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Grab Bag

***Huddle Down with Comforting Winter Stew,
Wine, and Someone Most Comforting with You***

***After You Experience Some of the Most
Amazing Creations from the
Mind of Man***

At the

**Steven Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum
At Dulles Airport at 3:45pm**

Then Go To

***The Natalie's • Herndon, VA
Saturday • January 24 • 6:30 pm***

Gentle Lady Margy and Knight Ron Natalie plan a sterling example of the greatness of our nation.

We will start, for those who desire, in the world's most impressive museum for man's flight: the Steven Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum. Margy is arranging to have one of the finest experts on this stunning display to conduct our private tour.

The cost is only the cost of parking of \$12 (which is free after 4:00pm). If you come after 4pm, you can catch up on the tour. I plan to arrive early in hopes to catch a ride on "The Sled" which would be more exciting than "Rosebud."

Imagine what it must have been like to be listening to radio chatter at LAX one day in the late 1980's when pilots were jokingly calling in their coordinates asking the tower for speed checks. From crop dusters to commercial airliners the pilots joked about their speed. Then a couple of jet jockeys called in and got responses of Mach 1.7 or so. Then came another request – long pause from the tower – finally a voice of disbelief stated Mach 3.1.

Dead silence. More than three times the speed of sound! Nothing with wings flew that fast. The Sled did!

The concrete floor of the Steven Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum is extremely dense. Wear your most comfortable shoes with cushioned soles. If you have any walking issues, please avail yourself to the wheeled chairs that are plentiful and at no cost.

The tour ends at 5:30pm when we will go to the Natalie home at 12305 Folkstone Drive in Herndon.

Directions from the Museum to the Natalie home: Exit the museum onto Route 28 NORTH, Take first exit onto McLearen Rd. Take McLearen to the end and turn right on West Ox Rd. Continue on West Ox Rd, where West Ox turns right continue straight onto Folkstone. The house is 12305 Folkstone Drive, and is 4/10 of a mile on the right from the West Ox intersection.

Multi-talented Margy is preparing a winter stew and you are obligated to bring an appropriate wine of your choice. This will be a great opportunity to relax after seeing the most thrilling exposition of modern flight. The charge is \$10pp and \$15 per couple.

Attire: practical for touring and the weather.

So we may have an accurate count please notify Joe Alt, at joenpat@verizon.net or call 703-799-5988 by Thursday January 22.

Something Especially for Your Sweet

The Novotny's • Fairfax Station, VA • Saturday • February 20 • 7 pm

Winter winds have you cold? Why don't you turn up the heat with "Something Especially for Your Sweet?" Knight Eric and Andy Novotny are opening their home to those who wish to bold the cold to enjoy something especially warm and sweet.

Master Herald Walt Rachele and his usual crowd of reprobates 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 are unknown, perhaps unknowable. Come, experience what they concoct. Bring your palate!

The cost is \$45 per person. So that we may have an accurate count, if you plan to attend please send a check to Joe Alt, Treasurer KOV; 8201 Tis Well Drive; Alexandria, VA 22306 to arrive by Wednesday, February 18. or notify Joe Alt, at joenpat@verizon.net or call 703-799-5988.

The Attire Is: Sports Coat or Sweater with Tastevin.

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

Mount Vernon, Virginia

Saturday Evening, March 14, 2009

Few are privileged to have an event at the home of George and Martha Washington. We are so honored thanks to Supreme Knight Gordon Murchie. It will be an exceptional privilege for the Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine to invest our new members with the responsibilities of their great position on the grounds of Mt. Vernon. We demand they be as worthy, truthful, and committed to their task as our great General and President.

The evening will commence with a private tour of the home of George and Martha Washington at 5:30 pm, prompt. The location and timing of the actual induction ceremony will depend upon the weather.

After the tour and induction we will have a champagne reception for our new members in the Courtyard Garden, weather permitting. From there we shall go to the Verandah Dining Room overlooking the Courtyard Garden for the Enthronement Dinner.

We will not be able to price the evening until we have worked out the full menu, wines included. Obviously, we will search deep into the KOV cellars for those special wines we put aside for special times. We will keep the cost, including the tour, in line with past Assemblages.

Some of our friends in other chapters have already booked airline tickets to join us at our Assemblage. We are exploring having a wine reception in Old Town Alexandria on Friday, March 13. At least, for me, it is not the Ides of March.

If we are successful in establishing a reception, it will be about two hours featuring Virginia and Atlantic Seaboard wines with hors d'overes. This reception will be modestly priced, but appropriate.

We are starting the New Year with exciting and exceptional events! We do so because we have the imagination of many. Thank you all.

Per Vitem! Ad Vitam!

Kenneth A. Haapala, Master Commander
The Nation's Capital Chapter and for
The Commonwealth of Virginia

The dues notices are out. Please pay your dues as quickly as possible. Prompt payment enhances the amount that National sends back to our Chapter (which may cover the cost of the tour at Mr. Vernon, for example) and greatly enhances our influence at National meetings.