

**Biographical Note – The Very Reverend Theophilos P. Theophilos**

Fr. Theophilos was born and raised in Montreal, Canada, the eldest son of Panagotis and Panagota Theophilopoulos. "He graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1943 from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, then attended Kent State University for work in history." In 1944, he married Zoe Geotas, and they have four children – Peggy, Peter, Ioanna, and Constantine.

He was ordained a deacon in 1944 in Montreal's Holy Trinity Church, and ordained a priest in 1946, both times by the late Archbishop Athenagoras. Fr. Theophilos was appointed pastor of St. Spyridon Church in New York City, and in 1949, assigned as pastor of St. Haralambos in Canton, Ohio. He was elevated to the rank of Father Confessor in 1951, and Economos in 1954. He served the Holy Trinity parish in Montreal from 1957 to 1966, when Archbishop Iakovos appointed him Dean of the Cathedral of St. Sophia in Los Angeles. In 1971, the Archbishop assigned him to be Dean of the Cathedral of the Annunciation in San Francisco. During these years, he served as Vicar General for the southern California parishes, and later as Archdiocesan Vicar of the Diocese of San Francisco until his retirement in 1987. When he retired to Palm Desert, he organized the St. George Orthodox Church. He served that parish until 1990, when he re-retired. On October 1, 1993, Father accepted an appointment to St. George as Pastor Emeritus.

Fr. Theophilos' served as co-chairman and organizer of the 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress held in Montreal in 1966. He served two terms as president of the Greater Montreal Council of Churches, and was a member of the Department of Ecumenical Affairs of the Canadian Council of Churches. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Bible Society of Montreal, National Chairman and Commissioner of the Eastern Orthodox Catholic Boy Scouts Association of Canada. Father was also director of the Interfaith Conference of Canada's Centennial Commission.

He was board secretary and director of the Guadalupe Homes for Children, now Trinity Youth Services. In 1971, he established the first Greek Orthodox Youth Camp in Yosemite Valley. Through the years he served at the Cathedral in San Francisco, he had a regular weekly radio program. In 1973, he established the first Greek Orthodox Boy Scout Troop at the Cathedral. Father is also a proud member of AHEPA.

**Biographical Note – Colonel Steve N. Pisanos**

Born in Athens, Greece, in the suburb of Kolonos, on November 10, 1919, Spiros Nicholas "Steve" Pisanos, the son of a subway motorman, came to America in April 1938, as a crew member on a Greek Merchant ship. Arriving in Baltimore, Maryland and unable to speak English, Steve found his way to New York City, where he worked in bakeries and restaurants. He started flying lessons at Floyd Bennett Field. In August 1940, he settled in Plainfield, New Jersey, and continued flying lessons. He earned a private pilot's license and in October 1941 he joined the British Royal Air Force.

Steve began his military flight training at Polaris Flight Academy in Glendale, California. Upon graduation, he transferred to England where he completed RAF Officers Training School at Cosford, England and Operational Training Unit at Old Sarum Aerodrome in Salisbury. When joining the USAAF 4 Fighter Group in fall of 1942, he was commissioned a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Forces. On May 3, 1943, Lt. Pisanos was naturalized as an American citizen in London, England, becoming the first individual in American history to be naturalized outside the Continental United States.

Flying his first mission in his P-47 "Miss Plainfield," Lt. Pisanos, "The Flying Greek," scored his first victory on 21 May 1943, when he downed a German FW-190 over Ghent, Belgium. By 1 January 1944 he had become an ace with five confirmed victories. After crash-landing south of Le Havre, for six months he evaded the Germans and worked with the French Resistance and the American OSS sabotaging the German war machine in occupied France. He returned to England on September 2, 1944, following the liberation of Paris. Upon returning to the United States, Captain Pisanos was assigned to the Flight Test Division at Wright Field, Ohio. In December 1973, after thirty years of service in the United States Air Force, he retired with the rank of Colonel.



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*79<sup>th</sup> El Camino Real*

*District 20 Convention*

*Grand Banquet  
Program*

*June 12, 2010*

*Hosted by the  
Palm Desert Chapter #528*

*Hotel Zoso  
Palm Springs, California*

*Music by "Synthesi"*

## Welcome

**Welcoming Remarks**  
**Master of Ceremonies**  
**Invocation**

Harry Loukatos, President, Chapter 528  
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Metropolitan Gerasimos

## Dinner Menu

Chef's Selection of Hors D'ourves

Stuffed courgettes,  
The courgettes will be stuffed goat and feta cheese,  
diced tomatoes, kalamata olives, fresh oregano, and fresh garlic

Herb Rubbed Tri Tip  
With Summer Vegetables, Mashed  
Potatoes and Red Wine Reduction  
Served with Artesian Bread  
and Butter and Greek Flat Breads  
Wine – White/Red  
Dessert- Baklava

## Introductions & Speakers

Convention Chairpersons	DOP & AHEPA
Maggie Thomas	District Governor 20, DOP
Bill Lambropoulos	District Governor 20, AHEPA
Kiki Amanatidis	Grand Vice-President, Maids of Athena
Joanne Saltas	Grand Treasurer, DOP
Anthony Kouzounis	Supreme Secretary, AHEPA
His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco	

## Presentations

**2010 Journey to Greece Scholarships**  
Presented by **Chris Mellas, PDG**

**2010 District 20 Daughter of the Year**  
Presented by Maggie Thomas

**2010 District 20 AHEPA Chapter of the Year**  
Presented by **Bill Lambropoulos**

**2010 District 20 AHEPAN of the Year**  
Presented by **Bill Lambropoulos**

## Honorees

**Odysseus Award Presentation to**  
**Col. Steve N. Pisanos, USAF (Ret.)**

**Introduction of Col.. Steve N. Pisanos, USAF (Ret.)**  
Stavros Olympios, AHEPA 528

**Presentation of the Odysseus Award**  
Bill Lambropoulos

**Remarks**  
Col., Steve N. Pisanos, USAF (Ret.)

The El Camino Real District 20 Odysseus Award is presented to those individuals who travel far in the support of Hellenism.



**Periclean Award Presentation to**  
**Rev. Fr. Theophilios P. Theophilios**

**Introduction of Rev. Fr. Theophilios P. Theophilios**  
Fr. Theodore Pantels, St George Church

**Presentation of Periclean Award**  
Presented by Bill Lambropoulos

**Remarks**  
Rev. Fr. Theophilios P. Theophilios

The El Camino Real District 20 Periclean Award is awarded to the individual who best exemplifies the mission of AHEPA: the promotion of Hellenism, philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence.



## Closing Remarks

Maggie Thomas  
Bill Lambropoulos

District Governor 20, DOP  
District Governor 20, AHEPA

**Closing Prayer**

Metropolitan Gerasimos