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Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year! The Brotherhood wishes all of you and your families much good health, happiness, love and prosperity in 2016!

Apply to be our New Director of Member Communications

We are seeking an individual to fill a new role for the Brotherhood – Director of Member Communications. **THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FEBRUARY 15.**

The responsibilities of the Director of Member Communications will be to:

- work closely with the Supreme President and other Supreme Lodge officers to develop an overall member communication strategy;
- craft engaging member communications on an on-going basis;
- oversee the continued development and administration of our website, which initially will include working with the Brotherhood’s existing website administrator; and
- manage the Brotherhood’s social media communications.

This role has the possibility of being a great resume builder, and of course, this person will have a direct, tangible impact on the Brotherhood on a daily basis.

If you are a member of the Brotherhood and are interested in becoming our new Director of Member Communications, please email the following to me at terryplatis@hotmail.com: (i) a written statement describing your interest in the position and any relevant experience you have, (ii) a copy of your resume and (iii) any social media content (e.g., point us to a Twitter feed, Facebook page, Instagram account, etc.) that you manage and that you would like us to look at to evaluate your abilities. The Supreme Lodge will be considering interested candidates at the winter Supreme Lodge meeting on February 20.

PAS IKAROS

Thank you to everyone that donated to our fundraising drive for PAS IKAROS! We have extended the fundraising drive until FEBRUARY 15 to give individuals and chapters another opportunity to make a donation. So chapters, if you recently held a Christmas or New Year's party or are planning on hosting a Super Bowl party, we urge you to consider donating a portion of the proceeds from the event to this worthy cause.

As a reminder, the Brotherhood is serving as a sponsor for PAS IKAROS, the oldest and largest athletic club on the island of Ikaria, for its 2015-2016 athletic season. For more than 60 years, PAS IKAROS has provided much needed athletic opportunities to the youth in Ikaria and currently fields soccer, basketball, volleyball, track & field and tae kwon do teams, with over 250 active participants. In addition, PAS IKAROS runs development academies for basketball, volleyball, track & field and tae kwon do in which over 150 children under the age of 12 participate every year. Due to the current economic crisis in Greece, the club is now struggling to cover its expenses.

Please send your donations to: Cathy Pandeladis, 42 Timberline Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Checks should be made out to "Pan-Icarian Brotherhood." Please reference "PAS IKAROS" on the memo line.

2016 Youth Conference

This year, the Nisos Ikaria chapter will be hosting the Youth Conference in Toronto, Canada the weekend of April 14-16. The Youth Conference is a wonderful opportunity for our Ikarian youth to come together to learn more about the Brotherhood, plan initiatives for the coming year and forge new ties with one another. The chapter will also be hosting a dinner-dance that weekend.

We ask that each chapter send 2 delegates to the Youth Conference to represent their chapter. Delegates must be between 18-35 years old and paid members in good standing. We encourage new participants, however, youth that have attended previous youth conferences are also more than welcome. The Brotherhood/chapter will pay for delegates' hotel room, dance ticket and certain other items/events over the weekend, and we ask that chapters help their delegates with their travel expenses to/from Canada if at all possible.

Please contact Youth Governor George Karnavas (gkarnavas88@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending the Youth Conference.

Membership

It's time to pay your 2016 membership dues! Please submit them to your local chapter. And local chapters: please send in your per capita dues throughout the year as you receive them. It is never too early to send them in!

I cannot emphasize enough how important your dues are to the continued success of our Brotherhood. Among other things, they help pay for the publication of *Ikaria* magazine, our website and the Youth Conference. And paying membership dues is not purely a financial matter. By paying your membership dues, you are choosing to be part of a group with a rich, 110-year-old+ history and continue our unique heritage.

Next Supreme Lodge Meeting

Our winter Supreme Lodge meeting will be held in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, February 20. If you are in the area, we hope to see you there!

Follow Us

Want to keep up on the latest Brotherhood news? Like the Brotherhood's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PanIcarian and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/PanIcarian.

Until next time....

Fraternally yours,

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Supreme President