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Den Haag, 21 maart 2022

Dear invité(e),

The boards of the Dutch Nobility Association (NAV) and the Youth of Nobility Association (VJAN) in the Netherlands and the organizing committee are, like all Europeans, shocked by the war in Ukraine, and its inherent attack on Western ideas of freedom and democracy.

In light of the conflict, the boards of the NAV and the VJAN critically discussed holding an event such as the Oranjebal and the related weekends programme - a truly international meeting, where friends, old and new, shall meet again in a spirit of freedom and friendship. The boards have now decided that the ball will take place, but also to reflect on the current situation: extra "colour" will be deliberately added. Thus, not only orange will be seen, but also blue/yellow.

As a guideline, the boards will follow our patron's intent with regard to his birthday: King's Day. As His Majesty the King will appreciate this day of national unity in the country, then our Oranjebal and the international fraternizing event do fit in well with the given context.

Both chairpersons will of course reflect on the situation during the ball and you will be invited to support projects by a donation, aiming to alleviate demand in and outside Ukraine. In addition, the board of the NAV will submit to the members' meeting in May to agree to a very substantial gift for the same purpose (such a gesture is beyond our statutory goals, so approval is required). During the evening, the situation will be discussed in different ways.

So, albeit in such times, do not miss this special event and register now! Registration has been extended until 3th April 2022.

Please see for information and registration form www.adelsvereniging.nl. The committee can be reached via: oranjebal2022@adelsvereniging.nl.

On behalf of the boards of the NAV and VJAN and the committee,

Yours faithfully,

Claudia van Harinxma thoe Slooten, secretary NAV

PS 1: The initially offered rooms at Grand Hotel Huis ter Duin have already been booked completely. Fortunately, additional rooms are now available at the Hilton Garden Inn near Leiden. Our shuttle bus will stop at this hotel to collect and drop you as required. The booking link can be found on the NAV site: www.adelsvereniging.nl/oranjebal.

PS 2: Have you responded yet? Our apologies; the different administrations are unfortunately not compatible with each other.

PS 3: All members of the Dutch nobility, including their adult children, are welcome - regardless of any NAV/VJAN membership or not. Spread the word!