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CALLING FRENCHPERSONS AND OTHERS INTERESTED:

You are the recipient of this letter because your name was submitted as an enthusiastic person interested in organizing a French Club in Minnesota.

At present there is no French Club that appeals to every segment of society. Let us get together and form such an organization. Your input will be a definite asset for organizing and maintaining the viability of such an organization.

A meeting of those invited will be held at the International Institute, 1694 Como Ave, St Paul, on Monday, March 19, at 7:30 PM. The Institute is located across the street from the State Fairgrounds.

At this meeting we will define the purpose of the organization, compose a constitution and form an organization. We are fortunate in having the experience and expertise of the Institute to aid us in initiating a solid and durable society. The International Institute fosters some forty nationality organizations of long-standing accomplishments.

Like all ethnic groups, we believe we have a rich heritage which must not be lost or forgotten. We believe that our French Heritage has given a substantial contribution to our great country. Let us glory in that contribution. We must retain and appreciate more fully our heritage for our own personal benefit and for the benefit of our American society.

We French also have the opportunity of participating in the Festival of Nations in May 4-5-6 at the Civic Center in St Paul sponsored by the International Institute. Almost every nationality in Minnesota will be represented. Plans are being made to have French participation.

Only twenty five invitations are being mailed for this first meeting. It has been advised that we start small and grow step by step into a statewide group.

We hope to see you March 19th.

Amitié,

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P.S. Your spouse is most welcome.

LA SOCIÉTÉ canadienne-française inc

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NOUS APPELONS TOUS LES CANADIENS-FRANÇAIS ET CEUX QUI SONT INTERESSÉS:

To: A GRAND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

At: St. Louis Parish Hall, 506 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota

On: Monday, November 5, 1979 at 7:30 p.m.

Nos Chers Amis:

We have organized an incorporated society with a duly approved Constitution, By-Laws, Board of Directors and officers, as listed below. Since March 1979 we have held several meetings of prospective members and have had many board meetings so as to start a society with a solid foundation that will endure.

Our Constitution boldly states our purpose:

"The purpose of this corporation shall be to provide a resource and educational assembly for the use of people of French-Canadian descent and those interested in French-Canadian culture, history and heritage; to promote fellowship, mutual aid and understanding; to ascertain, preserve and promote French-Canadian cultural values and traditions."

We are proud of the heritage handed down to us by our ancestors. We want to preserve the most essential values for ourselves, our children, and for our country. The French from Canada were the first to explore and settle in Minnesota. We do not want to be the first to forget nor the last to remember our glorious past.

AN EXCITING EVENING awaits you November 5th! Mr. Gary Hiebert (Oliver Towne) will regale us with his vast resources of ethnic lore, especially French-Canadian. Gary is the "Ethnic Champion" of Minnesota. He has written outstanding columns for the St. Paul Pioneer Press-Dispatch for over 25 years. "Les Joyeux Baladins" have appeared at the Festival of Nations and other events in Minnesota and Wisconsin. They will sing some French chansons that you will remember from childhood. After the entertainment, wine, coffee and cookies will be served. Please come and bring a friend!

Parking is available at the rear of the church.

Ensemble on peut tout faire.

Amitié,



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