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Something Especially for Your Sweet

The Novotny's • Fairfax Station, VA • 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 intersection of Ox Road and Fairfax County Parkway head north on Ox Road to the second left onto Clara Barton Dr. (about 2/3rd 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.

Please note: the maps are confusing, there is no interchange or access point where Clara Barton Drive crosses Fairfax County Parkway.

From I – 66 take Fairfax County Parkway south to Burke Center Parkway east. Take a right onto Ox Road (123) to the next right which is Clara Barton Dr. and follow the directions above. From Braddock Road, head south on Ox Road (123) past Burke Center Parkway to the next right which is Clara Barton Dr. and follow the directions as 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 start at the Marsh Mansion to conduct the Assemblage and 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.

Many details remain. With such a wild ride suitable coaches must be provided for those who desire them as well as to and from appropriate lodging. Already we have arranged nearby lodging at suitable group rates and plan to have coach service for those staying at these hotels at their pleasure.

Grid you girdles lads and ladies. We may be in for a wild ride.

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 pay later than 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 18 to September 21. Announcements for the event are being sent out.

This promises to be an exciting year!

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