Chef Michael H. Garbin, Union League Club of Chicago

Michael H. Garbin, a 1976 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York has been the executive chef of the Union League Club of Chicago since 1992. The Union League Club of Chicago is the #1 Private City Club in the Country.

Garbin came to Chicago from the Wigwam Resort and Country Club in Litchfield Park, Arizona, a Mobile Five-Star property, as executive chef. Prior positions included executive chef of the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, the Peabody Hotel, Memphis, and positions with Sonesta Hotels in Cambridge, Massachusetts and New Orleans, Louisiana and the Omni International Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

During this time, Chef Garbin has been involved in supporting the varied culinary educational programs in Chicago and elsewhere by providing internship and work opportunities for students and graduates. As well, he has provided opportunities for job shadowing programs with Chicago Public Schools. Chef Garbin is a life member of the Honorable Order of the Golden Toque and a member of the American Academy of Chefs, the honor society of the American Culinary Federation.

Chef Garbin is Chairman of the Board and Past President of the ACF Windy City Professional Culinarians Inc.