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My Fellow Parade Volunteers,

Re: 2026 Parade

This is in response to your various phone calls and inquiries regarding the 2026 parade. Although I have not received any communications or invites from the two combating Boards of the Federation, it is my understanding that the two Boards have decided that the parade will be held April 26, 2026. Our responsibility and obligation is to make sure that we safeguard the parade accounts and also protect the tax exempt status of the Federation by providing clear and accurate financials.

The fiscal year of the Federation ended June 30, 2025. Accordingly, we are preparing the financials to reflect all transactions from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. I met with our hard working Treasurer, Demetris Paliouras and our Administrative Executive, Stavros Papagermanos, and verified all transactions for the period ending June 30, 2025.

Please note the balance on our two parade accounts which is the Gala and the General Operating Account. The balance of our two parade accounts as of July 1, 2025 is \$220,796.33.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gala Account</i>	<i>Gen. Operating Acct.</i>	<i>Total</i>
July 1, 2024	\$19,468.71	\$98,976.01	\$118,444.72
July 1, 2025	\$186,089.18	\$34,707.45	\$220,796.63

Any checks that arrived after June 30, 2025 will be deposited and reflected in the 2025 Parade financial statement. For the two parade accounts, we can account for every transaction and every dollar. However, we have no control of the accounts that the two Boards of the Federation utilize for their expenses. We know that a significant amount of money is frozen by court order and the dispute between the two Boards is still ongoing which presents certain risks for the Parade accounts.

In September I will invite the current Parade Committee for a final meeting and urge and appeal to the two combating Federations to hold elections and re-establish one united Board of the Federation of Hellenic Societies so we can have a smooth, legal transition and protect the tax exempt status of the Federation.

I look forward to our meeting in September.

Best regards,

Philip Christopher