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MESSAGE OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER GRAND MASTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER, BR.: VASSILIOS PATKAS ON THE OCCASION OF THE CREATION OF THE NEWSLETTER

I salute the creation of this Newsletter which is mainly addressed to the members of all Lodges and Autonomous National Organisations of the International Order "DELPHI".

Every day, we realise that the world in which we live evolves fast. Thus, our participation in the social process requires a swift communication method for our information.

The circulation of the Newsletter

and its availability on our website will significantly facilitate our communication with society. This effort will minimize the underlying prejudice of the uninitiated people, as it will rationalise the role of Freemasonry as a member of Citizens' Society, while it will also open up new horizons for the application of the Principles and Values it statutorily upholds.

The need for communication has become ever more imperative as our Order operates in many different countries and institutes new Lodges

as well as Autonomous National Organisations both in Europe and in North and South America.

I wish every success to the members of the Editorial Board and to our br.: Iordanis Poulkouras in particular, hoping that with this Newsletter they will apply quality specifications which will satisfy the interest of free-thinking citizens as well as of our members, and that they will promote the views and activities of the liberal and adogmatic Freemasonry.



Second meeting of the representatives of philosophical and adogmatic organisations with the President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso, the President of the European Council, Herman Van Rompuy, and the President of the European Parliament, Jerzy Buzek. Next to him, the Sovereign Grand Commander br.: Vassilios Patkas together with the Grand Masters of Masonic Powers of France, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Luxembourg and presidents of philosophical Organisations.



Presidency of COMALACE

On September 5, 2011, our sis.: Ina Piperaki was elected Chairperson of COMALACE – a Working Group between European and independent Masonic Orders, including the International Masonic Order "DELPHI". COMALACE is responsible for processing reflections and examine important social issues. We wish her every success!

(COMALACE, Contribution des Obédiences Maçonniques Libérales et Adogmatiques à la Construction Européenne – Contribution of Liberal and Adogmatic Masonic Orders in the Construction of Europe)



Participation in the 4th International Conference of Young Masons of the Gran Loggia d'Italia Degli A.L.A.M. in Udine, Italy

On 30th September and 1st October 2011, the 4th International Conference of Young Masons was held in Udine, Italy, focusing on the aspects of the man. The aspects dealt with were: "Man and Society", "Man and Art", "Man and the Map of the Earth", "Man and Economy", "Man and Family".

The Grand Mixed Lodge of Greece, invited by the Sovereign Grand Commander and Grand Master of the Gran Loggia d'Italia bro.: Luigi Prunetti, participated in the celebrations and the conference with a delegation of young Masons who presented their own thesis as well as the findings of the 2nd Pan-Hellenic Conference of Young Masons in the presence of the National Grand Master bro.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis

and Members of the Grand Mixed Lodge. On Sunday 2nd October, the Greek delegation participated in a celebratory Masonic Ceremony in the 1st Symbolic Degree to mark the beginning of the Masonic Year 2011-2012.



Installation of the autonomous Lodge "Isis 1896"

On October 17, the installation of the autonomous symbolic Lodge "Isis 1896" No 2029 was attended and performed by the Sovereign Grand Commander bro.: Vassilios Patkas, who installed the Worshipful Master in the presence of the National Grand Master of the Grand Mixed Lodge of Greece bro.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, visitors and delegates from other Masonic powers.



Tribute to an author

On November 6, the Grand Mixed Lodge of Greece organised a meeting dedicated to the work of our sis.: Roila Spiliotakopoulou at the Royal Olympic Hotel in Athens. The multifaceted work of our sister as a poet, author and translator of philosophic essays was commended by the National Grand Master bro.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, sis.: Ina Piperaki, bro.: Vassilios Maris, and the past National Grand Master bro.: Dimitrios Lymberis. The successful event was saluted by the Sovereign Grand Commander bro.: Vassilios Patkas, while the honoured author herself thanked the Members of

the Grand Mixed Lodge who introduced her work as well as the brothers and sisters and friends who participated in the meeting to honour and thank her for her contribution.



Installation of the symbolic Lodge "Chrysous Aeon"

On November 24th, the installation of the Officers of the symbolic Lodge "Chrysous Aeon" No 2026 was performed by the Sovereign Grand Commander bro.: Vassilios Patkas. Bro.: Panagiotis Papanelopoulou was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The ceremony was attended by the National Grand Master of the Grand Mixed Lodge of Greece bro.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis and a delegation of the Grand and symbolic Lodges, the Grand Master of the under establishment Grand Orient of Greece "ORPHEUS" bro.: Stefanos Paipetis, and delegates of the autonomous and other Lodges.



Installation of the autonomous Lodge "Athena Sophia"

On November 27, the installation of the autonomous symbolic Lodge "Athena Sophia" No 2030 took place. The ceremony was opened by the Sovereign Grand Commander bro.: Vassilios Patkas and was attended by the National Grand Master of the Grand Mixed Lodge of Greece bro.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Greece "ORPHEUS" bro.: Stefanos Paipetis, as well as several brothers and sis-



ters and delegates from other masonic powers.



Meeting in Brussels 2011

On 30th November, the President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso, received leading representatives of philosophical and adogmatic organisations at the headquarters of the European Commission in Brussels for the second meeting which he co-chaired together with Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament, and Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council. The meeting focused on "A partnership for democracy and shared prosperity: a common willingness to promote democratic rights and liberties" and the participants discussed the promotion of rights and liberties around Europe, but also

within the European Union itself. Greece and the International Masonic Order "DELPHI" were represented by the Sovereign Grand Commander bro.: Vassilios Patkas accompanied by the Under-Grand Secretary of External Affairs sis.: Ina Piperaki.

The meeting took place in the context of the Treaty of Lisbon which foresees that the Union shall maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with churches and with philosophical and non-confessional organisations.



A copy of the invitation from the president of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso, to the President of the International Masonic Order "DELPHI" bro.: Vassilios Patkas, can be accessed at http://www.delphiorder.org/eng/html/invitation_2011.pdf



Founding of the Grand Orient of Greece "ORPHEUS"

On Sunday 11 December 2011, the ceremony for the Lighting of the Fires of the Grand Orient of Greece "ORPHEUS" at the Orient of Patras was performed by the Sovereign Grand Commander bro.: Vassilios Patkas, and Members of the Supreme Council of the 33°. Bro.: Stefanos Paipetis was installed as Grand Master and bro.: Demosthenes Demopoulos as Deputy Grand Master. The ceremony was honoured with the presence of the National Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Greece bro.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis, as well as numerous brothers and sisters. After the ceremony, the distinguished guests and their companions attended a reception at the Achaia Beach Hotel hosted by the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Greece "ORPHEUS" bro.: Stefanos Paipetis.

The founding Lodges of the Grand Orient of Greece are "Hellene Genarchis" No 2024, "Deucalion" No 2025 and "Chrysous Aeon" No 2026.



Founding of the Grand Orient of Greece "ORPHEUS". *Left:* the Sovereign Grand Commander bro.: Vassilios Patkas. *Right:* the Grand Master bro.: Stefanos Paipetis



Celebration of the Winter Solstice 2011

On December 18, 2011, the celebration of the Winter Solstice organised by the Grand Lodge of Greece took place at the Conference Centre of "Aegli Zappiou". The Grand Mixed Lodge of Greece opened the celebration with an official ceremony for the Winter Solstice following an ancient Italian masonic ritual for the first time. The ceremony was honoured with the presence of the Sovereign Grand Commander bro.: Vassilios Patkas and Members of the Supreme Council of the 33°, the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Greece "ORPHEUS" bro.: Demosthenes Demopoulos, a delegation of the Most Serene Grand Orient of Greece and was attended by numerous brothers and sisters of the Order.

The National Grand Master of the Grand Mixed Lodge of Greece bro.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis saluted the reception that followed, attended by the aforementioned dignitaries, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Perfection of Greece bro.: Panagiotis Papanelopoulou, numerous brothers and sisters and delegates of other Masonic powers and their companions. During the event, four symbolic Lodges in Athens and four symbolic Lodges in the Provinces that excelled in specific areas (initiation, intellectual, social and solidarity work) in 2011 received a distinction awarded by the National Grand Master of the Grand Mixed Lodge of Greece bro.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis.

At the end of the soirée the Grand Mixed Lodge of Greece surprised the guests with a choir formed by brothers and sisters who sang Christmas carols but also popular songs.

Annual message of the Sovereign Grand Commander bro.: Vassilios Patkas 33° for the New Year

"Develop solidarity towards those in need, maintain and strengthen social cohesion".

You can access the full message of the Sovereign Grand Commander at <http://www.delphiorder.org/gr/html/ethsio.htm>.



Annual message of the National Grand Master bro.: Panagiotis Moutzourakis 33° for the Masonic Year 2011-2012

"Let us preserve for this year the maxim "In silence and hope rests my power". Let us understand that the meditation and introspection are necessary processes in overcoming the predicaments of this period."



A message for the New Year by the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Greece "ORPHEUS" bro.: Stefanos Paipetis 33°

"Let us not forget that Humanity is no more than an archipelago: people are like islands, and whatever may seem to stand between them on the surface, they are all connected underneath and share a common fate. No-one can thus be truly happy when a neighbour lives in misery. May this feeling alleviate the heavy burden brought to us with the year that has just started."

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