DENNY DELUCA, executive chef at Rico’s Restaurant in the North Hills, has collected Steelers memorabilia for more than 30 years. What began with a few commemorative plaques has since grown to one of Pittsburgh’s most unique — and extensive — expressions of fandom. In DeLuca’s fan cave, autographed items sit alongside homemade decorations and even other fans’ personal treasures.

“People bring me stuff and say, ‘Denny, I really want you to put this in your room,’” he says. “There’s a bond there. The Steelers give us something to rally behind.” — Nick Sandomirsky

1. DeLuca asked for Dan Rooney’s help when Three Rivers Stadium closed and scored a pair of seats. He encourages visitors to sit in them when they come to watch games.

2. When it’s time to celebrate a touchdown, dancing characters in Steelers gear come to life with the flick of a switch.

3. Most of these figures are actually baseball and basketball players, painted and altered to look like football players. DeLuca implores the figures’ owners to help.

4. DeLuca built this Steelers “chandelier” out of 75th Anniversary commemorative cups.

5. “I have so many of these I don’t have room to hang anymore,” DeLuca says of his tickets with a laugh.

6. Carnegie Mellon University blew up this cropped photo for DeLuca’s ceiling after showing his collection as part of CMU’s Mill Gallery’s “Whatever It Takes” exhibit (August 2010 through February 2011).

7. Talk about precision work! — CMU staff typically responsible for cataloging dinosaur bones handled the recreation of DeLuca’s fan cave for “Whatever It Takes.”

8. Turf from the south end of the field at Three Rivers Stadium — right around the spot where Franco Harris made the Immaculate Reception.

9. DeLuca “Steelies” these coffee tables himself, taking a used piece of furniture and making it his own.