



Stonewall Jackson Hotel & Conference Center Historic Prospectus

The **Stonewall Jackson** originally opened in 1924, weaving itself into the hearts and fabric of the Staunton community. Designed by renowned American architect H.L. Stevens in the Colonial Revival style, the hotel's grand lobby and Colonnade Ballroom once served as the premier gathering place for Shenandoah Valley society and a welcoming place of respite for visitors to the Queen City.

Following the hotel's bright years, the **Stonewall Jackson Hotel** faced hard times during the 1960s and onward, as Staunton's once vibrant downtown gave way to commerce and growth in fast-developing suburban and rural areas -- a typical sign of the times. In 1968 the Persinger family purchased the hotel and reopened it as an assisted living facility with the owners hoping to one day restore the hotel to its original grandeur.

A redevelopment project had been in discussion for many years to reestablish the hotel as a shining downtown jewel. Through a partnership between the Persinger Family, the City of Staunton and the construction and development company Armada Hoffler, in 2004 the **Stonewall Jackson** began a \$21.1 million renovation and expansion venture. In October 2005, the **Stonewall Jackson Hotel & Conference Center** re-opened as a full service luxury hotel and meeting facility.

With the refurbishment of the property, many original architectural features of the **Stonewall Jackson Hotel & Conference Center** have been fully restored. A complete restoration of the hotel's lobby includes terrazzo floors, glass display cases, chandeliers and wall sconces. The Colonnade Ballroom was also painstakingly restored and features graceful 15-foot arched windows, refurbished floors, light fixtures, moldings and detailed decorative ironwork that evokes a sense of Southern spirit and hospitality.

The original marble staircase with iron rails to the mezzanine has been carefully restored. The hotel's mezzanine level itself has also been refurbished, and is now the site of the property's famed one-of-a-kind 1924 Wurlitzer Piano/Organ. Part of the hotel's history for three quarters of a century and an important piece of the hotel's overall renovation, this instrument has been precisely restored to its original condition and has been reinstalled on the hotel's mezzanine, overlooking the hotel lobby and 24 Market Restaurant.

In addition to these public spaces, hotel guest rooms are now located in two seamlessly-conjoined sections. The first is the hotel's historic wing, where hallways and entryways have been preserved to their original configuration to include historic archway doors. Additional rooms in the second, newly-constructed wing provide a total of 124 deluxe guestrooms, including four suites.

Today, the hotel also offers a new meeting wing, featuring an additional 4,453 sq. feet of modern meeting and event space (for a total of nearly 8,500 square-feet of meeting space when combined with the function space in the historic wing), as well as a business center, indoor pool with whirlpool, fitness center, and gift shop.

The **Stonewall Jackson Hotel** has been recognized by the National Trust's Historic Hotels of America for its historic and architectural significance. Entering a new era, the **Stonewall Jackson Hotel & Conference Center** is once again serving the needs of discerning guests, while preserving an integral part of the charm and splendor of Staunton's historic downtown for the entire community to enjoy.