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June Meeting, Thursday, June 9, 6:30 PM

Fresno Chapter Ends Term With Waffle Brunch.

It was Just Peachy!



The annual Founders Day/AHEPA Day Waffle brunch took place June 9 in the St. George Social Hall. Under the direction of brother Jim Boukidis and Bill Booras, waffles were prepared, dressed with peaches and topped with whipped cream. With the help of the many brothers who attended, and the younger brothers of the soon to be reactivated Fresno Sons of Pericles chapter, the entire congregation was served. When all had been served, birthday wishes were extended to brother Jim

Nicolaou who was observing his 88th birthday. Brother Jim first joined AHEPA in 1949.

Following the brunch, a “pre-initiation” of three new Sons of Pericles candidates was performed. With JD Salazar leading, the candidates joined in reciting the Sons of Pericles Creed, which states the ideals of the Order. The Sons then retired to a private meeting to complete the initiation. (See page 4 for more details.)

Why you may ask is the photo above a stock photo trolled from the depths of the Internet? With all that was going on, and complications from an inconvenient rat, few pictures were taken. The story of the rat is on page 3.

<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>We are gaining on our dues payments. Thanks to the brothers who have paid for 2016, we are better than 70% up to date. Dues are payable from the beginning of the year. Your timely payment helps ensure that you chapter district and national organization can continue to work smoothly and effectively.</p>	<p>June Birthdays </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jim Boukidis ○ Nick Brotsis ○ Harry Chambas ○ Robert Jones ○ Jim Nicolaou ○ Peter Scamagas

Some Housekeeping Matters...

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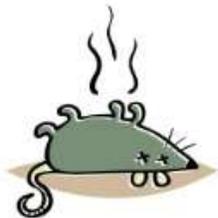
You may also be aware that a district database is being constructed as well. I am responsible for that effort so any changes sent to me will certainly be added to the district database. That database, by the way, will include more information than is maintained by HQ and will ultimately serve to make the district even more effective. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Keep us informed, brothers!

- 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!

Initiation this month	Next Meeting
One more reason to come to the June meeting. We will be initiating Alex Acedo . Originally scheduled for the May meeting, he had to postpone for family reasons.	We will begin the 2016-17 term on Thursday, September 8. Stay tuned for details.

About that Rat!



Something was not right when I arrived Sunday morning. There was only one row of lights on in the hall and the kitchen was mostly dark. I soon learned that the waffle irons could not be powered up and the waffle mix could not be prepared. A crisis was at hand. Breakfast would not be served if the cause of the problem could not be located.

It did not take long to locate the trouble. A PG&E truck soon appeared and the fault was quickly located when a severely damaged rat was spotted laying limp on the concrete. Evidently, unable to read warning signs, the rat had chewed through a fuse link on the power pole serving the church. The rat got the worst of it and the fuse link was quickly replaced. With power restored, brother Jim Boukidis' crew quickly got down to work and the day was saved... but not the rat.

Good Work, That!

Congratulations must first be extended to **brother Jim Boukidis**. His hard work and organization made the Founders Day event a great success. The indefatigable **brother Bill Booras** assisted him every step of the way. Many of our brothers showed up Sunday morning to help prepare and serve, and that included the new Sons of Pericles, who demonstrated their willingness to carry on with the great traditions of AHEPA and Chapter 151. No event of this nature can be handled without many hands pitching in. It takes the great leadership of brothers like Jim Boukidis and Bill Booras, but it also takes you. Your help and participation make our chapter and our Order an effective part of our community. Keep it up!

But, there is one more deserving recognition. Unseen by most, **sister Cindi Boukidis** was a great help, especially Saturday, preparing peaches and more. Our special thanks to sister Cindi, who could not be present Sunday as she was called to work a fire.



Three More members added to Fresno Sons of Pericles



A major step towards reactivating Fresno Sons of Pericles Chapter 137 was taken on Sunday June 5. As part of the AHEPA Founders Day observation, three new Sons were initiated. After the waffle brunch had been served, the candidates and other members of the Sons were presented to the community and then recited the Sons of Pericles Creed. Following this presentation, the candidates and the current members retired to a private meeting to conduct the complete Sons of Pericles initiation ceremony.

Pictured above, they are (left to right) candidate John Stephan, Jerad Simonian, candidate Harrison Wolf, Alex Mazare, candidate Aidan Wolf, Vasili Karapanos, president of the Stockton chapter, Michael Salazar, and JD Salazar, who lead the brothers in the recitation. Not pictured is Bassel Khoury. Brothers Tom Chiarchianis PDG and Garrett Buck, District Marshal once again came in support of the effort to revive the Sons.

With the initiation of these three, Fresno now has eight members, the minimum required to reactivate the chapter. The only task now remaining is to complete the petition paperwork and submit it to headquarters.

(Did you notice? The brothers include two sets of brothers. Harrison and Aidan are brothers, as are Michael and JD. Is this unique? Probably not but it is exceptional.)