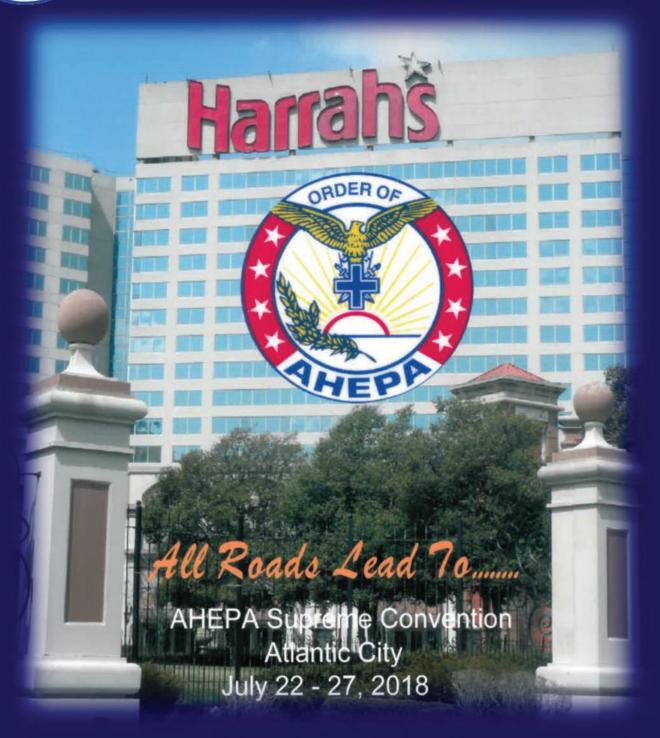
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LESSONS FROM MY GRANDFATHER:

Wisdom for Success in Business and Life

By Marc Demetriou

"Marc Demetriou has written a superb success guide unlike any other. Based on fifteen universal principles, Lessons From My Grandfather will help you achieve the success you deserve in life and business." – Barbara Corcoran, founder, The Corcoran Group, and investor on ABC's Emmy Award-winning show, Shark Tank

The guiding principles received from an immigrant forbearer illuminates the road to success in this loving tribute from Marc Demetriou, LESSONS FROM MY GRANDFATHER: Wisdom for Success in Business and Life (Highpoint Life; January 16, 2018). Demetriou, one of America's top mortgage experts, learned early in his life that success is a choice, thanks to the teachings of his grandfather, Haralambos "Charlie" Pistis, the archetypical self-made man who left Cyprus penniless at the age of 16 and immigrated to America. Thru all the hardship and challenges of life, he managed to beat all odds and ultimately retired at the age of 60 as a millionaire. He enjoyed an amazing 37 more years with friends and family until he passed at the age of 97.

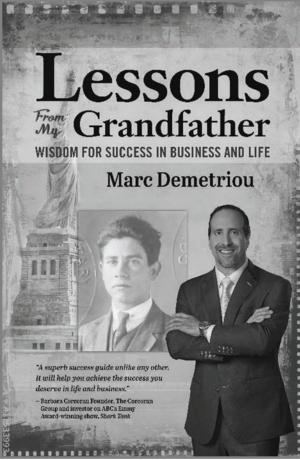
Like many immigrants of his time, Charlie had never been far from his home and had to survive on wit, determination and a rock-solid set of timeless values. Through his steadfast willingness to work hard, and a determination to control life rather than allowing it to control him, Charlie succeeded on his own terms, finding happiness and financial security. In this book, Demetriou tells Charlie's compelling story and shares his fifteen timeless principles for success, applying them to the world today.

The lessons Demetriou learned at his grandfather's knee are compellingly revealed and

explained in the book through Charlie's own life. They include:

- ~Attitude is everything.
- ~Take the mighty risks.
- ~Be resilient, persevere, and never give up on yourself.
- ~Everyone you pass in life has something to teach you.
- ~No one ever does it alone.
- ~Never stop moving in the direction of your dreams.
- ~Go the extra mile.
- ~Remain humble always.
- ~Look for what others don't see.
- ~Be awake and alive to the suffering of others.
- ~To work is to survive, and that is not enough.
- ~Be thankful for what you have.
- `There are no limits and no ends.
- ~Believe in yourself always.
- ~Be joyful!

Through Charlie's inspirational wisdom, Demetriou provides clarity



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Message from the Editor

Lee J. Millas

A HISTORIC EVENT - AHEPA COMING TO NEW JERSEY!!!!

For the first time ever, the Order of Ahepa Supreme Convention will be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey on the week of July 22 -27, 2018. The home resort will be Harrah's Hotel & Casino, a venue that has all the world class accommodations that regular AHEPA conventions have including a new modern convention center capable of hosting large international groups like AHEPA. Also, more members of the AHEPA family will have the opportunity to attend than ever before. What makes this convention site so unique is that Atlantic City's location puts it within driving distance of the most populous districts in the AHEPA domain. It is less than a 3-hour drive from district 3 and 6, the two largest districts. Our home district 5, is the 5th largest of the 27 AHEPA districts and district #4, Pennsylvania, is not far behind.

If you have never been to a Supreme Convention, this is your chance. Make Atlantic City your first and see what all the buzz is about. You can come and partake in the convention festivities, as well as involving yourself in the inner workings of the Order, if you choose. The convention week is a fun filled time to enjoy your Hellenic Heritage with your fellow brothers and sisters. Business meetings are only a small part of the week-long schedule. There is a Greek Glendi, a "koulourakia bake-off", lectures, book signings, golf & basketball tournaments and on Tues., July 24th, a poker tournament.

 $Of \ special \ interest \ is \ that \ on \ Wednesday \ evening, \ July \ 25^{th} \ , \ from \ 8 \ to \ 12 \ midnight \ a \ Jersey \ Shore \ Dance \ \& \ Comedy \ Night \ will \ be$ held at the Hotel which will feature Basile the Comedian and the dance music of the Aegean Duo. This is a special event because it is the one event that the host committee is offered to hold. Our Districts' AHEPA Family is presenting this event with all proceeds benefiting the District #5 Scholarship Fund. All tickets are \$35 per person. Please make sure to attend this fun filled event that will benefit our own district. So clear your calendar and set aside the third week in July to enjoy your time at the 2018 AHEPA Convention. Whether it is your first one or if you are an annual conventioneer, you will not be disappointed



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Philip 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 Wonderful and Safe Summer. 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.

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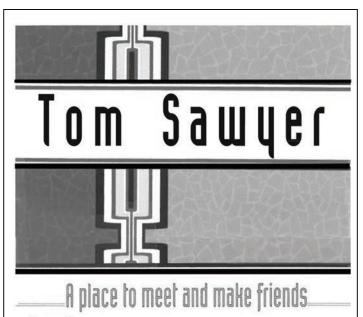
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If you have never been to an AHEPA Supreme Convention before, this is your chance. Make Atlantic City your first one and see what all the buzz is about. You can come and partake in the convention festivities, as well as be involved in the inner workings of the Order, if you so choose. If you have never served as a delegate or alternate for your chapter, now is the time to express your interest to your chapter get elected to represent your community. You will get the privilege to cast your vote for next year's leaders.

The convention week is a fun filled time to enjoy your Hellenic Heritage with your fellow Brothers and Sisters. Business meetings are only a small part of the week-long schedule. In past conventions there have been casino nights, "koulourakia" bake-offs, lectures, book signings, golf, basketball and softball tournaments, comedy nights and of course dancing until the wee hours of the morning. At this convention there will be a poker tournament on Tuesday night, July 24th. With Atlantic City being one of the largest gaming centers in the country, there will also be the option to enjoy the night life at the casinos or enjoy the many talented performers appearing at the countless casinos in this glamorous city. Who knows, you may see the next Frank Sinatra or Dean Martin perform! The tuxedo, though, is optional. So clear your calendar and set aside the week of July 22 -27 to enjoy your time at the 2018 AHEPA Supreme Convention. Whether it is your first one or if you are an annual conventioneer, you will not be disappointed.

For more information on the convention you can visit the AHEPA.org web site at https://ahepa.org/convention.htm. More convention information will be posted as the convention gets closer. To take a sneak peek at the resort accommodations, visit http://caesarsmeansbusiness.com/meeting/harrahs-resort-atlantic-city/.

Convention delegate ballots will be mailed to your chapter beginning in April.

Keep in mind that AHEPA conventions are not only for the AHEPANS and DOP. The Supreme Convention is open to everyone, including your "koumbaro", your "filo" and the entire family. There is something for everyone AHEPANS and phil-AHEPANS, alike.





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Annual Supreme Convention



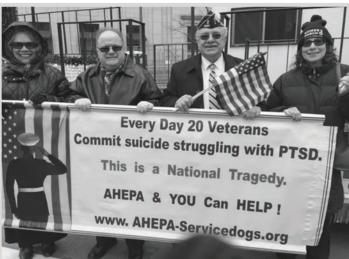
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AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors Program



So many of our American heroes come home from war physically, but mentally they remain on the battle-field. They are imprisoned by their own thoughts, crushed by post traumatic stress disorder ("PTSD"), which causes 22 veterans every single day to choose to commit suicide rather than live with the effects of their invisible battle scars. AHEPA has decided to join the fight to end the scourge of PTSD.

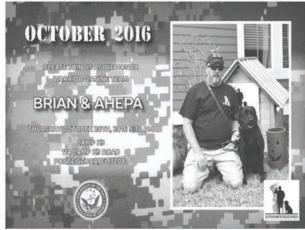
To this end, AHEPA has joined the K9 for Warriors effort (www.k9sforwarriors.org), a life-saving program that

pairs a service dog (usually a rescue dog) with a veteran suffering from PTSD. The results are extraordinary. These wonderful service dogs are a proven recovery tool empowering warriors suffering from this debilitating and deadly disease to return to civilian life with dignity and independence. The cost to train a service dog is \$15,000, however there is no cost to the Veteran. The dog is initially trained alone and when paired with a veteran the two spend three weeks training together at the K9 for Warriors facility in Florida.

AHEPA's involvement with K9 for Warriors was started by Garden State Chapter 517, Holmdel, NJ (www.ahepa517.org). It became a NATIONAL AHEPA PROJECT in July 2016 and is now coordinated and funded through AHEPA SERVICE DOGS FOR WARRIORS, INC., a 501 (c) (3) organization (www.ahepa-servicedogs.org)

We raised enough funds to sponsor four (4) dogs through the end of 2017. We anticipate sponsoring eight (8) dogs in 2018.

Donations have come in from AHEPA and DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE Chapters across the country. Donations are also coming in from



Chapter 517 Holmdel sponsored the first service dog and named him AHEPA. On October 20, 2016 AHEPA, graduated with his veteran, Brian.



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outside the AHEPA domain through community outreach, newspaper and television reporting, and word of mouth. BUT WE NEED MORE HELP. THIS IS A NATIONAL PROJECT. We need every District and Chapter to get involved and help us reach our goal of 22 dogs per year. No donation is too small or too big. Some chapters have chosen to sponsor the entire cost of a service dog (which gives them naming rights) but not everyone needs to do that. If every AHEPA, DAUGHTERS, MAIDS & SONS Chapter gives what it can annually , we will reach our goal every year! PLEASE JOIN US IN THIS MOST NOBLE OF CAUSES. LET'S SHOW THE REST OF THE NATION WHO THE AHEPA FAMILY IS AND WHAT WE CAN DO!

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GUS CHEREVAS ESTIA-PINDUS 326, Flushing NY donates \$30,000 and sponsors two (2) dogs.

ASDW introduced at the 2017 Joint DISTRICTS 7, 8 & 9 Convention where several thousand dollars were donated on the spot and more committed for the coming year from the chapters in attendance.



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DOP APHRODITE 374, TOMS RIVER, NJ donates \$15,000 to sponsor a service dog which will be named PENELOPE.



ASDW donates \$45,000 to K9s for Warriors to sponsor three (3) service dogs.



El Camino Real District 20 donates \$1,000 to ASDW and Arrowhead 302 commits to sponsor a service dog in



DOP NIKE 203 Cherry Hill, NJ to donate \$15,000 PSP Phillip Frangos personally donates to ASDW at the 2017 to sponsor a service dog. to sponsor a service dog.

Chapters, Districts & Philhellenes Who Have Made Commitments For 2018: Holmdel Garden State 517; Camden 69; Trenton 72; San Bernardino Arrowhead 302; Piscataway Monroe 75; Orlando 161; Tenafly Bergen Knights 285; Allentown Lehigh 65; Districts 7, 8 & 9; El Camino Real District 20; American Legion Howell NJ; Neal Michaels Steak House Hazlet NJ; Disabled American Veterans Freehold NJ









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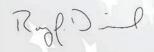
Dear AHEPA

To the amazing members of AHEPA, you have all given the greatest gift to a warrior and a dog – a purpose! Your gifts have made a significant difference in the lives of our service men and women by providing service canines to veterans suffering from Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and/or military sexual trauma (MST).

As we continue to move forward in our endeavors to assist our military heroes, we are so grateful to have your unwavering support. This year we have launched our first expansion campus where we will be able to help more Warriors each month, we have launched our Reinforcement Fund to better support our Warriors after they graduate from our program, and we have received the first set of results from our research study with Purdue University. All of this is progress and progress would not be possible without our supporters. With AHEPA walking alongside us, we know there will be more progress in the years to come.

Since our inception, we have changed the lives of 418 warriors, making us, by far, the largest service dog organization serving veterans with the invisible wounds of war. We cannot thank you enough for being a part of all of this. Your efforts in raising eight dog sponsorships is a huge testament to our service heroes. All your hard work and the continued commitment to help us in our mission does not go unnoticed by any means. Our goal is to get as many leashes as we can to those who are in need!

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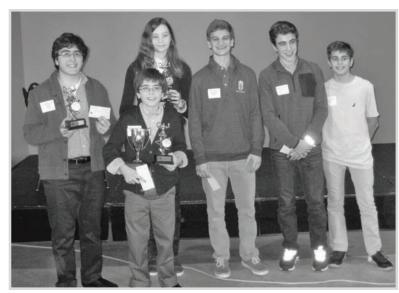
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Here are a few pictures of a visit with brother George at the Lehigh Ahepa Chapter # 60 in Allentown, PA. An update was given on the K9 for Warriors program. It was well received with many questions. Ideas were shared to help with fundraising.

This chapter is one of the oldest in the country and their meeting room is in a 3 story senior housing unit which they built and now run.







L-R Stamford: Alexander Koutsoukos, Lukas Koutsoukos, Phoebe Hartch; Boston: John Zavras, Alkinoos Armoundas, Phevos Paschalidis

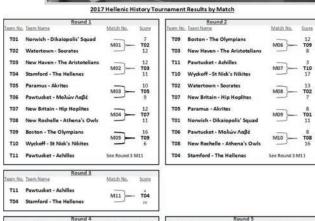
Below: 11 Teams, 33 students

T02 Watertown - Socrates
T09 Boston - The Olympians
T08 New Rochelle - Athena's Owls

The AHEPA Yankee District 7 held its 9th Annual Hellenic History Tournament at St Barbara's Church in Orange, CT.

The New Haven chapter hosted the event. Eleven teams from across the Northeast participated. There were 14 matches in five rounds. For the second year in a row, the Stamford team, The Hellenes, made up of Alexander Koutsoukos, Phoebe Hartch, and Lukas Koutsoukos, won the championship. Each was awarded a Hellenic History Trophy and a check of \$1,000. The Boston team, The Olympians, consisting of Alkinoos Armoundas, Phevos Paschalidis, and John Zavras, won second place and each received \$500. Congratulations to both teams, as well as to the other nine teams and to all the chapters that sponsored them.





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Ramapo Chapter Update



Left to right: James Moustopoulos, Treasurer; Charles Charllis, Vice President; and Jonathan Popovich

Left: Presentation of \$2,500 check toward the Holiday Dinner Party for Combat Veterans and families in the Northern Jersey.

Below: Photo of Ramapo Chapter's new initiates. Congratulations!



Trenton Chapter Update

On April 21, 2018 Ahepa Chapter 72 sponsored a fundraising event, Ahepa 72 Spring Sprint at Hamilton Veterans Park, Hamilton, NJ to raise funds to sponsor an Ahepa Service Dog. The event, a 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk was a great success with the presence of two Veterans with their Service Dogs from K9's for Warriors. Over 150 registrants participated in the event with members of the St. George Community, the Trenton Daughters, and Ahepans, and friends from Hamilton and other communities. With the Grace of God, and the support of our sponsors, donors, and registrants for the event we raised over \$18,000 and will be sponsoring the next Ahepa Service Dog for Warriors.







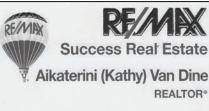


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Thomas Edison Chapter Update

An AHEPA meeting was held on February 20, 2018. Discussions centered on upcoming events and ways to fund the high school scholarship program for our high school students that will be graduating as seniors this year. Being planned is a souvlaki luncheon in May that will be chaired by Dimitri Geaneas. Some of the upcoming events being planned for all is "The Run for the Roses" taking place at Monmouth Park Race Track on May 5th at 12:00pm. Tickets are being sold by James Petrantis who is the chairman. His cell is 732-859-4146. Last year, those that attended had a great day. Ladies with their wide brim hats to show off in the winners circle and delicious food and service made everyone who attended want to do it again. Brother Kosta Linardakis will be chairing a golf tournament this year in the fall along with Nick Kosmas. Honored at our meeting by president Arthur Pappaylion, were Anthony Chugranis, George Haloukas and Odysseas Kolasis. Certificiates of Appreciation were given for hard work and





contributation to our organization. New members initiated into our order were Brothers Peter Vloyanetes and Soteris Hahlidis.

On March 4th Arthur Pappaylion along with Brother George Constantinou attended the Testimonial Gala honoring Past Supreme President of the Order of AHEPA, Andrew C. Zacdhariades which was held along the water front in Jersey City. Over two hundred AHEPANS from different parts of the country attended this event.

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New Supreme President Carl Hollister on the left picture with Arthur Pappaylion and pictured above is the Present District Governor Dr. Zenon Christodoulou along with PDG George Karatzia and Arthur Pappaylion with George Constantinou.



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Holmdel's progress in getting dogs for the Veterans.







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CHAPTER #517 AHEPAN OF THE YEAR DINNER

On Sunday, March 11, AHEPA's Holmdel, NJ Chapter #517 held its annual Ahepan of the Year award dinner at Lou Cas Restaurant (Edison, NJ) and this year's George Karatzia was shining as his family, friends and fraternal brothers showered him with well deserved praise and honor.

George Karatzia emulates what it means to be an AHEPAN. Throughout his tenure he leads with conviction, passion and love of what he stands for. One of his most recent achievements is spearheading the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors project to the National level and already raising over \$100,000 for its cause helping veterans suffering from PTSD.

Demetrio Ofanitopoulos, President of Chapter #517 hosted the evening and noted that a dog was named in his honor and although the actual dog couldn't make an appearance he presented him with a plush dog "George" to remind him of his achievement. Good wishes came from across the country as far as California where Wynn Storton, AHEPA webmaster sent his good wishes via Steve Bontales. Pictured are (from Left) Steve Bontales , George Karatzia & Demetrio Ofanitopoulos

With a crowd of almost 100 attendees many rose to the occasion and spoke about George's contributions not only to AHEPA, but to his Church, Family, and Community. A nostalgic moment was when a fellow Vietnam Veteran, James Barnett - Commander of Disabled American Veterans of Freehold (shown in picture with George) shared war stories of their time together in Vietnam and how much George has been a Godsend to the veterans of their organization.

Other presenters included Greg Ploussas, Mike & Mary Loizou, Ted Vittas ,PDF& Phil Vogis, PDG (pictured), and several family members including his brother Harry Karatzia who encouraged everyone to rise and give George a group hug with a big "AHHH" at the end.

His daughter Christina & granddaughter Alana also shared wonderful stories of how George shaped their lives and influenced their success (George proudly standing with his grandchildren)

George humbly accepted his honor by noting that he is merely a piece of the puzzle and acknowledged the help and devotion that everyone commits to his projects and how he couldn't do it without their help. This may be true but without his leadership, foresight and actions we know it couldn't have been done without him.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the event and not only were their hearts fulfilled to honor such a worthy gentleman, their stomachs enjoyed a wonderful meal hosted by Lou Cas Restaurant in Edison, NJ that provided a feast fit for a King!



Right Photo: George seated (center) with his Brothers of Holmdel Chapter #517









Morris County Chapter Update





Morris County's Chapter 300 two new brothers, Nikitas Theodosion and Chris Kelly at the November 2017 meeting and chapter's election new officers. Also in attendance were the District Governor and PDG Louis Avarnites.

Congratulations for a new year!

Arrowhead Chapter #302 Update

Wynn Storton collects \$1,000 donation from Ahepa District 20 for Service Dogs for Warriors. AHEPA Arrowhead Chapter 302 makes a commitment at conference to adopt a service dog AXIOS!

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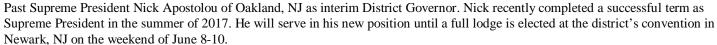
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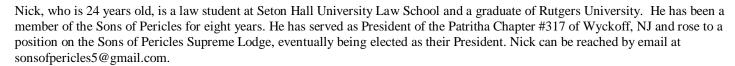


District 5 SOP Reactivated, Nick Apostolou, **PSP Appointed Governor**

The Sons of Pericles are pleased to announce that the District #5 Lodge has been reactivated. The Junior Order of AHEPA from the 5th district covers the states of New Jersey and Delaware, has been operating successfully for the last two years without an elected District Lodge. Three vibrant chapters in the communities of Cherry Hill, Toms River and Trenton, will constitute the foundation of the new district. The district also includes a chapter in Wyckoff, NJ, Patritha #317, that has been operating continuously since 1999.

District #5 will now elect a District Lodge to oversee and coordinate activities. To aid in this endeavor, Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles, Bill Poulos, has appointed







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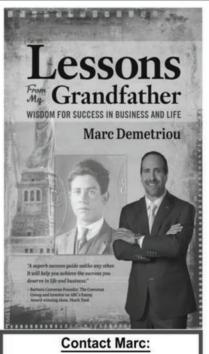
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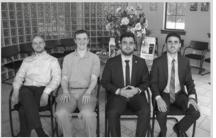
Patritha Chapter #317

Initiates 5 & Holds Elections

On Sunday May 20th, AHEPA Sunday, the Wyckoff Sons of Pericles, Patritha Chapter #317, held an initiation of new members.

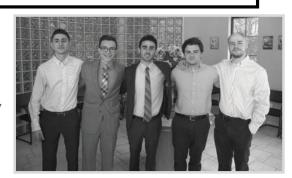
Six new members joined the chapter, with five going through the Sons of Pericles initiation ceremony.

Pictured here (from Left to Right) are: Justin Gikas, Lucas Shoshilos, Gregory Agrapidis, Christian Tsadilas and William Tsadilas. Not pictured is Michael Lentzis who will also be joining the Patritha Chapter.



Afterward, the Patritha Chapter held election of officers for 2018-2019.d'ž" Being elected are:

- Paul Agrapidis, Chapter President
- Ryan Griffin, Vice President
- William Tsadilas, Secretary
- Gregory Agrapidis, Treasurer
 - Christian Tsadilas, Athletic Director







The chapter would like to thank the following brothers for their service as officers finishing their term. Ryan Griffin for finishing his term as President and Christos Agrapidis as Vice President, with Jim Maroules as Treasurer and Alexander Bedoya as Secretary. "The chapter also wishes to recognize Jim Maroules who is about to graduate from the Sons of Pericles. Jim has served the chapter and district in numerous positions including Chapter Secretary, Treasurer and District Secretary.

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and inspiration that readers can use to recognize their unique talents, then achieve their goals in life and business.

Marc Demetriou is a top-rated speaker and mortgage expert who has appeared at the Mastermind Summit alongside world-renowned motivational speaker Tony Robbins and Barbara Corcoran from CBS Television's Shark Tank. As an authority on real estate and finance, Demetriou has been quoted in articles in The New York Times, Reuters, the Associated Press, Huffington Post

and many other local and national publications and media outlets. He has been consistently ranked in the top 1 percent of loan originations in the country by Scottsman's Guide, Mortgage Executive Magazine and National Mortgage Professional Magazine, and received the "Forty Under 40" award as one of the 40 most successful business professionals in New Jersey. He is a certified and licensed instructor, offering continuing education credits to accountants, realtors, financial planners and managed care professionals throughout New Jersey. Additionally, he was co-host on WVNJ's popular The Real Estate and Money Show. Demetriou also is the proud father of three daughters.

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Stilianos Gerondelis passed away on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. He was 81 years old. Mr. Gerondelis was born in Mytilini, Lesvos, Greece. He had lived in Greece and Brazil before moving to the United States in 1961. He also served in the Greek Air Force. He has lived in Middlesex for 48 years. He was a self employed tailor at Gerondelis Brothers Dry Cleaning and Tailoring in Springfield. He served the community for 35 years in which he was awarded a lifetime PBA membership. He was a member of Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, Piscataway for 54 years. He offered his time and his talents for many years and in many capacities including a member of the Board of Trustees for 15 years and volunteering at the festival.

A life member of the Order of AHEPA, Monroe Chapter #75, since 1964 where he served as Chapter President for many years and District Governor 2014-2015.

He was a Mason for over 30 years at Union Lodge #19, F&AM, North Brunswick and he served as Worshipful Master for 2 terms and the Grand Chaplain for one term. Stilianos traveled the world with his wife and visited many beautiful places. He had a love of playing the bouzouki and wine making and always had a story or a joke to tell.

Mr. Gerondelis is predeceased by his parents Efstathios and Athanasia (Meligonitis) Gerondelis, two sisters – Effie Calantjis, Mary Bernard and a brother Nicholas Gerondelis. Surviving are his wife Nikolitsa (Alexopoulos) Gerondelis of Middlesex; his three daughters – Sia DelGuercio (Larry) of Hillsborough; Eleni Jennings (Jerry) of Middlesex; Maria Kostelni (Charles) of Lexington, VA.; brothers Socrates Gerondelis of Durham, NC; Peter Gerondelis of South Plainfield. Six Grandchildren – Niki, Anthony, Amelia, Alexandra, James and Thomas.



Life member Chris Sarames passed away on March 23, 2017 at the age of 99. He was born and raised in Patterson, NJ. His family were members of the first St. Athanasios Church in Paramus, NJ.

After serving in the Marine Corps during World War II, Chris married the former, and late, Bertha Pallantios. In the 1950's they settled in Mamaroneck, NY, where he was a restaurateur, and together raised two children. He and Bertha were among the Founders of the Church of Our Saviour in Rye, NY.

As the move to New York, as well as work, family, and church kept him very busy, he was unable to continue to be an active member of the Alexander Hamilton chapter. However, he desired to maintain his membership to keep up with the news and activities of AHEPA and his brothers.



Savas J. Savas JULY 23, 1933 – MAY 25, 2018 Mr. Savas J. Savas, 84, born and raised in Bronx, NY and long-time resident of Westwood, NJ, passed away on May 25, 2018. Savas, proud son of Zoe and Demetrios, loving husband of Christina, devoted father of James and Cary, doting grandfather of Veronica and Rex, loyal brother of Leonidas and brother-in-law to Mae, caring uncle of Zoe and Steven, lived a joyous, healthy and prosperous life. Savas and his identical twin-brother Leonidas enjoyed a special brotherly bond and their childhood friends sometimes referred to them as a singular entity, "Twin", instead of by their individual names. Savas was known to family, friends and co-workers as a kind, honest, happy, hardworking, generous, thoughtful and dignified human being. He was a shining example of the best in all of us.

Early in his career Savas was an accomplished draftsman at a navel architect firm and went on to serve as Executive Vice President at PJ Mechanical, where he proudly worked for thirty-seven years. Savas was a United States Army veteran serving in the Second Division at Fort Lewis during the Korean War. Savas was a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1960 and once served as Worshipful Master of Dante Lodge No. 919, 10th Manhattan District, NY. He was an active member of The Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian in Tenafly, NJ and a proud member of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA). Savas was a diehard St. Louis Cardinals fan, appreciated sailboats and cars, collected stamps, annually cultivated 'his' tomatoes and unapologetically dunked his cookies in milk. Savas will be greatly missed and never forgotten by his family and friends.



Brother Nufry Kartalis was a Life Member having been initiated into the Order on April 21st, 1947 We lost our Brother Nufri Kartellis, 71 years member, from Chapter 467, Toms River. He was 93 or 94 years old. Here is our District Governor giving him the plaque last year at our Chapter.

We lost another Life Member. Brother Gabriel G. Gregory was initiated into the Order on January 27, 1953



Dr. George C. Kiriakopoulos passed away on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Born in Derby, CT to Konstantine and Triatafilia Kiriakopoulos, he was raised in Brooklyn, NY.

He joined the United States Army as a ranger in 1944 and landed at Omaha Beach in Normandy, France helping to liberate Paris. As a Sargent Major, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was the 4th soldier to enter and liberate Buchenwald.

After the war, he stayed in Paris, receiving his Associate Degree from the Sorbonne in Art.

Upon his return from Europe, he entered Brooklyn College and proceeded to be accepted to Columbia University School of Dentistry. He had a private practice in dentistry in Fort Lee and was a professor of dentistry at Columbia Dental School as well as being on the Admissions Committee.

He was a member of the Church of the Ascension in Fairview and then a became a member of the Parish Council. Dr. Kiriakopoulos was the President of the Metropolitan Church of St. John the Theologian in Tenafly for three years. He was bestowed the honor of Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. He is the author of several books on dentistry and World War II including Ten Days to Destiny, The Battle for Crete and the Nazi Occupation of Crete. George is survived by his beloved wife Virginia (nee Demos) and his loving daughter Stephanie.



 $Gust\ C.\ Kraras\ Born\ March\ 4,\ 1921\ and\ passed\ away\ on\ May\ 5,\ 2018\ . The\ local\ businessman\ who\ founded\ White\ Star\ Tours\ was\ also\ a\ faithful\ servant\ to\ Sts.\ Constantine\ and$

Helen Greek Orthodox Church. He was a local business leader who founded White Star Tours travel agency in Shillington, and a faithful member of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Reading, where he served as a chanter for the better part of 70 years. After serving in the U.S. military in World War II, Kraras established a number of family businesses

in the Reading area and in Wildwood, N.J. Chris said the family spent every summer in Wildwood running the family businesses, which included hotels and restaurants, but Berks County was always their permanent home.

An active member of the AHEPA he is well known for hosting the famed Ahepa summer weekends in Wildwood New Jersey for some 30 years.



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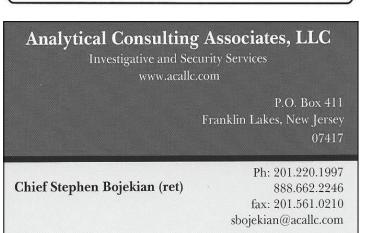
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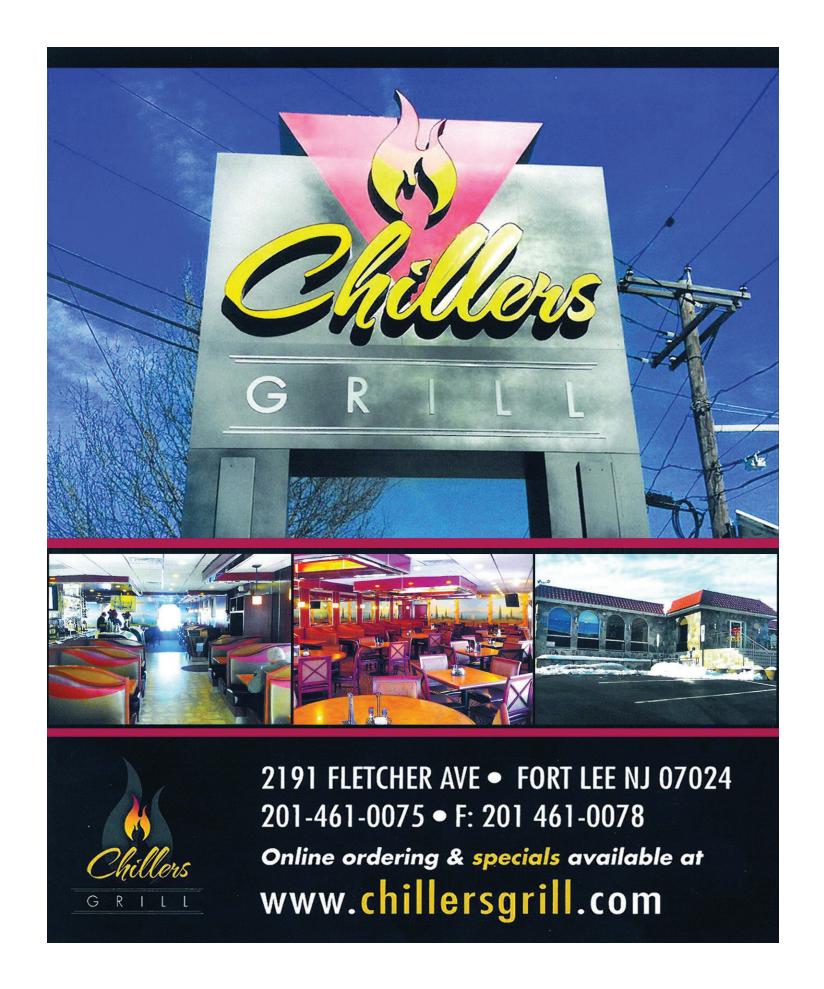




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