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Brothers and Sisters of AHEPA Empire District 6:

Merry Christmas!

What a wonderful time of the year to be celebrating with our family and friends, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. This time gives us the opportunity to renew ourselves and think of our families but also humanity and be thankful for what we have and help the ones not as fortunate.

I'm amazed of all the charity work of our district's chapters. The more I'm involved in our lodge, the more I realize all that you do. I know the pay you receive is priceless. It is the satisfaction that your work helps the less fortunate and this is contagious and spreads and grows from year to year. Our chapters have leaders who can execute fabulous events such as our District Christmas Party, Coats, Toys for Tots, Scholarships, Valentine's Dance fundraisers, our support for Journey to Greece, fundraisers for support to our Greek Orthodox Churches, St. Basil's Academy, sponsoring a Senior Citizen Christmas at our NY State AHEPA Homes and so many others. You make it happen. I thank all the officers of our family chapters and all our members.

Every day I experience Brothers and Sisters stepping forward, taking the lead when needed and this is the moving gear of our district. Our district has a soul and is not just an entity. I am looking forward to continue working with all of you.

I want to thank you for all you do and wish you and your families a Merry and Healthy Christmas. Καλά Χριστούγεννα με Υγεία και Χαρά σε σας και τις Οικογένειες σας.

Fraternally Yours,

Mike Labatos

AHEPA District 6 Governor