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Thank you for your interest in our Brotherhood.

We hope the information below as well as that in this packet will help you to have a better understanding of who we are and why we exist and help you to decide if you would like to consider applying for membership to join us.

Our Houston Chapter is part of a National Brotherhood and an International Brotherhood of men and women who desire to pursue the enjoyment and understanding of wine and to fund scholarships to promote the study of viticulture and enology. You can learn more at www.kovhouston.org.

Specifically, our Houston Chapter was established in 1978 and continues to grow and thrive. We plan many events throughout the year that include Wine Tastings, Wine Dinners, Tours and Educational opportunities. Our membership is quite varied, but we all have one thing in common: our passion for wine. Membership in our Chapter and National Brotherhood also entitles you to attend functions in other Chapters as well as internationally.

You are cordially invited to apply for membership into the **BROTHERHOOD OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE VINE**, a member of the **International Federation of Wine Brotherhoods** (*Federation Internationale des Confréries Bachiques*) a descendant of the ancient wine brotherhoods of pre-revolutionary France.

Preamble

Wine is a gift from God, which has been used as a food and symbolic beverage for centuries. We have the privilege to enjoy and appreciate wine. Wine is a gift of nature, to be presented and shared. Together, we are bound in this "Order" for the purpose of enjoyment and appreciation of wine, to tell of this gift to the world, and to teach restraint and reason. The mission and primary purpose of the Order is to promote, teach and proclaim the virtues of the vines and wine through the use of science, literature and education following along the lines of good fellowship.

Aim and Purposes

The Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine is a non-profit organization of individuals who share an appreciation for and interest in the Vines and Wines of America and the world. We proclaim their virtues and use in a modern society by demonstrating the good life with wines through the courtesies of the table, and we educate ourselves and the public at large that wine is a healthy distinction to those individuals who support the cause of the vines and wines of America and the world, and we support higher education of students of Viticulture and Enology through the funding of scholarships.

Who is Eligible to Join the Brotherhood?

Both men and women are eligible to become Knights or Gentle Ladies of the Brotherhood.

Motto of the Brotherhood

Per Vitem! Ad Vitam!
(Through the Vine! Toward Life!)

Please contact us for further information or to apply for membership.

Sincerely,
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