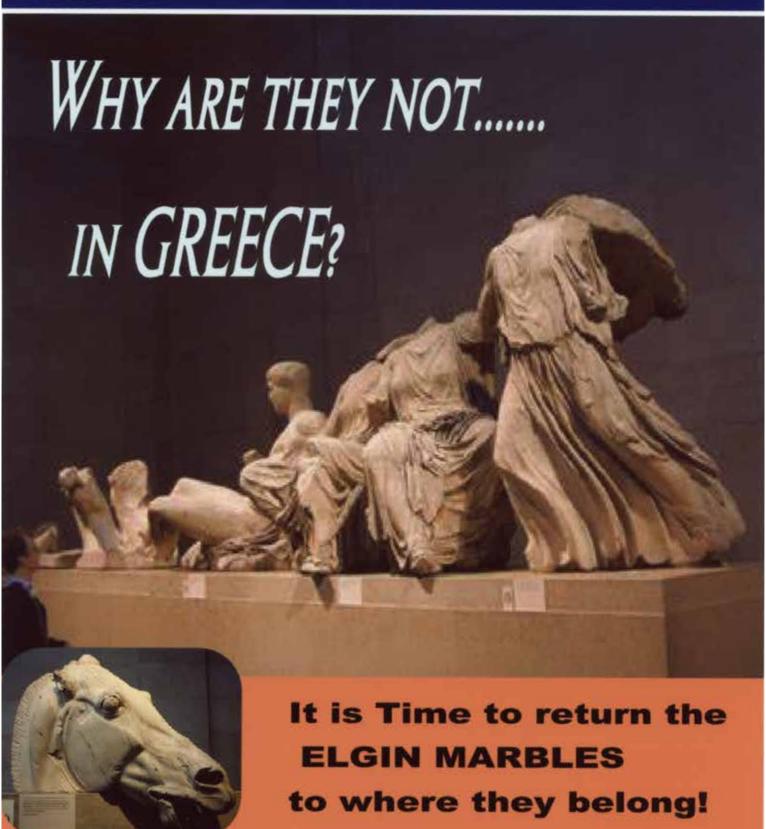
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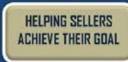


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### Message from the District Governor

### Steven Marmarou

Brothers,

The District Lodge wants to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. If you look around the world today you see that the ideas and the actual followers of Hellenism and freedom are actively being tested. This is not ancient history or our grandfather's fight. It is today! In Europe and the Middle East there is the tension of eminent danger by the actions against freedom, democracy, and the rule of law. If we look around our own country we see the divisions of our beliefs and the breakdown of the Hellenistic ideas.

As Ahepans we need to act on these problems. We need to defend Hellenism and bring balance back to the world. We do this with education, such as the Hellenic History Tournament being held February 8, 2020; by contributing the AHEPA Dogs for Warriors program; by supporting the Odyssey School, by holding a OXI Remembrance, and numerous other programs. These are all actions to put forth the ideas of Hellenism. So we need to do the work to expand our voice. We need more members to make are voice louder and to be able to cut through the noise surrounding us. The District Lodge is here to help each and every Chapter. That is our purpose. We will do whatever we can to help you grow and refine your purpose. We will be happy to come to you and help with membership drives or charitable events. Let us know what you are doing so we can tell others.

So we need each of our chapters to continue with this membership drive that is so crucial and unlike any other in our history. Get as many members into the fold as you can and get them each and every month, all year long. Set up tables at church on Sundays, and help grow the Daughters of Penelope and our Junior Orders too. Don't wait, lets double our membership in District 5 so we can advocate our concerns more effectively. Our future generations depend upon our defending the greatest gift to Western Civilization, Hellenism.

I hope that in the New Year you and your family will be healthy and happy. And that AHEPA grows, defending Hellenism with a voice heard above the crowd. See you at a local initiation, see you on Capitol Hill, at the Congressional Banquet, at the District Convention and at our Supreme Convention, all this year.

Fraternally Yours, Brother Steven Marmarou Governor, District #5

Steven Marmarou DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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### Message from the Editor

### Lee J. Millas

#### WHY ARE THEY NOT IN GREECE ?????

When we of Hellenic Heritage travel throughout the world, it always gives one a sense of pride when we hear tour guides mention that the "Greeks" built this and the "Greeks" created that! And never has this feeling been more appreciated when heard on a recent trip to London and the British Museum, the current residence of the Elgin Marbles, the sculptures removed by Lord Elgin from the face of our beloved Parthenon in Athens. And, although it pains me to say this, but, viewing those magnificent statues was not really upsetting as the museum did a masterful job of displaying them and, I might add, they gave due credit to Greece for their creation. Surely, their presence in London brought many more viewers and were appreciated by more than ever possible if displayed in Greece. The reason for this was clear as Athens had no appropriate place for displaying these beloved gems from the great history of Ancient Greece ...... NOW GREECE DOES!

The new Museum in Athens is as nice as any and its' location opposite the Acropolis, makes this site the one, and only one, suitable to display these beautiful artifacts to remind the world of the glory that was Greece. Unfortunately, over the years, the Greek Government as well as several other concerned groups have actively engaged in an effort to have these marbles returned to Greece with obviously no success. Now, just maybe, the Order of Ahepa can add its' name to the list of those demanding a solution. We have raised millions of dollars for various projects and programs throughout the years and there is no reason why we cannot actively pursue this as a national Ahepa project. The voices of our leadership and our members, in addition to a public relations campaign using newspaper ads and other media, would certainly add another strong supporter to this most important issue that will not only guarantee our credibility for future generations, but may also add to our membership ..... with others who share the same goal.







### Message from the Business Manager

### **Philip Vogis**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is my pleasure to report to the entire AHEPA Family that this year, the AHEPA Voice magazine has received the first prize AWARD from the National Publications Board at the 97th Supreme Convention in Chicago IL. It is a great honor for our magazine to be the top magazines in the AHEPA Domain. I would like to THANK all the chapters for sharing their chapter news with the AHEPA Domain. We look forward to another great year, that District #5 NJ/DE can be proud on its accomplishments. I would like to thank Brother Lee Millas PDG Editor, and our publication board for their support in making our magazine a first class reading publication. Please continue to submit your chapter articles to the editor for inclusion in our future magazines. I would like to wish everyone a great AHEPA Year.

I would like to wish all the Brothers and Sisters along with their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The best gift I can give you is, stay true to yourself and stay healthy.

Fraternally, Brother Philip Vogis PDG, PSG Region 3 Business Manager



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#### **International Orthodox Christian Charities**

AHEPA donated \$5,000 to IOCC and its philanthropic mission and our Supreme President, George G. Horiates attended and received the award. Some fellow AHEPA Brothers were also at the dinner.









#### **District 5- Athletic News**

Dear Brothers of District 5. Our Chapters are actively planning exciting fund raising events for all to enjoy, while we are in turn supporting and contributing to the many worthy charities. We are proud to announce that Paramus held a Cigar Night in October, Trenton sponsored a Greek Night at Jimmy's in November, Roseland is moving forward with their Casino Night in March and a boat fishing trip in June, Ocean is planning a Car Show in June, and the Wyckoff chapter will be planning their Cigar Night. Special thanks for our own Past Supreme President Andy Z for taking the initiative to meet with the NJ Devils professional hockey team to arrange an AHEPA night on Tues 11FEB2020 where we will take a group photo on the ice and the MegaTron video system at center ice will broadcast our AHEPA promo video. The discounted group tickets arranged for us also include a \$10 meal voucher. Keep an eye out for the flyer and on-line purchasing instructions. All family and non-AHE-PA friends are invited to join us.

These events are for the benefit of our entire District, for friendship, brotherhood, and financial support to fund so many wonderful charities like Ronald McDonald House, Food Bank of Monmouth, K9s for Warriors and many others that help our veterans, children and the needy. Our District Lodge is offering encouraging ideas to the Chapters and helping to advertise your events. Email your event information along with your flyer in pdf format for posting on our District 5 web server, to our District Secretary, Bob Fourniadis.

I'd like to thank all Chapters stepping to arrange these wonderful events and to strongly encourage and remind all Brothers throughout our incredibly active District to attend and support our hosting Chapters. If I can help you with any plans or ideas, please reach out to me.

Wishing everyone a blessed and holy Christmas celebration and happy and healthy New Year 2020.

#### 2019 OXI Day Commemoration and Symposium on the Greek Genocide

Jersey City, N.J. – The Secretary of State, Tahesha Way, welcomed members of the New Jersey Hellenic American Heritage Commission, the AHEPA Family and a large group of Hellenes from around the tri-state area to the Annual Oxi Day Symposium at the Historic Central Terminal at Liberty State Park.

"As Secretary of State, I have the honor to host the New Jersey Hellenic American Heritage Commission as part of the Department of State. This Commission has so much to teach us all about the ancient and recent history of the Greek people, founders of the concept of democracy."

In her welcoming remarks, the Secretary of State also announced Governor Phil Murphy's re-establishment of the NJ Hellenic American Heritage Commission along with its newly appointed commissioners. Established in 2009, the Hellenic Commission promotes Hellenic heritage, culture and history while providing cultural exchanges and economic development between New Jersey and the nations of Greece and Cyprus.

#### Its newest members are:

Dr. Zenon Christodoulou, Founding Chair;

Ms. Georgette Boulegeris; Mr. Asteris James Fanikos; Mr. Theodore Golfinopoulos; Mr. George Horiates; Dr. Elias Iliadis; Mr. Jim Kirkos; Mr. Dimitrios "James" Kontolios; Ms. Constantina Meis; Mr. Dean Pialtos; Mr. Stathis Theodoropoulos; Ms. Evelyn Tsiadis; Mr. Andrew Zachariades

The Secretary of State further announced the Governor's Proclamation declaring October 28th as OXI Day. This was also a momentous occasion, as the Proclamation further declares and recognizes the Greek Genocide of 1914 through 1923. The State of New Jersey is one of the few states in America that have recognized the atrocities in Asia Minor. Founding Chair, Dr. Zenon Christodoulou, reminded the packed lecture hall that, "we must continue to advocate for our Hellenic issues and educate the general public about our historical experiences to preserve our heritage for future generations."



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The Annual Oxi Day Symposium commemorated the 79th year of Greece's resistance to invading Fascist forces when Greece declared "Oxi" ("No") to demands for their surrender. A lecture was provided by Asteris Fanikos that expressed the significance of the day and its importance to the legacy of freedom. The symposium continued with an expert panel comprised of Paul Pavlakos, Esq., a Greek genocide scholar; Dr. Dikran Kaligian, a noted professor of genocide studies at Worcester

College in Massachusetts; and Thea Halo, the esteemed author of "Not Even my Name."

The National Anthems of the Unites States and Greece were beautifully sung by Elena Iliadis of Cherry Hill as the Historic Proclamation was read by two of the newest Commissioners - AHEPA Supreme President, George Horiates, and Daughters of Penelope Grand Treasurer, Georgette Boulegeris. The program concluded with a cultural and musical performance by Stavros Theodorou and his orchestra.

The community is reminded to save the date for next year's symposium on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Liberty State Park.



#### PDG CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Saturday before Christmas, the Past District Governors of District # 5 gathered at Jimmy's Restaurant in Bordentown, NJ at its' annual event to celebrate the holidays. Even PDG Athan Anest traveled all the way from Washington, DC to attend. For the first time ever a Supreme President and a Supreme Treasurer of AHEPA, from our district attended and a great time was had by all. Santa Claus also knew we were having a party because he left gifts for everyone.

#### November 2, 2019 - Annual Fifth District Ahepa Cancer Research Foundation, Inc. Gala

The Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation held their 30th Annual Gala this past weekend bringing the grand total in grant giving to \$1,170,000. Through the efforts of the Board of Trustees, the Foundation presented its grants of \$45,000 to three facilities.

Dr. David Lyden Weill Medical College of Cornell University/Children's Blood Foundation, announced that his study from last year has enabled them to produce a drug that will prevent brain metastasis. Dr. Edna Cukierman of Fox Chase Cancer Center reported that from her study last year they will use a new antibody to develop a new drug for pancreatic cancer. Dr. Shridar Ganesan, Rutgers Cancer Institute of NJ is also making great strides with his work on Triple Negative Breast Cancer.

The Gala was a festive event with Daughters of Penelope Past Grand President, Evellyn Tsiadis as the Master of Ceremonies. A surprised recipient of the Axios award was presented to past Chairman, DG, Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades. A moment of silence was observed for past Treasurer, Chris Sevast. We were honored that the Order of Ahepa Supreme President, George Horiates and Daughters of Penelope Grand President, Celia Kachmarski were among the guest speakers of the evening. A delicious cocktail hour and dinner was served along with dancing from the band, Alpha. Thanks to the presence and donations of our District Ahepans and Daughters, we help advance research and hopefully with the progress of science and technology we will live to see this disease eradicated. We believe that with your support we can march to our next goal of 2 million dollars.

Valerie Vittas, Secretary Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation Trustee

#### 97th AHEPA Supreme Convention

At the 97th AHEPA Supreme Convention in Chicago IL, Brother George Karatzia PSG Chairman, Bob Fourniadis Vice-chairman and Philip Vogis PSG senior advisor, members of the Service Dogs for Warriors project committee of District 5 NJ/DE, were very pleased by the turnout of the Ahepa Family members to listen to the presentation made by Ms Sheri Duval founder of the K9 program that also brought with her a US Army Veteran Bill Smith with his dog "Athena" whose dog was sponsored for the first time by the Brothers of the Ahepa Chapter 326 Flushing, NY, to give his testimony on how the service dog has saved his life from committing suicide. A very touching testimony that brought tears to the attendees. We are very proud to have the support of our National Supreme Lodge and the membership to continue this program and help save the lives of our Veterans. At the conclusion of the presentation, we were very touched by Veteran Bill Smith who asked to become a Brother Ahepan, and was sworn by our PSP Carl Holster.





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On Sunday November 11, Brother George Karatzia and Robert Fourniadis, Chairman and Vice chairman of the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors (ASDW), were hosted by the James Plevritis – Joseph C. Keane AHEPA Chapter 405, of New Rochelle at a Veterans Day commemoration at Holy Trinity Church. The Brothers of Chapter 405 presented ASDW with a check for \$15,000 to sponsor a service dog in honor of their outgoing President Joseph Keane, who has served his chapter as president for 27 years. The Ladies Philoptochos Chapter of Holy Trinity also contributed to the fundraising to sponsor the service dog, who will be named Keane in honor of Brother Joseph.

ASDW became a national project in 2017 and since that time has raised over \$500,000 and sponsored 35 Service Dogs through the grass roots efforts of Ahepa, Daughters, Maids and Sons chapters across the country. These wonderful service dogs help veterans suffering from PTSD , a disease that cost the lives of 22 veterans a day. The order of AHEPA through Ahepa Service Dogs for Warriors, A 501C3 corporation, is helping to end this national tragedy. If you chapter would like to participate in this worthy program , please visit the ASDW website https://www.ahepa-servicedogs.org/index.htm or contact George Karatzia, PDG, PSG 732-610-6622 or Robert Fourniadis 732-259-3894









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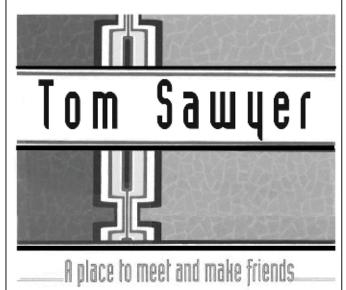












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### **AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors, Inc.**

AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors has toped \$520,000 in sponsorship in November with 31 Dogs. Our recent Graduates below, the list grows every day with many of our chapter taking part.





DOG #	DOG NAME	SPONSOR	DATE SPONSORED
1	AHEPA	AHEPA # 517 Holmdel, NJ	01/29/2016
2	Penelope	Daughters Penelope Toms River, NJ	06/22/2017
3	George	Assorted Sponsors	09/08/2017
4	JP	Assorted Sponsors	09/08/2017
5	Apollo	AHEPA # 326-Estia-Pindus, Flushing, NY	03/06/2018
6	Athena	AHEPA # 326-Estia-Pindus, Flushing, NY	03/06/2018
7a	Mikey	Angel Warriors - Debby Dailey	03/20/2018
8	Maverick	Angel Warriors - Patrica Malloy	03/20/2018
9	Mina	Assorted Sponsors	06/11/2018
10	Thomas	AHEPA -# 69 Cherry Hill,NJ DOP # 230 Nike - Cherry Hill, NJ	06/11/2018
11a	Trenton	AHEPA # 72 - Trenton ,NJ	06/11/2018
12	Eva	Assorted Sponsors	07/12/2018
13	Hoosier	AHEPA # 78 / D12	08/05/2018
14	Filo	AHEPA District #4 Power, PA	08/05/2018
15	Nick S	AHEPA National Housing	08/05/2018
16	Loucas	Michael Psaros	12/28/2018
17	C1	ANONYMOUS	12/28/2018
18	Kreon / Nikki	Dr. Michael Georgis	12/28/2018
19	Bergen	AHEPA Tenafly, Wyckoff, Paramus	01/25/2019
20	Yankee	Angel Warriors - Patrica Malloy	03/15/2019
21	Lilli Ann	21- ALTES #163 Trenton NJ	03/08/2019
22	Bunky	Angel Warriors - Patrica Malloy	04/03/2019
23	Atlas	Assorted Sponsors	05/07/2019
24	Murphy	Angel Warriors - Patrica Malloy	05/23/2019
25	Ellie	DOP - Capital District 3	06/27/2019
26	Andy	AHEPA # 456 Port Washington, NY	06/27/2019
27	Bear	AHEPA District 21- D21 Golden Gate	06/30/2019
28	Delta	AHEPA & DOP Dist. 16	07/22/2019
29	Gabriel	AHEPA District 4 - Power	07/22/2019
30	Louie	Judith Zucker	10/10/2019
31	Pericles	Sons Of Pericles Supreme Lodge	10/10/2019









Please contact us for information regarding your chapter sponsorship.

Bob Fourniadis – Co-Chairman 732-259-3894

www.AHEPA-ServiceDogs.org

### Chapter #405 of New Rochelle

On Sunday, November 10th, the James Plevritis – Joseph C. Keane Chapter #405 of New Rochelle, New York paid tribute, honored, expressed gratitude and respect and pride to the communities veterans who have served and continue to serve in the United States armed forces during times of war and peace. The presentation of the colors, the anthems and the names of the deceased and living members were announced by Father Andrew.

In addition, the chapter, fulfilled its pledge of \$15,000 with payment for an AHEPA Service Dog, to Past Supreme Governor and National Projects Chairman, George Karatzia and to Co-Chairman Bob Fourniadis participating in the presentation. Also participating in the presentation were Past Supreme Governor Chris Diamantoukos and Supreme Governor Tom Dushas.

Brother Karatzia, in his emotional remarks stated, AHEPA, continues to raise awareness, about the consequences of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and the extraordinary efforts to improve quality of life of veterans made possible through Service Dogs. To date the AHEPA national project has raised more than \$504,000 for 31 Service Dogs.

The impressive ceremony included veteran David Castro, his wife Wanda and Service Dog "Hunter", who were in the forefront of the chapters large delegation marching to the altar. The chapters service dog is named "Keane" in honor of its distinguished Past President, Joseph C. Keane, who led the chapter for 27 years and is also a veteran. The community responded with a standing ovation for the ceremony.

Chapter President, Harry Fotiadis, concluded the presentation by thanking all those attending and announced the entire congregation of close to 300 people were invited to the chapters brunch which was held in the parishes social hall.

It was one of the chapters finest moments, a proud group of more than 165 members.





### AHEPA Bergen Knights Chapter #285

On Saturday, October 19th, the Bergen Knights hosted its 2nd Walkathon to raise funds for Training and providing Service Dogs for Veterans with PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder) through the K9s for Warriors program. There were several dozen participants, most with dogs, who walked .77 miles around the St. John the Theologian Complex and the adjourning JCC complex in Tenafly, New Jersey. Each participant received a commemorative T-shirt for the event and other doggie goodies. Funds were also raised with a raffle of many Doggie items baskets! We had a Mobile dog groomer present and the Mayor of Tenafly attended, giving his support. We had the support and hard work many from individuals from our chapter in running this event, especially Past Presidents Constantine Mikelis and Stephen Ferranti and President Demetrios Bayiokos. This is in addition to Kyprianos, Mark, George, Andreas, Peter and Spiro.

The Chapter previously jointly raised funds for an initial service dog with the Paramus and Wycoff chapters. Presently we are raising funds for a 2nd service dog to be sponsored by the Bergen Knights Chapter solely, and we are more than 2/3 of the way there to the \$15,000 cost of training.

PTSD is a national crisis among Veterans, with it affecting 1 in 5 veterans, and one in six with have attempt suicide or have suicidal thoughts. Surprisingly, younger veterans have a higher

rate of suicide than those 50 year and older. Properly trained Service Dogs have helped to reduce the stress and provide comfort, companionship, a sense of security along with the physical exercise they cause in the recipient, which has added benefits.

Thank You, Peter Hilaris, Walkathon Chairman h







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### **AHEPA Ramapo Chapter 453**

The AHEPA Ramapo Chapter 453 brothers join in the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Saint Nicholas Church in Wyckoff, NJ. As parishioners, Chapter Honoree Rev. Protopresbyter Basil C. Gikas, pastor, and the Brothers support and are proud to celebrate the community milestone. Current Chapter officers, Paul Goulet, President; Charles Charllis, Vice President; Charles Pflager, Secretary; James Moustopoulos, Treasurer.



### **Chapter 453 Monthly Meeting**

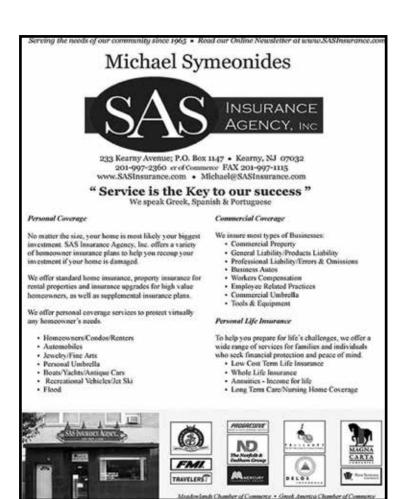


The Brothers Of The AHEPA Ramapo Chapter 453 Were Honorably Joined At Their Monthly Meeting In The AHEPA Room With The Supreme President George Horiates; Supreme Governor Tom Dushas Region 3; PSG-R3 Phil Vogis, PDG Sammy Thomas, PDG Ted Vittas, District 5 Lodge Officers, LT Governor George Pappas, Secretary Bob Fourniadis, Marshall John Koninis II, Warden John Kontolios Athlectic Director Evans John, Sons Advisor Louis Stephanou, And Chapter Officers, President Paul Goulet, Vp Charles Charllis, Charles Pflager, Treasurer James Moustopoulos, And Chapter 453 Brothers, Wyckoff, NJ.

The Ahepa Ramapo Chapter 453 sponsored and organized with the leadership of our Brother John Tsadilas, Entertainment Chairman a West Point outing for the Brothers and the St. Nicholas GOC Families and friends.

A beautiful sunny day enjoying the comradery, tailgating, barbecue and game this past Saturday October 26th at the West Point vs. San Jose State. Great fun had by all.







#### **Thomas A Edison Chapter 287**

The Thomas A Edison Chapter 287 took a picture of members that attended its first meeting on 9/30/19. We had about 35 members in attendance out of 67 total members. Discussion centered on fund raising to meet our charity needs. We are completing our commitment to the Iconography project by donating to the painting of St George, our patron Saint. We also selected Teddy Kavarakas as our AHEPAN OF THE YEAR. Some fundraiser include having a Car Show in the spring and our annual golf tournament in the fall On November 18th we are planning our initiation of new members.

Brother Arthur Pappaylion Chapter President Voted District 5 for Chapter President of the year.

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### Chapter #517- Holmdel, NJ

Installation of Chapter Officers June 2019 by District Secretary Bob Fourniadis at membership Barbeque

- Pres.- Demetri Orfanitopoulos
- V-Pres. Bill Parlamis
- Sec. Dimitri Dimitriades
- Tres. Tom Protentis







On October 5, 2019, our members and their families enjoyed a Social Outing cruising up the Hudson and landing at Cold Spring, NY where we spent the day strolling, shopping, & dining.



We are proud to present our newest Brothers initiated on Oct. 15, 2019 to our Chapter: From left: George Lambrinos, Tommy Anastasatos, & far right Nicholas Fourniadis.

Also attending our meeting was our district Lodge led by DG-Steve Marmarou, Evans John, George Perentesis, Lou Stefanou, John Kontolios, Savvas Kyriacou, & Bob Fourniadis.



### Chapter #517 - Holmdel, NJ



Nov. 1,2019 - # 517 Garden State supplies and serviced dinner to over 100 families at Ronald McDonald House ( Greek Division ), NYC. Our chapter presented a check for \$2,500.



Sept. 2019 - Our annual visit & donation to Fulfill in Neptune, NJ. CEO Kim Guadagno & Linda Kellner, Development Director







Our Chapter Thanks Jim Nikitopoulos, who chaired our annual Event for 20 years . Mrs. Katechis, Greek Division Coordinator

accepts our check.



Our Texas Hold-Em Event Oct. 2019



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L to R. Joe Dolan - Capt. of the Guard, Jim Knicos - secretary, Rick Rosco - Chairman, Brd. Of Directors, Stavros Papafilipakis - Treasurer, Dean Microusticos - President, Nick Kalagos, Dino Zimnes, John Mi rousticos.





Greek Grill and Taverna 2019
On Friday 9/20 and Saturday 9/21 Trenton #72 hosted the Annual Greek Grill event at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Hamilton, NJ. The brothers showed up in force to cook the grill food for the guests and provide a weekend of music, food and fellowship. The St. George Youth Dancers entertained each evening and the Central Jersey Antique Car Club displayed 25 Muscle cars for our enjoyment. The event provides the resources for Trenton #72's philanthropic activities, and was a great success. OPA!

Ahepa #72 Annual Golf Scholarship Outing
On Wednesday 10/23 Ahepa #72 hosted it's annual
golf outing at Mountain View Golf Course in Ewing,
NJ. The event had been postponed the prior 2
Wednesdays due to rain, but on 10/23 the sun was
shining for us. There were 55 golfers present for the
Shotgun event and from all the smiles seen that day
we can boast about an enjoyable day. SigmaPharm
Laboratories was the Gold Sponsor of the event
with AB Financial, Franklin Templeton Investments
and Rochonchou Wealth Management at the Silver
Sponsor level. The Golf Outing is hosted annually
to raise the funds for the Ahepa #72 Scholarship
Program. Our thanks to all the sponsors and golfers.



#### **AHEPA Alexander Hamilton Chapter 5**

AHEPA Alexander Hamilton Chapter 54 was honored to host Supreme President George Horiates and District 5 leadership at its most recent meeting in November. President Horiates and district leadership discussed national AHEPA goals for 2020 as well as more localized efforts in the District and Chapter 54. The message is loud and clear, Defend Hellenism!



#### Veteran's Day Celebration/Fundraiser

Our Bergen Knights Chapter #285 worked in conjunction with two other groups on Sunday, November 10th. Philoptochos organized the Military Veterans of our church with a Photo display of all past members and others attended. The hymns from the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force were all played. The Boy Scouts did the Flag Ceremony. AHEPA organized a breakfast which was a fundraiser towards the purchase and training of a Service Dog for Veterans with PTSD. It was chaired by our President Jimmy Bayiokos with Contantine Mikelis' help. Both spoke on the importance of Service Dogs. The event was successful and delicious!

#### **Toms River Meeting**





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# Our Departed Synthems

#### **Nick Amoratis**

Nicolaos Amoratis, 83, of University Park, FL, formerly of Paramus, NJ passed away peacefully at home August 9, 2019.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John & Marianthi Amoratis; and is survived by his wife of 63 years, Kalleope; siblings, Irene, Andoni & Flora; children, John (Lisa), George (Victoria), & Renee; grandchildren Nick (Angela), Peter (Meghan), Nick, Alexa, Tanner, Kalle, Stephen, & Quinn; great-grandchildren Carter, Peter, Alyce, & Lena; and many loving nieces, nephews, family, & friends.



Nick was a proud member of The Free Masons & AHEPA Ramapo Chapter; a charter member of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Wyckoff, NJ; and a member of St Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church of Sarasota, FL. He was a successful restaurateur, opening most notably, The Balcony of Hawthorne in 1978, Brassies of Paramus in 1985, and Bacari Grill of Washington Township in 1993. He will forever be in our hearts, eternal be his memory.

#### **Ephstratius James Vardakis**

Ephstratius James Vardakis, 88, of Bayonne, died on November 27, 2019.

Born and raised in Jersey City, he settled in Bayonne in 1963. For 20 years, he was employed at Prudential Life Insurance in Bayonne. Afterwards, he owned and operated Vardakis Insurance Agency in Fairview, NJ until his retirement in 1999. For 75 years, he served as a choir director and organist. He began his service at Ascension Greek Orthodox Church and for the past 30 years at Ss. Nicholas, Constantine, and Helen Church. This was what he considered his life's work was quite active within his church communities, especially during the holiday seasons. In his spare time, he enjoyed photography.



He was a proud member of AHEPA who achieved 50 years of service in October of this year.

Pre-deceased by his parents, Milton and Eleni Vardakis; brothers, Paul (Thea) and Alex (Angie); sister in-law, Alexandra; niece, Elena.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Helen A. Vardakis (Ayvalopoulos); devoted sons, Peter Vardakis (Becky) and Christo Vardakis (Kiki); cherished grandchildren, James, Thomas, Georgios, and Eleni; dear brother, Fotios Vardakis; caring nieces and nephews, Penelope, Milton, Philip, and Cathy.

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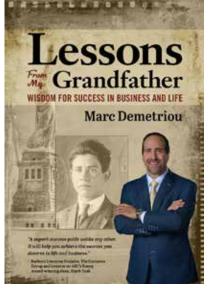
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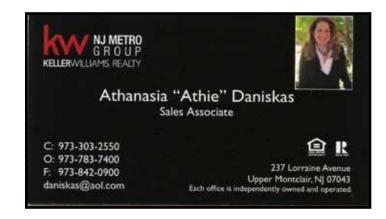
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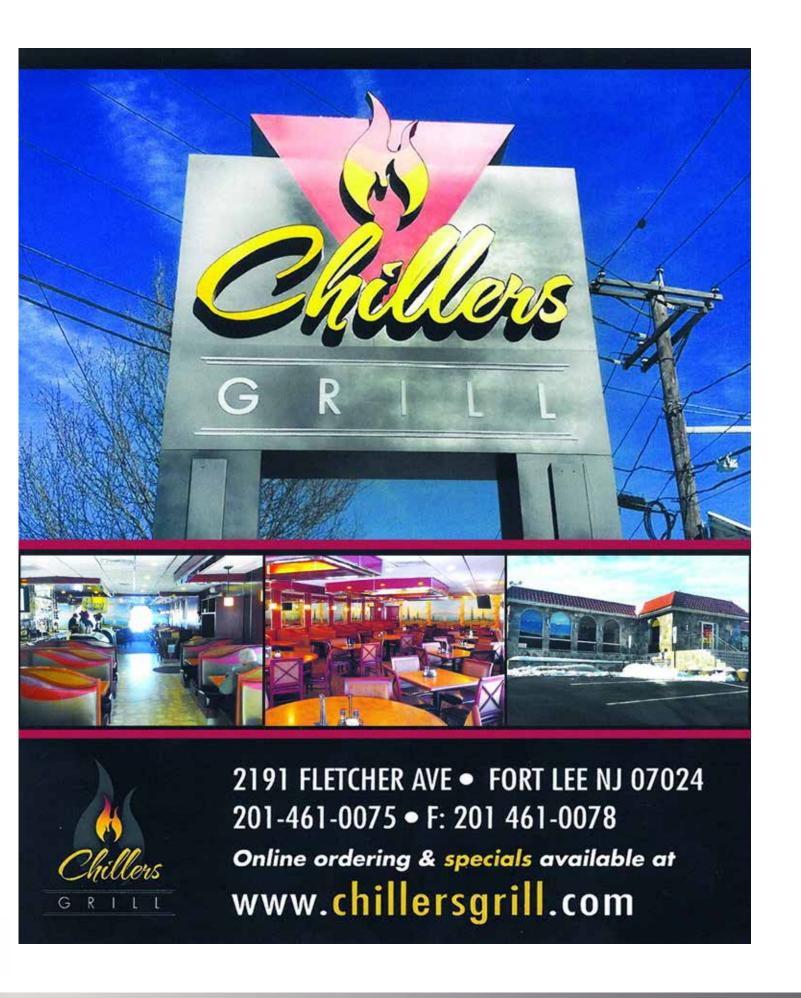
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