The Hellenic Society Prometheas invites you to a Book Presentation:

“The Parthenon Enigma”

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For more than two millennia, the Parthenon has been venerated as the West’s paragon of beauty and proportion. Since the Enlightenment, it has also come to represent our political ideals. Though it was built in the 5th century BC as a lavish temple to the goddess Athena, it now serves as a model for our most hallowed civic architecture.

How much do the values of those who built the Parthenon truly correspond with our own? Apart from the significance with which we have invested it, what exactly did this marvel of human hands mean to those who made it?

In The Parthenon Enigma, Professor Connelly brings the dramatic, personal story of the Parthenon’s creation to life, and also draws on that story to arrive at a new understanding of the building’s enormous historical legacy.

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A reception and book signing will follow the discussion

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