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Brown Bag Pinot Noir Tasting

The Lovettsville Gang • Home of Ron and Margy Natalie • Herndon, VA
Saturday • February 23, 2013 • 7 pm

The hedonistic Lovettsville Gang has been at it again. Master Herald Walter Rachele, Patricia Valas, Knight Rex Bambling and Gentle Lady Jennifer Crafts have been tasting large quantities of Pinot Noir from all over the world and then pairing the selected wines with various exquisite food tastes. Everything is being done for your tasting pleasure. The four wine judges / critics are meticulously arranging the details that will challenge your palate.

The theme is: Pinot Noir, pork and pesce...And on a cold winter night there may be a Porto...

The gang will provide the wines and foods, and, of course, the brown bags.

All you have to provide is your expertise in identifying the country or state of origin, and the price point of each wine. The expert will be able to identify the vineyard, block, clone, and the direction to which the vineyard faces. An easy task for most of us! Remember that in the Southern Hemisphere the sunny side faces north – or is it that the east and west are reversed? Oh well, we have some time to figure that one out.

The cost to this challenging and delightful event is \$45 pp. The attire is sweaters or similar. Tastevins please.

Knight Ron and Gentle Lady Margy Natalie have volunteered their home for this exceptional event. The address of the Natalie home is 12305 Folkstone Drive in Herndon. It is off Reston Parkway / Lawyers Road / West Ox Road, between I-66 to the South and Dulles Toll Road to the North. Please contact us for directions from your location, if needed. [Isn't Virginia imaginative in giving three names to one road over as short distance?]

So we may have an accurate count please notify Joe Alt, at joenpat@verizon.net or call 703-799-5988, or notify me at Ken@Haapala.com or call 703-978-6025 by Thursday, February 21.

Grab Bag – Blue Cheese Special

Saturday • March 23 • 7:00 pm

Home of Margy and Ron Natalie

Gentle Lady Margy Natalie is an aficionado of blue vein cheeses from all over the world. She will be selecting a wide assortment of cheeses for the grab bag. Each attendee / couple will be requested to bring a wine that they believe goes well with blue cheeses and an appropriate dish to have with such an assortment.

Our grab bags have demonstrated we are an eclectic group with a wide range of tastes. The event will be held at the Natalie home – see above. The cost will be \$15 pp / or couple. It should be great fun. Details to follow.

The Grand Assemblage

Induction of New Members

Enthronement Dinner

Osperg's Landing on Belmont Bay

Woodbridge, VA • Saturday Evening • April 13

A beautiful setting for an elegant evening in celebration of our new members. Details to follow.

Thomas Jefferson Harvest Dinner (Planning)

The Charlotte Hotel and Restaurant • Saturday • October 19

Onancock (Eastern Shore), VA

Anthony Ramdass is planning a great fall weekend getaway focusing on the boutique Charlotte Hotel in the historic harbor town of Onancock, VA. Those who know Anthony realize this will be an exquisitely planned and executed weekend. For those arriving on Friday, there will be planned events during the day on Saturday. The major event will be an eight course dinner starting with a champagne reception at Maison Ramdass followed by 7 courses at the Restaurant. The suggested menu is superb and features local products.

The planning includes a Sunday Brunch at the Eastern Shore Yacht and County Club prior to departure.

We will provide an update shortly with approximate pricing so that we can get an approximate count to the hotel as soon as possible.

Having lived on the Eastern Shore as a teenager, I'm looking forward to spending a weekend in a style we prefer, rather than down on the farm.

Past Tense: The Francis Fauquier Tournante. It was cold with blowing snow as the Scottish piper and members of the Knights of the Vine, in full regalia, led representatives of 5 wineries and their guests past lighted barrels, through the vineyards to the top of the hill where all gathered to hear some history of the event and the great improvement in Virginia wines and vines. Speaking last, and seeing the piper desperately trying to keep his hands and pipes from freezing, the Master Commander of the Chapter cast his 20 page speech to the winds, said a few words, and then concluded the ceremony with a robust Per Vitem! Ad Vitam!

Thank you Mary Anne, Walter, Margy, Ron, and Anthony for braving the cold.

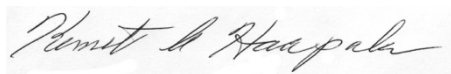
Mary Anne saw a great photo of the event in the local newspaper, which we are attempting to acquire. It will be a fine addition to the new chapter web site that should be operating by next week.

Dues Notices: They have been sent out and please send your dues in as soon as possible.

North Carolina Chapter: On May 5 the North Carolina Chapter will be holding its Grand Assemblage at the distinguished Graylyn Estate in Winston-Salem. If you wish to attend, please contact Master Commander Ron Newcomb at rnewcomb1@nc.rr.com 919-533-3300; or Master Vice Commander Jeff Price jeff.price@ssa.gov 919-696-6679

Annual KOV Meeting: The annual KOV National Delegates Meeting will be held in Santa Rosa, CA on May 4 – 5. As usual, our Chapter Commander will attend without cost to the chapter or members. One of the issues will be the updating of the National KOV web site. If you wish to attend, or have national issues you wish to be considered, please contact me.

Per Vitem! Ad Vitam!



Master Commander