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Dear Beauceant Sisters,

On behalf of the 2017 Hostess Group, I would like to invite you to the 97th Supreme Session of the Social Order of the Beauceant, September 25-29, 2017. The 2017 Hostess Group are working hard to make this an enjoyable week for all who attend.

The Crowne Plaza Aire in Bloomington, MN offers a beautiful view throughout the hotel of the Twin Cities Skylines or the Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge and the Minnesota River, as well as the usual room amenities including iron, ironing board, hair dryer, coffee maker, microwave and refrigerator. The hotel also has free high-speed internet access throughout the hotel. The hotel rate is \$119.00 plus taxes, and you may choose a king or two double bed room. The hotel has a very nice restaurant area, and has recently has been renovated with an air travel decor. Come a day or two early and enjoy the Mall of America. Parking is complimentary in the ramp attached to the hotel. See the enclosed sheet with driving directions which also explains the hotel parking areas.

The hotel is close to MSP International Airport. The hotel provides complimentary 24-hour airport shuttle service, and there is access to the Hiawatha Light Rail between the airport and a stop across the street from the hotel. Car rental services and private cabs are available at the airport. Since our meeting is still six months away, we suggest that you check on any of these desired services closer to the date of the September meetings if you are flying in.

If you can arrive on Sunday, we have a tour planned on Monday to the Hastings, MN area where we will have guided tours of the historic St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Hastings City Hall. We will then travel to the LeDuc Historic Estate for a guided tour and lunch. Before returning to the hotel, the group will stop at the Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center. On Tuesday, we will be going on Al & Alma's Lake Minnetonka Cruise, for a water tour of the lake, as a delicious lunch is served. In the afternoon the group will be going to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Tours have been planned for the gentlemen on Wednesday and Thursday, and tee times can be arranged for any of the men who would like to go golfing during the week. Please read the enclosed information that has more details about all the tours.

On Wednesday, we will hold our annual School of Instruction as the Supreme Officers demonstrate the ritual and floor work. This is a wonderful opportunity to have questions answered about our work.

If you are a line officer in your Assembly, you will want to come to one of the breakfasts on Thursday morning and meet your Supreme Officer counterpart. There is also a breakfast for Past Presidents and one for the Sir Knights.

The Council of Administration has approved limited fundraising at Supreme Assembly. See the Fundraising Information sheet enclosed. Reminder that if you plan to participate, you must submit the information for items to be sold to the Jurisprudence Committee for approval prior to the Assembly.

Check the Tentative Schedule of Events in the packet for events and times, but listed below are some highlights:

- Tour bus leaves for Hastings, MN on Monday at 9:30 a.m.
- Tour bus leaves for Lake Minnetonka on Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- Vespers will be on Tuesday at 8 p.m.
- School of Instruction will start on Wednesday at 9 a.m.
- Formal Banquet will be on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.
- Officers and Sir Knights breakfasts will be Thursday at 7:30 a.m.
- Formal Opening of the 97th Supreme Assembly will be Thursday at 10 a.m.
- Election of Officers will be Friday during the meeting that begins at 9 a.m.
- Installation of new officers will be Friday evening at 8 p.m.

All forms are due by August 28, 2017 (Advanced Registration, Event Registration, Corsage Orders, Fundraiser Table Form).

On behalf of myself, our Co-Chairman (Mrs. James) Patricia Smith, and all of the 2017 Hostess Group, I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to our Special Deputy (Mrs. Jay U.) Nancy Ipsen PSWP, and Co-Deputy (Mrs. Martin) Mary Callaway, for all their advice and help. They have been most generous with their time, expertise, and encouragement as all the preparations have been made.

We look forward to seeing all of you in September, and to welcoming Supreme Worthy President Mrs. Joseph Bongiovi as she presides over the 97th Supreme Session.

Your sister in Beauceant,

(Mrs. Hugh) Sharlene Swift, General Chairman
2017 Hostess Group

Enclosures:

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