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Dear Brothers Ahepans,

I have recently returned from the District Governors Conference in Washington, D.C. and the District Lodge has just concluded its first District Lodge meeting for 2004 in Dallas, TX.

On the National Level, I am pleased to inform you that 2,000 new members have been initiated into the fraternity, representing a net increase of 1,500 members and a grand total of 18,833 members. Mr. Leon Stavrou and his committee were mostly responsible for the increase. To continue our upward movement, National Headquarters has waived all reinstatement and initiative fees for the rest of 2004. This is certainly a great incentive for increasing membership, so please take advantage of it. Enclosed you will find the enrollment statistics for the National, District and Chapter memberships. National has set a goal of 10% increase for new or reinstated members and 100% retainment in order to reach a 5 year goal of 29,000 members. Brothers, THIS IS NOT AN IMPOSSIBLE GOAL TO REACH IF WE ARE ALL SINCERE IN OUR EFFORTS.

On the District Level, our Lodge recently completed its first 2004 meeting in Dallas. Dr. Steve Kirkikis reported the general fund at the \$16,000 level and the scholarship fund at \$123,766. Warden Pete Kaldis reported that the past District Convention did well with \$2,100 presented to Ahepa district, scholarship fund, and DOP District Lodge each, respectively.

As to the upcoming 2005 District Combined Convention – after much deliberation concerning the convention site in Pensacola regarding damage from Hurricane Ivan, District I Governor Chris Kapatanakis reports that all is well and the convention will be held in Pensacola.

When it looked as if Pensacola could not proceed with its plan to host the convention, San Antonio offered to hold the 2005 convention in their stead to allow Pensacola time to recover and hold the convention in 2006. Thank you so much, San Antonio! Isn't that what Ahepa is all about? Family helping family.

Skepsou – don't forget to send your articles ASAP to Tina Batmanus, District DOP Governor, 5710 Ariel St., Houston, Tx. 77096-2106

Fraternally,

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