ALABAMA'S GRAND HOTEL NAMES NEW GM: SCOTT TRIPOLI

Point Clear, AL –March 30, 2016 – Hosting guests since 1847, the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa begins the next chapter in its history with the announcement of a new general manager. Scott Tripoli brings more than 19 years of hospitality experience from Orlando to his new position at the Grand Hotel. Tripoli started at the Grand Hotel on March 19, 2016.

Prior to arriving at the Grand Hotel, Tripoli was the General Manager of the Doubletree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld, a 1,000 room hotel on International Drive in Orlando at the entrance to SeaWorld. He held that position since August 2013. Before working at the Doubletree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld, he was the General Manager at Crowne Plaza Orlando Universal near Universal Studios. Tripoli worked for Interstate Hotels and Resorts for 19 years in various roles including Regional Director of Operations and General Manager.

"I continue to be impressed by the great team at the Grand Hotel and the Southern Hospitality offered by the local community," Tripoli said. "Through combining my tourism background in Orlando with the historic traditions of the beloved Grand Hotel, guests can expect great experiences during their visits. I am excited about this opportunity and have left the Orcas and roller coasters in Orlando and already embraced the pelicans, jubilees and sunsets in Point Clear."

In addition to his employment, Scott was highly involved in the local Orlando business community. Tripoli is a past chairman and served as a board member for the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association for 10 years. He also served on the boards of the International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce and the international tourism organization Skal Orlando, where he served as president in 2013/14. Scott and his wife Stephanie have two daughters. Kayla is a senior at Florida State University and Alexandra is a senior at Freedom High School in Orlando.

The Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa is part of the RTJ Golf Trail's Resort Collection and a member of the Historic Hotels of America. The Grand Hotel has 405 guest rooms and 37,000 square feet of meeting space. For more on the Grand Hotel, visit www.grandhotelmarriott.com.

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