



# the brotherhood of the knights of the vine®

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## Worldly Winter Warming Reds

*The Novotny's • Fairfax Station, VA • Saturday • January 16 • 7 pm*

Master Herald Walt Rachele and his usual crowd of reprobates are conniving to present unusual wines to pair with delectable morsels for your enjoyment. They bring a special selection of wines from around the world, a variety of varietals, several Wine Spectator top 100's and value Bordeaux.

They will concoct wonderful and unusual pairings of cheeses, meats and chocolates to titillate your palate. All for a mere \$45 per person.

Master Herald Walt Rachele, Gentle Lady Jennifer Crafts, Knight Rex Bambling and Pat Valas will brave the winter snows to plan this evening of winter survival of reds and hearty fare at the Novotneys.

All you need to bring is your wonderful personality.

So that we may have an accurate count, if you plan to attend please send a check for \$45 pp to Joe Alt, Treasurer KOV; 8201 Tis Well Drive; Alexandria, VA 22306 to arrive by Wednesday, January 13 or notify Joe Alt, at [joenpat@verizon.net](mailto: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 2/3<sup>rd</sup> 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: internet 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.

## ***Grab Bag***

***Saturday • February 20***

***Location and Theme TBD***

# **The Grand Assemblage**

**Induction of New Members**

**Enthronement Dinner**

## **Belle Haven Country Club**

**Alexandria, VA • Friday Evening • March 26**

Of the many Grand Assemblages we have had, one of the most splendid was the one hosted by Master Knight Chip Brennan at the Metropolitan Club. Now the General Manager of the Belle Haven Country Club, Master Knight Brennan has privileged us by offering to host our 2010 Assemblage in the impressive new club house at Belle Haven which is less than one mile south of the Beltway in Alexandria, VA.

No doubt we will greatly enjoy the delights that General Manager, Master Knight Chip Brennan, Executive Chef Philippe Knoepfel and Banquet Director Nicole Duncan will provide to make the 2010 Assemblage exceptional.

## **Educational Wine Tasting**

**Master Knight George Foote**

***Restorante Portofino • Saturday, April 10 • 7:30 pm***

## Nation's Capital Chapter of the Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine Proposed Schedule for 2010

January 16; "Hardy Wines for a Cool Winter's Night" Novotny Home, Walt will coordinate.

February 20 – Grab bag to be determined -- Ken will coordinate

March 26 – Assemblage at Bell Haven, FRIDAY Ken and Dave will coordinate

April 10 -- Tasting with George Foote at Portofino – Carl will coordinate

May 1 or 8 – Dinner at a Hungarian Restaurant – Russ will coordinate

June 8, or 15 – Winery tour – Joe will coordinate

August 21 or 28 – Blessing – Mary Anne will coordinate

September 11 or 25 – Potomac River Cruise – Pat will coordinate

October 16, 23, or 30 – Thomas Jefferson Harvest Dinner – Ken & Dave will coordinate

November 6 or 13 –tasting with George Foote – Carl will coordinate (if it is not possible we will go with a grab bag.

December 3 – Holiday Party – FRIDAY Portofino Carl and Dave will coordinate

### **Other News:**

**The dues announcements are out.** Please promptly pay them. By paying your dues earlier you assure that our chapter receives the maximum rebate allowed.

**The Arbor** articles are due at the end of the month. Please contact me if you wish to submit an article or photos.

Per Vitem! Ad Vitam!  
Ken Haapala