

I WAS WONDERING-

Why the location of the future SRD (State Recognition Days) venue is always kept a secret when the IRD venues are revealed and printed years in advance?

The reason is simply summed up by years of tradition and because that is always how we have done it. Traditionally we have rotated the location of the venue each year from Eastern Missouri to Western Missouri as we will continue to do so. Western Missouri has always hosted State Recognition Days on the odd numbered years. However, each odd numbered year we have tried to rotate the location of the event around the west side of the state to make things easier for the members and no one had to bear the travel expense all the time. However, a decision had to be made on if we were going to stay in Springfield or move the venue to another location. The decision was made based on these facts-

Ramada Oasis-Springfield, MO

- \$83.00 a night room rates
- Free parking
- Familiar staff that is willing to work with us that wanted our business
- Meals within the \$8.00 price range and up
- 10 plus Restaurants within the area
- Shopping within walking distance
- Free hot breakfast to all guest
- Free shuttle that will shuttle you from other properties to convention center for sessions if available.

Marriott Downtown Kansas City, MO

- \$129.00 a night room rates
- Parking is \$13.00 self park and \$18.00 valet nightly.
- 2 Restaurants in the hotel to choose from
- No Free breakfast
- Meal prices considerably higher in hotel.

We looked at various other locations around the western side of Missouri, and none can compare to the deal that the Ramada Oasis is willing to offer us. This is a rare find, I am willing to entertain any offers or any leads anyone may have. The decision to keep SRD in Springfield for the 2011 year was based on the above facts. The cost of travel was expected to be less than what it would cost the members to spend in Kansas City in room expense and food. Please understand we make these decisions based on the chapter member's best interest and sound financial business sense first and foremost. Just wanting to keep you in the loop and abreast of what is going on!

TOPS Hugs

Randy