



# the brotherhood of the knights of the vine®

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## The Grand Assemblage

Induction of New Members  
Inthronement Dinner

## Belle Haven Country Club

Alexandria, VA • Friday Evening

March 26 • 6:45pm

Master Knight Chip Brennan has privileged us by offering to host the 2010 Nation's Capital Chapter Assemblage in the impressive Belle Haven Country Club.

The menu prepared by Executive Chef Philippe Knoepfel is exciting. Most of the wines have been chosen and Banquet Director Nicole Duncan will make every effort to assure the 2010 Assemblage is exceptional.

**The cost** is \$175 pp. Those who attended the Assemblage Master Knight Brennan hosted in 2003 realize that **this will be an exceptional evening**.

**Reservations:** No! Only delight! **RSVP by check** to: Joe Alt; 8201 Tis Well Drive; Alexandria, VA 22306. by March 23. Tel.: 703-799-5988. [joenpat@verizon.net](mailto:joenpat@verizon.net)

**New Members:** Please submit applications for new members as quickly as possible. Please address them to Kenneth Haapala KOV; 9634 Boyett Court; Fairfax, VA 22032.

**Black Tie** (or business suit) with decorations, of course.

**Location:** To anyone familiar with Alexandria, Belle Haven Country Club is legendary. It is at 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria at the first intersection south of the Beltway off Richmond Highway – US 1. Beware, although Belle Haven is to the east, when headed south one must exit to the right to go onto Fort Hunt Road.

**Parking:** There is free valet parking to those attending. There is plenty of free parking available for those who desire to self-park.

**Lodging:** We established a group rate at the Hampton Inn two blocks from the Country Club. The Inn offers free shuttle bus service to and from the Club. The rates are \$119 standard suite and \$149 deluxe plus 9% tax. The hotel representative justified higher rates than last year because they are in the “Cherry Blossom Season?” Apparently they are on time even this year. To assure these rates, please make your own reservations by March 12 and mention the Knights of the Vine. (703-329-1400)

## **Grand Assemblage Dinner**

(Subject to Refinement)

### Champagne Reception in Honor of New Members

Foie Gras de Canard on Brioche  
Demi Tasse of Cappuccino of Forest Mushroom, Truffle Oil  
Tuna Tartar, Potato Gaufrette  
Veal Cheeks Lollipops

### Gala Menu for Enthronement of New Members

#### First Course

Composition of Main Lobster and Scallop L'Américaine  
Golden Baked Pastry Crust

#### Second Course

Confit of Long Island Duckling and Smoked Duck Breast  
Chokecherry Cumberland Sauce  
Nest of Golden Frisée and Emulsion of Champagne and Cider Vinegar

#### Intermezzo

Blackberries and Cabernet Sauvignon Sorbet

#### Main Course

Thyme Herb Roasted Colorado Lamb Loin  
Caramelized and Black Salt Roasted Shallot and Cabernet Sauvignon Lamb Demi  
Gratin Potato with Emmental  
Wilted Baby Spinach and Kaleidoscope Beet Roots

#### Cheese Course

Tomme de Savoie et Bleu D'Auvergne and Monocacy Chèvre  
Port Poached Bosc Pear  
Porto Wine Marmalade, Quince Gelée, Artisan Raisin- Walnut Bread

#### Dessert Course

Chocolate Opera Cake  
Madagascar Vanilla Pot de Crème  
Mango Sorbet and Coulis of Red Field Berries

Chef Max's Chocolate Bonbons  
Almond Mignardises  
French Press Estate Coffee Presentation

# Educational Wine Tasting

Master Knight George Foote

*Restorante Portofino • Saturday, April 17 • 7:30 pm*

***PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE FROM APRIL 10 TO APRIL 17***

Master Knight George Foote has a few tricks up his sleeve in an effort to fool us. This event will be a blind tasting of Merlots. For years New World style Merlots were noted as being light, fruity, perfume wines where Old World style were more robust and intense. He suggests we will have two flights of Merlots consisting of 3 to 4 different wines each. George proposes the first flight will be in a lighter style and the second flight in a more robust style. Is he trying to sneak some old world wines with the new world wines, or some made in the new world but with the old world style, or some made in old world in with the new world style? This becomes so confusing.

To become unconfused, you must attend! **RSVP by check** payable to KOV for \$45 pp to: Joe Alt; 8201 Tis Well Drive; Alexandria, VA 22306. by April 14. Tel.:703-799-5988.  
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## OTHER NEWS:

**DUES:** Last year our Chapter had the most astounding dues payment record in the history of the organization. The 100% re-up rate is better than the Marines. (I must be doing something wrong). Please, if you have not done so, send in your dues in as quickly as possible. The earlier your dues payment gets to National, the bigger the percentage we receive back and the more we have for special wines.

**KOV Annual Meeting, 2010:** April 23 & 24 in Lodi, CA. This event offers the best wines that the great Lodi geographical area has to offer – and it has much to offer. Our chapter is allowed 2 delegates and 2 alternates and thus far I am the only one going. The Lodi Chapter headed by Grand General Administrative Officer John Tutor is planning an exceptional experience. Reservations for the special hotel rates must be made by March 30. If you wish to attend, please contact me at [Ken@Haapala.com](mailto:Ken@Haapala.com).

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

March 26 – Assemblage at Bell Haven, FRIDAY – AMAZING!

April 17 – Note Date Change: Tasting with George Foote at Portofino – Carl

April 23 & 24 – KOV Annual Meeting, Lodi, CA

May 1 or 8 – Dinner at a Hungarian restaurant or Hungarian Grab Bag – Russ is coordinating.

June 5, or 12 – Winery tour – Joe will coordinate

August 21 or 28 – Blessing – Mary Anne will coordinate

September 11 or 25 – Potomac River Cruise – Pat Finn 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 CHAPTER EVENTS

April 23 & 24 – KOV Annual Meeting, Lodi, CA

May 1 – North Carolina Chapter, Grand Assemblage. On April 31 Supreme Knight Gordon Murchie will be giving a special lecture on the history of wines in America.

September – Low Countries Chapter: New Members reception, September 2010  
Assemblage, September 2010

#### International Events

May 20 to 24, 2010 / Budapest, Hungary  
46<sup>th</sup> International World Congress of the FICB

#### OTHER NEWS:

#### **KOV Annual Meeting in 2011 or beyond:**

Grand Commander McCleery suggested that a future KOV Annual Meeting may be held outside of California.

I have requested Supreme Knight Gordon Murchie and Master Knight Chris Breiner to design a program whereby the Nation's Capital Chapter will host the KOV Annual Meeting in Charlottesville, VA in April 2011.

I have requested that these exceptional Knights provide me with an outstanding program to present at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

No doubt all members of the Nation's Capital Chapter will give such an extraordinary event their effort full support.

Per Vitem! Ad Vitam!  
Ken Haapala