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## Grab Bag

### *Wines for your Blue – Cheese that Is!*

*The Natalie's • Herndon, VA  
Saturday • January 19 • 7:00 pm*

Knight Ron and Gentle Lady Margy Natalie chose a great theme for their hosting of the January Grab Bag – wines to go with blue veined cheeses. They selected seven varieties, not announced prior to the evening, and all guests were requested to bring a bottle of wine and a dish they thought would go with the cheese. Some of the wines were red, others white, still others dessert wines and a number were fortified wines.

The selection was amazing! No two wines or dishes were the same. The enormous variety of combinations seemed endless. The diversity exemplified our organization -- people with many different tastes, daring to try something different, getting together to enjoy each others company with the common theme of food and wine.

All twenty-four attending agreed it was a wonderful evening. Thank you Ron and Margy!

## *Something Especially for Your Sweet*

*The Novotny's • Fairfax Station • Saturday • February 9 • 7  
pm*

Winter winds have you cold? Why don't you turn up the heat with "Something Especially for Your Sweet?" The Novotny's are hosting the event to those who wish to bold the cold to enjoy something especially warm and sweet.

Master Herald Walt Rachele, Gentle Lady Jennifer Crafts, a retired pastry chef, and their spouses, Pat Valas and Knight Rex Bambling are conniving to present unusual wines to pair with delectable morsels for your enjoyment. The wines will include reds and whites from dry to dessert style (and knowing our Master Herald's preference probably a Porto or two). The pairings will include chocolate, nuts and cheeses. Come see what they've done and bring your palate!

Knight Eric and Andy Novotny are opening their home for this event. The cost is \$45 per person. So that we may have an accurate count, please notify us if you plan to attend by February 7 by email: Ken@Haapala.com or call: 703-978-6025 or 703-625-9875 (cell)

The Attire Is: Sports Coat or Sweater with Testevin.

**Directions:** The Novotny home is located at 11649 Havenner Road in Fairfax Station, VA. This is near the intersection of Ox Road (123) and Fairfax County Parkway (7100) near Burke. From Ox Road head north on Fairfax County Parkway to the second left onto Clara Barton (about 2/3<sup>rd</sup> mile). Proceed about 2000 feet on Clara Barton to the second left which is Havenner. Proceed about another 2000 feet to 11649 Havenner. Eric will mark the driveway with red cones. So that those who may find the walk up the driveway difficult have room to park near the house, we request those who are able to walk up the driveway to park on Havenner.

From I – 66 or Braddock Road, take Fairfax County Parkway south past Fairfax Station Road to the first right which is Clara Barton and follow the directions above.

# The Grand Assemblage

## Induction of New Members

### Enthronement Dinner

**Gainesville, VA • Saturday Evening • March 29**

A Experience Not Equaled

Master Knight Frank Denniston promised us an experience not equaled. A challenging promise, but after examining the schedule below you decide. Viewing the venues, the plural becomes a singular event!

We will conduct the Assemblage at the Marsh Mansion and enjoy the Champagne Reception in honor of the new members, continue to The Regency at Dominion Valley, on to the Stonewall Golf Club, and conclude at the Marsh Mansion. At each stop we enjoy the best of the chef. Palate challenging wines will be selected.

Details remain. A wild ride requires suitable coaches and lodging. Already we are arranging nearby lodging at group rates and plan to have coach service for those staying at these hotels at their pleasure.

Grid Your Girdles Lads and Ladies. We are in for a Wild Ride.  
Excess is Excellent When Not Over Done!!

*The Grand Assemblage*

**Induction and Enthronement Dinner  
Gainesville, VA  
Saturday, March 29, 2008  
Time: TBD**

**Heritage Hunt Golf & Country Club-Marsh Mansion**

**Induction of New Members**

*First Course*

**Hors D' Oeuvres  
Mini Beef Wellington  
Roasted Cauliflower Bisque with Curry Oil and Chive Sticks in a Demitasse Cup  
Seafood Ceviche  
Cured Duck Ham with Roasted Apple Butter on a Peppered Apple Chip  
White Fish Mousse Wrapped In Lox**

**Regency at Dominion Valley**

*Second Course*

**Grilled Quail with Potato Leek Hash Topped with a Chive Burré Blanc**

*Third Course*

**Carpaccio of Beef over Baby Greens with Shaved Asiago and Pimento Aioli**

*Fourth Course*

**Pan Seared Scallops with Beet Whipped Potato and a Pomegranate Glaze**

*Intermezzo*

**Peach Mousse with Citrus Tuile**

**Stonewall Golf Club**

*Fifth Course*

**Confit of Virginia Rabbit Crepine with a Jus of Chinese Lilly Bulb,  
Asparagus and Purple Finger Potatoes**

*Sixth Course*

**Salad of Three Endive Lettuces, a Parcel of House Made Goat Cheese,  
Emulsified Vanilla Dressing, Crostini of Pine Nut Butter**

*Seventh Course*

**Assorted Cheeses both American Artisonal and European Classical with  
Presentation**

**Heritage Hunt Golf & Country Club- Marsh Mansion**

*Eighth Course*

**Chocolate Duo**

## OTHER NEWS:

**New Members:** We have applications from five new members but we would like more. If you have anyone to recommend please do so as quickly as possible. Also, **please send all applications to Master Commander Kenneth A. Haapala**, not to national.

**Dues Notices:** Dues notices from National have been sent but are not self-explanatory. All members who joined last spring are required to pay this year's dues to continue membership. Although in the past, the obligation was to pay dues by June 30, last year the obligation was changed to March 31 even though no such statement appears in this dues notice.

Although not stated in the notice, if our members do not pay by March 31, the rebate to our chapter is reduced or may be eliminated. Further, a later payment may significantly reduce our voting power at the Annual National Meeting in April. Our membership is at the cusp between one voting and two voting delegates. Obviously, we prefer to have two. Please pay your dues now.

### **Upcoming International and National Events:**

As many already know the 2008 International Congress will be held in London between May 21 and 25. Please contact Vice Commander Russ Davis for details.

What may be new to many is that the national office is planning a National Wine Congress during the "crush" in Napa Valley from September 13 and September 19. Details for that event will be available at the end of the month.

This promises to be an exciting year!

Per Vitem! Ad Vitam!  
Kenneth A. Haapala,  
Master Commander