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September Meeting, Thursday, Sep 9, 7 PM

Fresno Chapter Completes the 2015-16 Year



June 9, 2016- Fresno AHEPA chapter 151 held the final meeting of the term, following a delicious dinner hosted by the Daughters of Penelope Leto Chapter 71. President Mike Gomez and VP Michael Stavropoulos announced that they were stepping down. Following this, chapter elections were held. No nominations were made for president and that office will be decided in the September meeting..

Pictured above are the brothers in attendance. In front **Robert Sexton PSG**, President **Michael Gomez**, Vice President **Michael Stavropoulos**, Board of Governors Chairman **Michael Makredes**. Behind, the brothers are board member **George Gianopulos**, board member **Dr. Ted Nassar**, **Dr. Peter Scamagas**, **Chris Rockas PSC**, **Bill Barbis**, **Gus Argeres**, **Vasilios Booras PDG**.

<p><u>Chapter Officers for 2016-2017</u></p> <p>President TBD Vice President Dr. Ted Nassar Secretary Robert Sexton PSG Treasurer Jim Boukidis</p>	<p><u>Board of Governors</u></p> <p>Chairman Michael Makredes George Gianopulos</p>
<p>Have You paid Your Dues?</p> <p>The end of the year will soon be on us and there are still brothers who have not paid their dues. Dues are only \$70 and are payable at the beginning of the calendar year.</p> <p>Please, brothers, make your dues payment as soon as possible. Your support is appreciated! Thanks again to all those who have paid.</p>	<div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p>August Birthdays Steve Alfieris John Crowe Yanni Stavropoulos Jim Tousounis</p> <p>September Birthdays Kopi Sotiropulos Carl Waddle PHD</p>

- 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!

St. Nicholas Ranch Update

The first phase of the AHEPA/DOP dorm at St. Nicholas Ranch is complete. Fund raising is under way for the remainder of the work. Meantime, the Alex & Faye Spanos Center has been completed and will be officially opened in a Thyranoxia ceremony at the ranch on September 22.



With this kind of progress, it is time for District 21 to step up and complete the dorm restoration. It will be our legacy to the youth of the entire metropolis. This picture was taken last year with the exterior of the Spanos Center building complete. At the time, work on interior decorations, including extensive iconography (it is a church after all) was under way. If you want to see the center for yourself, and the dorm restoration work, an excursion will be made to the ranch following the Fall District Conference October 15.

2016 District Convention Anaheim

The annual district convention took place in Anaheim CA, June 23-25, at the Doubletree hotel. Fresno 151 was well represented with brothers Robert Sexton, Chris Rockas, Vasilios Booras, Ted Nassar, and George Gianopulos in attendance. The district was honored with visits from Supreme President John Galanis, Past Supreme President Phil Frangos and Supreme Governor Nick Perdaris.

Pictured below, PSP Andy Banis and Supreme President Galanis visited with brothers Vasilios Booras, George Gianopulos, Tom Chiarchianis PDG, George Booras PSG, Steve Miller PDG, District Governor Bill Anton, George Fonti, Chris Rockas PSC, and Robert Sexton PSG.



District 21 Fall Conference

Brothers, take note that the Fresno AHEPA Family chapters are hosting the 2016 District 21 Fall Conference. A registration form is attached to the newsletter and you should fill it out forthwith as you are planning to attend, aren't you?

The District Conference is a great way to get connected with all our brothers in the district and Fresno should be well represented. And, acting as hosts, we should put on an excellent meeting. All this will be discussed in our September meetings and chairmen selected. Your help and participation will be crucial as this is an all-hands event. Even better, this will be the first conference in many years in which Fresno will have a Sons of Pericles delegation. Let's make a good show of it and show the district that the AHEPA family is alive and well in the valley!

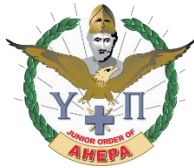


**ORDER OF AHEPA
DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE
GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT 21
FALL CONFERENCE**



Saturday, October 15, 2016

HOSTED BY THE FRESNO AHEPA FAMILY



St. George Greek Orthodox Church

2219 N. Orchard

Fresno CA



**Welcome/Continental Breakfast 9:30 AM
Joint AHEPA, DOP, SOP, MOA meeting 10:30 AM
Luncheon 12:00 PM
Individual Lodge meetings 1:00 PM
Adjourn 3:00 PM**

For those interested, a carpool excursion to St. Nicholas Ranch will depart immediately following adjournment.

Register by mail, phone or email

Name _____ Chapter _____

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Phone _____ e-mail _____

Number attending _____ @ \$35.00 / person Total _____

Please enclose check payable to AHEPA #151 and Mail to:

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