



You Heard it through...

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December Meeting, Thursday, Nov 14, 7 PM

Christmas is Coming!



There are three important dates this month, maybe four. Dig out your calendar and be sure you have them marked. First, our next meeting, Thursday, December 14 at 7 PM. That certainly should not be missed. Second, and also not to be missed, Tuesday, December 19, which will be our annual DOP Christmas Dinner. Beginning at 5:30 PM at the Manhattan Restaurant, we will dine on a choice of Filet Bearnaise, Pacific Salmon or Chicken Piccata. Deadline to reserve is, coincidentally, this Thursday. Thus you may attend our monthly meeting and reserve for our Christmas Dinner all at the same time.

But of course, this is the month of greater celebrations. The third date, and the reason for the season, will be Christmas itself, on Monday, December 25. Scholars may debate the actual date of the birth of Christ, but this is when we celebrate. Could there be any better way to make the darkest month bright?

And finally, the year doth end on December 31. The Times Square ball drops, parties ensue, and we look back with a shudder at a tumultuous year. Hope springs eternal and we can hope that 2018 will be a better year. May your days be merry and bright...

| Chapter Officers | | Birthday Brothers |
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| President | Dr. Ted Nassar | Michael Salazar (SOP) |
| Vice President | TBD | St. Nicholas |
| Secretary | George Gianopulos | Jesus, the son of Mary |
| Treasurer | Jim Boukidis | |
| Board of Governors | | |
| Chairman | Robert Sexton PSG | |
| | Ioannis Kokkinidis | |
| | Michael Makredes | |
| | JD Salazar | |

About Membership

Currently, chapter 151 has 48 members. Of these, 13 brothers still owe 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.



Annual Christmas Dinner



Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Cocktails 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:15 PM



**THE MANHATTAN
Park Avenue Room**

1731 W. Bullard Ave.

5:30 PM

Three Entree Selections:

- * Filet Bearnaise - 8 oz Center Cut Filet , Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables
 - * Pacific Salmon - Honey BBQ Glaze, Avocado & Corn Relish, Mashed Potatoes
 - * Chicken Piccata - Scallops of Chicken, Wine , Tomato & Mushrooms
- Served with Salad, Coffee, Tea, Soft Drink, Dessert

Gift Exchange



**Deadline for Reservations
Thursday, Dec.14, 2017**

Reservations may be made by calling:
Dorothea Gianopulos,
432-4630

Or Reserve by mailing check to:
Madelyn Jones
358 E. Avante
Fresno, California
93720



\$40 PER PERSON

includes tax and gratuity

Name: _____ Filet ___ Salmon ___ Chicken

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*Make checks payable to "Daughters of Penelope Leto #71"