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At Left: Ahepans and Daughters of Penelope in Trenton gather supplies for distribution to victims

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Message From Our District Governor

WILLIAM A. HARRISON

To My Family of District # 5,

I hope and pray this message finds you all in good health. On October 29 this year, we had a hurricane that affected us all. Most of us lost our power and heat for many days, some had devastating damage to our cars and homes, and there were lives lost. I am proud to say, the Brothers and Sisters of this great AHEPA Family have stepped forward to help those that were victimized by this horrible event. I have seen every chapter in our District contribute to help the people of New Jersey get back on their feet. This makes me proud to be in AHEPA, as always, but more so when we all came together to help. This shows what a great brotherhood and sisterhood we are. I wish you all hearty congratulations for your generous work.

During the year, The District Lodge hosts a workshop for the officers of District 5, due to the hurricane this did not happen yet. I still would like to have it and will inform you when we reschedule.

As you all know, this is the holiday season, and the end of the year. All chapters must have the dues paid before December 31. I have committed to have 1,700 brothers in District # 5 by the end of my term. I still hope to accomplish this, but I have to ask you all for your help. For those who have paid your dues for 2012, I thank you. 2013 dues start to be collected in January. Please try to pay as soon as you can. This will make everyone's job easier; from the District Lodge, to your chapter members. Every year, the Lodge has to go out to have our brothers pay by December 31st. This is not easy, but with some chapters hosting mass initiations, it makes my job easier and I thank the brothers who have done it so far. Remember, all you have to do is ask someone to join. Give them an application and help them fill it out right there. The AHEPA has much information on the brotherhood and we can teach everyone about AHEPA. Just go on AHEPA.org and maybe, you might learn more about AHEPA too.

Over the years, we have supported the children of St. Basil's Academy in Garrison NY. Last year, we raised money to send the children to a Broadway play in New York and Dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe. We would like to do this again this year. Please have your chapter help to be successful for this again. Also, on Saturday, December 15, St. Basil's held their annual Christmas party. Ahepans from the District Lodge, including myself were present to present your gifts.

In closing, I would like to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The AHEPA Family is MY family and we all are one. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

Fraternally,
Bill Harrison
District Governor # 5



*Message from the Daughters of Penelope
District Governor*

ELENI PARLAPANIDES

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope and pray that we all survived Hurricane Sandy. Due to the hurricane some of our scheduled visitation and events had to be canceled. We will reschedule.

The District Lodge had the opportunity to start the year by installing the Chapter officers of Altes #163, Trenton. We had our workshop at Trenton and we were very fortunate to have our Grand Governor Zone 1, our District Liaison Maria-Cookie Patelos, Grand Secretary

Demi Thomas, PGP's ,PGG, and PDG's. It was a wonderful day full of information and fun.

Again I would like to thank our Sisters of Altes #163, for a marvelous job.

I have attended several functions, the Gift Auction by Altes #163, Trenton, Alexander #250, Randolph, fashion show, Xanthus #149, Delaware fashion show, and we were able to have our first visitation to Newark / Orange.

Our chapters celebrated Founders Day, November 18.

As the holiday season is upon us let us not forget those that are in need and less fortunate in our communities and in our District.

Wishing ALL the families of the Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA Wonderful, Blessed, Safe and Happy Holliday Season.

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Yours in Theta Pi,
Eleni Parlapanides,
District Governor

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Message from the Daughters of Penelope Grand Secretary

DEMI THOMAS

The spirit of Christmas is one of giving, one where we think not of ourselves but of others, those who are less fortunate than ourselves. This year, that spirit started a little sooner than normal.

Recently our communities in New York and New Jersey were struck by Hurricane Sandy. While casualties were mercifully few, the property damage and economic dislocation continues to be staggering. Some of our brothers and sisters suffered losses due to the storm. Our local Ahepa family quickly responded to assist in efforts at recovering from the storm. Volunteers worked with first responders to provide aid and comfort to the storm victims. Collections were organized to gather money and supplies to assist the recovery efforts. Other members got together and cooked for storm victims, their families and their families that were assisting them. The response by the Ahepa family reflected the community focused mission and values of our organizations. Collections and donations were received from Daughters chapters throughout the United States.

One of our goals of the Daughters of Penelope this year was to develop strategies that will benefit our resources and increase our ability to give. It is evident by the philanthropy demonstrated by the Daughters across the United States that they are working hard to achieve the goals of the Daughters of Penelope.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

Yours in Theta Pi,
Demi Thomas

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, February 24th

Testimonial Dinner for PDG Savas Tsvicos
RSVP to: drkosta@verizon.net



Business Manager's Fall Issue Message

PHIL VOGIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for your support to the AHEPA Voice magazine. Your chapter contributions and news articles, again has made our magazine the number ONE magazine in the AHEPA Domain. The Publications Board and I would like to wish you and your families a Happy New Year". We truly appreciate the support from all of our D5 AHEPA Family members. In addition, please continue to support our advertisers that make our magazine possible.

Fraternally:
Brother Phil Vogis PDG
Business Manager

HNA: 1987-2012 A GREAT CELEBRATION FOR THE 25 YEARS

By Dimitri G. Soutlogiannis
Special to the Hellenic News of America

Concordville, PA---The publisher of the Hellenic News of America Paul Kotrotsios hosted a great night for all those who came to celebrate the 25th anniversary of HNA at the "Concordville Inn" Hotel in Pennsylvania on Sunday October 14th 2012. Greek-Americans, Americans and Greeks all supporters of the newspaper showed up to celebrate the 25 years of the successful, bilingual, newspaper and congratulate its founder for his services in the Greek American community, the Greek civilization and all his endless efforts to keep the Greek language and culture alive in the United States.

Amongst other distinguished guests were representatives of the US government on a local, state or federal level, representatives of the Greek and Cypriot Embassies in the United States, people representing Greece and the United States, representatives of the Greek Tourism Organization as well as representatives of Greek American Organizations and Federations such as the American Hellenic Institute and AHEPA. They were all there to support and vouch for the Hellenic News of America and its founder in order for them to continue their important work and service to the community.

"We are able to celebrate our 25th anniversary thanks to the support and collaboration of many Greek-American who we thank every day in making our dream come true. In a way they are also making their dream come true.", Kotrotsios said during his opening statements. He also thanked his family and his wife Linda for always been there for him.

The center of attention was of course the awards recipients for their long-term services to the Greek-American community and efforts to preserve the Greek culture in the United States. New York State Assemblywoman Aravela Simotas was the Mistress of ceremonies and the entertainment was provided by Stavros Theodorou and the Macedonian Dance Group of Philadelphia.

In a prerecorded message US Senator Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) who could not make it to the dinner due to previous engagements, thanked the



Bill Harrison, Governor is flanked by Ahepans to his left who presented a certificate of accomplishment to Paul Kotrotsios (left) as publisher of the Hellenic News of America on the paper's 25 year anniversary.

Hellenic News of America for the award she received and congratulated Paul Kotrotsios for his services to the Greek-American community and said everyone should follow his example.

Professor Emeritus at the University of Delaware Dr. Dean Lomis thanked the HNA team for the award in Academia. "We are all Americans either by birth or choice, but we never stop working hard for the preservation of our Greece culture in the United States. This is exactly what Paul Kotrotsios has been doing and we thank him for that," he said.

In conclusion, congratulations and praised are to be extended to Paul Kotrotsios for his passion to help businesses through the Hellenic News of America but also the Hermes Expo International which will take place April 13-14 at the Taj Mahal Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ.

PAST SONS AND MAIDS REUNITE AT PERTH AMBOY REUNION



Sharing good times at the SAM Reunion are from left to right: Nick Mariolis, Lou Larres, Eleni Vittas and Chris Evangel

It was a long time in coming, but the best things in life are worth waiting for. Saturday evening September 29th was the night when old friends of all ages came together to meet at the District #5 Sons and Maids Reunion. The event was held at the ZPA Hall in Perth Amboy, NJ. The reunion was put together by a committee of Stephen Pavlakos, Terry Reo Urban, George Petrakakis and Nick and Barbara Zaharioudakis. Others helped as well. They did an excellent job making sure everyone was taken care of.

In attendance that evening were many who had "Past" in their titles. There was a Past Supreme President, Chris Evangel, Past District Governors, Past Miss Ahepas and Miss AHEPA escorts, of course. Some came from as far as Virginia to be present, as did the Simeons. Most in attendance were part of the Junior Orders in the 1970s but other eras were present as well. A continuous slide show was projected throughout the night showing pictures of days gone by. There were countless stories to be retold over cocktails of past conventions, dances and tournaments. When we left the hall we all felt like we were in our twenties again. It was a night to go back in time and reminisce a point in our lives that we will cherish forever. Until we meet again we can follow each other's progress on the Facebook group, "Sons and Maids Reunion."

Hurricane Sandy plowed into New Jersey and Staten Island creating havoc and misery throughout the region. Though not as deadly as the 1938 Great Hurricane which killed over 600 people, the physical destruction of Hurricane Sandy was stunning. Preliminary estimates indicate over \$20 billion in damage (second only to Hurricane Katrina). With the physical damage there is much suffering by those who survived the destruction.

AHEPA has a long tradition of service in our communities. Immediately following the hurricane, AHEPA sprang to action. The Brotherhood donated funds for relief supplies. AHEPA members reached out in their communities to mobilize volunteers to go to areas affected by the hurricane to offer assistance. We collected clothing, donated food stuffs, and were aggressive in efforts to get food and clothing to people in need. We called local fire departments and Red Cross shelters to see what assistance the Order of AHEPA could provide. We coordinated efforts to assist first responders. Many brothers from across the State fed first responders by manning soup kitchens and donating time in preparing meals for persons dealing with all the damage.

Recovery efforts now shift to rebuilding. Winter is fast approaching and there will be a definite need for clothing and food in these areas. There are several activities that Chapters can support and provide assistance. One is preparing meals for families who have been displaced, as Ocean County Chapter did recently to feed over 1,000 people. Another is to source materials to assist the rebuilding efforts as needed. Refer to the District 5 website (www.ahepadistrict5.org) for a list of needed supplies. The website information is current, reflecting the latest needs that are communicated to AHEPA. AHEPA District 5, Chapter 72 of Trenton and Chapter 108 of Hudson have mobilized and volunteered their chapters as contact points and depositories for the northern and southern regions of the state. While in New York, in District 6, under Supreme Governor Jimmy Kokotas' leadership the two lead mobilized chapters are Chapter 41 of Brooklyn and Chapter 349 of Staten Island. As the recovery efforts continue throughout New Jersey and New York, each Chapter can organize efforts to directly support our communities and help provide relief to the stricken.

There has been an outpouring of support, donations and volunteers from all the chapters in the district. We would like to thank all the brothers for their enormous generosity and in their volunteerism. Following are some highlights of activities that some of the Chapters have conducted.

AHEPA - HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF EFFORTS

NORTHERN REGION

Tenafly: The Bergen Knights Chapter of Tenafly has been working non-stop with their relief efforts. They have combined their efforts amongst other various organizations into a single cohesive relief effort and invited their parish Philoptochos president, representatives from the Parish Outreach and our parish Scout Troops in their relief efforts and are working together as one united front to help those impacted.

Their united mission has been to help those in need as efficiently as possible and is under the premise of the "Saint John the Theologian Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Effort." They have synchronized the first stage organizations between our Philoptochos, local AHEPA chapter, Parish Outreach Committee, Youth organization and Scout Troops. AHEPA is linked into our state's and nation's first responder support system and have already been heavily involved in the relief effort.

Tenafly have brought their donations to the Jersey City facility and the donations have gone to those in need.

Wyckoff: The brothers of Wyckoff have been contributing and assisting those in need. The Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge has donated supplies and rebuilding materials which were transported by the AHEPA Brothers to Jersey City with the coordination of the Hudson Chapter.

Most recently, the Ramapo Chapter has donated \$1,000 for the AHEPA National Emergency response where the funds will be used for the purchase of necessities within District 5.

Jersey City: The brothers have been working tireless in the relief efforts and in coordinating donation efforts within Hudson County and the Jersey City Office of Emergency Management. Donations have been made to the shelters and Red Cross since the hurricane impacted the State. Pallets of water have been donated and the brothers in Jersey City have answered the call. Most recently, the brothers have delivered two vans full of water, foods, storage pins, cleaning supplies and other necessities to the Jersey City OEM.

CENTRAL/SOUTH REGIONS

Toms River: As Toms River was in the heart of the storm and was the most affected Church and Chapter, they have been our District's crucial eyes and ears on the ground. They have worked non-stop and have worked to provide food, donations, shelter and other necessities to their parishioners, their brothers and the community at large. Their Church Hall is being used as a depository and distribution for items for the needy that includes cases of water, food, clothing, cleaning supplies and other necessities.

The Saint Barbara community center itself is being used as the school for the Lavallette school district that was devastated. They are providing assistance to the school and to the community in countless ways. They are helping AHEPAns, parishioners and members of the Ocean County community at large regardless of background. On a daily basis they are getting the donations in the hands of those suffering. They have made countless trips of donations to the various Red Cross shelters in the area and assist first responders. Their donations have been boundless and should be commended as all the volunteers in the State should.

In addition, recently the AHEPA brothers volunteered their time in providing a free home-cooked turkey dinner with all the trimmings to those impacted. They helped not only members of the Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church but was open to all their neighbors and the surrounding Ocean County

community. The brothers cooked enough turkey dinners, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetables, salads and other items to feed over 1,000 people. No leftovers were wasted as the brothers then delivered them to different shelters and those impacted.

Asbury Park: Asbury Park also suffered from this storm. The Asbury Park brothers have also volunteered their time and service to those who suffered. Donations have been collected and brought to those in need as they have opened up their church and their homes. In addition, on November 26th, they opened their Church for a Benefit for Sandy NJ Relief fund with 100% of all ticket revenue donated to Hurricane storm relief and rebuilding. Working with other Asbury Park organizations, the dinner and silent auction and featured Big Joe Henry from New Jersey radio station 101.5. Congratulations to the Brothers of Asbury Park's Thomas Edison Chapter.

Trenton: The Brothers have been and will continue to provide assistance to those affected by Hurricane Sandy. Over 1,000 cases of water and other items have been donated to shelters and relief areas in Little Egg Harbor, Hoboken and the shore towns. The Trenton chapter has brought numerous cases of water, non-perishables, food cans, clothing, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and other necessities to those affected, throughout

a wide area covering Bargaintown, Wall Township, Tuckerton, Long Beach Island, Hoboken, and Jersey City. The Trenton goal has also been to organize collections for both supplies and funds. The funds collected have been used purchase cases of water and storage bins and rebuilding items requested by Father Paul (PSG) of St. Barbara. Over 100 plastic storage bins have been donated to date. The Trenton relief efforts have focused on providing assistance to the Toms River and Jersey City areas.

AHEPAns of the Trenton chapter with the assistance and donations from AHEPA National, the Philotophcos and the IOCC, also received 200 Home Depot five gallon buckets, and proceeded to fill them with numerous cleaning supplies, i.e. sponges, towels, soap, detergents, clothes lines and other items. The Brothers volunteered their time in working as an assembly line and then rented a box truck that was filled to capacity with these items. As well as a pickup truck full of over 200 boxes of contractor garbage bags, with a van full of clothing and other donations. These items were distributed Toms River and to the Silverton Fire House and another local church being used by the Red Cross as a shelter and as a depot for necessities.

Trenton will continue their collections and will continue to provide assistance to those devastated by this disaster.



Future Relief: Please refer to the District 5 website (www.ahepadistrict5.org) for additional updates and bulletins.

Trenton Chapter 72 AHEPA Emergency Response Team

The Trenton brothers have been and will continue to provide assistance to those impacted and devastated by Hurricane Sandy. Brother Pete Revenidis led the charge by bringing over several hundred cases of water and other items the day after the hurricane and the days that immediately followed to Little Egg Harbor, Hoboken and the shore towns. He took it upon himself to do what was right and to help those in need and those in suffering. Every day or every two days our chapter and the brothers have brought numerous cases of water, non-perishables, food cans, clothing, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and other necessities to those impacted. Whether it has been to Toms River, Bargaintown, Wall, Tuckerton, Long Beach Island, Hoboken, or Jersey City, our goal as most chapters' goal is, has been to make our collections, for items and funds. In turn the funds collected have gone to purchase cases of water and more recently storage bins per Father Paul of St. Barbara's request. Over 100 plastic storage bins have been donated to date. Most recently, based upon discussions with the District Lodge and other chapters we have been focusing on providing assistance to the Toms River and Jersey City areas.

AHEPANS of our chapter with the assistance and donations from AHEPA National, the Philotophcos and the IOCC, also received 200 Home Depot five gallon buckets, and proceeded to fill them with numerous cleaning supplies, i.e. sponges, towels, soap, detergents, clothes lines and other items. We utilized a box truck that we filled to capacity with these items as well as a pick-up truck full of over 200 boxes of contractor garbage bags, with a van full of clothing and other donations. We brought these items to Toms River where half were left as the remaining donations were brought to the Silverton Fire House and another local church being used by the Red Cross as a shelter and as a depot for necessities. Special thanks to all the brothers who have been helping through their donations and through their hard work.

We will continue our collections and will continue to provide assistance and deliveries of necessities to those devastated by this disaster.



Saint Basil Academy: *Christmas Pageant*



On Saturday, December 15, 2012, the Children of Saint Basil Academy presented their Christmas Pageant on the majestic grounds of the Saint Basil Academy. All attendees were welcomed by Father Constantine Sitaras, Director of the Academy. Fr Sitaras gave the opening prayer which was followed by remarks made by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios. The children performed "Infant King", a celebration of the Christ Child in scripture, story and song. This was followed by Christmas carols by the children and a luncheon. Following the program the attendees proceeded to the main building for the distribution of gifts to the children.

As a result of the generosity of the AHEPA District 5 Chapters, on their behalf, the AHEPA District 5 Lodge was able to present gift cards to each of the children for Christmas. On behalf of the AHEPA District 5 Lodge, we thank all the AHEPA Chapters and the brothers for their generous donations.

Donated:

Ramapo #453 – Wyckoff, NJ
Trenton #72 – Trenton, NJ
Alexander Hamilton #54 – Paramus, NJ
Monroe #75 – Piscataway, NJ
South Jersey #162 - Vineland, NJ
Thomas Edison #287 - Asbury Park, NJ
Garden State #512 – Holmdel, NJ

Pledged:

Camden #69 – Cherry Hill, NJ
Wilmington #95 – Wilmington, DE
Hudson #108 – Jersey City, NJ
Thomas Jefferson #280 – Westfield, NJ
Bergen Knights #285 – Tenafly, NJ



Ramapo #453 Donates \$1,000 for Hurricane Sandy Relief and Plans for More Aid

The November meeting was incredibly productive one for Ramapo #453. The highlight was the discussion of and voting on what our Chapter's contribution would be to the Hurricane Sandy relief effort. We decided on the four pronged approach listed below with the expected timetable of completion:

1. An immediate \$1,000 donation to the AHEPA National Emergency Relief fund, which will be deployed to the hardest hit areas in District 5. Funds for an item like this has been budgeted for this year. (COMPLETED)
2. Identification of a local cleanup project to which we can contribute the man power of volunteers from our chapter. (1 Week)
3. Identification of a local public rebuilding effort that Ramapo Chapter can directly contribute funds and manpower to for relief. For example, the fire department in Moonachie (Bergen County) was completely destroyed and needs to be rebuilt. (6 months)
4. Possible long term infrastructure project for the church such as a Generac generator in the event of another catastrophic power outage. That way, the church can remain fully operational and even possibly serve as a shelter to the community in the event of another Hurricane Sandy like emergency. Cost of a project of this magnitude will likely be a minimum of \$25,000. (1-3 years).

Unfortunately, Hurricane Sandy disrupted our planned Veterans' Gala. The new date is Monday February 25th. This is the first event of its kind sponsored by the Ramapo Chapter. Any veteran is invited to attend the dinner and ceremonies at St Nicholas Church. There will be a memorial service at the Alexia Remembrance Garden, for those veterans who sacrificed their lives to their country. Afterward a dinner will be given for all veterans. There will be numerous veterans support organizations present for the veterans to get help for their needs, whether it be health care or employment opportunities. If you wish to be part of this event feel free to email president@ahempa453.org.

Altes #163 of Trenton, NJ Gift Auction Raises Money For Philanthropy

Submitted by Dina Fanikos, Chapter President

The Sisters of Altes 163 in Trenton started the year off with a joint installation of officers with the Ahepans. In October, we hosted our annual Gift Auction, which was a huge success. The annual auction serves as a major fundraiser for our chapter. From this event, donations benefit our local Chapter scholarship, our local parish pastor's wish list, a local county nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for women and their families, national charities for Cystic Fibrosis and Saint Jude's, and global organizations like Heifer International.

Our chapter continues our fundraising efforts with our third annual Christmas wreath, living tabletop tree, and evergreen centerpiece sale. This year we are also selling a variety of ornaments: Orthodox Cross, Nativity, Saint Nicholas, and a Spiral Angel.

After our November general meeting we turned ordinary pomegranates into cute turkey centerpieces for Thanksgiving.

On December 6th, at Paulie's Anna Rose in Ewing, we will honor 50-year member Kay Golfinopoulos. We also collect toiletries and holiday gifts for Womanspace.

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas holiday and a healthy and happy New Year!



AHEPA Garden State Chapter 517

2012 was a very good year for our Chapter. We initiated seven new members, launched our first Cigar night (which was an overwhelming success) and continued our Annual Super Bowl Party and Golf Outing. We were able to continue our annual giving to : the AHEPA Scholarship Fund; District 5 Cancer Research Foundation , Autism Speaks; The Foodbank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties; Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey ; Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church ; Ladies Philoptochos Society ; Ronald McDonald House Charities ; Saint Basil Academy; Got Your Back (helping families of fallen soldiers) and various charities aiding victims of Hurricane Sandy. The 2013 Super Party will be held At Kimisis tis Theotokou in Holmdel. All are welcome to attend. Our second annual cigar night will be held on Wednesday May 22, 2013 at the Lakeside Manor in Hazlet NJ. See our website for additional information (www.ahempa517.com).

NEWS FROM WILMINGTON #95

By George Righos, PDG

Καλά Χριστούγεννα, και Ευτυχές το Νέο Έτος

Let us be thankful to God for all the blessings He has given us, and be thankful for our burdens are always lighter than those of our neighbors. It is also always good, in this hurried world of today, to stop every so often and take a look back to the events that have brought in our life happiness and sadness, to activities who were successful and gave us the strength to continue the struggle towards family and individual excellence, and to friends and brothers who are not any longer with us, and yet who are always in our minds.

September 15, 2012, was such a day, and as a matter of fact, it was a double-header day of events for our Chapter. After much planning for almost a year, and much brotherly discussion weighing success versus failure, the Basile show went on with much success, thanks to the hard work of our President, Manny Kanas and his Lodge officers.

Over 250 persons gathered at the Holy Trinity Hellenic Center to enjoy a wonderful dinner and laugh at Basile's hilarious antics. One half of the net proceeds of the event were offered to support the work of our church, in Wilmington, the Holy Trinity.

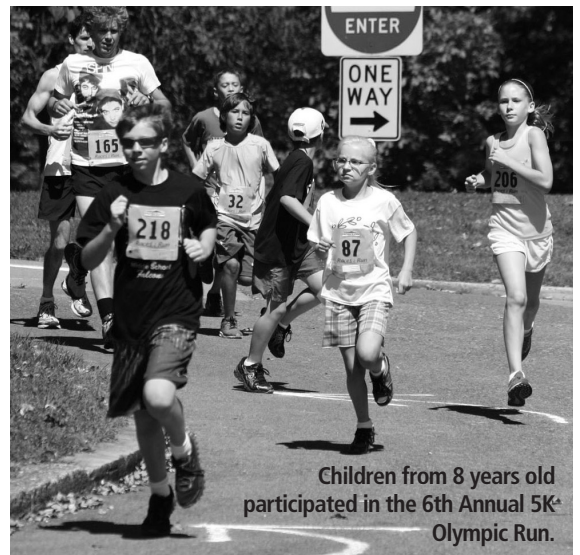
The same morning began the preparations for the 6th annual 5K Olympic Run, which for the past two years has been dedicated to the revival of the ancient Nemean Games. Over 300 runners of all ages, 80 to 8 years old, took part in the competition which is characterized by "Amilla", the ancient Greek word which means striving for excellence motivated by noble means.

After the game, came the recognition of those who had excelled in the run, and who were honored with trophies and medals. I must add here, that in the ancient times, winners of the Nemean Games were honored with a crown made of wild celery.

In the aftermath, everyone was invited to partake of Greek food, fruit and refreshments, an excellent selection, all very generously provided by Bro. Dimitri Halakos. The proceeds from this event, as always, were offered to support the progress of our Odyssey Charter School.

I believe when it comes to generosity, my brother Ahepans are one of the most sensitive groups. Their support of philanthropic, charitable, and education causes is unparalleled. Some of the major contributions made this year are:

- \$65,000 to Odyssey Charter School (to forgive the school's start-up loan)
- \$6,000 to Holy Trinity Greek School
- \$3,500 to Holy Trinity Operating expenses
- \$1,000 to Ahepa Foundation Inc. (earmarked for Greece Humanitarian Relief Effort)
- \$1,900 to Ahepa Cancer Research Foundation
- \$360 to Holy Trinity for AHEPA memorial brick
- And many, many more smaller, but numerous contributions to worthy causes.



Camden #69 Joins with Philadelphia Ahepans to Initiate Six New Members – Submitted by George Chronakis



On October 24th 2012, Camden Chapter 69 had a mass initiation of new members into our AHEPA brotherhood. The ceremony took place at our AHEPA Hall in The Danielle Koussoulis Cultural Center of the St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church in Cherry Hill, NJ.

These were joint initiations with members of the Philadelphia area chapters. We initiated 6 men into the Order.

Light dinner and beverages were served and enjoyed as well as the camaraderie of the brotherhood.

We received several congratulatory compliments from the initiates and or brothers in Philadelphia for the orderly manner the ceremony was conducted.

God Bless America, God Bless Greece, and God Bless the Order of AHEPA.

Our new Brothers are:

Nikitas Moustakas, Esq.
Frank Aeillo
Kostas George
Nicholas Tsapralis Esq.
Guido Sosi

The following visiting dignitaries conducted the initiations:

Andrew C. Zachariades, Past Supreme Treasurer
Jimmy Kokotas, Supreme Governor of Region 3
Bill Harrison, District #5, District Governor,
NJ District # 5 District Lodge

Lee Millas, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees
George G. Horiates Esq, PDG
Chris B Sevast, PDG
George Burlotos, PDG
Herbert P. Allen, PDG

AHEPA Chapter # 375 (Eagle Rock) hosted a discussion of Rebetica lead by Grigori Maninakis, the entertainer and director of the Mikrokosmos Ensemble. There were 35 attendees at the new church of SS Nicholas, Constatntine & Helen Church at 80 Laurel Ave, Roseland, NJ. The discussion was on the history of Rebetica, how it started, where it started from, why it started and by whom. A number of composers were discussed, and their style of music as we listened to a CD with their music. A number of interesting questions were answered as more discussion followed. Refreshments were served after the discussion. More events are scheduled for the future. An after Christmas, Christmas Party in January, and two more interesting speakers are in the future please call President, Peter Kokidis for more information at 973-736-2060.



Monroe #75 Celebrates Holiday Season with a Turkey Dinner

Submitted by John Millas

Thursday Nov. 15, Monroe 75, New Brunswick, held it's annual Thanksgiving day dinner at The Stoneybrook Grill and Restaurant in North Branch, N.J.. The event was a resounding success. Beginning with a prayer, led by President John Millas, followed by the recognition of attending dignataries, a traditional turkey dinner, with all the trimmings was served. As always, brothers Nick Kumarianos and Simos Kontos did an outstanding presentation of the menu.

Brothers Tom Vastardis, Anthony Kamarinopoulos, and Panos Stavrianides were presented with a ten, thirty, thirty-five year Ahepa Service pin. The presentation was made by District Secretary Stanley Gerondelis and President John Millas.

The good food and warm fellowship, enjoyed by all, has once more demonstrated the role of Ahepa as our extended family.

SUPREME LODGE VISITS THE ALEXANDER HAMILTON CHAPTER

On Tuesday evening, November 27th the Alexander Hamilton Chapter #54 held a mass initiation of four new initiates. Two were from Alexander Hamilton and two were from Eagle Rock Chapter #375. The event took place at Rudy's Restaurant in Hackensack, NJ.

The Supreme Lodge was present on that evening to conduct the initiation ceremony. Visiting dignitaries include Supreme President John Grossomanides, Supreme Vice President Anthony Kouzounis, and Supreme Governor Jimmy Kokotas. The District Lodge was also in attendance. Those present enjoyed a delicious makaronada dinner, prepared by President Louis Arvanitis.

The chapter made many presentations throughout the evening including a \$5,000 donation to the Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation, \$500 to Hurricane Sandy Relief and also 2,000 pounds of turkey for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Other donations were also made to various AHEPA programs which included the children of St Basils Academy and AHEPA PAC.

RECOGNITION OF OMISSION: In a prior March 25th flag raising event at the Bergen County Courthouse, the Alexander Hamilton Chapter 54 honored Mr Tony Papamarklou, owner of the Graycliff caterers of Moonachie, for his past service to AHEPA and his support of Hellenic causes. Mr Papamarklou is also a supporter of the AHEPA Voice and a regular advertiser. This honor was not reported and as a result not printed. We congratulate Mr Papamarklou for this honor. ΠΑΝΤΑ ΑΞΙΟΣ.



SAVE THE DATE:

New York City
Greek Independence Day Parade

Sunday, April 7, 2013 at 1:00 PM

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Westchester Country Club hosts annual New Rochelle Chapter 405 Initiation/Luncheon

On Saturday, December 1, 2012, in a sparkling rendition of AHEPA's Ritualistic Initiations, New Rochelle Chapter 405 initiated 15 new members increasing its membership to approximately 170 members. The class of 2012 included the following new initiates; Emanuel Chihai, Christos Georgiou, Michael Gikas, Tom Itty, George Zimmer, Peter Zimmer, Angelo Meimeteas, Evan Noulas, George Williams, Jr., Nicholas Williams, Martin Ziemnicki, Dennison Veru, Alex Nicolau, Nabil Ghawi and George Seremetis.

More than 150 AHEPANS, family members and guests attended the chapters annual event, including AHEPA's very senior leadership from throughout the United States. Attending were Supreme President, Dr. John Grossomanides from Rhode Island; Supreme Vice President, Anthony Kouzounas from Texas; Phillip Frangos, from Michigan; Supreme Governors, Jimmy Kokotas from, New York, John Tanionos from Massachusetts and Nicholas Kavadas from Indiana. Representing the Board of Trustees was Trustee Constantine P. Calliontzis, from Massachusetts. In addition, New York's District Lodge was represented by District Governor, Michael Papaphotes, Lt Governor and Chapter member, Tom Dushas and District Treasurer, Ted Malgarinos. Also attending was Past Supreme Secretary and Chairman of AHEPA's St. Basil Academy Committee, Jim Poll. The Garden State, District 5 was represented by Lt. Governor, Sammy Thomas and Yankee District 7 was represented by Greg Stamos, Chairman of AHEPA's Hall of Fame Athletic Committee. In addition, numerous Past Supreme and District Lodge officers attended along with sizeable chapter delegations from the tri-state region. It was one of the largest turnouts in AHEPA's History.

The initiation was followed by a magnificent testimonial banquet in honor of the Chapters distinguished Chief Financial Officer, Constantine (Gus) Varlamos. Chapter President, Joe Keane was the toast master and Brothers James Zafiros, Zachary Marantis and Tom Dushas offered eloquent introductions and tributes to the honoree.

Supreme President, Dr. John Grossomanides was the key note speaker. His remarks highlighted AHEPA's national programs. He praised the chapters innovative support of AHEPA's full page national ad in the New York Times supporting Hellenism; in tribute to the 2977 who lost their lives ten years earlier, the re-building of St. Nicholas Church and exposing the AHEPA brand to millions of their subscribers. He described New Rochelle # 405 as one of the nations leading AHEPA Chapters and a role model for 21st century Hellenism.

Father Nicholas Anctil, chapter Chaplin and President of the Archdiocese association of priests gave the benediction assisted by Father John Romas, a 45 year member of the chapter.



15 new initiates joined New Rochelle #405, a chapter that now boasts strong.



Testimonial banquet in honor of the Rochelle Park Chapter's distinguished Chief Financial Officer, Constantine (Gus) Varlamos. Presenting the award (l to r) are Brothers James Zafiros and Tom Dushas, Supreme President John Grossamindes, honoree Gus Varlamos and Chapter President, Joe Keane.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from...

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DISTRICT FIVE HALLOWEEN PARTY

The District Five Sons held a successful Halloween party at the A.H.E.P.A. house in Trenton, on October 27th, 2012. There 100% representation from all of the active chapters of the district, in addition to many of our Greek friends outside of the Sons. The Sons hired a prominent DJ giving an atmosphere of kefi. The Lodge also offered a costume contest, food, and an open bar. With the tremendous generosity of the Trenton A.H.E.P.A., Mr Asteris Fanikos, and the guidance of the District Sons Advisor Mr. Ted Vittas, along with the teamwork of the entire Sons Lodge the event was a great success. We hope to see you all again in next year's Halloween Party!



Piscataway Sons First Luncheon

The New Brunswick Sons Kanaris Chapter 177 led the new fiscal year with a philanthropically driven luncheon, on September 30th, 2012. The Sons objectives for this event was four dimensional, encourage charitable deeds within the organization, establish a public image within the church community, inspire eligible candidates, and to experience proper procedures for running events to the newly active chapter. The luncheon was spearheaded by President George K. Sarris (also the District Lt. Governor), Vice President Nick Albanese (also the District Marshall), and the Chapter's Public Relation Committee (George Stavrianidis and Dionisios Bourodimos). The Chapter's first event surpassed all expectations. This leading charitable event carved a path of a continuance of philanthropy by enabling us with necessary tools and ambitions, to new innovative ways of aiding our community. The chapter engaged the church community with a well prepared introductory/thank you speech, solidifying the public image created by the event. Due to the success of the luncheon one new member was initiated into the order, with a second one awaiting to be initiated. Finally, the team effort of the various committees and members exemplified coordination through an on-hands experience, instilling unity and respect within the chapter.

With the help of the Chapter's members, the A.H.E.P.A., the Sons Advisors, and the donors, the luncheon was a great success. It fulfilled initial objectives and established a credible treasury account. Special thanks are due to Mr. Nick Banis, Mr. Carmine Albanese, the Piscataway A.H.E.P.A., for their unmatched support, and Omega Diner, Bridgewater Diner, Hillsborough Star and Colonial Diner for their delicious dishes!

NICHOLAS ELIADES IS ELEVATED TO EAGLE SCOUT

Nicholas Eliades of Wayne NJ was surrounded by his family and members of the Wyckoff community as part of Nicholas' elevation as an Eagle Scout. In a ceremony on Saturday, November 24th Nicholas was elevated to the top rank in scouting. His service project, which earned him the honor, was the cleanup and beautification of the basement at St Nicholas Church in Wyckoff. Nicholas is a member of the Sons of Pericles Patritha Chapter of Wyckoff. He was awarded a plaque by the Sons District Advisor, Ted Vittas and an icon of his namesake, Saint Nicholas by Phil Vogis, Facilities Manager, on behalf of St Nicholas Church. Giving the benediction at his ceremony was Rev. Fr James Moulketis of St Nicholas Church. Nick is the son of Maios and Alice Eliades.



Sons Delegation Attends Ahepa Family Governors' Conference In Washington, DC

Chapter presidents and representatives from across the country attended the AHEPA Family Governors' Conference held in Washington DC from September 21 through September 23. At the conference, delegates attended a meeting hosted by the Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge to discuss future events for the upcoming year. Chapters made presentations about local and district plans including basketball tournaments, dances, and other annual events that have been successful in the past years. The Sons delegation also joined the Maids of Athena for a presentation by the president and co-founder of FARA (Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance), Ron Bartek. FARA is this year's joint national project for the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena.

Following the meetings held on Saturday, Sons and Maids received a private charter bus tour of Washington, D.C. In addition to seeing the entire area, participants had the opportunity to walk around famous attractions such as the White House, Capitol Building, and other monuments. In the evening, Sons and Maids attended a dinner and cocktail event held by the AHEPA Family at headquarters. The weekend was a very beneficial event that was full of fun and memorable moments. The Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge left very excited and inspired by the enthusiasm demonstrated by chapter representatives for the National Project and upcoming year.



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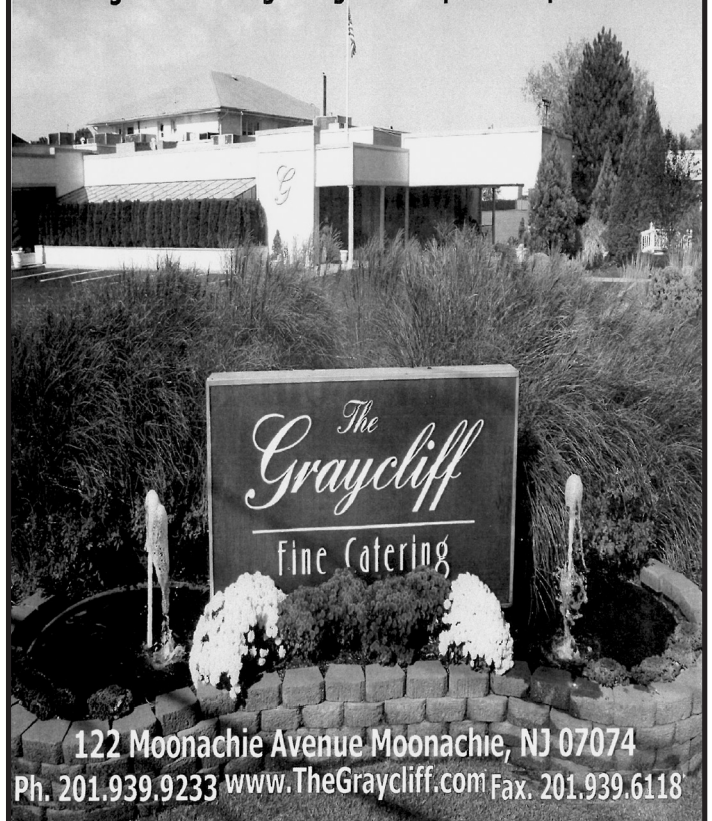
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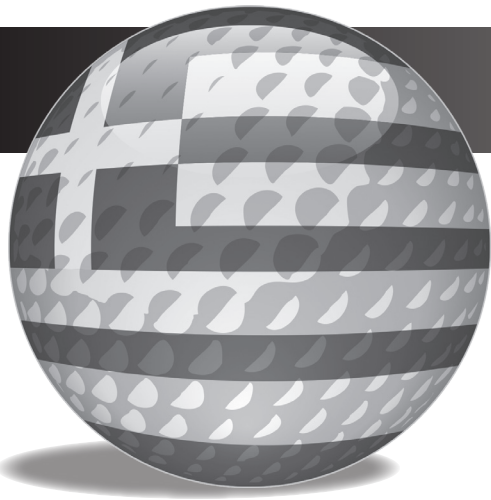
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MID ATLANTIC REGIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



On October 11, 2012 the first AHEPA regional golf tournament was held in Ewing, NJ. Supreme Athletic Director, PSP Ike Gulas was excited and appreciative of the host chapter, Trenton #72, where 70 golfers competed for winning low net and low gross placement in the National Tournament, to be played at the Supreme Convention. The medal play winners both came from AHEPA chapter #515. Peter Mossaidis won low gross and James Sioutis won low net.

At the awards buffet, Ike Gulas communicated his thanks and appreciation to all those in attendance. And Supreme Governor Jimmy Kokotas from New York, National Board of Trustees Vice Chairman Lee Millas, and Executive Director Basil Mossaidis all spoke on the renewed athletic program for this year.



A video of this event can be found at <http://cosmosphilly.com/videos/trenton-ahepa-hosts-11th-annual-golf-tourney/>

District Athletics Report

By Nicholas Mariolis, District Athletic Director

It is my privilege to provide a report of athletic events that occurred in District 5.

Over the summer several fishing trips took place where anglers set sail to catch fluke and bluefish. This included the Trenton chapter's trip. Many fish were caught and stories were told.

Other events include golf outings by the Camden (Cherry Hill) and Garden State (Holmdel) chapters. Trenton too hosted their tournament which this year became the first Mid Atlantic Regional tournament. All funds are going towards AHEPA missions for scholarship and philanthropy.

The first bowling challenge of the season was issued by Cherry Hill to the Trenton chapter. Cherry Hill was anchored by PDG George Horiates, with Jimmy Rozanitis, George Pappas and Steve Marmarou fiercely competing with the Trenton brothers. The Trenton team was led by PDG Lee Millas, Dino Demetriou and Asteris Fanikos. It was a



fun filled gam but at the end Trenton got the victory. We are looking forward to additional bowling matches between other chapters.

Other ideas for the spring are for a father/son paintball outing. If you are interested you may contact me at nickmariolis@hotmail.com or (973)-342-2544 or Asteris Fanikos at afanikos@hotmail.com or (609)-462-5639.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Hudson Ahepa Family, Hudson Chapter #108 and Icarus Chapter #48 (DOP), are proud to once again host the Fifth District Convention. This is the fourth Convention hosted by our Chapters and we are busily planning an exciting weekend for all that will attend. The Convention will be held at the Ramada Inn, 160 Holiday Plaza (Frontage Road, service road), Newark, NJ.

The dates of the convention are Friday, June 13, (registration and opening ceremonies followed with a Convention Get Together, honoring Scholarship Recipients and DJ Music), Saturday, June 14, (registration, business meetings, Daughter's Luncheon at noon, afternoon business meetings. Banquet 6:30 Cocktail Hour, 7:30 Dinner), Sunday, June 15, Liturgy at Evangelismos Tis Theotokou, Jersey City, Farewell Reception to follow. This is a brief schedule of the weekend events.

Our Convention Committee will visit every Chapter with more information and tickets for the various events. We are also planning our Convention Journal and ask everyone to participate and be a part of the History of our great Fifth District.

Thank you for your kind consideration, with your help we can make this another outstanding Convention of the great John G. Thevos, Fifth District of New Jersey and Delaware.

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 BUSINESS MEETINGS OF BOTH ORDERS - 9:00 A.M.
 DAUGHTERS LUNCHEON - 12 NOON
 (AHEPA REGISTRATION MANDATED TO INCLUDE LUNCHEON)
 FOLLOWING LUNCHEON, BUSINESS MEETINGS CONTINUE.

CONVENTION BANQUET: COCKTAIL HOUR 6:30 P.M. (CASH BAR)
 DINNER AND MUSIC - 7:30 P.M.

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(FURTHER DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED)

CHRISTMAS GATHERINGS



The District Lodges of the AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope celebrated with a dinner on Sunday, December 9th at the Skylark Diner in Edison.



The Past District 5 Governors met for their annual Christmas dinner at the KC Prime Steakhouse in Lawrenceville, NJ on Thursday, December 13th.



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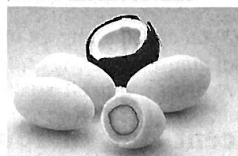
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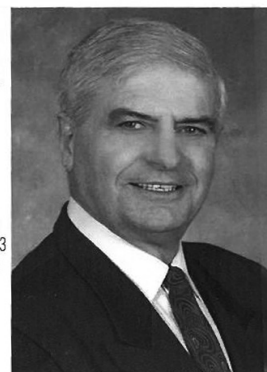
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George J. Andresakes, 98, passed away peacefully on Aug. 4, 2012, at Crane's Mill in Caldwell, N.J. George was born and raised in Montclair. After attending Montclair High School, he received a scholarship to Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. He was active in the choir and theater and was captain of the cheerleading squad and a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. Upon his graduation in 1936, he attended Harvard Law

School, from which he graduated in 1939. In 1942, he married Louise Giblin, also of Montclair. The couple lived in Upper Montclair, N.J., where they raised five children. George started his own law practice, Connell and Andresakes, in Montclair, and eventually became general counsel for Village Supermarkets. He worked for the company until his retirement, and remained on the board of directors until 2004. He was also a prominent member of New Jersey's Greek community, serving in various positions in AHEPA and eventually rising to the position of District Governor. George retired to Mantoloking Shores, N.J., and Marco Island, Fla.



George A. Cummings, 82, of Vineland, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, at Cooper University Hospital, Camden. Born in New Castle, Pa., he was a resident of Vineland for 44 years. George was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the United States Army. He was employed by the City of Vineland for more than 20 years in the engineering department as a draftsman. He attended and was an active member of the Greek Orthodox Church of

St. Anthony. He was a past officer and member of the South Jersey Chapter #162 of the Order of AHEPA and the Moose Lodge of Vineland. He enjoyed studying the Bible. And also enjoyed photography and his stamp collection, but most of all he enjoyed his family and friends.

Arthur G. Gussias passed away Monday evening, June 25, 2012. He was 88. Born in New Brunswick, ASrthur graduated from New Brunswick High School and then Rutgers University. Mr Gussias was a veteran of WWII serving as a Master Sargent in the US Army. He retired from a career at New Brunswick Sheet Metal Works after 35 years. He is a past President of the St George Greek Orthodox Church in Piscataway. Mr Gussias was a recipient of the Monroe Chapter 75 Distinguished Service Award and the was honored with the same award by the Rotarians. Mr. Gussias is survived by his wife Jenny M Curatola Gussias and his four children and two step-children.



Archimandrite Alexander Kile passed away on Thursday, June 7, 2012, at the age of 56. He was born in Istanbul (Constantinople), Turkey, on February 5th 1956. He finished his elementary education in the Greek educational system in Istanbul and then he enrolled in the private French Benedictine High School Saint Benoit. In 1974 he immigrated to Toronto, Canada where he finished his High School Education at the French-

Canadian High School of Etienne Brulee. In 1976 he enrolled to Hellenic College in Brookline, MA, and then continued his Theological Studies at the Aristotelian University, in Thessaloniki, Greece, where he graduated with honors from the School of Theology in 1985. On December 1986 Rev. Kile was ordained priest at Saint Spyridon, Washington Heights, Manhattan, New York. On December 25 1990, he was elevated to the rank of Archimidrite. Rev Kile served 7 parishes in his lifetime and most recently at Saint Demetrios of Union, NJ.

James (Dimitrios) Kogamihalis, age 83, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 15, 2012. Mr. Kogamihalis was born in Frederick, Maryland. As a young man, he worked for the HVAC Corp. and later as an inspector for the State Highway Dept. before his retirement in 1985. He was a renowned jazz collector. He was actively involved in his church being instrumental in the coffee hour, festival, youth sports activities, summer camps, youth groups, also AHEPA President, Young at Heart-attended both studies, and mailing coordination. Mr. Kogamihalis is survived by his sister,

Despina (Della) Savopoulos; and brother-in-law, Basil (Bill) Savopoulos.



Thomas Kouridakis died on Thursday at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick with his loving family by his side. He was 85 years old. Mr. Kouridakis was born in New Brunswick and lived in the city before moving to Somerset in 1962. He was a graduate of New Brunswick High School Class of 1946 and received a Bachelor's Degree in business from Rider College. He was employed as an Appraiser for the NJ Department of Transportation, Right of Way Division. He retired in 1992. He was a member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Piscataway for many years. He served as Church President from 1978-2003, served on the festival committee for 39 years and was currently serving on the Church Board of Directors. Mr. Kouridakis was a longtime member of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association Monroe Chapter 75.



Nicholas Moustakas, of Haworth, passed away on September 25, 2012. Beloved husband of Kanella (nee Ortzanis). Devoted father of Marianna Eby and her husband Jeffrey, Thanie Petikas and her husband Theodore. Nicholas was Parish President at Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church in Jersey City, as well as a founding director of the Community

Center and Consecration of that church. He was a 35 year member of St. John's Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Tenafly, a member of AHEPA and Past President of Zodohos Pighi of Andros. He was the founder of the N.G.M. Valley Diner in Closter. He will be remembered for his devotion to his beloved wife, children and grandchildren, his endless generosity to all that knew him, his charismatic smile and personality, his love for his home in Batsi Andros Greece and the church. His grace, elegance and memory will be eternal.



James Gus Poulos, age 89, of Fort Lee, passed on July 9, 2012. He was born August 24, 1922 and grew up in Union City, NJ and graduated from Union Hill High School in June 1941. Lived in Fort Lee since 1953. Obtained a BS from NYU School of Education in 1959 and taught Industrial Art Shop at Fort Lee High School 1959-1960. He went into private sector as an Estimator for Industrial and Navy Pumps. In 1988 he retired from Worthington Pumps in Harrison, NJ after 19 years of service. He served

his country proudly in the Navy during WWII as Radar Technician and taught radar technology to the Russian Navy stationed in Staten Island. On February 6, 1947 he married Vivian (nee; Petrakis) at Sts Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Brooklyn, NY. Member of the St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral in Tenafly, NJ since 1969. Served on the Parish Council for 15 Years and was a founding member as well as President for two years of Kali Parea in 1997. Jim is also a member of AHEPA Bergen Knights Chapter #285 since 2001. On May 8, 2006 he was presented with an Icon of St. John Chrysostom by his Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of NJ, for selfless Christian offering of time, treasure and talent. Jim was also a founding member of the Greek Orthodox Ascension Church in Fairview, NJ.




Prodomos John Siris, age 79 of Lincoln Park, died on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. One of seven children, Prodomos was born in 1933 to Vasilios and Zouboulia Psiris in Kardamena, Kos, Greece.

Following graduation from high school, Prodomos attended Prometheas, a technical school where he received training to be a ships mechanic. He then joined the Royal Navy of Greece where he served as a ship's mechanic. With very little money in his pocket and seeking opportunity and fortune, Prodomos emigrated to the United States in 1956. With the help of his cousin, Irene Romeo, he met his future wife in Washington Heights, New York. Her name was Haido Tsonos and it was love at first sight! They married in 1960 and the young couple settled in Washington Heights and started a family. Their 1st born was Bill and a year later Leo, their 2nd born, was born. Prodomos opened up his 1st business, a luncheonette, in the Wall Street area of New York City and continued to prosper by opening and operating several restaurants in New York and New Jersey. Prodomos was an active member and officer of various Greek-American social organizations representing immigrants from his native land; they included the Koakos Syllogos Hippocrates and the Ramapo Chapter #453 of AHEPA.

James Youlios, 89, of Woodland Park, N.J., passed away on Wednesday, April 11, 2012. James was an archon of the Greek Orthodox Church and served at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey and the Archdiocese of America in New York; he served on the board of trustees of St. Basil Academy in Garrison, N.Y. and worked tirelessly with the National Stewardship Ministries. He was an active member of IEEE, AHEPA and American Legion Post 44. James served in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the battleship U.S.S. Texas. He was the beloved husband of Angeliki (nee Colonias); devoted father of Stephen (Laura) of Santa Clarita, Calif., Cathy of Hong Kong and George (Alison) of Wayne, N.J. He will be remembered as a strong, dedicated man who was devoted to his family and his church.

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Brothers and Sisters of the AHEPA Family:

I am pleased to write you today on behalf of the Biennial Banquet Committee, to invite and provide you pertinent information regarding the 40th Biennial Banquet scheduled for Wednesday May 22, 2013 in Washington, DC.

This year's banquet is a very special one. We are honoring members of Congress, members of the Hellenic Caucus and members who support our Hellenic causes. It is our American sense of pride and community which brings us together to educate our members of Congress about our issues and more importantly about AHEPA. Additionally, AHEPA will be honoring members of the military by honoring the Tomb of the Unknowns. This black tie event will be held at the:

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This letter is being sent to you to give you advance notice and we urge you to prepare your friends and family for an enjoyable time in our Nation's Capital. We are making arrangements to have the AHEPA Capitol Hill day session earlier in the day, so please make every effort to attend this special event. The Committee and I hope you seriously consider attending this year's banquet, it will be most memorable. Please contact AHEPA headquarters with any questions, Thank you.

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