



OBJECT ID	2008.37.6
OBJECT NAME	Block, Printing
OBJECT COLLECTION	Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1960 – 1980
MATERIAL	Lead; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	<p>Damianos, John (is related to)</p> <p>Sepsis, Bill (is related to)</p> <p>Kachians, John (is related to)</p> <p>Terovolas, Peter (is related to)</p> <p>Costopoulos, Tom (is related to)</p> <p>Stemas, James (is related to)</p> <p>Kasson, Constantine (is related to)</p> <p>Carabelas, James (is related to)</p> <p>Danigelis, Peter (is related to)</p> <p>Floros, George (is related to)</p> <p>Limperis, Nicholas (is related to)</p> <p>Asimakopoulos, Louis (is related to)</p> <p>Gaines, Thomas (is related to)</p> <p>Louchios, Andrew (is related to)</p> <p>Siavelis, Peter (is related to)</p>

## ACCESS POINTS

cross  
eagle  
Evzones American Legion Home  
Greek Art Printing Company  
letterhead  
Midwestern Golf Tournament  
O'hare Inn  
Oak Park Chapter #104  
Olive Branch  
print  
Printing  
printing block  
South Chicago Chapter #351  
sun  
Sword  
Swords  
Wood

## OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Wooden and cast lead printing block. The image on the block has a eagle with spread wings perched upon a cross with arms of equal length. Behind the cross is two crossed swords. Below the cross is an image of the sun rising from the horizon with streams of light extending outwards. Below and to the right of the rising sun is an olive brand that extends from the bottom middle to the right-side middle of the block.

## ORIGIN

Donated by John Damianos. The printing block was used in a linotype printing machine. Linotype presses allowed for the casting of entire lines to be printed at a time. Linotype printing was eventually succeeded by lithograph printing and computer typesetting during the 1960's and 1970's. This printing block was used by the Chicago-based, Greek Art Printing Company. The image on the print block is a variation of the AHEPA emblem and was used in the printing of promotional flyers, event programs, and letterheads for Chicago's AHEPA Chapter #46, District #13, Oak Park Chapter #104, Midwestern Golf Tournament, South Chicago Chapter #351 and Chapter #203 Garfield, Order of AHEPA. The image was also used for the printing of letter head for the Order of AHEPA Lincolnwood Chapter #396 and Logan Square Chapter #260. The image of the eagle is commonly associated with strength, courage, farsightedness and immortality. The cross, with arms of equal length, is a cross associated with Greek Orthodoxy and early Christianity. The symbolism of the downward crossed swords is that fighting is over or it honors those who fought honorably. The image of the sun is commonly associated with intellect, the Self, and Christ or God. The image of the olive branch is most commonly associated with peace, but also has symbolic meaning in Greek mythology and Christianity.

## CITATION

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