

## **2008 GATHERING OF THE D'AMOURS FAMILY**

Dear friends,

August 9 is upcoming and we are looking forward to welcoming you in the Old Capital for the great gathering of the D'Amours families.

Since you already registered, you are aware that our principal activity is a dinner-cruise on the St. Lawrence river with aboard the M/V Louis Jolliet. 200 seats were reserved for our exclusive use on the upper deck and are now almost totally booked. Les croisières AML just advised us that as this deck has recently been modified, we could get 20 extra seats if needed. Therefore, if other family members or relatives of yours are interested in joining us, do not hesitate to let them know so they can contact us accordingly. This would be a unique opportunity to meet family from Ontario, Manitoba, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Indiana, Maryland, New York, New Mexico and, of course, from all parts of Quebec.

Many of you wanted to get more information on the day's schedule. It is a pleasure to provide you with the details.

### Reception (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

We shall meet at the Québec Inn hotel (7175, Hamel blvd. West, Québec, G2G 1B6 Tel. (418) 872-9831). You will be greeted in the Jacques Cartier Hall between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. You will be handed:

- The day's complete schedule
- Your tickets for the cruise
- Maps of the Old Québec
- Instructions for those visiting the Parliament
- Information regarding travel by bus

### Annual Meeting of the Association (11:00 a.m. to noon)

The Annual Meeting of the D'Amours Families Association will take place in the same location (Roy Room) from 11:00 a.m. to noon. We hope to see you there in great numbers.

### Lunch

Starting at 12:00 p.m., immediately after the meeting, lunch on your own will be available in the Quebec Inn Atrium. The prices of meals range from \$9.95 to \$13.95 or more.

### Travel by Bus to the Old Quebec and to the Parliament

Bus departures from the Quebec Inn Hotel to the Old Quebec and the Parliament will start at 2:00 p.m. As opposed to the information circulated in the *Sanglier* last fall, a fee of \$5.00 per person will be charged in order to cover a part of the costs for the two-way service.

Using a parking lot in the Old Quebec would be much more expansive and may be difficult since the Fêtes de la Nouvelle-France are taking place that same weekend. The Quebec Inn's spacious parking lot is made available to us for free.

Other bus departures will be offered later in the afternoon for those planning to go to the boarding dock of the Louis Jolliet directly.

2:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Choice of activities: visit of the Parliament, walk in the Old Quebec (great opportunity to see Mathieu's house) or guided carriage ride. You can also enjoy some relaxing time while waiting to get on board.

### Visit of the Parliament

Those who registered for a visit of the Parliament will need the following information:

- Two departures from the Quebec Inn are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. ;
- The guided visit will be done by groups of 50 people ;
- The total duration is between 45 and 60 minutes ;
- Visiting the building requires climbing many stairs ;
- After the visit, a bus will be available to take you from the Parliament to the boarding dock ;
- Walking from the Parliament to the Old Quebec takes about 30 minutes.

### Boarding the Louis Jolliet

You may embark the Louis Jolliet as of 5:30 p.m. Because of the tides occurring on August 9, we shall get on deck B and the staff will show you the way to the upper deck. You will have to climb a number of stairs.

**ATTENTION:** Those who will not have registered at the Quebec Inn earlier in the day will be able to do so at the boarding gate at 5:00 p.m. The cruise tickets may be picked up there as well.

## **August 9 Evening Schedule**

6:00 p.m. Cocktail

6:30 p.m. Greeting speeches by the association's president and by the president of the organisation committee

7:00 p.m. Departure of the Louis Jolliet for the evening. (A stop in Lévis might be possible to take a few extra passengers).

7:15 p.m. A four course dinner will be served

Le menu:

- 1- *La salsa verde*
- 2- *Panaché des mers (or)*  
*sélection du terroir (or)*  
*salade verte au balsamique blanc.*
- 3- *Suprême de volaille au madère et romarin (or)*  
*filet de saumon de l'Atlantique, sauce hollandaise avec lime et*  
*gingembre(or)*  
*filet de bœuf, sauce au rhum de la Jamaïque.*
- 4- *Délice du capitaine.*

The following short conferences will be given during dinner:

- Claude D'Amours from Moonbeam, Ontario,: The presence of the D'Amours family in Ontario ;
- Marshall Colburn Courberon: "On the Road to Green Bay. The history of the D'Amours Family in Wisconsin" ;
- Research by a historian from Laval University on life and commercial practices in Nouvelle-France at the time of Samuel Champlain, Frontenac and Mathieu (speaker to be confirmed)

#### Draw for two works of art

Upon arrival and during the night, it will be possible for you to buy tickets for the draw two works of art.

- A painting by Mme Thérèse D'Amours representing the Manoir de Serrein. Built by Pierre D'Amours, Mathieu's father, at Dutil in vallée du-Loire France, the old manoir is now the property of La Comtesse de Quatre barbes and is still available to visit.
- A stained-glass work by Mme Monique Lacombe (representing Mathieu's armorial bearings).

Both these works of art were generously given to us in order to help us cover the expenses of the event.

11:00 p.m. Arrival at the boarding gate and return trip to the Quebec Inn by bus.

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