

THE ARBOR

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**Sweet Wines Have Been
'In' for 8,000 Years**

The Art of Wine Making

**FICB General Assembly at
Musée du Vin**

Valle de Guadalupe

A Gatsby

by Rich Hughett

On Saturday, November 10, 2012, the KOV Monterey Peninsula Chapter presented "A Gatsby Night," a themed gala to celebrate their 2012 Grand Assemblage. This very special evening was held at the Corral de Tierra Country Club in the Toro area of Monterey County.

The Monterey Chapter was delighted to induct Luis Urroz, Alan Richmond, Nick Carter, Todd Tempalski, Peter Tansill, Paul Johnson and Scott Blazer into our Brotherhood as the rank of Knight. We were equally pleased to induct Carol Grant, Carol Richmond, Ruth Thompson, Shellee Perkins, Karen Worthington and Stacey Montoya into the order as Gentle Ladies. Another one of the night's highlights was the elevation of Stephanie Lee and James Pickworth to serve in the Cadre of the Monterey Chapter.

Members new and old, enjoyed excellent seasonal appetizers and a four course gourmet dinner complimented by five expertly-selected paring vintages. After dinner, everyone danced into the night to the music of Mike Marotta Jr. and his band.

Assemblage Committee Co-Chairs Greg and Shirley Gorman called the affair an "unqualified success," and thanked the many who participated in its production. It was definitely a wonderful culmination of a year of many noteworthy events presented by the Monterey Chapter.

TOP OF PAGE: Bridget Burns Dutt, Karen Worthington, Shellee Perkins and Laura Alladeen

RIGHT: Gina Griffin and Reggie Hammond aka Bacchus

BELOW LEFT: Bob Bussinger and Wendy Brodie

BELOW CENTER: Jack & Dawn Gallante

BELOW RIGHT: Dan & Susan Canalas



Gala



ABOVE: Scott Schied, Jack Gallante read aloud to the masked principle candidate James Pickworth

LEFT: Linda & Terry McCleerey

Commanders Reception in Carmel

by Carol Richmond

Wafting through the crisp Carmel evening, up the winding driveway to the valet parking station, the luxurious smell of fresh baking dough with hints of basil and fresh tomato, welcomed the guests and promised an evening of great gastronomic adventure. Inside the congenial kitchen of Linda and Terrance McCleerey's wood and glass architectural knock-out custom built home, the friendly expert staff of Michael Jones, a Moveable Feast, created the tasty ambiance for the Commander's Reception, Monterey Chapter.

A packed house of over 80 eager members of the Chapter enjoyed Hudson Valley fois gras with hibiscus reduction, Dungeness crab cakes and curried chicken complementing the expansive flavors in the rich Cabernet. The back roads of Monterey County delivered the spiced-just-right sausage from Corralitos and Jones smoked a Monterey Bay salmon for the evening. Chesapeake oysters with a beet infused mignonette were a lovely compliment to a crisp Chardonnay! There was a taste for every palate, and a wine for each connoisseur.

The fire kept Wendy Brodie's broken toe toasty as many took turns keeping warm and enjoying the home filled with Carmel stone, intricately laced burl wood flooring and metal work on a railing fit for a museum. Yet we

were not there for the architectural wonders, we were there to celebrate great wine and food, good friends and the common love of all. There were introductions of new members, recognition of wines donated, Big Sur sea bass ceviche and gracious hosts, Linda and Terry, kept the glasses from reaching empty levels. A tempting glimpse of the French Connection slated for May 2014 had everyone checking their I phone calendars!

Jack and Dawn Galante, new to our Peninsula from the Houston Chapter of Knights of the Vine, are community leaders in wine sponsorship for many organizations and were generous with their wine. The Knights of the Vine special blend was poured as well. Small groups of members and guests delighted in the newest vineyard findings. One special place in Paso Robles was mentioned with gusto during a conversation I was privy to. More in a later issue about the visit I shared with my special love over the Valentine weekend all due to the incredibly knowledgeable members of the Monterey Peninsula Knights of the Vine!

