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INVITATION 41st GRAND CHAPTER

Bruges, February 8th 2020

Dear Grand Chancellor, dear Knight,
Dear Candidate-Knight, Aspirant-Knight,
Dear Ambassador

It is our pleasure to invite you, your family and friends to join us in **Brunnen** (Switzerland) at our
41st Grand Chapter of the Brotherhood the Golden Fleece
during the weekend of:

11 – 12 – 13 September 2020

We offer you the following program:

Friday September 11th 2020

13h30:

The participants to the General Assembly will meet in the lobby of the Seehotel Waldstätterhof, Brunnen-Ingenbohl (Switzerland).

13h30:

General Assembly in the Sust-Stube of the Seehotel Waldstätterhof

Participants:

- Board of Directors o.t. Head Chancery
- Delegates o.t National Chancelleries: Board Members only
(max. 3 per Chancellery = Grand Chancellor + 2 joined members without voting rights)

Dress code for the Knights attending the General Assembly: blazer with emblem and tie of the Brotherhood.

The agenda will be transmitted later on to the Chancelleries.

14h00:

Knights, partners, Candidate Knights and sympathizers, who do not attend the General Assembly and who have registered for the afternoon events, gather in the lobby of the Seehotel Waldstätterhof, Brunnen-Ingenbohl (Switzerland).

14h15:

- Village tour with anecdotes about famous and illustrious guests of Brunnen with concierge Xaveri Steiner alias Josias Clavadetscher
- Guided tour of the Swiss Knife Valley Visitor Centre

[Dress code for the Knights attending these activities: blazer with emblem and tie of the Brotherhood.](#)

18h00:

Departure by bus and gondola ride to the top of the "Rotenflue"- Alp

- Aperitif on the terrace
- Cheese fondue with traditional Swiss folklore entertainment in the local Gipfelstubi

22h00: Return by gondola and bus to Seehotel Waldstätterhof in Brunnen.

[Dress code for the Knights from 18.00h: blazer with emblem and tie of the Brotherhood.](#)
[Ladies: smart casual \(warm jacket for outdoor\).](#)

Saturday, September 12th 2019

07h00 – 11h00: breakfast and Free visit of the City.

13h00:

Departure by bus to Schwyz.

We walk from the City Centre to the Museum.

13h30:

- Guided tour at the Ital-Reding-Hofstatt
- Guided tour at the Museum of the Swiss Federal Charta.

[Dress code for the Knights: Tuxedo, bow tie of the Brotherhood and the knight's jewel are MANDATORY!](#)

[Dress code for the Candidate Knights: Tuxedo and bow tie are MANDATORY!](#)

[The knights wear only the grand jewel of the Brotherhood, eventually, miniature jewels from other Orders of Knighthood.](#)

15h15:

- **Honor of the Swiss democracy in front of the Museum of the Swiss Federal Charta**
- **Photo session with the entire group of Knights and Candidate-Knights on the stairs in front of the Museum of the Swiss Federal Charta.**

Parade of the Knights, Candidate Knights and Honorary Guests of the International Brotherhood 'The Golden Fleece'.

With the trumpet players in front, we walk from the Museum to the Town Council Hall of Schwyz.

15h45:

Arrival at the Town Council Hall

Photo session with the entire group of Knights and Candidate Knights in front of the Town Council Hall. Take seats in the Parliament Hall of the Town Council Hall

16h00:

41st Grand Chapter in the Parliament Hall of the historic Town Council Hall of Schwyz

Assembly of the Grand Chapter with enthronement ceremony of new knights, appointment of Honorary knights and, if due, installation of new Chancelleries.

Proclamation: Alphonso V (1394-1458), King of Aragon, holder of the 41st order jewel, appointed in 1440 during the 5th Grand Chapter held in St. Omer, France.

Patron: Petra Steimen, Landammann of the Canton of Schwyz (President of the Government).

Following the Ceremony, Knights and guests will have the opportunity to visit the historic Government Chamber and the Court at the upper floor. Meanwhile, the traditional photo session with the new Knights and (ev.) new Chancelleries will take place in the Parliament Hall.

After the closing of the Grand Chapter, the traditional photo session of the new knights, the new chancelleries, ... will take place in the Gothic hall of the Town Hall.

18h15:

Parade of the Knights of the International Brotherhood 'The Golden Fleece'

Departure, return by bus to the Seehotel Waldstätterhof in Brunnen.

18h30:

Arrival at the Seehotel Waldstätterhof in Brunnen.

18h45:

We move directly to the reception and aperitif in the Fronalp lounge, followed by the Banquet in the Mythen Hall.

Dress code:

- Knights: Tuxedo, grand jewel and bow tie of the Brotherhood are MANDATORY!
- Aspirant Knights and Sympathizers: Tuxedo and bow tie are MANDATORY!
- Ladies: Evening dress

The knights wear only the grand jewel of the Brotherhood, eventually, miniature jewels from other Orders of Knighthood.

Sunday, September 13th 2019

07h00 – 11h00: breakfast and Free visit of the City.

11h15:

Gather in the lobby of Seehotel Waldstätterhof in Brunnen and departure to the boat landing stage in group (approx.. 75 m further).

11h30:

Aperitif at the boat landing stage.

12h00:

Boat cruise on the lake of Lucerne with explanations to the places of remembrance of the Swiss history.

Lunch on the boat.

14h00:

Arrival back at Brunnen - farewell, tears and individual journey home.

Dress code: Smart casual, suitable for your journey back home.

Supplementary Information

The Seehotel Waldstätterhof **** is located directly on the lake promenade (pedestrian zone) and offers Spa, Beauty and Massage facilities.

Parking facilities for the whole of the weekend:

Free parking is available for guests of the Seehotel Waldstätterhof in their private parking facility.

Everyone will want to carefully follow the instructions in this document, also with respect to the proposed timing.

For those who wish to arrive on Thursday evening, or who want to consider other options for accommodation, there are the following suggestions:

Brunnen:

- There are no rooms available on Thursday night at the Seehotel Waldstätterhof:
- Accommodation in the Hotel Schmid & Alfa *** (within walking distance of the Seehotel Waldstätterhof):

Rooms in the Hotel Schmid & Alfa can also be booked over the whole weekend instead of the Seehotel Waldstätterhof.

Lucerne:

- Lucerne is located about 40 minutes by car (1 hour by train) from Brunnen.
- Recommended accommodation in the Hotel Central ***:
- If desired, a Knight of the Swiss Chancellery can take you on a guided tour through Lucerne.

Very important guideline for these options:

We propose to the National Chancelleries to raise this possibility with their members and eventually to work out a group proposal and discuss this with the Chancellery of Switzerland as soon as possible. (Grand Chancellor Peter Züger: peter.zueger@swissonline.ch)

Everyone is of course free to plan their journey individually. In that case one is solely responsible for the proper administrative and financial processing, directly to the hotel of your choice.

How to reach Brunnen?

By airplane:

- Zurich Airport (good train connections to Brunnen)
- Euro-Airport Basel-Mulhouse-Baden (good train connections from Basel main station to Brunnen)
- Airport Lugano-Agno or Milano (good train connections to Brunnen)

By Railway: Good train connections from Basel or Schaffhausen or St. Margrethen to Brunnen.

By car:

- A motorway vignette (CHF 42.00) is compulsory on Swiss motorways.
- Some navigation devices do not know the destination "Brunnen"; in this case enter "Ingenbohl" for your destination (Brunnen is a district of the political municipality of Ingenbohl)

Registration.

The National Chancelleries will receive the registration forms.

All registrations must be submitted to the National Chancellery (= forward the registration form)

The National Chancelleries are requested to send the individual registration forms to their Knights, Candidate-Knights, Aspirant-Knights and Sympathizers. The individual registration forms should be filled out and returned to the National Chancellery.

The National Chancellery transfers the individual registrations to its collective registration form, that will be sent in a few days, and will transmit it to the Head Chancellery in due time.

The registrations of the National Chancelleries including all details must be sent to the Head Chancellery by March 12th 2020 at the latest.

We emphasize that it is very important for a good preparation of the organization of the Grand Chapter that all registrations are received by the specified date!.

Anyone who registers after March 12th, 2020 must find hotel accommodation by him/her self (and hence you are solely responsible for the proper administrative and financial processing, directly to the hotel of your choice.).

Please, do not forget to pay the amount due, for the events in which you participate during that weekend, to YOUR NATIONAL CHANCELLERY (!) in time.

Thanks for the appropriate result.

With chivalrous greetings,

The Board of Directors of The International Brotherhood 'Het Gulden Vlies' npo.