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**Lesson I : Follow the lead of your host or hostess.**

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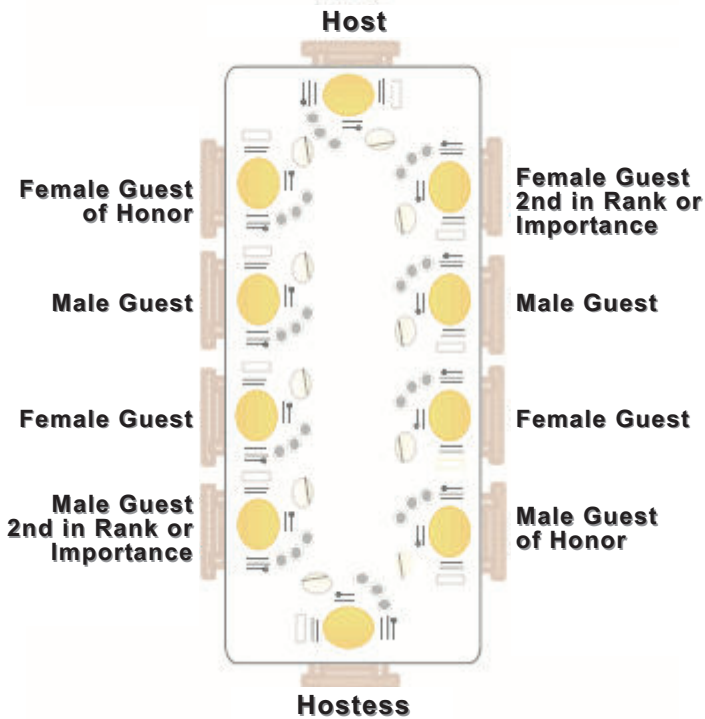
When you are invited to enter the dining room, either your host/hostess will indicate where you are to be seated, or if the party is for more than eight people, you may find a place card at your seat.

At a social event, the hostess will seat the male guest of honor to your right, and the female guest of honor will be seated to the right of the host. A male guest should hold the chair and seat the female guest to be seated to his right.

At a business event, guests are seated according to rank regardless of gender. Male guests are not expected to hold the chair or seat female guests.

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**Protocol (Order) of Seating for a Social Dinner Party**



**Protocol (Order) of Seating for a Business Event**

