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Sons Chapter Reinstated at San Jose Conference



October 28, 2017~ District Governor George Zioulas observes while Supreme Governor George Booras administers the oath to new members of the San Jose Sons of Pericles chapter.

A highlight of the successful District Fall Conference was the reinstatement of the San Jose Sons of Pericles chapter, along with the reinstatement of their corresponding Maids of Athena chapter. The addition of these chapter means that District 21 now has three active Sons chapters and two active Maids chapters.

There is a distinct benefit to membership in the Sons or Maids, and for that matter in any part of the AHEPA Family. District 21 has long maintained a scholarship fund and has distributed many scholarships and Fresno has benefitted from it. The primary qualification for these scholarships is membership in the AHEPA Family. Do you know someone with college bound children? Perhaps you can persuade them that this is a great reason to join. New members are always welcome.

Chapter Officers		Birthday Brothers	
President	Dr. Ted Nassar	<i>August</i>	Steve Alfieris
Vice President	TBD		John Crowe
Secretary	George Gianopulos		Yannis Satvropoulos
Treasurer	Jim Boukidis		Jim Tousounis
		<i>September</i>	Kopi Sotiropoulos
Board of Governors			Carl Waddle
Chairman	Robert Sexton PSG	<i>October</i>	Robert Sexton
	Ioannis Kokkinidis	<i>November</i>	Gus Argeres
	Michael Makredes		Bill Booras
	JD Salazar		Michael Makredes

About Membership

Currently, chapter 151 has 48 members. Of these, 23 brothers are still owing for 2017 dues. In addition, there are 11 brothers on the delinquent list. How do I know all this? Now, with the new online national database, I can look it up at any time. This access is open to all brothers if you make the effort to obtain a password. There are benefits to doing this. First, you can pay your national *per capita* online with a credit card. Second, you can keep your contact information up to date. We will review the system and how you establish your password at our Thursday meeting, a good reason to be there.

First, understand what is required. Our chapter dues are \$70 per year. Of this, \$45 goes to national, and \$15 goes to the district. The structure is such that national bills the chapters for *per capita* and the chapter must collect from the membership. While some chapters take a different route, we pay *per capita* as dues are received, as do most chapters. Unpaid *per capita* ultimately lands brothers on the delinquent list. For example, if any of the currently outstanding brothers (I mean that financially) remain unpaid after the end of this year, they will be considered delinquent next year. To maintain your membership, all *per capita* must be paid for each year. A reinstating brother must decide whether to pay all back dues or receive no credit for the missing years.

Unlike many organizations, dues are collected throughout the year, and you remain in good standing until declared delinquent. Our bylaws state that *per capita* is due and payable on the 1st of January, but the real deadline is December 31, and it has usually been a scramble at HQ to get it all in. Changes to this system have been discussed from time to time but nothing has been changed. There are currently no reinstatement fees or initiation fees. But if a brother drops out for a long time, he will find those back dues daunting. Best to keep current.

Dues are, and have been since the first of the year, due and payable. I strongly encourage any unpaid brothers to get your dues paid. It will be greatly appreciated.