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May Meeting, Thursday, May 12, 7 PM

Fresno Chapters Gather for Annual Photo



The brothers of the Fresno chapters gathered for the annual photo. Pictured are six members of the Sons of Pericles and members of Fresno AHEPA chapter 151. They are, from left to right, first row: Bassel Khoury, Aidan and Harrison Wolf, Alex Mazare, Michael and JD Salazar. Second row: Jim Boukidis, John Crowe, Andy Mastoras, Jim Nicolaou, Fr. Jim Pappas, Gus Argeres, Carl Waddle, Tony Kocolas, Dr. Peter Scamagas. Third row: Robert Sexton, Paul Chiames, Tom Hyatt, Talbert Simonian, Bill Booras, Mike Gomez, Michael Makredes, Dr. Ted Nassar, Steve Alfieris, Ron Burkhard. Back row: George Gianopulos, Pete Rokas, John Macris, Ted Borgeas, Alex Aretakis, Chris Rockas, Rick Kazanjian, John Stratigos.

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| <p>In the May Meeting...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be further consideration of the question of hosting the 2017 District Convention. At this point, we must decide if we will proceed without the participation of the Fresno DOP chapter. • Up to six (6) delegates to the District Convention will be elected. • Up to three (3) delegates to the Supreme Convention will be elected. • Nominations for officers will be in order and officer elections will be conducted in the June meeting. | <p>Sons of Pericles</p> <p>Fresno Sons of Pericles chapter 137 went inactive many years ago. Renewed interest in the Sons has resulted in the recruitment and initiation of seven young men as members of the reactivated Stockton chapter. The Fresno members joined that chapter to become active. Eight members are the minimum for establishing or reactivating a chapter.</p> <p>We have now gained that important eighth candidate and the Fresno chapter will be reactivated as quickly as the wheels can turn.</p> <p>The Sons of Pericles are the future of AHEPA. Let's give them all the support we can!</p> |
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| <p><u>Chapter Officers for 2015-2016</u></p> <p>President Michael Gomez Vice President Michael Stavropoulos Secretary Robert Sexton PSG Treasurer Jim Boukidis</p> | <p><u>Board of Governors</u></p> <p>Chairman Michael Makredes George Gianopulos Ted Nassar Steve Alfieris Alex Aretakis</p> |
| <p>Have You paid Your Dues?</p> <p>Dues payments are at about 50% of the members. If you have not paid your 2016 dues, bring your check to the May meeting. The sooner we can be completely paid, the sooner we can focus on other things. To those brothers who have been forthcoming, our thanks for your prompt attention.</p> | <p>May Birthdays*</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p>Bill Barbis Gus Kavalos Con Michas Tony Kocolas Talbert Simonian Fr. Jim Pappas</p> |
| <p>Initiation!</p> <p>We will be initiating Alex Acedo this month. With this addition, and the addition of Ron Burkhard, our current membership now stands at 45.</p> | <p>*Say What?</p> <p>It seems I have been using the wrong data for the birthday list. In the process of establishing my database, I took the month from the date of initiation. My apologies to one and all. With any luck I will get it right in the future!</p> |

A Grand *Vatican Splendor* Tour!



May 9, 2016- A convivial group of 48 hardy travelers left Fresno early in the morning and traveled to the Reagan Library and Museum in Simi Valley. The target of the tour was the current *Vatican Splendors* exhibit now on tour in the US. The Reagan Library is the last stop on a limited itinerary as the exhibit and all its treasures returns to the Vatican after the August 28 closing.



There was much to see, not only of the Vatican items but in the Reagan Museum itself. The standing exhibit is done in the current museum fashion as a chronological tour through President Reagan's life and administration. From one who has lived through so much of that history, as have many of you. It was strong reminder of what we have experienced.

The Vatican exhibit included items going back to the earliest years of Christianity. While it has not been played up, secret excavations of the catacombs under St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome resulted in the identification of the relics of St. Peter and St. Paul. If you did not make this tour, you missed a great trip!

Photos by George Gianopoulos**, group photo, Robert Sexton, Oval Office view, Helen Sexton, early mosaic icon of St. Paul.

About This Issue

With the beginning of the 2015-16 term, our chapter bulletin takes on a new name and a new appearance. Since we are distributing the bulletin mostly by e-mail, it is easier to add more content, especially pictures.

Now, we plan to include more about the chapter and the order. You can help by providing pictures and stories. Send them to rdsexton57@gmail.com. And remember, if you don't show up, your picture won't get in the bulletin. Need ideas? Did you attend an AHEPA event? Did you happen to meet a brother while on vacation? Did you help with a fund raiser or other activity? If you did, take pictures and make notes. All our brothers will be interested in your doings and you will help promote participation. Send them in, brothers. Everything is welcome.

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◆◆◆From the 1991 Fresno District Convention Album◆◆◆

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And finally...

- If you need a ride to chapter meetings, or you can give a brother a ride, let us know. Arrangements can be made to accommodate everyone.
- We are always looking for new members. Are you? Be proactive and be ready to bring in new members. You never know who will say yes...or when!

** Since brother George appears in his own photo, how did this happen? Simple, a very cooperative and entertaining bus driver took the picture with George's camera. Brother did tweak the photo so he can claim some credit. After all, he did remember the film... ;-)