

## Our Story



The Papa Louie story started with the hard work of Anton Louis and Anna May Ptacek, building Bird Music & Amusement into a success despite the responsibilities of raising six children and serving in the Air Force during World War II. Louis and Anna worked within the community to help those around them, and set an example for what hard work and dedication can achieve.

Their youngest son, Tom, set about his own entrepreneurial quest in the amusement industry during the video game craze of the late seventies and eighties. In 1981 he purchased the

building at 4010 Pennsylvania. The Westport Coffeehouse was originally the home of Westport's first mayor, Thomas J. Goforth, in 1857. Mr. Goforth's painting business necessitated the building of a warehouse adjacent to his home, now a theater for KC Improv and local jazz concerts. After L.E. Harper bought the building, extra storage areas dug out by hand eventually turned into office space. The west side of the building featured



the Omega Machine Shop, whose logos are still etched in the concrete of the bar floor. The machine that measured fluoride for water supplies was created by the Harper family. This historic building has been home to painting, car manufacturing, music shops, arcade games, graphic artists, coffee, and now, burgers and beer.

Many years later, Tom's son Michael and his wife Cindy decided to start a brewery in the unrented office space in the back of his father's building, the former Omega Machine Shop. Because, what else could you do with an Economics degree?

The brewery concept met several obstacles and organically evolved into a small diner brewpub that featured hand ground burgers and handcrafted beer. February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 was the first day of Green Room Burgers & Beer. With no staff and no beer, Michael & Cindy fought through the apocalyptic tsunami of starting a restaurant from the ground up with a limited budget.



Kansas City's brewery scene slowly emerged from its slumber as several breweries opened in the years of 2012 and 2013. Green Room's specialty of hand pumped cask ale was met with trepidation by some. However, a vocal minority appreciate the minutia of this subtle, drinkable style. A true session beer, cask ale is real ale, unadulterated craft beer. Cask beer was joined by draft saisons, IPAs, and specialty barrel-aged beers as the brewers of Green Room got their feet beneath them.



As a family-owned business, we are working towards providing a high quality product to the community of Westport and Kansas City for a reasonable price. We are hoping to help build the foundation for future generations of entrepreneurs and beer connoisseurs. The spirit of Papa Louie lives on with our hard work and dedication to our craft.