

District 3 Governor's Report

2008 District 3 Convention

Brothers,

Another year has passed and with it all the joys and sorrow that life brings. All of us here can be thankful to be able to enjoy each other's company. I stand before you humble and honored to have had the opportunity to serve as the District 3 Governor.

Our term began with an abbreviated year and urgent need for a host Chapter for the 77th annual 2008 District Convention. That effort took several months with the Annapolis Chapter 286 stepping up to the plate with an outstanding effort and venue. The Silver Spring Chapter 383 has also, volunteered to host the 78th 2009 District 3 Convention and it is my hope that the Fayetteville Chapter 9 will be hosting the 79th 2010 District 3 Convention. This will be the first time in many years that we will be able to plan our conventions well in advance.

We are blessed to have a talented District Lodge. The work of the District was distributed to the Lodge officers so that each Chapter would have several visits by their Lodge officer who was empowered to act with full authority of the District Governor to assist with their Chapters. The goal of this approach is to insure that each Chapter has direct contact with the District Lodge and to establish the infrastructure of the "WE" initiative.

The "WE" initiative was introduced at the three District workshops held on September 29th 2007 in Baltimore MD, October 20th 2007 in Greensboro NC, and November 17th 2007 in Hopewell VA. The goal of "WE" is to promote the success of each Chapter through the success of all Chapters by sharing their experience and knowledge.

I was fortunate enough to have been invited and to have traveled to all the States in the District. I especially enjoyed the diversity of our membership. It is truly amazing to see the differences in local culture and language but, the Greek is the same and the members of AHEPA almost interchangeable from Chapter to Chapter.