

## **The Man Behind the Legend – George Braxton from the Algonquin Resort**

*Connecting the pieces of the Algonquin Resort's culinary history and continuing the legend of George Braxton.*

St. Andrews, New Brunswick – January 8, 2014 - One of the first chefs at The Algonquin Resort, in the late 1800s, was the brilliant and respected Chef George F. Braxton. The Algonquin Resort is looking to honour the culinary great and learn more about the gastronomic history of the iconic resort.

“To piece together the history of The Algonquin Resort, we’re launching the Chef George Braxton Challenge,” Says General Manager, Tim Ostrem. “We’d love to connect with the ancestors of Braxton's culinary team and fellow staff members who served our first generation of guests.”

Braxton is believed to be the first African-American man to lead a luxury resort kitchen and publish a cookbook. His philosophy of providing uncompromising quality continues to inspire the resort to this day, so much so, that The Algonquin named their new fine dining room Braxton's Restaurant and Bar in his honour.

As The Algonquin Resort reopens in 2014, the resort is proud to honour and pay-respect to one of the legends of their seaside resort. They’re looking forward to inviting the descendants of Braxton and his co-workers to the grand opening.

If individuals have any information on George Braxton and/or the history of the Algonquin Resort, connect with the Algonquin Resort on Facebook {link} and Twitter {link}, or e-mail information to [socialmedia@algonquinresort.com](mailto:socialmedia@algonquinresort.com).

### **About the Algonquin Resort**

A Maritime tradition in its second century of impeccable service, The Algonquin Resort is a Canadian landmark evoking the sensibilities of a distant past and offering a respite from contemporary life. Overlooking the picturesque Passamaquoddy Bay, in St. Andrews by the Sea, New Brunswick, the 234-room Tudor-style “Castle-by-the-Sea” has been welcoming guests including heads of state, royalty and vacation and business travelers since 1889.

### **About New Castle Hotels & Resorts**

The Algonquin Resort is operated by Shelton Conn. based New Castle Hotels & Resorts, an award-winning independent third-party hotel manager, owner and developer with 30 hotels and resorts and nearly 5,000 rooms under contract or in development. New Castle's growing portfolio of hotels spans 10 states and three Canadian provinces and includes several of Canada's historic landmark resorts. The privately-held company was established by CEO, David Buffam in 1980 and consistently ranks among the top hotel management and development companies in North America. New Castle is a preferred operator for diverse brands within the Marriott, Hilton and Starwood families. For additional information, please go to [www.newcastlehotels.com](http://www.newcastlehotels.com).

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