



Communiqué from AHEPA CANADA President

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Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

With this communiqué I am sharing with you some news of my activities as President of AHEPA Canada along with highlights of some of the marvellous work and achievements that Ahepans across Canada are doing for Hellenism and our Communities across our country.

John W. Galanis Elected Supreme President of AHEPA at 93rd Supreme AHEPA Family Convention in San Francisco, July 4, 2015



Bro. Galanis is a 47- year member of Chapter 43, Milwaukee, Wisc. He has served AHEPA in numerous leadership positions including most recently Supreme Vice President and on the Board of Trustees. As supreme president, Galanis' responsibilities include being the chief executive officer and principal spokesperson of the entire AHEPA domain, which includes the United States, Canada, and chapters in Europe.

Bro. Galanis is a founding partner of Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., a Milwaukee-based law firm. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and received his undergraduate degree

from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He also attended the London School of Economics. Galanis has served as president of several community and charitable organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club of Milwaukee and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

Bro. Galanis and his wife, Patricia, are members of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Milwaukee, and have four children and several grandchildren. Galanis is an Archon of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle - Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

Ken Matziorinis re-elected Canadian President of AHEPA at 93rd AHEPA Family Supreme Convention in San Francisco on July 4th, 2015



Canadian President Ken Matziorinis with Supreme President of AHEPA John W. Galanis following the Installation Ceremony



With Supreme President John W. Galanis and Supreme Vice-President Andrew Zachariades

Past Canadian President of AHEPA Nick Aroutzidis Elected on the Board of Trustees of AHEPA



Brother Nick has the distinction of being the second Canadian to serve on AHEPA's Board of Trustees (following Jim Anas in the 1990s), being sworn in by PSP Nicholas Karacostas, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Congratulations Bro. Nick

The Newly Elected Supreme Lodge of AHEPA for 2015-2016



(L-R): Supreme Governor Frank Fotis, Supreme Governor Timothy Joannides, Supreme Governor George Kalantzis, Sons of Pericles National Advisory James Kokotas, Supreme Treasurer Carl Hollister, Supreme Governor Tom Gober, Supreme Vice President Andrew Zachariades, Supreme Governor Christopher Gallis, Supreme President John W. Galanis, Supreme Governor Demetrios Kirkiles, Canadian President Ken Matziorinis, Supreme Athletic Director Lou Atsaves, Supreme Secretary George Loucas, Supreme Governor Nicholas Papadopoulos, Supreme Governor James Stasios, and Supreme Counselor George Horiates.

The AHEPA Supreme Lodge is the international governing body of the organization.

The 2015-16 Supreme Lodge is comprised of: Canadian President Kenneth N. Matziorinis, Pierrefonds, Quebec; Supreme Vice President Andrew C. Zachariades, Brick, N.J.; Supreme Secretary George E. Loucas, Esq., Cleveland, Ohio; Supreme Treasurer Carl Hollister, Mason, Ohio; Supreme Counselor George G. Horiates, Esq., Moorestown, N.J.; Supreme Athletic Director Louis G. Atsaves, Lake Forest, Ill.; and Sons of Pericles National Advisor James Kokotas, Brooklyn, N.Y.

The eight Supreme Governors are: Region I: Demetrios C. Kirkiles, Esq., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Region II: James Stasios, Wilmington, N.C.; Region III: Christopher Gallis, Flushing, N.Y.; Region IV: Frank P. Fotis, Lexington, Mass.; Region V: George L. Kalantzis, Canton, Ohio; Region VI: Tom Gober, Region VII: Timothy Joannides, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Region VIII: Nick Perdaris, Van Nuys, California; and Region X: Nicholas C. Papadopoulos, Voula, Greece.

Elected to positions on the Board of Trustees were: Nick Aroutzidis, London, Ontario; and Lee Millas, Trenton, N.J. Michael Papaphotes, Brooklyn, N.Y., was elected to the Board of Auditors.

Sister Aspa Kostopoulos Elected Zone 5 Governor of the Daughters of Penelope



Sister Effie Sapuridis Elected Grand Treasurer of the Grande Lodge of the Maids of Athena





The newly installed Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Pericles, Andreas Christou being elected Supreme President of the SOP (in the middle)



Highlights from AHEPA Family Supreme Convention in San Francisco



Ken Matziorinis, Christina Andrews, Celia Kachmarski, Nick Aroutzidis, Effie Sapuridis, Haritos Aroutzidis before boarding the *San Francisco Belle*



Ken Matziorinis, Dino Kourtessis, Basil Mossaidis and Peter Andreoglou on board San Francisco Belle



George Argiriou, Bill Bakalis, Christos Argiriou, John Prevolos and Ken Matziorinis



Xanthi Vafopoulou, Christos Argiriou, Ken Matziorinis, John Prevolos, Nicholas Spillios and George Argiriou following the speech of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America

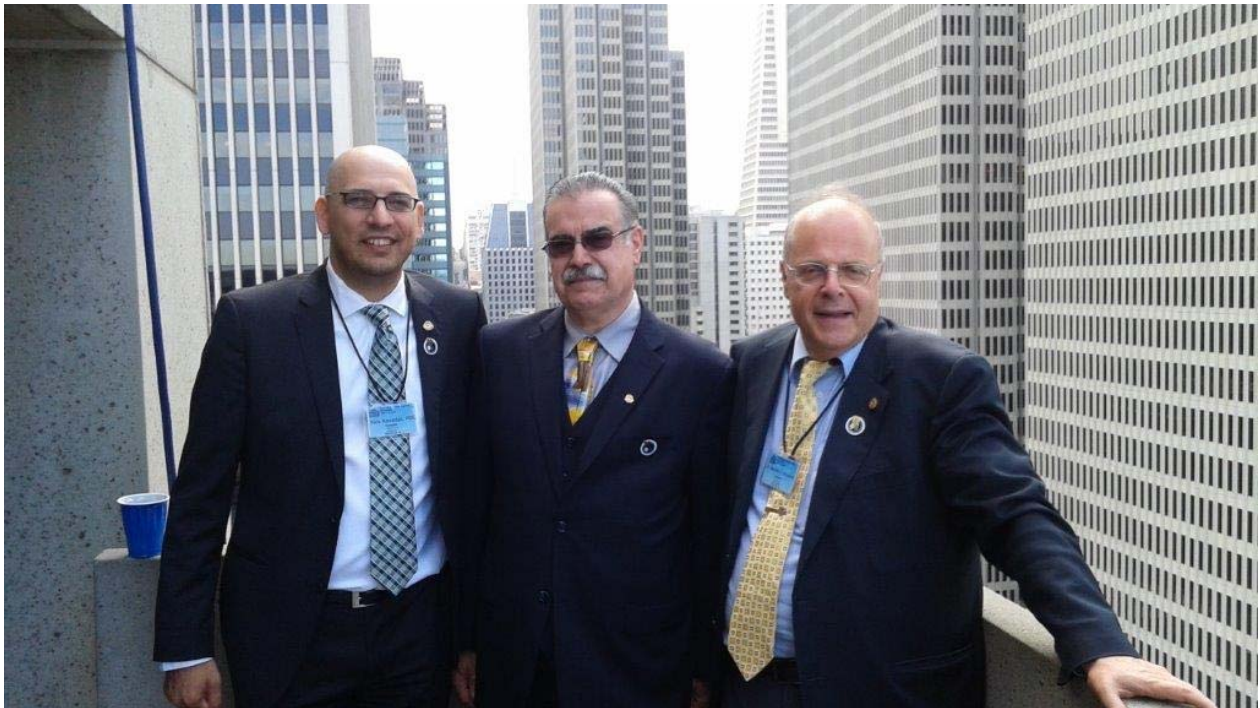


Seated: Dino Kourtessis (Vancouver), PCP Nicholas Spillios (Edmonton), PCP Nick Aroutzidis (London), Canadian President Ken Matziorinis (Montreal), Mrs Maginas (London), Xanthi Vafopoulou (Toronto) Sam Maginas (London), Christos Argiriou (Winnipeg, District 24 Governor), Bill Bakalis, (Kitchener, District 23 Governor), John Prevolos, (Burnaby), George Argiriou (Winnipeg), Aspa Kostopoulos (Toronto)





Ken Matziorinis with Nicholas Papadopoulos Supreme Governor for Region 10 (Europe) and Basilios Petkidis, Lt-Governor for District 25 (Hellas)



Ken Matziorinis with Nick Kavadas and Tom Gober



Canadian Affairs Committee Meeting at the Convention



Supreme President Galanis, Patricia Galanis, Canadian President Matziorinis and Vancouver Chapter President Kourtessis attending church service presided by Archbishop Demetrios at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in San Francisco

Past Canadian President of AHEPA Jim Giannoulis Appointed Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate



At the recent Clergy Laity Conference His Eminence Metropolitan Archbishop Sotirios of Toronto Canada, announced that His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew has selected and elected our Community's President, Mr. Jim Giannoulis to become an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

The primary mission of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate / Archons of "Panagia Pammakaristos" is to promote and defend the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. The spiritual, educational and philanthropic initiatives of the Archons in Canada are focused on the general well-being of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and its institutions, as well as on related religious, educational and philanthropic institutions in Canada.

Historically, during the rule of the Ottoman Empire the Greeks showed a particular genius for business and as such, they were called by the Greeks of the time archontes, or rulers, inevitably became the dominant influence at the Patriarchate. They were at hand; they had plentiful ready money, for supplementing church funds or for other support. When the Patriarchate needed laymen to fill its administrative offices, it was from their class that the officials were drawn. ΑΞΙΟΣ !

AHEPA Calgary Chapter Donates \$38,439 to Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation



Omirou Othisia Chapter CJ11, Calgary, Alberta hosted "An Evening in Greece," a celebration of Greek music, dance and cuisine, to benefit the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation. The event raised \$38,000, which was presented by the chapter President Deno Adams and Past District 24 Governor Vasile Douros to the Foundation at the hospital.

New Shriners Hospital for Children Official Opening in Montreal, August 20, 2015



Official opening of the Hospital, Québec Premier Philippe Couillard, Québec Minister of Health Dr. Gaétan Barrette and Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre



Victor Drury, Fundraising Chair, Peter Papas, Frank Antoniou, Alexandra Sevapsidis, Gino Berretta, President of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospital, Jimmy Dionissopoulos, Peter Scoufaras and Ken Matziorinis at the new McGill University Health Centre Site.



Demetrius Manolakos, Ken Matziorinis, Jimmy Dionissopoulos, Peter Scoufaras, Frank Antoniou and Peter Papas with Montreal Karnak Shriners Potentate Mike Glezos. Mike Glezos has honoured our community by being the first person of Greek descent to lead the Montreal Karnak Shriners.



AHEPA Montreal Chapter contributed \$250,000 towards this noble objective and the Shriners have named the School in the hospital the "AHEPA Family School"



Archive photo from official naming of AHEPA Family School at the old Shriners Hospital in 2011 with Shriners Hospital Board Chair Dr. Robert Drummond
 From L-R: Peter Scoufaras, Peter Papas, Olga Psilopoulou, Demetris Yantsulis, Jane Kyriopoulos, Ioannis Bougas, Helen Christodoulou, Xenophon Scoufaras, George Vassilas, Ken Matziorinis, Lazarus Kalipolidis and Frank Antoniou



AHEPA Toronto Holds Annual Golf Tournament and Donates \$3,000 to Waterloo Institute for Hellenistic Studies



Past District 23 Governor Jim Fabrikis with Montreal Chapter Secretary and District Ahepan of the Year (2014-15) Br. James Hutchison



District 23 Lt-Governor George Kolokotronis, District 23 Governor Bill Bakalis, PCP Tony Mavromaras, District 23 Treasurer Stephane Krahulec, Past District Governor Jim Fabrikis and District 23 Secretary James Hutchison



Brothers Kolokotronis, Fabrikis, Krahulec and Hutchison

**AHEPA Montreal 24th Annual Invitational Golf Tournament, Summerlea Golf Club,
June 7, 2015 a Great Success**



Manny Tsoupanarias, Manos Christofidis and Ken Matziorinis



Montreal DOP President Sister Alexandra Sevapsidis with her golf playmates



Br Peter Papas with SOP and MOA Volunteers at the Golf event



Br. George Tzicas, Golf event Chair Br. Manos Christofidis and Chapter VP Ioannis Panagiotou



Past Canadian President Xenophon Scoufaras, Br Andreas Kragaris and Golf Event Chair Manos Christofidis

Visit to Ottawa Greek Fest, August 22, 2015



With President of Greek Orthodox Community of Ottawa Nikolaos Lefkas



PCP Frank Antoniou and Canadian President with Ottawa-based Greek artist Chrisoula Mouroukas and her wonderful creations



L-R: Anitha Ramalingam, Ken Matziorinis, Alexandra Wood, Effie Gournaki, Elaine Antoniou and Frank Antoniou at the Ottawa Greek Fest



With Bro. Peter Deros, Dr. Theodore Halatsis and Anthony Mavros, Conservative Party Candidate for Vimy in Laval, QC, the only candidate of Greek descent who is running in Quebec in the current elections



With Montreal Chapter President Jimmy Dionisopoulos and Liberal Party Leader Justin Trudeau



With Bro. Peter Prassas, Life Member of AHEPA, Past Montreal Chapter President and City Councillor for Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC and Lysane Blanchette-Lamothe (NDP), Member of Parliament for Pierrefonds-Dollard



Brothers, Let us all do our part to achieve our fund raising goal for St-Nicholas Shrine in Ground Zero, New York for Hellenism and for our Orthodox Faith.