

AHEPA HISTORY



AHEPA Fourth Meeting in Scone, N.S.W. - Wednesday 22nd May 1935

N. Andronicos (Scone), A. Conomos (Walgett), C. Sourris (Yelarbon Qld), J. Katsoulis (Quirindi), P. Pheros (Manilla), S. Sourry (Armidale), A. Christianos (Quirindi), J. Moulos (Singleton), H. Flaskas (Denman), J. Zantis (Warialda), Bill Kalokerinos (Tamworth), B. Glytsos (Manilla), A. Cassimatis (Booral), H. Conomos (Maitland), J. Zantos (Gunnedah), H. Zantis (Warialda), J. Sofis (Barraba), A. Poulouris (Gunnedah), J. Fardoulis (Werris Creek), E. Geragitys (Cessnock), George. Maina (Armidale), J. Sourry (Uralla), A. Grivas (Sydney), E. Bizannes (Sydney), M. Theodore (Southport), J. Belisaropoulos (Sydney), Angelo Halalas (Narrabri), N. Mavril (Manildra), E. Conomos (Walcha), H. Fardoulis (Inverell), Greek Consul General Kokotakis

Names are not in order of photograph and were taken from the Minutes of the Fourth General Meeting held in Scone.

The Order of AHEPA was first established in Australia in Werris Creek, a country town of New South Wales, on Wednesday 15th August, 1934. A 15 member committee was elected with Nick Andronicos as its President.

After four General Meetings, held in Armidale, Gunnedah and on Wednesday the 22nd May 1935 in Scone (see photo above), the Bylaws and Ritual of the American AHEPA, with the necessary alterations to comply with the laws of this land, were adopted. On the 25th August, 1936, a Foundation Meeting was called by Brother Nick Andronicos, President of the Mother Lodge, at Scone, NSW. On the 26th August, 1936 a banquet was held to celebrate the foundation of AHEPA in Queensland. The name of the first Chapter was Hellas. The Order of AHEPA was established in Victoria in 1942. The first meeting was on the 1st September 1942 and this was held at the Freemason Hall in Flinders Street Melbourne. Chapter Prometheus was founded, followed by a second Chapter, Athenian in 1944.

In 1945, Chapters Prometheus and Athenian amalgamated under the name of Athenian.

The Supreme Lodge of Queensland was formed in 1948 and Brother P. ARONEY was its first Supreme President. The Order expanded in QLD with the formation of five Chapters in Kingaroy, Rockhampton, Townsville, Innisfail and Brisbane.

AHEPA was resurrected in NSW in 1953, with the establishment of Chapter Prometheus. This Chapter grew in numbers rapidly, initiating a further two chapters to be formed - Anatole in 1956, and Diogenes in 1957, both in Sydney. The unification of the Order was achieved throughout Australasia in 1954.

The formation of Chapter Archimedes in Perth W.A. in 1957 and the Grand Lodge of WA in 1965.

Chapter Aristotellis was formed in Melbourne, in 1958. Chapter Phoenix was inaugurated in Canberra in 1972 and Chapter Heracles in Belmore, NSW, in 1972.

Chapter Anaxagoras then followed in Adelaide, SA in 1973 with the the Grand Lodge of SA in 1977.

Chapter Solon was formed in Melbourne, in 1976, and Chapter Apollon in Paramatta, NSW, in 1977 followed by Chapter Atlas 1978 (Hobart, Tasmania). Chapter Omiros in Athens 1990 and Chapter Phidias in NZ 1992 and Chapter Poseidon in Melbourne 1994 and followed by Chapter Ippokratis in Sydney 2007.

Daughters of Penelope

The introduction of the Daughters of Penelope (D.O.P.) took place in Brisbane in 1953, with Chapter Themis being the first Chapter of the Senior Ladies Auxiliary, followed by Chapters Athena, Melbourne and Arete, Sydney both in 1954. Chapter Aphrodite, Perth, W.A. in 1959. Chapter Persephone, Adelaide, S.A. and Chapter Elya, Canberra, ACT, both in 1974. Chapter Antigone, Belmore, NSW in 1975, Chapter Ismene, Athens in 1990. Chapter Olympia, NZ in 1993, Chapter Nafsika, Melbourne in 1995 and Chapter Daphne, Gold Coast, QLD in 1996.

The District Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope, NSW was formed in Sydney in June, 1978 and the District Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope, Victoria was formed in Melbourne in March, 2006.

Junior Chapters

Junior Chapters were started in Victoria. The Maids of Athena in 1975 and The Sons of Pericles in 1976. Other Junior Chapters were then formed throughout Australia.

In total, 35 Chapters and 8 Lodges were formed with 23 Chapters and 8 Lodges still active.

There is still no other Greek organisation in Australia to match our AHEPA.