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SOP Centennial Sponsorship Proposal

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF
HERITAGE, SERVICE & BROTHERHOOD.**



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100 Years

February 3, 2026, marks the 100 year anniversary of the inception of the Order of the Sons of Pericles, the Junior Auxiliary of the Order of AHEPA. Since our founding in Manchester, New Hampshire, almost a century ago, the members of our organization have made a profound impact not just in their home communities, but out in the world as well. Leadership skills learned in the Sons of Pericles have been taken into the business world and our current, former, and lifetime members continue to thrive. It is our hope that no matter where you are in life currently or what your connection to the Sons of Pericles may be, that you will support us in our endeavor to honor one hundred years of our organizations commitment to our shared Heritage, our love of Service, and our Brotherhood.

About Us

The Sons of Pericles are an international brotherhood dedicated to the preservation of Hellenism. In addition, the Order espouses philanthropy, civic responsibility, athletics, education and individual excellence.

In 1922, the Order of AHEPA was founded in Atlanta, GA. The South in those days, as most of us know, was not a society of equals. Along with African-Americans, Catholics, Jews and Greeks were increasingly becoming the targets of the Ku Klux Klan. After the hanging of a young Greek-American by the Klan, a group of Greek-American men in Atlanta formed the Order of AHEPA. Consequently, AHEPA's original cause was to fight racism and to assist Greeks from Greece to immigrate and assimilate into the North American mainstream. The AHEPA membership was made up of adult Greek males.

In the years that followed, eleven young Greek males, with a spirit that equaled that of their ancestors, conceived the idea of and organized the Sons of Pericles. The purpose was to compliment the AHEPA and serve as a vehicle to keep the young Greeks, living in North America, together so they would never lose touch with the Greek culture. The Sons of Pericles were started in 1926 by a group of Manchester, N.H. AHEPANS. The founder was Dr. Alexander Cambadhis. He helped the fledging new youth group with their dealings with other organizations as well as with the Order of AHEPA. His goal and the goal of the Sons of Pericles is to promote Hellenism to the youth and to keep the fire of our Motherland burning for generations to come. Together with the aid of some members of the Order of AHEPA from the Manchester, NH Chapter, these young men were the first members of the Order and are known collectively as The Mother Lodge of the Sons of Pericles.

The first chapter named itself the Queen City Chapter #1. Its first officers were installed on February 3, 1926. Within a year, the first National Convention was held in Lowell, MA with 14 Chapters in the fraternity. In 1928, in Detroit, MI, the Sons were officially recognized as the Junior Order of AHEPA. In 1932 at the National Convention in Akron, OH, the Order expanded its jurisdiction into Montreal, Canada, thereby making it the first international Greek Youth Organization in the world.

Our Mission

Like our Brothers in the Order of AHEPA, The Sons of Pericles strive to promote the ancient Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism. The Sons of Pericles have adopted the motto "Heritage, Service, Brotherhood" to define our specific and significant impact.

Our Achievements

One of the biggest aspects of our Order is our commitment to our philanthropic endeavors. Not only do the Sons of Pericles strive to preserve our rich Hellenic heritage, but we want to leave a mark on this world and do our very best to make a difference.

In 1932, with the activation of our Montreal, Quebec chapter, the Sons of Pericles became the first International Greek Youth Organization in the World.

In 1938, the Sons of Pericles sponsored its own Excursion to Greece and decided to dedicate a monument at Missolonghi to commemorate the historic struggle that took place there during the Greek Revolution. The project was endorsed by the U.S. Congress and dedicated July 4, 1939.

Though the Sons of Pericles took a hiatus during WWII, those members who were not serving the country overseas helped the Order of AHEPA sell more war bonds than any other organization.

The Sons have worked with their sister organization, the Maids of Athena, to co-host Salute to Youth banquets where they have honored the likes of Senator Paul Sarbanes and Sargent Shriver (1984), Broadcast Journalist Ike Pappas (1986), Congressman George Gekas (1988), and Christos Cotsakos, Chairman & CEO of E*Trade (2001).

Each year, the Sons of Pericles select a project to support collectively on an international level. Each individual Sons of Pericles Chapter is encouraged to participate in this effort, and over the past century the Sons of Pericles have proudly contributed over a million dollars to many worthwhile charitable organizations.

We have consistently promoted education and have recently reinstated our National Scholarship Program, which provides scholarship opportunities to members of the Sons of Pericles in good standing.

The Sons of Pericles host successful national and regional athletic and social events, bringing together our members from all over the globe in a celebration of our shared heritage. Often, these weekends are accompanied by participation in a service project so our members can give something back to the community and again, show that the Sons of Pericles can make a difference.

All of these accomplishments are notable, yes, but they are only a few. Our greatest achievement is maintaining the integrity of this organization for 100 years, and that's something that deserves to be honored.

\$1,000,000+

Since 1926, we are proud to say that the Sons of Pericles have raised and contributed over a million dollars to worthy charities such as:

- ◆ Cooley's Anemia Foundation
- ◆ Deborah Heart and Lung Center
- ◆ St. Basil's Academy
- ◆ Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- ◆ Special Olympics
- ◆ AHEPA Bone Marrow Program
- ◆ St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
- ◆ Friedreich's Ataxia - Research Alliance
- ◆ Ronald McDonald House - Greek Division
- ◆ The JED Foundation
- ◆ Cyprus Children's Fund
- ◆ Children's Miracle Network
- ◆ AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors
- ◆ Boys and Girls Clubs of America and many more!

SOP 100

The Sons of Pericles Centennial will be a celebration for our entire organization, honoring our past, present, and future. We have multiple events in the process of being planned, and have developed limited edition commemorative merchandise for this once-in-a-lifetime celebration.

SOP Centennial Weekend *“Preserving our Past”*

Join the Sons of Pericles back where it all started in Manchester, New Hampshire, for our Centennial Weekend celebration. This weekend will include:

- ◆ Tribute to the first SOP Supreme Lodge
- ◆ SOP Centennial Weekend Gala
- ◆ SOP 100 Exhibit
- ◆ Unveiling of SOP 100 Service Project
- ◆ Commemorative SOP 100 Journal



Date

January 30- February 1, 2026



Location

Manchester, New Hampshire



\$100K for 100 Years

It is our hope that in honor of our Centennial anniversary, we will be able to successfully fundraise \$100,000 to further stimulate the growth of our Order. We hope to focus not just on honoring our past, but on making things better for our future members. In order to do this, we need to be proactive and ask for help, as we would help those who ask it of us. Some of our long term goals are as follows:

01.

Recording History

- ◆ Currently, Sons of Pericles historical records are mostly in print form, either located at AHEPA Headquarters in Washington, DC, the AHEPA Archives at the University of Minnesota, or in storage. We hope to digitize all of these records and make them available to our membership, past and present.

02.

Networking

- ◆ The Sons of Pericles have been outlining plans for their Ypsilon Professional Networking and Mentoring directory and are steps away from making it a reality. Once the directory comes to fruition, we hope to be able to host speaking panels and targeted leadership programs for members of our chapters who can best benefit from them.

03.

Outreach

- ◆ We need to take advantage of our shared love of our Heritage and use it to reach out to other organizations with similar missions. The Sons of Pericles hopes to be able to help sponsor programs such as Journey to Greece, Heritage Greece®, and local events hosted by other prominent Greek and Greek American Organizations. We should all be supporting one another in order to be the best Hellenes we can be.

Sponsorship Opportunities

On behalf of the Sons of Pericles, thank you for considering contributing to our Centennial campaign. Anything you can give will help us get a little bit closer to reaching our goals. Please find available sponsorship packages and their benefits listed below.

Queen City \$10,000

- ◆ All benefits of Cambadhis level
- ◆ Additional VIP Table (10) at SOP Centennial Weekend Gala
- ◆ Sponsor Name on physical plaque at SOP 100 Exhibit

Cambadhis \$5,000

- ◆ All benefits of Heritage level
- ◆ Ad in commemorative SOP 100 journal
- ◆ VIP Table (10) at SOP Centennial Weekend
- ◆ Advertising on SOP website and app through 2026 Supreme Convention

Pericles \$2,500

- ◆ All benefits of Heritage level
- ◆ Ad in commemorative SOP 100 journal
- ◆ 5 VIP tickets to SOP Centennial Weekend Gala



Heritage

\$1,000

- ◆ All benefits of Service level
- ◆ Sponsor Name & Logo on all SOP 100 Marketing
- ◆ Ad in commemorative SOP 100 journal
- ◆ 2 VIP tickets to SOP Centennial Weekend Gala

Service

\$250

- ◆ Sponsor Name in SOP 100 journal
- ◆ Commemorative Pin
- ◆ Commemorative Coin

Hellenism

\$500

- ◆ All benefits of Service Level
- ◆ 1 VIP Ticket to SOP Centennial Weekend Gala

Brotherhood

\$100

- ◆ Sponsor Name in SOP 100 journal
- ◆ Commemorative Pin



Membership Sponsorship

In addition to the sponsorship packages mentioned previously, the Sons of Pericles are also happy to give you the opportunity to give the gift of a year of Sons of Pericles membership to a young man who meets the qualifications for membership. Sponsoring membership dues for a year will enable the Supreme Lodge to offer more incentives to the Sons of Pericles Districts and Chapters throughout the year and help them get closer to their goal of having 100 active Chapters by the date of the Centennial.

Membership Dues - Age 18+

\$50

Membership Dues - Under 18

\$20



Sponsorship Agreement

If you are interested in contributing, please fill out the following form and send it with your payment made out to **Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge** to:

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Packages may also be purchased online at sonsofpericles.org/sop-100

Sponsorship Package Purchase

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Queen City Sponsorship (\$10,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Sponsorship (\$1,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cambadhis Sponsorship (\$5,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hellenism Sponsorship (\$500) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pericles Sponsorship (\$2,500) | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Sponsorship (\$250) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Brotherhood Sponsorship (\$100) |

Membership Sponsorship

18+ Membership Sponsorship _____ members x \$50 = _____

Under 18 Membership Sponsorship _____ members x \$20 = _____

Total Amount Enclosed = _____

Sponsor Full Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

How you would like your sponsorship to be credited (i.e. name/company):

If your package includes a logo placement, please email a vector file of your logo to sopcentennial@gmail.com