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Blessing of the Vines

Pearmund Cellars • Broad Run, VA • Saturday
September 13 • 7pm

This year we will celebrate the Blessing of the Vines at Pearmund Cellars in Broad Run. Master Scribe Mary Anne Wassenberg has arranged the priest and for some members of a choir to accompany us. Join us for this traditional and moving ceremony.

The event will start at 3pm with tasting of wines. The procession will start about 3:30pm. Afterwards we will continue with wines and tasty tidbits from party platters.

The price is \$25 pp for members and guests plus the cost of wines you purchase. The attire is casual with tastevines.

So we can plan an appropriate quantity of food, if you intend to attend please email me at Ken@Haapala.com or better yet send a check to Joe Alt; Treasurer KOV; 8201 Tis Well Drive; Alexandria, VA 22306.

For directions go to: <http://www.pearmundcellars.com/wines.shtml>

Pearmund Cellars is having a wine dinner that evening and a few places are open. If you are interested in staying for dinner please call 540-347-3475 as soon as possible.

Thomas Jefferson Harvest Dinner

Stone Mountain Vineyards • Dyke, VA

Saturday, October 4 • 6pm

Fall is the most perfect time to enjoy the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, and one of the most perfect places is the tasting room of Stone Mountain Vineyards on Wyatt Mountain Road in Dyke, Virginia near Skyline Drive.

Master Knight Chris Breiner has asked us to visit his winery in this beautiful location about thirty minutes from Charlottesville. There is no better occasion than the Thomas Jefferson Harvest Dinner to appreciate the grander of the location.

Chris is seeing to our every need. The noted C and O Restaurant will cater our formal dinner. Chris arranged for a block of rooms to be held until September 5 at the Best Western in nearby Ruckersville. The rates are \$159 for a standard King and \$179 for a Queen Suite. To assure a room please reserve it with your credit card. Mention Knights of the Vine / Stone Mountain Vineyards. Tele: (434) 985-1855

For those who prefer the quaint English Inn further away in Charlottesville, we have set aside a block of rooms for \$89.99. Again, reservations must be made this week. Mention the KOV. Tele: 800-786-5400. Please be aware that this is a football weekend, so make reservations as quickly as possible.

We will be meeting with Dave of C&O Restaurant in about a week requesting he develop a menu suitable for the Thomas Jefferson Harvest Dinner. After that has been settled, we will select appropriate wines to supplement the excellent wines of Stone Mountain.

The price will be \$150 pp. To reserve a place please send a check to Joe Alt; Treasurer KOV; 8201 Tis Well Drive; Alexandria, VA 22306

The attire will be black tie with decorations.

Please note: the road from Dyke includes almost 4 miles of back country road then 2 miles of gravel road. We suggest that all who can go by car pools. Also, to assure you do not get lost, use the directions from Stone Mountain rather than google or yahoo.
<http://www.stonemountainvineyards.com/>

The Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine
National Congress – 2008
Napa Valley, California
September 18 – 21, 2008

For last minute ditherers it is not too late to sign up for the National Congress. If you always wished to enjoy Napa Valley at its best, this is the perfect opportunity. Master Treasurer Trish Hagner of Houston and her committee have created an elegant opportunity to participate in the wonders of Napa Valley during its most splendid season – the Crush.

The center of the activities will be the noted Meritage Resort in Napa. Sophisticated dinners, winery tours and tastings, visits to the American Center for Wine, Copia, and to the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone are only part of the carefully planned excursions. Even better, transportation by motorcoach to all venues is provided – when touring in luxury, why bother drive?

For a chic appreciation of Napa at its finest, please visit the web site of the National Congress: www.kovcongress.org.

Hope to see you at the Blessing!
Per Vitem! Ad Vitam!
Kenneth A. Haapala,
Master Commander