

## At noon, try dinner at Virginia's on King; have supper later

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There isn't much else more Southern than calling lunch "dinner" and dinner "supper," but that's the order of things at **Virginia's on King**, the latest culinary brainchild from the creators of **39 Rue de Jean, Coast** and **Good Food Catering**.

The upscale Southern-dining spot is inspired by and created in honor of **Virginia Bennett**, the mother of **Michael Bennett**, who co-owns **Bennett Hofford Construction Co.** with **Hank Hofford**. Virginia's on King is a collection of her "comfort food" recipes and Southern-cooking traditions

For the past 30 years, Virginia Bennett, 86, has served what she calls "family dinner" every Thursday to a group that has grown from her husband and six children to about 20 close friends and family members at her home in West Ashley.

The 10- to 12-course meal is always down-home cooking at its best, said Michael Bennett. But the baked ham, collards, macaroni and cheese, fried green tomatoes, fried okra and Hoppin' John wouldn't taste nearly as good if they weren't paired with a healthy serving of lively conversation and a warm atmosphere, he said.

So when the opportunity presented itself for **Holy City Hospitality LLC** — the umbrella company of Rue de Jean, Coast and Good Food Catering — to open another restaurant, Bennett said his mother's Thursday-night dinner was the perfect model.

"It's something real, not contrived," said **Daren Wolfe**, a partner in Holy City Hospitality along with Bennett and Hofford. Wolfe oversees the operation of the company's three restaurants and catering service.

"This is a great way to share Virginia's graciousness, service and food to the public," said Wolfe. Virginia's on King is located at 412 King St. For dinner and supper menus, visit [virginiasonking.com](http://virginiasonking.com).