



## **Grand Conseil Newsletter** **February 2010**

### **The presentation of New Year's wishes to the Mayor of Bordeaux by Michel-Pierre Massonie President of the Grand Conseil**

After New Year's wishes were presented to the Mayor of Bordeaux and his City Council on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010, the Grand Maître, accompanied by representatives of the fifteen Bordeaux Wine Brotherhoods, congratulated the city's Supreme Judicial Officer, Mr Alain Juppé, for all the developments undertaken in Bordeaux during his various terms of office. He also recalled Bordeaux being listed as one of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites in 2007, a considerable boost for the thriving wine tourism sector, which enables winegrowers and wine merchants to welcome a huge number of visitors.



He then referred to the City Council's decision to create a Centre for Wine Culture and Tourism in Bordeaux, planned to be completed by 2014:

*“Although we are still experiencing the effects of economic recession, we sincerely believe it essential to invest in this extremely important project.*

*The objective of welcoming 10 to 20% of the 2 500 000 tourists who come to Bordeaux each year (400 000 visitors annually) would create tremendous promotion for the wine industry, which will naturally contribute to financing this venture through the intermediary of the Bordeaux Wine Trade Council (CIVB).*

*Although the cost of this project seems colossal (55 million Euros), we are nevertheless convinced that it will enable us to secure a truly deserved, prime position for Bordeaux and its wines.”*

Keen to show the substantial efforts accomplished by the Grand Conseil in promoting Bordeaux wines over the past sixty years, the Grand Maître asked for a list to be read aloud mentioning the name of each city worldwide in which a Commanderie de Bordeaux exists:

<p><b><u>United-States of America</u></b></p> <p>New York Philadelphia Nouvelle-Orleans Los Angeles Houston Atlanta Boston, Washington San Juan Minneapolis Chicago Cleveland Dallas Detroit Memphis Miami San Francisco Santa Barbara Saint-Louis Raleigh-Durham Denver Las Vegas Providence Naples Nashville Palm Springs Phoenix San Diego Sarasota</p> <p><b><u>Canada</u></b></p> <p>Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Halifax,</p>	<p><b><u>Europe</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Germany</u></b> Berlin Bremen Dusseldorf Essen Munich</p> <p><b><u>Netherlands</u></b> The Hague</p> <p><b><u>Denmark</u></b> Copenhagen</p> <p><b><u>Sweden</u></b> Malmo</p> <p><b><u>Norway</u></b> Oslo</p> <p><b><u>Great Britain</u></b> Bristol Manchester London</p> <p><b><u>Belgium</u></b> Brussels</p> <p><b><u>Switzerland</u></b> Geneva Zurich</p> <p><b><u>Austria</u></b> Vienna Salzburg</p> <p><b><u>Spain</u></b> Madrid Bilbao Barcelona</p> <p><b><u>Italy</u></b> Milan</p> <p><b><u>France</u></b> Paris</p>	<p><b><u>Russia</u></b> Moscow Saint Petersburg</p> <p><b><u>Latvia</u></b> Riga</p> <p><b><u>Lithuanie</u></b> Vilnius</p> <p><b><u>Hungary</u></b> Budapest</p> <p><b><u>Africa</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Senegal</u></b> Dakar Kaolack Saly</p> <p><b><u>Asia</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Japon</u></b> Tokyo Fukuoka Osaka</p> <p><b><u>Singapore</u></b> Singapore</p> <p><b><u>China</u></b> Hong Kong Shanghai</p> <p><b><u>Indonesia</u></b> Jakarta</p> <p><b><u>Philippines</u></b> Manilla</p> <p><b><u>South America</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Brazil</u></b> Rio de Janeiro Manille</p>
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*A total of 75 Commanderies de Bordeaux throughout the world,  
based on 5 continents in 26 different countries.*

To conclude, Michel-Pierre Massonie mentioned the Commanderie which will be inaugurated in the near future in Seattle by Angus Smith, Territorial Grand Maître of the United States of America, in agreement with the Grand Conseil in Bordeaux:

*“Contacts have already been made. We hope to be able to bring about this event during the course of 2010.*

*A key point to mention is that the head office of the American aeronautic construction company, Boeing, is based in Seattle.*

*As you well know, a large aeronautic industry is also located in the Bordeaux region. Through the intermediary of the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux, we think that municipal officials from these two cities could arrange a meeting to be held at the occasion of the inauguration of the Commanderie de Bordeaux in Seattle.”*

Having received an enthusiastic response from the Mayor of Bordeaux, participants were invited to raise their glasses to toast cordial relations and enjoy a cocktail party in the City Hall’s reception rooms.



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## *In Brief....*

### *Calendar*

#### **March**

##### **- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

- Connetablie of Guyenne en Entre-Deux-Mers : **New Vintage Presentation**

##### **-Monday 15th March 2010**

→ Institut des Sciences de la Vigne et du Vin in Talence – 18H00-

##### **-Thursday 18th March 2010 :**

- Association des Grands Crus Classés of Saint-Emilion: **Presentation of the 2009 Vintage.**  
→ Cours Mably à Bordeaux

##### **- From the 29th March to the 1st April 2010: « Semaine des Primeurs »\***

- Union des Syndicats Saint-Émilion -Pomerol-Fronsac : Presentation of the Vintage 2009  
→ Salle des Dominicains in Saint-Émilion - 9H30 to 17H30

##### **• Cercle Rive Droite: Tasting of the Vintage 2009**

→ Grand Barrail in Saint-Émilion - 9H30 to 18h00

Contact: 05 57 74 01 61 – [contact@cerclerivedroite.com](mailto:contact@cerclerivedroite.com)

##### **- Wednesday 31st March 2010 :**

- **Tasting of the Vintage 2009 of the Vins de Graves:**

→ Café Maritime in Bordeaux – Contact : 05 56 27 09 25

#### **April**

##### **- Saturday 17th April 2010**

Chapter of the Connetablies of Guyenne des Côtes de Blaye & Côtes de Bourg

#### **May**

Annual Chapter of the Commanderie du Bontemps de Sainte-Croix du Mont

#### **June**

##### **- Saturday 5th June 2010**

Fête du Printemps des Hospitalier de Pomerol

##### **- Saturday 5th and 6th June 2010**

Weekend of the Grands Amateurs organised by the Union des Grands Crus

Contact: [grands.amateurs@ugcb.net](mailto:grands.amateurs@ugcb.net)



##### **- Sunday 20th June 2010**

Fête of the Jurade Saint-Emilion

#### **September**

##### **- Sunday 4th September 2010**

Connetablie of Guyenne en Entre-Deux Mers Annual Chapter at Château de Rauzan.

\* *for professionals*