



OBJECT ID	1999.15.19
OBJECT NAME	Necklace
OBJECT ENTITIES	Masters, Peter (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bag, 1999.15.1 Photograph, 1999.15.2 Booklet, Instruction, 1999.15.3 Booklet, 1999.15.4 Decal, 1999.15.5 Decal, 1999.15.6 Patch, 1999.15.7 Fez, 1999.15.8 Medal, Commemorative, 1999.15.9 Button, Political, 1999.15.10 Knife, Paper, 1999.15.11 Sack, 1999.15.12 Paperweight, 1999.15.13 Medal, Commemorative, 1999.15.14 Necklace, 1999.15.15 Necklace, 1999.15.16 Necklace, 1999.15.17 Necklace, 1999.15.18 Necklace, 1999.15.20
ACCESS POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jewelry Necklaces Order of Ahepa Peter Masters Vice-President

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

On a necklace of blue velvet, slightly worn, are the jewels a series of 14 silver rectangular forms with a five point star, with an additional 2 clouded ovals with 8 pointed stars. Silver rectangles and ovals are joined to one another by three chain links at the top and the bottom of each rectangle/oval, on both sides. Hanging from below one of the clouded ovals is a metal, colored AHEPA emblem embossed. The cross is colored blue, while the olive branch at the

bottom is colored green. Attached is the insignia of each office. In this case, the pendant is missing. On the record, it just says, "nothing for vice president" when indicating what symbol each position holds. Unknown if the necklace is missing a pendant or if there really is nothing that goes there.

ORIGIN

The blue velvet of the necklace indicates that these are chapter jewels. They specify the chapter office. Other colors are red, for District level, and purple, for National Office.

The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) is the largest and oldest American-based, Greek heritage grassroots membership organization. Its scope is international with chapters in the United States, Canada, Greece, and Cyprus, and "sister" chapters in Australia and New Zealand under the auspices of AHEPA Australasia.

AHEPA was founded on July 26, 1922 in response to the evils of bigotry and racism that emerged in early 20th century American society. It also helped Greek immigrants assimilate into society.

CITATION

Necklace, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/03/24.
