Butternut Squash Creme Brulee

1 ½ C. roasted butternut squash (split, roasted, peeled, mashed)

1 qt. heavy cream

4 oz. brown sugar

10 oz. white sugar

½ tsp. cinnamon

pinch of nutmeg

1 tsp. vanilla extract

16 egg yolks

granulated sugar for caramelization

- 1. In a non-reactive pot, combine squash, cream, sugars, and spices and bring to a light simmer. Remove from heat.
- 2. Place vanilla and yolks in a bowl. Whisk together to combine.
- Add cream mixture to yolks by tempering in a few ounces at a time while whisking to thoroughly combine after each addition. Gradually add remainder while whisking. Strain through a fine mesh strainer.
- 4. Pour into heat resistant dish. Place dish in a water bath, cover with foil, and place in a 300° oven. Cook 40 to 50 minutes or until a metal skewer inserted comes out clean.
- 5. Remove from water bath and allow to cool. Best if refrigerated overnight.
- 6. When cooled thoroughly, lightly and evenly coat the surface of the custard with sugar. Shake off excess. Brown under a broiler. Better yet, use a propane torch to make the brulee.*