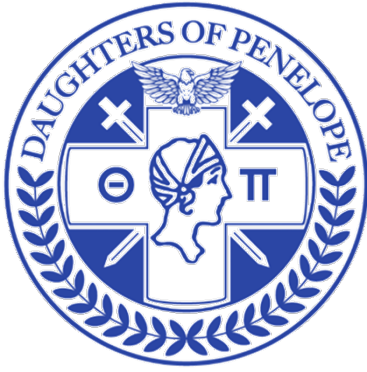




Daughters of Penelope

Empire State District Six

Summer 2025

Dear Sisters,

I hope you're all having a good summer, but I wanted to make sure every chapter is aware of the changes that were voted on at this year's Supreme Convention.

The first change you may have noticed is that we have a new logo. Please make sure you are using the new logo on your chapter's social media pages, as well as your newsletters and any fundraising. There is a copy of the new logo attached to this letter. For those of you (like me) who want to be able to color match the logo the color name is "Cerulean Blue" and the hex color code is #2b46a5. The official colors for use with the logo are Cerulean Blue and black.

For the upcoming year our Mandatory National Projects will be Water by Women and Community House Damaris. Our Voluntary Nation Projects will be Greeks for Goods and Open Door/Cerebral Palsy Greece. And of course, our Permanent National Projects are Penelope House, Penelope Place and the Penelopean Day Care Center. More information about all our National Projects can be found on our national website at: <https://daughtersofpenelope.org/NationalProjects.html>.

There were also a number of legislation changes to our Constitution & Bylaws that passed at the Convention and will go into effect this year.

- Starting in 2026 the Per Capita due to Nation Headquarters will increase by \$5 to **from \$40 to \$45** per member.
- In order to participate and vote in your Chapter Elections in addition to being in good standing, you must have attended at least four business meetings of your chapter.
- The Board of Governors responsibilities are limited to the auditing of the chapter Treasury and Secretary's records, and they may only serve in an advisory capacity at the request of the Chapter Executive Board.
- There is no longer an exception for districts with less than 150 members regarding the requirement of getting special dispensation from the Grand President to hold multiple offices.
- If unanimously approved by the District Lodge the countersignature requirement can be waived for disbursement of funds by the District Lodge

only. A countersignature is still required when writing checks at the chapter level.

- Any Maids of Athena chapter that is sponsored by an AHEPA chapter must report monthly to the District Advisor to the Maids and the District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope.
- ***Voluntary*** dual membership of the Maids of Athena and the Daughters of Penelope has been reinstated. A dual member only needs to pay the National Per Capita to the Maids of Athena, any additional Chapter Dues to the Daughters of Penelope chapter are still required.
- The requirement to remain unmarried has been removed from the Qualifications of Membership for the Maids of Athena.

I hope everyone continues to have a wonderful summer. Please remember to send the calendar to the District Lodge after you have your planning meetings so we can do our best to attend.

With Love in Theta Pi,

Marina Patelos

District Governor
Empire State District Six