



Archons In Historic Pilgrimage to Patriarchate

A delegation of Archons led by Commander Anthony G. Borden left on an 8-day Pilgrimage to the Patriarchate and Athens during the week following Easter, May 3-11. The group spent an unforgettable five days at the Patriarchate and returned with hearts overflowing with love, enthusiasm and gratitude for our people who live in the Holy City of Constantinople. During their five day stay in Constantinople the delegation



Memorial Service for Patriarch Athenagoras conducted by Metropolitan Chrysostomos as a floral tribute on behalf of all Archons is placed on the tomb by Commander Anthony Borden.

Patriarch Demetrios Bestows Blessings Upon All Archons

His All Holiness Patriarch Demetrios conveys his paternal Patriarchal blessings to all Archons through those present on the Pilgrimage to the Patriarchate. The Patriarch stated that the generous and continuing support of Archons in the Americas for the needs of the Patriarchate was deeply appreciated.

His Holiness said: "Your presence here is further evidence of your love for the Mother Church, and we warmly greet you as honored children of the Great Church of Christ". The Patriarch went on to say, "The radiance in your faces reflects the bond of love and spiritual kinship that exists between the Patriarchate and all Archons, especially those in the Archdiocese headed by my beloved brother in Christ, Archbishop Iakovos".

visited various Patriarchal Institutions including Halki Theological School, now closed as a seminary but functioning as a secondary school with a Turkish headmaster, and Balukli Hospital with 650 beds of which 250 are used for the aged. Churches visited included Zoodohos Peghe and the miraculous Shrine of the Life-Giving Spring, the incomparable Cathedral of Agia Sophia which now serves as a Turkish museum, the Patriarchal Cathedral of St. George, the Church of the Chora with its breathtaking mosaics and icons, and the ancient basilica Church of St. Irene.

Throughout the visit the group was warmly received and greeted by everyone. "Your presence here gives us courage and renews our faith", stated one lady in the congregation as she clasped the hands of one of the Archons. At Balukli Hospital patients responded with tearful greetings of "Christos Anesti" and "Kalos Ilthate". Everywhere it was evident the importance of Archons visiting and encouraging our people in the Holy City.

In Greece a three day stay was highlighted by an audience with His Beatitude Seraphim, Archbishop of Greece, and the United States Ambassador to Greece, Robert McClosky. The Ambassador received the Archons for well over an hour, and a lively discussion took place concerning American policy toward

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Archon Regional Commanders Appointed

In an effort to encourage deeper interest and more involvement in the Knights of St. Andrew program on the regional level several Regional Commanders were recently appointed. They are: New York, Louis Dukas; Connecticut, Ari Coclin; New England, Charles Maliotis and Gregory Demetrakas; Mideast, George Chimples (Cleveland) and Basil Foussianes (Detroit); South, Dr. John Skandalakis; Midwest, Andrew Athens; West, William Cocorinis; West Coast, George Bezaitis; Canada, Gerald Daoussis, George Grivakis (honorary); Greece, Aristides Georgiades and Stanley Stavropoulos.

The Regional Commanders and National Officers together constitute the National Board of Archons. On April 12th the Board convened its first meeting with Archbishop Iakovos in attendance. A Regional Commander's function is to keep in communication with the Archons in his area, and appoint an Executive Committee to promote participation in the overall program.

Archons In Washington D.C. Rally

All Archons along the eastern seaboard received mailgrams the week of April 10 urging them to participate in the April 16 rally and march in Washington D.C. protesting the lifting of the Turkish Arms Embargo. The rally was preceded by an Archieratical Divine Liturgy and Doxology in Washington's St. Sophia Cathedral. Attended by 20,000 persons the rally and march was peaceful, well-ordered and very enthusiastic. It took place in Lafayette Park across from the White House and many Archons took part in the event.

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Greece and Turkey. All who participated in the Pilgrimage agreed it was an unforgettable event that should be experienced by every Archon.



Andrew Athens



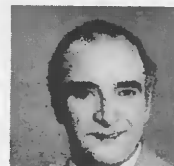
Dr. John Skandalakis



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Gregory Demetrakas



Gerald Daoussis



Ari Coclin



Dr. Chris Philip



George Grivakis

National Meeting Convened In Chicago Tribute Paid To Pierre A. DeMets

The first meeting of Archons to be convened outside of New York City was held last November 29-30 in Chicago. Hosting the meeting, under the blessings of the late Bishop Timotheos of Chicago, was Archon Andrew Athens. It was held at the Illinois Athletic Club and highlighted by the presence of Archbishop Iakovos who offered his blessings and advice on future policies and programming for the Order.

The meeting was marked by enthusiastic interest and concern for the Knights of St. Andrew program as outlined by Commander Anthony Borden. It was agreed that an annual gathering of Archons should take place on November 30th, on the Feastday of our Patron Saint, St. Andrew, in the City of Chicago at St. Andrew's Church.

A visitation was made by Archbishop Iakovos and Dr. Borden to Grand Commander Emeritus Pierre De Mets who was unable to attend the meeting. A specially designed plaque was presented to him on behalf of all Archons for his unparalleled service as the Founder of our Order. Following the Great Vespers Service at St. Andrew Church a reception took place honoring His Eminence and all visiting Archons.

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Clergy-Laity Congress Reception

The 24th biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Archdiocese will convene in Detroit from July 1-8 with headquarters at the Plaza Hotel. On Sunday July 2nd a reception for members of the Archdiocesan Council and Archons of the Patriarchate will be held at the Seventh Diocese District Headquarters at 5:00 pm. Host for the event will be His Grace Bishop Iakovos.

During the entire week of the Congress an exhibit "Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate" will be on display to delegates and visitors. Designer of the exhibit was Archon Chris Daphnides of New York.

Balukli Hospital Committee

One of the highlights of the recent Pilgrimage of Archons to the Patriarchate was the visit to Balukli Hospital. The group was so impressed with the hospital that in addition to numerous spontaneous donations to assist its needs a committee was formed to consider further efforts to aid its program. Named Chairman of the Committee was Archon George Juris of Nashua, New Hampshire.

Balukli Hospital is a large 650 bed institution that serves not only the Greek Orthodox people of Constantinople, but many Turks as well who prefer the care they receive there to that of Turkish hospitals. The small but dedicated staff at Balukli Hospital is headed by Dr. T.I. Karamuratoglu whose leadership and demeanor impressed everyone.

Following an elegant luncheon and welcome Dr. Karamuratoglu greeted the Archons warmly and also expressed his pleasure in noting the Commander, Dr. Anthony Borden, was also a physician and colleague. Commander Borden eloquently responded and warmly thanked the Hospital for all they have and are doing to assist our brethren in Constantinople.



Commander Borden addresses His All Holiness Patriarch Demetrios and members of the Holy Synod at luncheon in the Patriarchate following the Divine Liturgy at Zoodohos Peghe Church.



Archons and families pose with Patriarch Demetrios in the Patriarchal Office following an audience at the Patriarchate.



Archon Constantine Papadeas pays respects at tomb of Patriarch Athenagoras followed by Mrs. Ari Coclin, George Juris, Thomas Leontis and Mrs. Charles Sosangelis.

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comments on the significance of the Sunday of Orthodoxy, and greetings were extended by His Excellency United Nations Ambassador George Papoulias and New York Consul General Nicholas Capallaris.

The closing response was offered by Archbishop Iakovos who expanded on the main address, and exhorted Archons to continue their role as "defenders of the Faith" in their support and devotion to the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

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Sunday of Orthodoxy Festivities Set New Record

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The largest and most enthusiastic group of Archons ever to attend the annual Sunday of Orthodoxy festivities gathered on March 19th at the Archdiocesan Cathedral. Under the leadership of Archbishop Iakovos assisted by Romanian Archbishop Victorin, Bulgarian Archbishop Joseph, and guest clergy, the inspiring and colorful Divine Liturgy, the procession of the Holy Icons, and elevation of new Archons took place before a congregation so large that even standing space was limited.

Twenty new Archons, one of the largest groups ever to be elevated received their Offikia after being invested and blessed by His Eminence. They were: Gregory Alexander, Alexander Anagnos, Henry Angelo, Thomas Bartzos, George Coidakis, John Coukos, John Glezos, Theodore Kypreos, Constantine Ladopoulos, Thomas Leontis, Kostas Liaskas, John Linakis, John Mallios, Adrianos Maris, John Moscahlaides, George Nicolaides, James Panagiotopoulos, Jean Papps, Achilles Sakellarides, Charles Sosangelis, Vasilios Theodosakis, Demetrios Tsintolas, Emil Vourderis.

Over 250 persons attended the Waldorf-Astoria luncheon where the main address was delivered by Dr. Harry Psomiades, Professor of Political Science of Queens College, City University of New York. His historically factual and revealing account of Turkish oppression over the centuries evoked an enthusiastic response from the audience. It has since been published and sent to all Archons, and to all parishes in the Archdiocese.

Among other speakers and guests introduced by toastmaster Nicholas

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Founder Knights in front pew of Cathedral. From left: Dr. Anthony Borden, Anthony J. Miller, John Kusturiss, Ari Coclin, Thomas Cavalaris, Vasilios Daniels, Pierre George.



Dr. Harry Psomiades delivers the principal address at Waldorf-Astoria luncheon as U.N. Ambassador George Papoulias, Archbishop Iakovos, Commander Anthony Borden and Consul General Nicholas Capallaris listen.



Procession of Holy Icons following the Sunday of Orthodoxy Liturgy at the Cathedral. Front row of Archons from left: Kimon Doukas, John Rexine, Nicholas Gines, Louis Dukas, Peter Philios, Demitri Tsintolas, Thomas Cavalaris, Anthony J. Miller, Gregory Lagakos.

Coffinas were Commander Anthony Borden who gave a report on the past year's activities and awarded sashes to Archons who have recently become "Founder Knights": John Coukos of Richmond, Va., John Kusturiss and Charles Sosangelis of Philadelphia, Pa., and Andrew and Tom Athens of Chicago. Spokesman Dr. John Rexine offered

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