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# The Grand Assemblage

## Induction of New Members

## Enthronement Dinner

## On The Estate of Our

# General George Washington

## Mount Vernon, Virginia

Saturday Evening, 5:30 pm

March 14, 2009

General George Washington invites his exceptional supporters, the Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine, to invest its new members with the responsibilities of their great position on the grounds of his Estate at Mt. Vernon. The new members must be as worthy, truthful, and committed to their task as our great General.

The evening will commence with a private tour of the home of General George and Martha Washington at 5:30 pm, prompt.

## Program

We request all attending to arrive and park on the Mt. Vernon parking lots by 5:15. **So we may set up for the Ceremony, we request those who will be wearing robes to arrive by 5:00pm carrying their robes.**

5:15pm: Please gather at the main gate, the Texas gate, where Master Hôte Patrick Finn will greet you. He will be carrying the lantern of Diogenes.

5:30pm: All will be greeted by one of the tour hosts who will guide all to the General's Mansion. Up to the reception at the Inn, you will have appropriate guides.

5:30 to 6:15: Groups of 20 will be taken for private tours of the General's home. The first group will be those who are celebrants in the Assemblage.

6:15 to 7:00: The Assemblage will be conducted on the East Lawn – weather permitting. If the weather is inclement or cold, the back-up location is the auditorium located next to the Mount Vernon Inn. In case of threatening weather, a decision will be made by 2:00pm the afternoon of the event. Last minute cell number: 703-625-9875.

7:00 to 8:00: The Champagne Reception for New Members will be held at the Courtyard Garden and the Verandah of the Mount Vernon Inn.

8:00: The Enthronement Dinner for our New Members will commence in the George Washington Dining Room. Please see the proposed Menu below.

## Protocol

**Setting:** The time is March 14, 1781: The Revolutionary War continues. Yorktown occurs later in that year and peace two years thereafter. Underpaid, undernourished, and living in primitive conditions, General Washington's army surrounds the comfortable British army and navy in New York City. The French army that landed in Rhode Island is linking up with the Americans. In the Carolinas, General Nathaniel Greene is leading Lord Cornwallis further from his bases of supply and Cornwallis is desperate to close with Greene who is now in the Piedmont (near present day Greensboro, NC).

General Washington will be addressed as General or General Washington. He insisted that Martha do so (at least publicly). (Even late in life, he preferred the title of General to any other.)

We do not shake hands! The formal greeting is a slight bow.

After the Procession for the Assemblage, with no music, but before the speaking parts, the General will be personally escorted to stand with the Cadre. He will present the certificates to the new members, again with a slight bow.

After the Reception, the General will join us for the Enthronement Dinner. After the first course of Peanut and Chestnut Soup, Master Commander Haapala will introduce Supreme Knight Gordon Murchie who, in turn, will introduce General Washington.

Ever laconic, the General will say a few words but in them explain why he undertook his perilous journey to be with the Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine.

After his short speech, the General will offer a toast. The proper response is: Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah!. In keeping with the times, we will have 10 to 15 such toasts. The proper response for each toast is Huzzah! (3 times)

The General will discuss matters of the day with small groups.

## Attire

In spite of the privations of war, this is the grand event of the season. For men it is Black Tie with decorations or period attire, for Ladies similar attire with decorations. The Enthronement Dinner is a grand event rather than a business type event. Ladies, think of Lady Fairfax or, later, Dolly Madison.

**Ladies: The tour is a walking tour, the walkways are brick and the East Lawn is soft. If you wish to wear them, please keep your heels for the Reception and Dinner.**

**Reservations:** We still have a few openings. Please reserve by notifying Joe Alt at [joenpat@verizon.net](mailto:joenpat@verizon.net) and sending him a check as soon as possible to **Joe Alt, Treasurer KOV; 8201 Tis Well Drive; Alexandria, VA 22306**, for the amount of \$165pp for each member and first guest and \$195pp for additional guests.

**Transportation:** For those who desire it, we have arranged transportation from the Hampton Inn, Alexandria Old Town South, to and from Mount Vernon for \$30pp round trip or less. The type of vehicle and exact cost will depend on the number desiring this service. Right now we have committed to one commercially provided passenger van and a Ford Expedition with a designated driver. If you have not done so, please let Joe Alt [joenpat@verizon.net](mailto:joenpat@verizon.net) if you desire to take advantage of this transportation. The Expedition will leave the hotel at 4:30 for those with robes required to be early and the van about 4:45 for all others.

## *Pre-Assemblage Wine Reception* *Featuring Atlantic Seaboard Wines* *Portofino Restaurant ♦ Friday, March 13 ♦ 7:30 pm*

Whether or not you are attending the Assemblage, you are invited to the Pre-Assemblage Wine Reception and meet our new members and join our out of town guests.

Combining the brotherhood of the KOV, the award winning wines of the Atlantic Seaboard Competition (and other wines), with the heavy groaning board of imaginative Portofino tastes promises to be an exceptional evening.

The attire is sweater, sports coat, or similar with tastevines. The cost is \$35pp. Please reserve by Tuesday evening, March 10 by emailing Joe Alt [joenpat@verizon.net](mailto:joenpat@verizon.net)

**Updates and directions: For all updates and directions on our chapter events please see our chapter web site: [www.kov-dc.org](http://www.kov-dc.org)**

Per Vitem! Ad Vitam!  
Ken Haapala

# The Grand Assemblage

March 14, 2009

## Proposed Menu for the Enthronement Dinner (Subject to Change)

### Hors d'oeuvres

Virginia Ham Raspberry Biscuits	Smoked Duck Biscuits, Apricot Preves.
Mini Beef Wellingtons	Lamb Satay with Tzatziki Sauce
Asparagus & Proscuitto wrapped in Phyllo	Seared Ahi Tuna Crostini

### *Flight of Champagnes, and other Sparkling*

Colonial Peanut & Chestnut Soup  
*Horton Viognier, Orange County, Virginia, 2007*

Broiled Rockfish over Stewpot Greens  
*Domaine Thibert Père et Fils, Appellation Pouilly-Fuissé Contrôlée, 2005*

Grilled Rabbit Riesling over Sweet Potatoes  
*Rapidan River Dry Riesling, American*  
*Maison Champy Bourgogne, Signature, 2005*

### Intermezzo

Mango Sorbet with Crystallized Ginger Garnish

Venison Medallion with Peppercorn Sauce over Red Cabbage  
*Barboursville Vineyards, Octagon, Virginia, 2005*  
*Chateau Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc, 2003*

Blue Cheese and Walnut Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette

(Homemade Breads, Crackers & Corn Fritters)

Apricot Bread Pudding & Fresh Berries in a Chocolate Cup  
*Walt Rachele's Assemblage Port*  
*Broadbent Madeira*