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Blessing of the Vines

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**Unicorn Winery • Amissville, VA • Saturday
August 29 • 2pm**

As with last year, this year Father Melmer will perform the classical blessing. Mary Anne Wassenberg has arranged for the priest and assistants as well as members of a choir to sing in the vineyards. The participants will, of course, be our guests. Members of the Cadre will perform their usual solemn duties.

The schedule is:

2 pm: Gathering with wine tasting at the winery. Unicorn Winery is about 7 miles west of Warrenton and off US 211

2:30 pm: Procession into the vineyards with singing and appropriate ceremonies conducted in the vineyards.

Cost: Modest!

Directions: <http://www.unicornwinery.com/directions.html>

Attire: Country chic with tastevins – the ceremony may be videotaped.

So we can have an accurate count please contact Ken@Haapala.com by Friday August 29..

Please see the video of last year's Blessing at:
http://www.kov-dc.org/videos/2008_blessing_of_the_vines.htm

Additional information and the schedule for the balance of the fall will follow.

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

If you are traveling Mark your calendars!

Other Chapter Events

August 22 – Monterey Chapter / Paella Party with the largest Paella pan you've ever seen!

August 29 – North Carolina Chapter, Cruise on the Belle of Topsail, contact Fanndave@aol.com

September 26 – Lake Tahoe Chapter / Assemblage

October 11 – Monterey Chapter / Pier Party at Pebble Beach

October 24 – Lodi Chapter / Assemblage

October 30 – November 1 – KOV Houston Assemblage (Omni Houston Hotel)

November 21 – Monterey Chapter / Assemblage on Cannery Row with Dinner and Dancing

December 11 – KOV Houston Holiday Gathering (Home of Lee & Laura Slataper)

May 1 – North Carolina Chapter, Grand Assemblage

International Events

May 20 to 24, 2010 / Budapest, Hungary

46th International World Congress of the FICB