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To all Iowa Scottish Rite Masons:

This is a very busy time of year as we hold our reunions, and I'm excited by the number of new candidates joining our ranks. This growth is made possible by you and the way you represent our Scottish Rite. Thank you, everyone.

Many of us may not be aware of the support our Orient provides to Iowa's four RiteCare centers, so I'd like to share a little about the 2026 RiteCare Conference, held last month in San Diego, California. The following report comes to us from Deputy Arthur L. Salazar, Jr., of California, who hosted the event.

Our support for RiteCare should make every Brother proud and please share with others our commitment to RiteCare and the children we serve.

The 2026 National RiteCare Conference in San Diego is successfully completed with 139 registered attendees. The energy overall was great, and the clinicians seemed to really enjoy getting to connect with one another in person. I will have a full report for you on this once we complete the accounting and finish compiling and reviewing the survey results and our planning/execution notes.

Of the 139 registered attendees they were initially registered for the tracks as

- 79 - Speech-Language Pathology
- 5 - Literacy Specialist
- 55 - Leadership

The initial self-identified roles from registration with overlap if they fulfill multiple roles are

- 76 - Speech-Language Pathologists
- 8 - Literacy Specialist
- 50 - RiteCare Leadership/Board Members
- 13 - Program Administrators
- 8 - Other

A few key take-away points from the survey.

- Ninety-two percent of respondents ranked the conference as Excellent / Very Good
- Ninety-seven percent of respondents were Very or Somewhat Satisfied with the ASHA training
- Ninety-eight percent of respondents felt that an in-person conference either Significantly or Somewhat adds value
- When asked if they prefer in-person vs on-line vs hybrid there was a 79% response favoring an in-person conference followed by 15% preferring a hybrid experience
- As a follow up to that there was a 90% preference for virtual education between in-person conferences

Fraternally yours,



Tim Felton, Deputy Orient of Iowa