Alpha Omega Council Hosted 2025 Greek Heritage Night with Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park on June 10th in Honor of Harry Agganis "The Golden Greek"



Harry Agganis was inducted by the United States Marine Corp into the Marines Sports Hall of Fame, making him the 1st Greek-American and 2nd Red Sox player to receive this high honor. Additional photos here.

BOSTON, MA (June 11, 2025) – Last night, the Alpha Omega Council of Boston, a Greek American organization cultivating the ideals of Hellenism by uniting Americans of Hellenic descent and Philhellenes through philanthropy and fellowship, hosted its annual Greek Heritage Night with the Boston Red Sox (vs. the Tampa Bay Rays) at Fenway Park on June 10, 2025, which welcomed over 3,000 Greek Americans to the stadium in celebration of Hellenism.

In its 8th year, Greek Heritage Night is a fundraiser to benefit charities supported by Alpha Omega Council. The 2025 Greek Heritage Night with Boston Red Sox paid tribute to the memory of the great Harry Agganis, nicknamed "The Golden Greek". During the on-field ceremony, the United States Marines Corp inducted Harry Agganis – who served in the Marines from 1950 to 1951 prior to joining the Red Sox

as a player in 1953 – into the Marines Sports Hall of Fame, which was presented to his nephew, Mike Agganis and grand nephew, Greg Agganis. Harry Agganis is now the 1st Greek-American and 2nd Red Sox player (following Red Sox legend Ted Williams) to receive this high honor.

The evening also honored The Consul General of Greece in Boston, The Honorable Symeon Tegos, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate through the welcoming of National Commander of the Archons and renowned Radiologist, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, and the Metropolis of Boston Camp (MBC), who was the beneficiary of the evening. Net proceeds from the event benefitted the Metropolis of Boston Camp Gym & Field House Project that is currently underway at MBC's St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center in Contoocook, New Hampshire.

"Greek Heritage Night with the Boston Red Sox has grown into a beloved tradition for the Alpha Omega Council," said Chairperson Christos Chrisafides. "It's an incredible opportunity to celebrate Hellenism and bring together thousands of Greek Americans from across New England for a night of community, pride and America's favorite pastime. We're proud to use this platform to raise awareness and funds for causes that make a real difference, while recognizing some of the exceptional individuals and organizations in our community." He continued, "Serving as Chairperson these past few years has been an honor, building on the foundation laid by pioneers like Bill Galatis and the Boston AHEPA. And of course, this event wouldn't be possible without the tremendous partnership and support of the Boston Red Sox organization."

Greek Heritage Night transformed Fenway Park into an evening packed with Hellenism and a sea of Greek-Americans wearing authentic 2025 Red Sox Greek (Hellas) Heritage jerseys and limited-edition Greek (Hellas) hats. Prior to the game, there was a Heritage Pregame Ceremony with members of the local Greek Community, as well as Greek dance groups, such as the Metropolis of Boston Dance Group, the Sons & Daughters of Alexander the Great, and the Paradosi Dancers of Brockton, who performed traditional Greek dances.

The festive evening kicked off with the singing of the National Anthem by an award-winning, New England native Paige Davis; the throwing of the first pitch by rising senior at Saint John's Prep Alex Sideridis; the declaring of "Play Ball!" by The Consul General of Greece in Boston Symeon Tegos' daughter, Erietta Tegos; and the Presenting Colors of the Greek and American flags, as well as the Massachusetts State Flag and the Alpha Omega Council Flag, which was conducted by Metropolis of Boston Dance Group members.

The Alpha Omega Council Greek Heritage Night's planning committee includes Chairperson Christos Chrisafides, Co-Chair John Mokas, Alpha Omega Council President Harry Vlachos, Alpha Omega Council Immediate Past President Paul Tsitsopoulos, Costa Sideridis, Teddy Demetriades, Nick Rizos, George Karalis, Tom Gatzunis, John Pappas, and Kosta Alexis.

For more information on Alpha Omega Council, please visit www.alphaomegacouncil.org and for more information on the 2025 Greek Heritage Night with Boston Red Sox, please visit www.alphaomegacouncil.org/greek-heritage-night-2/.

About the Alpha Omega Council:

Alpha Omega Council is a non-profit philanthropic organization, based in Boston, Massachusetts, and, its mission is to promote patriotism to the United States and to cultivate the ideals of Hellenism, by supporting various scholarly, athletic, medical, charitable, scientific, literary, religious and educational activities throughout New England and the United States. The Alpha Omega Council is comprised of Americans of Hellenic ancestry in Business, Education, Academia, Medicine, Law, Politics, Science and other fields. Since its inception, the Alpha Omega Council has contributed over \$2,000,000 to various philanthropic causes, not including the annual Peter Agris Memorial Journalism Scholarship Awards. Alpha Omega Council hosts various annual fundraising events including the Boston Marathon Wreath Ceremony, Greek Heritage Night, Golf Classic, Honors Gala and more. For more information on Alpha Omega Council, please visit www.alphaomegacouncil.org.

About The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston Camp (MBC):

MBC is the Camping Ministry of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston. Its mission is to enhance the lives of its participants by bringing campers and staff into a close personal relationship with Jesus Christ, their Orthodox faith, and Hellenic culture. MBC provides the opportunity for young people of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston to foster a life-long appreciation and love of their Orthodox faith, friends, and cultural heritage. For more information, visit www.metropolisofbostoncamp.org.

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