Sir Knights,

Enclosed please find this year’s information regarding the Southeastern Department Conference to be held on June 12th – 13th, 2020. The location will be the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel, 64 South Water Street, Mobile, Al 36602. **Cutoff date for reservations is 05/15/2020.**

Registration will begin on Friday, June 12th from 1:00pm to 5:00pm and resume Saturday, June 13th from 8:00am to 10:00am. Dinner will be on your own Friday night with the hospitality room reopening at 8:00pm. On Saturday we will begin at 8:00am with the General Grand Bodies in separate rooms until lunch at 12:00. Sessions will resume from 1:00pm until 5:00pm. There will be a Social (Cash Bar) from 6:00pm to 7:00pm with the Banquet at 7:00pm. Please remember that the Grand Encampment Statutes require that the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General and the Grand Recorder are **REQUIRED** to be in attendance at a Department Conference. Attendance will be taken of the various Grand Commanderies attending. If any officer is unable to attend, he **MUST** request an excusal from the Most Eminent Grand Master.

The Grand Recorders and State Coordinators have been requested to ensure that all the officers of your jurisdiction attend. Please also note that this conference is open to any and all Companions and Sir Knights who desire to attend.

Remember that the York Rite Leaders Program, which is jointly sponsored by the General Grand Chapter, the General Grand Council and the Grand Encampment, will also be held concurrently with the Department Conference. Brochures regarding the York Rite Leaders Program have been sent to the Grand Recorders of the SE Department. Participants in the York Rite Leaders Program must **ALSO** register for the Conference.

Make your reservation promptly as the block of rooms are limited and are on a first come basis. The cutoff date may seem early but it is set by the Hotel.

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James C. McGee, KTCH, KCT
SE Department Commander
A picture is worth a thousand words. Here are some of ours:

- AAA Four Diamond Hotel
- Located in the heart of Downtown’s Business & Entertainment District, offering many delectable restaurants within walking distance
- Mobile is home of the first Mardi Gras celebration, originating in 1703
- Nearby golf course affiliation: Magnolia Grove, part of the Robert Trent Jones Trail - 54 holes of championship golf
- Mobile Regional Airport 20 minutes away; Pensacola, FL and Gulfport, MS airports 50 minutes away
- Area industries: aerospace, shipping, manufacturing, construction, medical, & research
- 10,000 square foot outdoor terrace, overlooking Mobile Bay
- Connected to Arthur R. Outlaw Convention Center via skywalk, offering an additional 317,000 square feet of meeting space, including 100,000 square feet of exhibit space
- 373 total guest rooms, including 10 suites - all with complimentary internet
- 44,000 square feet of meeting space *Sold as a complex for larger groups in conjunction with its sister Hotel, Renaissance Battle House, for a total of over 70,000 square feet and over 600 total guest rooms. Hotels located within one block of each other
- 65-acre Bellingrath Gardens & grand estate home is a quick drive
- Gulfquest National Maritime Museum of the Gulf Coast is three blocks away