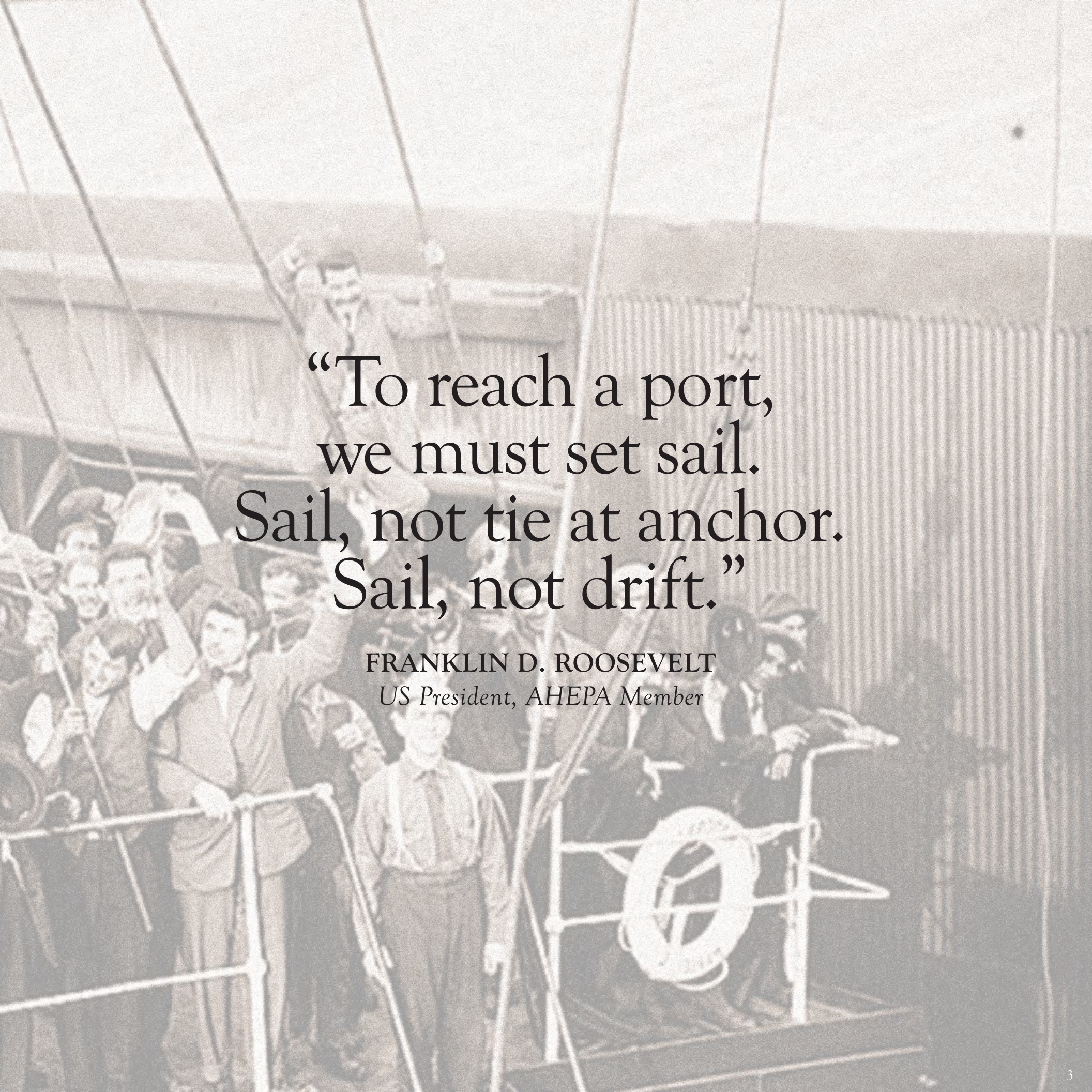




# Prologue

As the curtain fell on the 19th century, an uncertain world yearned, cautiously and hopefully, for the dawn of a new age. Thousands of miles from America's shores, in the birthplace of philosophy, mathematics, medicine, literature and democracy, the beleaguered progeny of an ancient civilization, tortured by centuries of Ottoman rule, set their sights on a new life in a new world that promised boundless opportunity.

The Greeks came by ship from their towns, villages, ports and harbors. Many had seen and survived war. They had battled the invaders, buried loved ones, and faced seemingly insurmountable odds. To America came the strongest and bravest, with more hope in their hearts than money in their pockets, filled with the dream of a better life. But for many, there would be more challenges to face.



“To reach a port,  
we must set sail.  
Sail, not tie at anchor.  
Sail, not drift.”

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
*US President, AHEPA Member*



# A New Land. A New Home. A New Mission.

Setting foot in their new land, mindful of the family members they hoped would follow, these adventurers found their way to cities who welcomed them and scratched their way into those who were less welcoming.

Many were met by the unconscionable hatred of xenophobic locals, whose unfathomable fears came to life in the form of economic oppression and, in some cases, violence. Against the backdrop of the nefarious actions of the Ku Klux Klan, eight men made their stand in 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia. They chose as their touchstone the celebrated principles of Hellenism which had guided their ancestors yet remained topical and relevant in modern times. AHEPA, the organization they created, helped our immigrant forebearers and their families build a new life as responsible members of their communities and loyal American citizens.

For thousands, AHEPA became the bridge to a new life of prosperity and security, a protector and connector to the men and women who sought only to experience life with honor and dignity.

Today, as its outreach and mission continue to adapt to the times, AHEPA will need support to serve new generations of responsible citizens bound by their appreciation of Hellenic ideals.

“Let’s dedicate ourselves to what the ancient Greeks wrote so many years ago, to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world. Let us dedicate ourselves to that.”

**ROBERT F. KENNEDY**  
*US Senator, Attorney General  
AHEPA Member*

**Pictured Left:** Supreme President V. I. Chibithes and members of his Supreme Lodge in the Oval Office with FDR.

**Pictured Right:** The Mother Lodge, AHEPA #1, 1922 in Atlanta, GA.



# AHEPA by the Numbers

## *Tracking nearly a century of successes*

- Since 1922, over 500,000 members have been initiated.
- The Order now has more than 400 active chapters in 11 countries on 3 continents.
- AHEPA's membership rolls include respected physicians, scientists, educators, and elected officials at every governmental level, along with athletes, entertainers, titans of business and industry and countless students, independent business people, and other loyal, patriotic citizens at every station of American life.
- AHEPA members annually provide tens of thousands of community service hours globally.
- Throughout its history, AHEPA's leadership has been welcomed in The White House and on Wall Street, and invited to meet with global leaders and heads of state.



“This, then, is the test we must set for ourselves; not to march alone but to march in such a way that others will wish to join us.”

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
US Senator, 38th Vice-President, AHEPA Member

**Pictured Right:** Greek Night, AHEPA Supreme Convention.





# AHEPA

## Global Citizen. Community Servant.

- Over \$1 billion in humanitarian aid has been extended by AHEPA members to people all over the world, including victims of natural disasters such as Hurricanes Katrina, Harvey, Sandy and Michael and those impacted by the wildfires and earthquakes in Greece.
- Collectively, over \$1.8 million in AHEPA scholarships are awarded annually to Greek-American youth.
- Ongoing support of multiple study abroad programs includes AHEPA's annual Journey to Greece.
- The Order has established two hospitals in Greece which remain active in service to local citizens as well as visiting AHEPAns.
- AHEPA-sponsored legislation in 2012 eliminated the requirement of visas for citizens of Greece traveling to the US for family visits or recreation.
- Donated over \$1.5M in funds, food and aid for front line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Initiated "BOYCOTT TURKEY" in response to egregious violations by the Turkish Government.

“We are more fulfilled when we are involved in something bigger than ourselves.”

JOHN H. GLENN, JR.

*Space Pioneer, U.S. Senator, AHEPA Member*

**Pictured Left:** In August of 2019, Supreme President George Horiates visited Greece to formally congratulate Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis and to lay groundwork for the 2021 Supreme Convention in Athens.



# 100 Years of AHEPA



**1922**  
The Mother Lodge  
AHEPA Chapter #1, Atlanta, GA



**1939**  
White House visit with President Franklin D. Roosevelt.  
Pictured are John Zazas, Louis Maniatis, Van Nomikos, George Loucas, V. I. Chebithes, A. A. Pantelis and James Dickeou.

1922

1930

1940

1950

1960

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**1939**  
AHEPA Band



**1940**  
White House visit with President Franklin D. Roosevelt.  
Pictured are George Papaeleas, Louis Maniatis, Van Nomikos, V. I. Chebithes, John Zazas, Constantine Economou and George Loucas.

**1956**  
Miss AHEPA





**1965**  
His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos  
marching with Martin Luther King, Jr.  
in Selma, Alabama.



**2009**

**1970**

**1980**

**1990**

**2000**

**2010**

**2022**

**1974**  
White House visit with  
President Gerald R. Ford.



**2014**



# Ensuring AHEPA's Future Strength and Lasting Impact

The finances of The Order of AHEPA are stable and its leadership remains eternally vigilant to preserve the organization's economic health.

AHEPA's efforts on the international, national, regional and local levels are supported by a handful of efficient, dedicated staff members in The Order's headquarters in Washington, DC. These professionals shepherd a frugal budget that funds routine office expenses for printing, mailing, internet and phone services and other undeniably necessary needs for the organization's sound and responsible operations.

Expenses for staff and officer travel are stringently regulated by AHEPA's elected Board of Trustees and the pursuit of cost saving measures remains a top priority for all.

Although the Order owns the historic property which houses its national office (as well as the enterprises of the Daughters of Penelope, the Sons of Pericles and the Maids of Athena), expenses for taxes, security, utilities

and building maintenance are an ongoing concern. Additionally, all improvements and repairs to the building must conform to the strict standards of the local historical commission. These and other unexpected deviations from the budget can sometimes present unwelcome and unforeseen challenges.

The fortunes of the US and global economies will no doubt impact the Order's financial health in the coming years and there will likely be unscheduled and unanticipated opportunities to which the Order will wish to turn its attention.

To safeguard The Order from these external forces and ensure the perpetuation of AHEPA's mission, operations, service and legacy, the Supreme Lodge has authorized a Capital campaign to raise \$6,000,000. The expectation is to increase AHEPA's financial corpus in excess of \$10,000,000 by 2022.

“You can always amend a big plan, but you can never expand a little one. I don't believe in little plans. I believe in plans big enough to meet a situation which we can't possibly foresee now.”

HARRY S. TRUMAN  
*U.S. President, AHEPA Member*

**Pictured right:** AHEPA visits the halls of the U. S. Congress annually promoting and educating members of Congress on AHEPA during our Capitol Hill Day.





# Guaranteeing the Future of AHEPA

In preparation for the Centennial Celebration, the Order of AHEPA has created an opportunity for its members and supporters to become part of the organization's history, international presence and lasting legacy.

Special salutes in the historically significant AHEPA Global Headquarters building, located in downtown Washington, DC, may be reserved and secured by any member or Chapter, District and National officer. This permanent messaging, located on a commemorative wall in the lobby entrance, is limited to 1,000 donors, who may honor a chapter, a family member, a birthplace or a milestone (subject to the approval of the Campaign Chairman).

Individuals may secure their tribute with a \$250 donation. Donations in the name of a family donations are available for \$500. Recognition of AHEPA chapters are \$750 and courtesies to AHEPA districts are provided for \$1000.

“I have been a member of AHEPA myself for more than a quarter century - and proud of it. I have felt Greek in spirit, if not by ancestry, for a good many years since I first studied the glorious history of Greece. Furthermore, Americans of Greek heritage have occupied a very special place in my life.”

GERALD R. FORD

*President of the United States, AHEPA member*

**Pictured Left:** The AHEPA Building located in Washington D.C.



# Extraordinary Recognition of Extraordinary Support

For those seeking to make even more generous gestures,  
The Order offers donor salutes as follows:

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| Recognition on Door Panels . . . . .   | \$5,000 each  |
| Recognition on Office Suites . . . . . | \$10,000 each |

Naming rights to the distinctive architectural elements of the  
AHEPA building are available to benefactors or entities, as follows:

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| Individual floors (in their entirety) . . . . | \$50,000  |
| The main floor lobby . . . . .                | \$100,000 |
| The panoramic rooftop . . . . .               | \$250,000 |

Requests for customized donor opportunities may be  
addressed to the Capital Campaign Chairman.

“You get back what you give tenfold.”

GEORGE BEHRAKIS

*Medical Researcher, Philanthropist*

*Recipient of AHEPA’s Archbishop Iakovos Humanitarian Award, AHEPA Member*

Pictured right: The view from  
the balcony at the AHEPA  
Building in Washington D.C.





## Greetings from Global Headquarters of AHEPA in Washington, DC!

It is our pleasure to invite you to be one of a selected few to celebrate and commemorate the 100th Anniversary of AHEPA's founding. You can join the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association on a quest to reach our goal of a \$10 million endowment.

AHEPA is the oldest American association of Hellenes with nearly 100 years of history. There are thousands of members just like you who wish to connect with one another and explore their heritage, their culture or the dozens of educational and humanitarian programs AHEPA supports.

Membership in AHEPA connects members across the globe who share an interest in a variety of social, cultural and educational initiatives. Whether for comraderies, business networking, charitable endeavors, cultural experiences or simply social interaction, AHEPA has endured as a result of its service to its members and mission.

In order for the Order of AHEPA to sustain its legacy for the next 100 years, we are creating the AHEPA Capitol Campaign Fund, which will be supported through tax-deductible donations from our members, their chapters and districts and from the Hellenic community. To be sure, anyone who cares to promote and promulgate the ideals of the Order of AHEPA may be a part of this historic fundraising challenge.

It our honor to report that our first donors are E. John and Cleo Rumpakis, who kicked off our campaign with a donation of \$100,000 and a promise of more!

We invite to you leave your permanent signature on our history by donating to the AHEPA Capital Campaign Fund. We look forward to seeing your name emblazoned on the walls of our historic building!

Sincerely,

**George G. Horiates**  
Supreme President  
Order of AHEPA

**Nicholas A. Karacostas, PSP**  
Chairman, Board of Trustees  
Order of AHEPA

“Nobody owes  
anybody a living, but  
everybody is entitled  
to a chance.”

JACK DEMPSEY

*Heavyweight Champion of the World, AHEPA Member*

“Our greatest strength comes not  
from what we possess, but from  
what we believe; not from what we  
have, but from who we are.”

MICHAEL DUKAKIS

*Governor of Massachusetts, AHEPA Member*



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