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Merry Christmas, Brothers and Sisters of our AHEPA Empire District 6!

It is the time of the year where we gather with our loved ones to celebrate the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Last Christmas, we were in the height of the pandemic and many of us chose to celebrate in the safety of our own homes. This year, we are still in the pandemic, but we can all safely celebrate together once again by taking the necessary precautions to protect ourselves and our loved ones.

I salute all the chapters in our District that engaged in philanthropic deeds to benefit their communities. So many chapters have sponsored toy drives, food drives, coat drives and other activities to benefit children and families in need. In addition, any chapters hosted Christmas socials to celebrate with their own chapter members and their families.

Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, the District Lodge was not able to host a Christmas Party and invite the children of St. Basil's Academy; however, I thank the officers and members of the George Chirgotis West Nyack Chapter #455, who together with the District Lodge and the parishioners of the Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church and its pastor Fr. Nicholas Samaras, organized, purchased, and delivered presents to the children of St. Basil's Academy. The District Lodge is proud of the West Nyack Chapter and all the chapters who found ways to be charitable and to spread holiday cheer.

I thank all the chapter officers who kept their chapters active in the midst of the pandemic by having in-person or hybrid meetings, and who organized and had very successful events. In addition, I salute the chapters who maintained their membership numbers – not an easy task – and the chapters who grew despite the pandemic. There were a number of chapters that conducted initiation ceremonies that I had the privilege to partake, and I am looking forward to attending additional ones that are being scheduled in the new year. Finally, I thank the Syracuse and Constantine Cassis chapters who honored our Veterans with beautiful ceremonies, both of which I had the honor to also attend.

On behalf of the District 6 Lodge of the Order of AHEPA, I wish all our brothers and sisters and their loved ones a blessed Christmas, and a happy, healthy, prosperous, and safe New Year 2022 as we will celebrate the centennial of AHEPA's existence at the upcoming Supreme Convention at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. May the newborn Jesus continue to protect and bless all of us so we may continue to rise to the challenge of serving our communities as stewards of Hellenism.

Fraternally yours,

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AHEPA District 6 Governor