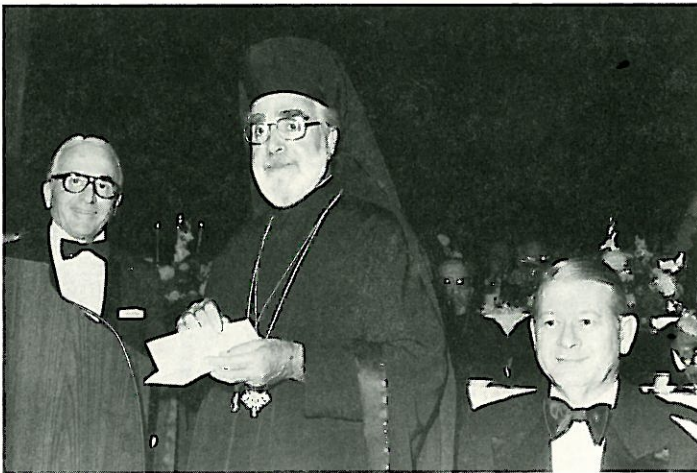


Fall 1977

## Chicago Meeting November 29 to Commemorate St. Andrew

### \$5,000 To Help Establish Chair In New Testament at Hellenic College



Archbishop Iakovos accepts \$5,000 check from Commander Anthony G. Borden as Greek Ambassador to the U. N. George Papoulias looks on.

The presentation of a check for \$5,000 to help establish a Chair in New Testament Studies at Hellenic College was made to Archbishop Iakovos by Commander Anthony G. Borden on behalf of the Knights of St. Andrew at the St. Iakovos Nameday banquet honoring His Eminence on October 23rd. The main ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria was filled with over 1,500 persons who came to honor His Eminence and enjoy an outstanding program highlighted by the presence of Senator Paul Sarbanes, Ambassador Menelaus Alexandrakis, General James Van Fleet and many other notables.

In a meeting with the Archbishop on the eve of the banquet, Knights of St. Andrew Officers personally extended on behalf of all Archons "Chronia Polla" to His Eminence on the occasion of his Nameday.

The annual fall meeting of the Knights of St. Andrew will convene for the first time in Chicago, Ill. on November 29th. His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos will attend the event which will commemorate the annual Feastday of the Patron Saint of our Order, St. Andrew. It will also be a tribute to the Founder and Grand Commander Emeritus of the Knights of St. Andrew, Pierre A. De Mets of Chicago, who will be honored by his fellow Archons at a dinner at the Illinois Athletic Club.



Andrew A. Athens

Host and chairman for the Chicago meeting is Andrew A. Athens, Midwest Regional Officer. All Archons of the Archdiocese are invited to attend this unique event, and a response form and return envelope has been sent to all Archons.

This is an excellent opportunity for Archons located in the midwestern areas of the Archdiocese to meet with His Eminence, hear a report from Commander Anthony G. Borden, and honor the Founder of our Fraternity, all in a few short hours. For further information please call Chairman Andrew Athens at 312 646-4000.

### New Brochure Completed

The new brochure describing the life of St. Andrew, the history of our Order, and the Constitution of the Knights of St. Andrew has now been completed. A copy of the brochure is included with this issue of "The Archon".

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## EDITORIAL

The Knights of St. Andrew is the united voice of the Archons of the Archdiocese speaking and acting in support of the Ecumenical Patriarchate under the leadership of our spiritual leader His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos. In these days when words such as "roots", "heritage", "ethnicity" etc. are so much in vogue we are reminded that the price of our Greek Orthodox legacy is steeped in the pain and blood of those who over the centuries have defended the faith, witnessed for freedom, and been martyred for Christ.

The font from which our sacred heritage flows is located at our Holy Patriarchate in Constantinople, and it is from the Byzantine roots of our heritage that the "Offikia" or titles we proudly bear originate. We are looked upon as "defenders of the faith", and the Knights of St. Andrew is the united voice of all Archons acting in unison for the needs and welfare of the Patriarchate. These needs are both moral and financial. It is for these reasons that we have just sent \$5,000 to the Patriarchate to help local needy Greek Orthodox families, begun organizing a Pilgrimage to the Patriarchate next spring, and are venturing into publishing works that relate to the history of the Patriarchate for our people and friends everywhere.

It is likewise for these reasons that your officers urge you to participate in the program of our sacred Order: Be with us in Chicago on November 29th to offer ideas and suggestions, plan to join the Pilgrimage to the Patriarchate next spring, become a "Founder Knight" if possible or offer your annual contribution when asked, and proudly wear your Knights of St. Andrew rosette pin. These are some of the means by which we can demonstrate our continuing worthiness of the great honor bestowed upon us when we were elevated to the high trust of "Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Great Church of Christ".

## Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios I Sends Blessings and Congratulations

Patriarch Demetrios I extended paternal blessings and congratulations to the Officers of the Knights of St. Andrew for the first issue of "The Archon" which was dedicated to His All Holiness. "The blessings of the Ecumenical throne" stated the Patriarch, "are extended to all Archons for their devotion to the Church in the Americas and their assistance to its most able leader, my Brother in Christ, Archbishop Iakovos". Copies of the first issue of "The Archon" were sent to His Holiness and all members of the Holy Synod.

## Two Founder Knights Welcomed



Over the summer months Archon Depoutatos Peter Kartanos of Wayne, N. J. [left] and Archon Hieromnimon James Angleton of Miami, Florida [center] were welcomed to the rank of "Founder Knight" by Commander Anthony Borden who presented them with the Knights of St. Andrew sash. This designation is bestowed only upon those Archons who have contributed \$1,000 to the Order for which they are accorded the exclusive privilege of wearing the Knights of St. Andrew sash at official functions and are designated as "Founder Knights". Commander Borden has extended his congratulations to Peter Kartanos and James Angleton, and encourages other Archons to follow their example in becoming "Founder Knights" of our Order.

## Council Sets Plans for Pilgrimage to Patriarchate



Plans for a spring pilgrimage to the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople were among the many items on the agenda for the Knights of St. Andrew Officers meeting at the New York Cathedral last month. The Pilgrimage will be scheduled for mid-March under the leadership of His Grace Bishop Silas of Amphipolis and Dr. Anthony G. Borden. Further details on the event will soon be announced. Shown above discussing the project are Officers (from left) Ari Coclin, Executive member; Pierre George, Assistant Treasurer; Anthony J. Miller, Vice Commander; Dr. Anthony G. Borden, Commander; Dr. Chris Philip, Treasurer; Dr. Kimon Doukas, Executive member; Ernest Villas, Secretary; Louis Dukas, Counselor; and Dr. Louis Ferris, Executive member. Absent were Dr. Deno Geanakoplos, Historian, and Dr. John Rexine, Spokesman (see page 4).

### Cablegram to Cyprus—August 4, 1977

To His Excellency Spyros Kyprianou,  
Acting President of Cyprus,  
Presidential Palace, Nicosia, Cyprus

The Knights of St. Andrew comprised of Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople living in America extend deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the people of Cyprus on the death of His Beatitude Archbishop Makarios, President of Cyprus. His service to the church, to the people of Cyprus and to the cause of world peace is engraved upon our hearts as we join with you in prayer for the repose of his soul. May he rest in the eternal peace that he so well deserves, Eonia I Mnimi.

### Patriarch Elias IV Extends Thanks

An expression of deep paternal gratitude was received from His Beatitude Patriarch Elias IV for the \$5,000 gift presented to him last June by the Knights of St. Andrew to assist the work of the Patriarchate of Antioch.

### Lapel Pins From France

The rosette lapel pins exclusively designed for the Knights of St. Andrew were manufactured in France last summer. Dr. Chris Philip who heads this project states: "The rosette lapel pin is a distinctive item that every Archon will be proud to wear. Its color is burgundy with a muted gold border and the cross of St. Andrew in white. Every Archon will soon receive one."

### Sunday of Orthodoxy (continued from page 4)

for generations stood as the historical capital of Eastern Orthodoxy and must continue to stand, a constant historical reminder of our Byzantine Orthodox tradition. It is especially incumbent upon Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate who constitute the Knights of St. Andrew in the Americas to fulfill the high aims and purposes of support to the Patriarchate as outlined in our constitution. The Patriarchate must stand as a living symbol of the sanctity of Christian suffering and the preciousness of our faith, and by so doing it accords to us the stability of ecclesiastical dignity in a world torn by dissension, deceit and disrespect. It is with these words that I greet you on behalf of the Knights of St. Andrew on this Sunday of Orthodoxy 1977.

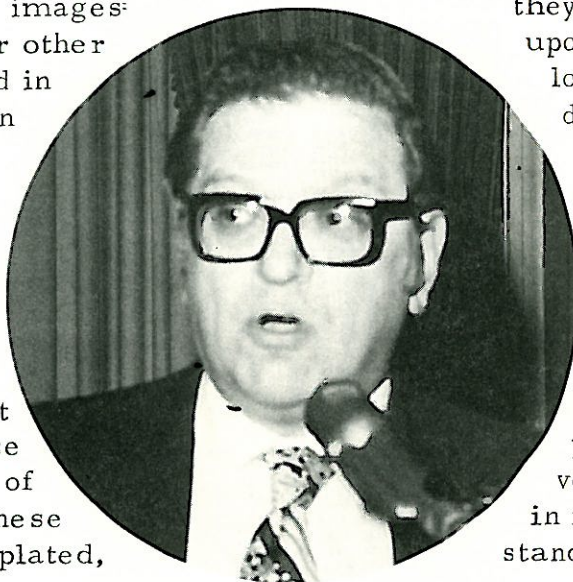
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# "The Sunday of Orthodoxy and Archons of the Patriarchate"

*The following are highlights of an address delivered in New York City by Archon Dr. John E. Rexine, Spokesman for the Knights of St. Andrew, on the Sunday of Orthodoxy 1977*

Today is a magnificent day of celebration for the Orthodox Church, for it commemorates the victory of the Church over the iconoclasts in the 8th century, and the restoration of the icons in 843, a victory that was final and to this day is annually celebrated as the Sunday of Orthodoxy on the First Sunday in Lent. It is well to recall that for us Orthodox our liturgical life is basically a corporate form of worship, and our churches are embellished with a special art form intended to express that faith visually and provide expression for religious feeling. It was the importance of this artistic expression that generated the iconoclastic controversy in the 8th and 9th centuries and resulted in the following dogmatic definition by the Second Council of Nicaea in 787 on veneration paid to icons:

"We define that the holy images: whether in color, mosaic, or other material, should be exposed in the holy churches of God, on sacred vessels, liturgical vestments, walls and furnishings, in houses and along the roads; namely, the image of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, and of Our Lady the Immaculate and most Holy Mother Of God, those of the venerable angels and of all holy men. Whenever these representations are contemplated,



they will cause those who look upon them to commemorate and love their prototypes. We define also that they should be kissed and are an object of veneration and honor, but not of worship which is reserved for Him who is proper for the Divine Nature alone. The honor rendered to the image is in effect transmitted to the prototype, and he who venerates the image venerates in it the reality for which it stands."

*Knights of St. Andrew Spokesman Dr. John E. Rexine*

We who are gathered here today and bear the titles of Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Knights of St. Andrew, have a special responsibility to support, defend and promote the cause of international Orthodoxy. Archons were the chief lay citizens of the Byzantine Empire charged with protecting the Church in their respective areas, and our titles of "offikia" have historical precedent in Byzantine history in both the imperial and the patriarchal court.

In Byzantium during the "Tourkokratia", and continuing through today, the principle of active lay participation in the life and work of the Church is one of the great strengths of Orthodoxy. Our late beloved Patriarch Athenagoras, founder of the Knights of St. Andrew, fully realized and valued that participation. He was a giant among Christians who took his ecumenical responsibilities seriously and saw that the Patriarchate and the church must have world-wide perspective without compromising Orthodoxy. Above all,

he personified the message of Christian love among his people and wanted it communicated to all peoples of the world through the Orthodox Church. His successor, Patriarch Demetrios I, is determined to carry on the work of his predecessor in that same spirit.

Though the Patriarchate is under constant Internal pressures from the Turkish government, press, and other hostile elements, it has [cont'd on page 3]

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