



East Central York Rite Conference

Greetings Companions & Sir Knights:

We look forward to seeing you at the 2024 East Central Regional/Department Conference to be held at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, Ft. Wayne, Indiana on Saturday, March 9th, 2024.

The headquarters hotel is the Hilton Ft. Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, 1020 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, IN 46802. Rooms are available at a special group price of \$119 per night plus tax. Booking deadline is Feb 14th; however, rooms will go fast and the block may be sold out well before that date, so don't delay in getting your reservations. You may book your lodging by calling the hotel direct at (260) 420-1100 and mentioning Group Code **GRA**. You may also book on-line at the following link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/fwafhhf-gra-e6f9fadb-7ac5-48d0-99d5-060917bd7166/>

Parking is available for a daily charge and there will be an outstanding hospitality room for your comfort and enjoyment. The hotel does not provide shuttle service. For visitors outside the Region/Department who may be traveling by air, the Fort Wayne International Airport is located about 7 miles from the headquarters hotel.

Separate lunches are planned for the men and ladies and entertainment will be provided for the ladies. A fine informal dinner is also planned with a social hour starting at 5:30pm. Dress for the dinner is coat and tie.

Please use the attached form to make your meal reservations no later than February 28th. A mandatory registration fee of \$30 is also applicable to each Companion or Sir Knight attending the conference.

The cost of hotel accommodations and meals continues to go up, but we are pleased to announce that **we were able to keep the meal costs and special lodging rate the same as last year - - NO INCREASE!!!** We have priced the meals to break even. The prices have not been bumped to cover any comps. The reduced lodging rates and other hotel concessions are dependent upon meeting a food and beverage minimum, so please support and attend the meals.

YORK RITE LEADERSHIP TRAINING: Please note that if you are attending the Leadership Training at this conference, you must make sure that the program administrator has you enrolled to attend. You are responsible for paying the conference registration fee the same as all other conference attendees. The registration fee helps to offset the cost of the training rooms and other conference costs. More information on the leadership training is available at the following link: <https://yorkriteleadership.org/>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Accommodations Chairman, Martin Trent, at (937) 543-3016 or standrews619@yahoo.com.

Be sure to make your lodging and meal reservations early and we look forward to seeing you in March!

Fraternally and courteously,

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