

## **CELEBRITY CHEF**

### **JAMES "JIMMY" NADELL**

Chef Jimmy Nadell was born in Chicago to Italian-German immigrants and grew up working in many of his family's seventeen restaurants. By age sixteen he was the Executive Chef at the Medium Rare Steak House serving 500 steak and lobster meals per night. He graduated Culinary Arts from Joliet Junior College and Johnson and Wales University. After a tragic fire at the Admiral's Cove Restaurant in Western Chicago in 1986 where he was the Executive Chef, Chef Nadell decided to come to Aspen for one winter to enjoy some great skiing. Soon after, Chef Nadell found himself as the Executive Chef of some of Aspen's finest landmark restaurants including the Smuggler and the Motherlode, culminating in his position as the longtime Executive Chef at the famed Caribou Club.

Chef Nadell is the recipient of two culinary arts gold medals for his lifetime dedication to the culinary arts from Johnson and Wales University and Aregala International Association of Gastronomic.

In 2002 Chef Nadell decided to start working privately for elite clients including Robert DeNiro, Tom Cruise, Mariah Carrey, Jon Bon Jovi, Kristy Brinkley, Heidi Klum, Will Smith, Donald Trump, the Walton family, and more royalty than can be possibly listed.

In 2012 Chef Nadell founded the United States Chef Association, a membership association for chefs that offers several accredited levels of chef certifications internationally.

In 2017 Chef Nadell released his first cookbook titled "Aspen Celebrity Cuisine" and is currently working on his second cookbook titled "Celebrity Dinners" which is expected to be released in late 2018. These days when not in the kitchen, he can be found on his sailboat with his fiancé Apachula sailing around turquoise waters of the Keys, Bahamas and Caribbean.