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THE PRIORY SCHOLARS OF NEW YORK CITY

Dear Scholars,

We are delighted to invite you to the 2023 Fall session of the Priory Scholars. Class will be held on **Saturday, October 7, 12 pm-4 pm EDT**. Let us all put powder on our noses, and meet at THE CHURCHILL TAVERN, 45 East 28th Street, New York, NY 10016, located between Madison and Park Avenues, around the corner from the 28th Street subway station for the 4 & 6 trains.

While our COVID precautions are less of a concern than ever before, **as always, if you feel sick, please do not attend**. Kindly let us know via email (PrioriNYC@gmail.com), and we can discuss how your payment can be transferred or refunded.

The story for the meeting is **“The Adventure of the Second Stain.”** We will be challenged by another of Prof. Raj Pandravada’s quizzes, perhaps the crowning glory of his career. In preparation for our meeting, we suggest that you read the story and reflect upon possible topics of discussion:

- **“our diplomatic secrets”** – Discuss the different ways in which Sherlock Holmes interacts with the principal figures in the case; how does his behavior change?
- **“The fair sex is your department”** – Consider Lady Hilda’s attitude and behavior through the story, as well as the lens through which others view her.
- **“the interests at stake are colossal”** – How does the author of this story convey the international stakes involved in the crime? How effective are his methods?
- **“the last of those exploits of my friend”** – Consider how this story is shaped and written to serve as the intended finale of the chronicles of Sherlock Holmes.

Our dining room can comfortably seat approx. 30 people, and we are asking that students pay for class at the time of enrollment; we will otherwise not be able to hold your place. Please send your RSVP and **tuition fee of \$40** no later than **Saturday, Sept 30** to our Bursar, Prof. Christopher Zordan, via Paypal to cazordan@aim.com; choose the “send money to friends” option. You may also send a check payable to Christopher Zordan, 242 Rooney Court, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. If you have any questions, please email PrioriNYC@gmail.com.

If financial challenges may prevent you from attending, please contact the Headmaster directly at NickMartorelli@gmail.com to inquire about our scholarship program.

In addition to a spirited discussion and prizes for quiz winners, there will be toasts, chit-chat, and more! As usual, if you are interested in offering a toast, please inquire of Prof. Tamar Zeffren (tamar.zeffren@gmail.com) or the Headmaster.

Yours with milk and biscuits,

Nick Martorelli, Headmaster

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