

### ***Share Your Stories With Us!***

As members of the Brotherhood, we share a remarkable collective history. Equally as impressive as our organizational history, but often not documented, are the individual stories of thousands of Ikarians here in the United States and Canada, many of whom are still alive today.

In effort to capture a “glimpse” of these individual stories in a format that can be shared with each other, the Brotherhood is asking for your help.

***Please send us quotes, vignettes and/or short anecdotes about your Ikarian relatives/friends which you believe in some way chronicle or reflect the Ikarian spirit and that you would like to share with your fellow Brothers and Sisters.*** For example, you could send us:

- Quotes – that inspire, make us laugh, etc.
- Advice – on life, matters of the heart, etc.
- Memories – of Conventions, dances, picnics, family life, friendship, etc.
- Stories – of Ikarians fleeing war and economic hardship in Greece, of their immigrant lives here in the U.S./Canada, both the challenges and the triumphs, of returning to, or traveling to, Ikaria for the first time, etc.

And those are just some of the possibilities. The quotes/stories can be inspiring, heartbreaking, funny or all three! And there is no limit to how many quotes/vignettes/anecdotes you are allowed to submit- the more, the better, as we are trying to obtain a broad spectrum of stories/materials. We do ask, however, that you limit each individual quote/story to a couple of sentences or one paragraph at the maximum.

The exact format of how these stories will eventually be shared with the members of the Brotherhood is a work in progress. We hope to one day compile these stories into some type of publication that touches, entertains and inspires our members, chronicles the Ikarian experience in the U.S./Canada, and provides people with a glimpse of some of the amazing personal/family histories of Ikarians in the U.S. and Canada. We also hope that this project will serve as inspiration for some of you to record your own individual family histories, if you haven't already done so, so that you can preserve those stories for future generations.

**Please send submissions to me by email at [terryplatis@hotmail.com](mailto:terryplatis@hotmail.com) and don't forget to include your name and chapter. Please send your submissions this summer before the Convention!**

Thank you in advance for your help with this project!

Fraternally yours,

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