



## Washington Chapter 31

News about the members, the happenings, and works of Chapter 31

Dear Brothers of Chapter 31,

**W**ell, a new year is upon us. I want to wish you all a very healthy and happy 2011! It seems like just yesterday we were all saying “I can’t believe that it’s going to be 2010” and, just like that, we’re beginning a new 2011 together.

**I** want to thank you all for the wonderful Christmas dinner that we held together with our sisters of the Daughters of Penelope, Hermione Chapter. The room at Mykonos Grille was full of laughter, good cheer, and wonderful brotherhood and sisterhood. Thanks to our sister, Kathy Matrakas (oh, by the way, credit for the organization of this wonderful event goes to her!), I believe that everyone had a wonderful time!

**C**ongratulations to our brother Peter Stathis who recently celebrated his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday! Singing “Happy Birthday” to Peter at our Christmas dinner was truly an honor and a joy for me. May God grant you many more years, Peter. Next, we celebrate another momentous birthday this month. Brother Arthur Lalos’ 99<sup>th</sup> birthday is this month! God bless you, Arthur...you are truly an inspiration to each and every one of us!!

**B**rothers, it’s not often that we can get together and celebrate **TWO** significant birthdays. Please join me at our next Chapter event on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 11 at ALFIO’S RESTAURANT (7:00 p.m.)**. There, we’ll joyfully celebrate the birthdays of two of our very finest brothers, Peter Stathis and Arthur Lalos!

I look forward to seeing you all and again wish you and your families a very Happy New Year!

Fraternally,  
Manny Simantiras

### 2011 Meeting Schedule

Please Mark Your Calendars!

- (S) January 11  
( at ALFIOS Rest.)
- ✓ (G) January 25  
@ St. George
- (S) February 8 (restaurant TBD)
- ✓ (G) February 22 @ St. Sophia
- (S) March 8 (restaurant TBD)
- ✓ (G) March 22 @ St. George
- (S) April 12 (restaurant TBD)
- ✓ (G) April 26 @ St. Sophia
- (S) May 10 (restaurant TBD)
- ✓ (G) May 24 @ St. George
- (S) June 14 (restaurant TBD)
- ✓ (G) June 28 @ St. Sophia

**NOTE:** dates marked with “G” are general Chapter business meetings (beginning at 7:00). Those marked with “S” are Chapter social events...typically held at a restaurant. They too will begin at 7:00

## Chapter 31 “Cold Line”: Are We Meeting or Not... Try This Out!

# (240) 654-5793

During the months of January and February, I will be posting voice announcements about our AHEPA Chapter 31 meetings at the phone number above.

**Q:** “Bob Ryan says that we’re going to see some snow...are we still having a Chapter meeting”?

**A:** Call (240) 654-5793

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**Q:** “Are we meeting at St. George, St. Sophia, or at a restaurant”?

**A:** Call (240) 654-5793

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**Q:** “Hey! What restaurant are we going to this month?”

**A:** Call (240) 654-5793

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**Q:** “What’s the agenda for this month’s meeting”?

**A:** Call (240) 654-5793

Simple, right? With one phone call, you’ll be able to hear answers to these questions! No guessing....

I hope that you find this useful!



## Our Chapter 31 “Farm Team”

I wanted to remind you all about our newest gift...an AHEPA Chapter 31 “farm team” of sorts: **The Sons of Pericles, Pythagoras Chapter #9!** The reformation of this exciting chapter is truly a blessing! Under the guidance of Mr. John Calender, the chapter’s advisor, the SOP Pythagoras Chapter’s goals are involved in the teaching and training of its members to become active and responsible citizens of their community.

Our Chapter 31 has already shown its support and excitement for this budding group by making a small donation to Pythagoras Chapter 9 so that they can begin their organization and establish themselves.

Congratulations to our “farm team!”

This is YOUR Section...please submit your articles, your photos, your comments to [esimantiras@comcast.net](mailto:esimantiras@comcast.net)



### Chapter Dues:

Thanks to everyone who submitted their 2010 dues and to those who made phone calls to our “delinquent” brothers. It’s not too early to submit your 2011 dues. Make it one of your New Year’s resolutions and get ‘em in early! Send your check to:

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