**The Torists International, S.S.** and **the Watsonians**, two scions of Sherlockians, are proud to formally announce that they are joining to celebrate the 65th consecutive running of the Chicago Silver Blaze horse race. It is the longest running consecutive celebration of the Sherlockian tale.

To start off the weekend, the Torists International will hold its June meeting on June 28, 2024 starting at 6:30 pm at Palermo’s, located at 3751 W 63rd Street Chicago IL 60629. The meal will be some pizzas, bread, soup, salad, fried chicken, mostaccioli, Italian sausage, Italian ice, soda and coffee. There is a cash bar. We will feature **MONICA SCHMIDT, BSI (Julia Stoner).** She will talk on:

A HORSE OF A DIFFERENT COLOR: The Double Life of John Straker.

We also have scheduled a hosted walking tour of Graceland Cemetery 4001 N Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60613. Among those whose graves can be found are **Vincent Starrett** and **Allan Pinkerton**. The walk will be conducted by **Max Magee** and **Rudy Altergott, BSI (Old Patrick)**.

The final formal event of the weekend is the running of the race – the reason the weekend was organized. Over the last 64 years, various scions have hosted and various racetracks have been the place where the Silver Blaze has run. The fact is that no other race commemorating Silver Blaze which has run yearly except for the Chicago Silver Blaze. The race will be run at Hawthorne Race Course, 3501 S Laramie, Stickney, IL 60804. There is no charge for parking, nor admission. If you have registered, when you check in with us at the track, you will receive a racing program, a commemorative pin, and a $2 bill for your first bet. We know of no other scion event where you are paid to attend. We will not know what specific race we have been assigned until race day. The first race starts at 2:00 pm.

Because these events run over the weekend, we have made arrangements with the Sleep Inn Midway Airport, 6650 S Cicero, Bedford Park, IL. **Call 708-594-0001 for a group rate if you register with them by May 28, 2024. They require at least 10 reservations of the group rate – which also waives the $24 daily parking fee. The rate is available to you from June 27th through the 30th if you want to make it a Chicago vacation.** <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/HI88G7>

Please note that when you click on the link, it will give you four days for the discount rate , but you get to choose which date or dates you want. You do not have to take all four days.

There will be a hospitality room for Sherlockians to gather at the Sleep Inn.

There are many things to do in Chicago: the White Sox will be in town, there is a James Bond exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry, the restaurant scene cannot be beat, the Newberry Library has a Sherlock Holmes collection, and there are many local Sherlockians to connect with.

We hope you will join us!

To register on line for the meetings just click on the following link

<https://forms.gle/9dVVRFTfuZiNNHa67>

Jonathan Shimberg

Linda Crohn

Co-Chief Stawards of Torist International S.S.

Phil Cunningham

The Watsonains

**65th Running of the Chicago Silver Blaze Weekend**

**Registration Form**

Attendee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I (we) will be attending the Torist International S.S. meeting \_\_\_\_

Cost $35/person if registered by May 15, $40 thereafter

I (we) will be attending the Graceland tour \_\_\_\_

I (we) will be attending the 65th Running of Chicago Silver Blaze \_\_\_\_

Total due to Torists International S.S. \_\_\_\_\_\_

I have or will reserve a room at the Sleep Inn \_\_\_\_\_\_

Payment may be made by mailing a check payable to Torist International S.S., mailed to Jonathan Shimberg, 9003 Lincolnwood Drive, Evanston, IL 60203, or by PayPal to [toristintss@gmail.com](mailto:toristintss@gmail.com) **- remember to indicate Friend or family or pay the additional remittance fee.**