## 2019 Honorary Commander Induction Ceremony Bio

## Troop 1, Xavier Teixido, Owner-Harry's Savoy Grill

Xavier Teixido is the president of Harry's Hospitality Group, which operates three concepts in Wilmington, DE: Harry's Savoy Grill, Harry's Savoy Ballroom and Kid Shelleen's Charcoal House & Saloon. He has held the positions of Chef and General Manager at the Frog and Commissary restaurants in Philadelphia as well as the Managing Director of Commander's Palace in New Orleans, where he worked with the famed Brennan family and Chef Emeril Lagasse.

Teixido has served as the Chairman of the National Restaurant Association (2002-2003), and Chair of the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation's Board of Trustees (2011-2012), as well as former president of the Delaware Restaurant Association. He currently is a member of the University of Delaware's Hospitality Business Management Advisory Board.

Other past service includes the state of Delaware's Tourism Advisory Board, the Multi-Cultural Foodservice & Hospitality Alliance Board of Directors and serving the Riverfront Development Corporation. In 2017, he was awarded the Thad and Alice Eure Ambassador of Hospitality Award from the National Restaurant Educational Foundation, given to an individual who has shown extraordinary achievement and exemplary leadership in bringing public focus to the hospitality industry through philanthropy and community service.