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03 October 2026

My Dear Sherlockian:

On behalf of our “Seventeen Steps,” George Schwartz, it is my great pleasure to invite you to the 48th Annual “Friends of Irene Adler” Dinner. This year’s festive occasion will take place on **November the 20th**, beginning at **6 o’clock in the evening**, at the **Tavern Club, 4 Boylston Place, Boston, Massachusetts**. We will be celebrating the 173rd birthday of Mr. Sherlock Holmes of 221B Baker Street as well as the 167th anniversary of the birth of his literary agent, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

In the spirit of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States, there will be a challenging quiz on Holmes and America. We do hope everyone will take part. There will be a scholarly paper by Kris Meyer about George Plimpton and his relationship with Sherlock Holmes via “A Scandal in Bohemia”. We will then welcome Kris into the Friends of Irene Adler as our newest member. At the end of the evening, we will retire to the Tavern Club’s theater and continue our exploration of Eille Norwood’s portrayal of Sherlock Holmes by screening the recently restored

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adaptation of “A Scandal in Bohemia” that is now available on the British Film Institute’s Player Classics.

The fare for the evening’s delight is \$125, which includes an open bar “cocktail” hour (wine and beer) and wine served at the table. We have arranged with Mrs. Hudson to prepare vegetarian meals. However, she needs ample time. If you wish a vegetarian meal or have other dietary restrictions, and further, if you would like to bring friends, please inform us of your intentions and needs by Thursday, November 12, 2026. Of course, black tie and evening dress are encouraged for those who prefer it.

With many Sherlockian regards, I am,



Joel Schwartz, “The Dark Silhouette Against the Blind”

I, _____ will be able to attend and will bring _____ guests. The guest(s) name(s) are _____. Please enclose a check for \$125 per individual (made out to The Friends of Irene Adler), and return it no later than November 12, 2026, to **George Schwartz, 32 Forest Avenue, Swampscott, Massachusetts 01907.** (Please note sending payment to George Schwartz)

I, _____ will not be able to attend and send my regrets.
(In any event, please give me your current e-mail address if you have not already done so, or if there are changes since 2025 so I will be able to send you a copy of the minutes.)