

TOWN of DOVER

After the ceremony, visit one of the restaurants below that are offering a special "Dogs of Dover" discount!

> *Coupons are good for dining in or take out* from 7:00pm—8:00pm on 8/12/20 only.

<u>Brenda Lee</u> 15 W. Blackwell Street <i>Try any of our tacos for \$1.99 each</i> <i>(Limit 7 per order)</i> <i>Burritos for \$5.99</i>	<u>Monchys</u> 19 Bassett Highway Try our famous wings (10) for only \$5 <u>Tierras Y Sabores</u>
<i>Costillas de Pedro</i> 57 N. Sussex Street <i>Half rack of BBQ Ribs for \$8.00.</i>	39 W. Blackwell Street <i>Appetizers only \$5.00</i> <i>Fried Calamari - Shrimp Cocktail</i> <i>Fried Plantain w/Chorizo</i>
<u>Tequilla 55</u> 55 E. Blackwell Street <i>Free order of Nachos or Quesadillas</i> <i>with purchase of \$25 or more.</i>	<i>Las Praderas</i> 60 N. Sussex Street <i>Try our delicious Pupusas</i> <i>\$5 off orders of \$20 or more.</i>
<i>Sabor Latino</i> 44 N. Morris Street <i>Try a variety of mixed drinks for half</i> <i>price.</i>	<u><i>El Catracho</i></u> 43 W. Blackwell Street <i>Free Tiramisu with the purchase of any</i> <i>dinner.</i>
<u>Table 42</u> 42 N. Sussex Street \$5 off when you spend \$30 or more.	<i>Lauras Coffee</i> 22 E. Blackwell Street <i>Buy one ice cone with fresh fruit and</i> <i>the second at half price.</i>
<u>Altoque</u> 7 Bassett Highway <i>Purchases over \$40 get a free</i> Alotque Burger with French Fries.	<i>Las Delicias De Clara</i> 17 Bassett Highway <i>Order (2) Hamburgers and get the</i> <i>third on FREE.</i>
Must show coupon at time of purchase to receive discount .	

WELCOME HOME!

Dogs of Dover STATUE RESTORATION &

REDEDICATION CEREMONY

Front of Town Hall—37 N. Sussex Street Wednesday, August 12, 2020 6:00 pm

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Mayor & Board of Aldermen Carolyn Blackman, Mayor

Sandra Wittner - 1st Ward - Jessica Cruz Humberto Quiñones - 2nd Ward - Judith Rugg Adrian Ballesteros - 3rd Ward - Edward Correa

Carlos Valencia - 4th Ward - Marcos Tapia



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Opening Ceremony Mayor Carolyn Blackman

Invocation Father Rod Perez, St. John's Episcopal Church

> <u>History of the Dogs of Dover</u> Tatiyana Salesman

<u>Restoration Process</u> Hess Restorations, Inc., New York, NY (Established 1945) Lada Gabriel, President Yuri Abdurakhmanov, Antique Restorer

<u>Unveiling of the Dogs</u> Mayor Carolyn Blackman and Town Officials

Benediction Pastor Fred Becker, Trinity Lutheran Church

Closing Words

Mayor Carolyn Blackman

DOGS OF DOVER HISTORY

On April 1, 1869, the newly elected Mayor of Dover, George Richards, received a pair of Mastiff metal dog statues, standing about 4 foot high. These statutes were a gift from Mayor John Birmingham and citizens of Dover, England, the town for which Dover, New Jersey was named after.

For many years, the dogs stood on pedestals guarding the front entrance to the mansion of Mayor George Richards on Prospect Street. Upon his death, the dogs were given to Thomas Baker, a trusted friend of Mayor George Richards, who kept them at his estate located at 87 W. Clinton Street in Dover from 1899 to 1960.

In the 1940's, the statues survived a fire which destroyed the stables on the Baker property. The dogs were later moved to the residence of Barbara and Gordon Dunn, Thomas Baker's granddaughter of Randolph, to stand guard of their garage, until 1989 when the Dunn's moved to Florida. Prior to their move, the dogs were donated back to the Town of Dover.

Mayor Aldo Cicchetti made arrangements to move the dogs to the Dover High School where they would remain safe for 7 years in the art room.

In 1996, the Dover Historical Society decided to undertake the restoration of the dog statues which were sent to Laboratory for Conservation of Fine Arts in Teaneck, NJ. Upon their return to Dover in 1997, Mayor Stephen Shukailo made arrangements to have them placed on top of the pedestals at the entrance of Town Hall.

In January of 2006, Mayor James P. Dodd, appointed a Dogs of Dover Committee to undertake an immense project to restore the statues to their original condition and to have a rededication ceremony. With the expertise of Robert Wagner, he was able to restore the dog statues to their original beauty and preserve a piece of Dover's history. On September 9, 2006 a poignant rededication ceremony was held bringing in the Mayor of Dover, England, Janet F. Tranter.

In 2019, time and the elements had taken their toll on the dogs for the last 14 years. A search to find a restoration company was concluded when the Town officials commissioned Hess Restorations to repair the dog statues. The restoration process took 10 months to completely overhaul and restore the statues. On Tuesday, July 28, 2020, Mayor Carolyn Blackman announced the two Mastiff dog statues were brought home to stand guard again in front of Town Hall and to provide a rededication ceremony for the residents of Dover.

These statues have survived over 150 years of moves, fire, weather, and severe damage, all while doing their job of guarding the places where they stood.

Now in 2020, the Dogs of Dover are now home and will hold their place in front of Town Hall as they have, and will, for many years.