St. Edward Lodge What We Envision



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The lodge at St. Edward will be a peaceful seclusion. The ambiance will be a casual elegance with Art Deco interiors and historic elements - somewhat suspended in time and disconnected from the modern world but with all the comforts of a present-day retreat. The lodge uses will be aligned with the original uses of the seminary, creating a genuine and light footprint.

The lower floor will feature a spa designed to foster your well-being with naturally derived elements. We hope to partner with Bastyr University's Herbal Sciences program to create a healing spa in this very calm and contemplative environment.

Former seminary class rooms will become gathering places for executive meetings, corporate retreats and community events where all can take advantage of the existing class rooms and historic setting.

A restaurant will be located in the former dining hall and will embrace its conservatory like atmosphere where light pours in through the large windows facing the great lawn. Breakfast, lunch and dinner menus will change seasonally to take advantage of fresh local ingredients. In addition to the restaurant, a more relaxed café will be located in the Seminary for healthy snacks and refreshments - and we are considering the idea of creating an 'al fresco basket' for picnics in the park. For both the restaurant and café, we hope to partner with Bastyr University in the culinary arts, and employ their students and local youth.

The lodge rooms will be a unique blend of historic and modern. Guest rooms will be tasteful and comfortable but not lavish. We imagine that no two lodge rooms will be alike given the extensive restoration. Our aim is to transport guests back in time to what the Seminary would have been like in the 1930's when it was built.

We are in the early planning stages so the vision for St. Edward Lodge will continue to evolve as we learn more about the building, its physical capacity for certain uses, and have time to visit other highly regarded nationally landmarked park lodges across the United States. We hope that this description simply provides a tone for what we envision as a very calm and contemplative lodge setting.