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## ANNUAL MESSAGE FOR 2012 OF THE GRAND MASTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL MASONIC ORDER "DELPHI"



*Sovereign Grand Commander, Grand Master,  
Br.: Vassilios Patkas*

The International economic and financial crisis is continuing, within a nebulous climate of evaluations by institutional or self-appointed analysts that only create more uncertainty than hope. Major current challenges such as unemployment, poverty, and social exclusion, alongside fiscal matters and adverse international relations

within society and among nations, are desperately awaiting resolution.

It is becoming clear, however, that international leaders are implementing policies that are not leading to a visible exit from the crisis; this is because they appear to be incapable of expressing reliable positions that might enable citizens to accept the current sacrifices painlessly, while they also lack the political and moral clout to inspire solidarity among nations, and this despite their proclamation of commitment to the welfare of the people and the reconciliation of adverse international relations.

The Masonic Obediences, distinguished by international cooperation on a national and an international level, both in their capacity as an institution

and as members of a society of active citizens, are supporting efforts for the implementation of solidarity practices within society.

In those countries where it is established and active, the International Masonic Order DELPHI in particular, constitutes a pillar of stability and communication, while it develops solidarity among its international members, addressing and alleviating human pain as far as possible, and at the same time supports social groups that are unable to respond to the painful socioeconomic changes and extensive sacrifices.

The message to our members for 2012 is: «**Develop solidarity towards those in need, maintain and strengthen social cohesion**».

## Elections and Installation of the new Grand Mixed Lodge of Greece



On Sunday 22 January 2012 the elections for the appointment of the new Grand Mixed Lodge of the Grand Mixed Lodge of Greece and the Administrative Board of the "ASSOCIATION G.:M.:L.:O.:G.: - DELPHI" took place.

The ceremony of the installation of the re-elected National Grand Master, Br.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, 33°, and the Grand Officers was performed on Saturday 28 January 2012 at the Athens Masonic Shelter "Nikolaos Panagopoulos", under the sceptre of the Sovereign Grand Commander, Grand Master of the International Masonic Order "DELPHI", Br.: Vassilios Patkas, 33°.

The splendid ceremony was honoured with the presence of the Grand Master of

the Grand Orient of Greece "ORPHEUS", Members of the Grand Lodge of Perfection of Greece, delegations from

the autonomous organisations and Lodges of our Order as well as delegations from other Masonic powers.



*The re-elected National Grand Master, Br.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, 33° (centre) amid the Grand Officers of the Grand Mixed Lodge of Greece*



### Mystic Fair in Brazil

On 8 and 9 October 2011, brothers and sisters of our lodges in Brazil participated in the Mystic Fair Conference which took place on the premises of the University Cruzeiro do Sul (Southern Cross) in Sao Paulo, Brazil, focusing on the country's Mystic and Esoteric tradition. The approximately 22,000 visitors who participated in the event are seeking alternative methods for the study of nature and the marvels that relate to man in general.

As Br.: KimonPatkas reported, "we were invited to present the history, contribution and methodology of Freemasonry in relation to the evolution of man through time and how it has helped him in the self-realisation and self-awareness process.

"We were given a conference room which we decorated with masonic



*Participation in the Mystic Fair Conference, which took place on the premises of the University Cruzeiro do Sul in Sao Paulo, Brazil*

insignia and we made 8 different presentations related to international Freemasonry, focusing on the work of the International Masonic Order "DELPHI" with its base in Greece, the participation in the European affairs (COMALACE, BEPA) and the spreading of masonic ideals to other countries in general and to Brazil in particular.

*"Our 8 presentations were attended by approximately 650 people, while about 160 of them signed the register requesting to attend further public masonic ceremonies and to be considered for admission into Freemasonry."*

*It is worth noting that this was the first time a Masonic Order was ever invited and that this order was "DELPHI".*



### Participation in the Conference organised by the Gran Loggia D'Italia Degli A.:L.:A.:M.: in Rome, Italy

On 11 November 2011, a celebratory ceremony was performed in the 1st Symbolic Degree at the headquarters of the Grand Lodge of Italy in Rome to commemorate the 150 years (1861-2011) from the unification of the Italian State. The ceremony was attended by delegations of several European Masonic powers. The International Conference which took place on 12 November 2011 focused on "Rome for the Italians and the Italians for Rome, 1846-1871".

The National Grand Master and Grand Chancellor of External Affairs of the Supreme Council of the International Masonic Order "DELPHI", Br.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, 33°, led a 12-membered delegation.



*Brothers visiting Women's Prison*



### Support to Women's Prison

On 19 December 2011, members of the Autonomous Lodge "Athena Sophia" no 2030, in continuation of their support to Women's Prison of Eleonas, Thebes, visited the penitentiary in question and delivered toys, stationery and books intended for the children living with their mothers in the prison.

It is worth noting that members of the Symbolic Lodge "Hermes Trismegistus" no 2005 of the Grand Mixed Lodge of Greece also participated in this year's effort.



### Cutting the pie of the Lodge "Chrysoy Aeon" No 2026

On 13 January 2012, the members of the Lodge "Chrysoy Aeon" No 2026, of the Grand Orient of Greece "ORPHEUS", cut their pie for the New Year in the presence of friends, brothers and sisters. The lucky coin was found in the piece given to the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Greece "ORPHEUS", Br.: Stefanos Paipetis.



### Lighting of the Fires of the Lodge "Apollo" No 2031 in Austin, Texas, USA

On 28 January 2012, the ceremony of the Lighting of the Fires of the new Lodge "Apollo" No 2031 was performed successfully in Austin, Texas, USA; the Lodge will operate under the auspices of the International Masonic Order "DELPHI". The Lighting of the Fires was performed by the commissioner Br.: Vassilios Karpas.



### Official visit of the National Grand Master of the Grand Mixed Lodge of Greece to the Orient of Chania

On Friday 3 February 2012, a delegation of brothers and sisters of the Grand Mixed Lodge of Greece led by the National Grand Master, Br.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, 33°, made an official visit to the Orient of Chania where the Installation of New Authorities of the Lodge "Talos" No 1479 took place. The splendid ceremony, which was performed under the sceptre of the National Grand Master, was honoured with the presence of the Sovereign Grand Commander and Grand Master of the International Order "DELPHI", Br.: Vassilios Patkas, 33°. Br.: Stavros Gkizas was installed as new Worshipful Master of the Lodge.



### Public Lecture by the Grand Master of the Grand Orient de France, Br.: Guy Arcizet

On 18 February 2012, at a central Athens hotel, the French-speaking Lodge "The Initiating Labyrinth" No 2018 organised a lecture open to the public given by the Grand Master of the Grand Orient de France, Br.: Guy Arcizet accompanied by Br.: Philippe Car focusing on "The Role of the European Freemasonry".

More than 300 brothers and sisters, leaders and members of all masonic organisations in Greece and approximately 100 uninitiated attended the lecture which aimed to raise a concern about the role of Freemasonry vis-à-vis today's challenges. After the opening of the ceremony, the Worshipful Master, Sr.: Ina Piperaki, welcomed the participants and said that the lecture aimed at bringing them closer to the masons, to the place of work – namely the Lodge – and to the way they work, think and act in order to create a better humanity. Their work knows no borders that segregate the world, but their thoughts and actions focus on the citizen's role and its importance for society.

In these times in particular, freemasons firmly resist the economic and moral crisis that undermines European society by



*The founding Worshipful Master Sr.: Agela McGee (centre), amid Br.: Vassilios Karpas and Sr.: Vivi Karpou, flanked by the Senior Warden, Br.: Elton Trindade and the Junior Warden, Br.: David Johnson*

The ceremony was attended by members of the Lodges: "Athena" (Utah), "Prometheus" (Arizona), "Helios" (Las Vegas), and Triangles which also operate in the USA under the auspices of the International Masonic Order "DELPHI".



### Visit to Sao Paulo

On Saturday 4 February 2012, Sr.: Ina Piperaki, Deputy Grand Chancellor of External Affairs of the International Masonic Order "DELPHI", accompanied by Br.: Jean-Michel Reynaud of the Grand Orient de France, visited the Masonic Temple at the Orient of Sao



*Sr.: Ina Piperaki (third from left), accompanied by Br.: Jean-Michel Reynaud of the G.:O.:D.:F.: (far right), visiting the Masonic Temple at the Orient of Sao Paulo. To her left, Br.: Kimon Patkas, commissioner for the Lodges of Brazil, amid the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges*



intervening in many ways both at the European Commission level and in the European Parliament. In his lecture, the Grand Master, Br.: Guy Arcizet, stressed the role of Freemasonry in the building of Europe and made an appeal for the development of social solidarity within a framework of freedom of conscience and respect for the democratic social contract signed between peoples and their leaders.

At the end of the lecture – which coincided with the coordinated demonstrations of support for Greece in several European countries, condemning the economic measures that endanger the weaker and more vulnerable populations – the participants had the chance to voice their own opinion and raise questions. In his address, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the International Masonic Order

"DELPHI" thanked Br.: Guy Arcizet for his tangible support of the Greek people and the Order.

After the closing of the ceremony, a reception was held on the premises of the hotel.

*(You can access the full text of the Sovereign Grand Commander's address at [http://www.delphiorder.org/gr/html/body\\_delphigodf.htm](http://www.delphiorder.org/gr/html/body_delphigodf.htm)).*



### **Solidarity of the Grand Orient de France with the Greek People**

*On 24 February, the Grand Orient de France issued a communiqué which was released to the Media, whereby it declared the support of*

*the Grand Orient de France towards the Greek People. (You can access the full text of the communiqué issued by the Grand Orient de France at [http://www.delphiorder.org/fr/html/Communique\\_de\\_soutien\\_au\\_Peuple\\_grec.pdf](http://www.delphiorder.org/fr/html/Communique_de_soutien_au_Peuple_grec.pdf)).*

*It is worth noting that the Grand Orient de France had also issued another communiqué in June 2011, whereby it expressed its concerns about the public debt management policy imposing strict measures which "jeopardise the existence of democracy in Europe and the entire world".*



*Above: The Grand Master of the Grand Orient de France, Br.: Guy Arcizet and the Worshipful Master, Sr.: Ina Piperaki*

*Below: The National Grand Master, Br.:PanagiotisMoutzourakis (far left); to his right, the Sovereign Grand Commander, Br.:VassiliosPatkas.*



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