

Reviving the White Inn, the Heart of Fredonia

THE WHITE INN LOUNGE



redonia is a small village located in the Town of Pomfret settled in Chautauqua County, New York. The Town of Pomfret was officially incorporated in 1808, but the true beginning was with the arrival of Zattu Cushing in 1805. The village of Fredonia was founded in 1829 and is a rural area made up of small business owners, farmers, entrepreneurs, and residents who support and contribute to our local community.



Nestled in our small town is the historic boutique restaurant and hotel known as The White Inn, located at 52 E Main Street on Route 20, one of our town's main highways. Along with the Inn is the famous Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center, which was founded in 1891.

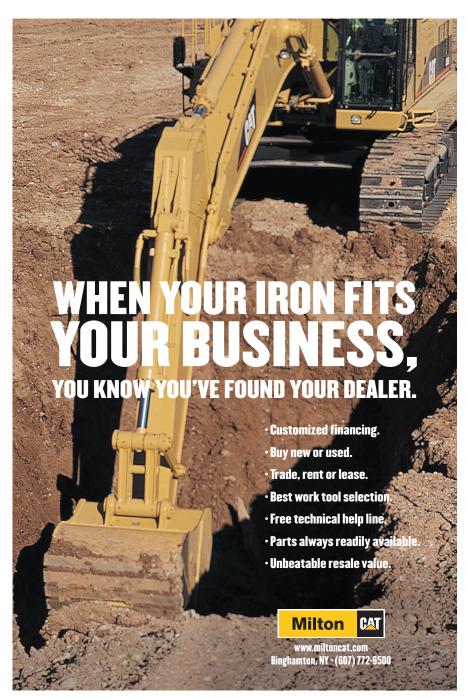
The White Inn, originally built by the White family (Devillo White, Dr. Squire White's son, who was our county's first physician) in the early 19th century. The original house was built on the property in 1868 as the White family home. In 1920, the building was expanded, converted, and opened to guests as The White Inn Hotel & Restaurant. In the Fall of 2022, the now 156-yearold structure was purchased by local businessman Steve St. George and restaurateur Devin Jones. "The Heart of Fredonia" is being brought back to life! The new owners intend to keep history alive by combining a Victorian feel with modernized technology.

The White Inn will offer three banquet halls, a dining area, a high-class bar and a brand-new kitchen. The renovation process will include adding a covered patio located in the west garden area. This will give guests the option of outdoor seating to enjoy in the summer months. The renovations to the banquet hall include brand new, state-of-the-art visuals, audio service, and projector screens. Our equipment is set up to be compatible with any band, DJ, or presenter for all your event needs. The White Inn banquet halls can be sectioned off into three spacious rooms. This will allow you to rent out the entire

banquet hall as one or host three different events with their own space. Each banquet hall will have its own bartender and bar service separate from the restaurant. This allows the focus to be on you and your event.

With the remodeling of the banquet halls, one of the many historic attributes we are saving is the iconic metal ceilings. We are also hoping to save the blue velvet walls located in the boardroom on the third floor. Some of you may also recognize the name plates for The White Inn Lounge, which is the restaurant dining area, and the Concord & Garden Rooms, located above the banquet halls.

Accompanied by the fine din-



ing options, The White Inn offers 25 suites for local and out-of-town guests. We are proud to offer one of our suites as an ADA-compliant room which is handicap accessible. One of the highlights is the Master Suite, which features a living room, bedroom with a fireplace, and two bathrooms. All our guest rooms will have brand new modern technology including Wi-Fi, light fixtures, mirrors, bathroom fixtures and furniture. All will have a fresh coat of paint and new flooring. With the new implementations, we're also saving as many historical fixtures and antiques as possible. They will be placed throughout the building as décor.

During renovations of the building, some reconstruction has included the rebuilding of walls and several floors. Once completed, the entire building will be getting a facelift. A new roof has been installed, and masonry is being repaired where needed. New windows have been installed throughout the entire building, and all interior plumbing and electrical have been replaced. A new elevator has been installed to meet ADA compliance. This is located in the center of the building as soon as you come through the main entrance, and our ADA room is located right across the hall. The old elevator space has been turned into mechanical rooms. All heating and cooling systems have been replaced with brand new equipment. Each bedroom has its own system with brand new fur-

naces to support the building. Located in the basement there are two brand new hot water tanks. One tank is exclusively to support the kitchen and the other is for the guest rooms. With the continuous water supply to the tanks, there will be no shortage of hot water.

Every day our contractors are making progress, and each day we are getting closer to completion. We want to ensure we are doing right by the town and village to bring back the 1868 historical building known as The White Inn, or better yet "The Heart of Fredonia". The town of Pomfret is full of history, and we are humbled to be a part of it. �



