# Sons of Pericles Maids of Athena



## 101st Annual Supreme Convention

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## Sons of Pericles Supreme President Ryan Marinos

Welcome to the 101<sup>st</sup> AHEPA Supreme Convention! Brothers and Sisters it has been an absolute honor to serve as the Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles for the past year. I am beyond thrilled to be in Las Vegas to celebrate another year of successes and lessons with each and every single one of you.

Traditionally, "What happens in Vegas...stays in Vegas"; however, I am sure we will make memories to last multiple lifetimes just as we have done for the past year. Speaking of—there are plenty memories to reminisce from the previous year, but my personal favorites include: The Sons of Pericles hosting the first international event in Toronto, ON to start the year with a bang, we followed up on previous successes with our second "Greeks in Miami" alongside the Maids of Athena, reactivated four chapters and set dates to reactivate three more in the upcoming year, and we saw a gradual increase in membership from previous years as many new and familiar faces joined and returned to the Order in spectacular fashion thanks to new online integrations for all of our administrative processes.

Internally, my Supreme Lodge worked diligently on improving our Order from the bottom-up; reconnecting with our members on a local level and quenching our organization's thirst for growth and betterment. While this convention marks the end of my tenure as President and capstones my five-year career on the Sons Supreme Lodge, I look forward to watching systems and plans put into action by my Supreme Lodge prosper in the many years to come. By the end of the year, the Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge will launch our effort to bring the AHEPA Family, and our supporting communities, closer together. The Sons of Pericles have developed a professional network database to make it easier for everyone to connect with each other and see the potential of our youth properly supported. I invite each and every one of you to reach out to any member of the Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge to ask about our latest endeavor I have endearingly referred to as "The Greek Phonebook." The Sons of Pericles are the future and we are also the present. I have done my best to instill a sense of passion, truth, and respect to every Son I have come in contact with this year, starting with my Supreme Lodge. I truly believe—the best is yet to come.

I have referred to my speech at installations at Walt Disney World plenty of times, so I will sum it up one last time: Reach out to the Sons of Pericles. We are stronger together. We want to work with you, we want to help you. We can do anything when we work in harmony together. Let's succeed together!

This may mark the end of my term, but it does not mark the end of my time as a Son. I will always be a Son. I am a son by birth, but I am a Son of Pericles by the grace of God.

Damn Proud!

#### **Committee Reports**

#### Legislative:

Compared to previous years, I enjoyed the refreshing glance at our bylaws and meeting with the rising sons on my committee to discuss them. Thank you gentlemen for your time and effort put into revising and updating our organization's bylaws. Despite these updates, our work is never done and I urge every member to go over our bylaws, take notes, make suggestions. If we stopped working on ourselves, if we stop caring, then that will be the beginning of our downfall.

Special note: It should be brought to the attention of anyone reading this, Sons and AHEPAns-There is an outstanding phenomenon where many AHEPA chapters have anywhere between a few Sons-age members to more than a chapter's worth of members within the Sons age range (14-28). When a Son is 18 years old, they are automatically granted dual membership into AHEPA, specifically their local chapter. This is a key benefit to being a member of the Sons. However, if an 18 to 28 year old joins AHEPA, they do not automatically gain dual membership into the Sons. We ask you take this into consideration when initiating members. Initiating them as a Son of Pericles is to everyone's benefit: 1. The person(s) in question pay less dues, 2. The AHEPA chapter in question still gains a member of the same status, and 3. the Sons gain a member and have a way to contact this new brother when he becomes a Son and have a foot in the door for a potential Sons of Pericles chapter in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

#### Recommendations

Okay, I think is the last time I will type this one while President.... SYNERGY! Work together, guide our members, help your fellow Orders, support our community and the communities who support us. It is called the AHEPA *Family* and we are the *Sons*! It is your duty, it is what we take an oath for, it is your job. I know y'all can do anything you set your minds and your hearts on. I believe in you and I support you. Go out there and show everyone why we are about to celebrate 100 years.

#### **Liaison Reports**

#### **District 1:** Adelphi Chapter #86

It is absolutely wild how life works, isn't it? I do not have a lot to say other than I am grateful for those of you putting in the effort to keep the Atlanta Sons after I was called up to the Supreme Lodge. I am ecstatic to return my focus on the local level and to kindle the fire all of you have kept burning. To anyone else reading this, especially the big chapters... watch out, we're catching up.

#### District 2: Hydra #169, Calypso #238, Orlando #264

How the turn tables... But seriously, District 2 has been my home away from home since I became a Son. Each chapter showed nothing but proper respect for me, and by extension the Sons of Pericles as a whole, throughout the entire year. I visited many chapters and spoke with many districts, but I am happy to report the three of you are in good standing and the future is looking bright and sunny (pun intended). I said "how the turn tables" because when I began my

time on Supreme Lodge District 2 looked very different in terms of the Sons of Pericles. Our numbers were focused in north/central Florida and two of these three chapters did not exist. Thank you to the brothers who possessed the initiative and wherewithal to keep your own chapters afloat and work with each other so you can thrive. I have no doubt the District 2 expansion ideas we spoke of together will be successful and I look forward to what this next year brings all of you. I do not see any reason why District 2 will not return to absolute domination amongst their peers in the organization and continue to work internally to support your individual chapters, your district, and the national Sons of Pericles. You're doing great, keep it up.

#### District 16:

I started the year off hopeful and I will remain hopeful. Austin, I hope to see y'all back in the fold, participating more. Potential Houston chapter, I believe this will happen in the upcoming year, so I will have my fingers crossed for you. Best wishes.

#### District 25:

Brothers back home, we miss you. I hope the incoming Lodge is able to reconnect with you and potentially see each other again in Cyprus.

#### Acknowledgments

Alec: At convention last year, you asked "why me?" You went on to list farcical reasons you thought might deter people from choosing you to be on the Supreme Lodge. I could say, "it's not about how hard you hit, it's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward" to which I can vouch you know how to keep moving forward despite any setbacks, problems, or deterrents. Instead, I will focus on what you said to me recently while we were watching a film made popular by Johnny Knoxville and his friends.... "If it wasn't for the Sons, this is probably what I would be doing." Brother, that's when you know you're in the right spot. To come up with something so wild and opposite of who you turned out to be, to say that is what you would be doing otherwise is case in point, this is what you are supposed to be doing. We did not pick you had a laundry list of accomplishments or key experience as a Sons; we picked you because on top of these things, you picked up the phone and answered the call to become who we needed. And brother, you have continued to do so for not only myself, but for everyone else in our Order and the rest of the AHEPA Family. You're going to do great; I know you will. You have everyone's support. Trust yourself, trust your lodge, and flash that signature smile.... You got this.

**Alex**: In typical fashion, some of the best friendships are made at the end of the journey. Thank you, Brother. I have seen the sacrifices you have made throughout the year and the Sons of Pericles are better off due to your service. Honestly, my bet is on you for "most successful Son" superlative in like 10 years. It has been an honor to have you as my secretary. You had big shoes to fill, and you filled them. I expect even better things from you in the upcoming year, regardless of what role you fill this go around. I applaud your step up to the plate and subsequent successes this past year. I know you will go on to succeed in every aspect of life. Best wishes to you brother, talk soon.

The Kid: Listen, I don't know whether to laugh or cry while typing this so I'm doing both. You sir, are a great man and you are a wonderful Son. It has been beyond my pleasure to have you on my lodge. Looking at us now, it makes sense, but I never would have thought a kid I met from Chicago that showed up to convention in 2017 would go on to embody the core characteristics of what it means to be a Son, to be a brother. I think people would describe you as a real "salt of the Earth" fellow, and I do not think that is inaccurate; but for me, you're the sugar that makes everything just a little bit sweeter. Our shared triumphs and our shared struggles were more enjoyable and more bearable because of you. You kept me in check, you kept us honest, and you uphold the true definition of what it means to be a Son. This is probably getting a little too romantic for the public eye but whatever...I am proud to call you my brother, I am grateful to have served alongside you and watch you grow, and I am confident in the future of the Sons because I know you will be there. Thank you and Godspeed, you beautiful man.

George: Easily the wildest election to Supreme Lodge I have ever seen. I want to tell you this: I appreciate you. When you gave me your word throughout the year, you upheld it. Not a lot of people can say that about themselves. That is integrity and that is commitment, and I think it is leading you down the right path. Regardless of where your journey through the AHEPA Family takes you, know I will be watching, cheering you on. The potential you possess is golden, and I know you will make me proud to say "that guy was my governor" and of course subsequently lie about how "I taught him everything." I watched you transform through the year, and I look forward to seeing what you can do in the future. Keep it up, I know you can do it.

**PSP Timothy, PSS Dino, and PST Yian:** Thank you. Thank you for going along with this experiment. Thank you for legitimizing this project and furthering the progress of the Sons of Pericles. Each of you contributed to the cause and because of the three of you I believe we are on the cusp of something bigger and better than all of us. Not everyone cares enough to stick around, but I am really glad y'all did. Also, hope I can join this fun retirement club now, lmk.

Batman: Looking at how much room I have while also taking into consideration I should have finished this and turned it in to Stephanie a while ago.... I am going to keep typing, and much like our calls, this is gonna be a ramble. Good luck. Nothing has changed but I think that's how we like it. You have the patience of—wait, I had to plug my laptop in because it said it had 10% left. I would probably type until my computer died and it not save—anyways, patience of... honestly, I had to google this. So, when googling the Greek goddess of patience, there is a wiki page and what not and they cite Homer's Iliad blah blah. I know you read books, but I don't (or can't, idk). I do however read obscure facts and turn them into sentimental stuffs. Here, I found a link with an interpretation I liked so I'm considering it canon. It corroborates Wikipedia's claims and references to Pasithea (Πασιθέα) as one of the graces. It goes on to say:

Ignoring their lack of an oxford comma, I thought this seems pretty apt. Please go on to check out further commentary another time, but I think "all-seeing" is appropriate. You have been witness to my good times and my bad times, but you stuck around and helped me anyways. You

<sup>&</sup>quot;Her name is difficult to translate--the prefix pasis can be translated equally as "all", "possessed" or "acquired" and the suffix thea as "sight", "seeing", "contemplation", "goddess" or "divine". Translating it as "Acquired-Sight"..."

can always "see" when I needed help with something and you would offer your help almost as soon as you could. You can "see" things before they happen and you have kept both Orders in your eyeline for as long as I can remember. You care, and because you care, so do I.

You did not initiate me, but you were there from the start and you have been there through it all. You are actually invaluable. Not only to me, but to the Sons of Pericles, the Maids of Athena, and the rest of the AHEPA Family. I think it's easy to say thank you, but it's hard to show someone who gives so much how much you appreciate them. I will cherish our time and I will relish our friendship for many years to come. I say that just as surely as I say you are the GOAT, you are the best, the clear favorite. You inspire me to be the best Son I can be and for that I am eternally grateful. Thank you Stephanie, for everything.

**Mom**: Hey ma, look at that; I did it! Hope I made you proud. Hell of a journey, right? Kinda hard to properly thank your mother on a sheet of paper, but thank you. Guess we can add Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles to list of family achievements in AHEPA lol. Let's go celebrate retirement. Love you, Ryan

#### Maids of Athena

#### **Grand President Maria Ana Pantelous**

Dear AHEPA Family,

Brothers, and Sisters, welcome to the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual AHEPA Family Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada! 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. 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 inspire our members, empower our youth and be PRESENT in our local communities with various philanthropic efforts. 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.

As my term as Grand President comes to an end, I have truly been honored to serve on the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge for the past five years. The experiences throughout this journey were incredibly rewarding and fulfilling. I have acted like a Hellenic Youth Ambassador whenever I represent the Maids of Athena at a national capacity. My favorite being joining the AHEPA Family Excursion in Constantinople and meeting His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. I additionally represented the Order at Greek Independence Day at the White House, AHEPA Family Capitol Hill Day, and countless events with both US and Hellenic Ambassadors. I thank the many chapters and members I have had the privilege of working with and visiting throughout these years. The hospitality extended to me by many on various visitations, and the support I've received from our chapters and AHEPA Family members during my tenure has truly made this one of the greatest experiences of my life, and it is those bonds that keep this organization strong.

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.

Maids of Athena Grand President Maria Ana Pantelous

#### National Committee Reports

#### **National Project:**

Together with the Sons of Pericles, we chose to support and promote The Children's Miracle Network as our national project, which provides the best care for kids in children's hospitals. They rely on donations and community support for the nonprofit's mission to save and improve the lives of as many children as possible. This year, we hosted joint service project weekends with the Sons of Pericles, where we assembled coloring packets and sent them to the local hospital. At Governors Conference we created over 300 packets and in Greeks in Toronto, we created another 300 packets. This was a ripple effect across our chapters because when we hosted our D2 Mid Year Conference, we did the same project with successful outcomes. It was a great way for everyone to be involved and bond though this project. We saw an overwhelming amount of support for the CMN project, and we are projected to surpass our fundraising goal.

#### **Presidents Project:**

My president's project this year was the Loukoumi Make A Difference Foundation. A foundation whose mission is parallel to the Maids of Athena. This foundation inspired me as it envisions a future in which all children can make a difference in their lives and the lives of others. They encourage more than 100,000 children and young adults each year to undertake good deeds founded upon the principles of self-pride, pride in family, pride in community, and doing the right thing. The Maids of Athena will be supporting their latest project, Making A Difference With Loukoumi In Cities Around The World. This project focuses on uniting 10 schools in 10 cities around the world where once a month the students from each school meet on Zoom to showcase their cultures and their good deed projects with other schools, share ideas, inspire each other and plan to work on global good deed projects together. Each school will also be the hosts for one Loukoumi Good Deed of the Month Zoom where local speakers will feature a project of importance to the host school. Thank you to our chapters who were able to help fundraise for this project!

#### **Maid to Lead Committee**

Marketing and Public Relations

Chairwoman: Grand Governor Markella

Members: Falia Pantieras, Mary Polydoros, and Cristina Saavedra-Mamounis The Marketing and PR committee was tasked with crafting ideas for growing the Maids of Athena social media presence and helping us meet our greatest potential. These young women jumped right in and took action by creating our new official tik-tok account, rebranding our social media, and implementing a shared chapter photos folder from events for content!

Scholarship & Leadership

Chairwoman: Grand Treasurer Stephanie

Members: Athina Barbieri, Athanasia Bikas, and Cassie Leontsinis

The Scholarship and Leadership Committee focused on revising the MOA scholarship. We also focused on leadership PR through our new LinkedIn Account. The committee formulated an idea for a networking event with Maids virtually and eventually to include DOP. The idea is to put like-mined individuals together so they can chat about their similar interests.

Events and Fundraising

Chairwoman: Grand Vice President Rigo Nasopoulos

Members: Lia Chrisohou, Athina Economou, Kalista Buono, and Styliani Rallis

The Events & Fundraising Committee was tasked with planning events and brainstorming fundraising opportunities for the Maids of Athena. The committee focused on planning a Greeks

In NYC Walking Tour for our sisters.

Wellness

Chairwoman: Grand Secretary Ally

Members: Margaret Dounis, Marina Tsirambidis, Victoria Evagelou, and Sophia Travias 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 meeting, they thought of creating a monthly calendar program.

#### **Growth & Expansion**

One of our missions this year was to grow, but also retain membership. We gained momentum from last year's convention and followed through with a successful turnout at this year's Governors Conference. Our Grand Lodge was able to capture that energy and kept their liaisons engaged throughout the year with numerous challenges.

We had numerous inquiries on learning how to join and asking what MOA all is about through our website chat feature. We continued our MOA Zoom Information Session program for all these inquires. From those inquires, we were able to reactivate Diana #3 in Portland, OR, Nymphs #119 in Astoria, NY, and Cassiopeia #205 in Falls Church, VA. Even more significantly, we were able to reactivate the Empire District 6 Lodge after years of dormancy! A significant achievement for District 6 as they are now leading with the highest concentration of MOA members. We have about 2 more MOA chapters on the horizon, and we can't wait to welcome them into the sisterhood come this fall!

#### **Website Report & Online Store**

The website continues to be a resource for our chapter leaders and members. Our Online Store was a huge success this year! Members were able to purchase our ritual and paraphernalia directly on the website and this became a focal point in fundraising money for this year's president's project by selling our long sleeve shirts. Our Grand Lodge treasury also benefited from members adding more paraphernalia items to their cart.

Liaison Report Districts: 1, 8, 25, 26

Mother Lodge - District 1
Delphia #93; Greenville, SC

Chapter President: N/A

Chapter Advisor: Stasia Bakaes

Number of Members: 9

The Greenville chapter was reactivated in the beginning of 2020 and had high enthusiasm for our sisterhood. Immediately, the chapter fell dormant due to the pandemic. The local DOP chapter hosted initiations in November this year, officially reactivating the chapter once again. However, further plans never came into fruition. No elections were conducted. There was an effort to attend an information zoom session with me, but not much more came from the meeting. We are still in communication with the advisors, and it is our hope that the chapter can get off the ground in the fall again.

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

Alpha Epsilon Alpha #63; Boston, MA

Chapter President: Athina Barbieri

Chapter Advisor: Diane Sikellis-Barbieri

Number of Members: 26

Under the strong, passionate leadership of Chapter President Athina, the AEA #63 has exceeded all expectations and goals throughout the past year. Members of AEA #63 set their goals high this year. They supported this years National Project by donating \$100 to the Childrens Miracle Network. Beyond their dedication to the goals of the Maids of Athena nationally, they also played a prominent role in their local communities, by donating towards the Hellenic Nursing home and creating cards for a sick child. The chapter hosted their own Female Empowerment Series where they invited women in leadership rolls to their meetings to inspire their membership. They strengthened their relationship with their DOP chapter and hosted a membership tea celebrating their one year reactivation anniversary and used the event like a recruitment night. It was also a perfect time for me to fly in for a productive workshop and visitation. The highlight of their year was hosting and organizing their Spring Formal Dance. We are very excited for the future of this Chapter and cannot wait to see what more they accomplish!

#### **Hellas District 25**

There is no active chapter in District 25, yet. However, I was approached by a few DOP members who are interested in sponsoring a Maids chapter. We hosted an information session on May 29 and discussed this possibility.

#### **British Columbia District 26**

There is no activity in this district.

#### **Visitations**

September 9-11	AHEPA Family Governors Conference	Washington, DC
October 8	Ariadni # 243 – Greek Night	Upper Darby, PA
October 14	D6 AHEPA Centennial Celebration Banquet	Astoria, NY
October 16	Demetra #33 Sisterhood Event	Cherry Hill, NJ
October 21-23	Greeks In Toronto	Toronto, ON
October 28	Pygmalion #126 – Halloween Event	Astoria, NY
November 3	DOP A Tribute To Greek Women	Washington, DC
November 5	Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation Gala	Pines Manor, NJ

November 12	DOP D5 Workshop	Asbury Park, NJ
November 13	Alpha Epsilon Alpha #63 – Visitation	Boston, MA
November 15	DOP Nike #230 Founders Day Dinner	Cherry Hill, NJ
December 2-4	Grand Lodge Sisterhood Weekend	Charlotte, NC
December 10	Saint Basil Academy Christmas Show	Garrison, NY
December 12	Ronald McDonald House Greek Division Gala	Astoria, NY
January 6	AHEPA Family Epiphany Celebrations	Tarpon Springs, FL
January 7	D2 MOA Mid Winter Conference	Tarpon Springs, FL
January 8	DOP Virtual Vasilopita	Zoom
January 11	Cherry Hill AHEPA Family Vasilopita	Cherry Hill, NJ
January 14	Diana #3 – Reactivation	Portland, OR
January 15	Ismene Diana #163 – Visitation	San Jose, CA
January 20	Cosmos FM Interview	Astoria, NY
January 29	Venus Maliea #129 – Visitation	Dayton, OH
February 4	Albany Valentines Day Dance	Albany, NY
February 10	Montreal AHEPA Family Valentines Day	Montreal, QC
	Dance	
February 18	D6 MOA Mid Year Conference	Astoria, NY
February 20	DOP D5 Social Media Workshop	Zoom
February 24-26	SOP MOA Greeks In Miami Volleyball	Miami, FL
	Tournament	,
March 4	Rhodanthi #41 – Visitation	Houston, TX
March 5	Salute to Women Luncheon	Pines Manor, NJ
March 17-19	Maid to Lead Conference	Waterbury, CT
March 25	Pygmalion #126 – Greek Independence Day	Astoria, NY
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March 29	Greek Independence Day @ The White House	Washington, DC
April 1	Ardiani #243 – Visitation	Upper Darby, PA
April 2	Greek Independence Day Parade	Philadelphia, PA
April 22-24	AHEPA Presidential Excursion	Istanbul, TK
April 27	Meeting with US Greek Ambassador	Athens, GR
April 27	Meeting with Minister of Health	Athens, GR
April 29	DOP D5 Luncheon	Seaside Heights, NJ
April 30	Greek Independence Day Parade	New York City, NY
May 26-28	D23 Convention	Montreal, QC
June 3	D5 Convention	Toms River, NJ
June 7	AHEPA D5 Scholarship Night	Wyckoff, NJ
June 9-11	Greeks In NYC Basketball Tournament	New York City, NY
June 14-15	AHEPA Family Capitol Hill Day	Washington, DC
June 17	D6 Convention	Astoria, NY
June 24-25	Face to Face Meeting & Testimonial Weekend	Camden, NJ
July 23-29	AHEPA Family Supreme Convention	Las Vegas, NV
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#### **Acknowledgements**

**Rigo:** Congrats on attending your first and last convention this year haha. Jokes aside, thank you for riding this MOA roller coaster with me these past four years. I know it wasn't easy, but we made it through together. Thank you for all your time and commitment to our Order. Happy retirement to the two of us!

**Ally:** My roommate! You have been a fabulous leader and role model to our Order this past year on lodge. A job well done on a great year as Grand Secretary! I loved visiting the great state of Ohio and all our travels to different cities in between. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve alongside you this year. Wishing you all the best next year! Cheers with diet Coke!

**Stephania:** Who would have thought we would end up here. A visit to FSU in Tallahassee, to casually being my right hand person at Convention in Athens 2021, to serving on lodge together. What a ride its been! In the mist of all this, we even went to the rodeo together too. I enjoyed watching you grow as an individual and as a leader this year. So proud of all your hard work and accomplishments.

**Markella:** Do you need a map? Because if you do, I think I'm definitely your girl with all the directions haha. I think what I'm going to miss the most is seeing you on a weekly basis and all the spontaneous phone calls. You were a strong mentor to your liaisons this year and proved that sisterhood knows no distance. You absolutely killed it with our west coast chapters this year. Thanks for being Flat Athena personal travel agent making sure she saw the world. I am so grateful for the friendship we have created during our time together on lodge.

**Effie:** Working alongside you this past year has been an absolute pleasure! You helped us reach goals that would not have been possible without your guidance. Thank you for staying up late on all our calls and being our voice of reason sometimes haha. Thank you for being our DOP Mom on all our trips together.

**Batmaniatis**: Without our support at Headquarters, we would not have been able to accomplish anything this year if it wasn't for all your hard work and dedication to the Maids of Athena. Thank you for all your help and support and for always answering my million questions. I'm so lucky to have had your help throughout this past year!

**SOP Lodge:** Brothers, it has been an absolute pleasure to serve alongside you this year. I think this year we set the record for the most amount of joint lodge call meetings. The success of this year's convention is reflected off our yearlong efforts working with our members and promoting each other.

**Family:** Thank you for being my number one supporters as Grand President and encouraging to pursue my goals. You make me bring out the best version of myself and I can't thank you enough

for that. It's a team effort all around, especially when it comes to being my "uber" drivers to and from the airport. I know you can't wait to have me home full time. Love you!

**Demetra #33:** To my home chapter, thank you for your endless support these past few years. My journey and accomplishments in the Maids of Athena are because of you. Can't wait to see what more you will accomplish. Looking forward to the next chapter ahead!

To the Maids of Athena: Thank you for the experience of a lifetime. I absolutely loved being your president these past two years and an ambassador for the Hellenic community. Through it, I gained invaluable skills, lifelong memories and bonds of friendship. My wish for you is that your membership grants you the same. Keep on being PRESENT, strong, empowering leaders in your communities and don't forget to pass the torch onto the next generation. Together, as a united sisterhood, we bring Truth, Beauty, and Goodness to our world each and every day.





#### Sons of Pericles Supreme Vice President Alec Economakis

Brothers and Sisters of the Order, it's truly a pleasure to address you once again. This year, it's as Supreme Vice President of the Sons of Pericles. This past year had a stronger emphasis on philanthropy more than others, with our national project giving us the opportunity to tangibly help Children's Miracle Network through the creation of coloring kits and more. There has been a lot of growth as well, with the resurgence of chapters in the west coast in Albuquerque and Salt Lake City. Additionally, we saw more involvement from our chapters on the East cast in New York, and in the Great North. It has truly been a pleasure to serve this position under the amazing tutelage of Supreme President Ryan Marinos, who spearheaded his successful campaign through our tenant of heritage, service, and brotherhood. Thank you all for a wonderful year consisting of amazing memories that I will cherish forever.

#### **Committee Report: Membership & Cultural Committee**

**Membership:** The membership committee consisted of all but one Rising son who contributed to the cultural commission committee. Most talks were emphasizing new opportunities for our Order to gain, retain, and excel at extracting quality out of our Order. This widened the lens of scope of the Sons of Pericles and made way for fruitful and ambitious ideas that we hope to roll out next year with the help of AHEPA and our strong network of alumni. To the brothers who fostered these great ideas of expanding networking opportunities through career advancement, I thank you.

**Cultural Commission:** This committee was full of fiery, passionate and driven Rising Sons who were elected to join in Orlando last Supreme Convention. The committee met monthly and had aspirations of educating one another, whether through their past experiences in the Hellenic History Tournament or from their curiosity to learn a topic they have never dove into. Our committee lost steam once spring began, and I hope to lead this committee next year with the same group of Brothers who made every meeting educational and engaging.

#### Liaison Report: Districts 3, 6, 8, & 9

#### District 3: DC, MD, VA, & NC

While chapter activity remained strong and consistent, the growth was stagnant. Charlotte once again conducted a positive year through their basketball tournament held in June, and joint events with AHEPA, such as volunteering at their festival. We also saw them join us in Miami, winning the volleyball tournament! I see a great potential in chapter growth in this district, mostly in the DC area, and aim to work closely with AHEPA District 3 to help ignite more activity next year.

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

District 6, our largest district, has always been strong. Albany continues to host their annual valentine's day tournament, and still holds the active chapter record, without ever having folded. Bayside saw more activity, rolling out fundraising events as well. New Rochelle initiated a fantastic group of new brothers, and Hempstead remained quiet for the most part. We also saw

the creation of a new Chapter, Gold Coast, thanks to Supreme President Jimmy Kokotas. While Sons activity was evident, outreach among chapters was minimal. I hope to see more cooperation between chapters across the district with the ultimate goal of creating a district lodge next year if all goes according to order!

#### **District8: Massachusetts**

There are two chapters in district 8: Boston and Lowell. Lowell remained strong, yet quiet, with little supervision required. We hope to see more activity from Lowell and their sons in the future. Boston has also remained mostly stagnant as well, though we did see brothers compete in the Greeks in New York tournament, placing second under head coach Costa Papademetriou. It seems basketball is the way to Boston's heart, and I hope to utilize the Teddy K and Harry Agganis tournament to expand membership moving forward.

#### **District 9: Vermont & New Hampshire**

As of the end of this year, there are still no active Sons chapters in this district. I will continue to work in hopes of creating this district, with an eye on Manchester, NH, the birthplace of the Sons of Pericles for 2022-2023.

#### **In-Person Visitations**

August	Chapter Visit & Initiation of New Haven Ch 13 Constantinople	New Haven, CT
September	Governor's Conference	Washington DC
October	Visitation to Albany Phocion Chapter	Albany, NY
October	Greeks in Toronto	Toronto ON
November	AHEPA Delphi 25 Annual Banquet	New York City, NY
December	Visitation to Charlotte chapter & AHEPA Christmas Banquet	Charlotte, NC
December	Ronald McDonald House Banquet	New York City, NY
December	Visitation to Denver chapter & Denver Christmas Banquet	Denver, CO
February	Greeks in Miami	Miami, FL
March	AHEPA White House Visit & NHS Collaborative Mixer	Washington DC
May	Denver Brotherhood Weekend	Denver, CO
May	Calgary Chapter Visit	Calgary AB
June	Greeks in NYC	New York City, NY
June	District 6 Convention	New York City, NY
June	GP Maria Ana's Testimonial	Camden, NJ

#### Acknowledgements

**Ryan Marinos:** Ryan, what can't be said that I've already said, whether it be out-of-pocket or genuine. You've been an amazing role model and leader since my appointment onto Supreme Lodge three years ago. I never forget the first impression you've made on me, via zoom after

elections in summer of 2019. It was at that moment that I realized that I'm in the right place and am in for the most amazing adventures of my life to date. Fast forward to 2023 and no matter how far away from home I was, whether it be in Denver, Calgary, or infamous New York City on trips with you, I was with my Brother. You've taught me plenty, and the lessons and constant tutelage you've provided to me is worth more than any weight in gold. The toughest part of lodge is seeing the friends you worked with aging out, and I've finally reached that point in my Sons career. Thank you for your fervent dedication to the Sons, and for being the role model that helped place me where I am today. Don't think you can coast into retirement though, I expect to see you at a majority of events next year! All in all, I got to see the work you do front and center as well as behind the scenes in advancing the order and can safely say your statistics are like Wilt Chamberlain numbers: unbreakable. Thank you for everything.

**Houvy:** It's no mystery that secretary is the glue to a well-functioning chapter in any hierarchical facet of all Orders. You've stepped in admirably filling in the shoes of Dino, and have continued to progress eloquently, aging like a fine wine. It's truly been a wonderful pleasure to get to know you better and room with you this past year. I'm looking forward to seeing what you can continue to provide, and many more adventures that will come our way moving forward!

**Basili:** The man with the plan, always a step ahead and stuntin' while you do! Basili, whatever the occasion, you always make sure everybody laughs and has a good time. Chicago raised a great one. You're the all-time hypeman of the Sons, and you know just how to put a plan into action. Seeing what you've brought to the table these past two years is nothing short of amazing. Keep bowling, keep golfing, and keep staying handsome. Buckle up for next year, cause it's going to be your best one yet, I guarantee it.

**GH Jr:** From day one, I've been hard on you because I see the potential that you've got. You've really stepped up and excelled when you were put to the task. Next year I'm making sure you aren't late moving forward though! George, you've been a great role model to this new generation of Sons, and I see the help you provide to us. You've always got a great attitude and offer amazing insight and opinions when you're not afraid to show them. Thank you for filling in a strong role this past year and continuing to help the Order. You're one of my favorites GH, and I'm real pumped to see you utilize more of that potential to be much better than you were last year. Buckle up, cause 23-24 is going to be a fun one.

**Niko:** The Denver man himself! Niko, you've always got a great personality for the social life. Whatever scenario you find yourself in, you make the best of it and help give people cherished memories. It's been awesome to visit your stomping grounds, get to know you and see what you do. Congratulations on graduating at CU-Boulder brother, you have amazing things ahead.

**Stephanie Maniatis:** I can't put to words what help you do for us. I also can't put into words the great times I have had spent with you and hearing your great stories and travels around the world. As always, thank you for every single thing you do to help us all on lodge, and I am so grateful for the work that you do. There's a reason FS calls you The Steph, it's because you're one of a kind. Much love Stephanie!!

Proud to be a Son!

#### Maids of Athena Grand Vice President Rigo Nasopoulos

#### Dear AHEPA Family,

Welcome to the 101st Annual AHEPA Supreme Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada! Congratulations on another prosperous year for all our orders and all your accomplishments. The AHEPA family holds a special place in my heart and I am so proud to be a part of this organization. I wish all orders the best of luck throughout convention and fruitful deliberations.

As I am closing in on my final year on the Grand Lodge I wanted to express my thanks to every single member of our AHEPA family. Every single person part of our organizations has had a hand in our success, our impact, and especially our longevity. Thank you to all the Maids that came before me and all the Daughters and AHEPAns that have supported us, guided us, and advised us. This organization has provided me with experiences that I would have not had, and I am forever grateful.

#### Maid to Lead - Events and Fundraising

#### **Events & Fundraising Committee Members:**

Kalista Buono - Epsilon Tau Alpha #72 - Louisville, KY Lia Chrisohou - Cassandra Hera #185 - Calgary, AB Athina Economou - Ariadni #243 - Upper Darby, PA Stylliani Rallis - Pygmalion #126 - Bayside, NY

#### **Events & Fundraising Report:**

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the significant achievements and successes of the Events & Fundraising Committee formed for this year's Maid to Lead Conference. This committee has played a pivotal role this year in driving the organization's growth, expanding its reach, and maximizing its impact. The Events and Fundraising committee delivered on ideas that strengthened our sisterhood through meaningful bonding activities and support of admirable causes.

- The members of the growth and expansion committee researched to identify philanthropic organizations that align with and exemplify the ideals of our own organization. These organizations demonstrate a deep commitment to making a positive impact in areas relevant to our mission, such as education, healthcare, environmental sustainability, social justice, or community development. The charitable organizations will be presented at this year's Supreme Convention to provide meaningful choices for next year's projects.
- Members of the committee took the initiative to organize an educational walking tour in the vibrant city of New York during Greeks in NYC weekend. This committee member led event was designed to offer MOA/SOP attendees a unique and immersive experience, combining cultural exploration with educational insights related to our organization's

mission and goals. The tour included a visit to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church & National Shrine where attendees received an in depth history of the parish, iconography, and architecture. Beyond that members visited the Whitney Museum of American Art, a prestigious institution dedicated to exhibiting, preserving, and promoting American art. To end the day attendees walked along the High Line, a unique public park located in New York City built on a historic elevated freight rail line that runs along Manhattan's West Side. The walking tour served as a platform for networking and building relationships with members across the entire organization.

Our dedicated committee members took the initiative to create a comprehensive and detailed list of locations and activities in Las Vegas that are accessible to individuals under the age of 21. Recognizing the need to cater to all members of our AHEPA Family, including those who are underage, they embarked on thorough research to curate a diverse range of options for young visitors to enjoy in the vibrant city. The list compiled includes a variety of attractions, entertainment venues, and recreational activities suitable for younger individuals. This ensures that younger participants of this year's Supreme Convention can have an enjoyable and fulfilling experience in Las Vegas, regardless of their age restrictions.

As we move forward, it is crucial to build upon the accomplishments of the Events & Fundraising Committee and harness its momentum. By continuing to prioritize growth, innovation, and meaningful partnerships, the organization can further expand its reach, address emerging challenges, and maximize its positive impact on our communities.

Acknowledgments: I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all the members of the Events & Fundraising Committee for their tireless efforts, expertise, and commitment to the growth of the Maids of Athena. Their contributions have been invaluable and have propelled us towards a brighter future.

#### **Liaison Reports**

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

#### Muses #22, Washington D.C.

Worthy Maid: Cassandra Likouris

Paid Members: 14

Number of New Initiates: 0

The sisters of Muses #22 have had little to no activity this year, but have held chapter elections and have potential to get back on track next year. We hope to see more from them as an established chapter in District 3.

#### Cassiopeia #205 - Falls Church, VA

Worthy Maid: Eleni Klissas

Paid Members: 12

Number of New Initiates: 0

Our Falls Church chapter was reactivated in August of 2022 and since then have been functioning very well within their community. They have been able to hold a total of ten meetings this year and maintain their membership. During their first year they held a Christmas bake sale, an Easter basket raffle at the St. Katherines egg hunt, and a Mother's Day homemade chocolate sale. The chapter donated a portion of their proceeds to this year's national project, and have held elections to prepare for another successful year. As their liaison I have every confidence that the chapter will continue to grow and positively impact their community.

#### **District #5 - Garden District**

#### Demetra #33 - Cherry Hill, NJ

Worthy Maid: Sophia Iliadis

Paid Members: 30

Number of New Initiates: 0

The Cherry Hill chapter has long been a pillar of their community and an exemplary part of our order. This year they were able to hold three ritualistic meetings, and five informal for a total of eight meetings. They began the year with a Maidsgiving meeting, organized a pumpkin picking outing, a Merry Maidsmas party, and a Vasilopita cutting. The chapter participated in AHEPA Sunday and held a Lenten bake sale which allowed them to make donations to this year's Presidents Project, the Loukoumi Foundation. Beyond that, as an aforementioned pillar of their community, our Cherry Hill chapter made a donation to their local parish of St. Thomas dedicated to the Iconography fund. The chapter organized a service project in which they collected and donated over 100 coats to the Ministry of Caring in Wilmington, DE and made a donation to the Food Bank of SJ that included 100+ canned and boxed foods. Their dedication to charitable acts this year has been nothing short of impressive, and a wonderful representation of the ideals of the Maids of Athena. In addition, as the home chapter of our soon to be Past Grand President Maria Ana, the Cherry Hill chapter organized a wonderful Testimonial event that was an accurate representation of their love for their sister and our order.

#### Theodora #282 - Holmdel, NJ

Worthy Maid: Margaret Dounis

Paid Members: 12

Number of New Initiates: 4

Our Holmdel chapter has just successfully completed their second year since activation. The chapter is extremely active within their community and participates in multiple events along with organizing their own. The chapter started off the year by raffling off baskets to help raise money for their local AHEPA's Service Dogs for Warriors projects, and then holding a chapter Halloween party. To continue they held themed chapter meetings including decorating gingerbread houses for their December meeting. The chapter has embodied the ideals of sisterhood through bonding activities and consistent meetings. During the month of March the

girls held a movie night fundraiser, and volunteered at the Kimisis Theotokou of Holmdel Greek festival. The chapter has seen steady growth since their activation and has goals to continue engaging the youth of their community to grow their membership. We have seen them involve themselves in regional events by attending District 5 Convention, and Grand President Maria Ana's testimonial. Everything that they have accomplished and will continue to accomplish has left a positive impact on their community and shows what passion and dedication to our order looks like.

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

Sophia #48 - Albany, NY

Worthy Maid: Michella Papandrea

Paid Members: 13

Number of New Initiates: 4

Within the esteemed history of our order oe chapter stands as the longest running chapter, and that is Sophia #48 of Albany. The reasoning behind this is because of their deeply rooted connection to their community through their parish and beyond. In a post COVID era our Albany chapter has taken a hit in membership but has made it a personal goal to grow their chapter in numbers and impact. The chapter held eleven total meetings this year and has held elections for the '23 - '24 year.

Throughout the year the Albany maids have conducted successful events along with attending multiple national and regional events. The chapter held multiple rush events, a chapter movie night, and a maidsgiving party. Their maidsgiving party was attended by Grand Governor Markella Roros and myself while there for a visitation weekend. Their chapter volunteered at the church's Greek festival and helped in teaching the dance groups that performed. The Annual Valentine's Dance was put on and extremely well attended by all members of the AHEPA Family. Our Albany chapter was able to donate to multiple causes throughout the year which included their church's annual christmas card, the Greek festival, and St. Sophia's 100 year anniversary weekend which was attended by members of the chapter. The Albany maids donated a majority of their proceeds from the Valentine's Dance to this year's National Project. The Sophia #48 chapter has never failed to make us proud and to exemplify the hard work and dedication we see in our finest members.

#### Nymphs #119 - Astoria, NY

Worthy Maid: Mary Zouvelos

Paid Members: 18

Number of New Initiates: 11

As a newly reactivated chapter our Astoria sisters have done an excellent job in participating and growing within our order. The chapter was reactivated in November of 2022 by Grand Governor Markella Roros and hit the ground running. The chapter has held 7 total meetings for the year with the majority of their membership being in attendance. The chapter organized a Valentine's

Party, a Greek Independence parade party, and a community movie night. In addition the chapter held a District 6 Greek Zumba night with our Hempstead chapter and created Christmas cards for residents for the Queen of Peace Elderly Residence. The Astoria maids did a very good job of representing our sisterhood at multiple events:

- Daughters of Penelope Illion Chapter #135's 77th Anniversary Gala
- 27th Phidippides Award Gala Honoring AHEPA hosted by Cosmos F.M 91.5
- Bayside Sons of Pericles Bouzoukia Night
- Ronald McDonald House NYC Greek Division 27th Christmas Dinner
- District 6 Convention

They were also the host chapter of this year's District 6 Mid Year conference and did an excellent job in organizing the meeting space and sisterhood brunch event to follow. Our Astoria chapter has definitely started out strong and we look forward to what they could further achieve in the future.

#### Pygmalion #126 - Bayside, NY

Worthy Maid: Christina Fileas

Paid Members: 34

Number of New Initiates: 7

Our Bayside chapter stands as a shining example of strength, success, and unwavering dedication to making a positive impact in the community. Through their exceptional efforts, they have not only raised significant funds but have also actively participated in various initiatives, embodying the true essence of sisterhood and service. The chapter was successful in holding thirteen meetings this year which translated into a handful of successful events, acts of community service, and bonding activities. Chapter fundraising consisted of their annual halloween party, Ugly Christmas Sweater Party, Greek Independence Day Party, and White Party. As a result the Bayside Maids were able to make donations to the President's, National, and Governor's project for this year. Beyond fundraising the chapter organized a number of bonding opportunities to foster friendships and strengthen the sisterhood. As a chapter the members organized chapter dinners, a chapter paint night, and a visit to the pumpkin patch. They consistently participated in community outreach by volunteering at their local parish's Greek festival and traveled to Brooklyn to help the Olga Moutselos chapter in distributing food packages and clothing the homeless. We look forward to seeing how the Bayside chapter will continue to succeed within our organization through the representation of our ideals, and their contribution to defending Hellenism.

#### Olga Moutselos #255 - Brooklyn, NY

Worthy Maid: Aliki Halkias

Paid Members: 15

Number of New Initiates: 0

As a chapter that has entered into a rebuilding year the Brooklyn Maids of Athena were able to stay consistent in meeting and participating within their community. The chapter successfully held six meetings throughout the year all of which were themed. They participated in community outreach by organizing multiple midnight runs and held a loukoumades sale at their church of Holy Cross Brooklyn with the local philoptochos. The chapter has held elections to establish next year's leadership and are motivated in strengthening their chapter.

#### Victory #76 - Hempstead, NY

Worthy Maid: Joanna Tavoulareas & Antonia Kouridakis

Paid Members: 25

Number of New Initiates: 0

Our Hempstead chapter has been extremely dedicated to keeping their chapter functioning and productive. The chapter was able to hold fifteen meetings this year and participate in events with their neighboring chapters. In November the Hempstead Maids organized a volleyball social with their local Sons of Pericles and later on in the year organized a Greek Zumba event with the Astoria Maids. Their charitable contributions included cooking dinner for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House Greek Division in NYC and attending St. Basil's Christmas Pageant. In addition the chapter made donations to this year's President's and Governor's Projects. The chapter was also involved in their local DOP's Honey Bee Party and sent representation to both the District 6 Mid Year conference and Convention. They have held their elections for the '23-'24 year and are looking to become more involved in regional and national events.

#### District #7 - Yankee District, Connecticut and Rhode Island

At the present time, there are no active chapters in this district.

#### District #10 - Automotive District, Michigan

At the present time, there are no active chapters in this district.

#### **Acknowledgments**

**MAP** - Maria Ana there is so much that I can say about your career on the Grand Lodge (almost too much!) and your dedication to our order but I will try and keep it short. Throughout your time as president, you have shown extraordinary leadership, demonstrating a remarkable ability to inspire and unite us all. Your unwavering passion for our sisterhood has been truly inspiring, igniting a sense of purpose and camaraderie within all those who have met you. Under your guidance, we have achieved significant milestones, fostering growth, and enhancing the overall experience for each member not just of the Maids of Athena but the entire AHEPA Family.

Your exceptional dedication has not gone unnoticed. We have witnessed the countless hours you have devoted to the organization, often sacrificing your personal time and energy for the betterment of our sisterhood. Your commitment to excellence and your willingness to go the extra mile have set a remarkable example for us all, along with an almost impossible standard \*pause for laughter\*. You have consistently gone above and beyond to ensure that all of us feel valued, heard, and empowered. Your dedication to fostering a sense of sisterhood and unity has undoubtedly strengthened the bonds among us. Although it is difficult to imagine the MOA Grand Lodge without your presence, your impact will continue to be felt for years to come.

Marky Mark - Markella I have no idea where to begin so I will start with a thank you. From the very beginning of the year, your dedication to our order and your unwavering commitment to excellence have been evident in everything you've done. When unexpected circumstances arose, and I found myself overwhelmed with my workload, your willingness to step in and lend a helping hand was nothing short of remarkable. Your actions exemplify the true spirit of teamwork and collaboration that should exist within our organization. Not only did you help alleviate the pressure I was experiencing, but while doing so you made sure our board continued to function seamlessly. You have a passion that is unmatched and very much contagious, and I say so from personal experience. Working with you has inspired me to always do the best I possibly can for my chapters, and the Maids of Athena.

While I am definitely sad to say goodbye to such a fulfilling chapter in my life I know that our order is in good hands with a Markella on our Grand Lodge. I wish you the best of luck Marks, always continue to work with passion and love, and value yourself as much as you value others. Make sure you survive Vegas so I can see you back in Brooklyn!

**Ally** - Ally I wanted to extend my warmest congratulations to you on the success we have achieved over the past year. It has been an extraordinary journey, and your invaluable contributions have played a significant role in our accomplishments.

Your dedication, and input have been instrumental in driving our organization's growth and prosperity. Wishing you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

**Steph** - Steph I wanted to extend my warmest congratulations to you on the success we have achieved over the past year. It has been an extraordinary journey, and your invaluable contributions have played a significant role in our accomplishments.

Your dedication, and input have been instrumental in driving our organization's growth and prosperity. Wishing you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

**Effie -** Effie thank you so much for your mentorship and guidance throughout the year. You have taken the time to understand our strengths, aspirations, and areas for growth, providing advice and support.

Thank you for your contributions as our lodge advisor. Your guidance and support have made a profound impact, and we are honored to have you as a vital member of our organization.

## Sons of Pericles Supreme Secretary Alexander Houvardas

Brothers and Sisters of the AHEPA family.

How time flies! I can hardly believe it has already been a year since the 2022 convention in Disney World. To speak personally, this year has been the most unique, challenging and fulfilling of my life. I took a risk on a new job, moved to a new city and of course had the honor to serve my first year on the Sons supreme lodge. There was much to learn, times of success and times of stress, but through it all I can honestly say that I would not have traded this experience for anything. I cannot express how thankful I am to my fellow lodge members for their patience and support. Throughout the year I have cherished the opportunity to meet individuals from all Orders of the AHEPA family. I have taken something away from every interaction and can honestly say that our members truly embody the ideas of our orders. It has been especially fulfilling to see the success the Sons have had this year in my home country of Canada. From Greeks in Toronto to the success of the individual chapters across the country, the Sons of Pericles is truly on the upswing in Canada and I am excited to see how much we can continue to grow in the coming years. As we meet this convention in Las Vegas let us all remember the common goals that unite us. Our orders work best through cooperation, so let us work together to ensure our success this upcoming year!

#### **Committee Report: Social Media and Marketing**

The social media and marketing committee was not as active as it should have been this year, the blame of which can be placed purely on me. There are no excuses, I did not place as high a priority on the committee as I should have and it showed in the Sons social media presence. It is an area where I need to be better, and I pledge to be better in the future. Thank you to Robby Wagner and Philip Angelopoulos for your interest in the committee, I apologize for my lack of leadership.

Liaison Reports: Districts 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 District 20: AZ, CA (southern), HI, NV

There are no active Sons chapters in district 20. The AHEPA and Daughters in the district have a strong scholarship program that has supported many youth in their district over the years. I feel that with the proper outreach there is the potential to get a chapter going in the district.

#### District 21: CA (northern), NV

Raisin City #131, Fresno

It was a tough year for the Fresno chapter as they dealt with some financial issues and many of their members were out of town due to school. The chapter still managed to support their local community, for example volunteering at their church's pasta bingo night. I would like to thank chapter president Laith Khoury for his dedication and hard work in less than ideal circumstances.

#### District 21 at large

There are a few individual Sons members in the bay area (San Francisco, San Jose), but not enough to open a chapter. One area for growth would be to use our foothold to seek out new members in the area to reinstate our chapters. This would go a long way towards growing our presence on the west coast.

#### District 22: AK, OR, WA

District 23 does not currently have an active Sons chapter in good standing. There is potential to reinstate the chapter in Portland, OR in near future. It would be great to get the chapter running again and increase the Sons presence on the west coast.

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

Olympic CJ01, Montreal

It was great to see the Montreal Sons active throughout this year. Members attended Greeks in Toronto in October, assisted in organizing the Montreal AHEPA family's 22nd annual valentines day Ball and were fantastic hosts of this year's District 23 convention. The chapter has a close relationship with their local AHEPA family and it's great to see all four orders supporting each other in Montreal. The boys do a great job staying connected through social events. Future plans of the chapter include endorsing a scholarship, planning a poker night and seeking new members to grow the chapter. Shout out to chapter president William Hutchinson for his leadership.

#### Maple Leaf CJ06, Ottawa

At 15 members the Ottawa chapter is the largest Sons chapter in Canada and continues to build upon the success they have had in recent years. They have a very good relationship with their local Maids chapter, as evidenced by the successful Greek night they co-hosted in June, which sold over 250 tickets! The chapter is very active in their community, and they will be volunteering at the Ottawa Greek festival in August. It was great to have their members attend Greeks in Toronto. The chapter's future goals include hosting a golf tournament and continuing to grow their membership. Current president Yianni, past president Andreas and all their members do a great job of contributing to the chapter's success! I'm excited to see their continued accomplishments moving forward.

#### Room for growth in the district

There are a number of cities in the district that have Greek communities and the potential to open chapters. The district has a strong AHEPA who are supportive of the Sons. leveraging this support would be helpful in getting more chapters going.

#### District 24: Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta (Western Canada)

Winnipeg CJ10, Winnipeg

My home chapter CJ10 will always be near and dear to my heart. What has made the chapter so successful in recent years is the fact that its members truly are the best of friends - and it shows in everything they do. This year's successes include organizing a Tavli tournament in January, holding their superbowl scratch ticket fundraiser and participating in the Manitoba marathon. It was great to see members attending both Greeks in Toronto and Greeks in New York. As always the chapter continues to do a great job advertising their achievements on social media. They have done a great job working with their local Maids chapter as evidenced by the Mothers day brunch the chapters co-hosted. The chapter also has a strong relationship with the local AHEPA chapter as seen by the successful golf tournament they organized in May. One future goal would be to initiate new members to ensure the chapter has a solid succession plan. I'm so proud of Stelio, Foti, Dimitri and the rest of the boys on another successful year!

#### Marathon CJ09, Calary

After a number of strong years Calgary took a step back and was not very active this year. As my new home chapter it is a priority of mine to help the chapter be regularly active once again so we can continue to have a Sons presence in Calgary.

#### Room for growth in the district

In recent months I have been in communication with local youth in Regina SK about the potential of reinstating Regina chapter CJ12. Talks are ongoing and positive, I'm optimistic the chapter can be reinstated by the end of 2023.

#### District 26: British Columbia

District 26 unfortunately does not currently have an active Sons chapter. There is however a sizable Greek community in Vancouver so the potential for a chapter is there.

#### **Visitations**

September	Governor's Conference	Washington DC
October	Greeks in Toronto	Toronto, ON
October	Winnipeg AHEPA Family Oct 28th Dinner	Winnipeg, MB
January	District 21 Mid Year Conference	San Jose, CA
January	District 20 Mid Year Conference	Palm Springs, CA

February	Montreal AHEPA Family	Montreal, QC
	22nd Annual Valentine's Day	
	Ball	
May	District 23 Convention	Montreal, QC
June	Greeks in New York Event	New York City, NY
June	Ottawa Sons and Maids	Ottawa, ON
	Greek Night and Chapter	
	Visitation	

#### Acknowledgements

**Ryan:** Words cannot describe how thankful I am for your leadership this past year. Starting from day one your passion, commitment and love for the Sons was clearly evident and was energy that kept the lodge going throughout the year. It was a rollercoaster year with some great successes and unfortunate setbacks. Through it all you were the one who kept us going and on track. I'm sorry that it took me some time to adjust to my position, I do feel that I let you down especially during the early months of the year. Your patience, encouragement and willingness to teach me along the way is truly appreciated. I'm going to miss you on lodge and could not have asked for a better President to lead me through my first year.

**Alec:** It's strange to think that we only met in person for the first time at convention last year, it feels as if I've known you for so much longer. Your generosity, concern for others and willingness to work above and beyond what is expected are a few of your many admirable qualities. Thank you for all your support this year, I can't wait to see what we can accomplish in the next. Keep the memes flowing, and let's finally find you an opportunity to spend that monopoly money!

**Basili:** After too much time passed since we first met at Govs 2018 it was a pleasure to reconnect and have the opportunity to work together this year on lodge. Your hard working, no BS attitude and the support you provide to us fellow lodge members was a key part of keeping us going this year. Those are only a few of the qualities that make you a truly great and unique individual. I can't wait to work together again next year!

**George:** We met for the first time at convention last year and it was great to get to know you this year on lodge. No matter the event we can count on you being there, which shows your dedication to the Sons. You have definitely put Philly on the map, hopefully I get a chance to visit some time soon.

**Niko:** It was great getting to know you this year, thank you so much for your hospitality during our weekend in Denver. Hopefully we get the chance to work closer together in the future.

**Maids Grand Lodge:** This past year definitely had its highs and lows, I'm happy to have made it through them working alongside and getting to know each one of you. I apologize if I was unreliable or absent at times during the year, it's something I need to and will improve on moving forward. Congratulations MAP on completing your second year as Grand President. It's not an easy job and you performed it admirably, your dedication to the Maids is evident in everything you do.

Proud to be a Son!

## Maids of Athena Grand Secretary Ally Tsenekos

Dear AHEPA Family,

We made it! Congratulations to all for another successful year of service, education, and leadership. Through our many programs and initiatives this year, we have truly made a difference in our communities, and I am beyond proud to be a representative of this incredible order. It is our strong commitment to Hellenism that unites us, but our compassion for others that helps us grow stronger each year. From the bottom of my heart, I thank everyone who has supported me and this organization throughout the years. It is through your mentorship that we continue to prosper in all our endeavors and initiatives. Serving on the Grand Lodge as Grand Secretary has granted me an incredible opportunity to inspire my sisters to make a presence in their communities by living the ideals and values of this Order. For this, I will be eternally grateful.

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

Throughout the year, correspondence was regularly sent out from the Grand Lodge in the form of a quarterly newsletter titled the AtheNEA and monthly liaison emails sent to chapter leadership. These publications included important updates and highlights of our year. However, these publications also incorporated inspiration and accomplishments. This year an effort was made to include a "Sister, Self Care!" section in our newsletter to promote health and wellness among our sisters. A new addition to our newsletter also includes "MOA Motivation" where a ted talk or inspirational podcast will be included to help motivate our sisters to be the world changers we know them to be! Lastly, these emails highlight all our accomplishments by giving them a sister or chapter spotlight. It gave me so much joy designing and writing these publications knowing that they would emphasize our amazing work as sisters!

#### Liaison Reports - Districts 10, 11, 14, and 23

**Automotive District #10 (Michigan)** 

No Active Chapters.

#### Buckeye District #11 (Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia)

Epsilon Tau Alpha #72; Louisville, KY Chapter President: Kalista Buono

Chapter Advisors: Dr. Alexis Karageorge and Dana Schenk

Number of Members: 7 Number of New Initiates: 2

My Louisville girls are small in numbers, but big in heart! This chapter was reactivated right before Covid-19 in 2019 but has not slowed down in making an impact in their community. This chapter has participated in countless endeavors including volunteering at their church's Trunk or Treat event, collecting books for the Wayside Christian Mission, and assembling bags for Norton

Children's Hospital. These girls have hosted multiple sisterhood events including Christmas and Valentine's Day parties. Chapter President Kalista attended two National events this year and participated in our Maid to Lead leadership initiative program. This chapter also hosted Flat Athena for the first time which is a program put on by the Grand Lodge to promote sisterhood. I am very proud of the great work done by these sisters!

Lita #73; Canton, OH

Chapter President: Gia Sotiropoulos

Chapter Advisors: Maria Kalaitsides and Phaidra Sotiropoulos

Number of Members: 11 Number of Initiates: 3

Congratulations to my Canton sisters for all the great work they have done this year! They successfully raised over a thousand dollars from their annual pasta luncheon hosted at the church to donate toward their charitable programs. They continue to support a local organization known as the Children's Network which is a Child Advocacy Center helping children and families that have gone through abuse or violence. These girls not only donated pjs and other supplies to this organization but have teamed up with their Daughters of Penelope to take a tour and meet leaders within the organization. Canton sisters continue to meet regularly and make an impact on their local community. I am beyond proud of them!

Venus Maliea #129; Dayton, OH Chapter President: Zoe Day

Chapter Advisors: Maria McFarland and Thomai Bessler

Number of Members: 14 Number of Initiates: 1

The Dayton chapter had a very successful year! These sisters hosted 2 members of the Grand Lodge including Grand President Maria Ana and their District Governor Eleni for a workshop and initiation. They also contributed to several philanthropic efforts including a hygiene fair for a nonprofit entitled Hannah's Treasure Chest, serving dinner with the DOP at Ronald McDonald House, adopting a family to shop for in need at Christmas time, and donating to St Basil's Academy. I am impressed by everything these girls have accomplished and how they continue to grow in sisterhood.

Elpitha #274; North Royalton, OH Chapter President: Demitria Tsonton Chapter Advisor: Mary Olenik

Number of Members: 11 Number of Initiates: 3

Our North Royalton sisters did an incredible job this year! These girls make an effort to show up for their community consistently by volunteering monthly at the food distribution center of St Mary of Egypt Orthodox Christian Mission. These sisters really made an effort with our National Project by getting together to make 10 knot blankets to donate to Rainbow Babies and Children Hospital in Cleveland, OH which is apart of the Children's Miracle Network ad donating \$180

toward raffle tickets in support of the project. They put on multiple fundraisers including a bracelet sale and a plant sale for fundraising. Great work ladies!

District #11 Lodge

District Governor: Eleni Volas

Maids District Advisor: Tria Charnas

District Lodge has been meeting regularly and hosted their convention June 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> in Youngstown, OH. The district lodge focused on providing resources and contact information to individual chapters to promote and support the National and District Project, Children's Miracle Network. The lodge also put on a social media campaign this year on their Instagram highlighting every chapter in their district with short videos on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of every other month entitled District Day. Marina Tsirambidis, District Lieutenant Governor also participated in our Maid to Lead program by contributing to our wellness committee. Congratulations on another successful year!

#### Grainfield District #14 (Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota)

*No active chapters.* 

#### **Beaver District #23 (Eastern Canada)**

Venus #13; Toronto, ON

Chapter President: Arianna Hatzis Chapter Advisor: Kathy Dimou

Number of Members: 12 Number of Initiates: 1

The Toronto sisters hosted a Maidsgiving Potluck dinner this year. These sisters also celebrated their 10 year anniversary of reactivation which is quite a milestone! They put on multiple fundraisers including a gingerbread cookie sale and a lambada sale where they made over \$400 toward charitable efforts. This chapter also had representation at the District Convention in Montreal. Great work ladies!

Electra #52; Montreal, QC

Chapter President: Tiffany Bombakos Chapter Advisor: Fotini Caragiannis

Number of Members: 21 Number of Initiates: 9

I am so proud of the Montreal sisters and all the work they have done this year. They have welcomed multiple Grand Lodge and Supreme Lodge officers in their city for amazing events including their annual Valentine's Day Ball and the D23 District Convention. They planned many social events within their chapter including paint and bowling nights, a Christmas party, and bowling. Multiple sisters have attended National events and they contribute on a consistent basis to National publications like the AtheNEA through Sisterhood Spotlights. These sisters have also donated money and resources to local organizations like the West Island Women's Shelter. They also actively participate and excel in the Growth and Expansion Program put on by the Grand Lodge. I am beyond proud of these girls and all their accomplishments!

Asteria #212; Ottawa, ON

Chapter President: Ariana Kokkinakis Chapter Advisor: Ivonne Hatzitheodossiou

Number of Members: 17 Number of Initiates: 3

Congratulations to my Ottawa sisters on their impressive relationships within the AHEPA family! These sisters make it a point to get together with the Sons of Pericles consistently throughout the year to host incredible events in their community including their Christmas Party and Greek Night. The Ottawa family also had representation at the District Convention in Montreal where all orders sang a choreographed song to announce next year's convention. The Ottawa sisters also had an impressive Christmas Wreath Sale in support of their local Ronald McDonald House raising more than \$900. We are so proud of these sisters in all their endeavors.

Clotho #252; London, ON

Chapter President: Athanasia Bikas Chapter Advisor: Dana Havaris

Number of Members: 17 Number of Intiates: 6

What a successful year our London sisters had! They were able to host numerous fundraisers this year including an Easter Basket Sale, Mint Smoothie Sale, and AHEPA Christmas Dinner Raffle Ticket Sale. With all these efforts, they raised over \$1000! This chapter also contributed money toward our AHEPA service Dogs of Warriors Project. These girls highlighted sisterhood by hosting an array of social events like pumpkin carving, paint nights, a pool party, etc. This chapter was able to send representation to the District Convention. Chapter President, Athanasia Bikas also participated in our Maid to Lead program.

#### District #23 Lodge

District Governor: Victoria Evangelou Maids District Advisor: Cathy Pantieras

The district lodge met regularly throughout the year and coordinated the meeting at the District Convention in Montreal on May 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. The district lodge had two sisters from the lodge participate and attend our Maid to Lead conference in Waterbury, CT. The girls hosted a Bingo Night to raise money for their District Project entitled Inclusion Canada. These sisters are currently selling Pi Alpha socks as a district wide fundraiser. Congratulations on another great year!

#### **Visitations**

Date	Event	Location
August 21, 2022	Cassiopeia #205 Reactivation	Falls Church, VA
September 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Governor's Conference	Washington, DC
October 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	District 23 DOP Mid-Year	Zoom
	Conference	
January 7 <sup>th,</sup> 2023	D2 MOA Mid-Year	Tarpon Springs, FL
-	Conference	

January 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Venus Maliea #129 Visitation	Dayton, OH
February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Albany Valentine's Day	Albany, New York
	Dance Event	
February 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Electra #52 Visitation and	Montreal, QC
	Montreal Valentine's Day	
	Event	
February 24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Greeks in Miami Volleyball	Miami, FL
	Tournament	
March 17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Maid to Lead Conference	Waterbury, CT
May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Epsilon Tau Alpha #72	Louisville, KY
	Visitation	
May $26^{th} - 28^{th}$ , 2023	District #23 Convention	Montreal, QC
June 9-11 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Greeks in New York Event	Queens, New York
June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	District # 11 Convention	Youngstown, OH
June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Grand President Maria Ana's	Camden, NJ
	Testimonial	
July 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Delegate Meeting	Zoom
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Supreme Convention	Las Vegas, NV

#### **Acknowledgements**

Maria Ana: I am so happy you came to Ohio to introduce me to how big and incredible Maids is on a national level. I have been so honored and blessed to have you as a mentor, friend, and roommate! I do not know who is going to do late nights with me anymore, but I am happy you'll finally get to sleep. You have taught me so much and I cannot wait to see what you do next! Congratulations on a successful 2-year term! Thank you for everything! Love you lots!

**Rigo**: It has been such a pleasure working with you this year! Your passion for this organization is evident in all that you do. I am grateful for all your support and guidance this year and wish you all the best in years to come. Congratulations on all your accomplishments! Much love always!

**Steph**: Thank you so much for being my rock this year (specifically at airports). I swear we have spent hours in airports together and I truly do cherish those bonding times! I know I can always count on you to be there for me and support me through whatever is going on! You truly do embody the ideals of our organization and I am very excited to continue working with you in the future. So much love coming your way!

Markella: Your light shines so bright wherever you are! You never fail to make me laugh or smile with your contagious energy. I do not know where I would be without your editing/social media/canva magic this year (I swear this is witchcraft magic). You put so much time and effort into this organization and it shows! I thank you for always going above and beyond! I cannot wait to see what next year holds. All the love!

**Effie**: First of all, thank you for putting up with us especially with our late night calls and crazy requests! I appreciate you always supporting us and advocating for our Order. I love seeing you

at all our events and know I can always count on you! Thank you so much and I cannot wait for what's ahead! Sending my love!

**HQ Steph**: I see how much you care about us and the AHEPA family in all that you do for us! I do not know where we would be without your unconditional love and support. We know that our requests are a lot at times and we also know that you will always do everything you can to do them all even though you have a million other things to do. For that, I cannot thank you enough!

**SOP Supreme Lodge**: I am so happy that we could work with you all this year! Your dedication, determination, and passion for the SOP is truly inspirational. I am impressed by your events and always have the best time at them! We may get heated and passionate on all our calls, but I know that at the end of the day, we do events like no other! It is this passion that shows me how much we truly care about our members! I am very excited to see what we do next and am positive that it will be even better than the last! Congratulations on all your accomplishments!

#### **Sons of Pericles**

#### **Supreme Treasurer Basili Ronstadt**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations on another successful year! It is has been a pleasure to serve as the Supreme Treasurer of the Sons of Pericles this past year and to be able to inform you of all our accomplishments this past year. Last year, we transitioned from virtual to in-person events and this year we were able to place a bigger emphasis on our philanthropic efforts. At most of our in-person events we were able to draw new members to our order while creating coloring kits for local children's hospitals and fundraising towards the Children's Miracle Network. I look forward to what next year has in store and a fantastic week in Las Vegas!

**Liaison Report: Districts 11,12 & 13** 

District 11: Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia

William McKinley #58 - Canton, OH

Icaros #54 - Dayton, OH

There has been minimal communication from our chapters in District 11. Our brothers in Canton and Dayton have been working towards recovering from the pandemic and bring back their chapters stronger than ever! I am excited to see what these brothers will accomplish in the future!

#### District 12: Indiana

Sophicles #53 - Northwest Indiana

After being initiated in 2022, this chapter has been active not only on a local level but on a national one as well. Our brothers in Sophicles #53 attended our Greeks in Miami volleyball tournament in February alongside their local Maids of Athena chapter. In May, they hosted a Greek night where they invited Supreme President Ryan and Supreme Treasurer Basili. It is only for the beginning of their journey and I cannot wait to see what they accomplish in the future years!

#### District 13: Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin

Spartan #145 - Chicago, IL

The Spartan 145 brothers remained active this year on a local level. They spent countless hours at the bowling alley with their local AHEPA chapters competing in the bowling league hosted by the AHEPA Northshore chapter. Around the holidays, the Spartan 145 brothers volunteered at the local Chicago orphanage where they prepared Thanksgiving meals for those in need. Lastly, our

Chicago brothers attended a White Sox baseball game alongside their local AHEPA chapters for a Greek night out! We hope to see these brothers expand their involvement nationally!

#### **Visitations:**

September	Governor's Conference	Washington DC
October	Greeks in Toronto	Toronto ON
November	Thanksgiving Meal Preparation with Spartan	Chicago, IL
	145 Chapter	_
May	Indiana Chapter Visitation	Hammond, IN
May	Denver Brotherhood Weekend	Denver, CO
June	Greeks in NYC	New York City, NY
June	GP Maria Ana's Testimonial	Camden, NJ

# **Acknowledgments:**

**Ryan:** Ryan, from day one of meeting you, I always knew we would be in it for the long haul. Every event we grew closer, if it wasn't sitting at the scorer's table, grabbing a drink, or even as little as a phone call we were always meshing. Sitting on lodge alongside you and this past year with you as president has been an absolute pleasure. We are always up to something and i love every bit of it. To be on the same wavelength is rare and we tuned right into it and let me say what an amazing ride it was. This is a sad ending to the year because you won't be sitting on lodge anymore but don't worry that phone will still be ringing. I'm still looking forward to the future because I know you won't be going too far at all. FOUR!

Alec: Alec my dear friend there has never been a day we aren't cracking up. I don't think there has ever been a time where you shot down an idea or weren't game for something crazy I wanted to do. That is what I love about you brother always down for anything and we will be going crazy this next year el jefe! You always bring a light into the room with your beautiful face, these past 2 years on lodge you have shown tremendous leadership qualities. Always be putting in that extra work all hours of the day to make sure things get done. Even if work is not over you still put the sons first and as a lodge we couldn't be more thankful. You are supportive in every way you can. Making all members of the order feel welcome. I think that gift you have is one of a kind and can't wait to see whom you inspire next.

**Alex:** Houvy it feels like yesterday we just met even though it was 2019. You have always been a hard-working Son and you truly uphold the ideals of our Order. It has been great working with you this year. You may be a soft-spoken man but the work you do behind the scenes has not gone unnoticed! I look forward to working with you again in the future!

**George:** George, congratulations on a successful first year on Lodge! It has been a great journey watching you grow throughout the past few years. Thank you for all your contributions this year! You are someone who never complains but voices their opinion when necessary! I know next year will be an even greater one!

**Niko:** Niko, my new brother from Denver. What a blast it was having you host us in your city this past May! I want to thank you for all your contributions, it has truly been awesome watching you grow this past year! I am ready to see what's in store for you next. Keep killing the game with your Denver sons and AHEPA and be ready for the fun to come my man!

**Stephanie Maniatis:** Thank you for all your help and guidance this past year! More checks are on their way, no worries! P.S. I will be practicing my public speaking skills all year.

# Maids of Athena Grand Treasurer Stephanie Owens

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the 101st Supreme AHEPA Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada! Congratulations to all four orders and all members of the AHEPA family on the completion of another successful year! Although I have been a member for a few years now, working on the national level this year has taught me so much more about our orders and their partnership! We have all truly upheld the ideals of our orders and I am so impressed by the countless hours everyone has put into fundraising, hosting events, and traveling to support chapters not only on the local level but on a district and national level as well! I am very excited to be seeing you all in person in Vegas to celebrate our accomplishments and hard work together! Wishing all four orders a wonderful week and even more wonderful upcoming year!

# National Project - Children's Miracle Network

The Children's Miracle Network is an organization close to my heart as I closely participated in Dance Marathon at Florida State University! Children's Miracle Network provides the best care for kids in children's hospitals. They rely on donations and community support for the nonprofit's mission to save and improve the lives of as many children as possible! I cannot wait to see what we will be able to fundraise thanks to your support!

# Liaison Reports: Districts 2, 13, 16, & 17

# Citrus District 2 (Florida)

Epiphany #111 - Tarpon Springs Chapter President: Stella Bilirakis

Number of Members: 15 Number of Initiates: 4

Our Sisters in Tarpon Springs stay busy throughout the year! They hosted Grand President Maria Ana and Grand Secretary Ally for their Mid Year D2 Conference where they put together 200 coloring pages for their local Children's Miracle Network hospital in St. Petersburg! Shortly after, they hosted a Valentine's Day-themed bake sale whether they fundraised over \$500 towards our National Project! In April, they hosted Grand Treasurer Stephanie for a chapter meeting where they were able to welcome and initiate three new sisters into the order! Our Tarpon Springs chapter is active in their local community and have a great partnership with their AHEPA and DOP chapters! They have so many great ideas and I cannot wait to see them come to life!

Adelphi #279 - Tallahassee

Chapter President: Cassandra Leontsinis

Number of Members: 13 Number of Initiates: 1

Our Tallahassee chapter is an active one! Our Sisters at Florida State University have created a close community for themselves and I am proud of them and their success! They have made goodie bags on the local level in partnership with their Philoptochos, they created an intramural

volleyball team to prepare for our Greeks in Miami tournament, and they attended the Greek Food Festival along with many football games together. Their chapter president, Cassandra Leontsinis also participated in our Maid to Lead program and traveled to Waterbury, CT to represent her committee. Adephi 279 is supportive of one another and their sisterhood on a local, district, and national level and I cannot wait to see what they continue to accomplish!

Clearwater, Orlando, and Ft. Lauderdale

Although there are currently no active chapters in Clearwater, Orlando, and Ft. Lauderdale, there have been multiple future sisters that have expressed interest and we are excited to help them reactivate these chapters in the upcoming year!

# Blue Ribbon District 13 (Illinois, Wisconsin)

Jacma #40 - Chicago

Unfortunately, our Jacma 40 chapter has folded. Our Chicago sisters are pursuing their careers and have moved to a variety of cities across the United States! We hope to be able to reactivate this chapter in the future and we wish our Sisters the best in their endeavors!

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

Rodanthi #41 - Houston

Chapter President: Georgia Elgohary

Number of Members: 36 Number of Initiates: 6

It has been such a pleasure to work with our Houston chapter! They are such motivated young women and they continue to amaze those around them. Our sisters in Rodanthi 41 know how to host all types of sisterhood events while upholding our ideals of giving back to our community. For Christmas, they went ice skating and held a coffee date while also fundraising for Journey to Athens and Candlelighters on the local level. They have remained busy by continuing to fundraise for our National and President's Projects. They hosted Grand President Maria Ana and Grand Treasurer Stephanie in March and they discussed their upcoming plans for expansion while attending the Houston Rodeo! Cannot wait to see what the future holds for our Houston sisters!

Athena Constance #112 - Dallas

Chapter President: Allison Stevens

There was minimal communication from our Dallas chapter this year, however, they remained active through their social media! They hosted a coffee hour in August while also hosting a Father-Daughter Dance in February. They were able to sell flowers at their dance to help benefit their chapter! I look forward to hearing more from this chapter in the upcoming year as I know they are motivated and have a lot planned!

# Silver District 17 (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming)

No current active chapters for the Maids of Athena in District 17, however, we hope to expand here in the upcoming year!

#### **Visitations**

Date	Event	Location
September 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Governor's Conference	Washington, DC
October 21 <sup>st</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2022	Greeks in Toronto Social	Toronto, ON
	Weekend	
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	MOA Sisterhood Weekend	Charlotte, NC
December 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Epiphany #111 Winter	Zoom
	Meeting	
January 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Venus Maliea #129 Visitation	Dayton, OH
February 24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Greeks in Miami Volleyball	Miami, FL
	Tournament	
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Rodanthi #41 Visitation	Houston, TX
March 17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Maid to Lead Conference	Waterbury, CT
March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Zone I Sisterhood Conference	Waterbury, CT
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2023	Epiphany #111 Visitation	Tarpon Springs, FL
June 9-11 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Greeks in New York Event	Queens, New York
June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Grand President Maria Ana's	Camden, NJ
	Testimonial	
July 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Delegate Meeting	Zoom
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Supreme Convention	Las Vegas, NV

# **Acknowledgements**

**Maria Ana**: From your Tallahassee visitation to now, who would have thought we'd be as close as we are! Thank you for inviting me to travel the globe with you and for always teaching me something new. You have taught me so much and I cannot wait to see what you do next! Congratulations! Thank you for everything!

**Rigo**: It has been great working with you this year! Thank you for showing me the treasurer ropes and for guiding me through the year! Congratulations on all your accomplishments!

**Ally**: Oh Ally, what would I do at the airport(s) for so many hours without you? Thank you for always answering my random texts and giving me advice/support. You are so knowledgable and your passion and care for our organization is evident. I cannot wait to see all that you accomplish!

**Markella**: Marks, you are truly one of a kind! Thank you for matching my sass and being one text away always! I know I can always count on you to be real and give me your most honest opinion and I cannot wait to see what the future brings for you!

**Effie**: Thank you for your support this past year! Seeing you in person every other month has truly been a pleasure and I cannot wait to continue having you by our side in person and virtually next year! Your knowledge and guidance have been unmatched!

**HQ Steph**: No one I'd rather share a name with! Thank you for always answering my random questions and giving me the most random pieces of advice! Your support is so appreciated and I can't wait to ask even more random questions in the future!

**SOP Supreme 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 cities across the United States (and Canada!), 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 Sons! Congratulations on a successful year!

**Dino, Timmy, and Vicky:** My acknowledgments would not be complete without thanking the three of you! I know I can always turn to the three of you for advice but most importantly I know I can always count on the three of you to walk miles in whatever city we are in! I hope we can continue to travel together for years to come! Thank you!

# Sons of Pericles Supreme Governor George Horiates

Greetings to everyone in both orders. It was an honor to serve on the Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Pericles. I had many good experiences throughout the year and got to meet a lot of new people. This report is based on my travels as well as on membership.

After last year's convention, I traveled in September to Cleveland, Ohio where I started discussions on a new Sons of Pericles chapter there. I also went to our District Governor's conference in Washington, DC and participated with our leadership there.

Visitations continued in October as I traveled to visit and reinstate chapters as far as Connecticut. Other more frequent trips included in Districts 4 and 5 to Toms River, Trenton and Upper Darby. I also attended Greeks in Toronto and was able to meet many members from north of the border.

November was a terrific month as I represented the Supreme Lodge at many functions. I was a guest speaker at the AHEPA Fifth District Cancer Research Gala and gave the greetings of our Supreme President Ryan at the well-attended event. Another well attended event was the AHEPA Centennial Celebration Northeast Gala in New York at Terrace on the Park. I was able to round up over 20 brother Sons and our Maids to the program.

In the winter COSMOS-FM Hellenic Public Radio presented AHEPA with its Pheidippides Award. The Sons of Pericles played a major role at the event as we created a separate evening event in New York for the Sons and Maids as well. We traveled by limousine to New York for the occasion and members of the Sons and Maids from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York participated, rubbing elbows with a who's who of Greek American dignitaries across the diaspora and then enjoying the night with everyone.

Then came parade season. Of course, I represented the lodge at the Philadelphia Greek Independence Day Parade. We had a float and attended all of the events with the Evzones, the Presidential Guard of Greece. The Sons of Pericles were assigned to assist and escort during the events the Philadelphia Phillies team mascot. The Phanatic.

I enjoyed our trips to Miami where I brought a few Sons from the Northeast as well as our trip to Denver and New York again. I also attended a spring young leaders event sponsored by the Federation of Hellenic Societies in Bergen County.

At the AHEPA Capitol Hill Day I represented the Sons of Pericles over the 2 day event. It was an honor speaking at the opening reception along with US Senator Menendez, Ambassador of Greece to the United States Ambassador Papadopoulou and the heads of the other three organizations in the AHEPA Family. The meetings the next day 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. Basically, because I represented the Supreme Lodge, I attended the highest-level meetings of the AHEPA Family and it increased my desire to have the Sons be more involved on the issues of concern for AHEPA.

Finally, along with the Supreme Lodge officers we attended the Maids of Athena Grand President testimonial in my backyard at the Camden Aquarium in New Jersey. Again, another event with a lot of our members attended. I congratulate Maria Ana as throughout the years I was more often than not her chauffeur. I wish her well in the future and learned a lot from being with her during her time in the Maids of Athena.

# Liaison Report: Districts 4, 5, 7, & 14

# **District 4: Upper Darby, PA**

I was honored to be liaison to a district close to home. Upper Darby is a chapter with a lot of members but little participation. I got the chance to reach out and meet with members and discuss the future of their chapter. A lot of younger members are interested so in the next coming years they will definitely be a more active chapter.

# **District 5: New Jersey - Cherry Hill, Trenton**

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 just under 10 new members. Cherry Hill was 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 has been inactive but I have reached out and found individuals who are interested in reactivating their chapter. This will probably happen by the end of the summer.

### District 7: New Haven, CT

I had the honor of being the liaison to Chapter Constantinople in New Haven. I was able to visit them earlier in the year and partake in their initiations. The guys in that chapter have a strong sense of what it means to be a son and how to run their chapter successfully. Many of the members go to school far away and have trouble attending national events but do know that they are one of the most viable and strongest chapters I have visited. I am hoping to make it back there soon.

# District 14: Minneapolis, MN

Minneapolis is inactive as of now. They have an AHEPA chapter and a lot of youth so hopefully in the future a visitation can be done. I was unable to visit them this year, however, next year communication with them will be resolved

# Acknowledgements

**Ryan Marinos:** Ryan, I was very excited when the year started knowing you would be our president. You showed me what it means from a beginners perspective to be a Sons of Pericles Supreme President. I am disappointed we did not get to spend more time together on lodge, however I am grateful for the time we did get. Thank you for dealing with everything this year and helping us to gain experience as new members on lodge. I feel confident that we will continue to be successful based on the lessons you taught us and the memories you left. Best of luck in everything you do moving forward from this position and I look forward to reaching out for help on future lodges.

**Alec Economakis:** Alec, I have to thank you for being so open to teaching me this year. I started off the year having a basic understanding of my duties but you were able to come in and help me out when I was lost. You became a trusted friend and have shown me that you will be an even more trusted president. Thank you for showing an appreciation of our order and good luck in everything the order brings you in the future.

**Alex Houvardas:** Alex, I am glad we were able to get to know each other this year. It was nice to have someone from north of the border be on lodge with us to help show a different perspective. You did an amazing job as secretary and we are definitely going to miss your note taking skills. I hope you stay connected and I wish you the absolute best in all of your future endeavors.

**Basili Ronstadt:** Basili, you showed me throughout this year how much you care about the Sons. You are a very responsible guy and I know this order benefits from having you be a part of it. Thank you for frequently being a voice of reason and I look forward to seeing you succeed in the future of this order and I am excited to continue working together moving forward.

**Niko Gianos:** Niko, you did a good job this year as our athletic director. I enjoyed hearing your ideas throughout the year and you did a good job showing us that you care about our order. Traveling to Denver is a trip I will not forget and I hope to be able to organize something out West again in the future. I wish you the best of luck next year.

Maids Grand Lodge 2022-23: You have all been spectacular to work with this year. Maria Ana, thank you for all the hard work you put into this organization. It is definitely not unnoticed and we all appreciate everything you have done for us. Rigo, thank you for your time this year. You showed me through all of our meetings and events how passionate you are for this organization. Ally, thank you for your hard work this year. You have shown that you belong in this order and have repeatedly been there to reach out and plan things on behalf of our lodges. Stephanie, thank you for your time this year. You made sure to point out the serious issues when our lodges would interact and always had a sense of purpose when discussing things pertaining to our orders. Markella, thank you for being a great co-governor and for helping to interact with maids throughout the year to help them feel welcomed and like they belong. You all did a great job this year and I wish you the best of luck moving forward.

Proud to be a Son!

# Maids of Athena Grand Governor Markella Roros

#### Flat Athena

This year's Flat Athena earned more miles than ever! She was present at over 15 separate events, from the Governor's Conference in September to the Supreme Convention in Las Vegas. She has connected with our Brothers in the Sons of Pericles by attending countless Greeks In events, some of which have taken her international! Flat Athena has visited our Sisters up north spanning from Calgary for a visitation with the Cassandra-Hera #185 chapter where they showed her the beautiful mountains of Banff to dancing the night away with our Monreal Sisters of Electra #52 when they celebrated their Valentine's Day

Ball. Not only did Flat Athena take in the scenery of Canada but she also explore the United States by visiting her sisters in the Sophia #48 chapter who took her bowling during their Annual Valentine's Day Weekend, to attending her first ever rodeo with our Houston Sisters in Rodanthi #41. She was also present for the initiation of our sisters down in the sunny state of Florida where the Epiphany #111 chapter hosted their District 2 Mid-Year Conference! Flat Athena was also dancing the night away in Upper Darby with her Ariandi #243 girls during their Greek Night in October. Last but certainly not least, Flat Athena attended the reactivation of the Nymphs #119 chapter in Astoria New York and the reactivation of our Portland chapter, Diana #3. Flat Athena can't wait to see where her travels take her next year! Don't forget to follow her on Instagram @FlatAthena.

#### **Governor's Project**

This year for my Governor's Project, we chose to support the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors. These service dogs provide support and aid to veterans and assist them on the road to recovery and management of their disabilities. The year's goal was to raise \$6,000. This money would go towards the training and placement of the service dog as well as provide us with naming rights. Throughout the year, we created AHEPA Family stationery sets that included a notebook and two pens that were adorned with the symbols of all four AHEPA Family orders and official Maids of Athena tote bags. Along with the sale of these pieces of merchandise, we received donations from our Maids of Athena chapters which allowed us to reach our goal! Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Governor's Project!

# Liaison Report Districts - #4, #12, #20, #21, #22, #24

#### **Power District 4**

# Ariandi #243; Upper Darby, Pennsylvania

Chapter President - Athina Economou Number of Members - 19 members Number of New Initiates - 5 members

The Upper Darby chapter had an exceptional 2022-2023 year! They started off the year by attending Governor's Conference in Washington DC where they had the opportunity to network with other members of the Maids of Athena from all over the country and Canada. Then in October the chapter hosted a must successful Greek Night. Throughout the year the chapter focused on supporting their community. They hosted a Christmas Movie Night event where the proceeds went to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. They also took the time to honor a member of their community who was diagnosed with cancer. They also participated in a number of sisterhood bonding activities such as attending Greek Night at the Phillies games, marching in the Greek Independence Day Parade in Philadelphia and attending multiple Greeks In events. We are so excited to see what they accomplish next year!

#### **Hoosier District 12**

#### Dionysia #141; Hammond, Indiana

Chapter President - Maria Cappas Number of Members - 21 members

The Dionysia #141 chapter have become such wonderful role models in their communities this 2022-2023 year! They took the time to create care packages with the organization Phil's Friends to aid those affected by cancer and even hosted a non-perishable food drive to donate to a local domestic violence shelter. Throughout the year, the Dionysia chapter came together with their local Sons of Pericles chapter to participate in a number of activities such as watching the Bears play, ice skating, attending the annual Evening of Philotimo event with their AHEPA family and even attended the Greeks in Miami Annual Volleyball Tournament. We are so excited to see what they accomplish next!

# El Camino District 20

No Active Chapters

**Golden State District 21** 

Ismene Diana #163; San Jose, California

# Chapter President - Marianna Frangides

The Ismene Diana #163 chapter have impressed me throughout this year time and time again. Firstly was at the beginning of this year when Worthy Maid Marianna Frangides traveled across the country to Governor's Conference for her first national event! We had the opportunity to bond and discuss what the Maids of Athena meant to her and to her chapter. I had the absolute pleasure to connect with our sisters on the West Coast by traveling out west for a visitation where our sisters took myself and Grand President Maria Ana out for pizza and bocce ball. Something the two of us have never done before! I look forward to seeing what is next for this chapter!

#### Eleftheria #278; Stockton, California

Chapter President - Anastasia Alexander Number of Members - 9 members

This year the Eleftheria #278 chapter from Stockton, California took this year to rebuild. A majority of their members were transitioning into new phases of their lives such as college and joining the work force. They are ready to start their 2023-2024 year and we cannot wait to see what they have in store!

#### Firewood District 22

# Sparta #1; Tacoma, Washington

Chapter President - Ana Matteson Number of Members - 15 members Number of Initiates - 5 members

Our first chartered Maids chapter, Sparta #1 have participated in multiple fundraising events throughout this year. They attended and hosted a number of coffee hour fundraisers and even hosted their own bake sale to raise money towards this year's President's Project, The Loukoumi Foundation. Our sisters in Tacoma invited Grand Governor Markella to their annual Christmas Party where she attended virtually and participated in Christmas themed trivia while our sisters and members of the local Daughters of Penelope chapter decorated cookies! This chapter does an amazing job recognizing and honoring the Maids of Athena members before them and educating their community on the work done by their AHEPA family. With the addition of a new chapter in District 22 I know that our Sparta Sisters are ready to guide our new sisters through their journey!

# Diana #3; Portland, Oregon

Chapter President - Kalliopi Protopapas

Number of Members - 17 members Number of Initiates - 8 members

The Diana #3 chapter was reactivated in early 2023 and what an amazing way to start off the new year. With the help of their local Daughters of Penelope chapter Troy #32, the Portland Maids of Athena chapter was reactivated with 9 members. To date they now have a sisterhood of 17 members and are continuously growing! This year the chapter has been hosting dinners to get to know one another better, have made great strides working alongside their Daughters chapter and their advisors and have participated in a volunteer opportunity to end Human Trafficking. We cannot wait to see what they have planned for next year!

#### **Royal Canadian District 24**

# Olympia #229; Winnipeg, MB, Canada

Chapter President - Eleni Athanasopoulos Number of Members - 13 members

Our Winnipeg Sisters of the Olympia #229 chapter focused on strengthening their sisterhood and have done a tremendous job this year. Our sisters created homemade Christmas ornaments that were sold at their local church and created cards to give to their local senior citizens home. In the middle of the year, our Olympia Chapter also introduced their new E-Board which consists of Worthy Maid - Eleni, Loyal Maid - Calliope, Recording Secretary - Gabriella, Corresponding Secretary Dina and Treasurer - Valentina. The ladies also hosted their own Bingo night which was a huge success! They raised over \$500 and we are so proud. They also teamed up with their local Sons of Pericles Chapter to host a Mother's Day Brunch. We are looking forward to seeing what more they can amount to next year!

# Cassandra Hera #185; Calgary, AB

Chapter President - Hariklia (Lia) Chrisohou Number of Members - 28 members Number of Initiates - 9 members

The Cassandra Hera #185 chapter have made a tremendous impact this year. Their members have attended multiple national events such as Governor's Conference in September where they hosted Flat Athena and showed her around Washington DC, participating in multiple Greeks In events such as Toronto and New York and supported their Albany Sisters by attending the Albany Sons and Maids Annual Valentine's Day Dance. Our Calgary sisters also participated in events and projects close to home. They attended the testimonial of PGP Ceclia Kachmarski, hosted Maidsgiving, volunteered for Samaritan's Purse, hosted their annual Christmas Caroling

and Vasilopita cutting, and sold lanterns for Easter during Holy Week. I am very excited to see what this chapter has planned for the future.

# **Visitations**

September 9-11	AHEPA Family Governors Conference	Washington, DC
September 27	Member Initiation - Olga Moutselos 255	Brooklyn, NY
October 8	Greek Night Event - Ariadni 243	Upper Darby, PA
October 14	District 5 & District 6 Centennial Dinner	Queens, NY
October 21-23	Greeks in Toronto Social Weekend	Toronto, ON
October 28	Annual Halloween Event - Pygmalion #126	Queens, NY
October 29	District 5 OXI Day Commemoration	Liberty State Park, NJ
October 30	Daughters of Penelope Demetra 33 Meet and Greet Luncheon	Brooklyn, NY
November 5	33rd Annual Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation	Edison, NJ
November 12-13	Sophia #48 Maidsgiving Event and Meeting	Albany, NY
November 16	Maids of Athena Reactivation Nymphs 119	Astoria, NY
December 1-3	Sisterhood Weekend	Charlotte, NC
December 12	Ronald McDonald House NYC Greek Division	Manhattan, NY
	27th Annual Christmas Dinner	
January 14	Maids of Athena Reactivation Diana 3	Portland, OR
January 15	Ismene Diane 163 Visitation	San Jose, CA
January 27	27th Annual Phidippides Awards Gala hosted	Queens, NY
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February 3-5	Annual Albany Sons and Maids Valentines Day Dance	Albany, NY
February 18	District 6 Mid-Year Conference	Queens, NY
February 24-26	Greeks in Miami Volleyball Tournament	Miami, FL
March 5	District 5 Tenth Biennial Salute to Women Luncheon	Edison, NJ
March 9-13	Cassandra-Hera 185 Visitation	Calgary, AB
March 15-17	Maid to Lead Conference	Waterbury, CT
March 16	Zone I Sisterhood Conference	Watebury, CT
March 25	Frappe and Loukoumades Sale - Olga Moutselos 255	Brooklyn, NY
April 29	District 5 Annual Spring Luncheon	Point Pleasant, NJ
April 30	Greek Independence Day Parade	Manhattan, NY
June 9-11	Greeks in New York	New York City, NY
June 17	District 6 Covention	Queens, NY
June 24	GP Maria Ana's Testimonial	Camden, NJ

# **Acknowledgments**

GP Maria Ana - Thank you for showing me the behind the scenes secrets that are the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge. So much work goes into what you do and you make it look so effortless.

Your hard work and dedication does not go unrecognized and I will take the lessons I've learned from you and apply them to everyday experiences both within the AHEPA family and in my "real" life as well. I'm going to miss our "20 minute" phone calls which always somehow end up being 2 hours, our sleepovers at my house and our car karaoke singing along to Konstantinos Argyros' Elpitha. I cannot wait to see what else you are going to accomplish!

GVP Rigo - Thank you for taking me under your wing and showing me the ins and outs of being on Grand Lodge. I'm so thankful for the times we worked together and for always letting me ride shotgun on our way to Maids events! Your music taste is impeccable but you already knew that. You've made such an impact in the AHEPA family and your four years on lodge were incredible. I'm sad you won't be continuing on lodge next year but I cannot wait to see what is next for you! Love ya my fellow Brooklyn gal!

GS Ally - Congratulations on completing your first year on lodge. You've done a great job this year as Grand Secretary. From working on the AtheNEA, updating the website and emailing every single one of our members and keeping them up to date. Keep up the great work. I look forward to working alongside you next year!

GT Stephania - Congratulations on completing your first year on lodge. Also thank you for always approving my expense reports (btw I just sent in my latest one;)) I cannot wait to travel hundreds of miles with you again to watch one of the greatest basketball players play... oh wait... shoot. Giannis sat out for that game. Looks like we're going to have to try again! I cannot wait to see what wonderful things you accomplish on lodge!

MGA Effie - Effie, thank you for guiding us along this Grand Lodge journey. Throughout every step of the way, you were there observing our actions and providing us with knowledgeable advice that not only helped us in our responsibilities as Grand Lodge officers but in life as well.

I'm looking forward to working alongside you next year!



# Sons of Pericles Supreme Athletic Director Niko Gianos

As the Supreme Athletic Director of the Sons of Pericles, I reflect upon this past year with how much unmeasurable impact the Order has had on my life. Serving on the board has been an incredible journey, filled with personal growth, meaningful connections, and countless opportunities to make a difference in the lives of our members. The Order has become a pillar of support and inspiration, offering me a sense of purpose and a community that feels like family no matter where I am. The experiences and friendships I have made within the Sons of Pericles have enriched my life, reminding me of the power of unity, camaraderie, and what our order truly is about. During our tenure, we were able to have several "Greeks in" events, raising money for our National project, and we planter seeds in different cities for future events to come. The Sons of Pericles has truly been a transformative force, and I am forever grateful for the opportunities it has provided me.

# **Liaison Report:**

#### District 17:

- the Utah Beehive chapter was reactivated with an immense 12 members, and it's keeps growing. A new shining star is helping other chapters gain momentum in the district such as the reactivation of New Mexico, and the growth of Denver. We look forward to getting more chapters active in the area as it is a flourishing part of our ministry. It is with great honor and pleasure that I was able to assist with this district.

# **In-Person Visitstions:**

September 9-11	AHEPA Family Governors Conference	Washington, DC
February 24-26	Greeks in Miami	Miami, FL
May 19-21	Greeks in Denver	Denver, CO

#### **Acknowledgments:**

**Ryan Marinos:** It is hard to write this acknowledgement for you since words cannot describe the respect and dedication you have towards us and this organization. You have truly embodied the definition of leadership, and have shown us all how this organization needs to be lead. I speak for us all when we say we are scared for you to go, but we know you deserve the time you now get to watch us all succeed and carry on. I have so much respect for you as a friend and brother, and I am unequivocally grateful for the opportunity you've given me on your board. Thank you for everything.

**Alec Economakis**: When I first met you, I knew we were going to get along, and that still holds true to today. Watching you on the board guide us alongside Ryan has truly been an eye opening experience and I wouldn't want to trade it for the world. You have a heart of gold, and a drive of

passion, and the energy you provide makes everyone that much more involved. I cannot wait for future "Greeks in" events alongside you brotha.

**Basili Ronstadt:** If it hasn't been done yet, the name Chicago Backbone needs TK be trademarked for you. It has been an unreal year serving alongside you as you guide us as our treasurer, and the best one at that. I could put you in any room in the world and I know you'd be friends with everyone in there after an hour. Through everything we've gone through this year, I wouldn't have wanted to have another person a part of this group and I can't wait to see what's in store!

**Maids of Athena Lodge:** I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you wonderful individuals. Each and every one of you has made a positive impact in my life, and I am truly grateful. Your presence, support, and positivity have been a source of inspiration and joy. Let's continue to share our smiles, offer help when needed, and maintain an optimistic outlook as we move forward together. Thank you all for being a part of this incredible journey.

Thank you all again for this wonderful opportunity, beyond proud to be a Son!

#### Maids of Athena

# **Grand Advisor Effic Kirkiles**

The theme for the Maids of Athena this year was "**Presence**". The Maids of Athena Grand Lodge achieved just that—they were Present in every sense of the word. The Maids of Athena Grand Lodge traveled all over the US, Canada and Greece to promote the ideals of Athena as well as the Principles of the Order: Sisterhood, Service, Citizenship, Hellenism, Family and Arete. I am thankful that I was elected to be their Grand Advisor and be the bridge between them and the Daughters of Penelope.

#### **July 2022**

• The Maids of Athena Lodge started a plan of action for the year, immediately following the Supreme Convention in Orlando. They laid the groundwork for a productive year. They wanted to make sure communications were key within the lodge, their Districts, Chapters and the AHEPA family.

# August 2022

- The Maids of Athena and Sons of Pericles lodges met to plan upcoming events for the year. I was impressed how well they worked together to listen to each other ideas and support one another.
- The Cassiopeia Falls Church, VA chapter was reactivated.

# September 2022

- In Washington, DC I took part in Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge meeting.
- I was able to attend the leadership conference in Washington DC with over 23 Maids in attendance in person and Zoom. The Maids in attendance came from all over the US and Canada. The Maids of Athena lodge provided leadership tools to guide the Maids in their Chapters and Districts.
- The Maids of Athena and Sons of Pericles assembled and distributed over 300 goodie bags for the National Project, *Children's Miracle Network*. They also sold \$20 raffle tickets for the National Project with the winner being announced at the Supreme Convention in Las Vegas. Tickets are available ask a Maid or Son.
- The Maids of Athena also raised monies for the Governor's Project *AHEPA Service Dogs of Warriors program*.
- Grand President Maria Ana promoted her President's project the *Loukoumi Foundation*.
- At the end of their session the Maids Grand Lodge came to the Daughters of Penelope Leadership session and introduce themselves and see how the two orders may come together to help each other.

#### October 2022

• An information session about starting a new chapter in New Haven, CT was held via Zoom.

• The Sons of Pericles had a Greeks in Toronto event and some of the Maids Lodge attended and supported the Sons on their successful event.

# November 2022

- The Lodge participated in the District 5 Fall conference, visitations to Albany and Boston and a reactivation of the Astoria chapter.
- The first of four issues of the *AtheNEA* were sent out to all Maids. The issue includes information about what is happening with various chapters, projects, a Book Club, Spotlight on a Maid or Chapter, Flat Athena travels and more. Check it out at <a href="https://www.maidsofathena.org/athenea-archives">https://www.maidsofathena.org/athenea-archives</a>.

#### December 2022

• The Lodge attended a visitation to Louisville, KY.

# January 2023

- I attended a Daughters Grand Lodge meeting as well Epiphany events in Tarpon Springs, FL.
- I attended the Tarpon Springs Maids Chapter for an initiation with the GP Maria Ana Pantelous and GG Zone II Patty Didik.
- The Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena were sponsors at Hellenic Dance Festival in Atlanta, GA. I provided information for potential members at the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena table.
- New Maids initiated into San Jose, Portland and Bayside chapters.
- The Lodge attended visitations to San Jose and District 11.

# February 2023

- I was able to attend the Albany, NY Valentine's Ball with the Maids Lodge and GP Georgette Boulegeris.
- A few of the Maids Lodge attended the Montreal Valentine's ball.
- The joint Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena event Greeks in Miami co-ed Volleyball tournament was a huge success. They had eight teams with over a 100 in attendance on Saturday night's event. Congratulations!

## **March 2023**

- Maid to Lead event was held in Waterbury, CT in conjunction with the Daughters of Penelope Zone 1 Sisterhood Conference. Five future leaders from the Maids were chosen to come and strengthen their leadership skills.
- Informational session for Paramus, NJ and Greenville, SC were conducted.
- I had a visitation with West Palm Beach Daughters chapter to discuss a South Florida Maids.

# **April and May 2023**

- A few of the Grand Lodge attended the Greek Independence Parades in NYC and Philadelphia. While a few Maids chapters represented in Montreal and Tarpon Springs parades.
- GP Maria Ana represented the Maids of Athena in Greece as well as at the White House.
- The Lodge had visitations in Calgary, Tarpon Springs, Houston and D23 Convention.
- Information session with Greece was conducted.

## **June 2023**

- I attended a Maids of Athena Grand Lodge meeting during the Greeks in NYC event.
- The Maids of Athena lodge attended District 4,5,6 and 11 conventions.
- The Maids of Athena created a District Lodge in District 6.
- I also attended the GP Maria Ana Pantelous Testimonial with GP Georgette Boulegeris and GG Zone 2 Patty Didik in New Jersey.

Above are some of the highlights of the year we had with the Maids of Athena. To give you an idea of how many times we met-we had over 15 meetings, in person or via Zoom. We had about eight joint meetings with the Sons of Pericles Lodge. Take note the year is not over until the Supreme Convention. I have faith we still have more meetings to attend.

I personally would like to thank a few people for their support and guidance. The Maids of Athena Advisory Board Michél-Gabriélle Legato, Chrysi Polydoros (PGPMOA), Cathy Pantieras for always being there if I had a question. Patty Didik, GG Zone 2 for being there to ask those quick questions. Grand President Georgette Boulegeris for listening when I needed an ear and for being by the Maids side. Stephanie Maniatis (PGPMOA) for helping us get through HQ questions. The Sons of Pericles Lodge for their professionalism and dedication to the family. Finally, the Maids of Athena Lodge-Grand President, Maria Ana Pantelous, Grand Vice President, Rigo Nasopoulos, Grand Secretary, Ally Tsenekos, Grand Treasurer, Stephanie Owens and Grand Governor, Markella Roros. You five women are amazing young professionals in society and leaders in this organization. I wish you all the best in all your endeavors and I am blessed to have worked with you all this year. I am very proud of you and cannot wait to see how





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