

L'Entree

American Culinary Federation Midlands Chapter
"The Authority on Cooking in the Midlands of South Carolina"

President's Message



American Culinary Federation
Midlands Chapter

Dear members,

Greetings to all and my hope is that your fall season is going well.

It seems to me that with all this technology, making things easier, that we all are just getting busier each day. Please remember to take some time to unplug and enjoy the moment and those who are most important to you.

One way you can do this is join me for our fall Oktoberfest meeting on Monday October 3rd at Conquest brewery near the stadium. This is our annual beer and food paring meeting with 8 tastings of Conquest's finest and 4 different cheeses and 4 food parings. This is also bring a friend night membership drive. For each member who brings a prospective member you will each take home a free Growler. If you do not have a potential member to invite, bring a guest anyway this is a fun and relaxing meeting for you to just enjoy some quality time, you can Growl at each other later. Please see the flier and put us on your calendar, phone, or apple watch.

In July Charlie Young and I represented our chapter in Phoenix Arizona at the National convention, we had a strong showing with 6 members from the Midlands. A shout out to Midlands member Brian Hay CEC who was one of the presenters. Next year's convention will be in Orlando Florida, if you have never been please make plans to attend it is well worth the trip and within driving distance.

Thank you to US Foods who hosted our 16th Annual US Foods ACF Midlands Golf Classic in September, we had over 120 golfers and beautiful sunshine until the last hole. The rain that dumped onto the course did nothing to dampen the spirits of everyone who had a great day of networking and sportsmanship. This continues to be our largest fundraiser so please reach out to them in appreciation.

..... There are some upcoming events for you to be involved in in any capacity that fits your schedule, please reach out to any board member and share your interest. If we each do a little a lot can be accomplished for the good of the community.

Sincerely;

John Lindower

Board President

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**American Culinary Federation Midlands
Chapter of South Carolina Mission
Statement**

Our Organization is committed to education, certification and supporting the community that frequents the establishments in which we work. We focus to serve each member, strive to foster partnerships within our profession and create a fraternal bond of respect and integrity among all culinarians.

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CHEF OF THE YEAR CHAIRMAN



**American Culinary Federation
Midlands Chapter**

You Are Invited!

ACF Midlands Chapter

Membership Drive and Social

Monday, October 3rd - 6:15pm

At Conquest Brewing Company

947 S Stadium Road

Columbia, SC 29201



Beer Tasting, Food and Cheese Pairing Brewery Tour / Education and Fun!!

Bring a Friend / Potential New Member!

Every Member who brings a guest will receive a FREE Growler of their beer of choice, for them and their guest!!

Food for pairing to be prepared by various member chefs!

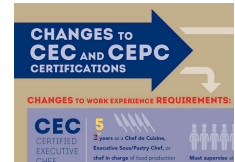
**Come prepared to Have Fun, Meet Potential New Members and
Learn about Your Favorite Beverage**

RSVP To: acfmidlands@gmail.com

ACF Certification Coupon

[ACF Certification](#) is running a limited-time promotion for ACF-certified chefs looking to certify with an additional certification designation. [Click here](#) to cut out a coupon and attach it to the appropriate ACF certification application to redeem your discount of 50% off the final application.

New Certification Requirements



The ACF Certification Commission met April 30 to finalize its strategic plan to review and adjust certification requirements for one level each quarter until complete. The commission has two main goals:

- 1 Create a stepladder of experience and culinary skills that bridge the gap to CMC certification.
- 2 To create a practical exam market basket that adjusts to seasonal/regional availability and increases the level of difficulty with specific and quality ingredients to create a more sophisticated menu.

The CEC and CEPC changes will be effective Oct. 1, 2016, with a 90-day grace period. During this grace period, both sets of requirements will be honored to accommodate the chefs already in the certification process. Click [here](#) for more information.

2016 Calendar of Events

all meetings start at 6pm unless otherwise indicated

October 3rd Meeting Conquest Brewery

Monday, November 7th, General Meeting TBD

Sunday, November 20th, Saluda Shoals Chairman's Lighting

Sunday, December 4th Holiday Party

Sunday, January 29 Presidents Award Dinner