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June 7, 2025

To the esteemed Mike Labatos, District 6 Governor; Andreas E. Christou, Esq., President of Delphi Chapter #25; and all the Lodge Officers, Committee Chairs, Presidents, Chapters, Members, Friends and Supporters of AHEPA Empire State District 6:

It is with much joy that I offer my warmest greetings to all of you on the occasion of your 89th Annual AHEPA Family District 6 Convention. This gathering, hosted by the historic Delphi Chapter #25, with support from Poughkeepsie Chapter 158, takes place at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, New York. This, of course, serves as both a tribute to AHEPA's legacy and a celebration of your continued dedication to our precious Hellenic Christian values and ideals.

Equally as significant, though, is the fact that your convention is being held at a venue connected to a visionary leader and former Ahepan, the great Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who championed unity and progress in our country as President of the United States. In much the same way, the AHEPA Family exemplifies what can be accomplished when individuals come together with a shared purpose and determination. Your steadfast commitment to education, service and philanthropy strengthens your local chapters and the broader community by nurturing a legacy of hope and opportunity.

And so, as you award scholarships to our beloved youth, you affirm our commonly held belief in the transformative power of knowledge and the promise of a brighter future. By investing in education, you are helping shape a generation of leaders who will one day build on the foundations we have laid and help carry the torch of our prized Hellenic principles and ideals forward into tomorrow. It is my hope that you will always strive to advance your noble mission with vision and courage, thereby ensuring that its impact will continue to expand forevermore!

With much paternal love in Christ,

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† ELPIDOPHOROS Archbishop of America



May 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of the Supreme Lodge, it has been a tremendous pleasure and privilege to hold the highest office within our organization, representing the esteemed Order worldwide this year!

AHEPA stands as a truly distinctive organization, with a core commitment to the perpetuation of Hellenic ideals. This commitment not only underpins the success of our fraternity but also upholds the values of the society in which we live. Our organization inherits a rich legacy from those who preceded us, and we are the stewards entrusted with passing on this legacy to the next generation.



During this moment of reflection, it's important to celebrate not only individual achievements but also acknowledge AHEPA's status as the foremost grassroots organization globally. Our philanthropic endeavors are unparalleled and deserve recognition.

I have actively continued to encourage our chapters, districts and prolific individuals to contribute through donations and volunteerism, providing much-needed assistance to our communities. The spirit of community service lies at the heart of our mission, and I am proud that you, our core members and supporters have responded admirably. The AHEPA Family persists in its dedication to offering support, including providing food for any frontline workers and those in need, especially the elderly and less fortunate. The AHEPA family's commitment to working together for global assistance remains unwavering.

Our Educational Foundation continues to play a crucial role by offering financial assistance to deserving students pursuing their academic aspirations. The AHEPA Journey to Greece stands out as a remarkable cultural enrichment program, reintroducing our youth to the rich heritage of Greece while providing them with transferable college credits.

I extend my best wishes for a highly productive workshop, contributing to the ongoing success of our mission. May your deliberations be harmonious and productive, embodying the unity of the AHEPA Family. I express my gratitude to everyone for their hospitality and courtesies extended to my family and me during my travels. I eagerly anticipate meeting many of you at our 103rd Annual Supreme Convention in Orlando, FL, hosted at the splendid Walt Disney World - Coronado Springs Resort Hotel from July 21st to 26th, 2025!

Fraternally,

Savas C. Tsivicos Supreme President

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The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AHEPA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 2025

Dear Esteemed AHEPA Family and Friends,

On behalf of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) and its esteemed Board of Trustees, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on the successful completion of your Annual District Convention. It is with genuine appreciation and warmth that we acknowledge the dedication and commitment demonstrated by each member of our vibrant community.

As we strive to invigorate the grassroots of the American Hellenic community, it is our collective endeavor to provide a platform that recognizes excellence within our hometowns and local communities. AHEPA, with its international scope and significance, offers a unique stage for such recognition.



New York, being the epicenter of Greek America, naturally embodies excellence in leadership, public service, and philanthropy. AHEPA District 6 exemplifies these values, setting a commendable standard for us all to emulate in our daily lives. The spirit of our work on behalf of the community and society is deeply embedded in the noble mission of the AHEPA family, and we take immense pride in our collective accomplishments.

For over a century, AHEPA has been synonymous with care and compassion, a legacy that continues to shine brightly through the dedicated efforts of our members. Supreme President Tsivicos and I, salute each member for their unwavering outreach and commitment to fulfilling the vision of our founding fathers. I extend my sincere gratitude to all AHEPA chapters for their philanthropic endeavors and for sharing inspirational stories and photos with us. Your contributions serve as a source of inspiration for us all, and we eagerly anticipate witnessing more of our Order's remarkable achievements.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the entire AHEPA Family, including AHEPA, DOP, MOA, and SOP, for their exemplary efforts in organizing this outstanding event. Your continued dedication over the past century has been instrumental in shaping the success of our organization, and I look forward to celebrating many more milestones together in the years to come. I eagerly anticipate meeting many of you at our 103rd Annual Supreme Convention in Orlando, FL, hosted at the splendid Walt Disney World – Coronado Springs Resort Hotel from July 21st to 26th, 2025!

Fraternally,

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#### ORDER OF AHEPA AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

June 7, 2025

Dear AHEPA Family District 6:

On behalf of the Supreme Lodge, it has been a great pleasure and honor to serve as the Supreme Vice President of our organization and to represent our beloved Order across the globe this year! I look forward to continuing to serve AHEPA with you in the coming years.

Your District and the entire AHEPA family has a rich legacy from those who came before us. We are the stewards of that legacy which we must pass on to those of the next generation. In a time of pause, we should reflect on the great achievements, not just personally, but as the greatest grass roots organization across the world. Our philanthropic work is beyond reproach and is unheralded.



We live in times where our community support is needed. From the California fires, the gulf coast and east coast floods, and the fires in Greece, we encourage our members to donate or volunteer time and energy needed to provide support to our communities in need. With the spirit of community service at the core of our mission, we are proud that our members continue to support communities around the world.

Congratulations to the conference organizing committee, the District Governors and their lodges and all the volunteers for your selfless work, dedication and unwavering commitment to ensuring the success and continuation of our AHEPA Family.

My best wishes for a very productive conference leading to the continuation of that success. I wish you harmonious and productive deliberations and look forward to seeing everyone at the Supreme Convention in Orlando, FL.

Fraternally,

E. Chris Kaitson

E. Chris Kaitson Supreme Vice President

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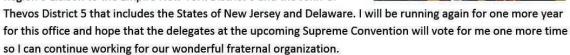
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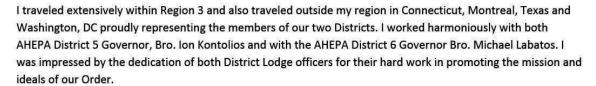
#### OFFICE OF THE SUPREME GOVERNOR REGION 3, 2024-2025

June 7, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the AHEPA District 6 Family:

It was a great honor for me to serve as the AHEPA Supreme Governor Region 3 Liaison to the Empire New York District 6 and the John G.





I offer my congratulations to the organizing committee of the hosting AHEPA Delphi Chapter 25 and to the members of the AHEPA Poughkeepsie Chapter 158 for supporting the Delphi Chapter to ensure the success of the District 6 Convention. I encourage all delegates to deliberate productively and respectfully. Pay attention to all the District Officers' reports and think of how you wish to carry on the vision you want to take the Order in the future. Convene the best plan for the upcoming year and elect officers who are ready and equipped to carry on their duties and devote their time, treasure and leadership skills that their office demands.

In closing, have a most enjoyable District Convention with successful and productive deliberations. Let's keep the spirit of our Brotherhood in the forefront for the new generation! Have a great summer. Hope to see many of you at the upcoming Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Fraternally,

Dean Moskos

Supreme Governor Region 3

CHARLES E. SCHUMER NEW YORK



Democratic Leader

#### United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3203
June 2025

Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings as you gather with District 6 of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) as it celebrates its 2025 Empire District 6 AHEPA Family Annual District 6 Convention. It is an absolute pleasure to recognize the outstanding philanthropic efforts of AHEPA, its leadership, members, and chapters.

Since its inception in 1923, AHEPA's Delphi Chapter 25 has remained steadfast in AHEPA's mission to promote the ancient Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, integrity, and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism. Chapter 25 has brought these goals to our great state, benefiting New Yorkers and their communities for over 100 years, AHEPA has promoted education by awarding students with over 500,000 dollars annually in scholarships to advance educational goals and allow America's youth to prosper. Additionally, AHEPA engages in the spirit of volunteerism through its several philanthropic efforts around New York and the United States. It has made notable contributions to research for the elimination of life-threatening diseases, disaster relief projects, the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and has provided enormous support for St. Basil's Academy, a childcare facility in Garrison, New York. Together with its four different organizations and members, AHEPA has donated well over one billion dollars to national projects throughout its history. The work of AHEPA also enhances civic responsibility among its members. With chapters in every major city and rural areas in North America, it has built a strong grassroots movement that advocates on behalf of the Greek-American community to elected representatives on all levels of the government. The work of AHEPA is extremely meaningful to the Greek-American community and has promoted the Hellenic principles of humanity, freedom, and democracy throughout New York and the United States. These principles are extremely important to both the United States and Greece, strengthening our relationship and making a positive impact on all New Yorkers.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, thank you the work you do on behalf of the Greek-American community. I know that AHEPA will continue to advance its history through advocacy for years to come. Best wishes for a wonderful event!

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer

United States Senator



Consulate General of Greece

New York,

The Consul General



New York, May 2, 2025

#### Message from the Consul General of Greece in New York for the AHEPA District 6 Annual Convention

It is with great appreciation and warm congratulations that I extend my greetings to the members of the Order of AHEPA, the Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, and Maids of Athena, on the occasion of the AHEPA District 6 Annual Convention, hosted this year by Delphi Chapter #25 at the historic Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum.

The choice of venue is deeply symbolic. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was not only one of America's most transformative leaders, but also a proud member of AHEPA Delphi Chapter #25. His enduring legacy and the strong historical ties between this chapter and the late President serve as a powerful reminder of the shared democratic ideals that unite Greece and the United States—freedom, civic responsibility, and the pursuit of the common good.

As you gather to conduct the business of the AHEPA Family, recognize academic achievement, and continue your tireless support for Hellenism, education, philanthropy, and civic engagement, please know that Greece deeply values the work you do. The contributions of the Greek-American community, as exemplified by AHEPA's century-long record of service, remain a pillar of strength in our bilateral relations and a source of pride for Greeks everywhere.

I especially commend the Scholarship Luncheon and the recognition of our youth—who represent the future of our community and the promise of our heritage. May they continue to carry forward the values and traditions instilled by organizations such as AHEPA and its sister orders.

On behalf of the Consulate General of Greece in New York, I wish you a successful and inspiring Convention.

Sincerely,

Iphigenia Kanara



#### Kimisis tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church Reverend Father Jason M. Dickey, Proistamenos



June 6, 2025

To our AHEPA Family,

As a servant of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the parish priest of Kimisis tis Theotokou of Poughkeepsie New York, it is an honor and a privilege to be with you on this occasion. This family convention that is being held at the President Franklin Roosevelt National Historic Site allows us to reflect, and to give thanks for the values that bind us together as Orthodox Christians—faith, love, and *philotimo*.

The words of one of AHEPA's most distinguished members, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt: "the only thing that we have to fear is fear itself" encourages everyone who in the face of adversity seeks the justice and dignity for all people. Like the late President, we will always face challenges - especially when we do the right thing. As we honor his memory, we give thanks knowing that it's "perfect love that casts out all fear" because "love never fails." (1 John 4:18; 1st Corinthians 13:8)

On behalf of our Spiritual Father ELPIDOPHOROS, and of everyone at Kimisis tis Theotokou here in Poughkeepsie, please allow me to offer my heartfelt prayers for a joyful and fruitful convention. May our blessed Mother, the Panagia, also intercede for all of you and grant you strength in everything that you do.

Respectfully,

Father Jason Dickey

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June 6, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters, and Attendees of the 2025 District 6 Convention:

On behalf of the historic AHEPA Delphi Chapter 25, it is with great honor and joy that I welcome everyone to the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Empire District 6 AHEPA Family Annual Convention, taking place this year at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, NY. I thank everyone who has attended this important Convention, and I also express our Chapter's sincere gratitude to the businesses, individuals, and chapters who supported this year's Convention Journal.



The location of this year's Convention is of particular significance to our 102-year old AHEPA Chapter, given President Roosevelt's longtime membership in AHEPA Delphi Chapter 25, dating back to his term as Governor of New York. He maintained his membership in Delphi Chapter 25 throughout his governorship and presidency, welcoming members of AHEPA Delphi Chapter 25 and the Supreme Lodge to the White House on multiple occasions. In the planning of his presidential museum, President Roosevelt afforded two organizations, one being AHEPA Delphi Chapter 25, the honor of placing a bust in his museum. I encourage all of the Convention's attendees to take the opportunity to tour the presidential museum and visit the Roosevelt bust which commemorates Franklin Delano Roosevelt's membership in the Order of AHEPA.

I am especially encouraged by the participation of our junior orders, the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena, in this year's Convention. As a Past Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles, these organizations are near and dear to my heart, and it is imperative that we continue to support our Sons and Maids. They are not only our organization's future, but our present.

My best wishes to the AHEPA, Daughters, Sons, and Maids of Athena for fruitful deliberations and successful conventions. I thank the members of Delphi Chapter 25, as well as the Brothers from Poughkeepsie Chapter 158, for their assistance in making this convention a success.

Best Regards,

Andreas E. Christou, Esq.

Chapter President - AHEPA Delphi Chapter 25

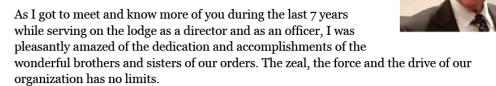
# Order of AHEPA

#### American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association Empire State District No. 6 www.ahepad6.com

June 7, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On behalf of the AHEPA District 6 Family, I welcome you to our 89th Empire State District 6 Convention. It has been an honor to have served as your District Governor from June 2024 to this date.



Our junior orders, the Sons of Pericles and the Maids of Athena are the well-equipped runners to take the torch to navigate thru the water this magnificent ship called AHEPA and continue the good work of the first 100 years of our existence. As we pause for a moment for those who have passed, let us not forget that due to their dedication and work, it is the reason our great organization is what it is today. As I participated at local chapters, district and national events, I discovered how diversified in talents and experience our great organization is.

The past year was a year of change for our AHEPA family, changes of modernizing our website and technology, recognizing members who went beyond the extra mile for our district, secretaries and presidents group meetings, restarting the SOP flag football and more.

To our District Veterans, we appreciate you and we are thanking you for your service and sacrifices. Ten percent of our district members are Veterans and we are proud of them.

My congratulations to AHEPA Delphi Chapter 25 for hosting this year's district convention. You are truly AEIOI.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you at the Supreme Convention and events of our district.

Fraternally,

Mike Labatos AHEPA District 6 Governor and member of the AHEPA Veterans National Committee



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April 1, 2025

Dear Sisters,



It is an honor and privilege to serve as the Grand President of this incredible Sisterhood, and I extend my warmest greetings to you as you gather for your District Convention.

As Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the incredible impact of our collective efforts. Across our districts, our Sisters are making a difference—through philanthropy, mentorship, advocacy, and community engagement. This is the essence of our theme, "Empowered Together"—a reminder that when we stand united, our strength knows no bounds.

From our founding in 1929 to today, the Daughters of Penelope has thrived because of women like you—leaders, trailblazers, and changemakers—who embody the values of unity, service, and empowerment. Together, we are not only preserving our legacy but shaping the future, ensuring that our Sisterhood continues to uplift and inspire generations to come.

I encourage each of you to embrace every moment of this convention. Take this opportunity to learn from one another, form meaningful connections, and reaffirm your commitment to our shared ideals, to our sisterhood, and our AHEPA Family.

Thank you for your unwavering devotion to the Daughters of Penelope. May this District Convention be a time of productive discussion, renewed enthusiasm, and the forging of even stronger bonds of Sisterhood.

Wishing you a successful and productive convention filled with inspiration, and progress.

With Love in Theta Pi,

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Margaret Dritsas Grand President





#### Daughters of Penelope

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Dear Sisters,

As we approach the end of the year, it is with deep gratitude and admiration that I write to each of you, reflecting on the strength, unity, and dedication that have defined the by District throughout the year. This year, has been filled with moments of challenge and celebration, but it is through your shared commitment to each other and to the values of the Daughters of Penelope that you have continued to shine as a beacon of sisterhood and service in your communities.

District 6 began this year with hope, enthusiasm, and the promise of new opportunities. Together, you have supported charitable causes, participated in cultural events, and made a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need. Your collective efforts—from hosting fundraising events to volunteering your time—have not only benefited your local communities but have also strengthened the bond between you as sisters.

As you look ahead to the new year, continue to be guided by the principles of philanthropy, service, and commitment to one another. Take pride in the work you have accomplished, but also strive for even greater achievements next year.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your unwavering support, your hard work, and your dedication to our mission. You current District Lodge --Marina, Effie, Sandy, Demetra, Tatiana, Effie and Joanne stand as a testament to the power of unity, and I am truly honored to serve alongside such incredible women.

Wishing you all a wonderful District Convention and continued success as a Sisterhood.

With Love in Theta Pi,

Eftyhia Kirkiles
Grand Governor Zone II
Liaison for 2, 5, 6



# Daughters of Penelope Empire State District Six

June 7, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters of District Six,

Welcome to the 87th Annual District Six AHEPA Family Convention. It has been an honor to serve as District Governor for the Daughters of Penelope of District Six this year. This weekend we will celebrate the AHEPA Family and work together to make District Six stronger. Thank you to our Brothers of Delphi Chapter #25 for hosting the District Convention this year.

I would like to thank my Sisters of the District Lodge for their hard work this year. For those that haven't had the opportunity to meet these fantastic women, they are: Effie Argyropoulos, Lieutenant Governor; Alexandra Davis, Secretary; Demetra Versocki, Treasurer; Tatiana Stampolis, Marshal; Effie Galiatsatos, Maids Advisor; Joanne Pappas, Daughters Advisor; and our Grand Liaison Effie Kirkiles, Grand Governor Zone II. It has also been a pleasure to work with Brother Mike Labatos and Sister Sophia Theodorou as Governors of our respective Orders of the AHEPA Family.

I would like to extend my greetings to the delegation as we gather for our District Convention and wish all four orders successful deliberations.

With Love in Theta Pi,

Marina Patelos

District Governor Daughters of Penelope Empire State District Six



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Brothers and Sisters of District 6,

I'm happy to be addressing you once again, for the final time as Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles. My second term has been incredibly fulfilling, and I'm very excited to share the accomplishments of my Supreme Lodge as well as our plans moving forward, particularly regarding the celebration of our 100 year anniversary!

Our Lodge has been focused on three goals: expansion, rectifying dual membership, and planning for our centennial celebration in early 2026. The Order has seen Chapter reactivations in Regina, SK; Toronto, ON; Chicago, IL; Cranston, RI; and Boston, MA, as well as new Chapters initiated in Athens and Vari-Voula-Vouliagmeni, Greece! It's always beautiful to see the work of our Lodge paying in dividends, and I cannot be more proud of the work they have all accomplished in expanding our Order to former heights.

District 6 has remained a hub for the strongest and most active chapters in our Organization. All this is possible not just by our work, but by your support. I want to thank all officers and members of District 6 for continuing to be on the Sons of Pericles' side and investing in our members' present and future. I always say that a Sons chapter can reach new heights with the support of our senior Orders, and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for giving us everything we could ever ask for.

In regards to our 100th anniversary, the Sons of Pericles will return to Manchester, NH for our Centennial Weekend January 30-February 1, 2026. We have created the Centennial Committee, spearheaded by PSP and current District 6 Sons Advisor Paul Pavlakos, who has helped us to launch our SOP 100 campaign with the goal of raising \$100,000 to support the Sons of Pericles and to fund an exhibit that will ensure the Sons of Pericles' name is preserved in Manchester's history in perpetuity. We have also sought to receive testimonies, artifacts, and stories from former Sons regarding their tenure as a Son of Pericles, and encourage you to share them with us. The Centennial Committee and I are here to not only preserve our past and commemorate our achievements, but to also prove the notion for Sons alumni everywhere - Once a Son, Always a Son. Please visit sonsofpericles.org/sop-100 to share your own stories and learn more about this project and how you can support us and get involved.

With my final year as a Son coming to an end, I want to stress the importance of one final thing - Dual Membership. Many AHEPA members between the ages of 18-27 are currently unaware that they are entitled to dual membership in the Sons of Pericles with their membership to AHEPA. Because they do not pay directly to the SOP, they are not reflected in our rosters. As a result they are missing out on scholarship opportunities, chances to participate in our national events, and much more. As dual members of the Sons, these members remain members of your AHEPA chapter, but gain the benefits that come with membership in the Sons of Pericles as well. If you have any AHEPA members within the ages of 18-27 that you believe are not dual members of the Sons, please contact me for more information on how to credit them to both Orders, the way Dual Membership intended it to be.

In a mere few weeks, my tenure as a Son will be complete. I want to say I have given everything to this Order to ensure its success, but that's entirely judged by you, my peers, and predecessors. All I hope is that I truly made an impact on this wonderful organization. There have been countless restless nights, amazing journeys, and beautiful moments in these six years as a Son of Pericles that I will never forget. As the Past Supreme Presidents who have filled this role before me have said on many occasions: even in the toughest moments, I wouldn't change this experience for the world. To the wonderful AHEPA Family of District 6, thank you all for giving me constant encouragement, assistance, everlasting friendships, and an unforgettable experience as a Son of Pericles that I will hold dearly with me forever.

Once a Son, Always a Son.

Fraternally,

Alec Economakis Sons of Pericles Supreme President (301) 351-8752 | a.economakissop@gmail.com



#### The Order of the Sons of Pericles

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I offer my congratulations on another spectacular District 6 Convention. It is an honor to represent the District 6 Sons on behalf of the Supreme Lodge and to support our growing chapters across the district.



Every month of this fraternal year, the New York Sons have held a meeting of the District 6

Leadership Council. I have chaired the meeting, and provided an opportunity for the chapter presidents and vice presidents to meet on the level, as equals, to discuss their events and to collaborate together. It is a testament to their passion for the order that these have been fruitful discussions. The brothers have expressed vibrant ideas about how to grow their membership, and become more skilled at hosting their own events that are well attended by local brothers. We are building the muscle memory that the district will require if the chapters desire to form a district lodge. I look forward to assisting this council as they represent the New York Sons of Pericles, and further encourage their independence.

When I look at our progress as a district this past year, it has come through the reinvigoration of existing chapters, and collaboration with our AHEPA Family. I am sometimes saddened when I see how many chapters the Sons of Pericles once had across the Empire State. I have heard and read beautiful stories from brothers like Tony Antonopoulos about the heydays of the Sons, and our rich history in New York. Many of these chapters lie in communities where there is no local Son's presence to divert them to. I encourage you to restart them, as their independent growth will feed into your next 100 years. Young men 18 and older can be the bedrocks of your next generation, because dual members are expected to attend their AHEPA chapter meetings and be involved in both chapters. We grow stronger by collaborating and improving each other. Please reach out to me, and consider who amongst your chapter is willing to step into the role of local advisor.

The AHEPA Family has grown tighter knit this year, and we should all be proud of this further coordination. The Saint Basil's Academy project by the Maids of Athena is a worthy project that has been promoted by the Sons of Pericles, and we were honored to have Governor Mike Labatos attend our District 6 Spring Conference. Our collaboration and cooperation knows no bounds, and I shall further encourage cross family collaboration by the District 6 chapters. Here is to our next year of further growth as the Sons of Pericles celebrate our centennial anniversary, "SOP100" and further embody our motto of "Heritage, Service, Brotherhood". As always, Proud To Be A Son and a New Yorker.

Fraternally,

George Gerasimos Kalyvas Supreme Secretary Sons of Pericles E-mail: g.kalyvassop@gmail.com Phone: (914) 572-8411



# Maids of Athena

#### JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of the entire Maids of Athena Grand Lodge, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2025 District 6 Convention. District conventions are an important time of year in which our chapters of all four orders come together, to reflect our accomplishments, share ideas, and set up a plan to succeed for the upcoming year.

We wish our Sisters from our District 6 Lodge, and our Albany, Astoria, Brooklyn, Bayside, and Hempstead chapters as well as our Sisters in the Daughters of Penelope and our Brothers in AHEPA success in their deliberations. I commend you all for your outstanding devotion to your respective Order and congratulate you on your numerous achievements!

As part of the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge, I have been busy traveling and visiting our Sisters all over the United States and Canada. We have reactivated chapters in West Palm Beach, Florida and Regina, Saskatchewan, Dallas and Austin, Texas and are on our way to re-activate our Chicago chapter as well. Although I am unable to attend District 6, it was wonderful to visit Albany and Bayside at the beginning of 2025! We hope to continue to grow our numbers and build upon the chapters' continued success in the years to come.

The bonds created and kept within this organization are what makes our AHEPA Family unique, and what has helped this organization prosper for a century. We aim to prepare our members for the responsibility of continuing the legacy of our senior orders, while also relying on our senior Brothers and Sisters to help us grow. Know that our Grand Lodge is always available to assist in the strengthening and expansion of our Order. Best of luck with this year's District 6 Convention, and on behalf of the entire Maids of Athena Grand Lodge, I offer our best wishes for continued success and growth in the years ahead!

In Pi Alpha,

Stephanie Owens Maids of Athena Grand President moagrandpresident@gmail.com



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Dear Brothers & Sisters.

As this term comes to a close, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on what this past year has meant to me. Serving as District Governor has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. It has been filled with challenges, growth, collaboration, and moments that have truly reaffirmed my love and commitment to this organization.



One of the most impactful highlights of my term was working on the St. Basil Sensory Room project. This endeavor reminded me of the power of unity within our community. It was incredible to witness how our organization could come together—across ages and roles—for a cause that truly matters. Seeing this vision come to life wasn't just about creating a space; it was about building a legacy of compassion, support, and inclusion. I will carry that with me forever.

Beyond this remarkable \$25,000 initiative, the Maids of Athena have accomplished so much this year. We've seen incredible recruitment across the district, with new faces bringing fresh energy and passion to our chapters. Our unity has only grown stronger—each chapter supporting the others, sharing ideas, and working together with a renewed sense of sisterhood. The relationship between our organization and the Church has continued to flourish, and our members have become more deeply immersed in Greek traditions and faith. Most importantly, this year gave many girls the chance to step into the spotlight—to showcase what they're made of, to lead, to inspire, and to shine. Watching each of you grow and rise to the occasion has been nothing short of inspiring.

This year has also reminded me of what the **AHEPA Family** can come together and do—AHEPA, Daughters, Sons, and Maids all coming together in sisterhood and brotherhood. We are united by a shared commitment to service, heritage, and support for one another. It is that collective strength and love that makes this organization so special. Let us always remember to lean on each other, to build each other up, and to continue striving together toward something greater.

To the incredible Maids of Athena District Lodge: thank you for being such dedicated, thoughtful, and inspiring leaders. Working alongside you all has been a gift. And to my family and friends—especially my parents, thank you for being my anchor during the most stressful and demanding moments. Your constant support carried me through more than you know.

I also want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the individuals who came before me. Your leadership, guidance, and example molded me into the Maid of Athena I am today. I am honored to follow in your footsteps, and I hope that my journey has, in turn, inspired others as you once inspired me.

Though the year is coming to a close, I look forward to continuing this journey—whether it's serving in the Maids, mentoring the next generation, or one day joining the Daughters. This is a celebration of all that has been and all that is still to come.

As my yiayia said "keep looking forward and everything is going to be ok".

With all my love and gratitude,

Sophia Theodorou

Maids of Athena District 6 Governor



#### Brief History of AHEPA and Delphi Chapter #25

The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association ('AHEPA") is the largest and oldest American-based, Greek heritage grassroots membership organization. Its scope is international with chapters in the United States, Canada, Greece, Cyprus, Europe, and "sister" chapters in Australia and New Zealand under the auspices of AHEPA Australasia. AHEPA was founded on July 26, 1922 in response to the evils of bigotry and racism that emerged in early 20th century American society. It also helped Greek immigrants assimilate into society. Today, AHEPA brings the ideals of ancient Greece, which include philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, family, and individual excellence, to the community. Although the majority of AHEPA's membership is comprised of Americans of Greek descent, membership is open to anyone who believes in the mission of the organization and considers themselves philhellenes (those of non-Greek descent but friends of Greece).

AHEPA's Delphi Chapter #25 was founded in 1923 in Manhattan NYC, it was the first Chapter in New York State and one of the first in the Northeast. The Delphi Chapter #25 was instrumental in welcoming the early Greek immigrants to the USA as they disembarked at Ellis Island and helping them with their assimilation into the American culture by assisting them with learning the English language, finding employment and eventually becoming citizens of the United States .

The Delphi Chapter # 25 has had many notable and prominent members in its history, including many philhellenes who embraced AHEPA's ideals and values. In 1924 Seraphim G. Canoutas joined Delphi Chapter # 25 he was at the time the most notable historian and the primary source for the 1880 to 1920 wave of Greek immigrants. Some of the many notable members that followed in Delphi's rich history were Past Chapter Presidents and later Past Supreme Presidents of AHEPA Dean Alfange and Dr. Kimon Doukas. On March 11, 1931, the then New York State Governor (and later to become President of the United States) Franklin D. Roosevelt became a member of the Order of AHEPA and joined the Delphi Chapter # 25 in New York City. On December 18, 1953 a young attorney starting out his career in private practice and later to become a prominent Federal Judge in the U.S. District Court of International Trade, Nicholas Tsoucalas, was initiated into Chapter # 25 of The Order of AHEPA; he would eventually serve as President of the Chapter and continue on as Life member. In 1954 then U.S. Senator Irving M. Ives of New York also became an AHEPAn with his membership in Chapter # 25 followed in 1955 by New York State Supreme Court Justice Joseph A. Cox. Other notable past Presidents of Delphi Chapter # 25 included the former Chief Council to the NYS Athletic Commission, and former council to NYS Gov. Nelson Rockefeller as well as Past Supreme Council to AHEPA, James Fusscas. \*

The AHEPA Delphi Chapter # 25 is one of the most vibrant Chapters of The Order of AHEPA; following a dynamic revitalization the Chapter has grown to be the largest Chapter in the entire global AHEPA domain and it was granted the 2019 AHEPA Chapter of the Year Award!

The AHEPA Delphi Chapter # 25, with the support of then District Six Governor, our Brother Louis Katsos, was the strategic supporter of the 2021 Sail to Freedom event celebrating the 200 year anniversary of the Hellenic Revolution (1821-2021).

The Delphi 25 Chapter continues on today the tradition of AHEPA's ideals and values of promoting education and Hellenism through many efforts of public service and philanthropy.

On November 11, 2023, Delphi Chapter 25 celebrated its 100th Anniversary by hosting a Centurion Legacy Ball at the Harvard Club, honoring all Past Chapter Presidents.

\* Historical Information from the from the book: The Order of AHEPA 1922-1972 by George J. Leber, 1972.

# A BOND OF BROTHERHOOD BETWEEN AHEPA DELPHI #25 AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.





#### WHAT ABOUT FDR?

Near the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing (April 12, 1945), Delphi 25 honors and remembers our Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt as we gather to celebrate a rich history and heritage at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum.

Born in Hyde Park, New York, in 1882, Franklin D. Roosevelt embarked on a political career, serving as a New York State Senator and Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Despite contracting polio in 1921, he became Governor of New York, then President. As president, he confronted the Great Depression with his New Deal programs, and later led the United States through World War II as Commander-in-Chief, forging the Grand Alliance.

Elected to an unprecedented four terms, Roosevelt died in office in April 1945, just before the Allied victory.



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#### FDR WAS AN AHEPAN??

Yes! FDR was initiated into the Order of AHEPA on March 11, 1931 and remained an active member of the Delphi chapter for the remainder of his life. As indicated in his meticulous appointment book, FDR occasionally hosted Delphi brothers as a delegation to the White House as President.

FDR's dedication to country and Hellenism was exemplified through his establishment of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Greek Battalion, during WWII, all of whom later volunteered to serve in the OSS, the predecessor to the CIA. The Battalion served under the leadership of Major Peter D. Clainos, a founding member of the Sons of Pericles and the first Greek-born graduate of West Point.

#### WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

FDR's membership showcases the longstanding impact of Hellenes within the United States and of AHEPA on U.S. history. In a 1936 letter to members, Delphi indicated that FDR paid his annual dues "NOT because he needs the AHEPA, NOR

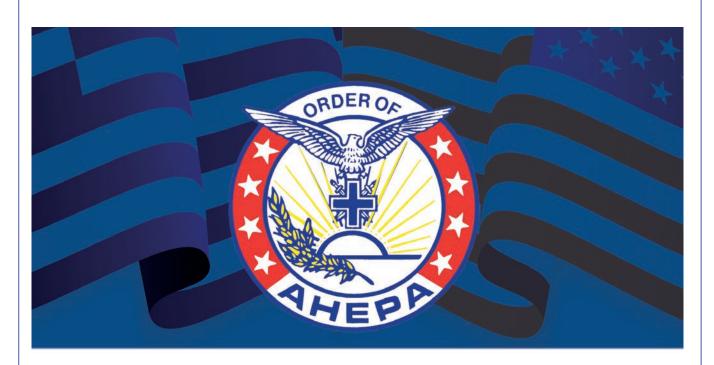
because he expects to get anything out of it, but because he believes in it...."

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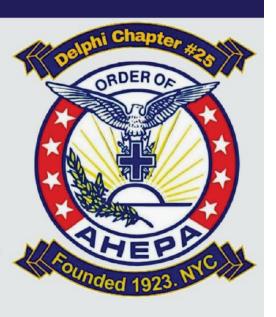
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We look forward to seeing you at the AHEPA Supreme Convention this summer in Orlando!

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May the Empire District continue to stand out as one of AHEPA's greatest!

Thank you to all outgoing District and Chapter leadership for your hard work, dedication, and perseverance throughout the year.

Best Wishes for a successful District Convention!



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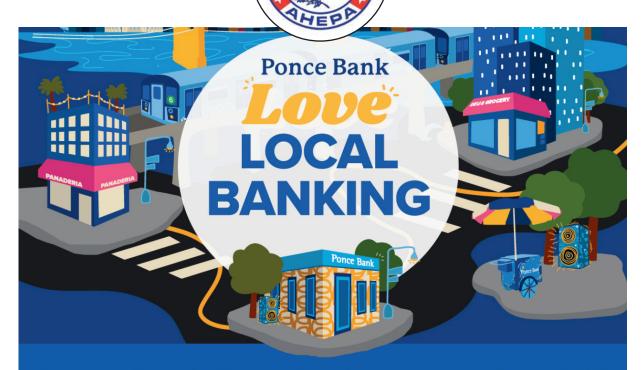
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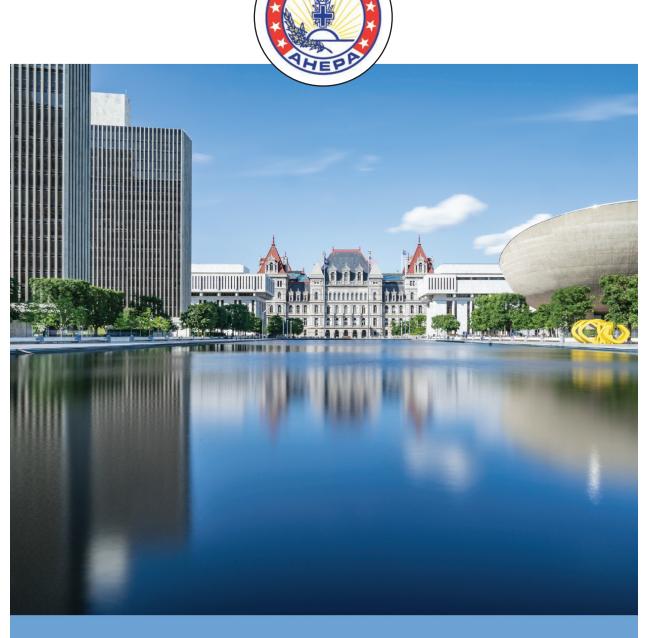












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Chris Pappis AHEPA District 6 Executive Secretary





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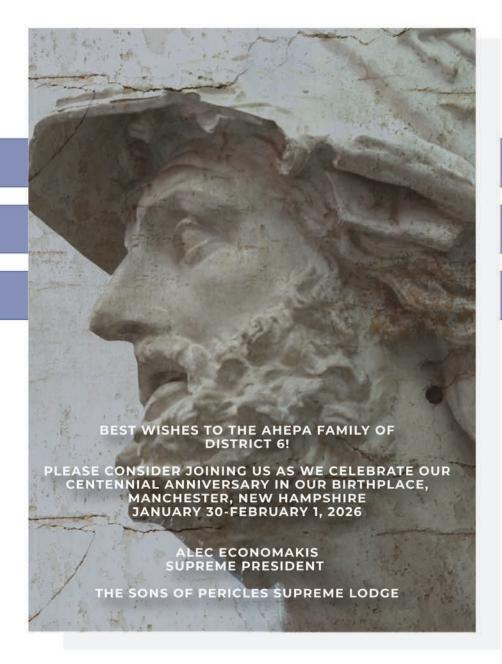
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