



The

TUN

Est. 1686

# Samuel Carpenter 1649 - 1714





TUN TAVERN LEGACY FOUNDATION

# Tun Tavern

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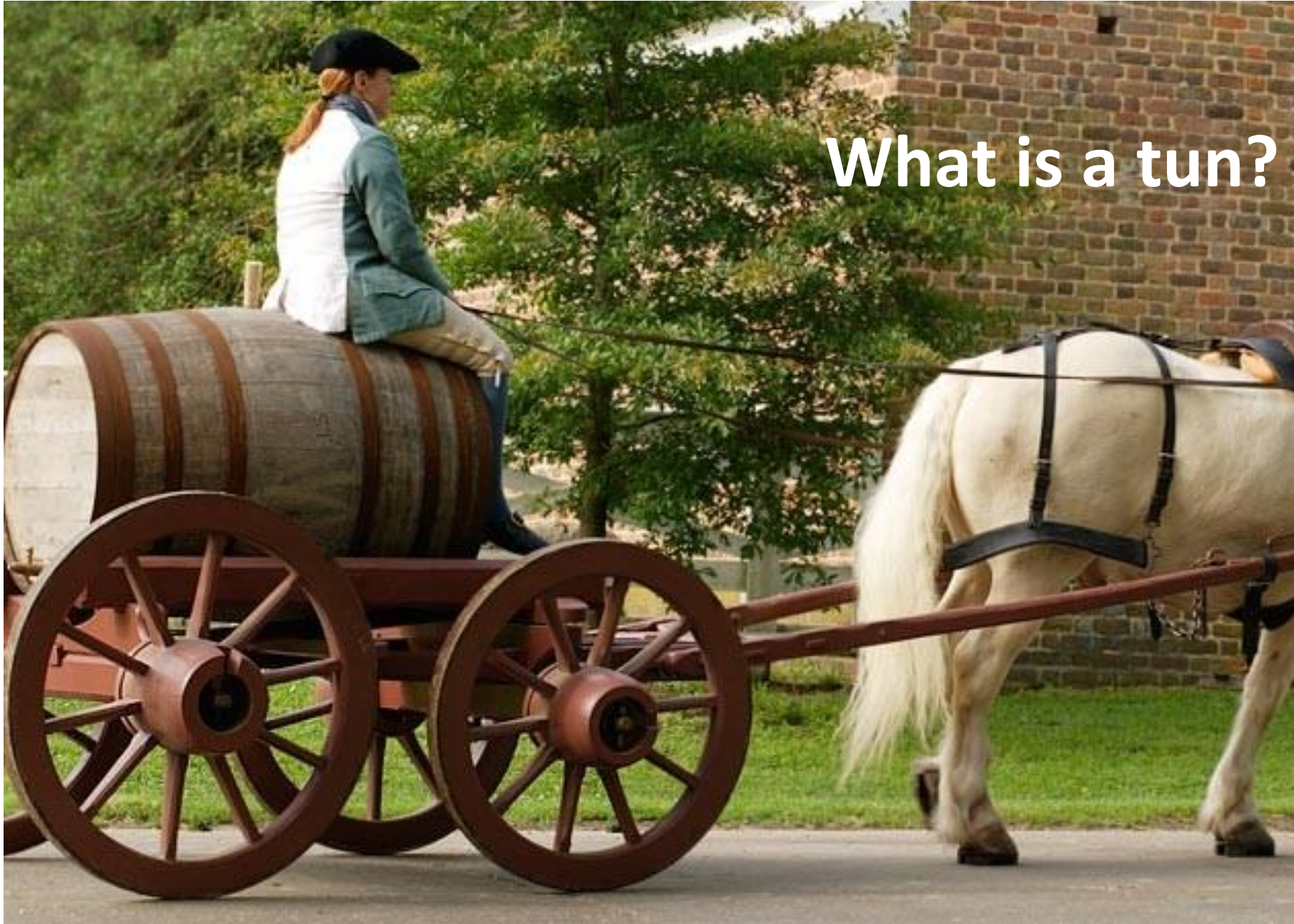
## Joshua Carpenter's Brewery

- Older brother of Samuel Carpenter
- A Master Brewer, he opens one of the new city's first breweries
- The structure stands for nearly 100 years and known as "The Tun"
- The Tun is the site of multiple documented historical meetings and functions





What is a tun?





and a good meal is to be had for sixpence sterling." How fast the number of taverns and drinking-houses increased after the incorporation of the city is shown by the grand jury reports. In 1709 many tippling and disorderly houses were presented; in 1714, thirty-five true bills were found, in one session, against unlicensed taverns; in 1744, there were upward of a hundred houses licensed; in 1752, there were a hundred and twenty taverns with licenses, and one hundred and eighteen houses that sold rum by the quart. During all this time, and until 1759, justices of the peace heard and decided causes at public inns, and the Common Council itself had held its sittings occasionally in those places.

The first public-house designated as a "coffee-house" was built in Penn's time by Samuel Carpenter, on the east side of Front Street, probably above Walnut Street. That it was the first of its kind, the only one, in fact, for some years, seems to be established beyond doubt. It was always alluded to in old times as "ye Coffee-House." Samuel Carpenter owned also the Globe Inn, which was separated from the Coffee-House by a public stairway running down from Front Street to Water, and, it is supposed, to "Carpenter's wharf." The Coffee-House was a great place in those early days; it was there the ship-captains and merchants congregated to discuss the commercial and political news, and many interesting scenes must have taken place there of which no account has been preserved.

Franklin when he came to Philadelphia in 1723. It was already an old house. Not so old, however, as the Indian King Tavern, in High Street, near Third. This house, which was famous in its time, was selected by Franklin and his friends as the club-house of the Junto.

The Three Crowns Tavern, in Second Street, adjoining the City Tavern, was celebrated for its excellent table and perfect management under the supervision of the worthy hostess, Mrs. Jones. Entertainments were given there to Richard Penn and other Governors. Peg Mullen's "Beefsteak House," on the east side of Water Street, at the corner of Wilcox's Alley, was another house celebrated for its cookery. Mr. Watson was informed by the late Col. Morris that it was the fa-bionable house in his youthful days. Governor Hamilton and others held their clubs there. The Freemasons held their lodge meetings at Mrs. Mullen's, which was also a favorite place for public entertainments and meetings of societies.

The London Coffee-House has been described at length in another chapter. Its successor in the public favor was the City Tavern. This house was finished in 1773, and was advertised as a new house in Second Street, near Walnut. It was intended to be kept as a genteel tavern. "It contains several large rooms, two of which, thrown into one, makes a room fifty feet long. Also several lodging-rooms." Inquirers were requested to address their communications to Hugh James. In 1774 it was advertised that





Six organizations with a heritage at Tun Tavern still exist today.



T O B E S O L D,

By Richard Wells,

In Water-street, opposite the Tun Tavern,  
Best Liver Oil, in barrels and kegs,  
Cotton in bags, Pepper in kegs,  
Coffee in barrels, Bohea Tea,  
Spermaceti Candles, in boxes,  
Linseed Oil by the barrel.



To the P R I N T E R.

S I R,

AS the old house in Water-street, in this city, long known by the name of the Tun Tavern, has been lately taken down, with a view, probably, to rebuild on the old foundation, it is expected, that the commissioners for paving and cleansing the streets will take care, that the new building be so placed, as to give to the street its proper width. They must know, that the grantors of the bank and water lots along the Delaware, hold under an obligation to leave out thirty feet, between Front-street and the river, for a cart way. This cart-way is called Water-street. Yet the passage before the late Tun-tavern hardly exceeded three quarters of the directed breadth. The interest of the contiguous land-holders is much connected with the freeness of public ways, but sometimes individuals, are too greedy about a few feet of ground, to see their own advantage. It is hoped, that the possessor of the lot in question will, in imitation of some other possessors of water-lots, readily acquiesce in restoring the street. For however the public may have borne with this nuisance, whilst the former house stood, yet it can not surely be suffered, that in so busy and thronged a part of the city, the encroachment should be repeated. In London, Dublin and other places, the attention of government is so much pointed at such objects, in modern times, that large appropriations of public money have been made to open and facilitate narrow passages of this nature. In the present case, the public has an undoubted right to have Water-street opened to the common extent, without paying for it. For it would be monstrous, that the wrong of the possessor in erecting this superstructure, and the indulgence of the public, in suffering it so long, should be construed into a right, to a part of the high way. X. Y. Z.

*The Pennsylvania Packet & General Advertiser*

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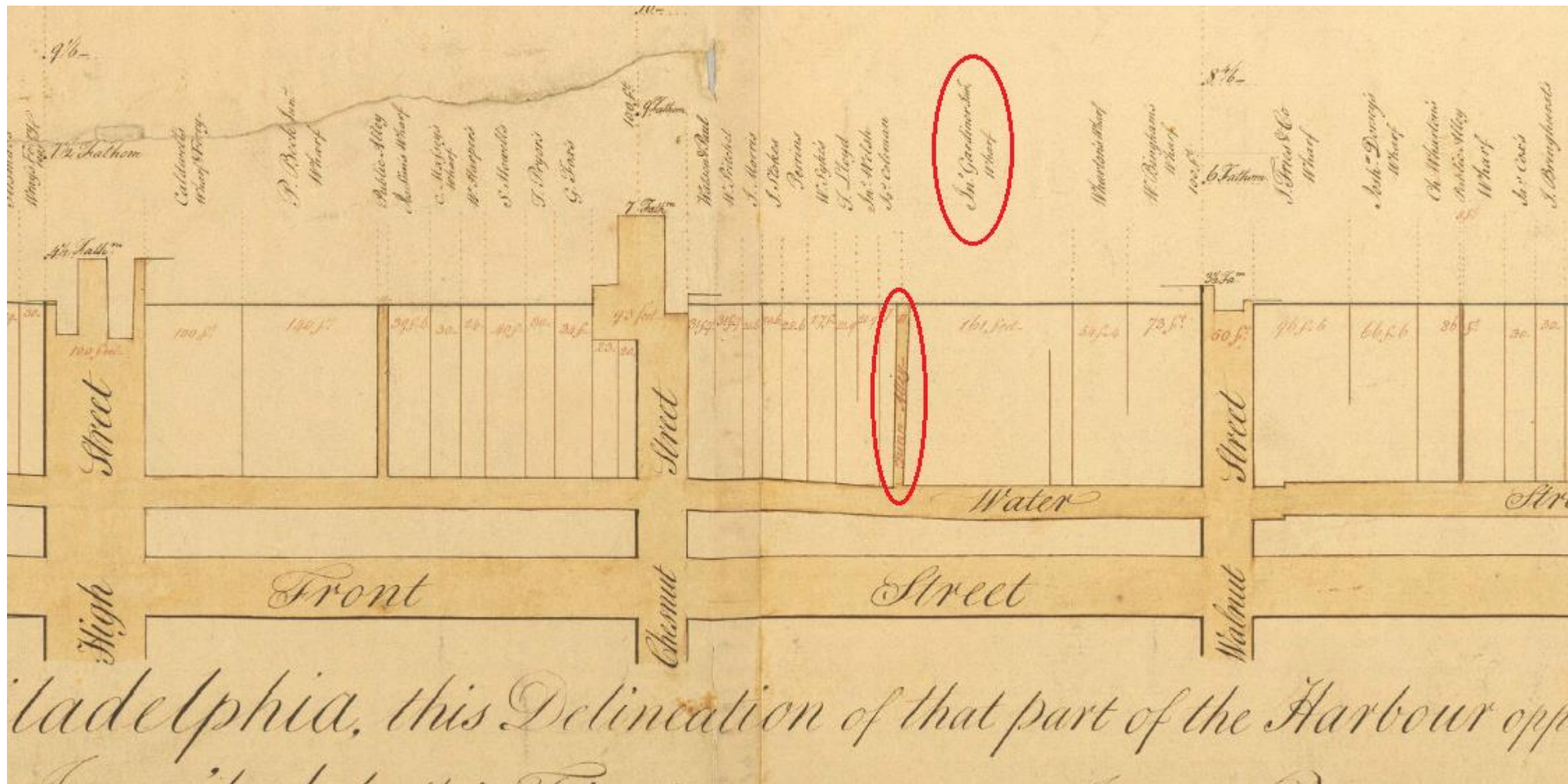
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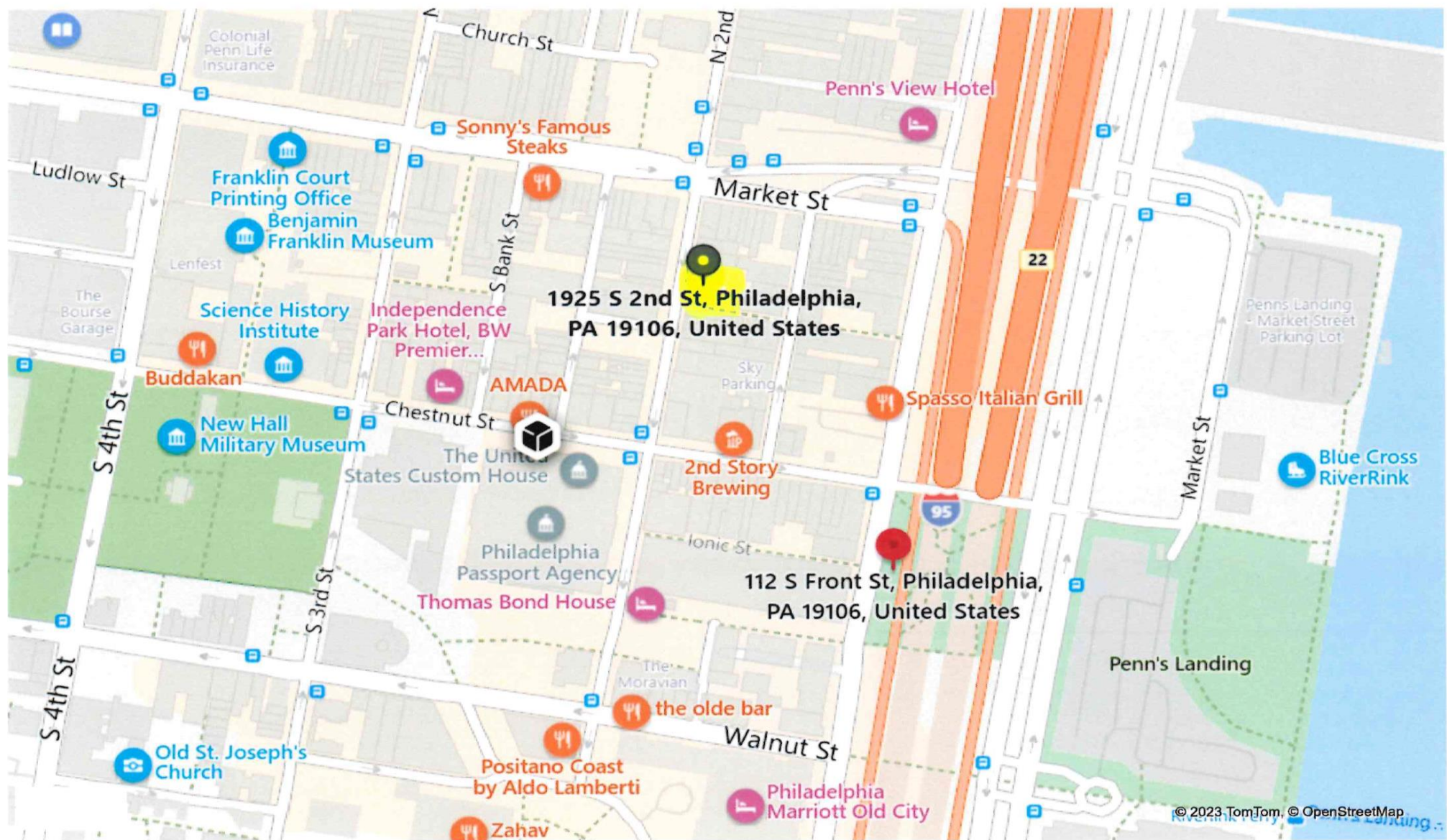
## Waterfront 1808

















## Legal

- 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation "The Tun"®
- Operational plan
- Atlantic City Tun Tavern

## Progress

- Design & Engineering Drawings are 100%
- Geotech, Environmental, RCO, Historical
- Zoning approval is expected in May 2025

Remaining Challenges? One: \$9,000,000



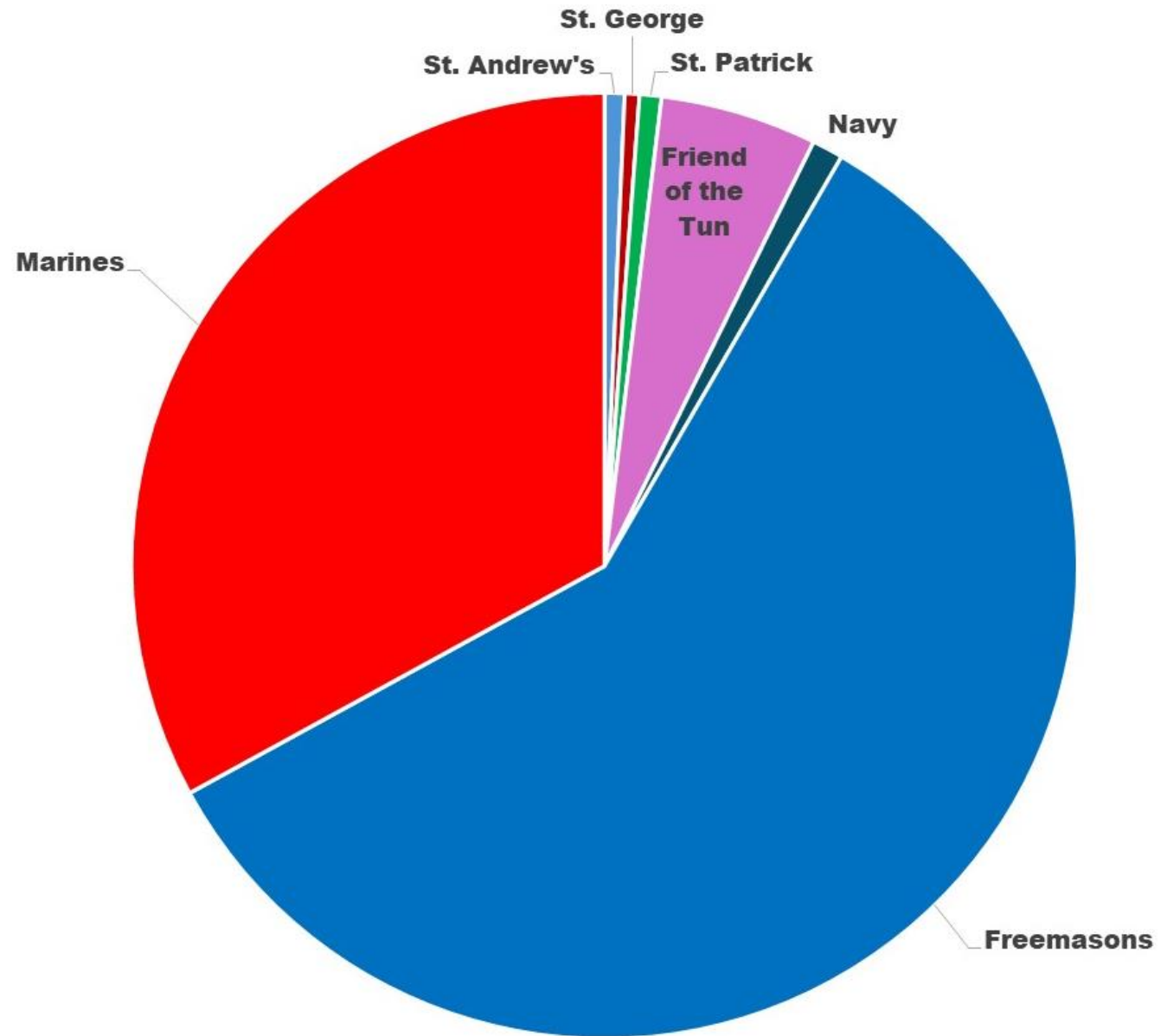
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