



# INTERNATIONAL MASONIC ORDER "DELPHI" ATHENS - GREECE

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## ANNUAL MESSAGE OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER, BR.: DEMETRIOS LYBERIS

The natural laws and the general secular conditions have generated an established timeframe of human activities as well as of the general course in the journey of life.

Under these circumstances, one more year has come to an end;

the end of 2013. Yet, our daily life, in the totality of problems of life that we face, revealed the illusions and the fallacy of a pretended bliss and individual utilitarianism, on several occasions and in a tragic way.

The living conditions, under the weight of economic adjustments

and requirements create problems of survival to the citizens of our country, Greece, and similarly to those of other European countries.

The right to life is only limited to the extreme of its being barely protected. Now, the time creates fear and frustration for the future.

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*The third meeting with representatives of the philosophical, non-confessional and liberal organisations, hosted by European Commission President José Manuel Barroso, was attended by the Sovereign Grand Commander Brother Demetrios Lyberis, 33°, and several Grand Masters from France, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Luxemburg as well as presidents of Philosophical Organisations. The meeting was held on 5 November 2013 in Brussels.*



## COMALACE

On 1st September 2013, a meeting under the presidency of Sister Ina Piperaki, 33°, took place in Paris, on the premises of Grand Orient de France, attended by delegates from 13 masonic obediences from 9 countries, which focused on the initial approach of the subject "The development of Man within the European Social Policy: innovation and citizen society".



## Convention and Autumnal Sovereign Grand Commanders' Meeting in Paris, France

On 3 September 2013, the Annual Convention and the Ceremony for the Installation of the new Sovereign Grand Commander of the Grand Orient of France, Br.: Jean-Pierre Cordier, was held in Paris together with the autumnal Sovereign Grand Commanders' Meeting.

The International Masonic Order "DELPHI" was represented by the Grand Chancellor of International Affairs, Sr.: Ina Piperaki, 33°.



Lunch during the Sovereign Grand Commanders' Meeting



## Supreme Council's Banquet

On 20 September 2013, the Annual Banquet of the Supreme Council of the International Masonic Order "DELPHI" was held in Athens; during the Banquet, the participants were informed about the Order's progress in the previous masonic period and its International Affairs.

The Banquet was attended by Higher Degree members, Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge Mixed of Greece, members of the Grand Council of Perfection and the autonomous organisations, as well as current and past Presidents of Symbolic (Blue) and Philosophical Lodges.



## Worshipful Masters' Meeting

The Annual Worshipful Masters' Meeting was held on 21 September 2013. The participants exchanged views focusing on the smooth operation of the Lodges for the Masonic Period 2013-2014. The Meeting was attended by all current Worshipful Masters from all over Greece, as well as by the Worshipful Masters of the Autonomous Lodges in Greece.



## 6th Annual Conference of Young Masons of the Gran Loggia d' Italia degli A:L:A:M:.

On 26 and 27 September 2013, the 6th International Conference of Young Masons took place in Rome, Italy, focusing on: "*Tolkien and the invention of Jargon*".

The Grand Lodge Mixed of Greece, invited by the Sovereign Grand Commander, Grand Master of the Gran Loggia d' Italia, Br.: Luigi Prunetti, participated in the celebration and the conference with a delegation led by the National Grand Master, Br.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, 33°.

The presentation made by the delegation of the Greek Young Masons of the Grand Lodge Mixed of Greece, the "Charioteers", under the guidance of their President, Sr.: Helen Sparidou, raised all participants' enthusiasm and applause.



## Installation of New Authorities

The ceremony for the Installation of New Authorities of the Lodge "ORPHEUS" No 2006 took place on 16 October 2013. During the splendid ceremony under the hammer of the National Grand Master, Br.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, 33°, and in the presence of delegations from several Lodges of our Order, Sr.: Marina Makri was installed as the Worshipful Master.



## Lighting of Fires of Chapter

The ceremony for the establishment of the Royal Arch Chapter "COLCHIS" No 18 was performed on 1st November 2013 under the hammer of the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Greece "ORPHEUS", Br.: Stefanos Paipetis, 33°, in the presence of several delegations of Philosophical Lodges and Higher Degree members of our Order. Br.: Iordanis Poulkouras, 33°, was installed as High Priest.



## Installation of New Authorities

The ceremony for the Installation of New Authorities of the Autonomous Symbolic Lodge "ISIS 1896" No 2029 took place on 7 November 2013 under the sceptre of the Sovereign Grand Commander, Br.: Demetrios Lyberis, 33°, and in the presence of delegations from several Lodges of our Order. Br.: Eleftherios Katsimannis was installed as the Worshipful Master.



## International Common Ceremony in Athens

On Friday 8 November 2013, our Order's French-speaking Lodge "LE LABYRINTHE INITIATIQUE" No 2018 organised a common Ceremony with the Lodges "L'ENSEIGNEMENT MUTUEL", of the Grand Orient de France, and "LE JUSTE MILIEU", of the Grand Orient de Belgique. The common topic that was treated by the three Lodges was "*The consequences of today's crisis on institutions and Social Solidarity*".

The Ceremony was attended by sev-



eral members of our Order and was honoured with the presence of the National Grand Master, Br.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, 33°, and the Sovereign Grand Commander, Br.: Demetrios Lyberis, 33°.

The Brothers who came from Paris and Brussels expressed their appreciation for our Members' hearty reception and hospitality, as well as for the quality of the Ceremony. At the closing of the Ceremony, a Treaty of Amity was signed by the participating Lodges. A small reception was organised in honour of the visiting Brothers, which was also attended by their companions who travelled to Greece on the occasion of the common Ceremony.



#### Passage to "the Eternal Orient"

Tuesday 12 November 2013 was the day chosen by Br.: Vassilios Maris, 33°, member of our Order's Supreme Council and Worshipful Master of the Lodge "PERICLES" No 2035, to embark on his lonely passage to the Eternal Orient and the ultimate initiation. A great number of Brothers and Sisters from all the organisations of the International Order "DELPHI" attended the funeral at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cemetery of Athens, wishing to express their condolences to the family of the deceased, and say farewell to their Brother and honour him in the masonic way.



#### Installation of New Authorities in Rhodes

The ceremony for the Installation of New Authorities of the Lodge "HELIOS-APOLLO" No 2013 at the Orient of Rhodes took place on 16 November 2013 under the hammer of the National Grand Master, Br.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, 33°, and in the presence of an official delegation of our Order. Br.: Athanasios Nikopoulos was installed as the Worshipful Master.



#### Installation of New Authorities

The ceremony for the Installation of New Authorities of the Lodge "THEMIS" No 1120 took place on 19 November 2013 under the hammer of the National Grand Master, Br.:

Panagiotis Moutzourakis, 33°. Br.: Spyros Paramythiotis was installed as the Worshipful Master.



#### Official Visit to Crete

In order to strengthen and tighten the fraternal bonds among our members, but also to exchange ideas and masonic views, the National Grand Master, Br.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, 33°, leading a large delegation, paid an official visit to the Orient of Heraklion, Crete, on 22 November 2013 to attend a ceremony of the Lodge "THESEUS" No 2019.



#### Installation of New Authorities in Crete

A delegation of our Order travelled officially to Crete to attend the ceremony for the Installation of New Authorities of the Lodge "TALOS" No 1479 which took place on 23 November 2013, in a rather festive atmosphere, under the hammer of the National Grand Master, Br.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, 33°.



#### 240 years of G.:O.:D.:F.:

The celebrations to commemorate the 240 years from the foundation of the Grand Orient de France took place from 25 to 29 November 2013 in Paris. The International Masonic Order "DELPHI" was represented by the Grand Chancellor of International Affairs, Sr.: Ina Piperaki, 33°.



#### Saint Andrew's Banquet

On 29 November 2013, Saint Andrew's Annual Banquet took place under the presidency of the Sovereign Grand Commander of the International Masonic Order "DELPHI", Br.: Demetrios Lyberis, 33°.

The Banquet was attended by Higher Degree members of our Order, Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge Mixed of Greece, members of the Grand Council of Perfection and the autonomous organisations, as well as current and past Presidents of Symbolic (Blue) and Philosophical Lodges.



#### Ceremony of the Research Lodge

On Friday 20 December 2013, the ceremony of the Symbolic Research Lodge "DIONE" No 2021 was performed under the hammer of the Worshipful Master Sr.: Thekli Poulouki, 33°, focusing on "*William Shakespeare: was he the voice of Francis Bacon?*"

The research work was presented with the projection of audio-visual media, and the text of the presentation was subsequently distributed to the participants.

The ceremony was honoured with the presence of the Sovereign Grand Commander, Br.: Dimitrios Lyberis, 33°, the National Grand Master, Br.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, 33°, Worshipful Masters and delegations of the Symbolic Lodges of the G.:L.:M.:O.:G.: and the autonomous organizations of our Order.



#### National Celebration of the Winter Solstice

On Saturday 21 December 2013, the annual PanHellenic celebration of the Winter Solstice took place at a central Athens hotel. The event involved the Ritual Celebration at an official Ceremony performed by the Grand Lodge Mixed of Greece and a formal reception open to the public.

The ceremonial ritual was of high initiating value and fraught with emotion for the participants. The ritual celebration under the hammer of the National Grand Master, Br.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, 33°, was attended by delegations of all the Lodges under the auspices of the G.:M.:L.:O.:G.: from all over Greece, led by their Worshipful Masters, as well as the Lodges of the autonomous Organisations of our Order.

The ceremony was honoured with the presence of the Sovereign Grand Commander of the International Masonic Order, Br.: Dimitrios Lyberis, 33°, the past and honorary Sovereign Grand Commander, Br.: Emmanuel Delakis, 33°, the head of the autonomous Lodge "ISIS 1896" No 2029, Br.: Evangelos Gasparis, 33°, as well as delegates of the Most Serene Grand Orient of Greece.

During the formal reception which ensued, the National Grand Master,



in his brief salutation to the participants, congratulated the organising Lodge "RENAISSANCE" No 1337 and the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge Mixed of Greece for their contribution to the success of the celebration.

He subsequently presented the past Sovereign Grand Commander, Br.: Emmanuel Delakis, 33°, with an honorary plaque for his assiduous contribution to Freemasonry in general and to our Order in particular over the last 60 years.

The soirée concluded in the early morning hours of Sunday with a music programme and dancing.



*The National Grand Master, Br.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, welcomes guests to the celebration of the Winter Solstice 2013*

### Message of the National Grand Master, Br.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis for the masonic period 2013-2014

At the beginning of the new masonic period 2013 - 2014, we need to reflect on and accept the following:

The general crisis, which has been tormenting the entire Greek population for five years, will soon be over and we can look forward to better days.

Our responsibility towards Society is the reason why we should muster our Courage, Hope and Optimism, or else we will have been impervious to the philosophy of Freemasonry.

Our Initiation into Freemasonry, if it is to be considered successful, must inspire us in the desire for Progress, the respect for Tradition and the con-

tinuous and assiduous Work for the good of humanity.

Distinguished members of the Grand Lodge Mixed of Greece, you must never forget that you constitute the backbone of the oldest and the greatest liberal Masonic Order in Greece.

Our roots in the Symbolic Lodge "ATHENA" no 815 which was established in 1926, are so deep, that no parasite has had the power to degenerate them; the trunk and the branches of the Grand Lodge Mixed of Greece, consolidated by the inspired re-establishment of our Order in 1996 by our late Brother Vassilios Patkas, a pioneer for us, firmly resist all the storms

and winds that blow around us.

Finally, the leaves and the tops of our trees, our young Members, steadfast and full of Life, Health and Strength, promise –and have equally proven in practice through their brilliant annual conferences– the advancement and continuation of our Work.

Let us all work to the Benefit of our Lodges, of our Order and of Humanity. Let us always remember Br.: Voltaire's saying: "Work spares us from three evils: boredom, vice and need." The Grand Lodge Mixed of Greece promises to all its Members to continue striving for the Prosperity, Peace and Progress of our Order.

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### ANNUAL MESSAGE OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

The International Masonic Order "DELPHI", being a creative power, observes and studies the new conditions with attention and reflection as they arise.

Playing an active role in the social efforts to reduce hardships, it intervenes in the spiritual and interactive plane of our fellowmen in a creative way.

We are entering the new year. May our steps be steady and the fear that pervades our soul be eliminated.

Let optimism replace our doubts about all things that may happen to us. Let our faith, not only in humans but mainly in our fellow humans, as social beings, be the occasion of a new discovery, a more substantial one, of pan-human values.

Let us turn the pain of wisdom into an actual attainment of the Truth.

Let us use our spiritual and psychic

powers as tools, just as stoneworkers do, and let us try in this way to construct a new man, the oecumenical man.

Our heartfelt wishes for Peace and Love to all Brothers and Sisters of the International Masonic Order "DELPHI" and to all autonomous Masonic Organisations under the aegis of our Order. May 2014 bring health and spiritual uplift to all Brothers and Sisters Masons all over the world.

The Editorial Board for the Newsletter published by the International Masonic Order "DELPHI" was reformed by virtue of Decision 14/2014 of 19 February 2014 of the Supreme Council of the INTERNATIONAL MASONIC ORDER "DELPHI".

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