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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family enjoyed a festive and joyful holiday season. As we look forward to the new year, we will continue to work hard to serve the needs of our Brotherhood and those in need. Please see below for recent updates/reminders...

Fall Supreme Lodge Meeting

A big thank you to President George Moratis, Demetra Tsantes and the entire Lefkas chapter for hosting the fall Supreme Lodge meeting on Saturday, November 19th in Washington, D.C. The chapter arranged a great day for the visiting Supreme Lodge members. We had a productive meeting. The minutes can be found in the next issue of *Ikaria Magazine*. Following the Supreme Lodge meeting, the chapter hosted us at their annual dinner dance. The dance was nicely attended, full of glendi and great para. Once again, thank you Lefkas chapter for your hospitality.

While in Washington, D.C. we had a chance to tour the Grand Hyatt Washington, which will be the Convention hotel in 2018. The Grand Hyatt Washington offers the convenience and comfort the Brotherhood seeks. The hotel offers modern guestrooms, state of the art meeting spaces and ballrooms and is located in the heart of downtown D.C. This hotel is a perfect space for our needs and grants us a perfect opportunity to explore America's capital city.

Athletic Group of Mesaria

As some of you might already know, the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood recently received a request from the Athletic Group of Mesaria / *Αθλητικός Ομίλος Μεσαριάς* (AOM) seeking financial assistance. For many years, AOM has provided much needed athletic opportunities to the youth in Northern Ikaria. Team coaches are all volunteers, but the cost of equipment, uniforms and participating in athletic events is approximately 20,000 euros annually. The Greek government and the municipality of Ikaria have stopped funding AOM due to the current economic crisis. AOM is now struggling to find ways to cover expenses through funding from athletes, parents and friends. However, this has proven to be a difficult task due to the economic situation in Greece.

The Brotherhood believes that it is important that AOM be able to continue its mission of providing athletic opportunities for youth living in Ikaria. The Supreme Lodge is beginning a fundraising drive, beginning immediately, to help raise money for AOM. Please help by sending in an individual donation. We also urge each local chapter of the Brotherhood to make a chapter donation and/or host a fundraiser for this worthy cause. We hope you can lend your support for this worthy cause! Two methods of donations are accepted:

Credit card donations can be made through our PayPal account:

<http://www.pan-icarian.com/shop/>

Please say your donation is for **AOM**: Click on the "+ **Comments**" and then write **AOM**.

OR

Please send your donations to:

Katerina Mavrophilipos, 2 Southerly Ct. Unit 407, Towson, MD 21286

Checks should be made out to "Pan-Icarian Brotherhood"

Please reference "AOM" on the memo line.

2017 Youth Conference/ Next Supreme Lodge Meeting

The 2017 Pan-Icarian Youth Conference and next Supreme Lodge meeting will be taking place in Clearwater, Florida during Presidents Day Weekend. Chapter Helios was gracious enough to get all the preparations in place to ensure a successful conference/meeting. The chapter will also be hosting a dinner-dance that weekend.

The Youth Conference is a great opportunity for our youth to connect, learn more about the Brotherhood and prepare for future leadership positions. We hope that each chapter sends 2 delegates to the conference to represent their chapter. Delegates must be between 18-35 years old and members in good standing. The Brotherhood/host chapter will pay for the delegate's hotel room along with some other items over the weekend. However, we ask that chapters help their delegates with their travel expenses to/from Florida if possible to ensure a healthy attendance. If you are in the area, we hope to see you there! For more information, please email Erica Aivaliotis at ericanna17@gmail.com.

Membership

It's time to pay your 2017 membership dues! Please submit your dues to your local chapter. I cannot emphasize enough how important your dues are to the continued success of our Brotherhood. Your contribution will help your chapter cover its administrative costs and help keep it strong and prosperous. By being a member, you are part of a rich and historic family that cares for its community, education, and Hellenism.

Our Treasurer, Katerina Mavrophilipos, has already contacted each chapter to assist in verifying and updating all the membership info on the database. This will ensure that all our member information is current. We kindly ask that each chapter cooperate and provide their latest email

lists to us as soon as possible. By utilizing email and expanding our social media tools we are hoping to increase interest and membership.

Website

The Lodge, along with Brother Dean Tripodes, has concluded the process of updating our website - Pan-Icarian.com . One of many important updates to the website was the introduction of a new shop page where our members at large can easily pay their dues or donate to our many philanthropic causes. We hope you enjoy the new look and want to make sure you Like Us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PanIcarian and Follow Us on Twitter at twitter.com/PanIcarian or instagram.com/panicarian.

Archives

The Lodge and Foundation, with the leadership of Joanne Melacrinis, has started the lengthy but vital process of digitizing all our rich archive material. Once this project is completed the stored material will be available for viewing by all our members and friends around the world. The digitizing of the archives will also help safekeep or texts and photos for generations to come.

Ikarria Magazine

Please plan to submit items for the next issue of *Ikarria Magazine* by February 19. Whenever possible, please include the names of people and/or events along with photos. Did you go to the island recently? If so, consider sharing photos from your trip. We encourage you or someone you know to contribute to the Icarian Spotlight feature. It could be about a hobby, an adventure, an achievement or other item of interest. Please send photos as attachments and limit to 6 at a time. You can send multiple messages with additional photos. If you receive a “mailbox is full” message please allow a day before trying again.

Lastly, *Ikarria Magazine* now offers sponsorship ad opportunities. A sponsorship ad will help an individual or organization gain brand recognition and visibility within the Greek Community at home and abroad. More than 1,600 copies are mailed to households and many others read the online edition. Your sponsorship is tax deductible. For more information please contact Ikariamag@tampabay.rr.com.

In closing, please note that the Supreme Lodge would like to know what ideas or issues you have. We want to hear from you regardless of how large or small your concerns, questions or suggestions may be. Please email me anytime at Icaros@aol.com.

Thank you for your time. I wish everyone a wonderful Winter season!

Fraternally yours,

George Paralemos
Supreme President