

**ORDER OF AHEPA
Citrus District**



**District Number Two
BEST CHAPTER AWARD APPLICATION**

YEAR of Application: 2022

I. CHAPTER INFORMATION

- 1. Name of Chapter:** Boca Raton AHEPA Chapter
- 2. Chapter Number:** 487
- 3. Chapter Chartered:** February 18, 1980
- 4. Chapter City:** Boca Raton, Florida
- 5. Present Membership:** As of this date, the Chapter has ninety-three (93) annual and six (6) Life members for a total of one hundred one (103) brothers in good standing.
- 6. Total Members Paid:** Of the ninety-three (93) non-Life members, sixty-one (61) have paid their 2022 dues which represents 66%. The Chapter has paid the District assessment for members who were on the Chapter roster as of December 31, 2021.
- 7. Individual Dues:** \$100 with \$20 towards the scholarship fund
- 8. Life Members:** Chapter does not collect dues from Life Members, however Five (4) of the Six (6) LIFE members have contributed to the chapter to cover their District 2 per capita assessment, chapter expenses and contribute to our scholarship fund.
- 9. Members Initiated:** 7 new members for 2021-2022

ISRAEL	CACERES
PANOS	DOUKIDES
JOHN	KAPLANIDIS
DINO	MASTORAKIS
PETER	TROGOS
CHARLES	TUMAZOS
ALEX	VANIDES

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10. Re-instatements: 2

11. Transfers: None

12. Treasury Balance: As of April 30, 2022, the chapter had a total bank account balance of \$104,78.68

13. Individual Accounts: The chapter has two bank accounts and ten (10) certificate of deposit accounts for scholarship funds. As of April 30, 2022, the account balances were as follows:

Amount	Account
\$ 12,526.37	Checking
\$ 10,116.93	Sustainment
\$ 22,643.30	Total Operating Accounts
\$ 19,873.35	Scholarship I
\$ 62,266.03	Scholarship II
\$ 82,139.38	Total Scholarship Accounts
\$ 104,782.68	Total Operating & Scholarship Accounts

14. AHEPA Home: We do not own our own AHEPA Home, however we do refer individuals in need of senior care to the AHEPA Houses in West Palm Beach, FL or North Miami, FL.

15 - 16. N/A

17. E-Mail Addresses: Chapter collects e-mail addresses for those brothers who have them. Of the one hundred three (103) current members, ninety-two (98) have e-mail addresses.

18. Registered Voters: Unknown

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19. Award of 25-year pins: No

20. Award of 50-year pins: Yes, we have awarded a pin to the life members as they reach 50-years active with AHEPA. Below is a list of our Life members along with their years of service to AHEPA.

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	YEAR	LIFE
CHRIS	ATHAN		LIFE
ANDREW	ARBES	67.8	LIFE
CHRIST	KAZALAS	66.1	LIFE
DINO	NONAS		LIFE
LOUIS	SINOPULOS	60.2	LIFE
PETER	PROTOS	57.1	LIFE

II. CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

21. Meeting Location: The Chapter holds its meetings at the same time with our local Cassandra Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope in the Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church Fellowship Hall located at 2100 NW 51st Street (Yamato Road), Boca Raton, FL 33431.

22. Number of Meetings: Nine (9) monthly meetings were held from September 2021 through May 2022. We are hosting the D2 Convention in June and planning informal Fellowship Nights during July & August.

23. Special Meetings: We conduct bi-monthly Board of Governors meetings and hold individual committee meetings as often as needed. Attached is a complete list of our committees and committee members. Our chapter president is a “defacto” member of all the committees

- **AHEPA Sunday**, Chair Jerry Baldino
- **Cultural Committee**, Chair Peter Loupasakis
- **Fellowship**, Chair John Voytilla
- **Membership**. Chair Frank Rekas

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- ***Dinner & Speaker***, Chair Andrew Cassas
- ***Saint Mark Events***, Chair George Douglas
- ***Scholarship***, Chair Charlie Zacharias
- ***Sunshine***, Chair Peter Karantonis
- ***Scholarship Dinner/Dance***, Chair James Constantine
- ***Veteran's Day Celebration***, Chair Nick Drakos

24. Regular Chapter meeting per month: One (1). A meal and fellowship, along with interesting speakers are conducted together with the DOP prior to breaking off into our own separate meetings.

25. Other Chapter meeting during the month: The chapter held numerous other chapter fellowship events throughout the year.

26. Are meetings Ritualistic? Yes

27. Does the Chapter have a degree Team? No

28. Do officers have regular meetings in addition to Chapter meetings? Yes, we meet bi-monthly with the Board of Governors (BOG) to discuss how we can improve our Chapter and promote AHEPA within the community of both Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church and the City of Boca Raton. These meetings have been successful in the implementation of new concepts and projects within the Chapter including getting more Parishioners involved chapter activities and events.

29. Does your Chapter have combined meetings with other branches of the AHEPA Family? Yes - the Chapter works closely with The Daughters of Penelope having some joint affairs prior to the start of the regular meeting.

30. Does the Chapter have a scholarship program? Yes - the Chapter will award Seven (7) Scholarships this year totaling \$8,250 as follows: 5 X \$1,250 Scholarships, 2 X \$1,000 Scholarships. This year we limited the applicants to graduating high school and enrolling full time to Catholic University, Emory University, Florida Atlantic University and University of Florida.

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31. Did your Chapter host any dinners? Yes – each year the Chapter, along with the DOP, host an annual Lenten dinner for the Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church community in association with Lent. This year Brother Bobby Orfanos made his Mom’s Lentel Soup which was served with a Garden Salad prepared by the Daughters of Penelope.

32. Did your Chapter host any dances? Yes – this year the Chapter hosted a 100th Anniversary dinner dance to raise funds for our Hellenic, educational and philanthropic projects. This is the most successful affair in the community for the year. This year’s event attracted over 200 people on Saturday February 24, 2022 and raised over \$20,000.

33. Did your Chapter participate in the Greek Independence parade? No

III. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

34. Blood Bank Drives? No

35. AHEPA Cooley’s Anemia Program? No

36. Athletic Program? No

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37. Church Projects Activities:

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday, July 1, 2021	AHEPA & DOP Fellowship Dinner	Taverna Kyma	6:00 PM
Thursday, August 19, 2021	AHEPA & DOP Fellowship Dinner	Rafina Greek Taverna	6:00 PM
Thursday, September 2, 2021	AHEPA & DOP Dinner Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
Wednesday, September 29, 2021	Officer & BOG Meeting	Taverna Kyma	6:00 PM
Saturday, October 2, 2021	Football Tailgate FAU vs FIU	FAU Stadium	3:30 PM
Thursday, October 7, 2021	AHEPA & DOP Dinner Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
Monday, October 11, 2021	AHEPA Octoberfest	Biergarten	6:00 PM
Sunday, October 31, 2021	DOP Baskets & Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall	11:30 AM
Thursday, November 4, 2021	AHEPA & DOP Dinner Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
Tuesday, November 9, 2021	Happy Hour Taverna Opa	Taverna Opa	6:00 PM
Thursday, November 11, 2021	Veteran's Day Prayer	South Florida National Cemetery	11:30 AM
Friday, November 12, 2021	North Miami Greek Festival	Church of the Annunciation	7:00 PM
Sunday, November 14, 2021	Veterans Day Tribute	Saint Mark	11:30 AM
Sunday, November 14, 2021	DOP Founders Day	Fellowship Hall	11:30 AM
Wednesday, November 17, 2021	Officer & BOG Meeting	Taso's Greek Taverna	6:00 PM
Thursday, December 2, 2021	AHEPA & DOP Dinner Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
Sunday, December 5, 2021	USMC Toys for Tots	Fellowship Hall	11:30 AM
Sunday, December 12, 2021	USMC Toys for Tots	Fellowship Hall	11:30 AM
Thursday, January 6, 2022	AHEPA Monthly Meeting	Zoom	6:30 PM
Wednesday, January 19, 2022	Officer & BOG Meeting	Zoom	6:00 PM
Thursday, February 3, 2022	AHEPA & DOP Dinner Meeting	TBD	6:30 PM
Saturday, February 26, 2022	AHEPA Scholarship Dinner Dance	Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM
Thursday, March 3, 2022	AHEPA & DOP Dinner Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
Saturday, March 12, 2022	Spring Caucas	Orlando	11:00 AM
Tuesday, March 15, 2022	Officer & BOG Meeting	Taso's Greek Taverna	6:00 PM
Friday, March 18, 2022	Lenten Dinner	Fellowship Hall	8:00 PM
Friday, March 25, 2022	Greek Independence Day	Greek Restaurant of your Choice	Anytime
Sunday, April 3, 2022	Feeding Children Everywhere	Fellowship Hall	11:30 AM
Thursday, April 7, 2022	AHEPA & DOP Dinner Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
Sunday, April 24, 2022	Orthodox Easter	Saint Mark	
Friday, April 29, 2022	Saint Mark 40th Celebration BBQ	Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM
Saturday, April 30, 2022	Saint Mark Golf Outing	Boca Lago Country Club	11:00 AM
Thursday, May 5, 2022	AHEPA & DOP BBQ Dinner Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 18, 2022	Officer & BOG Meeting	Taso's Greek Taverna	6:00 PM
Sunday, May 22, 2022	AHEPA Sunday Breakfast	Fellowship Hall	11:30 AM
Tuesday, May 24, 2022	Greek School Graduation	Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM
Monday, May 30, 2022	Memorial Day - US Flags	Saint Mark	8:00 AM
Thursday, June 2, 2022	Fellowship Night	TBD	6:00 PM
6/9 - 6/11	District 2 Convention	Marriott at Boca Center	

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38. Other: The Chapter Adopted a Greek Family in need, Nick and Maria, grandparents raising 3 children 2 girls ages 8 and 10 years old and a boy 14 years old. One of our AHEPANS and his wife are Koumbaros to the children. The Grandmother who was the primary caregiver to the children was diagnosed with Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer and within 6 weeks passed away. The Grandfather is 72 years old, works part time in the Deli at Publix and now must maintain the house, take care of the kids and try to figure out how he will be able to work again. AHEPA initially donated \$1,000 and Saint Mark collected one week during lent for the family and raised \$10,000. We have been working with him to get the kids into after-care, get them enrolled in summer camp and in school for the fall, as the oldest is entering high school. We have also engaged some community resources like 4 Kids that supports at risk pre-foster care families and Tomorrow's Rainbow a grief counseling program to name a few.

39. Other: AHEPA expanded the annual Toys for Tots collection to support US Marine Corp by joining forces with Saint Mark to collect 200+ Toys & Gift Cards for collected for under privileged children. This is another great example of working together with the Church to expand AHEPA's Community Outreach.

Our Chapter donated \$5,000 to Saint Mark to purchase new Basketball Backboards as the ones they had were aging and damaged during removal for the Boca Greek Festival.

Additionally, our Chapter donated \$5,000 to Saint Mark Golf Outing, first one in 10 years and attracted 120 Players at Boca Lago Country Club and a Best Ball Scramble followed by cocktails and dinner.

We were contacted by AHEPA to assist with a AHEPAN traveling from Cypress ANTONIS STEFANOUE that was receiving treatment at Coral Springs Medical Center between April 15 thru April 25th. We were able to connect with Antonio, provide information on a variety of topics including transportation, nearby grocery stores and restaurants, house of worship etc. Confirmed they arrived, received treatment and returned to Cypress.

40. US House of Representative - No

41. US Senator - No

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42. Hellenic Issues - No

43. Met with Elected Officials - Yes

44. Invite Elected Officials - No

45. Non-AHEPAN Publications: Yes – every other month the Chapter news is published in *The Message* which is sent to over 650 families within the Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church parish community. In addition, the Chapter promotes AHEPA and The DOP throughout the Church through weekly e-mail messages and posts on the Church bulletin and web site calendar. The Chapter also has a Facebook page that is used to share meeting times, events and accomplishments of our chapter.

IV. DISTRICT PROGRAMS

46. District Scholarship Fund: The chapter has contributed \$250 to the scholarship fund for 4 years towards the establishment a LIFETIME Gold Membership.

47. District Operating Fund: No

48. District Letter Fund: No

49. Other District Support: None

50. Delegates to 2021 District Convention: Yes, we had Five (5) Brothers as Delegates Andrew Cassas, James Constantine, Gus Constantinou, Nick Drakos and Peter Karantonis in attendance at Mount Dora.

51 -53. No

V. NATIONAL PROGRAMS

54. AHEPA National Congressional Banquet: No

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55- 56. Delegates to 2021 National Convention: Yes, Achilles Fillopopulos attended the Supreme Convention in Athens.

57 - 64. No

VI. AHEPA FAMILY

This Chapter has a close relationship with Daughters of Penelope Cassandra Chapter 372 with Fifty-Nine (58) Members. Both Chapters are active in community affairs and together have gained the respect and recognition of the Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church community.

THIS REPORT COVERS ACTIVITIES OF OUR CHAPTER

CHAPTER NAME: Boca Raton AHEPA Chapter 487

CHAPTER NUMBER: 487

CITY: Boca Raton, Florida

For the period of July 1st to June 30th of the year 2021-2022

Complied and Submitted May 15, 2022

Andrew Cassas

Gerald Baldino

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

CHAPTER SECRETARY

Andrew Cassas

Gerald Baldino

