



# the brotherhood of the knights of the vine®

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## *Holiday Party & Children's Benefit*

*Ristorante Portofino • Friday • December 4 • 7pm*

Open the holiday season with a spirit of giving, boredom, and celebration! After the compulsory, short, boring business meeting all will celebrate! Did we beat last year's meeting in brevity?

The Portofino will feature a great groaning board of super delights for this festive occasion. Some wines will spur of the moment and appropriate.

But the stars will be the great wines from Lodi! Where is that you ask?

Locked in the flat, hot Central Valley of California, between the Coast Range Mountains to the west and the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the east, some of the gold of California washes there, not from the mountains, but from the Bay. One evening, after experiencing the heat of the Central Valley in the daytime, I queried John Tudor, Master Commander of the Lodi Chapter: how can your red wines have such structure in such a hot climate?

He said feel the breeze. I barely felt it, but walking further from the building into the vineyards the breeze became more pronounced. John said it was a gap in the Coast Range that permits the cooling evening breeze from the San Francisco Bay to drop the temperature of the grapes that gives precious structure to the red wines of Lodi.

If you don't believe it, join us to enjoy the precious breeze of Lodi at the Holiday Party.

All attending are requested to bring a gift for a child (\$15 - \$20), appropriately wrapped, with the suggested age and sex of the child indicated on the package. These will be distributed to the less fortunate at Christ Church in Alexandria and to an appropriate organization in Anacostia (SE Washington).

The short business meeting will precede (6:45pm) this evening of merriment. The meeting will include the annual Treasurer's report, the announcement of the 2010 schedule, and election of officers. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Cost is \$45 pp. Business attire or seasonal attire, and tastevins please.

Please reserve your place by submitting a check for the appropriate amount to Joe Alt, Treasurer KOV; 8201 Tis Well Drive; Alexandria, VA 22306 by December 1. If you decide late please email him at [joenpat@verizon.net](mailto:joenpat@verizon.net) or call 703-799-5988.

## OTHER NEWS:

**PLANNING MEETING:** Next Tuesday, November 17, the Cadre will have the annual meeting planning for next year's events. If you have ideas for events, wish to volunteer for Grab Bags, or other ideas please let us know.

**Riedel Glassware event:** This event became all too expensive therefore it was cancelled. Perhaps Knight Arthur Roberts of Arton Glass has other ideas?

## OTHER CHAPTER EVENTS:

For information please contact the local chapters or me for point of contact.

November 14 – San Francisco Chapter Assemblage Dinner Dance at the new Intercontinental Hotel in San Francisco – I would love to make this one! – The restaurant just got a Michelin Star!

November 21 – Monterey Chapter Assemblage on Cannery Row with Dinner and Dancing – Always a delight!

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

January 16 – Wyoming Chapter Assemblage

May 1 – North Carolina Chapter, Grand Assemblage

## International Events

May 20 to 24, 2010 / Budapest, Hungary  
46<sup>th</sup> International World Congress of the FICB  
Should be a great one!

Per Vitem! Ad Vitam!  
Ken Haapala, Master Commander