# Maids of Athena Sons of Pericles



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## Sons of Pericles Supreme President Alec Economakis

I'd like to welcome all our members to the happiest place on Earth, Walt Disney World for the Sons of Pericles' 99th Supreme Convention. I have fond memories of the last Supreme Convention here and can guarantee each one of us will create memories that will last a lifetime. Today is a bright day in the Sons of Pericles. We have seen multiple new chapters flourish from three different countries this past year, while current chapters have remained vibrant and active, retaining their members and continuing to recruit more to their ranks. I truly believe we are experiencing a new renaissance of the Sons of Pericles and at such a perfect time. The Sons of Pericles have both been focusing on commemorating our past, through our work with the Centennial Committee, while also improving our future, increasing our membership and activity across the entire Order. While there's cause for celebration for the amazing progress made this year, we cannot forget that we must continue to communicate and collaborate effectively if we're to continue this momentum. I am excited to hear about the status of all your chapters, good or bad, so my Lodge and I can help give solutions to anything you all need. It's the Supreme Lodge's job to make the members feel heard and put our promises to action. I hope we can continue to fulfill these duties and keep having your faith in us as leaders of this Order.

Thank you all for a challenging yet wonderful, productive and personally fulfilling year. I'm so happy to see the Sons are finally turning a corner. My goal was to ensure that this Organization is left in a better state than it was when I started, and I strongly believe that to be true. I didn't start this journey, though; I had those before me who made my job easier. All the credit goes to my Supreme Presidents before me: Tim Noitsis and Ryan Marinos, who trailblazed this path for me and made my work cut out for itself. PSPs Paul Pavlakos, Greg Vourloumis, and Andreas Christou, too. Without these Brothers, I'd lack the skills of a leader and guide the Sons to detriment. As many Past Supreme Presidents mentioned in their yearbook entries I spent so much time reading this year: you get out what you put in to this Organization. I like to think I gave it my all, but that's judged by you, my peers, and predecessors. I only hope that I truly did enough in your eyes to make an impact on this Order. I'm honored to have served as your Supreme President for the past two years and will look back on my short six-year stint as a Son as some of the best times of my life. Once a Son, Always a Son.

#### **Sons of Pericles Centennial**

The National Project and emphasis of our Organization this year has been preparing for our 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebrations. To kick off the year, I compiled a committee consisting of Past Supreme Presidents to help evaluate, plan, and create a ceremony which will culminate in the commemoration of the past 100 years of the Sons of Pericles. I also definitely made this group to pull them out of retirement for one last ride with the boys, and boy, has it paid dividends.

Our Centennial Committee met monthly to discuss plans to commemorate our 100-year anniversary. The Committee and I were drawn to the city of Manchester, New Hampshire, the birthplace of the Sons of Pericles where Queen City #1 resides. Ultimately, we have chosen to

reserve a weekend as close as possible to our Founders' Day date of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, landing on the weekend of January 30<sup>th</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in 2026. It is on that date where we will be hosting a Centennial Celebration weekend in our birthplace to celebrate our past.

Since we picked a location which none of the Past Supreme Presidents or I on the committee had ever visited, we chose to schedule a trip to Manchester to meet with the District 9 AHEPA Family and the local museum and historical archives society to uncover more about our Organization's history. So, on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, PSPs Paul Pavlakos, Gregory Vourloumis and I traveled to Manchester to conduct a preliminary search of Sons artifacts and history.

We visited the Millyard Museum, which is the city's historical venue, finding much more history of Greek immigration to Manchester than we had thought. Their director, Jeff Barraclough, mentioned that Greeks were one of the ethnicities who migrated to Manchester by way of Boston to work in the then-booming textile industry, in the very windmills that this museum was repurposed from. There we saw multiple Greek Organizations and items, which gave us more hope that we could most definitely find a semblance of the Sons of Pericles here.

Mr. Barraclough then met us at the Historical Society, where we combed through archived newspaper clippings related to AHEPA, GAPA, the Sons of Pericles, and Greek immigrants residing in Manchester. We discovered an old photo of their AHEPA, and found clippings about our first Supreme President, William Vasiliou, regarding his upcoming visit to a Son's Convention in Baltimore. Overall, we left our search feeling revitalized and excited, and I later had the opportunity to email Br. Vasiliou's descendants, William Jr. and William III, all photos we found of their family member.

We also met the District 9 AHEPA Family, particular Tim Giotas and Tula Barber, who gave us a wonderful tour of the city as well as their local Greek Orthodox church, St. George. It was there where Tim and his Brothers were able to find the original Jewels worn by the Sons in Queen City #1, the original charter (which was dated in the 1950s, likely because the Sons of Pericles never retroactively created one for the Mother Lodge), as well as numerous AHEPA magazines spanning almost every decade of AHEPA's existence. It was truly an eye-opening experience, and it motivated us to dive even deeper into the Centennial, commemorating all of our history the right way.

Ultimately, we left Manchester with the confidence that this is the perfect venue which should host our Centennial. Our tentative plans for the Centennial weekend are as follows: we will be hosting an exhibit unveiling at the Millyard Museum on the first evening, where we plan to commemorate the Sons of Pericles and their impact on Manchester, New Hampshire. On Saturday, we will host a gala, celebrating all Sons alumni and bringing keynote speakers, inviting the likes of Greek-American State Senator-Elect Chris Pappis, who was born and raised in Manchester, and other dignitaries and ambassadors from the U.S. and Greece, as well as members of the Archdiocese. As a note, I would like to mention that we visited the famous Puritan Backroom, which is owned by the Pappis family. Paul, Greg and I had a wonderful conversation with his parents and they even remembered me from my speech at the AHEPA National Banquet in Washington, D.C. in 2024.

Aside from our Manchester Trip, I have also been uncovering many artifacts of Sons history. Sons Alumni from around the country have been sending me old photos, articles, books, and AHEPAN Magazines to deepen my knowledge of Sons of Pericles history. Every moment I had time, in-between trips, before events, or on long car drives, I would dive headfirst into these books. I felt compelled to share some notable pieces, which you may find interesting.

As mentioned earlier, I connected with our first Supreme President's direct descendants: his son, William Jr., and his grandson, William III. William Jr. was gracious enough to open the family archives and find some astounding items in Sons History, particularly one of the Mother Jewels which his family kept as a keepsake in memory of his father. He also found the bible used at the first Sons of Pericles convention held in Lowell, MA, gifted from the local priest and containing a note from Br. Vasiliou.

One of my favorite discoveries happens to come from a dear friend and the reigning Brother of the Year in District 3: historian Nick Prevas. I asked Br. Prevas to uncover any information of the Plato #88 Baltimore, MD chapter as he could. Just as usual, Br. Prevas exceeded my most simple requests. Br. Prevas uncovered a photo of the Plato chapter from 1935, and standing in the middle row, second to the right-most end was a young Spiro Agnew. I knew that he was an AHEPA member, just as his father was, but was beyond excited to see he was also a Son. Regardless of the outcome of his political career, I was still amazed to see he was part of our Organization.

The Sons of Pericles are full of famous alumni, who have left an indelible mark on this country. Take the original members from the Queen City #1 chapter for example. Br. Peter Clainos is among the list of the gentlemen who founded this Order. This Brother made history, becoming the first Greek-born American to graduate from the Army at West Point, and was even elected by FDR to lead the Greek Battalion in covert operations during World War II, of which many Sons and AHEPA members served. We have so much history, and I have sought to make sure this never truly gets forgotten. Maybe this is why this project was so motivating for me, because I saw people who were in all our shoes generations before and learned about what amazing heights they reached in their lives.

While the Sons' calendar year is over, this committee will remain in place to finish what we had all started. I cannot willingly step down from this because I am too motivated to continue to dig up more Sons of Pericles history. I will remain involved as a member of the committee, motivated to continue to celebrate our 100-year anniversary in as perfect a way as it is intended.

#### **President's Project: Past Supreme President Interviews**

On top of the work of the Centennial Committee, I felt compelled to reconnect with leaders of our past, not only to bring them back to the Sons in any facet they can, be it financially or as an advisor, but to get their perspective on their Sons tenure and their service as Supreme President. This has been the most fun part of my year by far, even the hard parts.

Stephanie Maniatis helped draft an excel list of every Past Supreme President in the history of our Order, which gave me a great foundation to start my work. Many were members of AHEPA

so their records were easily accessible, but I learned that there were almost half that we were missing, beginning from 1980 and back. On top of this, it was difficult to verify the death records of many Past Supreme Presidents who would rationally not be alive by this year. Faced with a difficult journey ahead, I used the internet, word of mouth, and the best connections I could think of to locate many of these missing individuals.

My first breakthrough was Nick George, PSP 1964-65, who responded to this wonderful stranger who somehow found his email on the internet requesting to interview him. When I saw how receptive, cheerful, and eager he was to tell me about his time as a Son, I knew that this was going to be such a fun project, no matter how hard it may be to find the rest. Brother George recanted his time at the Athens Convention, his friendship with the next Supreme President, Louis Strike (whose father Nick was also a Past Supreme President, the first father-son duo to both hold that position), and all the crazy stories that the Sons of his era got into that are etched into his memory. I started to realize then that the Sons never really changed. While we conducted business and made a tangible impact, no matter the era we all did crazy things.

After our call, I started to travel to headquarters nearly daily, bothering Stephanie while reading old AHEPAN magazines, finding photos of our PSPs and texting and emailing it to each of them, giving them fond memories they still remember so well. I have had a wonderful time keeping up with each Past Supreme President, and I always enjoy my conversations.

After a brief spell of no responses from my prospective searches, a gentleman emailed Paul Pavlakos and I asking about the Sons of Pericles Centennial. This gentleman was John Boyas, who was once a Past Supreme Vice President from 1976-77. Br. Boyas and I talked on the phone for hours, and after our call immediately went to his basement to uncover all his old memorabilia. John didn't stop there either. He joined this PSP search with me, constantly emailing me possible phone numbers of Past Supreme Presidents from his entire decade, helping shore up the largest span of years I was missing.

I also was blessed with the opportunity to meet John Boyas in my travels. PSP Paul Pavlakos and I embarked on a Midwest cross-country road trip to the District 10 convention, stopping on the way to his house, where we talked about the Sons of Pericles in his time and gifted him a commemorative Centennial Pin. It is safe to say that without the help of John Boyas, this project would have never gotten off the ground like it had. John, I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help.

With John's help, I began to hit my mark with many Past Supreme Presidents, all who were eager to share their stories with me, give me advice on my final year, and invite me to their home should I ever be in their city. I got to hear the wonderful stories of Nick Theodore, PSP 1954-55, our oldest living Past Supreme President, who resides in Greenville, SC. Br. Nick credits his tenure in the Sons as the "Periclean Stepping Stone" to his ascension in the political circuit in the state of South Carolina. I later discovered that Nick Theodore was the first Greek-American to become state senator of South Carolina, as he continued to serve the state in many different capacities, including Lt. Governor. Nick and I spent many hours on the phone, and I even got to discover that he knew my Uncle Gus Manos from Columbia, SC very well. It turns out they were political adversaries their entire careers! However, despite them representing the opposite party

politically, Nick assured that he and my Uncle Gus would always be congruent in their policy decisions regarding Greek Americans. At his request, I gave him my Uncle Gus' phone number so he could reconnect with him and talk about their funny stories together. Nick still vividly remembers that my Uncle Gus told him if he ever decided to change his party to Republican, he would run the State with no hesitation, a quote that still makes me laugh to this day. It really is true; if everyone in the world knows one another by at least seven degrees of separation, Greeks know each other by at least two.

I also got to have in-depth conversations with Lee Millas, PSP 1958-59. I first met Lee at the Las Vegas Supreme Convention in 2023, where we were awarding him our first Presidential award for everything he's done for our Order, as a Son and as a mentor to our members. It was there that I mistakenly informed Lee that he was the oldest living Past Supreme President, a fact I would later discover was incorrect this year when finding Nick Theodore. Lee looked puzzled and said "No, I'm not", and I began to show him the photo of Past Supreme Presidents on the wall. As he combed through those before him, he began to say out loud "Dead... he just passed... he's gone..." and say "By God. I am the oldest living PSP". I just gave him a realization that I had not intended to at all. Moments after, he was called up to speak, and addressed to everyone, sadly, that he was just informed that he is the oldest living PSP. We look back on that story and laugh to this day.

Lee was the person who walked me to the podium during my installation as Supreme President my first year. He gifted me an old Sons pin which he had and gave me advice on what was to come. So, he has always been an integral part to my growth in the Sons. I had the pleasure of driving up to his home in Trenton, NJ on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday to personally give him a Centennial Pin in return for his gift years ago, and presented him his yearbook report when he was Supreme President so he could read back on his fondest memories leading our Organization. This was one of the best moments I have had this year. Right afterwards, he asked me if I had some time, and drove me to his Church's Greek Festival, where we had some beers and I met his Parish. You truly can't make these stories up, and you most definitely can't experience something like this unless you're in the Sons. To have someone who was once in your shoes immediately offer you hospitality and a free beer just because you are a Son too is a kindness I will never forget.

Aside from these gentlemen, I have called Steve Kostas PSP 1974-75, who I plan to meet after my term is up in Florida along with Pete Stoumbelis, PSP 1975-76. I truly don't know how to best put it: I made these calls to just get their life story, and each PSP I called welcomed me with open arms, shared their stories and their homes just because I am also a Son. Steve gave me encouraging words and I have continued to text him updates on the Sons, throwing ideas to him and sharing my adventures. When I called Pete, I discovered he is also an alumni at Florida State, where I first joined the Sons and attended the same church he did at the same time that he was in the Parish Council. How we never crossed paths is crazy, but we still managed to just by making one phone call. Pete immediately donated money to our Centennial, recanting that the lodge during his time didn't have a travel budget and he wanted to make sure we had enough to travel just like he did. It's this inherent selflessness that I didn't expect, and I encourage future Supreme Presidents to give a call to these wonderful gentlemen. They are always in your corner and are happy to hear how the Sons are doing.

In conclusion, this has been the most time consuming yet fulfilling project. I still have more Past Supreme Presidents to call, and have them scheduled as of writing. Just as I will continue to work in the Centennial Committee with more capacity, I will continue to conclude my project after my term, keep their information in a new Past Supreme President Database and continue to record as many interviews as I can so others can get a lens of what the Sons were like back in their days.

#### **Scholarship**

The Sons of Pericles scholarship has been reinstituted this year after having zero applicants the prior year. It is reassuring to see that while membership is increasing, Sons are taking advantage of their membership and applying for scholarship for a collegiate education. Still, our scholarship application window should have been advertised more. We only provided two notices for members to apply: one with a few months in advance, and a second one stating the scholarship was closing the very day our newsletter was sent out. The lack of promotion harms us and prevents members from taking advantage of money for their higher education. It is my hope that this scholarship continues and that the social media presence on our applications is much more vibrant than it has been.

Additionally, we also share an endowment fund with the Maids of Athena, known as the Sons and Maids Foundation. As of the last fiscal year report presented at the 2024 AHEP Cyprus Convention, we currently have approximately \$114,000 in the fund. This fund has remained dormant in a recurring CD with the interest accrued only used to pay our Sons of Pericles & Maids of Athena Youth Coordinator Stephanie Maniatis. Every cent used toward her stipend is justifiable, as she has been indispensable to the Sons. Feel free to ask my predecessors, and they will concur. While this fund is used in only one facet, we should encourage the use of the interest accrued to be paid on further scholarships. This could reduce the growth of the fund, but it would be a worthwhile expense, so long as we ensure the fund continues to grow while we use it.

As of writing this, I am working to fix the current scope of scholarships. Currently, our scholarships are directed debited out of our bank account. After discovering the investment account and endowment funds which we have, I have opted to pursue the potential for using these funds to greatly expand both the amounts of scholarships awarded as well as their value for each winner. Essentially money accrued over the calendar year will go towards funding scholarships which we award at the end of our Sons calendar year. Our current investments can greatly increase the value added to members pursuing a higher education and make a much more tangible impact on reducing the cost of tuition for a member.

I also suggest we revive the Scholarship as an annual fundraiser to make this process more agile. Each year, the Sons of Pericles can bookmark a fundraising goal of which proceeds will go towards scholarships disbursed throughout the year. If we fail to reach the target, we can simply deduct the remaining amount from our current investment funds, whose maximum amount we can deduct should always be lower than the amount where we would experience negative growth in our fund. With this plan, we can revitalize more scholarships and bring back prior ones, like the Stergios B. Milonas and George Leber Funds, bringing back the names which we have honored throughout Sons History. Once my term is over and I migrate to the National Advisory

Board, I will proceed to move forward with this opportunity and help expand our Scholarship to provide more to our winners. It is my hope, Brothers, that we can bring more scholarships to the table and award more to the very deserving Sons we have.

#### Membership

I am pleased to present the final membership statistics for the Sons of Pericles in its 99<sup>th</sup> year. As noted in past yearbooks from Past Supreme Presidents, I will also go with the standard count of paid for 2024 and paid for 2025 when aggregating total counts. As we know, membership is not the end-all be-all in terms of success of a Lodge, but it is conducive to whether we are truly growing our Organization to new heights, and I am proud to say that this is the case.

I'd like to provide a little history here. The Sons of Pericles are nowhere near membership counts in even its largest points in our history, but we are at higher heights than in recent memory. At worst, I have seen membership reported as less than 100 in 1947, two years after the conclusion of WWII and first year of the resumption of our Order since 1941. At most, we reached 2,400 and more members in the 70s and 80s, with chapters and District Lodges in almost every District in North America. In this current era, we have always operated from at its lowest, 200 (during COVID), to 545 (as evidenced in the 2018 final report which I found in their old Lodge drive). We have continued to oscillate between many and few, in a vicious cycle of members aging out and new members attempting to shore up the numbers. It's for this precise reason that the fact we are almost 100 years old is why it is such an amazing feat: our membership tenure is on such a short rope.

For the 2024-2025 calendar year, we began with 400 members paid, excluding Life Members. At its conclusion, and the day of writing, we have surpassed 600 active members in the Sons of Pericles, a new height in my tenure, and at least since 2018, the earliest roster report I could find in our generation. That is a 33% increase (and likely more to come) in membership in a single year. My Supreme Lodge has done a wonderful job of riding the momentum and never letting their feet off the gas, promoting growth in current chapters and increasing our Order with new ones. I believe this could not have been done without the help of many AHEPA members who have had a personal vested interest in having a Sons chapter to sponsor and mentor, and I thank all involved in our growth this year.

#### **At-Large Members**

We currently have 23 members in this District. However, I will admit our Lodge did not do a well enough job at engaging with them this year. I had asked the District Liaison to reach out and conduct virtual meetings with these members in hopes of getting them more active and potentially recruiting more chapters, but it never occurred. I strongly encourage next year's Supreme Lodge to tap into this District and not forget about these Brothers, as they can help expand our Order and we can enrich their careers as a Son with our help.

#### **Expansion & Reactivations**

This year has been fruitful. We saw at least two chapter reactivations in three countries; the United States, Canada, and Greece. Furthermore, plenty of these chapters have hit the ground running, notably SCJ12 Leaping Leventes of Regina, SK and HJ003 Zenon Voula-Vari-Vouliagmeni Attica. I am also personally proud to see the reactivation of my home chapter, Pythagoras #9, who have been amazing getting off the ground. Below is a list of all reactivations conducted this calendar year, all in no particular order.

Table 1: List of Reactivated Chapters during the 2024-2025 AHEPA Calendar Year

Chapter No.	Chapter Name	Location
9	Pythagoras	Washington, D.C.
13	Gamma Alpha Kappa	Detroit, MI^
15	Constantinople	New Haven, CT*
21	Plato	Providence, RI
27	Hub	Boston, MA*
86	Adelphi	Atlanta, GA
145	Spartan	Chicago, IL**
283	Hellenics	Phoenix, AZ^
336	Philotimo of Austin	Austin, TX
CJ10	Winnipeg	Winnipeg, MB*
CJ12	Leaping Leventes	Regina, SK
CJ13	Cyclops	Toronto, ON
НЈ3	Zenon	Vari-Voulai-Vouliagmeni Attica
HJ4	Pericles	Athens

<sup>\*</sup>These chapters, while remaining active in their local work, fell off the roster due to nonpayment of 2023 and 2024 dues after Jan. 1, 2025.

<sup>\*\*</sup> While not inactive, this chapter has recently been restructured.

<sup>^</sup>These chapters joined our Order by recognition of dual membership being enforced.

#### **Dual Membership**

This has been a recurring issue for a while. I had compiled a list of AHEPA members that are Sons age who are not dual members of AHEPA and began to recruit them into our Order. As a result of my trip to District 10 Convention, we were able to initiate 70 dual members into the reactivated Gamma Alpha Kappa #13 of Detroit, MI chapter. Hellenics #283 of Phoenix, AZ have also opted in as well.

As of the 2024 roster, we still have just above 200 Sons age AHEPA members that are not credited toward the Sons of Pericles. I will continue to work on rectifying this and ensuring that we create chapters out of these members while on the National Advisory Board next year.

I strongly encourage the Supreme Lodge to request a roster of AHEPA members aged 18-27 so the Sons of Pericles can continue to comb through and count how many members are not being properly credited as Sons and work with Headquarters to fix this. While I understand this is not enforced and sometimes shrugged off by AHEPA, I have continued to perform according to AHEPA's discretion, which is why I attended the District 10 Convention in order to get them to retroactively enforce this clause. Sometimes we have to comply and play the game. Luckily, we have been experiencing victories each step of the way, with a long way still to go.

AHEPA Constitution's ruling on Dual Membership below, which clearly states that this must be enforced properly:

#### Article 22: Sons of Pericles, Section A

<u>2. AGE LIMIT:</u> Upon achieving the age of eighteen (18) all members of the Sons of Pericles in good standing shall become automatic members of the Order of AHEPA. All members of the Order of AHEPA in good standing who are less than twenty-seven (27) shall become automatic members of the Sons of Pericles.

It is still puzzling why AHEPA will not enforce this. I understand their concern that we are receiving "empty members", but I argue that we are not. We want the opportunity to include these members in our Order and give them a chance to lead chapters with those in their age. So long as we continue to show that these members will be active and will run chapters, we will continue to see success in rectifying dual membership. If we simply want them for the numbers, we won't get AHEPA's "blessing".

So, before I end my term, I plan to compile a mailing list of all Sons-aged AHEPA members and tell them that they are entitled to dual membership. I will inform them that they could opt out if they so choose, but they will be a Son of Pericles otherwise. It is my hope that once we get these members in our list, we can get them to create their own Sons chapters and take on the chapter officer positions they ought to have had from the start. I will continue to work on rectifying dual membership for all our sake.

#### **Potential Reactivations**

Every Lodge Meeting I left a running list of chapters in my agenda that are prospective or pending to reactivate. I have added the following list below. While some chapters may very well reactivate by the time of the Supreme Convention, as of writing, they are not. It is my hope that the oncoming Supreme Lodge can solidify these potential localities as chapters in the next year:

Table 2: List of Potential Chapters from the Remainder of the 2024-2025 AHEPA Calendar Year

Chapter No.	Chapter Name	Location	
12	Rhodes	Milwaukee, WI	
37	Achilles	Portland, OR	
54	Icaros	Dayton, OH	
64	Salt City	Syracuse, NY	
153	Dixie	Greenville, SC	
154	Menelaos	Tampa, FL	
169	Florida Gators	West Palm Beach, FL	
219	Odysseus	Brooklyn, NY	
238	Calypso	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	
264	George Loucas	Orlando, FL	
335	Adelphia of NOVA	Fairfax, VA	
НЈ1	Thessaloniki	Thessaloniki, GR	
NEW	N/A	Holmdel, NJ	
NEW	N/A	Roseland, NJ	
NEW	N/A	Glen Head, NY	

#### Social Media, Marketing & Website/App Development

Our social media presence was vibrant this year. We were able to engage with numerous chapters across multiple social media platforms and cross-promote their events. Most of our presence resided on Instagram and Facebook, although I wish we made use of other platforms such as X and LinkedIn to promote our Order.

I would recommend that the future lodge continue posting as much as possible on social media. The lodge should consider posting a Son Sunday Spotlight, Maid Crush Monday, and Throwback Thursday to showcase a Son of Pericles, Maid of Athena, and provide a tidbit of history from our Org at least once a month. Many of our posts were more delayed than in the actual real time they were occurring, causing people to receive updates on our travels, trips, and promotions much later than they should. I believe that content is king, and if we are to continue gaining popularity, we should post as often as we can rather than try to beat the algorithm.

A big improvement can be made to our Newsletter. This is the greatest tool for updates and outreach that we have at our disposal. I had sought to make the newsletter monthly but quickly found it was not reciprocated, causing delays in the first issue this calendar year. Ultimately, we had six installments of the Periclean, which is far too few for an Order that needs to tell its mailing list what we're accomplishing. I even received comments from Past Supreme Presidents, who were displeased at the frequency of our issues. Ultimately, I hope the oncoming Supreme Lodge utilizes the mailing list more to update our members about what our Organization has been up to.

Our website received a revamp as well, with the addition of an app that can access our facilities from your smartphones. While our website does look beautiful, I received many complaints about its accessibility and the ability for members to pay dues, which are integral to our Order. We appreciate your patience while our website is under construction and are eager to unveil its final product that addresses all our member's concerns about accessibility and ease.

The app has been a great tool for our Sons to use. While still in its early stages, it remains a forum for chapters to cross communicate and the Lodge to provide updates to its members on a much more frequent basis. I strongly believe that as members continue to download the app, it will become a more vibrant platform that keeps our members more connected to the Supreme Lodge and to chapters across the world.

These steps are just the beginning of a new digital era for the Sons of Pericles. We seek to give you a simpler experience and connect one another with members across all our Districts.

#### National Treasury, National Project, & Investments

Our treasury has remained strong in liquidity and relatively stable throughout the year. Most lodge members made full use of their travel budgets as we worked to visit chapters, reactivate new ones, promote our Centennial, and sell merchandise. I will note that our travel budget has remained stable in the five years I have been on lodge and encourage the oncoming Supreme Lodge to consider an increase in travel allocation for both the personal travel and lodge lodging

budgets. If we are to continue to reach our members, support their events, and grow our Order, we must expend more money to attain these goals.

For our National Project, the Sons of Pericles Centennial, we set a lofty goal of raising \$100,000. We have currently raised just over \$13,000 at the time of writing, with a total of \$30,000 pledged. We have yet to solicit donations directly from Alumni and outside Organizations via letters, so I remain confident we can attainably reach and surpass this goal ahead of our Centennial Celebration weekend. If you would like to donate toward our project, please visit <a href="https://www.sonsofpericles.org/sop-100">www.sonsofpericles.org/sop-100</a>. Please note that Chapters still remain obligated to donate a minimum of \$100 to the National Project annually. I expect all chapters to fulfill these obligations, especially to honor our Centennial this upcoming year.

We receive most of our revenue from dues and national events, as well as an annual \$10,000 donation from AHEPA Senior Living. The AHEPA Senior Living board continues to financially support us, whereas AHEPA continues to tax us, taking 50% of all our dual members' dues at the end of the AHEPA Fiscal Year after March. I hope that AHEPA considers giving the Sons of Pericles monetary assistance in the future, but it was not at the forefront of my goals this year since our treasury still remains strong and I felt that other priorities needed more of my attention. I would also encourage the future Supreme Lodges to continue to connect with AHEPA Senior Living and attend their board meetings when invited. We must take advantage of their programs, get involved and earn these donations. Those at the prior year's Stateside Convention in Nashville saw firsthand how much this group will do for us. I cannot thank AHEPA Senior Living enough for all the assistance and encouragement they give us.

Additionally, we were also pleased with the discovery of our investment fund. The Sons of Pericles are in a much better financial position than I initially thought when I first joined the Supreme Lodge five years ago. It is my hope that the Supreme Lodge will utilize this fund to disperse more scholarships, as mentioned in the Scholarship section above. I encourage future Supreme Lodges to continue to email HQ requesting the investment account statements so we can be more involved in our money decisions and consider the possibility of expending more scholarships.

#### **Rising Sons**

At the Stateside Convention in Nashville, TN, the Supreme Lodge gathered a list of members interested in joining one of our Rising Sons Committees. However, after asking for updates after the first few months and finding that the committees were not meeting on the basis we planned, I had asked my Lodge if they had the capacity to conduct these committees. The overwhelming consensus was that they do not and we chose to suspend the Rising Sons committees so our Lodge can appropriately focus on expansion and retention. While we had monumental success in our focus, this program should most definitely come back.

There are currently five Rising Sons Committees that we offer:

1. Legislative

- 2. Membership & Expansion
- 3. Social Media & Marketing
- 4. Finance & Fundraising
- 5. Cultural

These programs are designed to tap into a member's interest and sharpen their skills to inherit more leadership in the Sons of Pericles as their career progresses. It also encourages lodge communication and gives members the opportunity to meet with Supreme Lodge members who may not be their own District Liaison, increasing the webs of communication to the local chapters. I still strongly believe this program enriches a Son's growth and that this should be revived by the oncoming Supreme Lodge. If you have an interest in any of these committees, please email the supreme lodge at sopsupremelodge@gmail.com.

#### **Sons & Maids Relations**

They've never been better.

Back in my day... We used to have at least *something* with the Maids once a year. Well, I'm happy to say it hasn't been happening anymore. These ladies are wonderful. I couldn't have asked for a better corresponding Lodge to cooperate with. Ladies, thank you for making this year easy, but most importantly fun. If I don't win Son of the Year I'm gonna have to rewrite this section, though.

#### **District Evaluations**

#### District 1: Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi

Active Chapter: Adelphi Ch. 86, Atlanta, Georgia

Adelphi was reactivated with the help of Supreme Vice President Basili Ronstadt and Past Supreme President Ryan Marinos. Since their reinstatement, they have continually begun to grow their numbers throughout the year. With numerous PSPs from Atlanta as their mentors and advisors, I have full faith Atlanta will come back and be one of our strongest chapters next year.

We have plenty of room for expansion in this District and have some good leads. Past Supreme President Nick Theodore has been working to bring back his Dixie #153 Greenville, SC chapter before the Centennial. It is my hope that the oncoming Supreme Lodge and my Centennial Committee can ensure we reactivate the home chapter of our oldest living Past Supreme President.

#### District 2: Florida, Puerto Rico, Bahamas

There are no active chapters in District 2. This is saddening, as this was the District where I began my membership, as a member of Tallahassee #334 Tallahassee, FL. There is a sign of life in this District, thanks to Br. George Sofikitis and 2020-2022 Past Supreme Secretary Dino Giallourakis. Both brothers have recreated interest in the state of Florida as well as a long-term strategic plan to revive activity in our District. In fact, these Brothers are working hard to ensure we reactivate George Loucas #264 of Orlando, FL, during our Supreme Convention. I look forward to seeing District 2 come back to prominence and look forward to potentially seeing Orlando reactivated at our Supreme Convention. If you have any potential gentlemen interested in joining a Sons chapter in Florida, please email Brother George Sofikitis, one of my dearest friends, at G.SofikitisSOP@Gmail.com.

## **District 3: Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, & West Virginia** *Active Chapters: Pythagoras Ch. 9, Washington, DC; Victory Ch. 123, Charlotte, NC*

I cannot express my excitement in seeing my home chapter be reactivated. Pythagoras has been working steadily, increasing in numbers. Chapter President Leo Tsirigotis has done a splendid job at encouraging members, making them feel welcome, heard, and a part of the Order. It is without a doubt that this chapter will achieve great heights in the coming years, as they have the full financial support of their sponsor AHEPA Chapter #31 and all of the DMV area supporting them. Charlotte has remained stable, yet relatively quiet throughout the year as well. Br. George Giannopoulos has taken the position of Chapter President and has conducted their standard events, including their annual basketball tournament and their firefighter relief program for the wildfires in Greece. I have no doubt that District 3 is on the right path to grow as they all obtain the right tools to prosper.

#### District 4: Pennsylvania

Active Chapter: Fighting Titans Ch. 290, Upper Darby, PA

Upper Darby has remained active for quite some time now, as their members began this chapter as early as at the age of 14. I had the pleasure to work alongside Chapter President Themio Economou, who has continued to grow their chapter in numbers and work closely with their local church of St. Demetrios in Upper Darby. I was able to pay them a chapter visitation in March, giving them assistance on their event planning and recruitment drives, before we closed the meeting playing some basketball. To the Fighting Titans, it was a pleasure to meet you all this year, and to Themio, you've done a wonderful job keeping your members active and engaged. I remain confident that you all will continue to achieve wonderful things.

#### **District 5: New Jersey**

Active Chapters: Perdicaris Ch. 167, Trenton, NJ; Hippocrates Ch. 210, Cherry Hill, NJ

Trenton has remained stable throughout the year. Chapter President George Gergatsoulis has continued chapter operations, ensuring that they remain active and begin to recruit more to their numbers. Cherry Hill has remained a stalwart, boasting one of our largest chapters. I had the pleasure to visit Hippocrates #210 in March and assisted in the initiation of two new Brothers while there. To Chapter President Dino Klentzeris, the St. Thomas community is lucky to have

you and your Brothers. Your AHEPA Chapter #69 Camden, NJ is your greatest supporter, and I thank them for giving you all the tools to succeed. Lastly, I want to give a shoutout to my Cherry Hill boys: Niko Kokkolis, Loukas Klentzeris, George T. Horiates, Mano, and countless others. You guys have a bright future ahead of you, and I am happy to see what a second year under Dino Klentzeris will help you achieve.

#### **District 6: New York**

Active Chapters: New Renaissance Ch. 5, New York, NY; Phocion Ch. 44, Albany, NY; Omega Peter Argyropoulos Ch. 88, Astoria, NY; Lord Byron Ch. 233, Hempstead, NY; Titans Ch. 274, Manhasset, NY; Mountaineers Ch. 293, Bayside, NY; Perseus Ch. 322, New Rochelle, NY

District 6 remains the largest district of the Sons of Pericles in terms of chapters and members. Supreme Secretary George Kalyvas worked closely with the chapters here to ensure they remained intact and blossomed into the successful, established chapters I present to you today.

New Renaissance remains active on paper, but is in a transitory period. Past Supreme Presidents Paul Pavlakos and Andreas Christou, both of whom have served or is currently serving Chapter President of their sponsoring AHEPA Delphi #25 Manhattan Chapter, are working hard to establish a new list of chapter officers to lead the members. Phocion #44 continues to promote themselves as the longest active chapter in the Sons of Pericles, having been around since the 1970s and likely further back. I had the pleasure to visit these Brothers many times this year, and thank Chapter Co-Presidents Theodore Efstathiadis and Andrew McCullough for their accomplishments, notably the always successful Albany Valentine's Dance, which is a must-attend on all our members' calendars.

Omega Peter Argyropoulos #88 have left no time to rest, hosting events on a monthly basis and growing their numbers all throughout the year. I'd like to congratulate Chapter President Panagiotis Pierratos for his wonderful work, and their advisor, Peter Argyropoulos, whom their chapter is now named after, for mentoring these amazing Brothers throughout the year. You all have impressed us, and I was happy to hear about your entire progress and future goals at the District 6 Convention.

Lord Byron continues to remain our largest chapter in the Sons of Pericles. They again conducted their Crop Hunger Walk, raising over \$13,000 in what has become an annual, immensely successful event. Hempstead, you're doing everything right, and I'd like to thank Chapter President George Cosmas for leading you all for... how long has it been?

The Manhasset Titans have made quite a punch this year, and it's all thanks to Chapter President Spyro Drenis and Chapter Advisor Billy Antonopoulos. The Titans and I talked personally throughout the year, notably about a potential Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament they plan to run annually. They kicked it off without a hitch, and also managed to get a mass recruiting effort out of registration fees, making it a Son-Only basketball tournament. Thanks to them, we were able to welcome over 40 new members to nearly all of our active chapters in District 6. Spyro & Billy, you ran the tournament exactly how I always wanted to run Greeks in New York. I will always have love for the Titans and for everything you do, and am always happy to pick up the phone (and maybe come to next year's tourney).

Our last two active chapters are the Bayside Mountaineers and Perseus of New Rochelle. Br. Kyriacos Stoupakis revived #293 after years of inactivity, and it is no easy feat. The Bayside Sons and Maids collaborate amazingly together and the Sons have managed to conduct great events throughout the year, like their Independence Day After Party. Kyriacos, congratulations on your career as a Son and welcome to retirement! New Rochelle remained active as well, under Chapter President Michael Copulos. Their chapter president was on the move, attending plenty of events and supporting our fellow brothers.

In conclusion, New York is a staple, and we still have more potential chapters on the way. To all from District 6, I congratulate you on an amazing year and look forward to what you all do to top this past one.

#### District 7: Connecticut & Rhode Island

Active Chapters: Constantinople Ch. 15, New Haven, CT; Plato Ch. 21, Providence, RI

Chapter #15 Constantinople remains active in their localities, and one of the chapters I hold dearest to my heart. After all, they were the second chapter I reactivated in my entire Supreme Lodge journey – I got to see them grow and accomplish great things. New Haven ran their annual trivia night at their local St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in November, to great success. They have continued to reorganize and set new goals in order to remain one of the strong staple chapters of our Order. I still hope to travel up before the year ends for one last visit to personally congratulate you all on getting your chapter active back on paper and on your success. To Robbie, Ted, Gio, Andreas, Paul, Cube – thank you for an amazing five years knowing you, I'm proud to see how much you've grown, and even happier to know I've got some boys and some Sally's Apizza waiting for me whenever I come to town.

Supreme Governor George Antonellis reactivated Plato #21 this past May. They are just getting off the ground, with Owen Sterpis, their elected Chapter President, working with his Brothers to conduct chapter events smoothly. Congratulations to all you gentlemen, the future looks bright in Rhode Island!

#### **District 8: Massachusetts**

Active Chapters: Acropolis Ch. 14, Lowell, MA; HUB Ch. 27, Boston, MA

Acropolis #14 continues to operate efficiently and quietly, with not much communication between them and the Lodge. This year, however, I managed to attend a meeting of theirs virtually, reinforcing that the Lodge is there whenever they need us. I was able to assist them in everything they would need. Lowell continues to run their social events, philanthropic endeavors, like their donation drive to the less advantaged in Boston and run a smooth sailing ship. To Chapter President Panagiotis Meltsakos, congratulations on another fantastic year, it was a pleasure to meet you boys (albeit virtually) again and dish assistance whenever necessary.

HUB #27, the first chapter I reactivated while Supreme Governor on the Lodge, has come back. I was pleased to receive a FaceTime call from their Advisor, my dear friend and Brother Michael Condakes, to congratulate their newly elected Chapter Officers. The Boston Boys then came down to Greeks in New York to participate in our basketball tournament, and I had the opportunity to see the gentlemen I initiated during peak COVID at Lou Dakoyiannis' Law Firm

all grown up. Seeing these gentlemen again and ready to work for the Good of the Order is one of my finest moments on the Supreme Lodge; I was proud to see them back.

#### District 9: Maine, New Hampshire, & Vermont

There are currently no members or chapters in District 9. A secondary focus of our Centennial Commemoration is to reactivate Queen City #1, Manchester, NH at or prior to the Centennial Celebration weekend. I traveled up to Manchester with my Centennial Committee PSP Brothers Paul Pavlakos and Gregory Vourloumis to meet the AHEPA Family there in hopes of beginning discourse on reactivating the chapter. The District 9 AHEPA Family seemed receptive to our plans and are collaborating with us to recruit as many prospective members as possible to ensure our Mother Chapter becomes active by then.

After my term, I plan to revisit Manchester ahead of the Centennial to spur some more activity and help get this chapter active. If you are aware of any individuals in this District interested in becoming a member, please email sopsupremelodge@gmail.com.

#### District 10: Michigan

Active Chapter: Gamma Alpha Kappa Ch. 13, Detroit, MI (thanks to dual membership!)

Thanks to Past District 10 Governor James Thomas, the District voted to enforce and retroactively make all Sons-aged AHEPA members dual members of the Sons of Pericles. James, I shouldn't be getting awards from you, I should be giving you some. It's been an absolute pleasure getting to know you these past three years, and I cannot thank you enough for what you do for AHEPA as well as the Sons of Pericles.

To the other Gamma Alpha Kappa Gents – Othonas, Merek, Gabriel, and tons more – thank you for your hospitality and more importantly, your friendship at Grand Traverse. I was so happy to see some of you at the AHEPA National Banquet, where Merek's shoutout in response to my speech will always live in my head. I'm definitely coming up to a block party.

#### District 11: Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia

There are currently no active chapters in District 11. However, Brother Basili Ronstadt has been working closely on the potential reactivation of Icaros #54 of Dayton, OH, thanks to Br. Nick Regopoulos. It is with my hope that we can revive District 11 and get Icaros #54, and likely more to follow suit.

#### District 12: Indiana

Active Chapter: Sophocles Ch. 53, Merrillville, IN

Sophocles #53 continues to run a smooth ship, hosting wonderful events in coordination with the Maids, such as their Dance. These Brothers traveled in full force to most of our National Events, giving the Lodge their support in return, and I cannot thank them enough. A special shoutout goes to Dimitri Nikolaras and Elias Paviadakis for simply being amazing Brothers, and for

keeping Merriville on the forefront of our best chapters. Thank you, gentlemen. Sophocles has a bright future ahead of itself.

#### **District 13: Illinois & Wisconsin**

Active Chapter: Spartan Ch. 145, Chicago, IL

Spartan #145 has spent the year restructuring and gaining momentum for the Chicagoland area. They remain in a transitory restructuring period, under the supervision of Supreme Vice President Basili Ronstadt and newly elected District 13 Lt. Governor Michael Carreon. With one chapter down more will follow with the help of AHEPA #94 North Shore. Additionally, we have a potential reactivation looming in Milwaukee, WI. District 13 is just getting started, and I'm happy to see it all coming back. I extend my thanks to Supreme Vice President Basili Ronstadt for his effort in ensuring we get activity back in District 13.

#### District 14: Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, Missouri, South Dakota, & Nebraska

There is no activity in this District. While we did have a prospective member from Nebraska, who has transferred to Olympic CJ1 in Montreal, QC, there was nothing else coming from this district. If you have anyone interested in joining from this District, please email the Supreme Lodge at <a href="mailto:sopsupremelodge@gmail.com">sopsupremelodge@gmail.com</a>.

#### District 16: Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, & Texas

Active Chapter: Philotimo of Austin Ch. 336; Austin, TX

Philotimo of Austin was recently reactivated in June, thanks to Br. George Kalyvas. We have a revived and revitalized group of young men who seem confident in making waves for our Order. I'd like to thank Costaki Skevofilax, a long time friend, for helping spearhead this reactivation effort. Costaki, welcome back. I look forward to seeing the amazing achievements you and your chapter will accomplish.

#### District 17: Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah, & Wyoming

Active Chapter: Rocky Mountain Ch. 83, Denver, CO

Rocky Mountain #83 experienced a resurgence this year, and have taken a patient approach on getting off the ground. Brother Theo Critikos has led the chapter for the past year, focusing on member retention as well as mass expansion before they conduct and prepare for marquee events that they aim to conduct next year. I'd like to extend my sincerest thanks to Marshall Monsell, a Supreme Governor of AHEPA who hails from Denver for helping restructure the chapter for a brighter future and being one of the best advisors and Sons supporters the Lodge has had in my five years. Thank you, Marshall.

#### District 20: Arizona, Southern California, Hawaii, & Southern Nevada

Chapter: Hellenics Chapter 283, Phoenix, AZ

While there is currently no chapter in District 20 meeting regularly, there is major potential to fully reactivate Hellenics Chapter 283 in Phoenix, AZ. Currently, Hellenics qualifies as a chapter because of dual membership. Many of these dual members joined the SOP when they

were younger and took a break for college, returning to join their local AHEPA since the SOP Chapter was no longer actively meeting. I strongly urge next year's lodge to contact the Phoenix/Scottsdale AHEPA Chapter and encourage their dual members to get involved once again.

#### District 21: Northern California & Northern Nevada

Active Chapter: Phoebus Ch. 207, Stockton, CA.; At large members of Raisin City Ch. 137, Fresno, CA

Stockton technically also came to us by way of Dual Membership inconsistencies. AHEPA Member Tom Chiarchianis reached out to our Lodge asking why their chapter was not on our website a year ago, and we were able to discover that they were yet again another list of AHEPA members that were not being properly credited as Sons. Rest assured, Stockton has remained resilient in their local area. It is with my hope that we can get them to travel to our National Events; perhaps a west coast one is overdue.

Additionally, members of Raisin City Ch. 137 still remain active members of the SOP despite the chapter having fallen into a stasis. We are grateful to AHEPA Past District 21 Governor Chris Frangos for his interest in helping us get these members back together to hopefully reactivate the chapter in time for our Centennial.

#### District 22: Alaska, Oregon, & Washington

There are currently no active chapters in District 22. However, thanks to SVP Basili Ronstadt, the reactivation of Achilles Ch. 37 of Portland, OR. Their AHEPA is attempting to schedule a date for reactivation where a Lodge member will fly out to meet and welcome these prospective members to our Order

Supreme Governor George T. Horiates also vows on this, so I figure I add it here: he will make sure Aristotle #43 of Seattle, WA reactivates under his watch. That's the kind of energy and conviction I love. Show 'em how it's done and bring 'em back George!

### District 23: New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edwards Island, & Quebec

Active Chapters: Olympic Ch. CJ01, Montreal, QC; Maple Leaf Ch. CJ06, Ottawa, ON; Cyclops Ch. CJ13, Toronto, ON

District 23's staples, Olympic and Maple Leaf, continue to shine. Under Chapter President George Christou, CJ1 Olympic has gone through a restructuring, aiming its focus on the recruitment of younger members to shore up the losses they may incur from members aging out. CJ6 Maple Leaf, meanwhile, continues to operate a tight ship. They have been rocking their national events, and showing their support to the Greek Community in Ottawa, with the culmination of their Summer Dance in conjunction with the local Maids of Athena chapter there.

Cyclops was a great surprise to us, having reactivated within a month of informing us. They have been settling down and getting straight to work, and I look forward to see what they can accomplish with a full year under their belt. The future is Bright in District 23!

#### District 24: Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan

Active Chapters: Winnipeg Ch. CJ10, Winnipeg, MB; Leaping Leventes Ch. CJ12, Regina, SK

CJ10 Winnipeg continues to be the jewel of our Order. Due to dues mailing circumstances, we were happy to welcome them back on our roster, despite them still remaining active regardless of these issues. Winnipeg has a long list of accomplishments this year. They ran numerous Tavli tournaments, hosted their annual Greek Masters Tournament (3 teams tied to win), and collected over 50 bags of garbage from their chapter's adopted highway, spanning 16km of road in the process! There is not enough that can be said about this chapter. They exemplify Heritage, Service, and Brotherhood all around. I would like to give my sincerest congratulations to Chapter President Foti Hrousalas for yet another wonderful year and look forward to Winnipeg once again shattering our expectations for years to come.

The Leaping Leventes joined our Order in Winter of 2024, and have quite literally leapt into action. They held their own Tavli tournaments, hosted an NFL playoff bracket, Super Bowl party, and spent their time at the Regina FoodBank during Christmas time to help the less advantaged. CJ12, I am excited to see what you all will continue to do. You have hit the ground running and never looked back.

#### **District 25: Greece**

Active Chapters: Zenon Ch. HJ03, Vari-Voula-Vouliagmeni, Attica; Pericles Ch. HJ04, Athens

Both chapters were reactivated this past year and have hit the ground running, respectively. HJ3 Zenon kicked off their inaugural AHEPA Innovation Awards, aimed to reward the youth for their service, encouraging membership into our Four Orders to create a strong network in Greece. AHEPA Supreme President Savas Tsivicos and Executive Director and former Sons Past Supreme President Basil Mossaidis presided over the initiation and activation of HJ4 Pericles, who have remained vibrant with their social media presence. I would like to personally thank the chapter president of HJ3 Zenon Panagiotis Kotsalis for spearheading new activity in this District, as he has been integral to helping with a potential reactivation of Thessaloniki all while increasing membership numbers in our current chapters in the district.

#### District 26: British Columbia

There are no active chapters nor members in District 26. It is my hope we can possibly tap into our AHEPA resources in British Columbia to generate interest in a Sons chapter, perhaps in Vancouver, the largest city. I would encourage the next Supreme Lodge to contact Past Supreme President George Vasillas, the first Supreme President from Canada, who resides in BC. He could be the key to generating interest in reactivating a Sons chapter there.

#### **District 27: Cyprus**

There are currently no chapters in Cyprus. However, there has been a spur of activity, with potential growth on the horizon. Br. Panagiotis Kotsalis, Chapter President of HJ03 Zenon, Voula Vari-Vouliagmeni Attica, has also been working on expansion of our Order into Cyprus. It is our hope that we can see our Organization reach activity in its fourth country, and if you believe to

have any individuals interested in joining the Order within this District, please email sopsupremelodge@gmail.com.

#### **District 28: Europe**

There are also no current chapters nor members in the rest of Greater Europe. However, I did receive communications from a prospective member in Naples, Italy this July. With some hope, we may welcome our first member in District 28 since "French George", whom we affectionately called after attending our Supreme Convention in Athens, Greece back in 2021. I believe District 28 has not received enough attention, and that the next Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge can lean into AHEPA's current chapters there in hopes of creating activity in Greater Europe.

#### **In-Person & Virtual Visitations**

Below is a list of all my travels as of writing this report. Although there are only a few weeks prior to Supreme Convention, I have considered traveling one more time, to Constantinople #15 and Hub #27 with stops to visit the son of our first Supreme President William Vasiliou and Past Supreme President Steve Kostas. I would hope I make these trips come true, especially because Boston and New Haven were my first two trips chapter reactivations on the Supreme Lodge while serving as Supreme Governor from 2020-2021. It would feel amazing to have my Sons career come full circle and close out by traveling the chapters I was first sent to.

Please note that this list is not all-inclusive of my travels and meetings, which excludes Centennial Committee meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, as well as countless trips to AHEPA Headquarters, where I practically lived for much of my term. I may as well have brought a sleeping bag to the office.

Table 4: In Person and Virtual Visitations & Meetings during 2024-2025 AHEPA Calendar Year

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Date	Event	Location		
August 18, 2024	Phocion #44 Chapter Visit	Albany, NY		
September 19 – 22, 2024	Leadership Conference	Washington, D.C.		
October 20, 2024	Phocion #44 Chapter Visit	Albany, NY		
October 25, 2024	Bayside Maids' Halloween Party	New York, NY		
November 8 – 10, 2024	Greeks in Boston	Boston, MA		
November 21, 2024	Maids of Athena Muses #22 Thanksgiving Potluck	Potomac, MD		
January 17 – 19, 2025	Greeks in Tampa	Tampa, FL		
January 30 – February 1, 2025	Centennial Committee Sons History Trip	Manchester, NH		

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February 1, 2025	Albany SOP & MOA Valentine's Dance	Albany, NY
February 14, 2025	Montreal AHEPA Family Valentines Ball	Montreal, QC
March 1, 2025	Fighting Titans #290 Chapter Visit	Upper Darby, PA
March 2, 2025	Acropolis #14 Chapter Meeting	Virtual
March 15, 2025	Hippocrates #210 Chapter Visit	Cherry Hill, NJ
March 16, 2025	Omega Peter Argyropoulos #88 Chapter Elections	Virtual
March 24, 2025	White House Greek Independence Day Celebration	Washington, D.C.
March 29, 2025	Federation of Hellenic Societies Annual Greek Independence Gala	New York, NY
March 30, 2025	New York City Greek Independence Day Parade	New York, NY
April 9 – April 12	AHEPA Senior Living Annual Long Range Strategic Planning Meeting	Chicago, IL
May 14, 2025	Visit to Lee Millas, PSP 1958-59	Trenton, NJ
May 15, 2025	Visit to John Boyas, PSVP 1976-77	Pittsburgh, PA
May 16, 2025	Visit to Ypsilanti Water Tower, District 10 AHEPA Monument & Time Capsule	Ypsilanti, MI
May 16 – 18, 2025	District 10 Convention	Traverse City, MI
May 21, 2025	AHEPA National Banquet	Washington, D.C.
May 22, 2025	AHEPA Capitol Hill Day	Washington, D.C.
May 24, 2025	District 3 AHEPA Family Arlington Cemetery Wreath-Laying	Washington, D.C.
June 1, 2025	EMBCA Sons of Pericles: A Century of Service to America and Hellenism" Webinar	Virtual
June 7, 2025	District 6 Convention	Hyde Park, NY
June 13 – 15, 2025	Greeks in New York	New York, NY
June 14, 2025	District 6 Maids of Athena St. Basil's Sensory Room Unveiling Ceremony	Garrison, NY

#### Recommendations

In the past, the Sons of Pericles would propose recommendations that they would like to see from the Order. I have chosen to bring this back, and propose the following for future Supreme Lodge members to consider conducting:

- 1. That the Sons of Pericles Lodge continue to submit proposals or recommendations to be discussed on the AHEPA Floor at Supreme Convention. These can be submitted up to 30 days prior to the Supreme Convention, and it is a genuine step forward to show we want more responsibility to be the future AHEPA so often labels us as.
- 2. Continue ancillary liaisons for each district as applicable. This has helped ensure efficiency whenever there are gaps in communication.
- 3. Coordinate with the AHEPA Supreme Lodge, the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge, and Maids of Athena Grand Lodge of all visitations through a shared calendar. This helps encourage communication between the Orders and could assist in coordinating trips together with our Four Orders.
- 4. That the Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge and AHEPA Supreme Lodge consider a buddy system program. This would pair up members by their officer positions and provide tutelage and assistance to the Sons while also increasing communication between the two Orders.
- 5. That the Supreme Lodge lean into tutelage and advice from past Supreme Lodge members. They are at your disposal and more than willing to help; you just need to ask us.
- 6. That the Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge consider reactivating the Rising Sons program. Upon discussion with my lodge, overwhelming opinion suggested we cancel this program for 2024-2025. This program can be a life-changer in our Organization, by refining the skills of chapter members to be apt for Supreme Lodge duties, as well as increasing communication efforts among Supreme Lodge officers and chapter members.
- 7. That the Supreme Secretary is not the de facto manager of social media. This position requires a mass effort and should not be the onus of one individual. Perhaps in a future Rising Sons Program.
- 8. Per PSP Chris Evangel's 1980 yearbook recommendation: assess a per-capita tax on AHEPA chapters that currently do not sponsor a Sons of Pericles chapter. This would incentivize AHEPA chapters to coordinate with the Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Pericles to activate chapters in their locality. The money accrued should then either go to a restricted fund dedicated to funding an activated chapter, or back to Sons of Pericles

- chapters to increase their cash flow. One should consider what must be done if the AHEPA chapter is making a concerted effort in reactivation, but the Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge fails to communicate properly, however.
- 9. Revive the Scholarship as an annual fundraiser, whose proceeds will go towards the disbursement to scholarship winners which we already award annually. Consider an investment strategy where if we fail to hit our fundraising goal, we deduct the remaining balance needed from our investment accounts. The future Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodges should be attentive and only deduct up to an amount where we still sustain growth in the fund year-over-year.
- 10. That the Sons utilize the AHEPA Charitable Foundation as a vehicle for sponsorships. We failed to acquire many sponsorships this year, and I had hoped to pilot test this out. The Sons of Pericles should encourage that donors give their funds to the AHEPA Charitable Foundation and earmark it to the Sons of Pericles and specific use it is intended for, so we can disperse tax-deductible receipts to our sponsors. I found that many from outside our organization are less inclined to donate or sponsor us simply because they cannot write it off. This is a simple step we can encourage donors to do in order to offer them the charitable contribution rebate that they should intend to receive for supporting the AHEPA Family.
- 11. That the Sons of Pericles repurpose Life Members to a "Fraternity Family" program. That is, that the Sons sell Life Membership with the promise that the amount donated will go towards sponsoring a Son's year (or more) of dues. Whether or not this should go to particular Sons the donor wishes to sponsor, or toward Sons deserving of a free year of membership for their work and service, is up to Lodge's discretion. I believe both options should be available, and that the recipients of these sponsorships write a thank you letter to reach out to the person who subsidized their membership, in hopes that the Son gains a new mentor for their tenure. This could create a sense of family in our Organization, with the potential of being similar to a Fraternity and their Big-Little program. This method gives reassurance to sponsors that their money is being used to positively impact the Sons, and they should be rewarded with a certificate of Life Membership as a result.
- 12. That the Sons of Pericles revive the Membership drive, encouraging chapters to expand and grow. Perhaps an award for their growth and retention could incentivize chapters to strive for greater numbers.
- 13. Consider waiving membership fees for all new members for a year as a trial run. We have enough in our Treasury to weather the storm, but one must consider the financial implications with far more detail to ensure its prosperity.
- 14. Consider holding virtual meetings with At-Large members of the Sons of Pericles. We must do something to keep them engaged and involved. There could be fantasy football leagues, games of jeopardy, maybe even a recruitment workshop anything. We tried to engage with these members this year to no avail. I truly hope we make these members feel worthwhile moving forward.

#### Acknowledgements

After 5 years on Supreme Lodge, one can understand that it is truly difficult to provide thanks to every wonderful individual I have met over the course of my career. I put genuine effort to best express my deepest gratitude and heartfelt love for every single individual mentioned below. For those whom I missed and omitted, please understand that my love and appreciation for you is also immeasurable, genuine and true, but that I hit a word limit writing this report.

#### To my Lodge,

**Basili Ronstadt:** Thank you for running another year by my side. I truly don't know how I'd get through it without you, man. It seems that every year we get older but we still make each other laugh on a dime at all the crazy things we go through. This moment at this Supreme Convention has been written in history the day that you went to your first Supreme Convention before I ever knew what the Sons were about. I've said it before and I will say it again – you are the future. We all know that. You're the one who's taking us to the heights, and that's in the prophecies that's just not me. Now that I'm out the picture it's your time to shine. I know I joke about how I will be long gone when my time's over but I'm a call away if you ever need a thing from me and Brother you know I'd go to war with you in a heartbeat. It's wild we were the only ones left from your first year on Lodge. I'm grateful you stuck around because if you didn't, I'd probably be in a grippy sock mental institution by now. Now that I'm free I got time to fly out to Chiraq and we can celebrate my retirement and your Supreme Presidency with some Irish car bombs. You're one of a kind and a hell of a time, Basili. If you ever need a thing Brother I better get a ring and I'll get it done for you. Congratulations, Basili. I was just the stopgap before things got real good with the Sons. You are the one who's going to take us from good to the best it's been in ages. I'm proud to call you my Brother and know I got a lifelong friend in you thanks to the years we spent making the Sons the best it can be. You're one of a kind and the next in line – Basili's got my back.

George Kalyvas: We have often been on different lines of communication this year. I don't know why, but it has not felt like we hit our stride, running perpendicular rather than parallel. It felt you had a separate agenda to your actions, and that became evident when we all discovered you were running for Supreme President. Regardless, I am very happy you loved your year and at what you've done for District 6, elevating it to new heights. You made all that happen. You've got the drive. You've got the passion. You've got the grit. However, I am still stunned that I had to discover you were running for Supreme President from our members, my own Districts, but not you. I wish you called me for advice and to explain why. That call never came. Maybe it wouldn't have changed your mind anyways. I know somewhere deep down I've still got a Brother in you, but I'm also grateful we don't have to mix work with personal life any longer. George, you're always going to be the same person who I met at District 6 Convention where I saw something special in you. You wear your heart on your sleeve and put every ounce of effort into everything you do to make us better. Don't let that potential go to waste, because you are a key component of the success of this Order. I wish you the best success in your run for Supreme President, and I want to leave you with an important passage I found in Past Supreme President Nick Karayianis' 1957 yearbook report that I hope resonates with you:

"To each of the Sons of Pericles and prospective members I leave this token of thought: Seek the mutual betterment of yourself and your brothers in the Sons of Pericles, and you will be rewarded manyfold for the effort. Seek the rewards, and you will find nothing." -PSP Nick Karayianis (1956-57)

Andreas Koloniaris: I still think back on the day Basili and I rang you up and talked you into joining our lodge. You already know I have zero regrets, and numerous positive things to say about your decision. You keep the conversation lively, you make me nearly bust a gut laughing, and you get your work done. Those are the three tenets of a model Supreme Lodge member. Stephanie Maniatis has told me many times that you are the best Sons treasurer she has seen. When she says it, you know it's real. Andreas, although travel was tough for you, you still showed up to events and did everything I asked of you, even when I thought it was too much. You've been one of my favorite lodge members to work with in my career. I'm looking forward to seeing your achievements as you keep going, because I know you're integral to the future of the Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Pericles. Keep it up, and I'll take a trip to the Ottawa Sons and Maids dance sometime. Make sure to pick me up in a Bentley.

George Horiates: The Greek Tony Soprano, G-Hor, Horiatiki Salata! You have been the Lodge member I find myself relating to the most when I compare careers as a Son. I remember when I sat you down after you got elected into the Supreme Lodge at the last Convention at Disney and told you "Welcome to the Big Leagues. It's real now". You took everything I could throw at you and still managed to come out on top just fine. George, I can't think of my tenure on Lodge without you on my mind, because throughout the past three years I had the opportunity to see you grow and develop into the person you are today. I only hope that I made an impact and helped make that happen. You know I've always been hard on you because I see what you can do at your best. Now you've shown it consistently and look at what you've accomplished as a result. Continue to be your genuine self, because you make our members feel comfortable, heard, and welcome. That comes from a personality that is hard to acquire. I'm going to miss working with you, but I can take solace in knowing that you have grown into your best self as you've stayed on Lodge, and I am happy I got to witness it.

George Antonellis: What a ride it's been, George. To think our friendship started the day I drove 7 hours to New Haven Connecticut to reactivate your chapter, and have you work by my side in my two most important years as a Son is something I hold dear to me. I like how vocal you've gotten this year, but now's the time to put that action to work. You're like a lexicon of AHEPA legislative knowledge in your toolkit and have grown out of your shell so much in these past two years that you truly have had the greatest enriching experience as a Son of Pericles in our group. I cannot be happier at the Brother you've become, and I will look back on your cold calls where I pick up and immediately go on a monologue and tell you some random fun fact history tidbit about the Sons of Pericles as probably one of the funniest moments from this past year. Continue to tackle the hard things, but remember! Know your audience, refine your approach, and strategize your response. If you can play the game, wheel and deal, you'll be finding just as much success as you do in Sportsbetting and the Casino tables. I swear to God you must've been born with a lucky horseshoe inside of you George. To all our members – make sure you take this guy with you to the Casino! I eagerly await your updates on your race to the Cambadhis Sponsorship, and am dearly grateful I have a genuine friend and Brother who I know will take

me to the best pizza spots the Pizza Capital of the World has to offer! Thank you for running alongside me George, and for your Brotherhood.

#### To the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge,

Stephanie Owens: Who would have ever thought two Florida State Alums who started their journeys in the Sons and Maids in Tallahassee would be leading our organizations in tandem? Paul Pavlakos must be smiling right now! I think we're the first Sons and Maids Presidents to communicate and get so much done without ever having a phone call in the history of our Orders. There's no need to call when we text practically every day! Stephanie, I have a hard time writing my respect and adoration for you as a dear friend and cohort, because I don't feel like I can properly convey it. I'll just keep typing and hope what I write is enough for me. I remember when I went to the Athens Convention and you came to join us. Ryan, Dino and I were in Maria Ana's ear, telling her that you need to fill the next slot on the Maids Lodge. We peppered her all week. Fast forward five years and you've done amazing for yourself and for your Order. I can't say this with any more conviction: you have been the greatest Grand President a Supreme President could work together with. You're pushing the Maids to new heights while always supportive of us Sons. I can rest easy knowing that the Sons and Maids are in yours and Basili's hands and remain confident that you two will do astounding jobs. Buckle up for year 2, because that's when all the ideas you thought you didn't have time for in your first year come to fruition. Thank you for being such a wonderful and true friend.

**Lia Chrisohou:** I still remember the first time we met, Governor's Conference 2020. Honestly, I don't, but that's just an explanation of how fun the weekend was! Lia, congratulations on your work in the Maids of Athena. I won't deny that I won't stop getting tired of responding to your texts since you're two hours behind me, but I am always glad they happened every time. Now that I'm retired, I'm packing my bags for Stampede. Order some shafts on draft for Kiki and I, cause we're gonna need to wake up after our long cross-country flight to Calgary.

Cristina Saavedra-Mamounis: My favorite polyglot French-Canadian lady! What a journey it's been for each of us. You've traveled more than you ever had in your life in such a short span. That's the role that we take on, after all! Cristina, you are one of the loveliest people I have met in the Maids. Your smile is affectionate and immediately lights up a room. You always have the best upbeat attitude and show how much you care not just about the Maids, but about the the people themselves. I may have a soft spot for my Montreal boys but I'll finally admit I have one for you as well. Tell your mom I love her and that I'm looking forward to seeing her soon now that I've got tons of time on my hands!

Falia Pantieras: Ms. One-legged Kilamanjaro, what can I say about you that I haven't already said? Where you lack in normal ACLs, you make up for with a personality greater than life itself. Falia, I will always be beaming whenever I see you, because you bring such a vibrant energy and great attitude toward everything you do. It's been astounding to join you in the Sons and Maids for the last 4 (I can't keep track) years I've known you. I think my favorite moment may have to be when I picked up Mr. P at DCA during this past Leadership Conference, though; your dad is a riot! You come from such a loving family who have treated me with the kindness and sincerity that even Canadians would not fully comprehend! Falia, you're a gem. Keep shining, keep smiling, and simply keep being yourself. Thank you for joining me on this journey.

Cassie Leontsinis: Spanky Jr.! I wish we spent more years on Lodge together. I wish we were at Florida State at the same time. I wish so many things, but I know I don't have to dwell on it because even when I'm out of this Org we'll still cross paths, thanks to our Dads growing up together. Cassie, you are honestly one of the funniest people I know. You got a knack for saying the silliest things and the attitude for being down for every fun adventure possible. You're going to do amazing on the Maids, but I don't need to tell you that – your ladies likely already had. I look forward to seeing how you grow and move up in your career and cannot wait to see the heights you will help take the Maids to like your predecessors. Tell Spanky I say hi and I miss him - maybe I'll never get the real story of Crabs, but I can say I proudly wear the name of Crabs Jr. whenever your Dad and I meet.

## To those who I had the pleasure of serving on Lodge with during the course of my career as a Son of Pericles,

**Tim Noitsis:** Rinny Tim-Tim, Mr. Sommelier, Toronto's Very Own! You will always be my president. I'm blessed to have had two years working for you because otherwise, I wouldn't have done this stuff. You helped sharpen me from a crazy college grad into the man I am today and I can't thank you enough for it. You may have forgotten the time we walked down Syntagma square with Dean, Ryan, and Dino, but it's forever imprinted on my mind that you cannot drink Fix. Now every time I go to that fountain, I just remember us at 3AM, me patting your back and saying "that's my president". Congratulations to you and Vicky on your engagement, and just so you know, I haven't had any more bathtub meetings.

**Ryan Marinos:** How many times have I called you this year? I don't think I did enough. Just like how Tim taught me how to be proper and Canadian (half useful, half useless), you showed me when to be stern and when to take control of the situation. You, like Tim, are the reason I took this position. You, unlike Tim, are the reason why I ran it back. You taught me how to love this Organization and to make it my own adventure, and I cannot express how much you've helped me out during these years. I'm ready to join the retirees club and can't wait to scare the crap out of myself on Space Mountain at Convention with you and the old Lodge this year.

**Dino Giallourakis:** What can I say that hasn't already been said in two installments from past yearbooks? Thank you for being you, Dino. It was like a blast from the past seeing you at Greeks in Tampa. I vividly remember you telling me I need to get off my ass and go to more events. Well, actions speak louder than words and I'm not one to be all bark and no bite, so I hope you gave a good look at my list of visitations after Tampa. One of my favorite memories I have of you is the D2 Convention in Mt. Dora, FL, where I got to meet your wonderful family and join the fun. Now that I have all this free time, I'm looking forward to getting my tan back on and seeing you in Southwest Florida, the best region in the state. Thank you for teaching me so much and guiding me to make the best informed decisions. You directly and helped me achieve everything as a president and most importantly grow as a person.

**Yiannis Kanatas:** Mr. MoneyBags, Yian-Diggity, the Greek-Canadian Tiger Woods; while our time on lodge together was short, it was no short of electric. It's always great seeing you whenever we cross paths and it turns out it happens more often now that we both have Albany beauts. You never hesitate to make me laugh and always bring a new gear of fun to every single

damn activity. I better see you at the Centennial, cause we're tying our ties around our heads and dancing like its Albany V-day all over again in Manchester. Maybe I'll bring Mario Kart up too.

**Alexander Houvardas:** Houvy, you are one of a kind and never cease to amaze and get a laugh out of me. I've been happy to hear about Law school, and even happier that you aren't driving your tractor to it like your high school classmates did in MB. One day I'll get you down to Delaware for Seacrets Jamaica USA, find you a 6' Amazonian woman and party on the beach. Until then, I'll pack my bags for Stampede. I used to think my last day as a Son would feel like the day Richmond lost by 130 points, but it's starting to feel like it's the day I found the final section of the Trans-Canada highway!

**Niko Gianos:** Niko, while our time was brief, it was electric. You gave me solace in knowing I wasn't the only lodge member who would be down for the craziest of adventures, and I'm proud to have shared them with you. Thank you for joining me for the ride even if it was only one year. You'll always be the first person I tell when I touch land in Denver and I hope I can see you at my Testimonial.

To all my predecessors, dear friends, and mentors,

Paul Pavlakos: PSP P.S.P., DJ Pauly P, Papa Paul; this year wouldn't nearly be as accomplished and fulfilling without your help. You've guided me to make the best informed decisions possible every step of the way. We've had some wild moments, like finding out our Yiayias grew up together, only to discover that years after knowing each other! You're the reason this all happened. I wouldn't be in this position today if you hadn't thrown my name into the ring when your outgoing Lodge was looking for replacements. Well, it's hard to replace Paul Pavlakos, but I like to think a Dino and an Alec can suffice for one completed work of Paul. I will always remember our trips this year, from the Birthplace of the Sons to (surprisingly) beautiful Traverse City. I know the trips aren't over yet, and there's more to come. From one Seminole Sons Chapter President to another who brought that Chapter to life and caused this timeline to happen, thank you for everything, Paul. You are the reason this all happened, and I am eternally grateful for your mentorship. Please extend my dearest thanks to Demi for letting me steal you for those trademark Paul and Alec trips, because I know you always missed your kids while on them and just wanted to come back home. I know we both agree, given our success that all our trips are worth it.

**Gregory Vourloumis:** Mr. Martini, The Gore-Tex man himself. While our moments together have been brief, it is genuinely evident that you have left an impression on myself in the Sons of Pericles. I've seen you start an opening prayer for a three-on-three basketball tournament and immediately play with a fiery winning attitude. I've seen you be driven to tears while watching the Atlanta Braves make the World Series, let alone win it. I've also seen the amazing things Dirty Martinis can do for someone who's stranded in a cute city like Manchester. You are truly one of a kind Greg. I can confidently say I am so privileged right now to have met a great man, and even better PSP in my tenure.

**Andreas Christou:** From the moment I first met you, my life and career trajectory in the Sons changed, and might I say for the better. That night after the Delphi Gala in Central Park changed the course of history. Brother, you have been one of my favorite people to meet in my tenure.

You were always an open book to call, meet, and help in any way possible, and that is never lost on me. You have helped immeasurably with this Centennial, while also doing such an admirable job leading your AHEPA Chapter Delphi #25. From one Doctor to another, thank you for encouraging me to enjoy the fullest of experiences as a Son of Pericles. Doctor Supreme President has had his final checkup. The Doctor is finally out!

Leo Tsirigotis: You may really be the savior of DC. From the moment I met you I knew you were a no nonsense, straight to work, determined individual. A year and some change later, you revived the 9th oldest chapter in the Sons and have not looked back. Leo, I think you're having the Sons experience the right way, and funny enough, it's the way I did it. You traveled to every event regardless of the difficulty of your schedule, you met such a wonderful Maid, and you are showcasing your skills as a true leader and future Lodge Member in this Organization. Anything I needed of you, you delivered. I have never had a Son not on Lodge do something at the drop of a hat, no questions asked. You have been one of my favorite people I've met in the later half of my career, and I know you've got one of the brightest futures in this Organization. Thank you for being one of the best Brothers a man can ask for.

Christina Fileas: Well, I'm an old coot now just like you too. It's wild where this adventure takes each and every one of us. You've been one of my closest friends through it all. There's never been a dull moment with you in this Order, and I'll admit, this year felt a little more empty since you aged out. Still, I know I've got my annual GOYA Brooklyn tournament every Winter to get abducted by you and Rigo and keep in touch, catch up, and hear me remind you how New York's cell towers disguised as fake trees are weird to me. Thanks for the Timbs. I wish I got them earlier so I could use it this year. Nonetheless, I'm going to be curbstomping even beyond my time as a Son. Thank you for being a genuine and true friend, and ironically being the voice of reason when I was the one who had bits of unheralded rage. Congratulations on finishing NYU, next stop, ruling New York!

To the Past Supreme Presidents and Sons Alumni who I have had the utmost pleasure talking to this year - Nick Theodore, PSP, 1953-54: Lee Millas, PSP, 1958-59; Nick George, PSP 1964-65; John Boyas, PSVP (76-77); Steve Kostas, PSP, 1974-75; Peter Stoumbelis, PSP, 1975-76; and so many more: Thank you for making every day as a Son count. You revitalized my love for this Order, just as you all said I did for you. It's great to know that no matter what year, generation, or era we served, we all served for the same thing – the Good of the Order. I'm honored that you have welcomed me with open arms and treated me like family the first moment I called each of you. Thank you for reminding me that the saying is always true: Once a Son, Always a Son.

To my home Cathedral, Saint Sophia of Washington, D.C., its parishioners, Sunday School attendees and GOYA members I had the pleasure teaching and coaching: Thank you for giving me so much patience and support while I sought to make an impact in the Sons of Pericles. I became increasingly aware of how difficult it would be to attend Liturgy, Parish Council Meetings, and GOYA practices and tournaments during my second term. I like to bite off more than I can chew, and I give my deepest thanks to Parish Council President Janice Calomiris for letting me focus on the Sons of Pericles and end my term exactly how I wanted to. Now that I have all this free time, I'm ready to dive back into giving back everything this Cathedral gave to me during my adolescence by helping every Sunday I can, coaching the Boys'

B Team, and maybe even teaching Sunday School again. Saint Sophia, you have my full attention and my heart.

To my Parea and Pythagoras #9 (Phillip, Arthur, Costa, Yianni, George – the list goes on) who had to deal with me being out of town or on late-night calls so often; I know how tired you are of hearing AHEPA and Sons as my excuse to be a recluse whenever I am actually home. You guys cared about my well-being and it's all I can ask for in true, genuine, lifelong friends. Thank you for always supporting me, coming out to events, and joining the adventures with me whenever you guys possibly could. I only hope that I didn't miss too much while I went out and sought my own adventure and that I can pick up right where we left off, without having to worry about flying to another city on a random weeknight instead of grabbing Mythos as Zorba's after work. I can't wait to kick back, discuss geopolitical relations, and whether Phillip is actually a Turk or not. Thank you for letting me fulfill this journey, guys. I know I don't say it often, but you all shaped me into the man I am today, with all our wacky adventures and stories. I love you all; and Costa – you definitely dropped that phone in the water.

The Steph: I didn't expect to truly be here a second time. I also wouldn't have survived a second time if it weren't for you, but you know that already, don't you? Aren't you happy you won't be asked if I'm doing a good enough job at least once a day, or that I don't have an excuse to drive down to HQ just to bug you anymore? I know I'll say I won't miss it, but I know I'm going to. You are our rock, Stephanie. I've read so many acknowledgements from Presidents before me that credit the Executive Secretary for moving things along. In our generation, it's you who's doing that. Nothing would be done if it weren't for you, and I know you know that! Stephanie, your friendship (I hope it's not just business) is something that's just immeasurably grown these past two years. You know I never wanted this position, but you helped shape me to own it, love it, and want to finish it right. When people say I'm doing a good job, you already know it's not me, it's actually you. You're the lifeline of the Sons, and we're your biggest fan. You are the greatest person I know in AHEPA and I am eternally grateful and probably indebted for what you do for us, and how you've helped me wake up and finish my tenure the way it should end. Thank you for everything you do, the Sons would be lost without you.

Michelle: I know it wasn't easy year one, having to deal with me being so helter skelter. I definitely know it wasn't easier when I told you I was thinking about running it back for year two. Despite it all, you supported everything I wanted to do, all while keeping me grounded and making sure I was still sane the entire way through. Thank you for letting me do this Michelle. You have a heart purer than gold, and in my most unbiased opinion have been the best First Lady of the Supreme President. A man's only as strong as his foundation, and you are the one that keeps me like that. Thank you for being my best friend and my greatest supporter, and for having to deal with two years of this crazy guy traveling everywhere all at once. Now I'm just the First Man of the District 6 Lt. Governor! I'm ready to be your arm candy plus-1 to all the events you want me to join, cause now I got all the time in the world to enjoy it with you! You're the best.

#### And lastly, to my family,

You have all endured more than five years of this by now. You saw how much I enjoyed this and let me take this journey, rarely opposing my personal decisions to travel to Europe by myself, go on cross-country trips, or trek Canada and new cities all by myself. I only did this to make you

all proud of me and show them how wonderful of a man you all raised. I'm so happy you all have started joining the conventions, meeting my friends, and welcoming them with open arms. Now, I'm ready to kick back, relax, and spend as much time as I can with the most important people in my world. Thank you for everything you've done for me. I don't think I will ever be able to repay each of you for raising me to be the man I am today, and for enduring five years of me being out of town so often. Yiayia, Abuela, Mom, Dad, Peirce, and Haley – I love you with all my heart.

Once a Son, Always a Son.

#### Maids of Athena Grand President Stephanie Owens

Dear AHEPA Family, Brothers, and Sisters,

Welcome to the 103rd Annual AHEPA Family Convention in Orlando, Florida! The week ahead promises to be filled with spectacular celebrations of the past year's accomplishments, as well as exciting deliberations regarding the future of our Orders. I expect nothing short of spectacular as we are joined by Mickey and his crew, here at the (second) happiest place on Earth (after Greece of course)! Our AHEPA founders' vision will always be a guide in helping navigate our present and future. The leaders who brought AHEPA to tremendous heights provided us a blueprint to follow; to be philanthropic, promote high standards of ethics and fellowship, and strive for individual excellence. To this year's leaders, I commend you all for your outstanding devotion to your respective Order and congratulate you on your numerous achievements.

The accomplishments of the Maids of Athena have been quite impressive this year. Through the promotion of our projects and programs, we have been able to remind our Sisters to BLOSSOM and continue to grow. In addition to fundraising, our membership is focusing on expanding our existing chapters and increasing our overall membership through the reactivation and initiation of new members – truly exemplifying the goals and ideals of our Sisterhood. Above all, the accomplishments of our members never cease to amaze and inspire me.

This year, through my role as Grand President, I have travelled to a many new cities, met our amazing members, and was personally impacted by countless AHEPA Family members. I had the pleasure of travelling across the US, as well as Canada and had the honor to be hosted by Chapters.

This past year has truly been a year to remember, thanks to the AHEPA Family and the opportunities it has given me. On behalf of the Grand Lodge, thank you all for your support and commitment to the Maids of Athena. Without you we would not have had the opportunities to grow into the organization we have become today. Please continue to teach our youth the importance of the AHEPA Family and the legacies that our Brothers and Sisters have left behind. Many thanks to our HQ staff for organizing yet another wonderful convention week!

I wish all our four Orders continued passion, commitment, and love for the AHEPA Family.

With love in Pi Alpha, Stephanie Owens 2024-2025 Maids of Athena Grand President

#### **National Committee Reports**

#### **National Project:**

Last July, we chose to support and promote Girls Inc. as the 2024-2025 Maids of Athena National Project, which is a nonprofit organization that inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold through direct service and advocacy. They provide mentorship, safe spaces, and research-based programming focused on academic enrichment, leadership development, and health and wellness. We chose to support Girls Inc. because we believe in their mission to equip young girls with the confidence, skills, and opportunities they need to thrive and lead meaningful lives. Their commitment to empowering the next generation of women aligns deeply with our values and desire to uplift future leaders. We had multiple chapters fundraise towards our National Project and even some who volunteered in person.

#### **President's Project:**

My 2024-2025 President's Project was *Lifeline Hellas*. They are a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing emergency support and care to the elderly in Greece, ensuring their safety, health, and dignity through 24/7 response services. They offer life-saving assistance at the push of a button, connecting seniors with trained professionals in moments of crisis. Lifeline Hellas is important to me because of the compassionate care and essential services they provide to some of the most vulnerable members of society. Every second is crucial when it comes to saving lives—and their work ensures that no one is left alone in a moment of need. To support and fundraise for this project, we sold Mati Slippers in a few different designs throughout the year. Thank you to all who have supported this project and who individually helped fundraise towards it!

#### Maid to Lead Committee Reports:

Marketing & Public Relations

Chairwoman: Grand Secretary Cristina Saavedra-Mamounis

Members: Eleni Merekoulias, Styliani Rallis, Mary Polydoros, Olympia Kokkines The Marketing & Public Relations committee was tasked with crafting ideas for growing the Maids of Athena's social media presence and helping us meet our greatest potential. These young women jumped right in to upgrade our website and social media to ensure user friendliness and the ability to reach a wider audience. They additionally reminded everyone of the importance of remaining aware and keeping up with the latest trends!

Scholarship & Leadership:

Chairwoman: Grand Governor Cassie Leontsinis

Members: Nicole Averinos, Maria Kokolis, Tiffany Bombakos, Sophia Theodorou

The Scholarship and Leadership Committee focused on revising the 2025 Maids of Athena Scholarship. They focused on leadership PR through revamps of our LinkedIn account and overall professional presence online. They discussed the idea of a mentorship program for young women in all career fields where our Sisters in the Daughters of Penelope would guide and advise them.

Wellness:

Chairwoman: Grand Vice President Lia Chrisohou

Members: Alexa Athanassie, Zoe Zuppas, Kalliopi Protopapas

The Wellness Committee was tasked with finding ways to incorporate mental and physical wellness into the lives of the Maids of Athena members and their chapters. During their committee meetings, they crafted bingo boards that incorporate physical and mental wellness. These bingo boards were used in our Growth & Expansion program which allowed for our Sisters to gain points while promoting their wellbeing.

Events & Fundraising:

Chairwoman: Grand President Stephanie Owens

Members: Lia Belitsis, Zeffi Kondoprias, Ioanna Manousos

The Events & Fundraising Committee was tasked with finding ways to fundraise and plan events for the Maids of Athena on a national level. This committee created a presentation for *Best Ways to Fundraise* and they also put together ideas for events on a National level. The committee focused on this year's Greeks in Tampa Bay volleyball tournament and the dayside Greeks in New York City events.

#### **Growth & Expansion:**

One of our missions every year is to grow membership and expand our Sisterhood. We gained great momentum last year at the Stateside Convention in Nashville, TN and followed through with a successful turnout at this year's Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. Our Grand Lodge was able to capture that energy and kept their liaisons engaged throughout the year, despite multiple challenges.

We had numerous inquiries on learning how to join our Sisterhood and how to charter or re-activate chapters in the United States, Canada, and Greece. We utilized virtual information sessions to answer any and all inquiries. From those inquiries, we were able to reactivate Sunshine #200 in West Palm Beach, FL, Fotini #215 in Regina, Saskatchewan, Athena Constance #112 in Dallas, TX, Xenia #281 in Austin, TX, and JACMA #40 in Chicago, IL. We

were also able to charter a new Maids of Athena chapter in Voula-Vouliagmeni! Our Sisterhood increased by over 100 Sisters in the past 12 months.

#### Website Report & Online Store:

The website continues to be a great resource for our chapter leaders, members, and future Sisters. Members have been able to purchase our ritual and paraphernalia directly on our website for a few years now but being able to add event tickets or merchandise has been a huge help in increasing sales and fundraising towards our National, President's, and Governor's Projects.

# Grand President Liaison Report Districts: 2, 3, 6, 10, 19, 23, 25

Citrus - District 2

Florida

Adelphi #279 - Tallahassee, FL

Chapter President: Magnolia Parmer

Chapter Advisor: Jason Pappas / Rano Bellas

Number of Members: 12

Our Tallahassee Sisterhood is a strong one. Our Sisters have continued to increase membership while remaining extremely active. Whether it was an activity on a local level such as dancing or volunteering at the Tallahassee Greek Festival or on a national level by attending and supporting the events, our Sisters have made a major impact. The future is extremely bright for them and we cannot wait to see what ideas they will bring to life next!

#### Sunshine #200 - West Palm Beach, FL

Chapter President: Konstantina Karloutsos

Chapter Advisor: Rano Bellas

Number of Members: 12

We are so excited that we were able to reactivate our Sisters in West Palm Beach this past year! Our Sisters have been busy with their extracurriculars but are working on building a strong chapter. There was minimal communication this year but we are here and happy to support in any way we can!

#### Epiphany #111 - Tarpon Springs, FL

Chapter President: N/A Chapter Advisor: N/A Number of Members: 0

At this time, our Tarpon Springs Sisters are unable to attend meetings as many of them have graduated and are attending universities outside of their hometown. We have been in contact with Past Worthy Maid Stella Bilirakis who is hopeful that the new generation will take over and the chapter will become stronger than ever. If you know of any young women in Tarpon Springs who are interested in joining our Sisterhood, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Grand Lodge!

#### **Capital - District 3**

D.C., Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia

*Muses #22 - Washington D.C.*Chapter President: Katie Kaludis

Chapter Advisors: Mary-Grace Cooney / Christine Dedoulis

Number of Members: 14

What a busy year it was for our Muses #22 Sisters! Their Loyal Maid Nicole Averinos was extremely active in remaining in communication with multiple other Sisters as well as the Grand Lodge. She was additionally able to attend our Maid to Lead conference and share her ideas in person with the committees. Our Muses #22 Sisters traveled and attended our Leadership Conference, Greeks in Boston, Greeks in Montreal, Greeks in Tampa Bay, Greeks in New York, and multiple others. Congratulations on a great year Sisters!

# Cassiopeia #205 - Falls Church, VA

Chapter President: N/A Chapter Advisor: N/A Number of Members: 0

#### **Empire - District 6**

New York

District 6 Lodge

District Governor: Sophia Theodorou District Advisor: Effie Galiatsatos

Our District 6 Lodge has had an extremely active year. They began working the day after their installations in June 2024. This year's District Project definitely kept them busy amongst their other duties. At the Fall Conference, it was voted that they would fundraise for St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, NY and specifically towards building a sensory room for the children. The District 6 Lodge was able to fundraise over \$56,000 through monetary donations and supplies donated to build a sensory room and held their unveiling in June 2025. Throughout the year, Sisters from all chapters in District 6 spent countless days traveling to St. Basil's Academy and

painting the sensory room walls. Our District 6 Sisters have left us speechless and we are incredibly proud of all of their hard work, however, we know this is just the beginning and we cannot wait to see what they accomplish in the future years. The impact they have and make on their community is inspiring.

#### Pygmalion #126 - Flushing/Bayside, NY

Chapter President: Irene Mamagakis Chapter Advisor: Christina Fileas

Number of Members: 46

Our Sisters in Pygmalion #126 have remained extremely busy this past year. I had the honor of visiting them in January for their sweatshirt making event and I got to witness the amazing Sisterhood that they have created in person. They remain active through having monthly meetings and events while actively fundraising for multiple different non-profit organizations and causes. Their goal this year was to refresh on the basics and come back stronger than ever and they did exactly that! This was only the beginning for their chapter.

#### Sophia #48 - Albany, NY

Chapter President: Nia Cohen Chapter Advisor: Maria Neal Number of Members: 25

This chapter makes a significant impact on their community year after year. This year, I was able to attend their Valentine's Day Dance which is hosted in collaboration with the Albany Sons of Pericles chapter and witness the hard work that is put into hosting such a wonderful event that has continued for many years. I was additionally able to virtually join their May meeting where they discussed fundraising and upcoming events. Six new Sisters joined our Order through Sophia #48 this year as well!

# Nymphs #119 - Astoria, NY

Chapter President: Vasia Mamalakis Chapter Advisor: Effie Argyropoulos

Number of Members: 25

Our Astoria Sisters were extremely active this year! While meeting with their Worthy Maid on a bi-monthly basis, Vasia mentioned their goal was to increase participation and have more fun events in collaboration with their District 6 Sisters. They made an impact locally by volunteering and making donations. The upcoming year will only be filled with more innovative events and hands-on activities!

# Olga Moutselos #255 - Brooklyn, NY

Chapter President: Lilly Tzanides Chapter Advisor: Effie Galiatsatos

Number of Members:

Our Olga Moutselos #255 Sisters were able to increase their membership and host an extremely successful Bouzouki Night. They were able to fundraise and make an impact on their local community as well as on a national level! We hope there is even further participation from our Olga Moutselos #255 Sisters next year and can't wait to see all that they accomplish!

#### Victory #76 - Hempstead, NY

Chapter President: Anastasia Vani Chapter Advisor: Andrea Pagonis

Number of Members: 19

Our Hempstead Sisters worked on a local level to ensure they met and participated in local events. They hosted a Pumpkin Painting event, went ice skating and Mother's Day flower sale! We hope they are more active next year and are excited to see all that they accomplish in their local community and nationally!

#### **Automotive - District 10**

Michigan

No active chapters.

#### **Beaver - District 23**

Eastern Canada (Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, P.E.I., Newfoundland & Labrador)

#### District 23 Lodge

District Governor: Athina Bikas District Advisor: Cathy Pantieras

Our District 23 Lodge was active this year and they participated in a variety of events throughout the year! They had an extremely successful District Convention with two of our Grand Lodge members being present, Grand Secretary Cristina Saavedra-Mamounis and Grand Treasurer Falia Pantieras. We are looking forward to D23's upcoming year!

#### Venus #13 - Toronto, ON

Chapter President: Eleni Merekoulias Chapter Advisor: Vivian Silverson

Number of Members: 18

Our Venus #13 Sisters had a great year focusing on expanding their chapter, strengthening their bonds and fundraising towards local and national projects. Our Sisters donated 30% of their treasury to charity and gave back to the community. They spent countless hours volunteering and doing hands-on work as well. Our Venus #13 Sisters were additionally able to attend the Leadership Conference and their Worthy Maid Eleni was also selected to attend Maid to Lead in Washington D.C. Great work Sisters, we are excited to see what is to come!

#### Electra #52 - Montreal, QB

Chapter President: Aristi Constantopoulos Chapter Advisor: Fotini Caragiannis

Number of Members: 17

This year, our Grand Lodge had the honor of attending the 24th Annual Valentine's Day Ball that is hosted by the Montreal AHEPA Family. There, we were able to witness the incredible work that our Sisters do for their community. This past year, our Electra #52 Sisters made several donations that they were able to fundraise through their Christmas ornaments and Lambades sale. The incredible bridge between their faith and Sisterhood has been extremely helpful in their fundraising and success. Congratulations Sisters!

#### Asteria #212 - Ottawa, ON

Chapter President: Melina Zigoumis Chapter Advisor: Irene Aimoniotis

Number of Members: 20

Our Ottawa Sisters remained busy this year while continuing to strengthen their bonds! They were additionally able to fundraise and volunteer, enforcing their love for their community and the Sisterhood.

#### Clotho #252 - London, ON

Chapter President: Stella Amerniakos Chapter Advisor: Matula Liounis

Number of Members: 24

Our London Sisters were extremely active on a local level, hosting events and having meetings. We are extremely excited for what their future holds!

Hellas - District 25 Greece Nefeli #276 - Athens , GR

Number of Members: 8

Aria-Athena #284 - Vari-Voula-Vouliagmeni, GR

Number of Members: 6

Nausika #283 - Corfu Island, GR

Number of Members: 6

Acknowledgments:

**Supreme President Alec -** Who knew that those two Seminoles in 2019 would now be serving as Grand and Supreme Presidents together! What a wild roller coaster ride it has been, but I am extremely grateful for your partnership and advice. I can always count on you to put a positive twist on things and reply to my random texts and thoughts. Congratulations on two successful presidential years! Enjoy your retirement!

**Grand Vice President Lia -** Congratulations on all of your accomplishments in the Maids of Athena! Over the course of your time in the Order, you have held multiple positions of leadership and have left a lasting impact on not only a local but also national level. I wish you the best in all of your future endeavors!

**Supreme Vice President Basili** - After one year as Supreme Governor, one year as Supreme Treasurer and two years as the Supreme Vice President you are now, more than ever, ready to take on the next level. Thank you for your constant support towards the Maids of Athena and your constant positivity. Traveling with you and taking on each city and state is easy knowing your heart and excitement grows with every Brother you meet.

**Grand Treasurer Falia** - It has been an honor to serve alongside you over the past couple of years. From being on the same Maid to Lead committee to showing you the Grand Treasurer ropes, I am extremely proud of you and your hard work. Cannot wait to see all that you accomplish in your career and beyond!

Grand Secretary Cristina - How do you say "WOW" in French? What an honor it is to know you and call you one of my closest friends. You truly embody what it means to be a Maid of Athena. You are selfless, caring, and loving. I am so incredibly proud of all you have accomplished this year on the Grand Lodge and truly cannot wait to see what else the future has in store for you. Whatever you put your heart and mind to, you accomplish! You have all my love and support.

**Grand Governor Cassie -** My sweet Cassandra, what a journey it has been. From requiring you to go to the 2022 AHEPA Family Supreme Convention in Orlando as a Worthy Maid for Adelphi

279 to now completing your first year on the Grand Lodge at the 2025 AHEPA Family Supreme Convention in Orlando. I am so incredibly proud of you and all you have accomplished this year. From the second you realized you had your very own governor's project, you have put your heart and soul into ensuring you maximize your donations and you can support the cause so close to your heart to the best of your ability. It is just a small example of how committed you are to those you love and care for. You will continue to do amazing things my fellow Seminole. Lots of LOVE!

**George T. Horiates** - George, from the AHEPA Family Supreme Convention in Athens four years ago to now, you have continued to grow and lead your Brothers with such care and compassion. Thank you for your partnership and teamwork this past year. You will continue to do great things and I am excited to see what those are!

**Andreas Koloniaris -** Congratulations on your first year on the Supreme Lodge! Congratulations on all your accomplishments! I greatly appreciate your partnership!

**Grand Advisor Helen -** I am unsure what I would have done without you this past year, thank you for all you have done for our Grand Lodge and our Order. We have been extremely lucky to have an advisor like you. You make it feel like it's no big to listen, mentor, and chaperone us. Thank you for everything this year!

**PGP MAP** - MAPoula! I refuse to believe you are aging out of the Maids of Athena. Therefore, this is your formal written dispensation that you can never age out. I am unsure that there are enough words in the English or Greek dictionary to describe the lasting impact you have had on this Sisterhood and the entire AHEPA family.

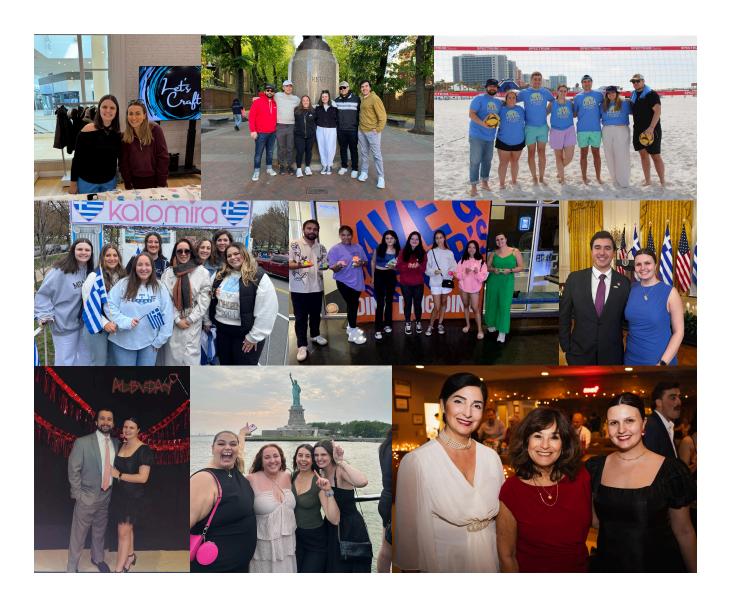
**PGP Batmaniatis:** Thank you for everything truly. No better duo than Stephanie<sup>2</sup> taking on the world <3



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August 18th, 2024	AHEPA West Suburban #202 Picnic	Chicago, IL

August 24th, 2024	PGP Ally's Testimonial	Canton, OH
September 13th-15th, 2024	Grand Lodge Sisterhood Weekend	Phoenix, AZ
September 20th-22nd, 2024	Leadership Conference	Washington D.C.
October 17th, 2024	DOP x Dior Event	New York City, NY
November 8th-10th, 2024	Greeks in Boston	Boston, MA
November 29th, 2024	Dionysia #141 Annual Dance	Hammond, IN
December 3rd, 2024	Bingo Night in Support of Lifeline Hellas	Zoom
January 6th, 2025	Epiphany Celebrations	Tarpon Springs, FL
January 17th-19th, 2025	Greeks in Tampa Bay Volleyball Tournament	Clearwater, FL
January 25th, 2025	Pygmalion #126 Visitation	Bayside, NY
February 1st, 2025	Albany Valentine's Day Dance	Albany, NY
February 14th, 2025	Montreal Valentine's Day Ball	Montreal, QB
March 14th-16th, 2025	Maid to Lead Conference	Washington D.C.
March 16th, 2025	Muses #22 Visitation	Washington D.C.
March 24th, 2025	White House Visit	Washington D.C.
April 4th-6th, 2025	Greek Independence Day Parade Celebrations	Philadelphia, PA

May 4th, 2025	Virtual Sophia #48 Visitation	Zoom
June 13th-15th, 2025	Greeks in NYC	New York City, NY
June 14th, 2025	District 6 Project Unveiling - Sensory Room at St. Basil's Academy	Garrison, NY
July 17th, 2025	MOA Delegate Meeting	Zoom
July 21st-26th, 2025	103rd AHEPA Family Supreme Convention	Orlando, FL



# Sons of Pericles Supreme Vice President Basili Ronstadt

Dear AHEPA Family,

Congratulations on a successful year! Each year we travel all over the globe, meeting new people, and making new memories. As we are closing our year I think there is no better time to reflect on the things that we do, say, and the actions we take. While we are part of these orders, we need to make sure that we do what is for the good for each of them; that we make sure that the things we do are shadowing the pillars and the oath that we took on. We should take care of everyone the way we would take care of our own family. I am looking forward to what the future holds for me and this incredible organization. I am always here for you and more than happy to help you grow in this order as much as possible. Let's rock Orlando and hit the ground running into our new year!

Fraternally, Basili Ronstadt

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March 1st-2nd, 2025	Adelphi #86 Reactivation	Atlanta, GA

May 3rd - 4th, 2025	Adelphi #86 Visitation	Atlanta, GA
June 13th-15th, 2025	Greeks in NYC	New York City, NY
July 21st-26th, 2025	103rd AHEPA Family Supreme Convention	Orlando, FL

#### Acknowledgments:

Alec: Hey brother, I want to first just say congratulations on such an amazing ride. You did it! The big two years in the top seat! I can't believe it has gone so fast. I truly hope you enjoyed the journey. Things all year have gone up and down but you never stopped doing all you could. I believe you have left a legacy that will be remembered in this organization for years to come. You are always smiling, making people laugh, and listening. I want to emphasize "listening." I say this because from the perspective of a young member I believe the lodge and the "older" guys are intimidating. You listen and make everyone and I mean everyone feel like they are at home. This is a quality of a leader! Please don't forget that. Alec I wish you all the best in your future endeavors and truly congratulations again for your whole journey on Supreme Lodge.

**Andres:** Our Canadian staple! Brother when we met I don't know 5-6 years ago I didn't think we would be serving next to each other on the supreme lodge. Let me tell you, I couldn't be happier and proud of the leader you turned into. I do hope we continue to serve together and make big things happen. All the best going forward!

**George H, George K, George A:** Nothing better than the george squared squad. You guys all have your very own qualities that make us all better. Each of you in your very own special way become leaders of this order. I am surprised everyday at the things you guys do. I hope we all continue to do good for this organization in the years to come! Keep it up boys!

**Ted:** This being your second year as the Sons Supreme advisor I want to thank you for all you did for us. You attended all of our events. You gave us guidance in times of need, but still let us do our thing. You were always asking questions and giving us such good feedback. You truly did a wonderful job this year and I hope you are not going anywhere. Also thank you for always volunteering to drive us around and just being the man! Looking forward to working with you in the future no matter what happens.

**PSP Ryan Gregory Marinos, PSP Timothy Noitsis, PSS Dino Giallourakis:** I will keep this one short and to the point. You all play a key role in my growth in this organization. Thank you all for everything you do and continue to do! From the day I met each one of you, no matter what

was going on you all made me feel like this is exactly where I was meant to end up. I did not just gain friends I gained brothers for life and that means more than anything!

**Stephanie Maniatis:** I can't ever thank you enough for all you do! You juggle a million things and still always manage to make it all happen. Between finding the time to answer all my questions or just being someone to listen to ideas I have, you are always right there and it means the world to me! Thank you to the moon and back and I look forward to what's coming next!

My Chapters: (AKA MY DAWGS) I am going to be different this time around and group you all together. You guys know who you are and how much you mean to me! The work you all do is so unbelievable to watch! I am continuously impressed with what you are capable of. Some of you guys I have known for a long time and the way you have grown into leaders within your chapters and life is remarkable. For my new brothers please keep on track and never stop grinding the way you are now. I will never stop fighting for you guys in all your endeavors. I do ask you guys to sometimes take a moment and look back at all you've done and be proud of yourselves. All of you put in your blood, sweat, and tears. Take a second and appreciate it. We are all extremely busy in all aspects of life. No one needs more on their plate. Don't let the Sons become something you are always stressing about. That's the glory of this organization we put in the work and we have fun doing it. This is where you could meet your friends for life. Please don't stop having FUN!

**MOA Grand Lodge:** What an honor it has been to work with each and every one of you! You have all taught us something different with your ideas and thoughts during our meetings. From our Lodge calls to seeing you all in different events throughout the year. I feel fortunate to know such a great group! I look forward to seeing what you all accomplish in the future - within and outside of the Maids! Congratulations on a successful year!

**Stephanie Owens:** You did it! Absolutely crushed your Presidency! Seeing the continuous hard work you put in day in and day out is truly inspiring. You treat everyone like they are your equal and that is such an important quality in my opinion of a fantastic leader. You have an infectious personality that truly makes everyone feel like they belong. I know there are good things to come for you in your future not only in this organization but in life. I am beyond blessed to be able to witness you grow and blossom in everything you do! Bravo!

# Maids of Athena Grand Secretary Cristina Saavedra-Mamounis

Dear AHEPA Family,

Welcome to the 103rd Annual AHEPA Family Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida! It brings me immense joy to celebrate another year of dedication, service, and sisterhood within our AHEPA Family. For the past ten years, I have had the privilege of being part of this organization and this year being my first year serving on a national level has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my journey so far. I am so grateful for the support, guidance, and encouragement we have and continue to receive from our AHEPA Family. I wish everyone a wonderful week in the most magical place on earth and also my favourite place on earth! Best of luck to all throughout this convention and fruitful deliberations!

#### **AtheNEA & Liaison Emails**

This year, we continued our efforts to keep sisters informed and connected through our monthly emails and quarterly AtheNEA newsletters. Sent near the end of each month, these updates served as a platform to highlight chapter accomplishments, share what the Grand Lodge has been working on, and strengthen the bonds within our sisterhood. Each edition highlighted the amazing work happening at the chapter level, from fundraisers and events to community initiatives and sisterhood bonding. It has been so inspiring to see the dedication and creativity of our members reflected in every issue. We proudly continued the "Sisterhood Spotlight" tradition, recognizing outstanding sisters who exemplify the values of the Maids of Athena. A fun new addition this year was our monthly Wordle, which seems to have been very well received by our members!

Liaison Reports- Districts: 1, 7, 8, 11, 21, 22, 24

#### **Mother Lodge-District 1**

No active chapters.

#### **Yankee District - District 7**

*No active chapters.* 

#### **Bay State District - District 8**

Alkistis #66; Boston, MA

Chapter President: Julia Stasinos Chapter Advisor: Irene Falite Number of Members: 14 Number of Initiates: 3

The Alkistis chapter has had an amazing year! They reactivated near the end of our last MOA year and have continued to thrive this year! A few of their members attended our leadership conference in DC where I had the opportunity to get to know them and listen to all the wonderful ideas that they had for their year that I got to see come to fruition. They hosted a rush event, a fall wreath raffle as well as a Chipotle fundraiser. They got together for a few social activities to strengthen bonds within their chapter and even grew their membership by 3! I'm so proud of this new chapter and all they have accomplished and cannot wait to see them continue to grow next year!

Alpha Epsilon Alpha #63; Boston, MA Chapter President: Gabriella Kaplan Chapter Advisor: Anna Travias

Number of Members: 16 Number of Initiates: 2

The AEA chapter has been able to remain active throughout the year despite facing a few challenges. Many of their members are currently in a transitional period in their life, most moving away for college and no longer able to participate in person. Despite this challenge, a good amount of sisters attended our Greeks in Boston event where they had the chance to interact with brothers and sisters from across the continent. They also participated in a number of local DOP events such as their charity walk for Penelope's Place and the AHEPA family Christmas party. They also hosted a bowling event where a few of their members got together and had a fun evening. Overall, they had a great year and hopefully they can get stronger and grow throughout the next year!

## **Buckeye - District 11**

District #11 Lodge

District Governor: Marina Tsirambidis

District Advisor: Tria Charnas

Epsilon Tau Alpha #72; Louisville, KY Chapter President: Emily Beltchev Chapter Advisor: Alexis Karageorge

Number of Members: 8

Lita #73; Canton, OH

Chapter President: Eva Winn

Chapter Advisor: Maria Paxos Kalaitsides

Number of Members: 13

Venus Maliea #129; Dayton, OH Chapter President: Callie Halland

Chapter Advisor: Maria Pappas Macfarland

Number of Members: 14

Elpitha #274; North Royalton, OH Chapter President: Alexis Tsonton Chapter Advisor: Tria Charnas

Number of Members: 17

## **Golden State - District 21**

Ismene Diana #163; San Jose, California

There has been very minimal activity from the Ismene Diana chapter. We have been in communication with the D21 advisor throughout the year in hopes to regain activity in the chapter in the upcoming year!

Eleftheria #278; Stockton, California Chapter President: Kristina Gavrilis

Chapter Advisor: Kathy Leles

Number of Members: 11

The Eleftheria chapter focused on staying active this year. Most members are currently entering new phases in their lives, however they were still able to host a feminine hygiene product drive this year as well as attending FDF! A few of their members also attended their local DOP's paint and sip night. I had the opportunity to visit their chapter virtually in October and offer them a few fundraising ideas as well as some rush events to help grow their membership. I'm excited to see how they continue to build on this momentum in the year ahead!

#### **Firewood - District 22**

Sparta #1; Tacoma, Washington Chapter President: Porter Montoya Chapter Advisor: Angela Montoya

Number of Members: 14 Number of Initiates: 0

The Sparta chapter faced some challenged this year, but I am incredibly proud of how they have navigated all the obstacles thrown their way. They have been going through a transitional year, with a lot of their members going off to College and/or starting new careers. Members shuffled through different executive positions throughout the year but thankfully they were able to find an executive that works well for them. I had the pleasure of meeting a few of the members at the D22 Mid-Winter Conference. I have actively worked with the chapter to help them stay strong and find what works for them in order to succeed. Despite all the challenges they actively volunteered at their local church and participated in a few of their AHEPA and DOP activities this year. I am so proud of this chapter and how they have remained strong this year and hope that next year they are able to continue on this path.

Diana #3; Portland, Oregon

Chapter President: Iliana Geranios

Chapter Advisor: Lena Brice

Number of Members: 20 Number of Initiates: 3

I have had such a great time working with the Diana #3 chapter this year! These girls have done so many wonderful things. They hosted a bag drive at their church and donated them to an organization that helps the homeless, they also collected and donated feminine hygiene products to local women's shelters and also donated to the Metropolis Disaster Relief Fund for the San Francisco fires. I also had the chance to visit the Portland chapter during the D22 Mid-Winter Conference where I got to explore Portland! Through my visitation, I connected with the Portland girls and even got them interested in national events. One of their members came out to the Greeks in Montreal event and two of them are attending our Supreme Convention. Overall, this chapter has a strong bond between their sisters and have great ideas and continue to plan new fundraising events and chapter bonding events. I am so proud of this chapter and all their accomplishments this year and cannot wait to see what amazing things they do next year!

# **Royal Canadian - District 24**

Olympia #229; Winnipeg, MB

Chapter President: Eleni Athanasopoulos Chapter Advisor: Vicky Charalabopoulos

Number of Members: Number of Initiates:

The Olympia chapter has remained active throughout the year. While communication with the chapter proved to be a little difficult throughout the year, they were active on a local level, often participating in DOP events. They held sister bonding events like galentine cookie decorating and picnics. They also volunteer with their local SOP and help out at their annual golf tournament. I had the chance to meet most of the girls at the D24 convention and was able to gain a better insight into this chapter and all the amazing work and ideas that they have. I see tremendous potential in this chapter and can't wait to see them continue to grow!

Cassandra Hera #185; Calgary, AB Chapter President: Marina Albanito Chapter Advisor: Helen Zarokostas

Number of Members: 27 Number of Initiates: 5

The Cassandra Hera chapter had a great year. They continue to be very active on a local level, continuing fundraisers and events they have been doing the past few years. They hosted their annual bake sale at their church, Christmas caroling and also their bottle drive after the superbowl. They have a strong chapter and do amazing work. Overall, they continue to do amazing work and help in their community. I had the chance to meet a good number of the members from this chapter at the D24 convention and am very proud of all the work they have been doing. I cannot wait to see their efforts continue into next year!

Fotini #215; Regina, Saskatchewan Chapter President: Sofia Kourles

Chapter Advisor:

Number of Members: 25

I'm so excited that the Fotini chapter reactivated this year! They restarted their chapter with an impressive 20 sisters in October and have been doing amazing things ever since. Since reactivating they initiated another 5 girls and have been hosting fundraisers within their chapter to help grow their treasury. They even put together and hosted a women's professional day where they had women within their community come and talk with the MOA members. The chapter

even hosted Flat A at their local Greek Dance Festival, Mosaic. They also have grown a wonderful bond with their local SOP, whom were also initiated in October. They hosted a joint "gym day" where they played volleyball, flag football and dodgeball. A few sisters attended the D24 convention and I had the chance of getting to know them and learn more about their chapter. This chapter has started off so strongly and I could not be more proud to see how quickly they have grown within this last year and I know a lot more great things are coming their way!

#### **Visitations**

<u>Date</u>	Event	<b>Location</b>
September 13-15	Sisterhood Weekend	Pheonix, AZ
September 20-22	Leadership Conference	Washington, DC
October 16	Eleftheria #278 Virtual Visitation	Zoom
January 10-12	District #22 Visitation - Mid Winter Conference	Portland, OR
January 13	Montreal AHEPA Family Vasilopita Cutting	Montreal, QC
January 17-20	Greeks in Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay, FL
January 22	Fotini #215 Virtual Visitation	Zoom
February 14th	Montreal Valentine's Day Ball	Montreal, QC
March 14-16	Maid to Lead Conference	Washington, DC
March 21-23	Greeks in Montreal	Montreal, QC
March 23	Greek Independence Day parade	Montreal, QC
April 4-7	Greek Independence Day Parade	Philadelphia, PA
May 16-18	District 24 Visitation - District Convention	Winnipeg, MB
May 21st	AHEPA National Banquet	Washington, DC
May 23-25	District 23 Convention	Hamilton, ON
June 13-15	Greeks in NY & Saint-Basil Sensory Room Unveiling	New York, NY

July 17	Delegate Meeting	Zoom
July 20-26	AHEPA Family Supreme Convention	Orlando, FL



#### **Acknowledgments**

Stephanoula: Steph, thank you for spelling my name wrong back at Govs in 2022. It sparked a wonderful friendship that has continued to blossom throughout these years. Working alongside you this year, our friendship has not only grown but you have become such an important person in my life. You have worked so hard this year and put in so much effort into this organization and it does not go unnoticed. Through all the laughs and tears, the good and the bad, you have been such an inspiration. Thank you for such an unforgettable year of memories! I also want to say thank you for believing in me and not letting me give up at the beginning of this year. You have taught me so much this year and I cannot wait to continue this journey with you next year. I love you so much and thank you for being one of my best friends.

Cassie: FLORIDA!!!! Look at us! From attending our first convention in Disney two years ago and now serving our first year on Grand Lodge together!! Asking you to have lunch with me on that first day in Disney was hands down one of the best decisions I ever made. You always manage to make me laugh even when I don't want to and always talk sense into me. Thank you for always being my late night packing buddy before every trip. I am so thankful that you are one of my best friends and that we've gotten to travel to so many fun places and make such great memories! I cannot wait to continue this journey together next year and create even more memories. Btw, if you could please stop attacking me in my sleep, I'd appreciate it.

Falia: Falpal! From District conventions, to District Lodge, and now Grand Lodge. I feel like we have grown up together! I am so thankful to have youas part of my life! I am so proud of all the work you have done, not only within the MOA but also in your personal life. Thank you for bringing me to my first Supreme Convention and showing me a whole new side to this organization. While I am so proud of you, I am going to miss having you on Lodge, but I know you will do great things. You are like a sister to me, and I cannot wait to see all the amazing things you accomplish!

Helen: Helen! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication throughout the year! Your guidance has helped me grow and learn so much throughout this year. You have always been there to support us and advocate for us whenever we needed you and truly I could not have imagined having anyone else in this position. You have become a mother figure to me and I am so thankful for this amazing year we've had! I cannot wait to continue growing our bond! See you in the gayborhood!!!

Alec: Mr. Presidenté, I almost feel like I should ask my mom to write this instead of me. In all seriousness though, after becoming friends these past few years I'm so thankful we finally got to work together on Lodge. Your dedication to the organization does not go unnoticed. You have put in so much work in these past few years and watching you be president these past two years have been amazing. There is no one else I would rather get stupid Quebec reels from. Thank you for always being there for me and having my back, I'm sure going to miss having you around in this organization but I know we will definitely be seeing each other around! Congrats on two amazing terms as president and I hope you enjoy retirement. Love you, enjoy retirement!

Basili: Hey kid, you're really cool.

GHor: My favorite George!!! You are truly one of a kind. Thank you for always making me laugh and being by my side whenever I need you. There is never a dull moment when you are around and I'm thankful to have met you! You are an amazing human and are going to do such great things in the next few years and I cannot wait to see all that you accomplish.

Andreas: You and me on lodge? Who would've thought! Even though you piss me off half the time I'm really glad to have you in my life. Thank you for always providing me with the best tea and always telling me the best jokes. Wouldn't trade having you as a friend for anything except maybe a few dollars. Maybe I could get a good deal if I trade both you and Will. For real though, I'm really proud of the way you've grown since I met you back in 2019! I'm glad we get to experience this journey together and hopefully we get to continue to grow in this together.

Steph HQ: Stephanieeee!! You are truly one of a kind. Thank you for everything you do for us behind the scenes, we wouldn't be able to do it without you. Thank you for always answering all the dumb questions I have for you! Also thank you for all the pep talks and jokes, you have truly helped shape me into the person I am becoming. I'm so glad to have you part of my life and I cannot wait for more taco bell runs in the future that hopefully include baja blast!! Love you, can't wait to keep bugging you next year!

Basili: Thank you for finally accepting my follow request

# Sons of Pericles Supreme Secretary George Gerasimos Kalyvas

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Disney's Coronado Springs Resort! It has been an honor to be involved in the leadership of an organization I hold so dear. One of my earliest memories is being held by my grandfather when he was installed as Supreme Governor. I played with his jewels and saw the impact of his leadership on those around him. My Pappou and Yiayia's examples were the inspirations for my journey into this philanthropic organization. The Supreme Secretary is a far reaching role, and I am privileged to have been able to expand the activities of the Lodge to benefit our global membership. It has been an honor to be an ambassador for the Sons of Pericles, visiting chapters across the AHEPA domain and to build new communication platforms through our social media and the SOP HQ app for our organization. It has been an honor to be entrusted with so much responsibility. I look forward to the year ahead, for the continued growth of the Sons of Pericles, and our growing collaboration with the Maids of Athena, Daughters of Penelope, and our brother AHEPANs.

# **Liaison Reports: Districts 6, 16, 19**

#### District 6 (New York)

District 6 remains the largest district in the Sons of Pericles, having surpassed 150 members. The chapters listed below include storied chapters like Phocion #44 to the Manhasset Titans #274. These chapters are bolstered by a strong AHEPA presence in the Empire State, and support from the outgoing Governor Mike Labatos and incoming Governor Gus Constantine. The District 6 Sons established a District 6 Council after the Fall Conference in New Rochelle, and every first Tuesday of the month the chapter presidents gathered on a video call, with me presiding as chairman of the meeting. These have been a major force for uniting the chapters in brotherhood, friendship and they have finally coordinated after years of disunity.

#### Albany Phocion #44:

#### Presidents: Theodore Efstathiadis and Andrew McCullough

The Albany chapter has maintained its status as one of our longest lasting active chapters. Their Valentine's Day dance weekend continues to draw the AHEPA family together from across the domain. They have maintained a robust pipeline for future growth via their involvement in their church and GOYA communities. President Theodore has been a frequent attendee of the District 6 Council meetings, and has participated in the growing cohesion between the New York Chapters

# Astoria Omega #88:

Outgoing President: Panagiotis Pierratos Incoming President: John Lombardi

Astoria continued its cadence of events and robust involvement in the local Greek-American community. This chapter attended the Greek Independence Day parade down Fifth Avenue. They have continued to grow and remain an active chapter in their community, meeting out of the Hellenic Center. They are closely aligned with the AHEPA Hermes chapter. Both Panagiotis and

John have attended the District 6 Council meetings. The chapter reshuffled their executive board, and John is in a strong position to grow the chapter and bring back inactive members.

# Bayside Mountaineers #293:

# President: Kyriacos Stoupakis

One of our most affluent chapters, the Mountaineers maintained a rigorous pace of social events across Queens, New York. Compared to last year, they have a well constituted board and hosted the after-party for the Sons and Maids after the Greek Independence Day parade. The chapter also sent 3 teams to participate in the Greeks in New York basketball tournament, with the Bayside Mafia team emerging as the 2025 Greeks in NY Basketball Champion.

# Hempstead Lord Byron #233:

# **President: Georgios Cosmas**

Lord Byron has grown to be the largest in the Sons of Pericles domain, with more than 50 members. They are closely aligned with their AHEPA chapter. They hosted and raised more than \$13,000 for the crop hunger walk again this year.

# Manhasset Titans #274:

# President: Spyro Drenis

This chapter recently reemerged to the Supreme Lodge's attention at the Greeks in New York basketball tournament. They played well, and after discussion with their advisor Bill Antonopoulos, it is clear that this chapter wants to become more involved in district events and be formally integrated into District 6.

#### Manhattan New Renaissance #5:

With the support of AHEPA Delphi #25, this chapter has bounced back from the COVID-19 pandemic. Following an initiation ceremony of young men into both AHEPA and the Sons of Pericles, a roster of capable men has been created. They will require attention and mentorship. If this chapter wants it, they can be successful with a strong AHEPA chapter by their side.

#### New Rochelle Perseus #322:

#### President: Michael Copulos

This chapter includes young men from across Westchester County, and skews younger in age compared to the rest of the district. They co-hosted a successful March Madness tournament with AHEPA James Plevritis Joseph Keane Chapter #405. Michael Copulos has consistently attended events in the district, nationally and has been a vocal voice in the District Council. This chapter has reconstituted its board and established a membership director. This chapter is expanding its role as the chapter to represent the Hudson River Valley.

# District 16 (Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma)

Supreme Governor George Antonellis and I attended the Joint District 16 & 17 Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We networked and connected with the AHEPANs and Daughters. There seem to be opportunities for growth in Shreveport, Louisiana and in District 17.

Austin Philotimo #336 President: Elias Michalakos

This chapter was reactivated on June 8th 2025, with the initiative of the young men of the Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church. It was a privilege to attend and to assist them in reactivating the chapter by initiating these young men into the Order. Thank you to Costaki Skevofilax, the local community and the AHEPA and Maids of Athena Grand Lodge for reactivating the Austin Maids of Athena.

# District 19 (At-Large)

The at-large district consists of Sons from across the world who are not close enough to an active chapter to be an active Son of Pericles. This district operates as a chapter. Due to the disparate nature of this chapter, there must be further progress in the upcoming year to host virtual meetings for these members. The SOP HQ app is meant for exactly these brothers, and to connect them to the larger brotherhood. The at-large chapter should be a way station to train members to create chapters in their areas, maintained by at-large Sons who become ambassadors for the order.

#### **Visitations:**

July 21, 2024	AHEPA Family Pizza Party	Washington, DC
August 14, 2024	AHEPA Family Fall Kickoff	Washington, DC
September 15, 2024	Pythagoras Chapter Meeting	Washington, DC
September 17, 2024	Reception for Congressman	Washington, DC
	Chris Pappas	
September 20-22, 2024	Leadership Conference	Washington, DC
September 25, 2024	Ideagen Global Partnership	New York, NY
	Summit	
September 29, 2024	AHEPA 51 100 Year	New Rochelle, NY
	Anniversary	
October 12, 2024	District 6 2024 AHEPA	New Rochelle, NY
	Family Fall Conference	
October 20, 2024	Port Jefferson Visitation	Port Jefferson, NY
October 28, 2024	Oxi Day at the Hellenic	Bethesda, MD
	Center	
November 16, 2024	AHEPA Family Potluck	Bethesda, MD
November 24, 2024	Hempstead Sons Visitation	Hempstead, NY
	and Chapter Initiation	
November 30, 2024	New Haven Constantinople	New Haven, CT
	Sons Trivia Night	
January 31-February 2, 2025	Albany Sons & Maids Annual	Albany, NY
	Valentine's Day	
February 15, 2025	District 3 Regional Workshop	Raleigh, NC
February 20-22, 2025	Bayside Visitation and	New York, NY
	Greeks in New York Planning	
March 8, 2025	AHI Awards Gala	Washington, DC
March 21-23, 2025	Greeks in Montreal	Montreal, Quebec

April 6, 2025	District 6 Sons Spring Conference	New York, NY
April 10, 2025	AHEPA Senior Living Dinner	Chicago, IL
May 21, 2025	AHEPA Congressional Banquet	Washington, DC
May 22, 2025	AHEPA Capitol Hill Day	Washington, DC
May 24, 2025	Memorial Day Arlington Wreath Laying	Arlington, VA
May 30, 2025	Bayside Chapter Game Night Visitation	Bayside, NY
May 31, 2025	Astoria Chapter Meeting	Astoria, NY
June 8, 2025	Austin Philotimo Chapter Reactivation	Austin, TX
June 11, 2025	PSEKA Cyprus Dinner	Washington, DC
June 13-15, 2025	Greeks in NY	New York, NY
June 19, 2025	New Rochelle Perseus Visitation	New Rochelle, NY
June 21, 2025	Bayside Maids Whiteout Party	Astoria, NY
June 27-29	District 16-17 Convention	Albuquerque, NM

#### **Acknowledgements:**

<u>Alec:</u> You ran it back, and you should be so proud of the year you have had. You have put us on a path to commemorating our centennial in the best possible fashion Alec. It has been an honor to serve in your lodge these past 2 years. You have the gift of remembering so many stories from your own time in the Sons, and of Sons of ages past. I hope that you look back on these years fondly, and can understand the impact you have had on me, the lodge, and the Order, for years to come.

<u>Basili</u>: While we never were able to gather in Chicago together, Basili, it has been an incredible year when we have been together. The beauty of lodge is that you grow as a team, and you learn more about the brothers you have known for ages. It has been a pleasure working with you this past year, and hearing more about your life in Chicago.

<u>Andreas:</u> You are quiet, contemplative, and also spitfire with your jokes and quips. It has been great working with you this past year. I hope to attend your famous Ottawa Greekfest someday, and I wish you all the best of luck in chairing it this year. Greeks in Montreal was an event to be remembered because of you.

George T. Horiates: We go far back George, and have had a similar relationship to this organization our whole lives. It's amazing to look back to those 2016 photos and see where we've come from. I enjoy our conversations, as we bounce from our Orthodox faith to the future of the Sons, anything is on the table. I can't wait to realize these visions.

<u>George Antonellis:</u> We've had an incredible year of traveling across the domain, and it has been great to travel with you to many joint visitations. You have a vision for the Sons, and a dedication to your district connections. Here's to another year of progress.

MOA Grand Lodge: Sisters you have brought tremendous dedication to the past year of my time on Lodge. The Sons are on a trajectory for success in our centennial year knowing that the Maids of Athena support our vision and success as well. A great example of our synergy is the momentum you created in Austin, that led the local Philotimo Sons to be reactivated. We hope that our centennial celebrations can create momentum across the AHEPA domain for the Maids to grow and flourish as you approach your 100th anniversary.

<u>Jimmy Kokotas:</u> Brother, you have believed in me since the very beginning. On my desk I have a framed photograph of my first year as president of my Perseus 322 chapter, our first mass initiation that you and other Supreme Lodge officers attended. I look to your time in office as an example of how to be a capable, compassionate leader. Thank you for your support and belief.

<u>Paul Pavlakos and Andreas Christou:</u> My first convention I saw Paul elevated to Supreme Lodge, and Andreas ride off into the sunset. Your examples have stood as paragons for how I want to conduct myself on Lodge. You are both such vital resources as you have continued your leadership roles in Delphi #25 and Paul as the District 6 advisor to the Sons. Your advice and counsel are always welcome, and I plan to often lean on your wisdom.

<u>D6 AHEPA Family, Mike Labatos, New Rochelle AHEPA 405 and Yonkers 51:</u> Brothers & Sisters, thank you for your support of the District 6 Sons and for advocating for their continued integration and growth. They have met the moment, and are prepared to further integrate into the activities of the entire District. Brother Mike, thank you for your service and for frequently taking my phone call. I am grateful for the close relationship we built this past year.

<u>District 6 Council</u>: Brothers, thank you for your attendance and involvement these past few months. You have put in the work to manage a leadership council for New York, and you should be so proud of the success we have had. The Sons leaders now know each other on a new level, and you are determining the future of the New York Sons together. There is nothing that can stop your vision and ambition, especially as it comes through consensus and your adherence to democratic values.

D3, Manos, Tom, George, Joe, Leo & Pythagoras, Katie, Nicole & Muses: I am so grateful for my new AHEPA Family. This year I have laid down my roots in these communities, and I am so grateful to have been welcomed. The District is growing, and the Sons are a vital part of this growth. Thank you for so eagerly following the advice of the youth and for integrating them into your decision-making. Leo, Katie and Nicole, thank you for inviting me into local DC Greek life, and for your service to your chapters. Let's go DC and D3!

Mom, Mpampa, Yiayia & Pappou: You have supported me every step of the way this past year. Thank you for helping me bounce ideas about events and for letting me stop at home on my frequent visitations back to New York. You always told me that this order's mission is carried on

through everyone's hard work. You have always provided me the love and support to advocate for and represent those around me. I love you.

Proud to be a Son!

# Maids of Athena Grand Treasurer Falia Pantieras

Dear AHEPA Family,

What an incredible journey this year has been! Starting medical school this year was a dream come true, and amid the excitement of that new chapter in my life, I felt incredibly fortunate to continue serving on the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge again as Treasurer. While I couldn't attend every event, I'm deeply grateful for the opportunities I did have to witness the incredible work our chapters are doing. Each visit reminded me of the strength and passion that lives within our organization and how thankful I am to be a part of it. In March, I had the opportunity to attend the Maid to Lead Conference in Washington, D.C., where I had the chance to see the innovative ideas and leadership of many strong members within our Order who are stepping up to shape its future. Additionally, I was especially touched by the unveiling of the sensory room at St. Basil Academy in New York, a beautiful example of the dedication and compassion of our District 6 sisters. This year has been nothing short of inspiring and motivating. I'm very grateful to have served on the Grand Lodge for the past two years, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for our Order!

#### **National Project:**

This year, we were proud to support *Girls Inc.* as our National Project. Their mission to inspire all girls to be strong, empowered, and ambitious aligns beautifully with the values we uphold as Maids of Athena. Through education, mentorship, and advocacy, Girls Inc. empowers young women to realize their full potential. It's amazing to see our sisterhood support a project that aims to uplift the next generation of female leaders. I am excited to see the results of our fundraising efforts, made possible by your generous support!

#### <u>Liaison Reports – Districts</u>

Northern New England District #9 (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire) At the present time, there are no active chapters in this district.

Grainfield District #14 (Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota) At the present time, there are no active chapters in this district.

Silver District #17 (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming) At the present time, there are no active chapters in this district.

British Columbia District #26 (Pacific Canada) At the present time, there are no active chapters in this district.

**Visitations** 

Date	Event	Location
November 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Greeks in Boston	Boston, MA
February 14 <sup>th</sup> 2025	Montreal Valentine's Day Ball	Montreal, QC
March 14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> 2025	Maid to Lead Conference	Washington, D.C.
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> 2025	District #23 Convention	Hamilton, ON
June 13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> 2025	Greeks in New York	New York City, NY
July 21st - 26th 2025	Supreme Convention	Orlando, FL

#### **Acknowledgements:**

**Grand President Stephanie** – Congratulations Steph on a great year as Grand President! I'm glad to have served on the lodge with you again and witnessed how much you've grown within this organization. Thank you so much for supporting me as I balanced MOA with school this year. You've accomplished so much, and I can't wait to see where next year takes you!

**Grand Vice President Lia** – Lia, you are one of the strongest people I know. This year has brought you challenges that are beyond imaginable. However, you have handled yourself with grace and true strength. Your ability to persevere, while always staying true to yourself, is very admirable. Over the years, you have dedicated so much time and effort into this organization and created a lasting impact that will resonate for years to come. I am so proud of all that you've accomplished. I'm so grateful for the friendship we've created over our years in the MOA. I can't wait for more adventures and memories with you. Love you! <3

**Grand Secretary Cristina** – Congratulations on an incredible first year on the Grand Lodge! I still remember when we first met at the D23 convention all those years ago, then attending our first Supreme Convention together at Disney, and now having had the chance of serving on the

Grand Lodge side by side. You've achieved so much in this first year, and I'm excited to see how your journey continues to unfold. Here's to even more success and growth as you move forward on the Lodge!

**Grand Governor Cassie** – Congratulations on a great first year on the Grand Lodge! I'm very impressed with the incredible success your Governor's project has been this year. Thank you for always making me laugh when we are together (like swimming in NYC). Best of luck next year!

**Grand Advisor Helen** – Thank you for all your efforts and support this year! You stepped in to help when needed and played a key role in bridging the gap between the MOA and DOP. Your insight and guidance helped keep everything moving forward. It was lovely meeting you this year!













# Maids of Athena Grand Governor Cassie Leontsinis

Dear AHEPA Family,

Congratulations on another successful year! As a proud member of this organization, I am honored to serve my first year on the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge as the Grand Governor. It has been a journey of growth, collaboration, and community service. I have had the privilege of overseeing and supporting numerous chapters across the United States, each bringing something special to our organization.

From community service projects to chapter expansion and member engagement efforts, each accomplishment reflects the dedication and hard work of our members, and I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together.

Looking ahead, I'm really excited about everything we have the potential to do. I cannot wait to further grow this organization and create more memories with my best friends that will last for years to come.

#### Flat Athena

From coast to coast, Flat Athena has traveled far and wide to represent our sisterhood throughout this past year. She started off her travels at our Governor's Conference in DC before heading down to Florida for Greeks in Tampa Bay. She got a workout in at the Greek-themed cycling class in Bayside, NY with her Pygmalion #126 sisters, and then hopped over to Philadelphia for the Greek Independence Day Parade. I ate so many Philly cheesesteaks and got to sing with Kalomira! I then flew back down south to Texas for two reactivations in one weekend! She started in Dallas to reactivate Athena Constance #112, and then took a quick flight to Austin to reactivate Xenia #281. She got to meet so many amazing young girls and taste the best BBQ in town! Shortly after, she traveled north to Canada for the District 24 Convention in Winnipeg, MB, and later represented the Maids of Athena at the AHEPA National Banquet back in DC. She then continued her Canadian tour in Hamilton, Ontario for the District 23 Convention before she joined the District 6 Lodge for the heartwarming unveiling of the sensory room at Saint Basil Academy. Before her final destination, she made a special visit to Fotini #215 in Regina, SK, for their Hellenic Pavilion Running event. And to top it all off, Flat Athena joined us for a magical finish at the AHEPA Supreme Convention in Disney. She is so excited for next year and cannot wait to hop on many more flights or car rides to see her sisters! Don't forget to follow her on Instagram @FlatAthena.

# **Governor's Project**

For my Governor's Project this year, I chose to support Global Brigades Greece Athens Clinic in Athens, Greece. Global Brigades Greece (GBG) is an international non-profit that is part of a bigger global organization, Global Brigades, which operates in three continents. GBG opened its Polyclinic in Athens, Greece, where they provide free access to healthcare through a holistic approach, with a special focus on refugees and asylum seekers. This is near and dear to my heart because I had the privilege of attending a Medical Brigade with my school, Florida State University, during my spring break to the GBG Athens Clinic where I got to work with, and learn from, doctors supporting the refugee crisis. Throughout the year, I created Pi Alpha tumblers to sell for \$30, which covers the cost of a doctor's appointment at the GBG Athens Clinic. We also did a 50/50 raffle at the Governor's Conference, and received a generous donation from our Pygmalion #126 sisters from their Summer Sunset Rooftop Party. There will also be Pi Alpha beach towels being sold at the AHEPA Supreme Convention to help support this cause. I'm incredibly proud of what we've raised together and beyond grateful for the support of our sisterhood in making a meaningful impact for GBG Athens Clinic.

# **Liaison Reports: Districts 4, 5, 12, 13, 16, 20**

Power District 4 (Pennsylvania)

Ariadni #243 - Upper Darby

Chapter President: Dina Economou

Number of Members: 16 Number of Initiates: 2

Ariadni #243 have continued showing their support to the MOA this year! Starting off in September, a few of them attended the Governor's Conference where they got to network with other Maids from all over the US and Canada. They had a busy December, hosting many fundraising events. They started the month off by selling poinsettias and raised over \$300 for their chapter. Then they hosted a Christmas Movie Night in honor of a girl who was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes, and raised around \$3,000 for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. They also showed their support to their local AHEPA chapter by volunteering at the AHEPA #445 Track and Field Event. They also participated in a number of sisterhood bonding activities such as marching in the Greek Independence Day Parade in Philadelphia and attending multiple Greeks In events like Boston, Tampa Bay, and New York. We are beyond thankful for their continued support and are so excited to see what they accomplish next year!

# Garden District 5 (New Jersey, Delaware)

Demetra #33 - Cherry Hill, NJ Chapter President: Maria Kokolis

Number of Members: 28 Number of Initiates: 12

Demetra #33 has continued to be an example of what the Maids of Athena stands for. From hosting engaging events like their Maidsgiving, Pumpkin Picking, and the St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Agora, they've built a warm and welcoming space for both members and prospective sisters. They initiated 12 new members and actively participated in charity efforts—including raising over \$1,300 for Voices Heard and donations to Girls Inc. and Lifeline Hellas. Their commitment to philanthropy continued through bake sales, church coffee hours, and coat drives. These girls also showed up strong for their AHEPA family, attending the District 5 Convention, Greeks In events, and volunteer activities within their area and beyond. They even supported the AHEPA Journey to Greece Program through a Christmas benefit and two of the girls received scholarships at the District 5 banquet. Worthy Maid Maria Kokolis was also part of the Maid to Lead Scholarship and Leadership committee! With most of their income donated to charity and consistent participation in local and national events, Demetra #33 is a shining example of what it means to be a true Maid of Athena. I couldn't be more proud of all they've accomplished this year!

*Theodora #282 - Holmdel, NJ* Chapter President: Lia Belitsis

Number of Members: 31 Number of Initiates: 7

Theodora #282 has continued to stay busy! With three initiation ceremonies this year, they've welcomed seven new girls to the sisterhood. This chapter has been very active in their community and participated in many events this past year. They participated in a beach cleanup, ran in a 5k, wrapped gifts for a local hospital, and donated handmade valentines to a local nursing home! Between their many fundraising efforts, they raised over \$3,000 in total and donated to charities like AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors, GP Stephanie's Project Lifeline Hellas, and more. They engaged in many sisterhood activities and held many get-togethers like a Halloween party, Maidsgiving, a Christmas party, and a Galentine's Day party. Since their reactivation a few years ago, they have continued to grow as a chapter and attend events like the Governor's Conference and Greeks In events. They have done so much amazing work this year and I can't wait to see what more they accomplish next year!

#### Hoosier District 12 (Indiana)

*Dionysia #141 - Hammond, IN*Chapter President: Georgia Pyrros

Number of Members: 25 Number of Initiates: 11

Dionysia #141 is crushing it with their community service and participation within this organization! From the very start, they participated in an Autism Awareness Walk and volunteered at Feed My Starving Children. In November, they hosted their 4th annual Glendi and had a great turnout. They also hosted a frappe booth where 100% of the proceeds were donated to support a local family whose father was battling cancer. Continuing with their community service efforts, they wrapped presents for the Boys and Girls Club and made a donation to the local Angel Tree Charity. In January, they traveled to Florida for Greeks In Tampa Bay and participated in the volleyball tournament. Then in April, they gave their time and donations to Phil's Friends to help make care packages for cancer patients. And to finish off the year, they held an Icon Raffle, raising an incredible \$4,000 for the Pink Ribbon Society! This chapter has gone above and beyond in their service, fellowship, and philanthropy—making a lasting impact both within their community and across our sisterhood.

## Blue Ribbon District 13 (Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin)

JACMA #40 - Chicago, IL

Chapter President: Olympia Kokkines

Number of Members: 8

JACMA #40 is a newly reactivated chapter that initiated eight young ladies earlier this year! After many MOA Zoom information sessions, what started off as a simple meet-and-greet quickly turned into a reactivation with elections and a brief meeting. They also attended the District 13 Sports Awards Banquet. This group is fired up and are already planning to team up with their DOP chapter for their annual picnic scheduled for August. I hope the Grand Lodge and I can do a visitation with them soon!

#### Delta District 16 (Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas Oklahoma, Missouri)

Rodanthi #41 - Houston, TX

Chapter President: Mary Polydoros

Number of Members: 16

Rodanthi #41 continued to show their hard work and dedication this year. With a full calendar of meetings and get togethers, this chapter showed off their organization and communication skills. Their charitable efforts included a floral fundraiser supporting the Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Alliance, raising over \$500, which is equivalent to 28 days worth of parking fees for families needing childhood cancer care. They also had a bake sale benefiting the National and President's Projects. The girls actively participated in their parish community through Sunday School, GOYA, Greek Festival, and YAL conferences. Whether hosting social gatherings, fundraising through their Santa's Breakfast Bake Sale, or working hand in hand with their local DOP, Rodanthi #41 continues to embody the values of the Maids of Athena.

Athena Constance #112 - Dallas, TX Chapter President: Sophia Hirner

Number of Members: 19 Number of Initiates: 2

Athena Constance #112 was recently reactivated in May of this year! Many girls were initiated and elections were held for the upcoming year. This group has a great connection with their local DOP and Philoptochos and hosted a successful Mother's Day rose sale as a new chapter. With such a big group of girls, I cannot wait to see all of the hard work they continue to do in the future!

Xenia #281 - Austin, TX

Chapter President: Athena Skevofilax

Number of Members: 9

Xenia #281 was reactivated in May of this year with 9 young and eager girls ready for the upcoming year. This seems like a tight-knit group with a lot of enthusiasm that will do amazing things together within the upcoming year and I look forward to being by their side for it all!

# El Camino District 20 (Arizona, Southern California, Nevada, Hawaii) No active chapters

#### **Visitations**

Date	Event	Location
September 8, 2024	Sunshine #200 Reactivation	West Palm Beach, FL
September 13-15, 2024	Grand Lodge Sisterhood Weekend	Phoenix, AZ
September 20-22, 2024	Governor's Conference	Washington, DC
November 8-10, 2024	Greeks in Boston	Boston, MA
November 24, 2024	Rodanthi #41 Virtual Visitation	Zoom
December 9, 2024	Dionysia #141 Virtual Visitation	Zoom
January 17-19, 2025	Greeks in Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay, FL
February 14, 2025	Montreal AHEPA Family Valentine's Day Ball	Montreal, QC

March 14-16, 2025	Maid to Lead Conference	Washington, DC
April 4, 2025	Ariadni #243 Visitation	Upper Darby, PA
April 6, 2025	Philly Greek Independence Day Parade	Philadelphia, PA
May 2, 2025	Athena Constance #112 Rectivation	Dallas, TX
May 4, 2025	Xenia #281 Reactivation	Austin, TX
June 13, 2025	Greeks in New York	New York City, NY
June 14, 2025	Unveiling at Saint Basil Academy	Garrison, NY
July 17, 2025	Delegate Meeting	Zoom
July 21-26, 2025	AHEPA Family Supreme Convention	Orlando, FL



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**GP Steph**: I would not be where I am today if it weren't for you, Steph. Without you to look up to, I'd probably just be a member, participating seven hours away from my chapter. I never

expected to be on the GL, let alone become Chapter President, but you pushed me to get to where I'm at right now and I am forever thankful for that! Thank you for always believing in me, especially in the harder times when I didn't believe in myself. You work so hard for this organization and you are always there for us, whether it's to support us or answer our MANY many questions. From Tally to now, I am beyond grateful for our friendship and that we get to travel the world together. I am super proud of you and everything you've done for me and for this organization. Thank you and go noles.

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**GT Falia**: Falia's Floaties! Thank you for the many laughs over these last few years, and for being one of the first people to welcome me at my first convention in Orlando a few years ago. I'm so glad we got to work together this year. Even though you were at school acing all of your exams, you were still present when you could be, and we had so many good times together. I'm so excited for you and your future, there are so many great things in store for you!

GA Helen: Helen! Thank you for being our biggest supporter - no big!! You have done SO so much for us Helen, and we couldn't have done any of it without you. You have spent so much of your time traveling to be with us, and it doesn't go unnoticed! Whether we have a question or just need someone to talk to, you've made it so easy to come to you for help. You are a role model for all of us and we look up to you. Thank you for such an amazing year and for all of your hard work and dedication!!

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# Sons of Pericles Supreme Governor George T. Horiates

Greetings to everyone in all orders. It was an honor to serve on this year's Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Pericles. I had many good experiences throughout the year and feel that much was accomplished for the good of the order. This report is based on my travels as well as on membership.

After last year's Stateside Convention in Nashville, I was honored to be able to attend the AHEPA Supreme Convention in Cyprus. I had the opportunity to speak about the Sons of Pericles and our upcoming centennial celebration to the AHEPA family and its distinguished guests at their Grand Banquet. I enjoyed the many visitations to famous locations and especially enjoyed getting to attend an event at the Presidential Palace with the President of Cyprus.

In September, I also went to our Leadership conference in Washington, DC. Myself, along with the rest of our Supreme Lodge, were able to meet with the members of our order and discuss topics related to our yearly planning and our centennial celebration next year. We were honored to have members show up from many different chapters. I was able to get two members from Trenton, NJ to attend after just helping to reactivate their chapter last year.

In November we put on a "Greeks In" event in Boston, which I was able to attend. This weekend brought a lot of members to a new city that we have not recently had much visitation to. I worked with the Supreme Lodge in order to successfully run this event and help it go smoothly. This month ended with my attendance at the Cherry Hill Maids friendsgiving event.

In December, I was able to attend the AHEPA Journey to Greece Christmas Celebration in Moonachie, NJ. This event helped fundraise for the annual Journey to Greece trip that the AHEPA puts on. We had some local Sons of Pericles members speak on their own personal experiences on this trip in the past. I also was able to attend a meeting in Trenton, NJ where the chapter discussed their desire to begin attending more national events.

January brought along many highlights for this year. I attended our next national event in Tampa, FL. The Sons and Maids made their way to Clearwater Beach where we put on a beach volleyball tournament. We had good attendance at this tournament and it was an amazing day with good sportsmanship. Athletics have always been a cornerstone of our organization and it is always satisfying to successfully execute a tournament.

In February I was able to attend the AHEPA Camden Chapter 69 Centennial Celebration. This historical chapter, and my home chapter for that matter, honored many lifelong members and the night was filled with the sharing of memories throughout its 100 year existence.

In March, I attended our Greeks in Montreal event and joined the Montreal Sons of Pericles in putting on an amazing weekend. I also attended the New York City Greek Independence Day Parade and joined members of our lodge on the AHEPA float.

Of course in April, I represented the lodge at the Philadelphia Greek Independence Day Parade. We had a float with AHEPA and attended all of the events with the Evzones, the Presidential Guard of Greece. We had satisfactory numbers of local Sons of Pericles members attend this event alongside myself.

In May I attended the AHEPA Capitol Hill Day and I joined the Sons of Pericles over the 2 day event. It was an honor speaking with different Congressmen and government officials alongside the heads of the other three organizations in the AHEPA Family. The meetings were eye opening and I learned a lot from going to high level meetings with AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope leadership in the halls of Congress. I was able to experience how serious AHEPA handles its matters and how professional they are when dealing with elected government officials.

Finally, June brought forth our annual Greeks in New York Basketball Tournament where we rented out two separate gyms for the games. I played a key role in making sure the tournament went smoothly - and smoothly it went. The Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena also joined the local New York AHEPA on a boat cruise where we got to pass by the Statue of Liberty and experience the city views. I ended the month by attending the annual Hermes Expo in New Jersey where I accepted an award on behalf of our Supreme President Alec Economakis and spoke to attendees about the buildup towards our upcoming centennial celebration. I invited them to attend and to spread the word to any young men that they knew in hopes of expanding our membership during this critical year.

# Liaison Report: Districts 2, 4, 5, & 14

#### **District 2: Florida**

With the Supreme Convention being held in Orlando, Florida this year, we are excited and looking forward to reactivating some local chapters and initiating many new members. With new leadership on the way from this district, there is hope that it will be one that becomes very active during this upcoming year.

## District 4: Upper Darby, PA - Pittsburgh, PA

I was honored to be liaison to a district so close to home. Upper Darby is a chapter with a lot of members and a rich history. I got the chance to assist the chapter with holding meetings and paying dues. We even had some of their members attend our national events. I have hope that this chapter will have a promising year with next year's Supreme Convention being in their home of Philadelphia, PA. I was able to get in contact with Ahepans in Pittsburgh and find some interested men who would like to reinstate their chapter and get involved. We are only waiting on them to find enough young men to get their chapter rolling. This next year I plan to follow through with them and get their chapter running smoothly.

## District 5: New Jersey - Cherry Hill, Trenton, Holmdel, Roseland

Cherry Hill is my home chapter and, being a past president of the chapter, I was able to work with them well. They were able to initiate many new members as they do every year. Cherry Hill was also able to get a volleyball team to compete in our Greeks in Miami tournament and they were able to have at least one attendee at every national event we had this year. Trenton was just

recently reactivated and a chapter lodge was created. The new members of this chapter showed very promising signs of a successful chapter in the future and they are all excited to get involved over this next year. We have also received interest from our brothers in North Jersey to reactivate the Holmdel Sons of Pericles as well as the Roseland Sons of Pericles. I have hopes that these reactivations will be completed very soon.

### District 14: MN, IA, ND, MO, SD, NE

There are no active chapters in any of these states as of now. They are however AHEPA chapters and I hope to, over the next year, reactivate many chapters as we lead into our centennial celebration. I am certain that there are a lot of youth in these states so I plan to try and visit many of these states after finding a reliable AHEPA contact in each. I was unable to visit them this year, however, next year communication with them will be resolved.

## Acknowledgements

Alec Economakis: Alec, as a two-time Supreme President, I am proud to say that I have been able to experience your entire reign on lodge. The work you have done for this organization has not gone unnoticed and you have proved to be a true Son of Pericles and defender of Hellenism. Your urgency to get things done among the lodge and done with accuracy and grace has allowed us to flourish over these past two years. Serving with you for the last three years on lodge has been an honor and I plan to use you as an example for excellence throughout my continuation in this organization. I am extremely grateful for your work with helping to kickstart the planning for our centennial celebration and I look forward to your return for it. I wish you the best as you part from us and I will leave you with this - Once a Son, always a Son.

**Basili Ronstadt:** Basili, I have spent my entire three years on lodge with you and I have seen firsthand the dedication that you have to the betterment of this order. You consistently prove to us your resilience through your ability to connect with people from all realms of life. I can see the effect you have on not only our members but the people we work with when planning events. You always follow through with tasks of the lodge and show that you are willing to do whatever it takes to make our order stronger. Thank you for the work that you do and I look forward to continuing this work in the future.

George Kalyvas: George, thank you for everything you have done for the Sons of Pericles throughout your time on Supreme Lodge. I have gotten to see firsthand as you went from being a new member of the lodge last year to becoming a crucial part of its existence. You have consistently shown your dedication to the Sons of Pericles and proven how serious you take the works of our order. I am glad to have built our friendship over the last two years and I hope to continue promoting and expanding our order in the future. From one George to another George, I wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

**Andreas Koloniaris:** Andreas, I am glad to have gotten to know you better over this past year and I applaud you for the work you have done as Supreme Treasurer. Giving us a crucial connection to our brothers in the great country of Canada has allowed us to stay in communication with our brothers much more efficiently. I enjoyed building our friendship during

our national events and I look forward to continuing our work of promoting Hellenism in the future. I wish you the best in whatever you may do in the future.

**George Antonellis:** George, from the time that you joined lodge I have seen your dedication to being a true Son of Pericles. I am glad to have gotten to know you so well and to have built the friendship that we have. Having you by my side as Supreme Governor this year has been a great time and I am proud of the work we have done in helping our Supreme Lodge. I believe that you will do great things with the mindset that you have. I look forward to continuing our work in the future and I wish you all the best brother.

Maids of Athena Grand Lodge 2024-25: You have all been spectacular to work with this year. Stephanie, thank you for all the hard work and time you put into this organization. It has not gone unnoticed and we all appreciate everything you have done for us. You always prove your dedication to promoting our organizations and I thank you for how well you have worked together with the SOP Supreme Lodge. Lia, thank you for always showing how important our organizations are to you. While this past year took an unexpected turn, I know your work defending Hellenism is far from done and I hope you know how much I, and the rest of the members of our lodges, care for you and pray for your success. You have shown that you care for our AHEPA families and I hope we can continue to work towards the benefit of them in the future. Cristina, your time as Grand Secretary has been crucial to the success of our two organizations. You have not only shown myself how much you care for the Maids of Athena, but you have shown how much you care for people in general. I am glad to call you a dear friend and I look forward to continuing our work in the future. Falia, thank you for your time as Treasurer. You made sure to stay on top of things and reach out when we needed to work together. You always prove to be an important asset and have shown the care you hold for the betterment of our orders. Thank you for your time on Grand Lodge and I wish you the absolute best in your future career. I look forward to seeing you again at our national events and I hope you understand how appreciative we are of the time that you have put in. Cassie, your time on lodge has proved your worth and importance to its success. You are always first to offer your ideas and always show your desire to make us better. Thank you for the time you have put in and I look forward to watching you continue to do great things for the Maids of Athena.

Proud to be a Son!

# Sons of Pericles Supreme Governor George Antonellis

Brothers of the Sons of Pericles,

As we reach the end of an extraordinary year, I stand before you with immense gratitude and pride. Serving as your Supreme Governor has been an honor and as I reflect on what we've accomplished together, I am filled with appreciation for every single one of you who helped move this organization forward.

This past year marked the 99th year of the Sons of Pericles. That number alone carries weight, because with it comes nearly a century of brotherhood, service, leadership, and commitment to Hellenism. But what makes it even more meaningful is that this year was not only a time to honor our legacy, it was the final step before something truly historic: our 100th anniversary.

Looking back, we treated this year not as a finish line, but as a launching pad. A moment to lay the groundwork for a centennial celebration that will not only honor where we've been, but inspire where we are going.

That's why we made membership growth our priority. We recognized that if the Sons of Pericles is to thrive in its next 100 years, it begins with bringing in new voices, new energy, and new leaders. And this year, we did just that.

We reactivated chapters, hosted initiations, empowered local leaders, and reignited excitement around what it means to be a Son of Pericles. We focused on building a culture that is engaged, and forward-thinking, while always rooted in the timeless values that have guided us since 1926.

None of this would have been possible without our extended family across the AHEPA domain. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Maids of Athena, the Daughters of Penelope, and AHEPA for their unwavering support and constant collaboration. Whether through joint events, mentorship, or service to the community, your partnership has strengthened our brotherhood and helped us amplify our impact.

To my brothers on the Supreme Lodge: thank you for your hard work, your leadership, and your dedication. You helped turn vision into action. To our advisors, mentors, and supporters: thank you for guiding us, encouraging us, and always reminding us of what this organization is capable of.

As we come to the end of the year, I do so with pride in what we have accomplished, and confidence in the vision for our future. Thank you for your trust in me, and for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Proud to be a Son!

# <u>Liaison Reports: Districts 7, 8, & 10 & 17</u> District 7: Connecticut and Rhode Island

I am proud to say District 7 is home to one new chapter this year with the reactivation of Plato Chapter #21 in Providence, RI. Led by newly elected Chapter President Owen Sterpis, the Plato chapter consists of 12 young men ranging in age from 14-18 years old. I would personally like to thank the Providence, RI AHEPA for their help in the reactivation of the Plato Chapter. I look forward to seeing all the great things in store for the future of Chapter 21.

Constantinople Chapter #15 (New Haven, CT) has remained consistent with their activity and dedication to the Order. They hosted multiple brotherhood events and meetings this year, as well as their annual Trivia Night in November. Largely attended by the local community, their trivia night had nearly 100 participants sign up, with brothers and sisters attending from both Connecticut and New York. New Haven plans on hosting an initiation this summer, with more events to come in the fall.

#### **District 8: Massachusetts**

Bay State District 8 has remained steady this year with 2 chapters: Boston, MA and Lowell, MA. Boston remains a young chapter with members being between the ages of 14-22 years old. They attended multiple basketball tournaments this year, including the National Greeks in New York basketball tournament which took place in June. We hope to see Boston at future events, and wish to use their love of basketball to expand membership moving forward.

Acropolis Chapter #14 (Lowell, MA) remains strong and independent. This year they hosted a Greek night, donated bags of necessary supplies to the less fortunate, and marched in the Boston Greek Independence Day Parade. We applied Chapter 14 for their accomplishments and hope to see collaboration with them in the future.

# District 10: Michigan

In collaboration with AHEPA District 10 Governor James Thomas, Kappa Alpha Gamma Chapter #13 was reactivated in District 10. Boasting 70 members, Chapter 13 took advantage of the dual-membership initiative with AHEPA, creating the largest chapter in the order. Unfortunately, we have yet to see any activity from their Sons chapter. We hope to work with the leaders of Chapter 13 in the coming year to capitalize on the potential of the Sons in District 10.

# District 17: Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming

District 17 is home to one active sons chapter: Rocky Mountain Chapter #83 in Denver, CO. Chapter 83 has 10 members and is currently going through a rebuilding phase looking to expand the membership and presence. They work closely with their AHEPA chapter and have a promising future. I hope to work with the Denver chapter to host more national events on the west coast of the U.S. which could hopefully lead to more involvement and chapters in the area.

While attending the District 17 convention, I spoke to delegates of the Albuquerque, NM AHEPA chapter. Their chapter boasts a very young and active membership, including 6 members eligible for dual membership into the Sons. I plan on working with their leadership to form a Sons chapter in the upcoming year.

Unfortunately, Salt Lake City, Beehive Chapter #71 have not been active this year. We hope to be able to work with their membership to get them reinstated and active in their community over the coming year.

#### **Visitations:**

Date	Event	Location
September 20, 2024	AHEPA CH.98 Golf Tournament	Orange,CT
September 20-22, 2024	Leadership Conference	Washington, DC
October 12, 2024	District 7 Conference	Waterbury, CT
November 8-10, 2024	Greeks in Boston	Boston, MA
November 29, 2024	SOP CH. 15 Trivia Night	Orange, CT
December 20-22, 2024	SOP CH. 83 Visitation and Christmas Party	Denver, CO
January 17-19, 2025	Greeks in Tampa Bay	Clearwater, FL
January 31-February 2, 2025	SOP CH. 44 Valentine's Dance	Albany, NY
February 9, 2025	SOP CH. 322 Super-Bowl Watch Party	New Rochelle, NY
March 30, 2025	SOP CH. 293 Greek Independence Day Party	New York City, NY
May 3, 2025	Northeastern Regional Convention	Norwich, CT
May 27, 2025	SOP CH. 21 Initiation and Reactivation	Cranston, RI
June 7, 2025	District 6 Convention	Hyde Park, NY
June 13-15, 2025	Greeks in New York	New York City, NY

June 27-29, 2025	District 17 Convention	Albuquerque, NM
July 20-27, 2025	AHEPA Family Supreme Convention	Lake Buena Vista, FL

# **Acknowledgments:**

**Alec Economakis:** When I first joined the Sons in 2021, you were the person who initiated me into the order. When I first joined the Supreme Lodge in 2023, you became the Supreme President on the Sons of Pericles. Every step of my journey in the Sons, you've been there for me: to mentor me, support me, and give me opportunities I could have never dreamed of. I am grateful to call you a friend. The Sons of Pericles will not be the same without you, but I know you will accomplish great things in the next chapter of your life. Get some well-earned rest, you deserve it!

**Basili Ronstadt:** What a year it has been! From all the trips and laughs I truly feel like we have grown a special bond over the past year. Whenever there is a problem, you're always the first one there to solve it. Your hard-working and fun attitude is contagious. I look forward to the years we have being in the Sons together.

**George Kalyvas:** It has been an amazing year working together. Whether it is in-person or over the phone, you're always ready to bounce ideas off each other and collaborate for the good of the order. You always have a smile on your face and bring a special energy to the sons, while also maintaining professionalism and keeping us on our toes. I look forward to working together in the future, and know you will do great things,

**Andreas Koloniaris:** The brother from the Great White North! For your first-year on lodge, you have done an exceptional job. I appreciate all the work you have done, especially in Canada, to help grow the order. Your witty remarks always put a smile on my face, and I always look forward to seeing you. Keep it up, you're doing great!

George Horiates: Brother, it has been a great time working with you this year. From all the crazy stories, funny videos, and late nights, you have truly made this a special year. Getting cheesesteaks in Philly with you was a highlight of my time in Jersey this year, and I am excited for the years we have working together in the future. Can't wait to celebrate the Supreme Convention with you next year in Philly! Keep up the energy, we are just getting started!

**Maids Grand Lodge:** Stephanie, Lia, Cristina, Falia, and Cassie: It has been a wonderful experience working along-side you this year. The Sons and Maids are both better off when we collaborate and share ideas. You help bring out the best in us, and I commend you for all the hard you all have put in. Have a great convention! I'm excited to continue our partnership over the next year!

# Maids of Athena Grand Advisor Helen Z. McClure

Sisters,

It has been a privilege to serve as Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena this year. Over the past year, I am proud of the Maids of Athena for their commitment to Sisterhood, Service, Citizenship, Hellenism, Family, and Arete.

The Grand Lodge of the Maids of Athena were GP Stephanie Owens, GVP Lia Chrisohou, GS Cristina Saavedra-Mamounis, GT Falia Pantieras and GG Casie Leontsinis.

The theme this year was BLOSSOM

# July-September 2024

The new Grand Lodge officers in their first meeting created the foundation for a productive year of communication with their chapters. Projects were organized and events planned for the year.

- \*National Project- **Girls inc.** Girls inc. The Maids is a nonprofit organization empowering girls to be strong, smart, and bold. They are selling raffle tickets at \$20 each. A raffle will be drawn at the 2025 National Convention in Disney. The grand prize is \$1000.00, and second prize is \$250.00.
- \*President's Project-**Lifeline Hellas** This year's president project is Lifeline Hellas. They are a nonprofit voluntary organization with a goal to design, implement and support action programs ensuring quality and dignified living for the elderly in Greece. Maids are selling Mati slippers as well as Pi Alpha Mati bracelets.
- \*Governor's Project-Global Brigades Greece, Athens Clinic. An international nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring and mobilizing communities to achieve their health and economic objectives.
- \*Growth and Expansion- This year chapters had monthly challenges with a list of tasks to choose from and complete points. At the end of the year, the chapter with the highest points receives a prize.
- \*Sister City- This initiative is designed to strengthen connections among chapters across North America
- \*Wellness Bingo- This is a fun way to prioritize your health and well-being.
- \*Maid to Lead- This program focuses on 4 key areas. The areas are Wellness, Auxiliaries, Events, and Fundraising. Each year the GL selects a group of women to participate in the annual Maid to Lead Program.

- Leadership conference in Washington D.C. had over 40 Maids from the U.S. and Canada in attendance discussing the upcoming year. This included presentations on projects and events by the Grand lodge. Participants made friendship bracelets, and in the afternoon, the GL gave a Back-to-Basics Presentation covering foundational topics relevant to chapters and districts.
- Presented MOA Advisor's PowerPoint at Governor's Conference with Q&A.

#### October- December 2024

- NYC-DOP fundraiser on October 17th, featuring a Dior event for Open Door and a screening of the Greek Bar Jacket. Attended with GL and D6 MOA.
- MOA activation -October 26th: Regina, Saskatchewan, with GVP Lia Chrisohou
- The MOA, in collaboration with the SOP, organized and participated in the event "Greeks in Boston" from November 8th to November 10th.

# January-March 2025

- "Greeks in Tampa" a co-ed volleyball tournament hosted by Sons & Maids. Both Junior orders joined for a weekend of fun, friendly competition, and fundraising for their national project. This event was held in Clearwater, Florida. (Jan. 17-19)
- In February the Maids were lucky to have two events that all AHEPA Family gathered for:
- Albany's 45th Annual MOA Valentine's Day Dance held on 2/02 & Montreal's Valentines Day Ball on 2/14.
- During the February European trip, Supreme President Tsivicos and Grand President Dritsas initiated Athens Maids Aria -Athena and SOP Voula Voulgiameni.
- Maid To Lead: Presentation of programs and sisterhood bonding events. This was held March 14<sup>th</sup>-March 16<sup>th</sup> at our National Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

#### **April- June 2024**

- MOA GL members attended the Eleftheria Gala in Philadelphia and participated in the 2025 Philadelphia Greek Independence Day Parade. (April 5-6)
- MOA Activations: GG Cassie initiated and reactivated Athena Constance #112 during the ceremony on May 2, 2025. Xenia #281 of Austin reactivated on May 4<sup>th</sup>,2025 with GG Cassie and DOP GS Gretchen.
- 5/17: District 13 reactivation of Jacma chapter
- "Greeks in New York" sponsored by the Sons of Pericles June 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> with MOA participation. A boat ride around Manhattan and a basketball tournament were held.
- Maids of Athena, District 6, St. Basil Academy Sensory Room unveiling. This event highlighted the dedication and commitment of the D6 Maids of Athena. (6/14) Congratulations Maids, your membership increased by 30 % this year!

A huge Thank You to the MOA advisory committee: Sofie Batshoun, Maria Ana Pantelous, PGPMOA, and Cathie Pantieras. You have been a great help navigating through the MOA logistics and assisting with MOA document review. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to GP Margaret for her unwavering support. And to my sisters on the Grand Lodge, I appreciate you all. Thank you to my family for their patience, love and support throughout this incredible year.

Stephanie Maniatis, PGPMOA and Executive Director Elena, thank you for guiding me on the HQ side. To the Sons of Pericles, I congratulate you all on a wonderful year. Lastly, to this year's outstanding MOA Grand Lodge: Stephanie, Lia, Cristina, Falia, and Cassie, working together for the good of our AHEPA Family has been my distinct pleasure. We have had an amazing and unforgettable year.

"A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.'

#### -Saint Basil the Great of Caesarea

Financial Report: As of 7/01/2025

Maids of Athena Grand Lodge Appropriations \$3000.00

Expenses Reimbursed to date: \$3000.00

Expenses Incurred/ Out of Pocket: \$9817.75

## **DOP Grand Lodge Meetings**

Expenses Incurred: \$1354.33

Reimbursed to date: \$727.89

Out of Pocket: \$626.44

#### **Meetings / Events**

- **DOP Grand Lodge Meetings**, face to face, 07/26,09/20, 07/20. Via zoom:08/28,11/06, (12/11, excused absence)1/22/25,03/05,04/02,05/14,6/29,
  - **MOA Grand Lodge Meetings,** face to face: 09/14/,02/15,04/05,06/15, Zoom:08/10,10/15,11/26,1/15/,03/11,04/05,04/14,05/05,07,02,7/17.
  - **SOP&MOA Joint Lodge Meetings** via zoom 08/13, 09/05,9/26,10,02,10/03,10.10, 11/25, (04/29 excused absence)06/17,06/26.
  - MOA Reactivation D23 zoom meeting 08/30
  - DOP Leadership Conference Washington D.C. 09/21-23
  - MOA D6 zoom meeting 10/14
  - DOP Fundraiser-Dior / Open Door in New York ,10/17
  - MOA/SOP attended "Greeks in Boston" 11/08-10

- DOP Founders Day EOS1, Foster City, CA.11/15-16
- MOA D3, Muses chapter zoom meetings 12/1,12.03,12/12,12/16,12/18
- DOP Academy: 12/05,12/08,12/10, (2024) -1/12/,1,19,1/26-(2025) Module1,2 3,4,5,
- MOA D22- Mid-Winter Conference. Planning Meeting on zoom.
- DOP zoom meeting to discuss New social connection platform 1/09/25
- MOA-Mid-winter conference-Portland, Oregon1/11/25
- MOA D6 zoom meeting w/ GP.1/14/25
- MOA/SOP attended "Greeks in Tampa" 1/17-18, Clearwater, Florida
- MOA- D24 Calgary, Cassandra Hera 185 zoom Meeting 1/31.
- MOA- Attended D6 Albany Valentine's Event 2/1,2/25.
- DOP/AHEPA -attended Montreal Valentine's Day Ball 2/14/25.
- MOA -Xenia 218 Austin, Texas Zoom meeting info /power point session.02/23
- MOA -Zoom meeting w/Epiphany111, Tarpon Springs. Planning &maintenance with GP. 02/25.
- MOA- D13, (Jacma chapter) Zoom Webinar (PowerPoint)03/04,03/06
- DOP -Zoom, International Hellenic Association, GP Margaret presenting.03/06
- MOA- Maid to Lead, Washington D.C. 03/14-16 plus in person meeting with D3 Muses chapter.
- MOA Advisory Board Meetings: (on zoom)-03/27,05/06,06/16
- MOA-D16 MOA Zoom meeting. Power Point presentation.04/03
- MOA/AHEPA Family: Attended the Philadelphia Eleftheria Gala and participated in the Greek Independence Parade. 04/05,04,06(MOA in person GL meeting).
- MOA- District 8-MOA Advisors training zoom meeting.
- MOA- Reactivation and initiation of Xenia #281 Austin, Texas. Participated on zoom 05/02.
- MOA D8 advisors zoom meeting 05/15.
- MOA-" Greeks in New York" (SOP sponsored event), attended D6 Lodge St. Basil's Academy Sensory Room unveiling. 06/14. (GL in person meeting 06/15).
- DOP/AHEPA Family D22 convention: MOA Sparta#1,95<sup>th</sup> anniversary acknowledgement. June21<sup>st</sup>,2025
- DOP -GL meeting Orlando, Florida July 20th, 2025

# Sons of Pericles Supreme Advisor Ted Vittas

To The AHEPA Delegates of the Supreme Convention

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

It gives me immense pleasure to address you on the progress of the Sons of Pericles.

First, I would like to thank Supreme President Savas Tsivikos for allowing me to serve over the last two years. I serve at his pleasure, and I thank him for the confidence that he has shown in me. He is a dynamic person and a tireless worker, one of the best leaders under which I have served.

The Sons of Pericles are approaching their 100<sup>th</sup> year, which will happen in 2026. Much of the effort of the current Supreme Lodge of the Sons has been towards this milestone. There will be a reunion event at this year's Supreme Convention in Orlando to kick things off. The SOP International Centennial Committee is planning a banquet in Manchester, New Hampshire, the birthplace of the Sons of Pericles, on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Double Tree Hotel. In addition, there is they have designed a handsome centennial lapel pin, which I wear proudly. And there will be much more. Monitor your emails on the latest events.

Membership has been slowly rising, but I am happy to report that new chapters have been forming in large cities throughout the world. Over the last year we have new chapters in Boston, Atlanta, Chicago, Austin, Winnipeg, and Athens to name a few. We welcome these new brothers into the Order. We need to make sure that we stop the losses of attrition of present chapters and keep our membership gained.

I remind all Ahepans that all young men from the age of 18 and older will be dual members, in AHEPA as well. Make these young members feel welcome and get them involved in your chapter. But do not forget that they are Sons of Pericles first!

In closing, let me encourage you to help these rising stars in any way. If you can give your money or time to the Sons, it will ensure our future for the next centennial to come.

Fraternally yours,

Ted Vittas
Supreme Advisor to the Sons of Pericles





With endless fundraisers, events, and gatherings, MOA Theodora #282 grew in numbers and strength this past year.

Specifically, our Bingo Night was equally memorable and successful, bringing the entire community together. - Lia Belitsis, Theodora #282 Worthy Maid

The Albany Sons and Maids are extremely grateful for everyone who came out to support our annual Valentine's Day Weekend in February! See you again, same time, next year.
- Sophia #48 Sisters





The Maids of Athena District 6 lodge unveiled a new Sensory Room at St. Basil Academy on June 14, turning a vision for a healing and supportive space into reality. Led by District Governor Sophia Theodorou and her Lodge, the project was made possible through an impressive \$34,310.18 in fundraising and over \$56,000 in total value with donated services. The Maids also presented a \$14,342.80 check to support ongoing maintenance, new resources, and therapeutic services. Their motto—"Be the ripple, be the change"—captures the heart behind their efforts. People can see the journey via documentary videos and photos on the D6 MOA website: <a href="https://shorturl.at/C17O3">https://shorturl.at/C17O3</a>

This year, the Astoria Maids had fun, gave back, and grew stronger together. From cooking at the Ronald McDonald House, to our Tsoureki fundraiser with Agia Skepi Monastery, to our contributions to the District 6 project - building a sensory room at St. Basil's Academy, service was at our core. We also hosted exciting new events like our Welcome Back Brunch, Apokries Party, and first-ever Astoria Family BBQ—bringing all four Astoria Orders together for the first time in decades. We welcomed new sisters, celebrated graduations, and created lasting memories at sisterhood bonding activities. We are so proud of all we've accomplished this year and cannot wait for what is to come!





Hello Sisters and fellow AHEPANS,

It is a great pleasure to tell you all of our accomplishments of this past 2024-2025 year. Starting in August our Maids participated in an Autism Awareness Walk, and volunteered at Feed My Starving



Children. Fast forward to November we hosted our 4th annual Glendi, which was a great

turnout! We also hosted a frappe booth to raise money for a local family whose father was battling cancer, 100% of the proceeds were donated to the family. In December we wrapped presents for the boys and girls club and donated to the local Angel Tree Charity. In January we traveled to Tampa, Florida to participate in Greeks in Tampa with our fellow sisters and sons. In April we volunteered and donated at Phil's Friends to help make cancer care packages. We also held an Icon Raffle where we raised \$4,000 and donated 100% of the proceeds to the Pink Ribbon Society.





This past year we were so blessed to have initiated a total of 10 new girls. We are extremely grateful to have had such a successful year and we cannot wait to see what the next year has in store for us.

With Love, Chapter 12 Dionysia #141.



