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Grab Bag

Saturday • February 20

SNOWED OUT!!

It was bound to happen that one year we would have an event snowed out. This year it goes in style. Many regional records have been set for total snowfall and / or snowfall in a single storm. Debra Arthur reports that River Lee Farm in Middleburg has received a total of 82 inches of the white stuff.

The snow has caused roofs to collapse at the Dulles Jet Center (where many business jets are parked) and the Smithsonian's warehouses in Suitland. And just think, the winter season is slightly more than one-half over.

Judging from the projected temperatures, of highs in the 30's and lows in the teen's to low 20's we will not experience much snow melt in the next week or so. Thus, the ability to park our sleights and quarter our draft animals during any party would be virtually impossible forcing the cancellation of the event.

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.

Details will follow shortly. The Hampton Inn is within a few blocks and we will contact them about a special rate.

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

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:

Master Herald Walt Rachele, Gentle Lady Jennifer Crafts, Knight Rex Bambling and Pat Valas prepared a magnificent display of food and wine pairings for the “Worldly Winter Warming Reds” at the Novotny home on January 16. The taste combinations were

exceptional. The event should that quality wines can be purchased for under \$20.00 per bottle.

OTHER CHAPTER EVENTS

February 27 – Chancellery Chapter, Grand Assemblage, Elevation of Margrit Mondavi to Supreme Lady, The Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine & Food Science, U of CA, Davis.

April 23 & 24 – KOV Annual Meeting, Lodi

May 1 – North Carolina Chapter, Grand Assemblage

International Events

May 20 to 24, 2010 / Budapest, Hungary

46th International World Congress of the FICB

Stay warm! Drink winter reds – or whites!

Per Vitem! Ad Vitam!

Ken Haapala