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**RE: Duchesses of the Royal Court 2018**

Dear Knight of Momus:

In anticipation of an exciting Mardi Gras Galveston 2018, the Officers and Directors of the Krewe of the Knights of Momus invite you to present your daughter or granddaughter as a Duchess of the Royal Court.

By historic tradition, the Mardi Gras festivities center around the Court of Momus and the Krewe strives to make participation a truly memorable event for the entire family. If you have a daughter or granddaughter who would like to participate, the following criteria for a Momus Duchess should be reviewed:

1. Unmarried and between the ages of 20 and 23.
2. Available to participate on Feb 2nd thru Feb 11th, 2018 in Galveston.
3. Available for gown fittings and portraits during the summer, fall and winter of 2017-18.
4. The Sponsoring Knights of Momus member must be in good standing.
5. A widowed or divorced Mother of an otherwise eligible daughter or granddaughter may submit a participation request to the board of directors without the required membership of the father or grandfather.
- 6. Participation request and payment must be received no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.**

The fee to present a duchess is \$6,500 inclusive of ball gown, portrait, DVD of presentation, tickets for Duchess, escort and parents to events honoring the Royal Court. New members joining to present the Duchess must also pay the \$575 dues and one-time initiation fee by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 (not included in duchess fee).

Because the number of Duchesses will be limited again this year, Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 is the deadline for notification that you wish your daughter or granddaughter to participate.

Please contact the Momus Honorary Royal Trustee, Joan McLeod (Mrs. E. Douglas McLeod) at 713-459-8719. Mrs. McLeod will provide you with more information. You will then be sent a questionnaire to be completed and returned with your payment.

At the Momus King's Affair party in July 2017 Duchesses will be formally introduced. They will have the opportunity to meet other Duchesses who will be participating in Mardi Gras 2018 as well as time to ask questions about various functions and events.

We look forward to the pageantry and merriment of the Momus Events at Mardi Gras Galveston, especially the glittering presentation of the Court of Momus at the Grand 1894 Opera House.

May the Celebration Continue! Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler !



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