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SOUTHEASTERN YORK RITE CONFERENCE

June 14-15, 2024

Companions and Sir Knights:

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Southeastern York Rite Conference to be held at the Knoxville Airport Hilton on June 14 and 15, 2024. One of the quirks of the Knoxville Airport is that it is not in Knoxville or even in Knox County Tennessee but is in fact in beautiful Alcoa Tennessee. The Hilton Hotel is on the airport property, so it is convenient for those who are traveling by air to the Conference. For those who have not visited the Great Smokie Mountains National Park, Alcoa is just a 30-minute drive to the Townsend Entrance to the Park. In addition, for the Shop-a-holics out there, Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg are only an hour away from the Hotel. The Hilton Hotel will extend the Room Rate beyond the Conference Schedule for those who wish to extend their stay in East Tennessee.

The Hilton is located at 2001 Alcoa Highway, Alcoa Tennessee, 37701. You can make reservations by calling the Hilton at 865 970 4300 and request the Grand York Rite Rate which is \$145.00 per night excluding tax. Parking is free in the Hilton Parking lot. The deadline for making reservations is May 14, 2024.

Attached is a Registration and meal order form. Everyone who attends the conference or attends a Leadership meeting will need to register. Meals are not a part of the Registration Fee. Tickets will be distributed to those who purchase meals, and the tickets will be collected at the door to the Ballroom. There will be a Tennessee River Cruise with Lunch for the Ladies on Friday. Tickets can be purchased with the Registration Package. The deadline for meal orders is May 31, 2024.

A reminder to all Southeastern Grand Commanderies: all Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders, Grand Generalissimos, Grand Captain Generals and Grand Recorders are required by the Grand Encampment Constitution to attend a Department Conference each year. If you have a scheduling issue you have two choices, one you can attend another Department Conference or two you can in the case of an emergency request an excused absence from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

The Conference is intended to be focused on York Rite Masonry, but everyone who attends a Leadership Course will benefit from the class. In the past, DeMolay, Rainbow, Eastern Star and Blue Lodge Masons who are not York Rite Masons have attended the meeting and have all voiced their great admiration for the Knowledge that was imparted to them during the session. For those who wish to take the Leadership classes they need to fill out a Conference Registration form but also contact Lane Pierce cell 972 809 6680 email lane@ghizmo.com or at: <http://yorkriteleadership.org>

If you have any questions, please contact the Accommodations Chair, Robert W Waldron, at 615 517 6129

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