## RAYMOND HALDEMAN

# REFERENCES & ACCOLADES

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former board member of the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau, Raymond Haldeman has always conducted himself as a consummate business professional and productive contributor to the city of Philadelphia's growth.

When I first ran for Mayor of Philadelphia, my campaign was kicked-off with a successful fundraiser at his highly reputable restaurant in Society Hill.

The national and regional press his catering business and restaurant garnered was greatly appreciated as it brought remarkable attention to the city's burgeoning restaurant renaissance.

His enthusiasm and contribution have been sorely missed since his move to south Florida. They are lucky to have him!

Sincerely,

Ed Rendell

Edward G. Rendell Governor

#### Leslie John Koeser, President Koeser Designs Inc. 1122 Spring Garden Street Philadelphia, PA 19123

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January 20, 2004

RE: Raymond Haldeman Letter of Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern,

It gives me great pleasure to be able to formally testify to the professionalism, integrity, and irrepressible enthusiasm of Raymond Haldeman.

As the owner of an international hospitality design firm, I have known Mr. Haldeman since he opened his first restaurant in Philadelphia's premiere designer showroom building, The Marketplace, and watched his reputation flourish as Philadelphia's foremost restaurateur and society caterer.

In the years since, I have relied on Mr. Haldeman's superior expertise as a consultant when designing hotel and restaurant interiors. His keen eye for detail and common sense logistics is unmatched and his ability to multi-task has always impressed me. Mr. Haldeman's dealings with myself and my contemporaries have not only been professional and productive but enjoyable as well.

I am happy to elaborate on my respect for his talent and ability. Please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Leslie John Koeser

President

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To Whom It May Concern:

Raymond Haldeman has been known to me on a personal and professional level for the past seven years. For the past three years he has been an active member of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau. I have had the opportunity to work closely with Raymond during this period.

Haldeman's Restaurant is considered to be one of the finest in the city and his catering operation is possibly the best in the Delaware Valley.

As a true professional in the hospitality industry, Raymond Haldeman has had nothing but well-earned success. If you need any further information, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Tom Muldoon President

TOM: dg

#### **Lewis Katz**

Kathleen Palella Executive Assistant

#### Reference for Mr. Raymond Haldeman

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve to testify to the outstanding character and professional merits of Mr. Raymond Haldeman.

Mr. Haldeman, whom I became familiar with when he catered several events for the Philadelphia 76'ers has always commanded the respect and admiration of his customers and employees.

I have had the pleasure of seeing his dynamic management style in motion and am happy to refer him to any company seeking an executive in the hospitality field. As far as I'm concerned there is no one better.

I am available to describe my professional association in more detail and add my accolades to the long list of others who share my opinion of this outstanding and accomplished professional.

You may reach me on my cell phone at 917.572.5552, or call me at our 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue office in NY.

Regards.

Kathleen Palella

**Executive Assistant** 

Lewis Katz



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To whom it may concern:

It is my personal honor to have this opportunity to profile Raymond Haldeman.

My experience of Mr. Haldeman encompasses not only his involvement in civic promotions, but his charitable endeavors as well:

As a business owner myself, I am amazed that he is able to find the time not only to run his business with excellence, but also to give back to the community that supports him.

I have personally seen his efforts with the Hunger Project, the M.S. Initiative, and most recently, the benefit to raise money for the homeless.

His contributions are felt citywide. Mr. Haldeman was recently honored as a recipient of the First Annual Business Award, an honor presented by the Center City Proprietors Association. This award is given to those people who most significantly exemplify the highest and finest tradition of business and personal ethics. Haldeman personifies these qualities.

I am pleased to be given this chance to share my feelings with you concerning this extraordinary young man.

Yours very truly,

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Nancy Gold

President, Center City Proprietors Association

President, King's Collar Company

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RE: Reference; Raymond Haldeman Dear Prospective Employer: After 20 years it gives me great pleasure and satisfaction to finally write a letter of recommendation for Raymond Haldeman. Raymond began his career as a busboy at The Garden Restaurant, Philadelphia's most popular and busy French restaurant. He was an ambitious and hard working teenager who worked his way up 2 ladders simultaneously in this upscale fine dining establishment that I operated as General Manager. In less than a year he went from busboy to Maitre' D for our dinner service. At the same time I also exploited Raymond's energy and, "can do", attitude by starting his day as a prep cook. Six months later Raymond was the day chef and running the line for our business clientele of 300-400 covers per meal. During his four year tenure at The Garden, Raymond was on time, hard working, talented and enjoyable to work with. Raymond left to start his own catering business, with my blessing...I knew he would be successful. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions, or would like to verify any information. Sincerely, Lynda Chase Food Service Director

## ACCOLADES & TESTIMONIALS

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AHEA F. STEIN INSURANCE ADVERTISING SUPERVISOR

Mr. Raymond Haldeman The Marketplace 2400 Market Street Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

Dear Raymond: .

I know I speak for all my sister publications when I thank you so very much for what turned out to be the loveliest dinner party ever.

From the minute we talked over the phone several months ago to the final sip of brandy at the top of the Penn Mutual Building, your professionalism and your concern were outstanding. And that the meal rivaled any four-star restaurant made the evening especially memorable.

Even more important, our guests were genuinely touched at the elegance of the service and cuisine. I can't begin to tell you how many people came up to us the next day to express their thanks and appreciation. This was a particularly good convention overall and I know that our combined efforts had much to do with the positive feeling people derived from their three days in Philadelphia.

Again, Raymond, let me say on behalf of FORTUNE, LIFE, MONEY, TIME, DISCOVER, SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, and PEOPLE, that we were absolutely delighted with your services and accommodation. Many, many thanks and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Rhea F. Stein

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CC: Mr. Mark Dodge, PEOPLE

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Mr. Raymond Haldeman 110-112 South Front Street Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

Dear Raymond:

I extend my best wishes and congratulations on the opening of your restaurant in Society Hill.

I have already heard raves from the First Nighters and hope to get down there soon before the entire Delaware Valley knows of the success.

During my tenure with the City of Philadelphia in the City Representative's Office I grew to know how resourceful an creative you were and I am sure that your new venture will be every bit as imaginative.

Again, my felicitations on another "Raymond Haldeman extravaganza".

Please give my best to Krista.

Sincerely,

FRED M. STEIN Chief of Staff

SMF: k

P.S. I really like the name you gave to the bar: "Tall Ships". It's my favorite as you might guess.

1120 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036



CONVENTION AND SPECIAL EVENTS MANAGER Francesco C. Leboile 202/467-5289

Raymond Haldeman Caterer 2753-55 Earp Street Philadelphia, PA 19146

Dear Raymond:

Thank you for your assistance in providing catering services for our recent International Monetary Conference.

Your service and professionalism more than met with the high standards set for this conference and helped us to properly host the international banking community.

We look forward to working with you again when scheduling brings us to Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

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Francesco C. Leboffe Convention and Special

Events Manager

## ARCHITECTURE

Mr Raymond Haldeman 110-112 Front Street Philadelphia, PA.19106

Dear Raymond:

You're wonderful! You're fantastic! And we love you. On behalf of the Foundation for Architecture, I want to thank you for helping to make this year's BEAUX ARTS BALL the most successful ever. I am sure you will agree that "A Fantasy in Yellow" was just that - a marvellous experience for over eleven hundred diners, and over three thousand ballgoers. The tables looked superb - so much flair, imagination and delicacy!

Thank you, too, for ensuring that the Committee Party and the Sponsors' Party at Andalusia were so beautifully done. Somehow, Raymond, you have the knack of interpreting just what it is we would like to perfection.

The Ball was fabulous; its success was due, in no small part, to Raymond Haldeman and his talents and generosity. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Leslie M. Gallery, AIA

Executive Director

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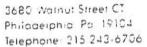
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Mr. Raymond Haldeman 2753 Earp Street Philadelphia, PA 19146

Dear Ray:

We were very pleased, indeed with the cabaret supper you served Wednesday evening at our gala to honor Harold Prince. The food and the service were all that you promised us. We heard many favorable comments that evening from our guests and also from our guest of honor. We all agree the Bonaparte pastry baskets were superb and a dessert to remember!

It was a pleasure to work with you. Thank you for your professionalism and your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Edward K. Hueber

President

Annenberg Center Associates





Raymond Haldeman, Caterer 2753-55 Earp Street Philadelphia, PA 19146

#### Dear Ray:

I want to thank you for the wonderful catering magic you performed in our conference room today for the Judges of the Common Pleas Court of Philadelphia. It was truly a pleasure working with you!

Please convey to the rest of your staff, Stan and Margaret, our thanks for an affair superbly executed. The service was excellent, the ambience delightful, and to quote a local food critic, "the food was nothing short of exquisite."

Everyone was properly impressed. I received many wonderful compliments and I didn't do a thing. I just knew the right person to call!

Thanks again for a super job. I will spread the word!

Sincerely,

Fritzie Nagel

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> Mr. Raymond Haldeman 2753-55 Earp Street Philadelphia, PA 19146

Dear Ray:

As a fine wine, you improve with age. Our affair for Alexis is now the fifth time you have rendered catering services to us. Each time we have been most pleased and-this last event was just superb.

I know that we will have many happy events in the future and this is our commitment to you to cater them all.

> truly yours, Very

Joseph and Janet Shein

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#### SCHAT MARINE

Mr. Raymond Haldeman RAYMOND HALDEMAN CATERERS 2753-55 Earp Street Philadelphia, PA: 19146

Dear Raymond:

Well, you can add this to your collection (which I know you must have), of congratulatory letters. Raymond, the calls are pouring in on what a fantastic job you and your staff did to bring about a special event for our executives and customers. Quite a few people asked who the caterer was, so I am sure this will be some added business for you.

Thank you for making my job easier, and for making me look good. It was great working with you, and please give my thanks to Annabelle. She is extremely courteous, efficient and helpful which made me feel very much at ease at this end of the phone.

Sincerely,

Darlene D. Polimeni Assistant to President



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Mr. Raymond Haldeman Raymond Haldeman Restaurant-Caterer 110-112 South Front Street Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

Dear Raymond,

I've heard nothing but raves about the dinner you catered for us at the Academy of Music on April 30.

And your staff were all terrific! Jennifer Sweeney did a wonderful job, and managed to accommodate the last minute changes that inevitably come up in this kind of project.

Enclosed is the check for the balance of your bill. Thanks again for a super job.

Sincerely,

Mary Coady



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Mr. Raymond Haldeman 110-112 S. Front Street Philadelphia, PA. 19106

Dear Raymond:

My sincere thanks for hosting the first of PHILADELPHIA DRESSES THE WORLD meetings.

The room set-up was perfect. Your assistants were most kind. Your provisions were excellent.

Our deep appreciation to you and your staff for making our first meeting a "go". We have had many compliments because of the ambiance... and, so, I must pass those compliments on to you. Kudos on a great hosting job and lots of superlatives for those excellent hors d'oeuvres.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Raymond Haldeman, 110-112 South Front Street Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dear Raymond,

Although you must realize by now that when your group does a party, they do a sensational job - I would like to add my accolades to your collection. All three of our parties were perfect! Everything looked beautiful: the tables, the food and the staff. Everything tasted wonderful - from hors d'oeuvre to dessert. Everything was served elegantly, and with great charm.

In a word - thanks. When we've recovered, we'll be in touch with you to reserve next year's dates.

Sincerely,

Lors Ginsberg Assistant Director Sonat Marine inc. Three Parkway Philadelphia PA 19102 1364 215 564 1223 Telex 534 539

## SCHAT MARINE

Mr. Raymond Haldeman Raymond Haldeman Caterer 110-12 South Front Streat Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dear Raymond:

What can I say but...

BRAVO !

WELL DONE !!

APPLAUSE/APPLAUSE !!!

My compliments to you and your staff for knowing how to work, a superb party.

Sincerely,

Darlene D. Polimeni

Assistant to the President