers off-site catering services and private parties. More information can be found at [www. http://omarscarriagehouse.com](http://omarscarriagehouse.com).

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