





Interview with Big Chill Owner and Operator

Interview with Larry Calvano, Owner and operator of the Big Chill Restaurant Key Largo.

CT- The Fisherman's Cove and the Big Chill took over the old Italian Fisherman property at MM 104 on the bayside that sat vacant for many years. First came the 5 star, 3 bedroom bayview fractional ownership condominiums. Next the Big Chill restaurant opened with 3 bars, exceptional food and entertainment. Then Jimmy Johnson partnered up and hung his trophies in the sports bar and we all thought it just can't get any better than this and now you just put in a pizza parlor and made me the best pizza I've ever had in my life! I understand that your addition of the famous Enrico's New York Style Pizza is a tribute to your father?

LC - My father, Enrico Michael Calvano, was one of the Masters of the Art of making pizza. Starting in New York in the early 60's my parents opened their first pizza restaurant and after many successful years they decided to move with their 3 young children and start a better life in the beautiful state of Florida, which is every New Yorker's dream. We moved to Fort Lauderdale and in 1972 Enrico's New York Style Pizza was born.

CT - I remember Enrico's Pizza when I lived in upstate New York, it was by far the best and they were growing. LC - Yes, after many years and multiple stores later it was a huge success! Then my father became ill and on

May 25th, 2008 he lost his battle with cancer. Overcome with grief we made a decision to close the CT - What is the secret of business and seek other forms of employment. I was already involved with the Big God for truly blessing me,

than by naming it "Enrico's New York Style Pizza".

your success? LC - First I have to thank



The Calvano family carries on the tradition.

Chill at the time so I kept my focus here in Key Largo. My thoughts kept returning to the past and all the great memories, I just couldn't let it go, so on May 25th, 2010, the 2nd year anniversary of my fathers passing I decided to go out and buy a pizza oven for the Big Chill and bring back the passion my whole family with over 100 years of combined experience has for making pizza the way it should be, and what better way to honor the Master himself

and my wonderful parents who taught me what it takes to be successful in business and life. One of the early lessons was that you must surround yourself with good people and I was taught from an early age that you are only as good as your help, treat them with the same respect you would your family because they are your family in business. Never ask from anyone what you wouldn't do yourself. Love what you do and do what you love. Work hard

and never lose sight of your dreams! I have surrounded myself with the best staff in all the Keys, fulfilled my passion for people and serving them the best and freshest products available. With the love and support of my beautiful wife and son, success was sure to follow. Thank you Key Largo for helping make my family's dream come true!

CT- I can't rave enough about this pizza! Meatball & Ricotta, White Pizza, Fresh Mozzarella, Broccoli Rabe & Sausage, Arugula, Hawaiian, and Philly Cheesesteak are the Specialty Pies but the Italian Fisherman (Lobster meat, clams, shrimp and crab meat) and The Boss (almost everything) are my favorites. Your prices are low and the flavor is so fresh.

LC - When it comes to

pizza it's more than just dollars and cents, it's about pride and passion. In todays hard economic times we all need something to enjoy and let us forget about todays hardships and still enjoy the blessing that we all have. What better way than to share a freshly prepared, reasonably priced pizza with the whole family? Enrico's New York Style Pizza at Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill is committed to only serving the finest, freshest ingredients in our pizza's, nothing is canned or frozen. The other guys might make more money on their pies but they will never take more pride and serve as fresh and delicious a pizza as ours. It is true Italian Pizza the way it should be! And our way of saying Grazie Key Largo!