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# ABOUT EMPIRE OF THE SEED

What kind of company logo has a buffalo, long leaf pine, switch grass and a quail under a gothic cathedral window?

*Empire of the Seed* is a company that believes in preserving and regenerating the best of the past while contributing to a clean, sustainable future.

The company proposes that the diversity of ideas leads to a diversity of activities and cultural enrichment that enhances our community. The name and logo were conceived during the formative discussion of the *Coastal Plain Conservancy (CPC)*, a non-profit whose purpose is to preserve the lands that define the coastal plains' distinct landscape. Tall native prairie grasses once sprawled across the southern plains of Louisiana. Long leaf pines continued from Virginia to East Texas. Wild bison roamed the area before man. *Empire of the Seed*, and its distinctive logo, were born from these images.

*Empire of the Seed* is an umbrella organization that includes preservation of older buildings for adaptive reuse, such as the *Calcasieu Marine National Bank*, Noble Building, and the nearby *Cash & Carry Building*. These three buildings act as the host for creative individuals, functions and projects for the preservation and creation of cultural and memorable events.

## ABOUT THE PROPERTIES

### Historic Calcasieu Marine National Bank, circa 1928

***"Beauty, magnificence, but with it all extreme simplicity – those are the characteristics that first impress the visitor when he views the new Calcasieu bank building or when he first steps inside."*** - Excerpt from the *American Press* as printed on Friday, November 2nd, 1928.

The *Calcasieu Marine National Bank* is one of a group of buildings in Lake Charles designed by the noted New Orleans architectural firm of *Favrot and Livaudais*. This prominent, quite prolific, firm received numerous major commissions beginning in the wake of the *Fire of 1910*. Their extant work includes the *Calcasieu Parish Courthouse*, the *Lake Charles City Hall*, the *Immaculate Conception Cathedral*, the *Calcasieu Marine National Bank*, and various other schools and residences.

### Historic Cash & Carry Building, circa 1936

The *Cash & Carry Building* is a faithfully restored, 9,600 square-foot warehouse built in the 1930's to house what has been described as the "*Sam's Club*" for small grocery businesses. Designed by *Dunn & Quinn*, well known architects who designed nearly 2,000 schools, banks, churches and public facilities, the original plans called for a sturdy, utilitarian building featuring a clerestory (skylight) for light and ventilation.



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# HISTORIC CALCASIEU MARINE NATIONAL BANK

844 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601

<b>RATES</b> (reception only)	<b>INCLUDES</b>	<b>POLICIES</b>	<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon-Thurs \$2,500.00</li> <li>• Fri-Sat \$5,000</li> <li>• Sun \$3,825</li> <li>• Holidays \$7,000.00</li> <li>• NYE \$8,000.00</li> <li>• Ceremony Fee \$700.00</li> <li>• Half Hour Ceremony : \$150</li> <li>• Tent Fee \$700.00</li> <li>• Set Up Day \$250.00</li> <li>• Rehearsal Hour \$150.00</li> <li>• A Nonrefundable \$3,000.00 due at signing; balance due one month before.</li> <li>• In addition to the rental rate, a \$1,000.00 damage deposit is collected one month before the event. It is 100% refundable within 10 business days of the event provided House Rules are followed by the Group and their vendors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main Hall - 36' x 110'</li> <li>• Foyer</li> <li>• Rotunda</li> <li>• Main Vault</li> <li>• Courtyard</li> <li>• Restrooms</li> <li>• Commercial Kitchen</li> <li>• Parking Lot</li> <li>• Cleaning</li> <li>• Chivari Chairs - 300</li> <li>• White Chairs - 300</li> <li>• 5' Round Tables - 30</li> <li>• 4' Round Tables - 10</li> <li>• 8' Rect. Tables - 10</li> <li>• Cocktail Tables - 8</li> <li>• Pedestal Tables - 4</li> <li>• Complimentary table and chair setup.</li> <li>• Access begins at 8:00AM and ends one hour after the event ends. Events are limited to four hours with the exception of events with ceremony, where an extra hour is included in the ceremony fee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash, check, or money orders are accepted. All major Credit Cards accepted with an additional 3% convenience fee.</li> <li>• Only approved catering will be allowed on the property.</li> <li>• <i>The Group</i> handles all alcohol through EOS's alcohol vendors.</li> <li>• All other vendors can be chosen at the discretion of <i>The Group</i> with final approval by EOS.</li> <li>• 501(c)(3) organizations are allowed to charge entry and are afforded a 10% in-kind discount except on Saturdays or Holidays.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A one million dollar Certificate of Liability Insurance naming EOS and <i>Flavin Realty</i> as the additional insured interest is due one month prior to the event.</li> <li>• A minimum of two security officers is required. Sgt. Scott Dougherty of LCPD handles security at a rate of \$40 per hour. <b>No exceptions.</b></li> <li>• A fireguard is required if there are open flames at a rate of \$40 per hour. <b>This is a city ordinance.</b></li> <li>• Next day reentry to collect personal items is limited to before noon as long as the building does not rent.</li> </ul>



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Vividly Kate

# CMNB COURTYARD & MAIN VAULT

844 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601

## RATES (reception only)

- Vault Only \$800.00
- Courtyard & Vault \$1,500.00
- Holidays \$2,000.00
- NYE \$2,500.00
- Ceremony Fee \$700.00
- Half Hour Ceremony : \$150
- Tent Fee \$100.00
- Set Up Day \$250.00
- Rehearsal Hour \$150.00
- A Nonrefundable \$800.00 due at signing; balance due one month before.
- In addition to the rental rate, a \$1,000.00 damage deposit is collected one month before the event. It is 100% refundable within 10 business days of the event provided House Rules are followed by the Group and their vendors.

## INCLUDES

- Court Yard and/or Main Vault - 19' x 31'
- Restrooms
- Commercial Kitchen
- Parking Lot
- Cleaning
- Chivari Chairs - 300
- White Chairs - 300
- 5' Round Tables - 30
- 4' Round Tables - 10
- 8' Rect. Tables - 10
- Cocktail Tables - 8
- Pedestal Tables - 4
- Complimentary table and chair set up.
- Access begins at 8:00AM and ends one hour after the event ends.
- Events are limited to four hours with the exception of events with a ceremony, where an extra hour is included in the ceremony fee.

## POLICIES

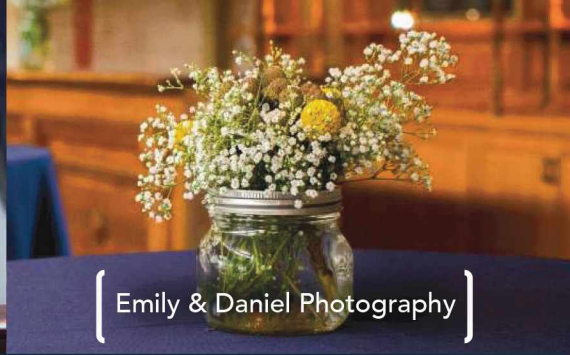
- Cash, check, or money orders are accepted. All major Credit Cards accepted with an additional 3% convenience fee.
- Only approved catering will be allowed on the property.
- *The Group* handles all alcohol through EOS's alcohol vendors.
- All other vendors can be chosen at the discretion of *The Group* with final approval by EOS.
- 501(c)(3) organizations are allowed to charge entry and are afforded a 10% in-kind discount except on Saturdays or Holidays.

## REQUIREMENTS

- A one million dollar Certificate of Liability Insurance naming EOS and *Flavin Realty* as the additional insured interest is due one month prior to the event.
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# HISTORIC CASH & CARRY BUILDING

801 Enterprise Boulevard, Lake Charles, LA 70601

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon-Thurs - \$1,800</li> <li>• Fri-Sat - \$3,500</li> <li>• Sun - \$3,000</li> <li>• Holidays - \$4,500</li> <li>• NYE \$5,000.00</li> <li>• Ceremony Fee \$400.00</li> <li>• Half Hour Ceremony: \$150</li> <li>• Tent Fee \$100.00</li> <li>• Set Up Day \$250.00</li> <li>• Rehearsal Hour \$150.00</li> <li>• A Nonrefundable \$2,000.00 due at signing; balance due one month before.</li> <li>• In addition to the rental rate, a \$1,000.00 damage deposit is collected one month before the event. It is 100% refundable within 10 business days of the event provided House Rules are followed by the Group and their vendors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main Hall - 80' x 98'</li> <li>• Restrooms</li> <li>• Warming Kitchen</li> <li>• Parking Lot</li> <li>• Cleaning</li> <li>• Chivari Chairs - 300</li> <li>• 6' Round Tables - 30</li> <li>• 4' Round Tables - 10</li> <li>• 8' Rect. Tables - 10</li> <li>• Cocktail Tables - 10</li> <li>• Built-in Bar</li> <li>• Complimentary table and chair setup.</li> <li>• Access begins at 8:00AM and ends one hour after the event ends.</li> <li>• Events are limited to four hours with the exception of events with a ceremony, where an extra hour is included in the ceremony fee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash, check, or money orders are accepted. All major Credit Cards accepted with an additional 3% convenience fee.</li> <li>• Only approved catering will be allowed on the property.</li> <li>• <i>The Group</i> handles all alcohol through EOS's alcohol vendors.</li> <li>• All other vendors can be chosen at the discretion of <i>The Group</i> with final approval by EOS.</li> <li>• 501(c)(3) organizations are allowed to charge entry and are afforded a 10% in-kind discount except on Saturdays or Holidays.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A one million dollar Certificate of Liability Insurance naming EOS and <i>Flavin Realty</i> as the additional insured interest is due one month prior to the event.</li> <li>• A minimum of two security officers is required. Sgt. Scott Dougherty of LCPD handles security at a rate of \$40 per hour. <b>No exceptions.</b></li> <li>• A fireguard is required if there are open flames at a rate of \$40 per hour. <b>This is a city ordinance.</b></li> <li>• Next day reentry to collect personal items is limited to before noon as long as the building does not rent.</li> </ul>



Emily Martindale Photography

# PARAMOUNT ROOM

104 Pujo Street Suite C, Lake Charles, LA

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon-Thurs: \$1,600</li> <li>• Fri-Sat: \$2,800</li> <li>• Sun: \$2,100</li> <li>• Holidays: \$3,500</li> <li>• New Years Eve: \$3,500</li> <li>• Ceremony Fee: \$200</li> <li>• Half Hour Ceremony Fee: \$150</li> <li>• Tent Fee: \$700</li> <li>• Set Up Day: \$250</li> <li>• Rehearsal Hour: \$150.00</li> <li>• A Nonrefundable \$1,800 due at signing; balance due one month before.</li> <li>• In addition to the rental rate, a \$1,000 damage deposit is collected one month before the event. It is 100% refundable within 10 business days of the event provided House Rules are followed by the Group and their vendors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main Hall - 44'9" x 55'</li> <li>• Courtyard</li> <li>• Restrooms</li> <li>• Commercial Kitchen</li> <li>• Parking Lot</li> <li>• Cleaning</li> <li>• Wooden Chairs - 150</li> <li>• White Chairs</li> <li>• 5' Round Tables</li> <li>• 4' Round Tables</li> <li>• 8' Rect. Tables</li> <li>• Cocktail Tables</li> <li>• Pedestal Tables</li> <li>• Complimentary table and chair setup.</li> <li>• Access begins at 8:00AM and ends one hour after the event ends. Events are limited to four hours with the exception of events with ceremony, where an extra hour is included in the ceremony fee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash, check, or money orders are accepted. All major Credit Cards accepted with an additional 3% convenience fee.</li> <li>• Only approved catering will be allowed on the property.</li> <li>• <i>The Group</i> handles all alcohol through EOS's alcohol vendors.</li> <li>• All other vendors can be chosen at the discretion of <i>The Group</i> with final approval by EOS.</li> <li>• 501(c)(3) organizations are allowed to charge entry and are afforded a 10% in-kind discount except on Saturdays or Holidays.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A one million dollar Certificate of Liability Insurance naming <i>EOS and Flavin Realty</i> as the additional insured interest is due one month prior to the event.</li> <li>• A minimum of two security officers is required. Sgt. Scott Dougherty of LCPD handles security at a rate of \$40 per hour. <b>This is a city ordinance.</b></li> <li>• A fireguard is required if there are open flames at a rate of \$40 per hour. <b>This is a city ordinance.</b></li> <li>• Next day reentry to collect personal items is limited to before noon as long as the building does not rent.</li> </ul>

# CATERING VENDORS



## CMNB Featured Caterers

### **1910 Resturaunt & Wine Bar**

Andrew Green, *Owner*  
Office: (337) 602-6278

### **Brickhouse Catering and Events**

James and Mari Bitner, *Owners*  
Office: (337) 433-3108  
mb@brickhousecateringandevents.com

### **Cajun Cafe and Catering & Bar**

Kelly Alegre, *Owner*  
Office:(337) 439-3722  
kellycajuncafe@aol.com

### **Cousin's/Homsi's**

George Homsi, *Owner*  
Office: (337) 437-1144  
Cell: (337) 540-2615

### **Derrick and Paul Entertainment Design**

Derrick Guidry and Paul Picheloup, *Owners*  
Cell: (337) 853-9348  
derrickandpaul@gmail.com

### **Events by Elliot & Patricia**

Elliot Bushnell, *Owner*  
337-499-9637

### **Marilyn's Flowers and Catering**

Beth Dawdy, *Manager*  
Office: (337) 477-3553  
info@marilynscatering.com

### **Mazen's**

Mazen Hijazi, *Owner*  
Office: (337) 477-8207

### **Occasions**

Roderick Stutes, *Owner*  
Cell: (337) 540-4045

### **Pujo Street Cafe**

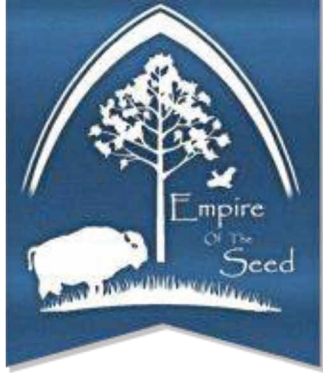
Dan Schaad, *House Manager*  
Office: (337) 439-2054  
info@pujostreet.com

### **Reeves Uptown Catering**

Ryan Reeves, *Owner &*  
Allison Sonnier, *Office Manager*  
Office: (337) 480-1221  
uptowncatering@hotmail.com

### **Bayou Boards by Gabrielle**

Gabrielle and John Wainwright, *owners*  
337-317-3600  
bayouboardsbygabrielle@gmail.com



## CONTACT EMPIRE OF THE SEED

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### APPOINTMENTS:

We currently book a maximum of one year out. If your date extends beyond this mark, it is important to note that prices and policies are subject to change until a contract is executed.

Viewing appointments are scheduled by appointment during normal business hours.

### VIRTUAL TOUR:

*Virtual 360 Tours* are available on our website. For more information, please visit:

[www.empireoftheseed.com](http://www.empireoftheseed.com)

### MAILING:

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