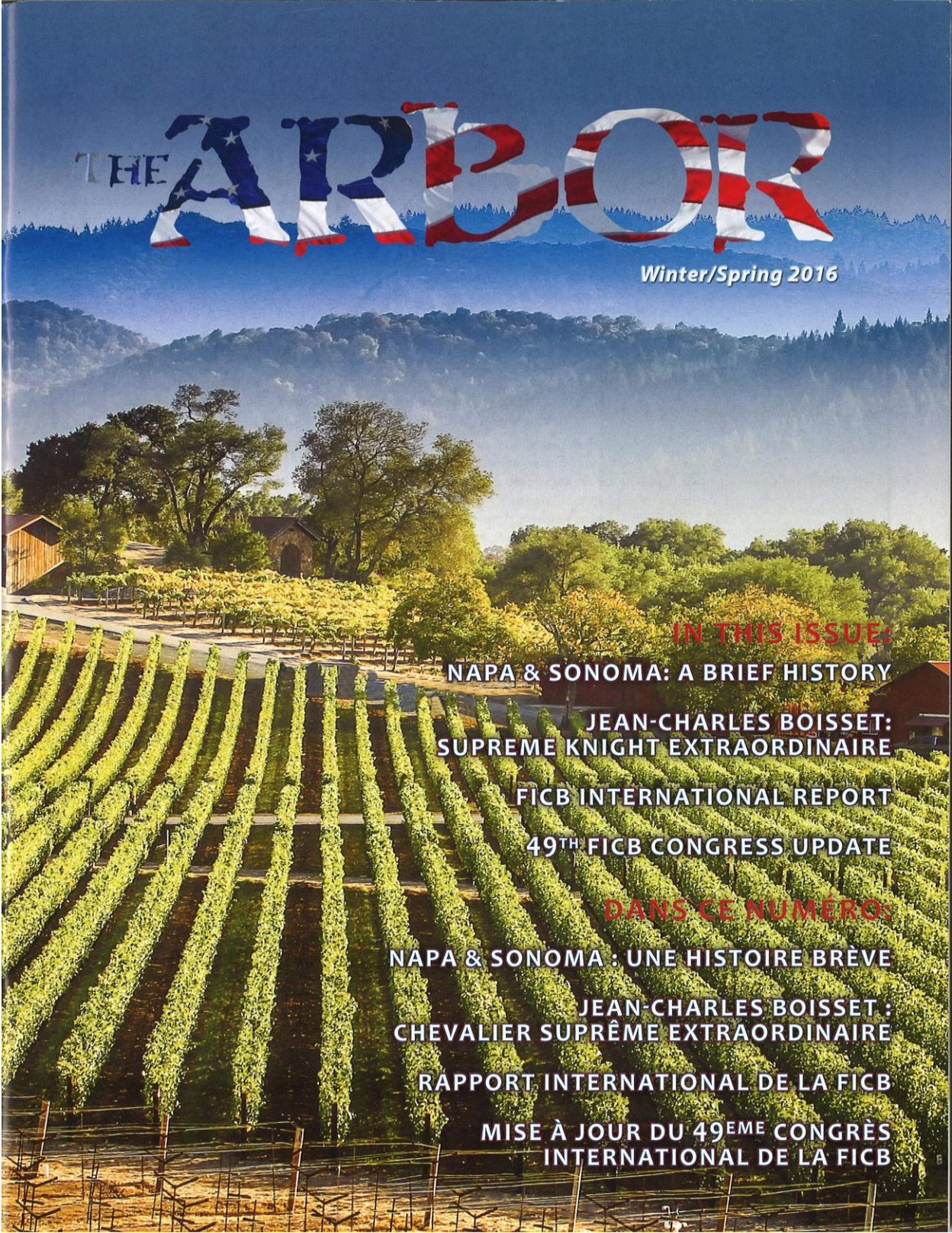


The background of the cover is a photograph of a vineyard with rows of grapevines in the foreground, leading up to a line of trees and a small wooden building. In the distance, there are mountains under a blue sky. The title 'THE ARBOR' is written in large, stylized letters across the top, with the letters filled with an American flag pattern.

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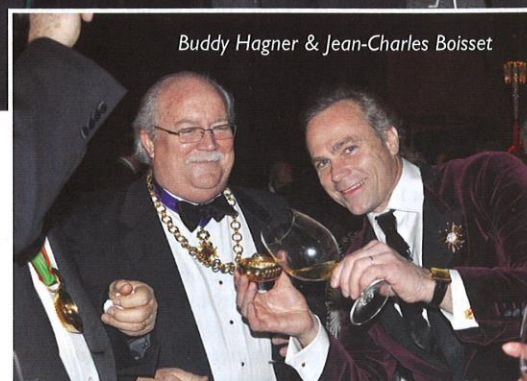
A BUSY 6 MONTHS FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER & OUR NEIGHBORING SISTER CHAPTERS INDEED!

By Pat Pingitore

It all began one warm Sunday afternoon with a luncheon hosted by the ever gracious Gentle Lady Giselle McKellar in the lovely garden of her Atherton, California home. A Spanish themed luncheon was prepared by SF Chapter's favorite chef, John Meidinger. The luncheon was paired with some surprisingly and economically priced wines that included Spanish Garnacha of Tres Picos which was fruity and well balanced, a silky, rich Tempranillo of Alta and a crisp Albariño from Baixis, Paso Senorens. Lady Giselle made sure to have fresh cut flowers on the table as we enjoyed the plated servings.

In November we were treated to a spectacular gala evening for our Fall Assemblage, held in conjunction with the Chancellery Chapter at another of Jean-Charles Boisset's Northern California properties - Raymond Vineyards in St. Helena.

The evening began with an Induction ceremony in the Gardens of Raymond Vineyards that included the formal elevation by Grand Commander Buddy Hagner of



Buddy Hagner & Jean-Charles Boisset

Chik Brenneman as Master Commander of the Chancellery Chapter. Buddy then elevated San Francisco Chapter Knight, and Oregon Wine Brotherhood member Ken Hick, to the rank of Master Commander of the newly forming Washington State Chapter.

The San Francisco Chapter was pleased to induct several new members into our ranks. They included: Ann Thomas as Gentle Lady, Ned Trippe of Stag's Leap Cellars, David Rock, Gordon White and, a surprised Peter Zimmerman, as Knights of the San Francisco Chapter.

Peter then introduced Gina Gallo, in a very personal and heart warming manner. Peter grew up in Modesto and was a childhood friend of Gina's grandmother and aunt. Gina was inducted as a Supreme Lady, becoming the third generation of Gallos to be inducted as Supreme members of our order. A true privilege and honor for our chapter and all of KOV!

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The Glorious Crystal Cellar at
Raymond Vineyards

Monique Mallein, Jean Jacques Vitrac, Roswitha Vitrac,
Jean-Claude Mallein & Linda Pingitore



Cup Bearer Linda Pingitore
& David Rock



Gina Gallo & Jean
Charles Boisset



Peter Zimmerman &
Meg Scrofani

Paul Peyrat & Marian Kirby



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The best was yet to come! Our members and guests were led to the Red Lounge for appetizers and the tasting of excellent Raymond wines before being escorted into the Crystal Cellars to behold our spectacular, sparkling dining table that must have been at least 60 feet long! It was set among the fermentation tanks, decorated with mirrors and baccarat chandeliers. A truly jaw dropping sight!

The dinner, prepared by Jean-Charles and Gina's personal chef Michel Cornu, was stupendous and the wines from both Raymond and Gallo portfolios, chosen personally by Jean-Charles & Gina, were incomparable.

Following dinner we danced to the rock sounds of the Bohemian Highway Band until late into the night. As the guests reluctantly left, many said that this was one of the best and most impressive events they had ever attended.

To cap off the year, Knight and Gentle Lady Scooter and Andi Blacklock hosted our holiday celebration in their lovely home in Noe Valley in San Francisco for the third year in a row. To commemorate this special evening, Knights Dick Katz, Scooter Blacklock and Master Commander Pat Pingitore dug into their cellars for some special vintage bottles of wine from both the "new" and "old" world that included, from France, a '62 Margaux, '64 Rothschild, '70 Chateau Montrose, and, from California, a number of bottles including a '74 Mondavi & Clos du Val, '75 Mayacamas, and a '78 BV Private Reserve. These wines were surprisingly well preserved, but the best of the best was a new world wine - '75 Mayacamas. In addition, our newly published author Dick Katz, discussed his new book and read some selected passages for the gathering.

Once again, Chef John Meidinger provided us with an array of hearty appetizers to make the evening truly festive and special. As is fitting for a Holiday Season gathering, three lucky participants took home decorative wine themed gift baskets, made by our own Gentle Lady and Master Cup Bearer, Linda Pingitore.

Oh, and did I mention that our hostess, Gentle Lady Andi was 8 months pregnant at the time and still was the consummate hostess! They were blessed with a beautiful baby girl - Olivia Rose, born on January 14th! A new Gentle Lady in waiting!

Gentle Lady McKellar with Chef John Meidinger and assistant



Janis Wild, Kathleen Hayes, Gentle Lady Giselle & Mark Randol



Dori Bonn, of the French Heritage Society & Fran Randol



Heather Browning, Andi Pingitore-Blacklock & Michelle Balog



Hostess Giselle McKellar with Roswitha & Jean Jacques Vitrac

