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Headquarters of the Supreme Lodge

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SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I thank you for the continued trust that you placed in me by re-electing me to be your Supreme President for the upcoming year, and I will do my best to serve you. And I want to reiterate the commitment that I made to you last year – I am committed to honoring the Brotherhood's rich history by continuing the Brotherhood's fraternal and philanthropic mission of uniting and helping Ikarians.

Pittsburgh Convention News

First, a big thank you to the Icaros Chapter for hosting the 2015 Supreme Convention! The members of the Icaros Chapter put in a tremendous amount of hard work over the past 2+ years to organize this Convention, and the results spoke for themselves- the Convention was well-attended, well-organized, full of unique and memorable events, spirited and productive business meetings and of course, big glendia that lasted into the wee hours of the night. Without a doubt, by any measure, the Convention was a stunning success.

For those of you that were not able to attend the Convention business meetings, there are several items of Convention business to highlight:

Scholarships: The Scholarship Committee awarded, and the Foundation funded, 78 scholarships at the Convention (39 undergraduate and 11 graduate scholarships in the United States and Canada and 25 undergraduate and 3 graduate scholarships in Greece).

CT Scanner for the Hospital in Ikaria: The Brotherhood has committed to assisting with the procurement of a very much needed CT scanner for the hospital in Ikaria.

2017 Convention: We are off to Columbus, Ohio for the 2017 Convention, which will be hosted jointly by the Akron and Columbus chapters! The last Convention in Columbus was in 1971, so for many of us, this now hip-city will be a new destination.

New Officers: We welcome back several familiar faces to the Supreme Lodge: George Paralemos, our Vice President, Damianos Skaros, our Secretary, Cathy Pandeladis, our Treasurer/Database Manager, James Lakerdas, in his new role as our Counselor, Katerina Mavrophilipos, our District 1 Governor, Nick Skaros, our District 6 Governor, and George Karnavas, our Youth Governor. We also welcome several new additions to the Supreme Lodge: Jaclyn Sarah Elias-Senich, our new District 2 Governor, Steve Stratakos, our new District 3 Governor, Evangelos Fragos, our new District 4 Governor, and Athena Charnas Pugliese, our new District 5 Governor. Congratulations to all!



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PAS IKAROS

The Brotherhood is proud to serve as a sponsor for the Panikarios Athletic Association IKAROS (PAS IKAROS) for its 2015-2016 athletic season. PAS IKAROS is the oldest and largest athletic club on the island of Ikaria. For more than 60 years, PAS IKAROS has provided much needed athletic opportunities to the youth in Ikaria and an alternative to dangerous outlets such as drugs. PAS IKAROS currently fields soccer, basketball, volleyball, track & field and tae kwon do teams, with over 250 active participants. In addition, PAS IKAROS has development academies for young children for basketball, volleyball, track & field and tae kwon do in which over 150 children under the age of 12 participate every year.

Team coaches are all volunteers, but due to the current economic crisis in Greece, the club is now struggling to find ways to cover the cost of participating in and traveling to athletic events.

The Supreme Lodge has begun a fundraising drive, from now until December 31, to help raise money for PAS IKAROS. 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.

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.

New Position – Director of Member Communications

Interested in getting more involved with the Brotherhood while building your resume? We are now seeking an individual to fill a new role for the Brotherhood – Director of Member Communications. 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.

The ideal candidate will have some communications/social media experience at work and/or be an avid user of social media in his/her free time. The Director of Member Communications will need to stay in frequent contact with the Supreme Lodge in order to develop content, strategy, etc.

Since this new role will require special expertise, the Director of Member Communications will not be a Supreme Lodge officer but will have a more specialized and long-term role, akin to that of our Ikaria magazine editor. Initially this will be a one-year, trial-basis position, although our expectation is that the selected individual will remain in the role for more than one year. Initially no stipend will be provided, but the Supreme Lodge will consider providing one in the future depending on the demonstrated amount of work involved. 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 (tentatively scheduled for February/March).

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Fall Supreme Lodge Meeting

A big thank you to the Foutrides chapter for hosting the fall Supreme Lodge meeting on Saturday, October 3! The chapter arranged a great day for both the visiting Supreme Lodge members and chapter members, which, in addition to the Supreme Lodge and Foundation Board meetings, included a tour of the National Hellenic Museum and lunch at Parthenon Restaurant in Chicago's Greektown. Thank you to all of the members of the Foutrides chapter that attended!



Social Media

If you haven't already done so, please like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PanIcarian and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/PanIcarian.

Fraternally yours,
E. Terry Platis
Supreme President



Αγαπητά μου Αδέλφια,

Σας ευχαριστώ για την συνεχή εμπιστοσύνη που δείξατε στο πρόσωπό μου με την επανεκλογή μου ως Ύπατη Προέδρος για τον επόμενο χρόνο και θα κάνω το καλύτερό μου για να σας τιμήσω. Και θέλω να επαναλάβω τη δέσμευση που έκανα την περασμένη χρονιά - Είμαι αποφασισμένη να τιμήσω την πλούσια ιστορία της Αδελφότητας, συνεχίζοντας την αδελφική και φιλανθρωπική αποστολή της Αδελφότητας να ενώνουμε και να βοηθάμε Ικαριώτες.

Συνεδριακά Νέα Πιτσβούργου

Πρώτον, ένα μεγάλο ευχαριστώ στο Τμήμα Ίκαρος για τη φιλοξενία αυτού του Ύπατου Συνεδρίου του 2015! Τα μέλη του Τμήματος Ίκαρος επένδυσαν πολύ εργασία τα τελευταία 2 και περισσότερα χρόνια να οργανώσει το Συνέδριο αυτό και τα αποτελέσματα μιλάνε από μόνα τους - το Συνέδριο είχε μεγάλη συμμετοχή κόσμου, ωραία διοργανωμένο με μοναδικές και αξέχαστες εκδηλώσεις, ζωνρές και εποικοδομητικές συνεδριάσεις, καθώς και μεγάλα γλέντια που κράτησαν μέχρι το πρωί. Αναμφίβολα, από κάθε οπτική γωνία, το Συνέδριο ήταν μια εκπληκτική επιτυχία.

Για όσους δεν μπορέσατε να παρακολουθήσετε τις συνεδριάσεις του Συνεδρίου, υπάρχουν πολλά πρακτικά του Συνεδρίου που πρέπει να τόνισω:

Υποτροφίες: Η Επιτροπή Υποτροφιών απένειμε (και το Ίδρυμα χρηματοδότησε) 78 υποτροφίες στο Συνέδριο (39 προπτυχιακές και 11 μεταπτυχιακές υποτροφίες στις Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες και τον Καναδά, καθώς και 25 προπτυχιακές και μεταπτυχιακές υποτροφίες στην Ελλάδα).

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Αξονικός τομογράφος για το Νοσοκομείο στην Ικαρία: Η Αδελφότητα έχει δεσμευθεί να βοηθήσει με την προμήθεια ενός πολύ αναγκαίου αξονικού τομογράφου για το νοσοκομείο στην Ικαρία.

Συνέδριο του 2017: Είμαστε καθ' οδόν προς το Columbus του Οχάιο για το Συνέδριο του 2017, το οποίο θα φιλοξενηθεί από κοινού από τα Τμήματα Akron και Columbus! Το τελευταίο Συνέδριο στο Columbus ήταν το 1971, οπότε για πολλούς από εμάς, αυτή η πολύ μοντέρνα πόλη θα είναι ένας τελείως νέος προορισμός.

Νέοι Αξιωματικοί: Καλωσορίζουμε πίσω πολλά γνωστά πρόσωπα στο Ύπατο Συμβούλιο: ο Γεώργιος Παράλαιμος, ο Αντιπρόεδρος μας, ο Δαμιανός Σκάρος, ο Γραμματέας μας, η Κάθυ Παντελάδη, η Ταμίας μας και υπεύθυνη των προσωπικών δεδομένων του συλλόγου, ο Τζέιμς Λακέρδας, στο νέο του ρόλο ως Σύμβουλός μας, η Κατερίνα Μαυροφιλιππου, Περιφερειακή Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #1, ο Νίκος Σκάρος, Περιφερειακός Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #6 και ο Γιώργος Καρνάβας, Κυβερνήτης της Νεολαίας μας. Καλωσορίζουμε επίσης αρκετά νέα πρόσωπα στο Ύπατο Συμβούλιο: η Τζάκλιν Σάρα Ηλία Σενίχ, η νέα Περιφερειακή Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #2, ο Στίβ Στρατάκος, ο νέος Περιφερειακός Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #3, ο Ευάγγελος Φράγκος, ο νέος Περιφερειακός Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #4 και η Αθηνά Τσάρνα Πουγκλιέσε, η νέα Περιφερειακή Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #5. Συγχαρητήρια σε όλους σας!

ΠΑΣ ΙΚΑΡΟΣ

Η Αδελφότητα είναι υπερήφανη που είναι χορηγός για τον Πανικαριακό Αθλητικό Σύλλογο ΙΚΑΡΟΣ (ΠΑΣ ΙΚΑΡΟΣ) για την 2015-2016 αθλητική σεζόν. Ο ΠΑΣ ΙΚΑΡΟΣ είναι το παλαιότερο και μεγαλύτερο αθλητικό κλαμπ στο νησί της Ικαρίας. Για περισσότερα από 60 χρόνια, ο ΠΑΣ ΙΚΑΡΟΣ έχει προσφέρει ιδιαίτερα αναγκαίες αθλητικές ευκαιρίες στην νεολαία της Ικαρίας και μια εναλλακτική επιλογή αντί για τα επικίνδυνα αδιέξοδα, όπως τα ναρκωτικά. Αυτή τη στιγμή, ο ΠΑΣ ΙΚΑΡΟΣ έχει ομάδες ποδοσφαίρου, μπάσκετ, βόλεϊ, στίβου και τάε κβον ντο, με πάνω από 250 ενεργούς συμμετέχοντες. Επίσης, ο ΠΑΣ ΙΚΑΡΟΣ έχει αναπτυξιακές ακαδημίες για νεαρά παιδιά στα αθλήματα του μπάσκετ, βόλεϊ, στίβου και τάε κβον ντο, στα οποία συμμετέχουν ετησίως πάνω από 150 παιδιά ηλικίας κάτω των 12 ετών.

Προπονητές της ομάδας είναι όλοι εθελοντές, αλλά λόγω της τρέχουσας οικονομικής κρίσης στην Ελλάδα, ο σύλλογος αγωνίζεται τώρα να βρει τρόπους για να καλύψει το κόστος συμμετοχής και των ταξιδιών σε αθλητικές εκδηλώσεις.

Το Ύπατο Συμβούλιο έχει ξεκινήσει μια οικονομική εκστρατεία, από τώρα και μέχρι τις 31 Δεκεμβρίου, για να συγκεντρώσουμε χρήματα για τον ΠΑΣ ΙΚΑΡΟΣ. Παρακαλώ βοηθήστε με μια οικονομική συνεισφορά. Καλούμε επίσης κάθε τμήμα της Αδελφότητας να δώσει μια δωρεά και / ή να φιλοξενήσει έρανο στο σύλλογό τους για το σκοπό αυτό.

Παρακαλούμε στείλετε τις δωρεές σας στην: Κάθυ Παντελάδη, 42 Timberline Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Η επιταγή πρέπει να είναι πληρωτέα στο "Pan-Icarian Brotherhood". Στο σημείωμα γράψτε "ΠΑΣ ΙΚΑΡΟΣ".

Νέα Θέση – Διευθυντής Επικοινωνίας Μελών

Ενδιαφέρεστε να συνεργαστείτε περισσότερο με την Αδελφότητα και να χτίσετε το βιογραφικό σας; Αναζητούμε άτομο να καλύψει ένα νέο ρόλο για την Αδελφότητα - Διευθυντής Επικοινωνίας Μελών. Οι αρμοδιότητες του Διευθυντή Επικοινωνίας Μελών θα είναι:

- να συνεργάζεται στενά με την Υπάτη Πρόεδρο και άλλους αξιωματούχους του Ύπατου Συμβουλίου να αναπτύξουν μια συνολική στρατηγική επικοινωνίας με τα μέλη μας
- να ετοιμάζει σε συνεχή βάση ανακοινώσεις με επικοινωνιακά μηνύματα προς τα μέλη μας
- να επιβλέπει τη συνεχή ανάπτυξη και διαχείριση της ιστοσελίδας μας, η οποία στην αρχή θα περιλαμβάνει τη συνεργασία του με τον νυν διαχειριστή της ιστοσελίδας της Αδελφότητας και
- να διαχειρισθεί τα επικοινωνιακά μηνύματα μέσω των κοινωνικών δικτύων της Αδελφότητας.

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Ο ιδανικός υποψήφιος θα έχει ήδη κάποιες επικοινωνίες και γενικώς θα έχει εμπειρία στα κοινωνικά δίκτυα κατά το εργασιακό του παρελθόν του και / ή θα είναι ενεργός χρήστης των κοινωνικών δικτύων στον ελεύθερο χρόνο του. Ο Διευθυντής Επικοινωνίας Μελών θα πρέπει να είναι σε συνεχή επαφή με το Ύπατο Συμβούλιο, προκειμένου να αναπτύξουν τα επικοινωνιακά μηνύματα, στρατηγική, κ.λπ.

Δεδομένου ότι ο νέος αυτός ρόλος απαιτεί ειδική εμπειρογνομοσύνη, ο Διευθυντής Επικοινωνίας Μελών δεν θα είναι συνάμα αξιωματικός του Ύπατου Συμβουλίου, αλλά θα έχει μια πιο εξειδικευμένη θέση και ένα μακροπρόθεσμο ρόλο, παρόμοιο με εκείνο της συντάκτης του περιοδικού μας Ικαρία.

Αρχικά, θα είναι δοκιμαστική θέση μονοετούς θητείας, αν και προσδοκία μας είναι ότι το επιλεγμένο άτομο θα παραμείνει στο ρόλο για περισσότερο από ένα έτος.

Αρχικά δεν θα προσφερθεί μισθός, αλλά το Ύπατο Συμβούλιο θα εξετάσει την παροχή μισθού στο μέλλον, ανάλογα με το απαιτούμενο επίπεδο εργασίας που συνεπάγεται με τη θέση αυτή.

Ο ρόλος αυτός έχει τη δυνατότητα να βελτιώσει αισθητά το βιογραφικό σημείωμα του επιλεγμένου και φυσικά, το πρόσωπο αυτό θα έχει άμεση και συγκεκριμένη επιρροή στην Αδελφότητα σε καθημερινή βάση.

Εάν είσατε μέλος της Αδελφότητας και ενδιαφέρεστε να γίνετε ο νέος Διευθυντής Επικοινωνίας Μελών, παρακαλούμε στείλτε μου στην ηλεκτρονική διεύθυνση, terryplatis@hotmail.com τα εξής: (α) γραπτή δήλωση που περιγράφει το ενδιαφέρον σας για τη θέση και κάθε σχετική εμπειρία που έχετε, (β) ένα αντίγραφο του βιογραφικού σας σημειώματος και (γ) κάθε στοιχείο κοινωνικής δικτύωσης (π.χ. δείξτε μας την κίνησή σας στο Twitter, τη σελίδα σας στο Facebook ή στον λογαριασμό σας στο Instagram, κ.λπ.), που διαχειρίζεστε και που θα θέλατε να δούμε και να αξιολογήσουμε τις ικανότητές σας. Το Ύπατο Συμβούλιο θα εξετάσει όλους τους ενδιαφερόμενους υποψηφίους κατά τη χειμερινή συνεδρίαση του Ύπατου Συμβουλίου (προγραμματισμένο αυτή τη στιγμή για τον Φεβρουάριο/Μάρτιο).

Φθινοπωρινή Συνεδρίαση Ύπατου Συμβουλίου

Ένα μεγάλο ευχαριστώ στο Τμήμα Φουτρίδης για τη φιλοξενία της φθινοπωρινής συνεδρίασης του Ύπατου



Συμβουλίου, το Σάββατο 3 Οκτωβρίου! Το τμήμα επέλεξε μια μεγάλη ημέρα για τα μέλη του Ύπατου Συμβουλίου και των τμημάτων, καθώς, εκτός από τις συνεδριάσεις του Ύπατου Συμβουλίου και του Συμβουλίου του Foundation, περιλήφθηκε και ξενάγηση του Εθνικού Ελληνικού Μουσείου και γεύμα στο Εστιατόριο Παρθενώνας στην Ελληνική παροικία του Σικάγου. Ευχαριστώ σε όλα τα μέλη του Τμήματος Φουτρίδης που παρευρέθηκαν!

Κοινωνικά Δίκτυα

Αν δεν το έχετε κάνει ήδη, παρακαλώ να κάνετε like τη σελίδα μας στο Facebook στο www.facebook.com/PanIcarian και στο Twitter στο twitter.com/PanIcarian.

Με αδελφικούς χαιρετισμούς,
Ελευθερία Πλατή
Ύπατη Πρόεδρος

Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros"
PAN-ICARIAN FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

Pan- Icarian Foundation
Board of Directors' Meeting
Wyndham Grand Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA
Saturday, September 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am (EST) by Chairman Nikitas Tripodes.

All officers were present: Chairman Nikitas Tripodes, Vice Chair George Horiates, Directors Ellene Tratras Contis, Paul Collaros, and Stanton Tripodis. Also present were guests, Supreme President E. Terry Platis, PSP John Lygizos, Past Foundation Chairmen Gus Yiakas and Socrates Koutsoutis, Past Foundation Director Steve Stratakos, and President of Krikos Chapter George Kesses.

Approval of Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting of 8-22-15 were approved .

Foundation Secretary Maria Vassilaros, who has served as Foundation Secretary for 16 yrs, has submitted her resignation to Chairman Nikitas. She was present at the meeting, and she introduced a candidate whom she recommends to be her replacement, Christina Contes, from Pittsburgh. Maria has created a written job description and reviewed it with Christina, and Christina is very willing to accept the position. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept Christina as the new Foundation Secretary.

Krikos President George Kesses, President of Krikos Chapter in Ikaria, was introduced by Past Foundation Chairman Gus Yiakas. Mr. Kesses had many written materials to review with us. He presented a folder listing expenses and receipts for the firefighter equipment in Ikaria. George also presented a letter from the family of the young boy in Ikaria to whom the Foundation has sent funds to pay for monthly chemotherapy for a rare cancer. The letter explains what the money is being used for.

Old Age Home George Kesses presented a written agreement that had recently been signed between the Mayor of Ayios Kirykos and the Bishop of Samos and Ikaria, that grants the Brotherhood use of the Old Age Home building and land for 20 yrs. Mr. Kesses then said it actually was amended later to 25 yrs.

Gus Yiakas said it was very good to finally have this written agreement.

Chairman Nikitas discussed that there is a committee to help oversee or manage, the Old Age Home that was established in accordance with the terms to settle the Souroumanis suit. The board unanimously agreed to reauthorize the committee with Past Foundation Chair Gus Yiakas as the committee chair and Foundation representative. Other members are Krikos President George Kesses, the Bishop of Samos or his designee, Vice Mayor of Ayios Kirykos Spiro Teskos, and a Council member from Ayios Kirykos.

George Kesses then presented a file of architectural drawings and surveys of the Old Age Home to Chairman Nikitas.

There was discussion about the bank account in Alpha Bank in Greece for 70,000 euros, whose purpose is to be used for the Old Age Home. This account reportedly has the names of the President of Krikos, and the Bishop, and therefore we are unable to access the funds. This situation needs to be investigated and clarified.

George Kesses next presented a letter, to serve as a receipt, for funds sent from the Foundation to the Old Age home. George presented records of another bank account, with a balance of 30,000 euro, whose money was withdrawn to use for the Old Age Home. He presented documentation of how much was paid to whom.

George reported about the lawsuit in progress against the volunteers who work at the Old Age Home, They have submitted a letter requesting financial assistance.

Supreme President Sureme President E. Terry Platis was recognized. She spoke about various funding requests.

CT scan machine Dr John Tripoulas, from the Hospital in Ayios Kirykos submitted a request for funding for a CT scan machine for the Hospital. He has located a refurbished Siemens machine that is on sale for approximately 85,000 euro. The Niarchos Foundation was previously contacted about funding a machine. They declined that request but they might consider assistance for site preparation expenses. Also, the Greek Government may be a source

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for site preparation expenses. A down payment of 30,000 euro is required by Sept 30th to take advantage of the sale price. We discussed funding options. This request will be brought to the Convention floor on Sunday, September 6.

Dialysis machine The hospital also is in need of a dialysis machine, but a formal request is not being made at this time.

Ikaros Athletic Club A request was received for funds to sponsor the Ikaros Athletic Club, in Ayios Kirykos. The youth participate in various sports, and they sometime travel to other islands to compete. The Club's annual expenses are approx. 30,000 euro. Motion was made to table, motion passed.

Philharmonic Orchestra of Rahes The orchestra of Rahes, which is different from the one in Ayios Kirykos that the Foundation has sent funds to previously, is requesting assistance. This will be presented to the delegates on the Convention floor.

Souroumanis George Horiates spoke about the Foundation's desire to recoup \$25,000 in legal fees that were spent to defend the Lodge officers in the Souroumanis suit. Attempts to recoup the fees from our insurance company were unsuccessful. Past Foundation Chair Socrates Koutsoutis reminded us that during his tenure, the Foundation Board voted to hold harmless the Lodge for legal fees.

Hospital in Ayios Kirykos A letter was received from Mr Nick Kouknas, describing what he perceived to be poor conditions and lack of many necessities at the Hospital in Ayios Kirykos. George Kesses suggested that he and members of Krikos Chapter would be willing to act as liaisons to be sure that any supplies that are donated to the Hospital are properly accounted for.

Chairman Nikitas adjourned the meeting at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted, Recording Secretary Stanton Tripodis



Anastasia and Athanasi Kotsanis
having fun at the Youth Banquet.
They are the children of
Nick and Christina Kotsanis,
members of Chapter Doliche.



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<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Jacob T. Andreson	Helios #19	Florida Southern College	George & Archontoula Adams Memorial	Pan-Icarian Foundation
Konstandena Brown	Therma #10	Erskine College	James Chapler Memorial	Sally & Chris Collaros
Christina E. Costalas	Lefkas #18	Montgomery College	Jack Christ Conzaman Memorial	Family of Jack Conzaman
Jaleh Dye	Pharos #3	Lakeland Community College	Stelios & Stamatoula Kayafas Memorial	Anthony & Anna Kayafas
Sophia Evripiotis	Pandiki #5	Queens College	John Jamis Kotsogiannis	John Janis Kotsogiannis
John Fragos	Therma #10	Cape Fear Community College	Nicholas & Rosina Kotsogiannis Memorial	John Janis Kotsogiannis
Marcus D. Galie	Icaros #7	St. Francis University	Konstantinos Lardas Memorial	Family of Konstantinos Lardas
George J. Gemelas	N'Ikaria #25	Yale University	Constantine & Elizabeth Mavronicolas Memorial	Tony Mavronicolas and Frank Mavronicolas
Kathryn Horiates	Atheras #12	College of New Jersey	Theodore & Despina Mavronicolas Memorial	Lefkas Chapter 16 Baltimore/Washington DC
Stavroula Horiates	Atheras #12	University of Pittsburgh	Mario Panas Memorial	Pandiki Chapter 5 New York and Nicholas Panas
Kristina Ioannou	Icaros #7	University of	John Papalas Memorial	Family of John Papalas
Sam Kaiser	Aivaliotis #17	Ohio State University	Elizabeth & George Pastis Memorial	Stella Thomas and Dorothy Martinos
Georgiana Kaloudis	Pandiki #5	John Hopkins School of Medicine	Ava Lee Petchakos Memorial	Peter & Anita Petchakos
Erini Katopodis	Oinoe #14	Emerson College	William P. Saffo Memorial	Angeline Batuyios Saffo

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Ioannis Katsifas	Pandiki #5	New York University	George Saffos Memorial	Family of George Saffos
Olivia O. Koklanaris	Spanos #9	Michigan State University	Constantine & Maria Safos	Basil Safos
Konstandena S. Lardas	Nea Ikaria #17	Brooklyn College	Kyriaki (Speis) Doumazios Memorial	Doumazios Family
Ourania Lardas	Icaros #7	Florida Gulf Coast University	John, Sophia and Anthony Vassilaros Memorial	John Vassilaros
Gabriella D. Livanos	Therma #10	University of North Carolina Asheville	George A. Glaros Memorial	Frances Glaros
George G. Manesiotes	Foutrides #8	Milwaukee School of Engineering	Louis & Jenny Tripodes Memorial	Estate of Louis & Jenny Tripodes
Christen D. Massouras	Foutrides #8	University of Illinois	George A Horiates Memorial	Stavroula G. Horiates
Eleni M. McGee	Kavo Pappas #20	Tulane University	Evangeline Lardas Memorial	James N. Lardas
Zachary Moore	Icaros #7	Washington and Jefferson College	Jack & Mary Tripodes Memorial	Family of Jack & Mary Tripodes
Christina Murray	Helios #19	University of Florida	Stephen Mavronicolas Memorial	Family of Stephen Mavronicolas
Ekaterini Papalas	Atheras #12	Stockton University	Stavros Pasamihalis Memorial	Family of Stavros Pasamihalis
Nicholas Parianos	V.I. Chebithes #2	Marquette University	Nicholas & Alexandra Koklanaris Memorial	Family of Nicholas & Alexandra Koklanaris
Constance Pedos-DiClemente	Icaros #7	California University of Pennsylvania	Gus Stefanadis Memorial	Pan-Icarian Foundation
Christina Plakas	Pandiki #5	Hamilton College	Pan-Icarian Foundation	
Isabel Plakas	Pandiki #5	Bryn Mawr College	Pan-Icarian Foundation	

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Eleni Poulos	Pharos #3	Cuyahoga Community College		Pan-Icarian Foundation
Christopher A. Saphos	Kavo Papas #20	Lamar University		Pan-Icarian Foundation
Anna M. Skirianos	Pandiki #5	Pace University		Pan-Icarian Foundation
Sarah Smith	V.I. Chebithes #2	Arizona State University		Pan-Icarian Foundation
Andrea Tripodis	Helios #19	University of Central Florida		Pan-Icarian Foundation
Nicole Tripodis	Helios #19	Florida State University		Pan-Icarian Foundation
Christopher A. Utrup	V.I. Chebithes #2	Xavier Univeristy		Pan-Icarian Foundation
Alexandra M. Xenakis	Icaros #7	Point Park University		Pan-Icarian Foundation
Christina M. Xidas	Aivaliotis #17	Miami University		Pan-Icarian Foundation
Victoria K. Xidas	Aivaliotis #17	Miami University		Pan-Icarian Foundation

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Krista Galie	Icaros #7	Cornell University	Oinoe Chapter 14 of Southern California
Marina Horiates	Atheras #12	John Hopkins School of Medicine	Pan-Icarian Foundation
Kara Ioannou	Icaros #7	Univeristy of Pittsburgh	Pan-Icarian Foundation
Mary Lee King	Daedalos #4	Coastal Carolina University	Pan-Icarian Foundation
Ifigenia Mougianis	Pharos #3	Georgia State University	Pan-Icarian Foundation
Dana Elias Patrick	Pramne #1	Walden University	Pan-Icarian Foundation
Eleni Skezas	Icaros #7	Duquesne University	Pan-Icarian Foundation
Marika Tripodes	Oinoe #14	University of California Los Angeles	Pan-Icarian Foundation
Zacharias Tripodes	Oinoe #14	Loyola Law School, Los Angeles	Pan-Icarian Foundation
Kali Tripodis	Helios #19	Florida State University Law School	Pan-Icarian Foundation
Maria Tripodis	Helios #19	Florida International University	Pan-Icarian Foundation

Greece Undergraduate \$1000 Scholarships 2015

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Eleftheria Loukou	Ayios Kyrikos	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Konstantina Tsarna	Ayios Kyrikos	Athens University of Economics & Business	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Sotiria Kantouni	Ayios Kyrikos	Technological Educational Institute of Athens	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Sofia Trata	Ayios Kyrikos	Polytechnic of Crete	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Efthyhia Kafalou	Ayios Kyrikos	University of Crete	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
George Alexopoulos	Ayios Kyrikos	University of Crete	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Nektarios Proestos	Ayios Kyrikos	Theological School	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Katerina Tsampi	Ayios Kyrikos	Technological Educational Institute of Crete	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Sofia Spei	Ayios Kyrikos	University of Crete	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Argyro Mavrogiorgi	Evdilos	Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Petros Fouskas	Evdilos	Polytechnic of Crete	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Hristos Pantelidadias	Evdilos	University of Patras	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Hrisoula Petraki	Evdilos	University of Crete	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Marina Kavouriari	Evdilos	University of Crete	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Filipos Kavouriaris	Evdilos	University of Patras	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Marianina Kalokairinou	Rahes	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Aggeliki Andreou	Rahes	University of Western Macedonia	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Salomi Liakopoulou	Rahes	University of Thessaly	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas

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Theodora Karoutsou	Rahes	Technological Educational Institute of Crete	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Britzilnta Mourtai	Rahes	Technological Educational Institute of Athens	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Ioannis Kanogias	Rahes	University of Thessaly	Nichoals Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Emmanouela Hondroudaki	Fourni	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Eirini Katsarou	Fourni	University of the Aegean	Nicholas Lacas	Estate of Nicholas Lacas
Ilias Giakoub	Athens	University of Thrace	Vasilios S. Kavarligos Memorial	Demetra Tsantes
Alithini Venardou	Athens	Technological Educational Institute of Athens	Vasilios S. Kavarligos Memorial for Greece	Demetra Tsantes

Greece Graduate \$2000 Scholarships 2015

Evridiki Katsa	Ikaria	Athens University of Economics & Business	Dr. Nicholas Batuyios Graduate for Greece Dr. Nicholas Batuyios & Family
Nikoletta Kouvari	Ikaria	University of Athens	Demosthenes and Anna Yiakas Memorial for Greece Gus Yiakas
Theodora Kavoura	Ikaria	University of the Aegean	Demosthenes and Anna Yiakas Memorial for Greece Gus Yiakas

78 Scholarships Totaling \$136,500

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**Pan-Icarian Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting - Saturday, October 3, 2015
Parthenon Restaurant, Chicago Illinois - Hosted by Foutrides Chapter No. 8**

Meeting called to order at 12:10 pm (CDT) by Chair Nikitas Tripodes.

Officers present: Chairman Nikitas Tripodes, Vice Chair George Horiates, Ellene Tratras Contis, and Paul Collaros.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the previous meeting of September 5, 2015 were approved.

Finances - Total assets were reported as follows: Total assets of all four accounts as of October 1, 2015 are \$4,952,611.00. This includes the newly established Anthony and Anna Kayafas Scholarship Fund, which will be maintained in a separate account. Assets dropped slightly due to market fluctuation of -8%.

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Scholarships - Scholarship awards have not yet been sent due to delays by our trustee PNC. Paperwork requirements relating to the organization and operation of our scholarship process have been asked of our account to which he has replied. Some discussion/information was given on the size of scholarships in Ikaria. Our scholarship representative in Ikaria, John Tsantes, recommended an increase in scholarship opportunities to students in Ikaria and Athens by increasing the number of scholarships by decreasing the amounts offered to the student. Two students from Athens were awarded scholarships in this cycle.

Old Age Home Update - The long-term lease (25 years with an option to renew) agreement has been signed between the Bishop of Samos and the Mayor of Ikaria. A request will be sent for a copy of the final lease agreement for PIB files. Action Item: It was moved and approved to reappoint former Foundation Chair, Gus Yiakas, to the previously formed committee to oversee the Old Age Home in Ikaria for updating, maintenance, etc.

Storm Relief Update - Nina Tratras Contis reported that the > \$50,000 in Foundation funds earmarked for the Karkinnagri storm relief are still on hold. The Mayor of Ikaria has received the cost estimates from the engineers and is forwarding the paperwork for processing and final approval from the Prefecture.
Meeting adjourned 1:03 pm.

Pittsburgh Convention Report - The Pittsburgh Convention was quite successful and profitable. The Chapter is working to close all Convention charges and will report before the next Foundation meeting.

Medical Assistance Updates - Mr. Zografos sent a grateful letter of thanks for our assistance in a successful surgical outcome at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) to help restore his vision. As Mr. Zografos was in Pittsburgh, he came to the Convention business meeting to personally thank us all.

Nikitas Tripodes will contact UPMC to see if we are due a refund from our deposit for Mr. Zografos' care. The young cancer patient from Ayios Kyrkos and his mother are still going to Athens once a month for medical treatment. Additional funds may need to be wire transferred.

Other - The Foundation fulfilled its obligations to the Verona Archives (\$3500) and the Ikaria magazine.

CT Scanner for Hospital in Ikaria - Paul Collaros and George Horiates provided additional information on the types, background information, etc., so we can understand the requirements and needs for a CT Scanner at the Ikaria hospital. Information provided indicates that for a particular machine, specific room size and shielding is important.

At the Convention Dr. John Tripoulas from the hospital in Ikaria officially requested funding for the equipment. The Convention approved up to 85,000 euros for the purchase. Paul Collaros, for the Foundation, has been in contact with companies for the purchase of such a machine. George Horiates provided each board member with an 80+ page printed report relating to the scanner issue. The well researched report reviewed the types of machines, new vs. used, vendors, and logistics etc. Much discussion ensued as to the best and most efficient route to take.

A letter will be sent to the Hospital stating our financial commitment for a scanner so that other foundations can be solicited for funds for construction of a designated scanner room.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellene Tratras Contis, PhD
Recording Secretary

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Dear Chapter Presidents,

Over the past year, the Supreme Lodge was tasked by delegates to develop a list of "Best Practices" that could be used by Chapters to maintain/ increase their membership numbers and invigorate their members' participation.

On behalf of Supreme President Terry Platis, and the rest of the Supreme Lodge, I've attached a copy of the "Best Practices" that were developed. We encourage you to discuss these practices with your Chapter members and implement the ideas that would be most beneficial for your Chapter.

Please let us know if you have any suggestions or if you find specific ideas are more successful than others.

Sincerely,

Damianos T. Skaros

Supreme Secretary

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Pan-Icarian Brotherhood Chapter Membership Best Practices 9/19/2015

Membership is the lifeblood of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood. Fostering and promoting membership begins first and foremost at the local Chapter level. The Supreme Lodge has developed the following suggested 'best practices' for Chapters to adopt in order to maintain and increase their membership.

1. Make new members feel welcome by sending a Chapter welcome letter and listing benefits of membership
2. Establish a schedule with regular meetings and events provided to all members
3. Call members prior to meetings and events and emphasize the importance of having members attend
4. Establish a Chapter Facebook page and other desired social media presence and use it to communicate with members and increase awareness of Chapter activities
5. Introduce and expand email communication as a quick way to distribute information and stay connected
6. Increase member communication to a minimum of 6 times per year
7. Send 1 to 3 membership renewal notices per year
8. Provide members with the opportunity to pay dues at every Chapter meeting and event
9. Provide for and accept credit card and debit card payments for membership dues
10. Set deadlines for members to remit their dues to the Chapter Treasurer
11. Recognize milestone years of membership (e.g. 5, 10, 20, etc. years of continual membership)
12. Invite members to become involved in specific projects with a clear end date to accommodate those interested in participating but with limited available time
13. Consider co-hosting an event with another Chapter in the region
14. Encourage all members to attend the annual Convention and Grand Banquet
15. Develop events of interest to younger generations - include events aimed at young adults as well as those for families with small children
16. Invite younger members to become Chapter officers or join a committee
17. Encourage members ages 18 to 35 to attend the Brotherhood's annual Youth Conference;
Pay for additional youth members to attend beyond what is currently covered by the Supreme Lodge consider
Pay for additional expenses such as airfare for youth members to attend the conference beyond what is currently covered by the Supreme Lodge

Developed by the 2014-2015 Supreme Lodge

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ICARIAN SPOTLIGHT

Lisa Nunn, a sociology professor at the University of San Diego, and a member of the Christ E. Aivaliotis Chapter #17 in Columbus, Ohio, went to the rural village of Makuleke, South Africa, in June to facilitate a Youth Leadership Workshop for the high school students there.

This is the second workshop Lisa and her colleague Mike Williams have run in Makuleke as part of a USD summertime cultural immersion course.

The Makuleke high school students face severe obstacles in their education system: not enough desks to go around, teachers who don't show up for school; sharing books with classmates who live two villages away, and so on. A group of about 20 young people in Makuleke who



take their education seriously have joined a South African national organization called Equal Education. There, the students have become political activists fighting for educational change in the national arena. They call themselves "The Equalizers" and they are the ones who invited Mike and Lisa to bring the Youth Leadership Workshops to their village. They are a passionate and inspiring group of young people. They love getting to know the USD college students, sharing cross-cultural experiences and practicing English.

Working alongside the Equalizers has been a transformational experience for Lisa, Mike, and all the students involved. The workshop

includes activities such as writing and delivering public speeches; working on pressing community issues; building teamwork strategies; and developing skills of authentic and effective leadership. However, the best part of two weeks living in the village is the friendship building that happens between the USD group and the Equalizers. Lisa's office back on campus is littered with photos of Equalizers who have stolen her heart.



**2015 Supreme Convention Report of the
Supreme President of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America**

Brothers and Sisters,

To start, congratulations to the Icaros Chapter for hosting this very successful Convention! It is always a special treat to be able to gather together at the birthplace of our Brotherhood, the place where it all began 112 years ago. The members of the Icaros Chapter have put in a tremendous amount of hard work over the past 2+ years to organize this Convention, and they have a lot to show for it- it has been well-attended, well-organized, full of unique and memorable events, spirited and productive business meetings and big glendia. So thank you to the Icaros Chapter for all of their hard work and their showing of true Ikarian hospitality!

This year, as Supreme President, I had the opportunity to visit several chapters. Our Supreme Lodge meetings took us to Pandiki in New York, Akron, Ohio and Montreal, Canada. My travels also took me to Pramne in Youngstown, Ohio, the Pharos Chapter in Cleveland, Atheras in the Philadelphia area for the Youth Conference, Pittsburgh for the Mini-Convention and of course I attended numerous events hosted by my home chapter in Chicago. Although it was not possible for me to visit every chapter, I did try and make it a point to visit chapters where the Supreme Lodge had not been in over 10 years (and in some cases many more years than that). And everywhere I went I was heartened by the enthusiasm and dedication that the local chapters demonstrated. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the chapter officers, and all of the other members of the Brotherhood who volunteer their time, for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the year. You are the backbone of the Brotherhood - without you there would be no Brotherhood.

I also had the opportunity to visit Ikaria this summer where I met twice with the Mayor of Ikaria and several councilmen and we discussed several Brotherhood-related matters, including the status of the Old Age Home and the Storm Relief Project in Ikaria. The Brotherhood and the municipality of Ikaria share many common goals, including fostering closer ties among Ikarians on both sides of the Atlantic and working to ensure that our many philanthropic endeavors have fruitful outcomes for residents of the island, including stabilizing the situation at the Old Age Home in Ikaria. For that reason, it is important that we try and stay in frequent communication with each other, and we both hope to do that going forward.

My goal for this year, which I stated in my first President's message, was simple - to honor our past by continuing our fraternal and philanthropic mission of uniting and helping Ikarians. And, with that goal in mind, as a Brotherhood, we accomplished many things this year, although there is always much more work that remains to be done.

Some highlights of the year that I wanted to share with you:

First, this summer, for the first time ever, we did a volunteer service project in Ikaria. While we have a great tradition of sending funds to Ikaria for philanthropic efforts, we thought it was time to step up our game and also donate our time to the local community in Ikaria. One day we went to the Old Age Home and helped the volunteers prepare lunch and spent time with the Old Age Home residents and volunteers. We had a great turnout at the event, including a large contingent from our Youth. The Mayor of Ikaria also attended. Not only was the turn out good, but we received an overwhelming positive response from both our members and our brothers and sisters in Ikaria for the initiative. While this year's service project was very modest, I believe this type of project is important, not only for the direct benefit it brings to the residents of the island, but also for the sense of community and purpose that volunteering one's time instills among members of an organization. For that reason, we hope to make a summer service project in Ikaria a new annual Brotherhood tradition and have already discussed with the Mayor of Ikaria the possibility of collaborating on this project next year so that we can turn this into a bigger and better event.

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The Brotherhood also continued to honor its philanthropic tradition. First, we worked hand-in-hand with the Foundation to raise money for a 10-year old boy in Agios Kyrikos afflicted with a rare form of cancer. To date, over \$17,000 has been raised for this young boy from chapter donations and individual member donations, and for that I thank you.

We also completed the fundraising effort for the Volunteer Firefighters in Ikaria which had been started by my predecessor, Past Supreme President George Koklanaris. At the end of the day, we raised and sent to the firefighters over \$15,000, which they used to purchase a truck and retrofit it into a high-capacity fire truck. I met with representatives of the Volunteer Firefighters while I was in Ikaria and they expressed tremendous gratitude to us for our generous donation. By the way, the new fire truck looks great and they told me that a high-capacity fire truck filled an essential need on the island and will be a high-impact use of our donation.

This year we also looked beyond monetary donations to other ways that we could strengthen our ties to our brothers and sisters in Ikaria. For example, we collaborated with a Greek language school in Ikaria called the Ikarian Centre which allowed two of our members to take free Greek language classes in Ikaria this past summer. We have also lined up several volunteers from the Brotherhood to participate in the Open Discovery Space Project, which will connect schools in Ikaria with schools and individuals here in the U.S., as soon as the project gets off the ground in Ikaria (even though this is an educational research project funded by the EU, there was a hold up in getting up and running in Ikaria due to all of the changes and upheaval with the Greek government).

Of course, our Brotherhood continues to face certain challenges. One of those challenges is stagnant membership. At last year’s Supreme Convention, the delegates tasked the Supreme Lodge with coming up with a list of “best practices” to help chapters maintain and increase their membership. And this is something that the Supreme Lodge has delivered on. For those of you that were here at yesterday’s meeting, you heard Supreme Vice President George Paralemos present the list of best practices to the Convention delegates. Following this Convention, this list of best practices will be sent to each of the chapters and also posted on our website, so that chapters can use this new reference tool.

Another important initiative that we undertook was an effort to increase and modernize our member communications through greater use of social media, i.e., Facebook and Twitter. I strongly believe that if we want to survive as an organization, we must constantly adapt. And one of the keys to doing so will be to keep our members engaged. And let’s face it, the way that we communicate with each other has changed dramatically in the past five to ten years. While no one is suggesting we do away with our beloved Ikaria magazine, as a general matter we communicate with each other more and more via social media which has changed the communication dynamic- our attention spans are shorter, we are competing for people’s attention with so much other on-line content, etc. And this is not just a phenomena among our youth – the communication dynamic for all people, whether you are 25, 55 or 75, has changed. So for this reason, we made a concerted effort this year to communicate more frequently with our members via email, Facebook and Twitter and plan to continue doing so going forward.

In doing so, we have also come to recognize that communications – social media communications but also member communications more generally – is a specialized skillset and one that I and many others on the Supreme Lodge do not possess, at least not at the level ideally required to take our member communications to the next level. So for this reason, as many of you heard at yesterday’s meeting, this coming year we will have a new role – Director of Member Communications – for the Brotherhood and later this month, the Supreme Lodge will kick off a process to identify someone to fill this role. Since this new role requires special expertise, this new role will not be a Supreme Lodge officer but will have a more specialized and long-term role, akin to that of the Ikaria magazine editor. The Director of Member Communications will be tasked with working very closely with the Supreme President and other Lodge officers to develop an overall member communication strategy, craft engaging member communications on an on-

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going basis, oversee the continued development and administration of our website, and manage our social media communications.

The last highlight of the year that I want to mention is the incredible development that our Youth continue to make. For starters, Youth Governor George Karnavas, together with chapter Atheras members Matt Horiates and Fanis Seindanis and Past Supreme President George Horiates, put together a thoughtful and well-organized Youth Conference in New Jersey this past February. There were 30 delegates from 15 chapters in attendance, as well as several other non-delegates. As you heard in Brother George Karnavas’ report yesterday, at the Youth Conference, the Youth unveiled a new on-line store where Ikarian themed decals are currently being sold. And now the Youth have offered their assistance to the Akron and Columbus chapters with respect to organizing and hosting the 2017 Convention. After every interaction I’ve had with our Youth this year, I have left feeling inspired and confident that the future of our Brotherhood is in good hands. I am impressed with our Youth members’ dedication to the Brotherhood and desire for more participation in Brotherhood life, and I hope that every chapter finds a way to empower its Youth, such as encouraging them to be Convention delegates or chapter officers. Our Youth are poised to take the Brotherhood in bold new directions, and I personally can’t wait to see what the future will bring!

And last, but certainly not least, there are several people that I need to thank. The work of the Supreme Lodge has been a true team effort this year and I want to express my gratitude to my fellow Supreme Lodge members for all of their hard work and dedication –Supreme Vice President George Paralemos, Supreme Secretary Damianos Skaros, Supreme Treasurer Cathy Pandeladis, Supreme Counselor Demosthenes Yiakas, our District Governors – Katerina Mavrophilipos, Aspasia Elias, James Lakerdas, Gus Tsambis, Alexandra Katsas and Nick Skaros, and our Youth Governor George Karnavas. I want to thank Foundation Chairman Nikita Tripodes and the rest of the Foundation Board for all of their efforts and cooperation this year- we continue to make strides in marching arm-in-arm for the common good that is our Brotherhood. I also want to thank my husband, Fotis Karnavas – he is my conciglieri and my partner in everything life-related, and without his help there is no way I could hold this position.

You placed a great deal of trust in me this time last year by electing me to be your Supreme President, and for that I am forever grateful. It has been a true honor and pleasure to serve you this past year, and I hope that I continue to have the opportunity to serve you in the future.

Fraternaly yours,
E. Terry Platis
Supreme Vice President



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Αγαπητά μου Αδέλφια,

Κατ' αρχάς, συγχαρητήρια στο Τμήμα Ίκαρος για την επιτυχημένη διοργάνωση του Συνεδρίου αυτού! Είναι πάντα μεγάλη ευτυχία να βρισκόμαστε στον τόπο ίδρυσης της Αδελφότητάς μας, στον χώρο που ξεκίνησαν όλα πριν από 112 χρόνια. Τα μέλη του Τμήματος Ίκαρος έχουν επενδύσει πολύ δουλειά τα τελευταία 2.5 χρόνια να διοργανώσουν αυτό το Συνέδριο και έχουν πολλά να επιδείξουν: μεγάλη συμμετοχή κόσμου, ωραία διοργανωμένο με μοναδικές και αξέχαστες εκδηλώσεις, ζωηρές και εποικοδομητικές συνεδριάσεις, καθώς και μεγάλα γλέντια. Ως εκ τούτου, ευχαριστώ και πάλι το Τμήμα Ίκαρος για την ακούραστη εργασία τους και την επίδειξη της πραγματικής Ικαριώτικης φιλοξενίας.

Αυτή τη χρονιά, ως Ύπατη Πρόεδρος είχα την ευκαιρία να επισκεφθώ διάφορα τμήματα. Οι συνεδριάσεις του Ύπατου Συμβουλίου μας έφεραν στο Πανδίκη της Νέας Υόρκης, καθώς επίσης και στο Άκρον του Οχάιο και το Μοντρεάλ του Καναδά. Άλλα ταξίδια μου μ' έφεραν στη Πράμνη στο Γιόνγκτουν του Οχάιο, στο Τμήμα Φάρος στο Κλίβλαντ, στο Τμήμα Αθήρας στην περιοχή της Φιλαδέλφειας για το Συνέδριο Νεολαίας, στο Πιττσβούργο για το Μίνι Συνέδριο και φυσικά, παρευρέθηκα σε πολλές άλλες εκδηλώσεις του τοπικού μου τμήματος στο Σικάγο.

Και ενώ δεν ήταν εφικτό να επισκεφθώ κάθε τμήμα, έκανα κάθε προσπάθεια και θεώρησα σημαντικό να επισκεφθώ τμήματα τα οποία το Ύπατο Συμβούλιο δεν είχε επισκεφθεί τα τελευταία 10 χρόνια και σε μερικές περιπτώσεις, πολύ περισσότερα χρόνια κι από αυτά. Σε κάθε επίσκεψή μου, συγκινήθηκα από τον ενθουσιασμό και την ευλάβεια που επέδειξαν τα τοπικά τμήματα. Θέλω να εκφέρω ένα εκ βάθους καρδιάς ευχαριστώ σε όλους τους αξιωματούχους των τμημάτων και όλα τα υπόλοιπα μέλη που εθελοντικά συνεισφέρουν το χρόνο τους και καταβάλουν τόση δουλειά και ευλάβεια τη χρονιά αυτή. Είσαστε οι στυλοβάτες της Αδελφότητας. Χωρίς εσάς δεν θα υπήρχε Αδελφότητα.

Είχα επίσης την ευκαιρία να επισκεφθώ την Ικαρία αυτό το καλοκαίρι, όπου συναντήθηκα δυο φορές με το Δήμαρχο Ικαρίας και διάφορους δημοτικούς συμβούλους. Συζητήσαμε διάφορα θέματα που απασχολούν την Αδελφότητα, όπως είναι η κατάσταση του Γηροκομείου Ικαρίας και το Πρόγραμμα Ανακούφισης των πληγέντων στην Ικαρία. Η Αδελφότητα και ο Δήμος Ικαρίας συνδέονται από πολλά κοινά συμφέροντα, όπως η συσπείρωση των δεσμών μεταξύ των απανταχού Ικαριωτών και στις δυο πλευρές του Ατλαντικού. Επίσης, συζητήσαμε ότι πρέπει να σιγουρευτούμε ότι οι φιλανθρωπικές μας προσπάθειες καρποφορούν για τους κατοίκους του νησιού και ειδικά για την ομαλοποίηση της κατάστασης του Γηροκομείου της Ικαρίας. Γι' αυτό το λόγο, είναι σημαντικό να διατηρήσουμε τις στενές επαφές αναμεταξύ μας και ελπίζουμε ότι θα συνεχιστεί και στο μέλλον.

Ο στόχος μου αυτό το χρόνο, τον οποίο ανέφερα στο πρώτο μου προεδρικό μήνυμα, ήταν απλός: να τιμήσω το παρελθόν μας με την συνέχιση των αδελφικών και φιλανθρωπικών μας σκοπών για να ενώνουμε και να βοηθάμε Ικαριώτες. Και έχοντας το σκοπό αυτό στο μυαλό μας, ως Αδελφότητα πετύχαμε πολλά πράγματα φέτος, αλλά πάντα απομένει περισσότερη δουλειά να ολοκληρώσουμε.

Μερικά επιτεύγματα της χρονιάς που ήθελα να μοιραστώ μαζί σας είναι:

Πρώτον, αυτό το καλοκαίρι, για πρώτη φορά στην ιστορία οργανώσαμε εθελοντικό πρόγραμμα στην Ικαρία. Ενώ έχουμε μεγάλη παράδοση να στέλνουμε χρήματα στην Ικαρία για φιλανθρωπικές εκστρατίες, νιώσαμε ότι είναι καιρός να ανέβουμε άλλο ένα σκαλοπάτι ψηλότερα και να επενδύσουμε το χρόνο μας στην τοπική παροικία της Ικαρίας. Μια μέρα πήγαμε στο Γηροκομείο και βοηθήσαμε τους εθελοντές να μοιράσουν μεσημεριανά γεύματα και κάναμε παρέα στους εθελοντές και ηλικιωμένους του Γηροκομείου. Είχαμε μεγάλη συμμετοχή στην εκδήλωση αυτή, συμπεριλαμβανομένου και μεγάλου τμήματος της Νεολαίας. Παρόν ήταν και ο Δήμαρχος Ικαρίας. Για την προσπάθεια αυτή, δεν ήταν μόνο η συμμετοχή ικανοποιητική, αλλά δεχθήκαμε επίσης ευρύτατη θετική ανταπόκριση, τόσο από τα μέλη μας, όσο κι από τα αδέλφια μας στην Ικαρία. Και ενώ η προσφορά ήταν μέτρια, πιστεύω ότι τέτοιου είδους προγράμματα είναι πολύ σημαντικά, όχι μόνο για την άμεση βοήθεια που προσφέρεται στους

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κατοίκους του νησιού, αλλά επίσης για το συλλογικό πνεύμα του εθελοντισμού που εμπεδώνεται στα μέλη του οργανισμού μας. Γι' αυτό το λόγο, ελπίζουμε να καθιερώσουμε ετησίως το καλοκαιρινό πρόγραμμα στην Ικαρία και έχουμε ήδη μιλήσει με το Δήμαρχο Ικαρίας ώστε να συνεργαστεί μαζί μας και του χρόνου, για να είναι το πρόγραμμα καλύτερο και μεγαλύτερο.

Η Αδελφότητα επίσης συνέχισε να τιμά την φιλανθρωπική της παράδοση. Κατ' αρχάς, δουλέψαμε χέρι-χέρι με το Pan-Icarian Foundation για να συγκεντρώσουμε χρήματα για ένα 10-χρονο αγόρι από τον Άγιο Κύρικο, ο οποίος είχε ένα σπάνιο είδος καρκίνου. Μέχρι σήμερα, πάνω από \$17,000 έχουν συγκεντρωθεί για το νεαρό αυτό αγόρι, από διάφορες συλλογικές και ατομικές δωρεές. Και γι' αυτό, σας ευχαριστώ.

Επίσης, ολοκληρώσαμε την προσπάθεια συγκέντρωσης χρημάτων για τους Εθελοντές Πυροσβέστες της Ικαρίας, η οποία είχε ξεκινήσει με τον προκάτοχό μου, Ύπατο Πρόεδρο Γεώργιο Κοκλανάρη. Τελικώς, συγκεντρώσαμε και αποστείλαμε στους πυροσβέστες πάνω από \$15,000, τα οποία χρησιμοποίησαν για την αγορά φορτηγού και την μετασκευή του σε πυροσβεστικό όχημα υψηλών προδιαγραφών. Συναντήθηκα με εκπροσώπους των Εθελοντών Πυροσβεστών όταν ήμουν στην Ικαρία και οι ίδιοι εξέφρασαν τεράστια ευγνωμοσύνη προς εμάς για την γενναιόδωρη προσφορά. Παρεμπιπτόντως, το νέο πυροσβεστικό όχημα υψηλών προδιαγραφών είναι όμορφο και μου διαβίβασαν ότι έχει συμπληρώσει μια βασική ανάγκη του νησιού και η δωρεά μας θα έχει μεγάλο αντίκτυπο.

Αυτή τη χρόνια, σκεφτήκαμε κι άλλες ιδέες πέραν της οικονομικής προσφοράς οι οποίες μπορούν να δυναμώσουν τους δεσμούς μας με τα αδέρφια μας στην Ικαρία. Παραδείγματος χάριν, συνεργαστήκαμε με το Ικαριακό Κέντρο, το οποίο είναι σχολείο ελληνικής γλώσσας στην Ικαρία. Αυτό το καλοκαίρι, επετράπη σε δυο μέλη μας να λάβουν δωρεάν μαθήματα ελληνικής γλώσσας. Έχουμε επίσης αρκετούς εθελοντές από την Αδελφότητα που συμμετέχουν στο Open Discovery Space Project, το οποίο θα συνδέσει σχολεία της Ικαρίας με σχολεία και άτομα στις ΗΠΑ, εφόσον ξεκινήσει το πρόγραμμα στην Ικαρία. Μολονότι είναι επιμορφωτικό πρόγραμμα με χορήγηση της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης, υπήρξαν καθυστερήσεις στην Ικαρία με όλες τις αλλαγές και αναστατώσεις με το Ελληνικό κράτος και τις Ελληνικές κυβερνήσεις.

Φυσικά, η Αδελφότητα ακόμα αντιμετωπίζει μερικές προκλίσεις. Μία από αυτές είναι η στασιμότητα του αριθμού των μελών μας. Στο περσινό Ύπατο Συνέδριο, οι αντιπρόσωποι ζήτησαν από το Ύπατο Συμβούλιο να προετοιμάσει λίστα με τις καλύτερες πρακτικές που χρειάζονται για να βοηθήσουμε τα τμήματα να διατηρήσουν και να αυξήσουν τα μέλη τους. Και αυτό είναι κάτι το οποίο το Ύπατο Συμβούλιο παρέδωσε επιτυχώς. Για όσους παρευρέθηκαν στη χθεσινή συνεδρίαση, ακούσατε από τον Ύπατο Αντιπρόεδρο Γεώργιο Παράλεμο να παρουσιάζει αυτή τη λίστα με τις καλύτερες πρακτικές στους αντιπροσώπους του Συνεδρίου. Μετά το πέρας του Συνεδρίου, θα στείλουμε τη λίστα με τις καλύτερες πρακτικές σε κάθε τμήμα και θα το αναρτήσουμε στην ιστοσελίδα μας, ώστε τα τμήματα να χρησιμοποιήσουν το νέο πληροφοριακό αυτό όπλο.

Άλλη σημαντική πρωτοβουλία που αναλάβαμε ήταν η προσπάθεια να δυναμώσουμε και να βελτιώσουμε τις επικοινωνίες με τα μέλη μας μέσω περισσότερης χρήσης κοινωνικών δικτύων, π.χ. Facebook και Twitter. Πιστεύω ακράδαντα ότι για να επιβιώσουμε ως οργανισμός, πρέπει να προσαρμοζόμαστε τακτικά. Και ένας τρόπος-κλειδί να πετύχουμε αυτό είναι να έχουμε συνεχή επαφή με τα μέλη μας. Είναι γεγονός ότι ο τρόπος με τον οποίο επικοινωνούμε μεταξύ μας έχει αλλάξει σημαντικά τα τελευταία πέντε με δέκα χρόνια. Κι ενώ κανείς δεν προτείνει να σταματήσουμε το αγαπημένο περιοδικό Ικαρία, γενικώς επικοινωνούμε μεταξύ μας όλο και περισσότερο μέσω κοινωνικών δικτύων, κάτι το οποίο έχει αλλάξει την επικοινωνιακή μας αντοχή – δίδουμε λιγότερη προσοχή στο τι ακούμε και διαβάζουμε, ανταγωνιζόμαστε για την προσοχή άλλων με τόση ποσότητα πληροφοριών στο διαδίκτυο, κ.ο.κ. Αυτό δεν είναι φαινόμενο που απασχολεί μόνο τη νεολαία – το επικοινωνιακό μοντέλο έχει αλλάξει για όλους τους ανθρώπους, είτε είσαι 25, 55, ή 75 ετών. Γι' αυτό το λόγο, καταβάλαμε ομαδική προσπάθεια να επικοινωνούμε πιο συχνά με τα μέλη μας μέσω email, Facebook και Twitter και σχεδιάζουμε να συνεχίσουμε αυτή την τακτική στο μέλλον.

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Με τις προσπάθειες αυτές, έχουμε αναγνωρίσει το γεγονός ότι η επικοινωνία, μέσω κοινωνικών δικτύων και επικοινωνία με τα μέλη μας πιο γενικά, είναι ειδικευμένη ικανότητα που ούτε εγώ, ούτε άλλοι στο Υπατο Συμβούλιο κατέχουμε, τουλάχιστον όχι στο επίπεδο που απαιτείται για να ανεβάσουμε την επικοινωνία με τα μέλη μας σε άλλο επίπεδο. Γι' αυτό το λόγο, όπως πολλοί από σας ακούσατε στη χθεσινή συνεδρίαση, φέτος θα έχουμε νέα θέση στην Αδελφότητα, του Διευθυντή Επικοινωνίας Μελών. Αργότερα αυτό το μήνα, το Υπατο Συμβούλιο θα ξεκινήσει την διαδικασία για να επιλέξουμε κάποιον να συμπληρώσει τη θέση αυτή. Επειδή η θέση αυτή απαιτεί ειδικές ικανότητες, δεν θα ανήκει σε αξιωματούχο του Υπατου Συμβουλίου, αλλά θα έχει ένα πιο συγκεντρωμένο και μακροπρόθεσμο ρόλο, παρόμοιο με αυτό της εκδότριας του περιοδικού, Ικαρία. Ο Διευθυντής Επικοινωνίας Μελών θα είναι υπεύθυνος να δουλέψει στενά με τον Υπατο Πρόεδρο και λοιπά μέλη του Υπατου Συμβουλίου για να αναπτύξει λεπτομερείς στρατηγικές επικοινωνίας με τα μέλη μας, να δημιουργήσει ελκυστικά επικοινωνιακά προγράμματα με τα μέλη μας σε τακτική βάση, να επιβλέπει τη συνεχή ανάπτυξη και διαχείριση της ιστοσελίδας μας και να διευθύνει τις επικοινωνίες μας μέσω των κοινωνικών δικτύων.

Το τελευταίο επίτευγμα που ήθελα να αναφέρω είναι η απίστευτη ανάπτυξη που συνεχίζει να δείχνει η νεολαία μας. Ο Κυβερνήτης Νεολαίας Γεώργιος Καρνάβας, με τον πρώην Υπατο Πρόεδρο Γεώργιο Χωριάτη, καθώς και με τα μέλη του τμήματος Αθήρας, Ματ Χωριάτης και Φάνης Σαϊνδάνης, διοργάνωσαν ένα πολύ προσεγμένο και καλά οργανωμένο Συνέδριο Νεολαίας στη Νέα Ιερσέη τον περασμένο Φεβρουάριο. Παρευρέθηκαν 30 αντιπρόσωποι από 15 τμήματα, καθώς και πολλοί άλλοι μη σύνεδροι. Όπως ακούσατε στην έκθεση του Αδελφού Γιώργου Καρναβά χθες, στη Διάσκεψη Νεολαίας, η Νεολαία παρουσίασε ένα νέο διαδυκτιακό κατάστημα όπου πωλούνται Ικαριακά αυτοκόλλητα. Και τώρα η νεολαία έχει προσφέρει τη βοήθειά της προς τα τμήματα του Akron και του Columbus σε σχέση με την οργάνωση και τη φιλοξενία του Συνεδρίου του 2017. Μετά από κάθε επαφή που είχα με τη νεολαία μας φέτος, πάντα έφευγα εμπνευσμένη και πεποισμένη ότι το μέλλον της Αδελφότητάς μας είναι σε καλά χέρια. Είμαι εντυπωσιασμένη με την αφοσίωση των νεολαίων μελών μας και με την επιθυμία τους για μεγαλύτερη συμμετοχή στην καθημερινότητα της Αδελφότητας, ελπίζω ότι κάθε τμήμα θα βρει τρόπο να ενδυναμώσει τη νεολαία του, όπως να τους ενθαρρύνει να είναι αντιπρόσωποι συνεδρίων ή αξιωματούχοι στο σωματείο τους. Η νεολαία μας είναι έτοιμη να οδηγήσει την Αδελφότητα σε τολμηρές και νέες κατευθύνσεις και εγώ προσωπικά δεν μπορώ να περιμένω να δω τι θα φέρει το μέλλον!

Τελικώς, υπάρχουν πολύ άνθρωποι που πρέπει να ευχαριστήσω. Οι εργασίες του Υπατου Συμβουλίου ήταν πραγματικά μια ομαδική προσπάθεια και θέλω να εκφράσω την ευγνωμοσύνη μου στα υπόλοιπα μέλη του Υπατου Συμβουλίου για τη δουλειά τους και την ευλάβειά τους – τους Υπατο Αντιπρόεδρο Γεώργιο Παράλεμο, Υπατο Γραμματέα Δαμιανό Σκάρο, Υπατη Ταμία Κάθι Παντελάδη, Υπατο Σύμβουλο Δημοσθένη Γιακά, τους Περιφερειακούς Κυβερνήτες Κατερίνα Μαυροφιλίππου, Ασπασία Ηλία, Τζέιμς Λακέρδα, Κώστα Τσαμπή, Αλεξάνδρα Κάτσα και Νίκο Σκάρο, ως επίσης και τον Κυβερνήτη Νεολαίας Γεώργιο Καρνάβα. Θέλω να ευχαριστήσω τον Υπεύθυνο του Pan-Icarian Foundation Νικήτα Τριπόδη και τα υπόλοιπα μέλη του Συμβουλίου του για όλες τις προσπάθειές τους και τη συνεργασία φέτος. Συνεχίζουμε να βελτιώνουμε τις από κοινού προσπάθειες για το κοινό καλό της Αδελφότητάς μας. Θέλω επίσης να ευχαριστήσω τον σύζυγό μου, Φώτη Καρνάβα. Είναι ο σύμβουλός μου και σύντροφός μου σε κάθε τι στη ζωή μου και χωρίς τη βοήθειά του, δεν θα μπορούσα να κατέχω αυτή τη θέση.

Πέρσι τέτοιο καιρό, δείξατε μεγάλη εμπιστοσύνη στο πρόσωπό μου, όταν με εκλέξατε Υπατη Πρόεδρό σας και γι' αυτό, σας είμαι πάντα ευγνώμων. Ήταν μεγάλη τιμή και χαρά να σας υπηρετήσω ως Πρόεδρος αυτό το χρόνο, ελπίζοντας ότι θα έχω την ευκαιρία να σας υπηρετήσω και πάλι στο μέλλον.

Με αδελφικούς χαιρετισμούς,
Ελευθερία Πλατή
Υπατη Πρόεδρος

Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros"

2015 Convention Grand Banquest Address Supreme President E. Terry Platis

Good evening everyone!

His Eminence Metropolitan Savas, Father Rameas, Distinguished Guests, Brothers, Sisters, Friends:

First, a big round of applause for Convention Co-Chairs Joanne Melacrinis and Sophia Facaros and the entire Icaros Chapter for hosting this very successful Convention! This Convention has been well-attended, well-organized, with a unique theme and full of memorable events. Without a doubt, by any measure, this Convention has been a stunning success and we thank you for your hard work and hospitality.

All of our successes this year as a Brotherhood were a true team effort. And I could not have asked for a more dedicated, hard-working and talented team. So I would like to take a moment to recognize this year's Supreme Lodge. Please stand when I call your name to be recognized.

- George Paralemos- Supreme Vice President. Brother George will be continuing on next year as Supreme Vice President.
- Damianos Skaros – Supreme Secretary. Brother Damianos will be continuing on next year as Supreme Secretary.
- Cathy Pandeladis – Supreme Treasurer. Sister Cathy will be continuing on next year as Supreme Treasurer.
- Demosthenes Yiakas – Supreme Counselor.
- Katerina Mavrophilipos - District Governor for District #1. Sister Katerina will be continuing on next year as District Governor.
- Aspasia Elias - District Governor for District #2.
- James Lakerdas - District Governor for District #3. Brother James will be continuing on next year as our Supreme Counselor.
- Gus Tsambis - District Governor for District #4.
- Alexandra Katsas - District Governor for District #5.
- Nick Skaros - District Governor for District #6. Brother Nick will be continuing on next year as District Governor.
- George Karnavas – District Governor for the Youth. Brother George will be continuing on next year as Youth Governor.

We also have several new additions to the Supreme Lodge for next year- please also stand up to be recognized:

Jaelyn Sarah Elias-Senich - District Governor for District #2.

Steve Stratakos - District Governor for District #3.

Evangelos Fragos - District Governor for District #4.

Athena Charnas Pugliese - District Governor for District #5.



I also want to recognize Ikaria Magazine editor, Mary Achidafty Deschamps, who unfortunately could not be here this evening, and Scholarship Chair Georgia Pandeladis, who also unfortunately could not be here this evening. But I'm pleased to say that both Sister Mary and Sister Georgia will be continuing on in their respective roles next year.

I would also like to take a moment to thank my husband, Foti, and my mother, for all of the help that they have given me. Simply put, there is no way that I could hold this position without their help throughout the year.

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We also have with us this evening several Past Supreme Presidents. Collectively they have provided the Brotherhood with decades of leadership and an enduring legacy, and each has left incredibly large shoes to fill. Please stand to be recognized. They are:

Past Supreme President John Lygizos

Past Supreme President Ellene Tratras Contis

Past Supreme President George Contis

Past Supreme President John Sakoutis

Past Supreme President and current Foundation Director Dr. Stanton Tripodis

Past Supreme President and current Foundation Vice Chair George Horiates

Past Supreme President Nick Tsalis

Past Supreme President Mike Aivaliotis

Past Supreme President Sonja Stefanadis

Past Supreme President George Koklanaris

I have personally served under the last five Past Supreme Presidents and I cannot thank them enough for the mentorship and inspiration that they have provided me with over the past ten years.

We also had the passing this past year of Past Supreme President and former Foundation Chair Gus Stefanadis. If we could please have a moment of silence to remember Brother Gus.



In keeping with this year's Convention theme of "Celebrating Women," I would be remiss if I didn't point out that our illustrious group of Past Supreme Presidents includes three women.

I believe that our egalitarianism as an organization is one of the key secret ingredients to our Brotherhood's success. For it is our ability to perceive each other as equals, to recognize that someone who has suffered misfortune deserves the opportunity to change his fortunes, which is at the root of our desire to reach out our hand and help a fellow brother or sister who needs our help, whether it be in this country or across the Atlantic. It is the foundation for philanthropy and it is the very reason why our Brotherhood was founded, in this very city, 112 years ago, and it is the very reason why our Brotherhood still survives, and thrives, 112 years later.

Our Ikarian fore-fathers and mothers, and even people in this very room, came here, some jumping ship and others waiting in long lines to pass through Ellis Island, to escape wars and economic hardship and with nothing in their pockets. The stories of individual success among Ikarians in America are endless. But what is more impressive is the collective success that they created, which is our Brotherhood.

Many of you have heard before the long litany of our Brotherhood's accomplishments – this Brotherhood built the first high school in Ikaria. After World War II it raised money to build roads on the island. This Brotherhood built the first, and to this day, the only, hospital in Ikaria. Later it built the Old Age Home in Ikaria. Not to mention it has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years for medical care, scholarships and numerous other philanthropic causes here and abroad.

It is an impressive list of accomplishments, one with an enduring legacy, one that each of us should be proud of. Our Brotherhood's history is the one thing that unites each of us in this room.

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But what makes these accomplishments truly extraordinary, is that so many of these grand projects were accomplished through small contributions by A LOT of Ikarians. Ordinary Ikarians here in America. Just as an example, the hospital in Ikaria was built by the Brotherhood in 1961 by raising \$100,000 from 900 individuals. That is a lot of Ikarians. And it shows us that every act of generosity, no matter how big or small, counts.

And if you look back on the history of the Brotherhood, all of our organization's successes have been as a result of this Brotherhood's members, ordinary Ikarians here in America, coming together, pooling their resources and harnessing their collective passion for the Brotherhood and their heritage, to accomplish something extraordinary.

I want to remind everyone of the challenge that the last woman Supreme President, Sonja Stefanadis, laid down at the Grand Banquet five years ago. She said: "Let us not take our history for granted. Let us leave a legacy that will have future generations proud of their Icarian heritage."

So as we leave Pittsburgh tomorrow and scatter across the United States and Canada, I hope that each of us in this room gives some thought at to what our collective legacy will be. Because going forward, our Brotherhood will continue to succeed the way it always has - by us ordinary Ikarians coming together, with whatever each of us can bring to the table and our love for this Brotherhood, to accomplish extraordinary things.

Have a good night everyone. Kali diaskedasi! May God bless our Brotherhood.

Καλησπέρα σε όλους σας!

Σεβασμιώτατε Μητροπολίτη Σάββα, Πατέρα Ραμέα, Διακεκριμένοι Καλεσμένοι, Αδελφοί Μέλη, Φίλες και Φίλοι:

Κατ' αρχάς, ένα μεγάλο χειροκρότημα για τους Συνυπεύθυνους της Επιτροπής Συνεδρίου, τις Ιωάννα Μελακρινού και Σοφία Φακαρού και όλο το Τμήμα Ίκαρος που διοργάνωσε αυτό το πολύ επιτυχημένο Συνέδριο!

Το Συνέδριο αυτό είχε μεγάλη συμμετοχή κόσμου, ήταν καλά οργανωμένο, με ξεχωριστή θεματική ενότητα και γεμάτο από αξέχαστες εκδηλώσεις. Χωρίς αμφιβολία, από οποιοδήποτε οπτική γωνία, το Συνέδριο ήταν μια εκπληκτική επιτυχία και σας ευχαριστούμε για τη σκληρή δουλειά και τη φιλοξενία σας.



Όλες οι επιτυχίες μας φέτος ως Αδελφότητα ήταν πραγματικά μια ομαδική προσπάθεια. Και δεν θα μπορούσα να είχα ζητήσει μια πιο πιστή, πιο εργατική και ταλαντούχα ομάδα. Γι' αυτό θα ήθελα να αναγνωρίσω το φετινό Ύπατο Συμβούλιο. Παρακαλώ όσοι ακούτε το όνομά σας, να σηκωθείτε για την αναγνώριση αυτή.

Γεώργιος Παράλαιμος – Ύπατος Αντιπρόεδρος. Ο Αδελφός Γεώργιος θα συνεχίσει και τον επόμενο χρόνο ως Ύπατος Αντιπρόεδρος.

Δαμιανός Σκάρος – Ύπατος Γραμματέας. Ο Αδελφός Δαμιανός θα συνεχίσει και τον επόμενο χρόνο ως Ύπατος Γραμματέας.

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Κάθυ Παντελάδης- Ύπατη Ταμίας. Η Αδελφή Κάθυ θα συνεχίσει και τον επόμενο χρόνο ως Ύπατη Ταμίας.

Δημοσθένης Γιάκας - Ύπατος Σύμβουλος.

Κατερίνα Μαυροφιλίππου - Περιφερειακή Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #1. Η Αδελφή Κατερίνα θα συνεχίσει και τον επόμενο χρόνο ως Περιφερειακή Κυβερνήτης.

Ασπασία Ηλία - Περιφερειακή Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #2. Τζέιμς Λακέρδας - Περιφερειακός Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #3. Ο Αδελφός Τζέιμς θα συνεχίσει τον επόμενο χρόνο ως Ύπατος Σύμβουλος.

Κώστας Τσαμπής - Περιφερειακός Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #4.

Αλεξάνδρα Κατσά - Περιφερειακή Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #5.

Νίκος Σκάρος - Περιφερειακός Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #6.

Ο Αδελφός Νίκος θα συνεχίσει και τον επόμενο χρόνο ως Περιφερειακός Κυβερνήτης.

Γεώργιος Καρνάβας - Περιφερειακός Κυβερνήτης για τη Νεολαία. Ο Αδελφός Γεώργιος θα συνεχίσει και τον επόμενο χρόνο ως Κυβερνήτης της Νεολαίας.

Έχουμε επίσης αρκετές νέες συμμετοχές στο Ύπατο Συμβούλιο τον επόμενο χρόνο - παρακαλώ όσοι ακούτε το όνομά σας, να σηκωθείτε για την αναγνώριση αυτή:

Τζάκλιν Σάρα Ηλία Σενίχ - Περιφερειακή Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #2.

Στίβ Στρατάκος - Περιφερειακός Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #3.

Ευάγγελος Φράγκος - Περιφερειακός Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #4.

Αθηνά Τσάρνα Πουγκλιέσε - Περιφερειακή Κυβερνήτης της Περιφέρειας #5.

Θέλω επίσης να αναγνωρίσω την εκδότρια του περιοδικού Ικαρία, Μαρία Ατσιδάυτη Δεσάμπος, η οποία, δυστυχώς, δεν μπορούσε να είναι εδώ απόψε, και την Υπεύθυνη Υποτροφιών Γεωργία Παντελάδη, η οποία, επίσης, δυστυχώς, δεν μπορούσε να είναι εδώ απόψε. Αλλά είμαι στην ευχάριστη θέση να πω ότι τόσο η Αδελφή Μαρία όσο και η Αδελφή Γεωργία θα συνεχίσουν στους αντίστοιχους ρόλους τους για το επόμενο έτος.

Θα ήθελα, ακόμα, να ευχαριστήσω τον άντρα μου, Φώτη, και τη μητέρα μου, για όλη την βοήθεια που μου παρείχαν. Με απλά λόγια, δεν θα μπορούσα να κρατήσω τη θέση αυτή χωρίς τη βοήθειά τους κατά τη διάρκεια της χρονιάς.

Έχουμε επίσης μαζί μας απόψε πολλούς πρώην Ύπατους Προέδρους. Συλλογικά έχουν προσφέρει δεκαετίες καθοδήγησης και μακροχρόνιας κληρονομιάς και όλοι τους έχουν κάνει την αντικατάστασή τους πολύ δύσκολη.

Παρακαλώ σηκωθείτε για την αναγνώριση αυτή. Είναι οι:

- Πρώην Ύπατος Πρόεδρος Ιωάννης Λυγίζος
- Πρώην Ύπατη Πρόεδρος Ηλέν Τράτα Κόντη
- Πρώην Ύπατος Πρόεδρος Γεώργιος Κοντής
- Πρώην Ύπατος Πρόεδρος Ιωάννης Σακούτης
- Πρώην Ύπατος Πρόεδρος και τωρινός Διευθυντής του Foundation Δρ. Στάντον Τριπόδη
- Πρώην Ύπατος Πρόεδρος και τωρινός Υποδιευθυντής του Foundation Γεώργιος Χωριάτης
- Πρώην Ύπατος Πρόεδρος Νίκος Τσάλης
- Πρώην Ύπατος Πρόεδρος Μιχάλης Αϊβαλιώτης
- Πρώην Ύπατη Πρόεδρος Σόνια Στεφανάδη
- Πρώην Ύπατος Πρόεδρος Γεώργιος Κοκλανάρης

Έχω υπηρετήσει τους τελευταίους πέντε πρώην Ύπατους Προέδρους και δεν μπορώ να τους ευχαριστήσω αρκετά για την καθοδήγηση και την έμπνευση που μ' έχουν προσφέρει τα τελευταία δέκα χρόνια.

Φέτος είχαμε την απώλεια του πρώην Ύπατου Προέδρου και πρώην Υπευθύνου του Foundation Κώστα Στεφανάδη.

Θα ήθελα παρακαλώ να έχουμε ενός λεπτού σιγή για τη μνήμη του Αδελφού μας Κώστα.

Σύμφωνα με τη θεματική ενότητα του φετινού Συνεδρίου «Γιορτάζουμε τις Γυναίκες», θα είναι παράλειψή μου αν δεν επισημάνω ότι η ένδοξη ομάδα των πρώην Ύπατων Προέδρων μας περιλαμβάνει τρεις γυναίκες.

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Πιστεύω ότι η ισονομία μας ως οργάνωση είναι ένα από τα βασικά μυστικά συστατικά της επιτυχίας της Αδελφότητας μας. Η ικανότητά μας να αποδεχθούμε ο ένας τον άλλον ως ίσοι, να αναγνωρίσουμε ότι κάποιος που αντιμετώπισε την ατυχία της ζωής αξίζει την ευκαιρία να αλλάξει τη μοίρα του, κάτι το οποίο πηγάζει από την επιθυμία μας να δώσουμε χείρα βοηθείας στον συνάνθρωπό μας που χρειάζεται την στήριξή μας, είτε είναι σε αυτή τη χώρα ή στην άλλη άκρη του Ατλαντικού. Είναι ο βασικός κορμός της φιλανθρωπίας και είναι ο πραγματικός λόγος που ιδρύθηκε η Αδελφότητά μας, σε αυτήν ακριβώς την πόλη, 112 χρόνια πριν, και είναι ο πραγματικός λόγος που η Αδελφότητά μας επιβιώνει και ευδοκimeί, 112 χρόνια αργότερα.

Οι Ικαριώτες προκάτοχοί μας, ακόμη και άνθρωποι σε αυτόν τον χώρο σήμερα, ήρθαν εδώ με τίποτα στις τσέπες τους, κάποιον πήδηξαν από πλοία ενώ άλλοι περίμεναν σε μεγάλες ουρές για να έρθουν μέσω του Ellis Island, για να ξεφύγουν από πολέμους και οικονομικές δυσκολίες. Οι ιστορίες ατομικών επιτυχιών των Ικαριωτών στην Αμερική είναι αμέτρητες. Αλλά αυτό που είναι πιο εντυπωσιακό είναι η συλλογική επιτυχία που δημιούργησαν, η οποία είναι και η Αδελφότητα μας.

Πολλοί από σας έχετε ακούσει στο παρελθόν την μακρά λίστα των επιτευγμάτων της Αδελφότητάς μας – αυτή η Αδελφότητα κατασκεύασε το πρώτο Γυμνάσιο στην Ικαρία. Μετά το Β' Παγκόσμιο Πόλεμο, συγκέντρωσε τα χρήματα για την κατασκευή δρόμων στο νησί. Αυτή η Αδελφότητα κατασκεύασε το πρώτο, και μέχρι σήμερα, το μοναδικό νοσοκομείο στην Ικαρία. Αργότερα έχτισε το Γηροκομείο Ικαρίας. Και ας μην ξεχάσουμε να αναφέρουμε ότι δώρισε εκατοντάδες χιλιάδες δολάρια για ιατρικές περιθάλψεις, υποτροφίες και πολλούς φιλανθρωπικούς σκοπούς, εδώ και στο εξωτερικό.

Είναι μια εντυπωσιακή λίστα επιτευγμάτων, με μια μακροχρόνια κληρονομιά, μια λίστα που ο καθένας από εμάς θα πρέπει να είναι υπερήφανος. Η ιστορία της Αδελφότητάς μας είναι το ένα πράγμα που ενώνει τον καθένα από εμάς σε αυτή την αίθουσα.

Αλλά αυτό που κάνει αυτά τα επιτεύγματα όντως εξαιρετικά, είναι ότι τόσα πολλά από αυτά τα μεγαλειώδη σχέδια, ολοκληρώθηκαν μέσω μικρών συνεισφορών από πολλούς Ικαριώτες. Απλοί Ικαριώτες εδώ στην Αμερική. Ως παράδειγμα, το νοσοκομείο στην Ικαρία χτίστηκε από την Αδελφότητα το 1961 με την συγκέντρωση \$100,000 από 900 άτομα. Αυτός είναι ένας μεγάλος αριθμός Ικαριωτών. Και αυτό μας δείχνει ότι κάθε πράξη γενναιοδωρίας μετράει και δεν έχει σημασία πόσο μεγάλη ή μικρή είναι.

Και αν κοιτάξετε πίσω στην ιστορία της Αδελφότητας, όλες οι επιτυχίες του οργανισμού μας ήταν ως αποτέλεσμα των μελών αυτής της Αδελφότητας. Απλοί και ενωμένοι Ικαριώτες εδώ στην Αμερική, συγκέντρωναν πόρους και αξιοποιούσαν το συλλογικό τους πάθος για την Αδελφότητα και την καταγωγή τους, για να επιτευχθεί κάτι το εξαιρετικό.

Θέλω να υπενθυμίσω σε όλους την πρόκληση που έθεσε η τελευταία γυναίκα Ύπατη Πρόεδρος, Σόνια Στεφανάδη. Στην πανηγυρική εκδήλωση του συνεδρίου που έγινε πριν από πέντε χρόνια, μας είπε: «Ας μην δεχθούμε την ιστορία μας ως δεδομένη. Ας αφήσουμε μια κληρονομιά που θα κάνει τις μελλοντικές γενιές μας περήφανες για την Ικαριώτικη καταγωγή τους».

Όπως αφήνουμε το Πίτσβουργο αύριο και επιστρέφουμε στα διάφορα μέρη των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών και του Καναδά, ελπίζω ότι ο καθένας από εμάς σε αυτή την αίθουσα να σκεφθεί τι θα είναι η συλλογική μας κληρονομιά. Επειδή όπως προχωράμε, η Αδελφότητα μας θα συνεχίζει να πετυχαίνει τους στόχους της με τον τρόπο που κάνει πάντα – εμείς οι απλοί Ικαριώτες να είμαστε ενωμένοι, ο καθένας να δουλεύει σκληρά και με την αγάπη μας για αυτή την Αδελφότητα, να πετυχαίνουμε εξαιρετικά πράγματα.

Σας εύχομαι όλους σας μια καλή νύχτα. Καλή διασκέδαση! Ο Θεός να ευλογεί την Αδελφότητά μας.

New Brotherhood Position - Director of Member Communications

Interested in getting more involved with the Brotherhood while building your resume? We are now seeking an individual to fill a new role for the Brotherhood – Director of Member Communications. 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.

The ideal candidate will have some communications/social media experience at work and/or be an avid user of social media in his/her free time. The Director of Member Communications will need to stay in frequent contact with the Supreme Lodge in order to develop content, strategy, etc.

Since this new role will require special expertise, the Director of Member Communications will not be a Supreme Lodge officer but will have a more specialized and long-term role, akin to that of our Ikaria magazine editor. Initially this will be a one-year, trial-basis position, although our expectation is that the selected individual will remain in the role for more than one year. Initially no stipend will be provided, but the Supreme Lodge will consider providing one in the future depending on the demonstrated amount of work involved. 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 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 (tentatively scheduled for February/March).

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Fall 2015 Youth Report

During the past year, the PIB Youth has done incredible things for the Brotherhood. We have made great strides in assisting with the Brotherhood goals, objectives and come up with ways to help keep the culture, value and traditions of this great organization. I would like share what we did this past year and our plans for the future.

Membership

Currently we have about 50 youth members. Over the last couple of years the youth involvement has increased greatly due to the increasing success at the Youth Leadership Conference's, our involvement at the National Conventions, the youth Facebook page and our website. With all of these options it has made it easier for us to stay together and come with new ways to keep the culture, traditions and mission of the Kariotes. Also, it is great when we are able to spend our summers in Ikaria together.

Pan Icarian Youth Web Page

Once of the biggest accomplishments we had this year is that we created a website. The web page will help the youth of the PIB to be more engaged with each other and the Brotherhood. There will be a contact list, information regarding conventions, youth conferences, events and dances at local chapters and much more. Also, we have an online store that merchandise can be purchased. We are currently selling two types of decals. More merchandise will be available in the future. We are selling the decals at the convention. I hope you will support us in our goals and future endeavors.

The URL is <http://www.pan-icarian.net>

2015 Youth Leadership Conference

This year's Youth Leadership Conference was held on February 20 – 22 hosted by Chapter Atheras. There were 30 youth delegates that attended the conference as well a handful of other youth that came for the activities for the weekend. We had delegates from Cleveland, Akron, Indiana, Pittsburgh, New York, Wilmington, Houston, Philadelphia and Florida. The whole weekend was a success. Besides the fun we had, we had a very productive meeting that we discussed important topics and came up with great ideas that will help the youth grow and to contribute more to the PIB. On Friday, it was nice to see friendly faces and meet new people as everyone was coming to the hotel. We kicked off the conference by having dinner at the hotel restaurant. After that we went to their leski. It was a great time for all of the Youth to spend time together, catch up with friends you don't see too often and meet new people.

On Saturday, we held our business meeting. I was very pleased of how the meeting went. We discussed many important topics and came up with great ideas.

I showed everyone the Pan Icarian Youth web page and the decals. Everything liked the web page and got great feedback on how to improve it.

Also, we discussed the possibility of co-hosting a National Convention with another chapter. This will be an excellent opportunity for the Youth to contribute more to the Brotherhood and continuing this great tradition.

Also, we had the privilege to listen to two great doctors during our meeting. Dr. Theoklis Zaoutis and Dr. Chris Tzarnas came to discuss the importance and different areas of medicine as well as career advice. We were very appreciative that they took time out of their busy schedule to say a few words.

On Saturday night of the conference we attended Chapter Atheras annual dance. Despite the snow, it was a great turnout. The dance was a great time filled with great food, great pareia and of course lots of dancing.

As I was traveling back and the week after I reflected back on the conference. I believe it was very successful and every year the conferences get bigger and more successful.

I was to say THANK YOU again to Chapter Atheras and a special thanks to Past Supreme President George G. Horiates, Matt Horiates and Fani Seindanis for organizing a great, successful conference.

Guest Speaker - University of Kentucky

One of the proudest moments I had this past year as being the Youth Governor was that I was able to speak to a class from the UK with Supreme President Terry Platis. They went to Ikaria as part of their education. We spoke about the history of Ikaria, the PIB and shared our stories about Ikaria and why it is so important to us. We took their questions. It was nice to spend time with them and share our feeling about Ikaria. They were very receptive and got more excited about their trip. The professor and the students were very appreciative that we took time to talk to them and couldn't wait to experience everything Ikaria has to offer. It was great to share my passion of being a Karioti with others.

Fall 2015 Youth Report - continued

2016 Youth Leadership Conference

Three chapters expressed interest to me in hosting the 2016 Youth Leadership Conference; Chapter Therma - Wilmington, NC - Chapter Nisos Ikaria - Toronto, Canada and Chapter N'Ikaria, Indiana. I was very excited that multiple chapters wanted to host it. It is great to see that they want to support the Youth/host us and have us contribute with their events they are having throughout the year. After taking a vote, I am very happy to announce that the majority decided to have the Youth Conference with our neighbors up north in beautiful Canada hosted by Chapter Nisos Ikaria. Chapter President Renos Manolsi who is by the way a fellow Magganioti like me is very excited and will work with me to make this the best Youth Conference yet. They plan to have a big dance with live music and will extend the invite to all of the Chapters. We have not set a date yet, however we plan to have it at the end of March or the beginning of April.

2017 PIB National Convention

As we found out at the convention, the convention in 2017 will be in Columbus hosted in conjunction with the Akron and Columbus chapters. The chapter president of Akron Leah Fresty did reach out to me before they were going to make the bid if the youth will be interested in assisting hosting it. We did talk about this in great detail at our last Youth Conference and expressed interest. So we will help out in any way we can

I look forward to another year of being the Youth Governor and contributing my time to this great organization
George Karnavas
Youth 7 Governor



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Anthony and Anna Kayafas Scholarship Fund

Kayafas, Anthony & Anna	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	50.00	
Kayafas, Anthony & Anna	n Memory of Steve Pedos	50.00	
Kayafas, Anthony & Anna	In Memory of Efrosini Batuyios	50.00	
Kayafas, Anthony & Anna	In Memory of Steve Facaros	50.00	
Kayafas, Anthony & Anna	In Memory of Kalliope Raptis	50.00	
Kayafas, Anthony & Anna	In Memory of Andreas Tsantes	50.00	
Kayafas, Anthony & Anna	In Memory of Fotios Tsantes	50.00	
			\$350.00

Emergency Medical Fund

Aristedes Phoutrides Chapter #8,	1,736.00		
			\$1,736.00

Evangeline Lardas Scholarship Fund

Lardas, Nick & Zoe	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	100.00	
Lardas, Nick & Zoe	In Memory of Gus Konzaman	75.00	
Lardas, Nick & Zoe	In Memory of George Tsitlakides	50.00	
			\$225.00

General Fund

Arapakis, Elias & Georgann		20.00	
Barlamas, Frank & Constance	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	50.00	
Chapter Icaros,	In Memory of Steve Papamichael	100.00	
Chapter Icaros,	In Memory of Dorothy Morris	100.00	
Chrysochoos, John	In Memory of Kostas, Stamatula and John Kratsas	100.00	
Collaros, Fotios & Maria	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	150.00	
Contis, George & Ellene	In Memory of Gus Stefanadis	50.00	
Contis, George & Ellene	In Memory of Efthimios and Mary Tratras	50.00	
Hatzinakis, Irini	In Memory of Paraskevi Koutsoutis	50.00	
Kaczenski, Robert & Demetria	In Memory of Dorothy Morris	50.00	
Kaczenski, Robert & Demetria	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	50.00	
Kalogeris, Nicholas & Popie	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	50.00	
Karras, John	In Memory of Paraskevi Koutsoutis	50.00	
Karras, Mathilda	In Memory of Gus Stefanadis	50.00	
Kazalas, Angelo & Tula	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	50.00	
Kotsogiannis, Nikolas & Dianne		50.00	
Koutoufarris, Simon & Tina	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	25.00	
Lardas, Kleanthis & Victoria	In Memory of Christina Koutsouflakis	50.00	
Lardas, Nicholas & Rita	In Memory of Dorothy Morris	50.00	
Lukes, Nick	In Memory of Diana Lardas	100.00	
Mamatas, Mary	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	30.00	
Melacrinos, Chris & Joanne	In Memory of Gus Stefanadis	50.00	
Melacrinos, Chris & Joanne	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	50.00	
Moraitis, Vivian	In Memory of Dorothy Morris	100.00	
Mrazik, Stacey	In Memory of George Tsitlakides	100.00	
Niffenegger, Joann	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	50.00	
Pandeladis, Catherine	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	50.00	
Pandeladis, Catherine		25.00	
Parianos, Steve & Helen	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	100.00	
Perkins, Andrea	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	20.00	

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General Fund - continued

PNC Financial Services Group,		5,000.00
Scaros, Nicholas & Kiki	In Memory of Gus Stefanadis	50.00
Stefanadis, Sonja	In Memory of Gus Stefanadis	200.00
Vassilaros, Leonidas & Maria	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	150.00
Vassilaros, Leonidas & Maria	In Memory of Christina Koutsouflakis	150.00
Vassilaros, George & Maria	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	25.00
Warren Chapter Daedalos No. 4,	In Memory of George Tzitlakides	50.00
Xenakis, Colleen	In Memory of Christina Koutsouflakis	25.00
Xilas, Gus & Argiro	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	30.00

\$7,500.00

George Saffos Scholarship Fund

Frangos, George & Sophie	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	50.00
Frangos & Tony Bedolla, Konstandina	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	100.00
Horiates, Stavroula	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	50.00
Horiates, George & Lisa	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	100.00
Karras, Kalliopi	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	150.00
Karras, John	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	100.00
Koutsoutis, Socrates & Anne	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	50.00
Limberis & Family, Maria	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	50.00
Scaros, Nicholas & Kiki	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis and Nicholas Saffos	75.00
Seindanis, Nick & Kiki	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	50.00
Zaoutis, Elias & Georgia	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	50.00

\$825.00

Kyriaki Speis Doumazios Scholarship Fund

Katinos, Blanca	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	30.00
Koutsoutis, Angela	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	50.00
Livanos, Stanley & Helen	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	50.00
Nikeas, Maria	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	100.00
Pandeladis, Nickolas & Georgia	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	50.00
Papalas, Zaharias & Lambrini	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	100.00
Papalas, Maureen & Leonidas	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	100.00
Seindanis, Fanourios	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	50.00
Tripodes, Tom & Efrosyni	In Memory of Costas Koutsoutis	50.00

\$580.00

Nick & Alexandra Koklanaris Scholarship Fund

Apodiakos, John & Roanne	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	50.00
Balog, D.D.S., Gregory	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	150.00
Boles, Dennis & Angel	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	50.00
Charnas, Cosmos	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Contis, George & Ellene	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	50.00
Dormeyer, Diana	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	91.00
Feher, Charles & Maria	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	50.00
Grippando, Patricia	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	25.00
Johnson, William & Mary	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Johnson, William & Laureen	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	50.00
Kastanias, Manuel & Irina	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Kelly, Peter & Virginia	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	50.00
Kipreos, Olga	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	30.00

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Nick & Alexandra Koklanaris Scholarship Fund - continued

Koklanaris, Nikki	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	500.00
Koklanaris, Emmanuel & Lambra	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Koklanaris Family,	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	16,000.00
Kyrlangitses, Elizabeth	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Lemerand, Jennifer	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	50.00
Logothetis, Betty	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	50.00
Loufman, James & Mary Ann	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	1,200.00
Mamatas, Emanuel & Virginia	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Mamatas, Mary	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Mason & Felicia Vatakis, Ronald	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	50.00
Melacrinos, Chris & Joanne	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Mikrees, Panagiotis & Vasilea	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	500.00
Moraytis, Nikolaos & Frances	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	250.00
Mourselas, John & Katherine	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Papalas, Stephen & Deborah	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Papalas, John	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Papalas, Anthony & Argie	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Patsouras, William	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Patterson, James & Grace	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	50.00
Revita, Dionisio & Niceta	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	50.00
Rhodes, Mark	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	50.00
Saffo Skandalakis, Kay	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	50.00
Scaros, Nicholas & Kiki	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	25.00
Siringas, Nickolaos & Athina	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Stefandis, Sonja	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Tarasiewicz, James	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	25.00
Tripodes, Nikitas & Dena	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	300.00
Tsalis, Nicholas & Maria	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	200.00
Tsaprailis, Fereniki & Roula	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	25.00
Tyler, Michael & Helen	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Tzelepis, Angela	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	50.00
Vatakis, Nick & Maria	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00
Xilas, Gus & Argiro	In Memory of Nick Koklanaris	100.00

\$21,821.00

Old Age Home Fund

Frangos, George & Sophie	In Memory of Paraskevi Koutsoutis	50.00
Seindanis, Nick & Kiki	In Memory of Paraskevi Koutsoutis	25.00

\$75.00

Scholarship Fund

Andrews, Alik	In Memory of Diana Lardas	50.00
Buzzard, Judy	In Memory of George Chiotis	20.00
Buzzard, Scott & Lori	In Memory of George Chiotis	30.00
Chapter Atheras No 12		1,000.00
Chapter Icaros No. 7	In Memory of George Chiotis	100.00
Chapter Christ Aivaliotis No. 17		1,500.00
Collaros, Fotios & Maria	In Memory of George Chiotis	50.00
Fraternal Order of Eagles-1634,	In Memory of George Chiotis	40.00
Gemellas, Jerry & Litsa	In Memory of George Chiotis	40.00

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Inogna, Gerard	In Memory of George Chiotis	50.00	
Kalogeris, Nicholas & Popie	In Memory of George Chiotis	50.00	
Karakatsanis, Smaro	In Memory of George Chiotis	100.00	
Karakatsanis, Perry & Grace	In Memory of George Chiotis	50.00	
Kazalas, Angelo & Tula	In Memory of George Chiotis	50.00	
Khoury, Gabriel & Lea	In Memory of Diana Lardas	50.00	
Koklanaris, Dr. Nikki	In Memory of Geroge Nicholas Koklanaris and Maria Petsakos Koklanaris	450.00	
Kotsagrellos, Michelle	In Memory of George Chiotis	30.00	
Kourouklis, Vasiliki	In Memory of Diana Lardas	50.00	
Lozenski, Jim & Becky	In Memory of George Chiotis	25.00	
Magoulakis, Theodora	In Memory of George Tzitlakides	100.00	
Mamatas, Kostantinos	In Memory of George Chiotis	100.00	
Marotto, Lisa	In Memory of George Chiotis	25.00	
Pandeladis, Nickolas & Georgia	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	40.00	
Pandeladis, Catherine	In Memory of George Chiotis	50.00	
Papanikolaou, Xenophon & Elaine	In Memory of Diana Lardas	100.00	
Papathanasis, Katherine	In Memory of Gus Glaros	100.00	
Pappas, Spiro & Georgia	In Memory of George Chiotis	25.00	
Plutis, Nicholas & Despina	In Memory of George Chiotis	50.00	
Riverside Community Church,	In Memory of George Chiotis	50.00	
Roberts, Zachary	In Memory of George Chiotis	50.00	
Scaros, Nicholas & Kiki	In Memory of Maria Tsantes	25.00	
Tsitlakides, George & Dorothy	In Memory of Pauline Magoulakis	100.00	
Tsounos, Mary	In Memory of Caliope Gemelas	100.00	
V I Chebithes Chapter,		600.00	
Vassilaros, George & Stella	In Memory of Diana Lardas	50.00	
Winkler, Paul & Constance	In Memory of George Chiotis	50.00	
WPIC Comprehensive Recovery Services-Leadership	In Memory of George Chiotis	40.00	
			\$5,465.00
Spanos Areti Scholarship Fund			
Geprge Spanos/Areti Chapter No 9,			\$3,500.00

Stavros N. Pasamihalis Scholarship Fund

Antipas, Peter	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	20.00
Burns, William & Jeanne	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	50.00
Charles Matsinger Associates,	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	50.00
Christou, Artemis & Christina	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	50.00
Duncan, Charles & Mary	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	45.00
Ekonomou, Irene	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	20.00
Frangos, George & Sophie	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	50.00
Giannakaris, Gerry & Maria	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	50.00
Gotzis, Thomas & Lola	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	40.00
Grodanz, Jacob & Antoinette	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	40.00
Hatzinakis, Nikolas	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	100.00
Horiates, Elias & Hrisoula	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	50.00
Horiates, Sofia	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	30.00

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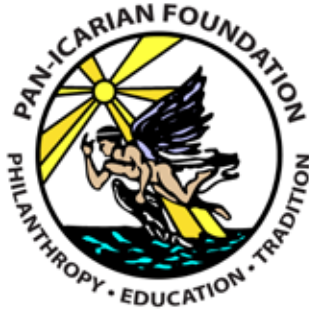
Stavros N. Pasamihalis Scholarship Fund - continued

Horiates, Stavroula	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	200.00
Horiates, George & Lisa	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	1,000.00
Karras, John	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	50.00
Kokolis, Harry & Kathy	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	100.00
Kokolis, Alex & Karoline	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	60.00
Kokolis, Spiros & Klio	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	50.00
Kokolis, Nikolaos & Amalia	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	100.00
Korinthios, John & Toula	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	20.00
Koutsoutis, Socrates & Anne	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	50.00
Koutsoutis, Angela	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	50.00
Limberis, Maria	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	50.00
Mannino and Dr. Mary Frankos, Victor	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	45.00
Pasamihalis, Vaso	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	20,000.00
Philippoussis, Nicholas & Argyro	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	25.00
Pousatis, Thomas & Koula	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	20.00
Scaros, Nicholas & Kiki	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	50.00
Seindanis, Nick & Kiki	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	50.00
Senior Citizens Club St Thomas Church	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	200.00
Tsingelis, Christos & Angela	In Memory of Stavros Pasamihalis	40.00
		\$22,755.00

GRAND TOTAL \$64,832.00



PSP Sonja Stefanadis conducting the swearing-in for the Business Meetings
at the 2015 Pan-Icarian Convention in Pittsburgh, PA



Dear Friends,

In 2015 the Pan-Icarian Foundation was able to distribute a record number of scholarships to students in the United States and Greece. We also helped a young father on his path to recovering his eyesight and a young boy gain access to the medical care he needs to fight a rare form of cancer. We are committed to help purchase a scanner for the hospital in Ikaria and we stand ready to assist with emergencies as our resources allow. The generosity of hundreds of donors this past year has allowed us to provide help to those in need.

Please remember the Pan-Icarian Foundation this year with a tax deductible gift. All of our minimal overhead expenses are covered by the interest on existing assets so 100% of your donation will be used for the worthy causes we support.

Please use the envelope included with this magazine to send in a donation.
Thank you for your continued support.

Nikitas Tripodes
Chairman
Pan-Icarian Foundation

Αγαπητοί φίλοι,
Το 2015, το Πανικαριακό Ίδρυμα ήταν σε θέση να διανείμει ρεκόρ αριθμό από υποτροφίες σε μαθητές της Αμερικής και της Ελλάδας.

Επίσης, βοηθήσαμε ένα νεαρό πατέρα στην βελτίωση της όρασής του, καθώς και ένα νεαρό αγόρι να αποκτήσει την πολύ αναγκαία ιατρική περίθαλψη για την αντιμετώπιση σπανίου είδους καρκίνου.

Έχουμε δεσμευτεί να βοηθήσουμε στην αγορά ενός αξονικού τομογράφου για το νοσοκομείο της Ικαρίας και είμαστε έτοιμοι να βοηθήσουμε με καταστάσεις έκτακτης ανάγκης, όπως επιτρέπουν οι δυνάμεις μας. Η γενναιοδωρία των δωρητών εκατοντάδων τον τελευταίο χρόνο μας επέτρεψε να προσφέρουμε την βοήθειά μας σε όσους είχαν ανάγκη. Παρακαλούμε να θυμηθείτε το Πανικαριακό Ίδρυμα φέτος με ένα δώρο που εκπίπτει από τον φόρο. Όλα τα βασικά έξοδα επιχείρησης καλύπτονται από τον τόκο των υφιστάμενων περιουσιακών στοιχείων, έτσι, το 100% της δωρεάς σας θα χρησιμοποιηθεί για τους ιερούς σκοπούς που υποστηρίζουμε.

Παρακαλούμε χρησιμοποιήσετε το εσώκλειστο φάκελο για να αποστείλετε τη δωρεά σας.

Σας ευχαριστούμε για τη συνεχή σας βοήθεια.

Νικήτας Τριπόδης
Υπεύθυνος
Πανικαριακό Ίδρυμα

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MINUTES OF THE PAN-ICARIAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA "ICAROS" 2015 SUPREME CONVENTION SEPTEMBER 4 - 7, 2015 sponsored by CHAPTER ICAROS #7 WYNDHAM GRAND HOTEL in PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

The business meetings of the convention were opened by Chapter Icaros President Joanne Melachrinos and Convention co-chair, Sophia Facaros at 4:00pm. The convention opening strength was at 33 delegates and a determination that a quorum was present.

The local chapter president asked Chapter Helios member PSP John Sakoutis to lead the delegates in an opening prayer. Mr. Sakoutis did lead an opening prayer and also provided welcoming remarks.

Joanne Melachrinos, on behalf of Icaros Chapter 7, welcomed all of the delegate brothers and sisters to the 112th Annual Supreme Convention of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood. She was looking forward to Icarians coming from near and far for a Pittsburgh convention and also to celebrate women, a central theme of this year's convention. An archives display is set up outside of the room for all to enjoy and she hopes the convention is a memorable one for all the members and their families.

Joanne called upon her convention co-chair, Sophia Facaros to say her greetings. Sophia thanked the members of the convention committee, particularly Chris Kefalos, Despina Xenakis and Joanne as they have contributed their time and effort to ensure a successful convention. She also thanked the chapters, brothers, sisters and businesses for their support of the convention album. Supreme President Terri Platis was called forward for introductory remarks.

She thanked the chapter for its Icarian hospitality and encouraged the delegates to attend the events of the convention. Then she introduced the Supreme Lodge members present.

The floor was opened to nominations for convention officers. Anna Aivaliotis nominated James Lakerdas as convention business chair. The nomination was seconded by Chris Kefalos. James Lakerdas accepted the nomination. PSP John Lygizos was also nominated as convention chair by Past Foundation chair Gus Yiakas. The nomination was seconded by Nikitas Tripodis. The nomination was accepted by John Lygizos. A closed ballot vote was conducted and James Lakerdas was elected convention chair.

Nominations were open for vice chair of the convention business meetings. PSP Stanton Tripodis nominated PSP John Lygizos. The nomination was seconded by Gus Yiakas. The nomination was accepted by Mr. Lygizos. Nick Tratras was also nominated as convention vice chair by Anna Aivaliotis. The nomination was seconded by Steven Lardas and Nick Tratras accepted. A closed ballot vote was conducted and Nick Tratras was elected convention vice chair.

PSP George Koklanaris nominated Foundation Vice Chair George Horiates to be the convention recording secretary. The nomination was declined and George was taking minutes only because the chapter needed someone to do so for today's session. Joanne Melachrinos nominated Jayne Berkovitch to be the convention recording secretary. It was seconded in unison by all delegates present. There being no other nominations, Jayne was elected convention secretary by acclamation.

Convention Chair James Lakerdas nominated PSP John Lygizos to be parliamentarian. The nomination was seconded by Foundation Chair Dr. Nikitas Tripodes. PSP John Lygizos accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, John was elected convention parliamentarian by acclamation. PSP Sonja Stefanadis was asked to come forward to swear in the convention officers. The delegates stood up for the official swearing in of the officers performed by Sister Stefanadis.

Convention Chair James Lakerdas thanked the members present for the honor of serving as chair. He noted an agenda was distributed to the delegates and asked for it to be approved. After some discussion regarding the necessity of a printed agenda, the motion approving the agenda was passed.

The chair called for remarks from the Past Supreme Presidents and Foundation Chairs present.

PSP John Sakoutis in his remarks harkened back to great memories from the Centennial Celebration convention that he chaired.

PSP John Lygizos remarked that the Pittsburgh conventions were always the best attended, noting we are where it all started.

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PSP Nick Tsalis provided his remarks with regards to fond memories of prior conventions here at the point, noting the hotel was formerly a Hilton and at the old William Penn.

Past Foundation Chair Gus Yiakas was recognized and thanked the brotherhood for rededicating itself to supporting the aims and objectives of its foundation. Foundation Chair Nikitas Tripodis was recognized. He thanked the members for their support over the past year and was looking forward to spending time with the delegates over the weekend.

PSP George Koklanaris was recognized. As our most recent Past Supreme President he recognized the Supreme Lodge and thanked them for their efforts over the past year.

PSP Dr. Stanton Tripodes was recognized. He noted that together there is no limit to what we can achieve.

PSP Sonja Stefanadis thanked everyone on organizing the convention. She congratulated the Lodge and the Foundation for their works over the year. She commented that she visited Ikaria this past summer, and was inspired by its many wonders as well as by the projects supported there by the Pan Icarian Brotherhood over the years.

Foundation Vice Chair PSP George Horiates was recognized and congratulated by the chair and the parliamentarian upon his election as Supreme Counselor of the Order of AHEPA. George noted the loss of our Former Foundation Chair PSP Gus Stefanadis and led us in a moment of silence for Brother Gus. May his memory be eternal.

The chair called for reports of chapters.

Chapter #19 – Helios, Clearwater, Florida report was given by Linda

Tripodis Murray. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

Chapter #7 – Icaros, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania report was provided by Joanne Melachrinis. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

There being no further reports at the present time, Joanne Melachrinis went over activities tonight and tomorrow. She welcomed everybody and their families to the opening event tonite where a local youth dance group would entertain us, food would be served compliments of the chapter and live music would be provided for our entertainment.

The chair asked for delegates to sign up for committees which would be meeting tomorrow. If anyone wishes to serve on a committee please post your name on the board.

Brother Paul Collaros motioned to recess the convention until tomorrow morning. Seconded by many people throughout the room, the chair recessed the session at 6:00pm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

James Lakerdas: Chairman

John Loyzios: Vice-Chair

Secretary: Jayne Kafakos Bertovich

MORNING SESSION: 9 AM- 12 NOON. Chairman Lakerdas reconvenes the Supreme Convention at 9:35 am.

The session begins with reports from District Governors, Chapters, and Officers of the Supreme Lodge.

District 6 - Governor Nicholas Skaros. Lancaster, New York. Report was given by Governor Nicholas Skaros. Written report attached hereto, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

Chapter 10 - Therma, Wilmington, North Carolina. Report was given by Evangelis Frantos. Written report attached hereto, respectfully submitted by Kay Saffo Skondalakis, and included in the magazine.

Chapter 28 – Eirini, Southeast Virginia. Report was given by Kelly Pedos. Written report attached hereto, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

Chapter 3 - Pharos, Cleveland, Ohio. Report was given by James Gemelas. Written report attached hereto, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

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*Left: Volunteers at
Event Sales table*

*Right: Steve Alexander
from Atlanta, Chrissa
Lefes from Bedford,
NY and Nick Lardas of
Pittsburgh*



Nick and Christina Kotsanis



*Sophia Mastros, Kelly Gary,
and Costa Mastros*



*Doliche members
Irene Petrides, Zoe Locascio,
Dori Locascio, Michael Petrides*



Lefkas chapter members



Glaros family members

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Mavrogeorgis and Kefalos family members



Mike and Aundrea Ambeliotis, baby Evi, Rachel Gerassimakis, Zacharia Facaros, Kostas Polychronis, Christina Armatas



Proudly representing Cleveland



Maria, Lee, and Angie



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Scholarship Committee Report: Given by Chairwoman Georgia Pandeladis

Oral report as follows: Greetings to the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood: I have been chairperson for 4 years believing that a process that was impartial is the best I could do to fulfill my responsibilities. The idea was to eliminate conflict of interest. I decided to establish an impartial evaluation committee that was implemented to achieve an impartial process. The folks who were convened were outside of the Brotherhood. All of them were qualified persons in the areas of education and also had experience in scholarship areas. The rules were enforced as put forth by the Brotherhood in terms of evaluating the applicants based on certain criteria to include: Grades, Difficulty, Academic, and Non Academic, Personal Evaluations, and Letter of Recommendations, etc. The applications were ranked and sent back to me as the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee.

An application could be disqualified for the following reasons: half addresses, sloppy applications, failure to meet the application deadlines, and failure of applicant to submit transcripts and letters of recommendation. For last year the committee selected 50 out of 55 application. There is a request for \$105,000 for college funds to support scholarships for this coming year.

In summary, there is a strong commitment from the Chairwoman that this process needs to be run very professionally and that a scholarship is not an entitlement.

George Pandeladis was recognized by John Loyzios, acknowledging her contribution in taking her role very seriously as Chairperson of this committee. The Brotherhood commends and thanks Georgia for her dedicated service to the Scholarship Committee.

Chapter 17 - Christ Aivaliotis, Columbus, Ohio

Report was given . Written report attached hereto, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine

Chapter 16 -- Lefkas, Baltimore/Washington DC.

Report was given by Demetra Tsantes. Written report attached hereto, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

Chapter 5 – Pandiki, New York, New York.

Report was given by Stamatis Tsantes. Written report attached hereto, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

District 4, Governor Constantinos Tsambis.

Presented by Linda Murray. Written report attached hereto, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

Report from the Supreme Lodge Vice-President, George Paralemos.

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George Paralemos discussed a best practices study to maintain and increase the membership. Numerous examples that resulted from the best practiced document included such strategies as a welcome letter, establishing a chapter Facebook Page and Twitter, expanding email communication, renewal notices, providing opportunity to pay membership at all events, use credit card and paypal to make payment, co-host event, encourage convention and grand banquet, pay for additional membership to attend meetings of Grant Lodge. The Supreme Lodge is looking at ways to improve and will be doing a best practices of what the Supreme Lodge can do to improve in the future.

Brother Mike Avalotis talked about how to get the young people get involved in the organization going forward. Brother Mike stated that this is the most important gift our forefathers gave that and that the young people should know that Foundation and membership could be involved in how to take part in the process of future programming of fund. The Youth Conference would be a good venue for explaining that aspect. Brother Nick Tsalis from Detroit also supported Mike Avalotis' statement in terms of supporting this future action by the Supreme Lodge.

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Chapter 26 – Panagia, Buffalo, New York. Report was given by Nicole Skaros Marcello. Written report attached hereto, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

Report of Supreme Lodge Secretary, Damianos Skaros. Written report attached hereto, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

District 1 -- Governor Katerina Mavrophillipos Katerina Mavrophilipos states that Chapter Pandiki is preparing for a Fall Dance. They are a very motivated chapter. Philadelphia has been very active with Greek Nights at 76'rs and many fundraisers. They had some passing of members for members who were really active and had a part in establishing scholarships. Port Jefferson chapter has Ikarian panayiri dances planned. Lefkas chapter in Washington/Baltimore has some events coming up with membership of 100 members.

District 5 -- Governor Alexandra Katsas. Report was given by Alexandra Katsas. Written report attached hereto, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

Chapter 9 -- Spanos/Areti, Detroit, Michigan. Report given by Steve Papalas.

Detroit had one member run for judge, but lost. The chapter had a fundraiser for the sick boy in Aghios Kyrikos. The chapter had a name day part that was consolidated into one party in January. In March they had a Makaronada in Greek Independence Day parade and they had another brunch in April. They had a meeting to make a bid for the 2015 convention and will present it at this convention. In July they had an annual panagiri and discussed the convention. They lost quite a few members who passed away this year. Nick Koklanaris died in June. Still have 140 members but the others will be sorely missed.

Chapter 4 - Daedalos, Warren, Ohio. Report was given by Fotini Raptis Facaros. Written report attached hereto, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

Acknowledgment of VIP: Basile:

The Chairman acknowledged the entrance of Basile to the meeting, who will be entertaining the convention attendees. Basile first acknowledged passing members. He brought our attention to heart disease and recommended that members do a calcium score test, a nonevasive CAT Scan, and blood test. He has had open heart surgery and has recovered well, but is cautioning the group as to the importance of taking preventative measures and getting tested for heart disease. Basile also informed the Brotherhood that he has pitched a Blue Zones TV show and 2 other shows. He is looking to create these episodes for National Geographic and other networks. He is looking for Pan-Icarian Brotherhood investment to support \$2.5 million to independently produce this programming through a special model he has developed. This model has been discussed with various TV networks and is interesting because by leasing programs ownership would be retained by his production company. Investors would earn solid returns in perpetuity, as the programs are leased and shown by various networks across the world.

*Dimitri Facaros, Sideris Facaros,
Zacharia Facaros, Fotis Fouskas
Members of Chapter Icaros,
host of the 2015 National Convention*



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Report from the Supreme Treasurer: Cathy Pandeladis.

Last year memberships paid by convention totaled 1541. 1736 members were paid in total for last year by the end of the year. Currently we have 1618 paid members paid up so far for the current year.

All of these figures below are pending the audit. Cathy Pandeladis presented an accounting of the treasury.

Questions arose from Brother Nick Tsalis, and also from Brother Mike Avalotis, which will be tabled and addressed at the Budget and Finance meeting.

The meeting will reconvene at 2 pm.

SATURDAY AT 2:00 PM (Meeting was delayed and began at 2:35 pm).

The Chairperson brings the room to order and reminds folks to sign-up for working on various committees. There is a sign-up in the room in this regard.

Report on the Old Age Home, Presenter: Argie Manolis

The Old Age home was established in 2004 and there were trips to the Old Age Home 2005, 2007, 2010, 2015. There were 17 students in 2015 and they spent 3 days in Athens. They arrived and the nursing home was somewhat closed down without lights and four 4 staff members informed them regarding the condition of the Old Age Home.

There are 6 residents; 2 of them were bedridden. The kids split up and helped with the resident and activities. There are 4 staff currently doing all aspects of care. They are communicating with doctors, dealing with medications, and preparing food. They are doing therapeutic activities with the residents, dancing the Ikariotiko, and taking pictures of their villages to show them how their villages currently look. There was one patient dying and the students took turns staying with that person while they were dying.

We need to get the local people in Ikaria involved in the Old Age Home as volunteers. There are some overarching issues that have to do with the Old Age Home, which are slowly being addressed. The Old Age Home is not licensed. The Old Age Home has many issues and those items need to be worked out. The group has a list of recommendations that should be worked on if the group is interested.



The Icarians here have \$1 million endowed to the Old Age Home that could be sent to them. But, there are challenges with sending the money.

Questions from the delegates to the presenter:

Brother Skaros commented: Do you think that the nursing home can be a viable resource for Ikaria?

The residents at the hospital say that they need the service. The Old Age home is a sore subject and it a lot of money was spent there for a long time. The money needs to be put up front to fix the areas in need of repair and to figure out how to get the Old Age home licensed. There are ways to sustain it, but it needs to be legal first.

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Nick Tsalis asked, does the the Nursing Home sends patients to Samos?

A medical professional needs to be there in order for it to be licensed apparently. Some prior workers were going to leave and take patients to Samos, but the patients were not going to leave and staged a sit-in. Meanwhile, the lawsuit was underway. The church lost the lawsuit and pulled out. The Old Age Home was under the church and there were some issues with potential misuse of the funding. The church still owns the property, although there is a lease under negotiation and/or recently signed, which leases the property to the Town of Aghios Kyrikos. The municipality is now getting involved per recent meetings between members of the Brotherhood and the municipality. Structurally, the cracks in the wall and wires coming out of the wall are issues. They recently made some changes with doors, but from what the group could tell, the building is a relatively safe building.



Report of the Chairman of the Pan-Icarian Foundation, Nikitas Tripodes.

Nikitas wanted to thank the Board. Executive Secretary will be retiring and there will be a transition. George Contes provide translation. This is the best year for donations to the Foundation. \$200,000 in contributions has been collected in this year. Two scholarships were given last convention and three are planned for this year.

Stock market returns were good this year up until a few months ago. \$40,000 was provided to the Old Age Home of which \$30,000 was earmarked for repairs and \$10,000 was paid out for legal expenses related to the lawsuit, which has been finalized.)

Overall, it has been a good year in terms of the Foundation. George Koklanaris of Detroit provided a check to the Foundation to start a memorial scholarship in memory of his Mother and Father.

Further Foundation efforts included over \$20,000 that was sent to the young boy in Ikaria with cancer. \$10,000 of those resources have been spent for traveling to and from Athens for treatment.

Also a man in Ikaria, Vasilis, father of two, was in a motorcycle accident and was recently sent to the University of Pittsburgh for a surgery to help regain his eyesight. His mother has accompanied him to Pittsburgh. She gave a short thanks that was very heartfelt, which was read by George Horiates in English and she spoke in Greek to thank the Foundation.

Request for Sponsorship for the 2015-2016 season by Panikarios Athletic Association IKAROS (PAS IKAROS) This item was brought up from Madam President Terry Platis. This athletic club has been around for over 60 years. They offer many programs near Aghios Kyrikos. They have athletics for men and woman and instruction for small children. It is all done on the volunteer basis and the only person they pay is for the little children. The families pay about 8 euro per month for their kids to be involved. The budget needs 20-30,000 Euros per year. The government subsidy to them has gone away, so now there are not any resources in that area. Also a lot of other sponsorships have dried up recently. The request for resources is to help them travel to events.

This is a worthy cause because it keeps the kids out of trouble and away from other things. They are an old organization and they have good amateur teams. Brother Gus Yiakas voiced his opinion that he was concerned that we have other requests coming in so it may not be a good year for this.

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There was concern expressed regarding supporting athletics, in light of other concerns, as acknowledged by George Koklanaris. He asked though, why do we not have support for athletics?

At that point, there was a motion to contribute \$1500 from Foundation and a second motion from the floor for the Pan-Icarian Lodge to contribute \$1500. There was a motion to second those motions for a total approved amount of \$3000. Before the motion could be approved, an amendment was made, see below:

An amendment was made to the motion that would include that Chapters could contribute to the program for a secondary fund and earmark it for the Athletic program, instead of the Foundation. (The trustee will need a receipt of all money if it comes from the Foundation, to account for the funds.)

Gus Yiakas brought up the trustee issue. They do not want to pay for legal opinion. If the support comes from the Supreme Lodge, Yiakas stated, then we do not need to come up with receipts for travel and the process is more streamlined.

Final Action: The prior motions were withdrawn. A new motion was entered that \$3000 be provided from Supreme Lodge (Operating Budget/General Funds) and raise additional resources as necessary. It passed without opposition.

Report on the Ikaria Magazine by Stan Tripodis

The Editor of the Ikaria Magazine is Mary Deschamps. They are putting out 3 full color issues per year. The editor is providing a very high quality magazine. Currently the budget is \$22,890 for 3 issues in a year. They are looking for ways to save on this budget going forward. There is a suggestion to send an electronic version of the magazine if you would like to receive it electronically, versus as a hard copy.

A written report of the Ikaria Magazine Financial Report is attached hereto, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

Helios members attending the convention; Daniel Kaster;

Stella Thomas, former editor of Ikaria Magazine,



and Popi Tripodis-Kaster

As part of the magazine discussion, a new topic was initiated by Terry Platis, Supreme President, regarding social media expertise needed within the Brotherhood, which is under the auspices of publications, since we are now in a new century to deal with social media. Madam President discussed this position. All people are adapting to this new communication dynamic that would span social media to develop an overall member communication strategy, work on the web site, and managing social media communications. Since this new role would have special expertise and this role would be akin to the new editor as long as it is mutually agreeable. This will be a one-year trial basis and will provide a stipend, depending on how much work this would end up being for someone. We are looking for this person and want to move forward to motion to form this position.

There was a motion and a second to support this one-year position.

Brother John Sakoutis brought up the point that it was brought up many years ago and that we have students who are

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majoring in communication skills. There was a story in the paper about the PanIcarian Brotherhood, but not much was known about us. Brother Sakoutis believes that we have people who can be resources from within, instead of going outside for expertise.

The motion to hire a staff member passed without opposition in the final discussion on this topic.

Youth Governor Report, George Karnavas, Cleveland Ohio
Written report attached hereto, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

Chapter 12 – Atheras, Philadelphia: Report submitted by George Horiates: Written report attached hereto, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

Report of the Nominations Committee by George Koklanaris

The Nominations Committee Chair gave a brief report. If you are interested in any position, please let Brother George Koklanaris aware of your interest. Voting will occur on Sunday. The Brotherhood is an open organization and District Governors are going to be needed. Also, a Counselor is also needed.

Special Committee for 2017 Convention Bid:

There are 3 bids for the 2017 Convention. There is a bid from Myrtle Beach, Detroit, and from Columbus/in association with Akron. Formal presentations will need to be provided by each of the host cities. Cities will make a presentation tomorrow on this. Question was asked about presenting today and the President feels that the folks will miss it that were ready for it to be discussed tomorrow, per the agenda.

Report from New York City Convention report:

Hearing the prices for 2017 is a great, but the NYC convention prices will cause sticker shock, compared to Pittsburgh rates. It is considered a good rate so the price is \$245 per room night. It is Sheraton at Time Square. There is a lot offered, so we do hope you will come out and support us. There was a question as to the musician chosen for New York? What are details of the banquet tickets, about \$125-\$130 per ticket. There are a few garages nearby for a better deal. It is New York, so we have to be a little flexible.

Motion for 2017 Presentations of the Convention Bids

Sonja Stefanidis moved to change the agenda. The motion is seconded. There is a motion to hear the presentations today instead of tomorrow. (A three-quarter majority to pass it went through).

Voting for the host city for 2017 will happen on Sunday, September 6, 2015.

1. Akron/Columbus, Ohio: Akron is a small town and decided to discuss hosting with Columbus at the downtown Hyatt. The room rate is \$105 per night, \$16 per day for parking or \$25 per day for valet parking. We are hoping to involve the youth. Brother Sakoutis interjected wanting to know the capacity of the hotel and also the overflow hotel. 660 rooms in the Hyatt, which is the main hotel and should be sufficient.

2. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina: Hilton Hotel (\$189 per night) and Embassy Suite are \$299, Royal Palms tower (\$299-\$399 per night for 2 and 3 bedroom condos). \$95-\$100 for banquet. \$15 for parking.

3. Detroit, Michigan: Marriott, Detroit River... there is a nice walkway on the river. \$139 per night, \$90 per night for banquet rate.

Special Note: There was a statement made during this discussion that Akron and Columbus be looked at closely since they have not done anything in 40 years. It would be a great opportunity to have them host the convention in 2017.

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A note of advice for those who are bidding on the convention for 2017 . The attendance for the Grand Banquet is going down each year and we need to know why? The Bylaws spell out how the grand banquet should proceed. They may want to tighten the long speeches, so that there is more creativity. Yiakas brings up Los Angeles and we should cut down the head table and cut out some of the presenters. Another delegate brought up that the Chapter should support a table to increase attendance for those who may not be able to pay for the banquet.

The Supreme Lodge should work to help negotiate prices in hotels for conventions. It was passed last year that the Supreme Lodge play such a role, but nothing has happened with it. The negotiating with a chain should be looked at because lower prices can be offered, say, in locations such as Las Vegas.

Request for Support from the Philharmonic Orchestra, Raches, Ikaria,

The Raches Philharmonic has been established to create culture in an area currently without an orchestra. The purchase of instruments is costly to help in sending musical instruments to them. A list of instruments was provided for consideration if we can send them.

They also want to support a salary. They are a legal, non-profit organization. Brother Gus Yiakas is from Raches but he feels that once they get organized we will consider funding them in the future. We have many people who promote but there should be a way to coordinate the Aghios Kyrikos and Raches closer. This is a different orchestra in a different part of the island though. One way of raising money is adopt an instrument and start a fundraiser to see what comes in.

A motion was withdrawn until Supreme lodge reviews the request.

Delegate Registration Totals as of 4:30 pm, Saturday, September 5, 2015

128 delegates by close of business on Saturday.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

James Lakerdas: Chairman

John Loyzios: Vice-Chair

Secretary: Jayne Kafakos Bertovich

SESSION: 1 PM - 4 PM

The Chairman James Lakerdas called to order Sunday's meeting. The meeting was convened at approximately 1:20 pm.

Recognizing Dr. Tony Papalas and presenting church repair issue in Aghios Kyrikos

The first order of business of the day was to recognize Professor Tony Papalas, who discussed the issue with the church in Aghios Kyrikos, suffering from some structural issues that are too expensive to fix. Professor Papalas was requested to speak with the Brotherhood about the need for major structural repairs of the church.

The locals are raising money in the amount of \$300-400,000. Obviously this request is out of the realm of the Brotherhood, so Professor Papalas then was asked to take it to a millionaire in New York to discuss funding the repair of this church. Gracefully he was able to make the request, but the millionaire was not in the position to fund this request at this time.

Correction regarding # of delegates registered:

There is a correction in the number of delegates from last evening. There are 118 delegates registered as of 6 pm, Saturday evening. The previous number was 128.

Remaining Chapter Reports were presented to the Secretary:

Chapter 25— N'Ikaria, Northwest Indiana. Written report attached hereto and provided by Vasili Tsampis, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

Chapter 20 – Kavos Papas, Houston. Written report attached hereto, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

Chapter 19 – Helios. Written report attached hereto and provided by Dr. Linda Tripodis Murray, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

Chapter 22 – Icaros of Montreal. Written report attached hereto and provided by Chryssa Efstratoudakis, respectfully submitted and included in the magazine.

Issue of CT Scan for Hospital in Aghios Kyrikos:

Request for CT Scan at the Hospital in Aghios Kyrikos: John Tripoulas, General Surgeon for the last 6 years at the hospital. Professor Papalas joined the stage as he was informed of this issue.

During his 6 years the Doctor has tried to secure the CT Scan without progress. It is the second smallest hospital in Greece. The government discusses downsizing the system as well. The Foundation is keeping the hospital functioning to some degree and it is important. Hospital is the #1 employer on the island. They have 200 personnel. Currently the hospital refers 80 patients out per year for emergency CT scans, so there is definitely a need for this type of diagnostic equipment at the hospital.

There is a request to consider funding the CT Scan for the hospital. Questions arise in the discussion as to the entire cost of the project. There are questions as to costs of protection for radiation and preparation of the CT suite, which is necessary to locate the machine and ensure safety for the patient, workers, and visitors to the hospital. Ideally the Foundation members are going to need to be able to see all the costs, including protecting the public and the maintenance of the CT Scanner.

The Foundation Chairman Nikitas Tripodes states that they are going to try to work toward a solution to put the money together. An official request had been made to the Foundation. The cost of the CT Scan, as provided by the Doctor, is 85000 Euros. The Supreme Lodge believes that this is what the Foundation was established for because it is meeting a defined need to improve health infrastructure there.

Another comment was brought up that enforces the need for all of the costs to be determined before an investment is made in this necessary equipment. The key questions that arose are as follows:

1. In terms of having a request that considers training and folks who can operate the machine, what will be the total costs associated with it? Has the training occurred and is their staff in place to operate and read the reports.
2. Is the CT suite room ready? If not, when will it be ready?
3. What are the costs associated with operating the CT including maintenance costs?

The initial motion was made by Brother Gus Yiakas for \$80,000 by the Foundation. Following much discussion that motion did not stand, a motion has been made authorizing 85,000 Euros by Brotherhood and the Foundation and there was a motion to accept the amendment of Brother George Horiates for \$25,000 from Supreme Lodge. The Brotherhood would help to raise funds for the balance toward this cause and the refundable down payment of the machine, which would be made on the machine. This motion was then reconsidered following major discussions about the least difficult way to fund a request and a new motion was entered and it was approved. It is as follows:

“The Motion is that the Foundation commit to 85000 Euro for the CT Scanner.”

Additionally, Brother Mike Avalotis put a motion to put the down payment on the machine, and the rest to follow based on progress of the island to receive it.

Brother George Horiates entered \$25,000 coming from the Supreme Lodge account to the Foundation as a friendly amendment. There was discussion/commentary that the Brotherhood should not be providing the money.

All of these small print amendments were deleted.

The final approved motion, again, is simply stated as: The Foundation commits 85000 Euro for the CT Scanner.

Convention Committees: Voting for the 2017 Host Convention City. The details of this discussion were held yesterday including all the facts and figures regarding cost associated with the convention as presented by each potential host chapter.

The room rates were shared again for those who were not present for yesterday's presentation:

Myrtle Beach \$189

Detroit \$139

Akron in Columbus at \$105

The delegates cast their votes and the votes were tallied. The votes were collected by secret ballot, as defined by by-laws, in order from Officers of Supreme Lodge, Past Lodge Presidents, and Chapter Delegates.

Results: Akron/Columbus won as the 2017 convention host chapter with an overwhelming majority!



Additional Acknowledgements made to guests on Sunday:

-Vasilis Zografos motorcycle accident victim who had surgery here in Pittsburgh. He came to greet and thank the Brotherhood for their help and support. He is healing well and hopes to regain his eyesight through these interventions that occurred here in Pittsburgh.

-Diane Kochilas, our own author and chef, said hello to the everyone in attendance at the meeting.

Report of the Audit Committee: Motion to accept the report from committee without issue

Report of Supreme President, Terry Platis

Madam President Platis visited various lodge and meetings for many visits. She extends her thanks to the Brotherhood for all the work during the year. She met with Mayor of Ikaria and discussed many issues including stabilizing the Old Age Home.

The goal is to unite Icaria. Highlight of the year:

- Volunteer service project to Ikaria at the Old Age Home to prepare meals for the residents. While this year was modest in scope, it is important for the direct benefit in that this can be a recurring event with a bigger and better event next year.
- The Brotherhood worked with the Foundation and \$17k has been raised to date.
- Completed fundraising for Volunteer Firefighters. Lodge sent \$15,000 to help make a fire truck for high impact fire truck.
- Collaboration with Greek language project
- Education Space project which will link Ikaria with schools in USA



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Challenges of the Brotherhood

- Membership is stagnant; best practice document was developed by the Supreme Lodge.
- Effort to modernize social media application to Pan-Icarian organization; it is a great skill but we do not have expertise in house for this role. The person will be tasked to develop a member communication strategy, developing communications, and working with our social media.
- Youth Governor with other members put together a wellorganized and thoughtful youth conference in New Jersey (George Karnavas report) and after developing a site; they have offered their services in developing the 2017 convention. We can all be assured that the future of the Brotherhood is in good hands with the youth.

Special Thanks to all the members of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood Staff and Foundation Chairman and Staff, Youth Governor, and all District Governors for all the hard work during the year.

Report of the Legislative Committee

There is a housekeeping addition to the by-laws that is being brought forth by the Legislative Committee in order to protect the assets, both real and personal:

In accordance with Article 5, Chapter of the Brotherhood, Section E:

All assets of the chapter, both real and personal, shall be held in the official name of the Chapter.

It was passed.

Note: Brother Gus Yiakas asks if there were a default of a chapter, the dissolution would require that the assets would be held in trust for 3 years?

Additional Announcements:

October 3 in Detroit, golf outing is announced. This is an announcement to bolster participation in this event because the chapter is raising money toward a second installment for the PanIcarian Foundation towards a scholarship.

Additional Resolutions put forth: Children dance ticket price

The issue that was brought up is in regard to children 12 and under as to whether or not they should be charged to go to the dance. There should be a resolution that any child 13-20 should not be charged more than \$10.00. The resolution is put on the floor. There is a motion to table the motion. Questions are raised by Brother George Paralemos, as he thinks that the \$10.00 price is too small for 13-20.

Nominations Committee

Final business was in regard to the Nomination Committee. There will be voting that starts with the Foundation. It started with the Directors of the foundation.

All were asked if they are interested in running again, see list below. All accepted except George Livanos who declines to run again.

Dr. Anita Contes

Mr. Paul Collaros

Dr. Stan Tripodes

George Levanos (declines running)

A motion was made to vote for the people who are there unanimously.



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The next vote was for Vice President of Foundation, George Horiates. There was a motion to close, second, and approve.

The next vote was for the Chairman of Foundation

Nikita Tripodes is interested. It was asked if there any nominations for chairman? Upon hearing none, an unanimous motion went forward for Nikita Tripodes.

Next the District Governors of the Supreme Lodge were voted on and approved by unanimous vote.

District 1: Katerina Mavrophillipas, Motion approved; unanimous

District 2: Jacqueline Elias, Motion approved; unanimous

District 3: Steve Stratakis, Motion approved; unanimous

District 4: Vangelis Frangos, Motion approved; unanimous

District 5: Athena Tsarnas Pugliese, Motion approved; unanimous

District 6: Nick Skaros, Motion approved; unanimous

Other Officers: George Karnavas – nominated for Youth Governor again, Motion to Close

Supreme Counselor: James Lakerdas, Moved to close

Cathy Pandeladis: Moved to close as Treasurer

Damianos Skaros, Moved to close for Secretary

George Paralemos, position of Vice President, Moved to close

Terry Platis, Position of Supreme President, Moved to close

Sister Georgia Pandeladis, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Moved to close



Greetings to all from Warren, Ohio's Daedalos Chapter #4.

Congratulations to the Pittsburgh chapter for hosting an amazing convention. We can't imagine the amount of work that was done behind the scenes to allow for the convention to move along without a hitch especially with all of the activities planned. Great job and we can't wait for New York next year!

We've had a busy few months starting with our annual summer picnic in July which had plenty of food and kefi.



We hosted our first annual paniyiri this past September and cooked over 200 pounds of goat and lamb along with a little bit of chicken. We were very appreciative of all those that helped and attended, even though it was a rainy evening, and look forward to next year's event. We hope to book a violin for next year to add that special flare.

Finally we hosted our first Halloween Party to benefit the Trumbull County Children Services. All attendees were

asked to donate items that are in need such as notebooks, folders, markers, pens, erasers, highlighters, book bags, scissors, glue and many more. Our president, Fotini, made a table full of treats for the children and also organized fun activities such as pumpkin bowling, pin the spider on the spider web, puffy ghost crafts and wrap a mummy. We also had a fire where everyone could roast marshmallows.



Greetings from the Big Apple! We congratulate Chapter Icaros for a successful convention. We know how hard you worked to make this an enjoyable and successful Labor Day weekend.

This year our membership went up to 185 members. The continuous support from our Youth Association and members has resulted in many successful events. This support has enabled us to continue the Brotherhood's mission of maintaining our strong cultural identity and passing on our Icarian and Hellenic traditions to the younger generations. However, we also encourage all our members to fulfill their civic duties, support charities and to further Hellenic culture in general. Throughout the past year we have hosted a number of events including a Children's Christmas Party, a New Year's Eve Gala, a Super Bowl Party and participated in the annual Greek Independence Day Parade on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan and a summer Ikarian BBQ. We have also hosted Café Nights at our Ikarian House. Many came to experience an Ikarian atmosphere and good company. Our small menu resembling a traditional Ikarian coffee shop was a big hit and help to our organization. We were happy to host the Supreme Lodge and Foundation Board at our Leshi. Following the Supreme Lodge Meeting we hosted a Loukoumades fundraiser for the 10 year old boy from Agios Kirykos afflicted with a rare form of cancer. The fundraiser was very successful thanks to the generosity of those who attended.



Vice President Gus J. Tsahas presented on behalf of our organization a Hellenic Studies Scholarship at Queens College, for one of the top students who excelled in the program.

We held a successful "Fall Dance". Everyone who attended had a great time dancing the night away. That said... We want to thank District 1 Governor Katerina Mavrophilipos and all the Youth from Baltimore, Pittsburgh and New Jersey who took the time and journey to New York to attend the dance. They all made it a memorable night.



The children enjoyed an afternoon Halloween Party with crafts, games and goodies which were provided by many of our members and community friends.



In closing, it is with great pleasure that we will be hosting the Annual Pan-Icarian Convention in New York during Labor Day weekend in 2016. We promise to make your New York experience a memorable one. There will be true Icarian "glendi", warm Icarian-style hospitality to satisfy your every whim, and countless cultural and historical attractions for you to visit during your stay in the Big Apple.



We wish all the Chapters a successful year, and hope to see you all next year in New York.

Stamatis Tsantes, President and Kostas J. Tsahas, Vice President

Congratulations to Enza Tsouris and David Anderson on their marriage! The couple was married on July 18, 2015 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Steubenville, Ohio. The ceremony was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Nicholas Halkias. The bride is the daughter of Nick and Vincetta Tsouris, and is the granddaughter of Sarandos and Stella Tsouris and Vincenza Savinell of Steubenville. The groom is the son of John and Nancy Lelless and the late David Anderson, and is the grandson of the late William and Lena Anderson and the late George and Edna Strachan of Steubenville. Stellanie Butcher and Christopher Kronstein, godparents and cousins of the bride served as the Koumbari for the traditional Greek Orthodox ceremony.

Stellina Tsouris, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Daphne Pavlik, Andalyn Dugan, Maria Gigliotti, Paige Johnson, Audree Porter, Kristin Johnson, Brittany Penman, Kali Kirkland, Ashley Chadbourne, and Kasey Cowser.

Ryan Dugan, cousin of the groom, served as the best man. Groomsmen included Sarandos Tsouris, Vasilios Tsouris, Steve Davis, Jamey DeVaul, Sage Cutri, Mason Campbell, Jordon Meyer, Jordan Banks, Jake Linn, and Jordan McIntyre.



Mia DeStefanis, goddaughter and cousin of the bride and Aleyiah Anderson, niece of the groom served as flower girls and Kaiden Turick, nephew of the groom served as ring bearer.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at The St. Florian Hall in Wintersville. The newlyweds took a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico.

The bride is a 2009 graduate of Steubenville High School, a 2013 graduate of The University of Akron with a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training, and a 2015 graduate of West Liberty University with a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies. She is employed by UPMC as a hematology/oncology Physician Assistant at the Tony Teramana Cancer Center in Steubenville.

The groom is a 2009 graduate of Steubenville High School and a 2015 graduate of The University of Akron with a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Supervision. He is employed by Steubenville City Schools.

The couple currently resides in Steubenville with their dog, Petey.

Chapter Icaros continues to meet the first Sunday of each month. Our discussions include event planning, hall maintenance, and decisions on charitable donations.

Recent events include the 2015 Pan-Icarian National Convention – ‘Celebrating Women’ over Labor Day Weekend at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh. We hope you all enjoyed the Convention as much as we enjoyed hosting you.

We are happy to report that at the 2015 Convention, Cathy Pandeladis was re-elected to the Supreme Lodge as Treasurer/Database Manager; Georgia Pandeladis will continue serving as Scholarship Chair; and Joanne Melacrinos will continue serving as Pan-Icarian Archivist. Also, Chapter Icaros was once again recognized as the largest chapter in the Brotherhood!

Please note that the ‘Daughters of Icaros’ video, which was first shown at the 2015 Convention Grand Banquet, has been uploaded to the Pan-Icarian website. To view, please visit: <http://www.pan-icarian.com/video>.

Also during the Convention weekend, we had a photographer taking photos each day. If you are interested in viewing and or/purchasing a photo(s), please visit: <http://www.bobabramsonphoto.com/weddings/PIC/>.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to the following sponsors whose generosity helped immensely as we planned this year’s Convention:

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On October 25, 2015 Chapter Icaros held its annual Halloween / Oxi Day Celebration, which is always a good time.



Upcoming events include our annual Pizza with Santa Party in December.

Congratulations to Yianni and Keli Frentzos on the birth of their daughter Evina Kalliope, born July 9, 2015.

Evina Frentzos and big brother Houston



We were greatly saddened by the deaths of Maria (Pastis) Aivaliotis and Dorothy Morris. May their memory be eternal.

Submitted by Chapter Icaros Secretary Anna Aivaliotis

Autumn Greetings from the Foutrides Chapter in Chicago! Congratulations to Pittsburgh for hosting a memorable and fun filled convention! Our members had a fantastic time thanks to the warm hospitality. A big "thank you" to all who worked so diligently to plan a flawless weekend for everyone to enjoy and relish in each other's company. Job well done!

Our chapter had representation at the convention's dance this year as Peter Karnavas and his violin serenaded everyone on the dance floor. Our chapter is also proud to have members serving with the Supreme Lodge and Foundation. Congratulations to James Lak-erdas for becoming National Counselor and to Steve Stratakos for becoming District 3 Governor! Of course, our Madam President is still Chicago's own, E Terry Platis, and Paul Collaros is serving the second year of his term on the Foundation!

In April, Olga Manolis Manesiotis along with siblings Milton & Patti Manolis and Toula Manolis Skavdis hosted an awesome Bingo night for us. We enjoyed an extremely successful night filled with laughs, talking and catching up from the holidays, and miraculously managed to play some Bingo! Thank you so much and can't wait for the next one!



In July, Rozina Janis Karnavas organized a memorial service honoring all Ikarians and chapter members who have passed at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Palos Hills, IL. Our chapter does this annually in conjunction with the feast day of Agia Marina (July 17th), the patron saint of Ikaria and Ikarian Independence Day (1912). We then gathered for coffee in the "plateia" of the church just like we would have in any village of Ikaria. Many thanks to Rozina and everyone who helped in honoring our loved ones memory that day. Memory eternal! In September, our chapter gathered for

the Annual Potluck Picnic. Everyone brought their favorite dish, beverage, and game to the forest preserve. Children played and climbed trees while adults exchanged and updated each other on summer happenings, Ikarian news, and convention news. This event is always a delight and we enjoy a fall crisp day before winter makes her appearance.



On October 3rd, our chapter had the honor of hosting the Supreme Lodge and Foundation Board Meeting. The meeting was held at the Parthenon Restaurant in Chicago's Greektown followed by lunch. In addition to the meeting, chapter members and visiting members had the opportunity to visit the National Hellenic Museum which is located across the street from the Parthenon. Many thanks to all who attended the meeting and traveled to our beautiful city. Hope to see you here all again soon!

On October 23rd, our annual Halloween Party was held at the local Ahepa House in Palos Hills. Raquel Kohilas graciously hosted this event once again, and once again, it was a "spooktacular" success! Children and adults enjoyed a pizza party, costume parade, and lots of treats! This event was also particularly special as it also hosted a fundraiser for PAS Ikaros, an athletic organization in Ikaria. A big thank you to Raquel and to all who attended and supported our event and cause this year!



Sofia Maria Stratakos, daughter of Steve and Moschoula (Kouloulia) Stratakos and brother of Nikolas was accelerated (skipped) from the 3rd to the 5th Grade at the Glen Oaks School, an elementary school recognized by the U.S. Department of Education for high performing academic excellence with its Blue Ribbon Award of which only 4% of the schools in the nation have ever received; she went on to finish the year as the top student in her class. Sofia also served as the Student Council Secretary and participated in Band, Choir and the Great Books program; this fall it was off to Junior High School and the 6th Grade where she continues on in all honors classes; keep up the great work Sofia!!!



Sophia Magdalene Karnavas was born on October 22, 2015, weighing in at 7 lbs, 13 oz and measuring 20 and 3/4 inches. Proud parents are Fotis Karnavas and the Brotherhood's President, Terry Platis. Proud grandparents are George and Katerina Karnavas, Sophia Giambilis Paxos and Charikleia Platis.



We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and next year we will meet again on the dance floor in New York!



The brothers and sisters of the Detroit chapter send warm greetings to everyone throughout the country. Summer went by so quickly and it seems that we are already getting ready for fall and winter. Thank you Pittsburgh for hosting such a wonderful convention. It was so great connecting with family and friends for the weekend. Those of us who attended the banquet were quite impressed with Ms. Pappas, what an amazing young woman! We know how much hard work and dedication it takes to host a successful convention. Thank you Chapter Ikaros.

On July 19th we did have our annual picnic at Lake Erie Metropark. The weather started off rather unsteady in the early afternoon, with reports of thundershowers and tornado watches. However a few of us took a chance and still attended. Miraculously the weather broke, the humidity and temperature dropped, and it actually turned out to be a beautiful day. We stayed until sun-down and enjoyed the food and company.



On On October 3rd we held our golf outing, at the absolutely beautiful St John's Golf Course in Plymouth. It did rain and was rather cold but the die-hard golfers didn't give up. We followed with a dinner and prizes afterward.

We still were able to raise quite a bit of money for our scholarship fund.



(front)
Toula Koklanaris
Athina Siringas
(back)
Lea Tsalis, Maria Tsalis



Steve Papalas, Ernie Gillard, Nick Siringas

John Mourselas
Dr. Bob Blumberg



Have a wonderful fall and winter.
Submitted by Katherine Mourselas.

We want to thank Pittsburgh for hosting a wonderful convention. It was great to see family and friends at a wonderful Ikarian gathering.

Our chapter would like to thank our delegates who took time to attend all the meetings. They came back to our chapter and gave us a wonderful convention report at our fall picnic.



Congratulations to Pat Poulos, Marian Saffo, Kay Skandalakis, & Sophia Tracy who were recognized at the sweetheart luncheon. They are women in the chapter who have devoted time and dedication to Chapter Therma.



Best wishes to Steve and Sara Karafas on the birth of baby Stavros. Also, congratulations to Angeliki Karafas on the birth of her baby, Maria. Two cousins born one month apart, what a blessing!

Congratulations to Evangelos Fragos, our chapter president, who is now the District 4 Governor for the Southeast region.

We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!

Every chapter has at least one person who is the host of hosts, the charmer of charmers, the giver of givers. Over the years, Lychnos has been blessed with a FEW members that fit this description. Last month, however, we honored one of these special people on his 80th birthday.

George Kouloulis was born in Pezi (he thinks) Ikaria, on or around, May 15, 1935. As were many men of that era, George was a merchant marine and disembarked in San Francisco in 1958. He travelled the West Coast for a year or so but eventually made it back to San Francisco and made this area his home. He started a family and has four daughters, nine grand-children and 6 great grand-children. What a legacy!

His determination to create a good life for his family here AND his family back home, lead him into the painting business and then later into the restaurant business. He's been successful in both and still can't seem to make into full retirement. What would this YOUNG, 80yr Palikari do with his time and energy? Well....he replicates life in Ikaria, that's what he does. He spends much of his time at "The Land" which has become everyone's hunting ground, garden area (you should see his tomatoes and peppers), party spot, and when everyone goes home, a place of solitude and beauty.

Our biggest event of the season was a couple months ago when George invited a multitude of friends, relatives, and friends of friends and relatives to join him for a weekend celebration of his 80yrs of life. Although all his loved ones were there to celebrate HIS life, it wasn't HIS life that HE was celebrating. His selfless goal, as always, was to treat everyone to good food, good wine, good company, and a good time.



With over 100 people camping out and enjoying each other's company and Uncle's filoxenia, this certainly happened. We wish a fabulous year to the most generous, humorous, charming, and genuine person around. When we say we are proud to be Ikarians, it is HIS qualities we are referring to. He has brought Ikaria here, to the Bay Area and we plan to enjoy him, in good health and spirits, for many years to come!

Atheras thanks Chapter Icaros for all of its efforts in hosting the convention. We are happy to report the Chapter sponsored a bus to carry its members to this convention, and we are happy to state to you the bus was full. We had many events over the year, from our October Halloween party, to hosting an Icarian poker tournament, Christmas and New Year's parties and our very famous Super Bowl hoagie sale. We hosted our local Federation of Hellenic Societies, marched in the Philadelphia Greek Independence Day parade, hosted a skordalia Palm Sunday dinner at our clubhouse and a father's day Pig Roast. We are active and proud of our Icarian roots.

The highlight of our year was hosting the Icarian Youth Conference this past spring on behalf of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood. Icarians from all over North America came to our dance, featuring Yianni Frangos, from Toronto to California, New York, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Baltimore. It was during a snow storm so the attendance was not overwhelming to any degree but the diehards and the 30 plus additional youth provided much kefi. Special thanks to the Supreme Lodge President Terry Platis, along with our District Governor Katina Mavrophilipos and the Youth District Governor George Karnavas for attending.

We also give a heartfelt thank you to our guest presenters, Dr. Chris Tzarnas and Dr. Theoklis Zaoutis. These two medical doctors, amongst the finest in their respective fields, were honored by the Chapter for their presentations during the youth leadership conference. By now you have seen the impressive biographies of each in past editions of the magazine and in our press releases. We are honored they are members of our Chapter and further honored that they took the time from their schedules to be the stars of the youth conference itself. Bravo!

Special events included our participation at Greek nights with the 76ers and with the Phillies. Our own Kalliopi Karapalides sang the national anthems prior to the basketball game.

On a somber note we also mourn the passing of Constantine "Gus" Lacas and Stavros Pasamihalis. Gus Lacas played a vital role in assisting the Pan Icarian Foundation to reform the will of Nicholas Lacas, appearing in court many times and assisting our current Foundation Vice Chair George Horiates in obtaining a successful result which has led to countless scholarships provided to the youth of Ikaria over the past 15 years. His love for Ikaria was in leaving behind this beautiful legacy for all of our members to enjoy. Stavros Pasamihalis was a former President of Chapter Atheras and a former District Governor of the Supreme Lodge. He was dedicated heart and soul to Chapter Atheras, assisting in various capacities and offering encouragement to his family members to stay involved in the chapter. May their memories be eternal and everlasting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nick Gasparinatos
President

Ikaria
Photo courtesy of
Filio Moshovakis



As we enter Fall and hopefully cooler weather and possibly some rain to help with the drought in Southern California, Chapter Oinoe looks to wrap up 2015. Chapter Oinoe represented well at the annual Convention in Pittsburgh and our Chapter enjoyed catching up with family and friends at the annual gathering (Insert picture #1).

While in Pittsburgh, the James family had an opportunity to visit some of the sites around town.



Peter James in the Ikaria Chair at the University of Pittsburgh's Nationality Greek Room.



Many members of our chapter enjoyed visiting Ikaria this summer and had an opportunity to visit family and friends from home while on the island. The Katsas/ Gittings family visited family from Perdiki as well as spent time with Georgia, Ari & Erini Katopodis.



With everyone back from Greece and the convention behind us, and due to our picnic originally being rained out, Chapter Oinoe held its annual Ayia Marina Picnic on September 26, 2015. We had a good turnout of over 40 people in attendance even though the temperature was hovering close to 100 degrees that day.





Oinoe picnic



We would also like to share some great news around some recent additions to Chapter Oinoe.

Nick and Jenny Yiakas welcomed Sophia Yiakas on October 8, 2015 at 1:18pm at the Little Company Mary hospital in Torrance, CA



Thalassa Balanis and Sam Orlofsky welcomed George Orlofsky on September 18 in New York. Sam is the grandson of Toula and George Balanis.



We also had representation at the George A Saffos Golf outing in Philadelphia, PA in October bringing East and West together.

Peter James recently performed in the St. Sophia Greek Food Fair .



Chapter Oinoe would like to wish everyone a great Holiday Season and look forward to connecting again with the next issue.

Nea Ikaria chapter 15 in Sound Beach NY had two big events since the last magazine. In July we had our annual Ikarian Independence Day panigiri. As usual a good time was had by all.





Greetings and well wishes from Lefkas #16 Baltimore, MD. We would like to congratulate the Pittsburgh chapter for a successful Ikarian convention. We enjoyed your beautiful city and your wonderful hospitality all weekend.

Our very own talented Vasilios Mavrophilipos honored us with a special

violin performance of the Ikariotiko dance during the convention. We truly enjoyed listening and dancing to it all night long.

We started our new season on September 20 with our annual chapter picnic in Annapolis, MD which turned out to be a beautiful day.



We had a great turn out with great food that was enjoyed by all.



Congratulations to Bruno and Maria (Mavrodontis) Andracchio on the birth of their first child Federico Zacharias. He was born on November 1, 2014. The proud grandparents are Zacharias and Paraskevi Mavrodontis and Federico and Carmela Andracchio.



Submitted by Toula Manolis



On August 22, 2015, the Christ E. Aivaliotis #17 hosted a Golf Outing at the Safari Golf Club in Powell Ohio.

We had Lots of Fun, Lots of Good People. Lots of Good Food, Lots of great Gifts! Next year our golf outing will be at Rolling Meadows Golf Club so that we can have a picnic and cook our own Greek Food!



Helios Chapter would like to thank Icaros Chapter of Pittsburgh for hosting an amazing and very successful convention! Helios member Pamela Pappas was featured as the keynote speaker during the Grand Banquet and shared her adventures of climbing Mt. Everest. She is the first Greek American to have accomplished this.

Sonja Stefanadis was honored during the Celebration of Women Sweetheart Luncheon for her years of service and dedication to the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood as well as to our community.



Helios Chapter President Dr. Linda Tripodis Murray was a speaker during the Celebration of Women luncheon and spoke about cardiovascular health in women.



Penny (Plakas) and Lou Christopher welcomed daughter Kyra Theodora Christopher. She is granddaughter to Koula and Ted Plakas.



Helios Chapter members and their recent arrivals: Stan and Cyntia Pardos, Piers and Diana Dormeyer, and Chris Tsambis and Angelina Lartz

We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual dinner dance on January 30, 2016, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Clearwater, Florida.

The members of the Administrative Council of the Chapter 21 Nissos Ikaria, Toronto are very happy to announce to our fellow Ikarian Brothers and Sisters that we will be hosting the 2016 PIB Youth Leadership Conference in Toronto. More information to follow.



Αδερφοί και
Αδερφές,
Αγαπητά Μέλη
της Πανικαριακής
Αδελφότητας,

Ματθαίος, εγγονός του αείμνηστου μουσικού του Συλλόγου μας Ματθαίου Τσάκαλου. Είχε προηγηθεί το πέραςμα του Άη Βασίλη, όπου όλα τα Καριωτάκια πήραν τα δώρα τους και πέρασαν πολύ όμορφα παίζοντας με τους μικρούς τους φίλους και φτιάχνοντας διάφορα χειροτεχνήματα. Κατά τη διάρκεια του χρόνου ο Σύλλογος μας ως μέλος της Ομοσπονδίας των Νησιών του Αιγαίου συμμετείχε σε διάφορες εκδηλώσεις, όπως στη μεγαλειώδη παρέλαση στην ελληνική λεωφόρο Ντάνφορθ όπου οι Καριώτες παρελάσαμε με τη σημαία της Ικαρίας. Η τελευταία μας μέχρι στιγμής δραστηριότητα ήταν το καλοκαιρινό Πικ-Νικ που διοργανώσαμε πρόσφατα, όπου μικροί και μεγάλοι είχαμε την ευκαιρία να απολαύσουμε την ύπαιθρο και να διασκεδάσουμε.



Χαιρετισμούς σε όλους από το τμήμα 21 "Νήσος Ικαρία" του Τορόντο που αριθμεί 47 εγγεγραμμένα μέλη. Ευχόμαστε πάντα χαρές σε σας και στις οικογένειές σας.

Θα ξεκινήσουμε τον απολογισμό του Τμήματός μας με την ετήσια Πρωτοχρονιάτικη μας γιορτή και την κοπή της Βασιλόπιτας. Η γιορτή έγινε με επιτυχία και έτσι περάσαμε με τις οικογένειές μας και τους φίλους μας ένα υπέροχο βράδυ. Το φλουρί κέρδισε ο μικρός

Ο χρόνος αυτός, εκτός από τις καλές στιγμές που μας έφερε, έφερε και μεγάλες απώλειες δυστυχώς. Χάσαμε έναν από τους ιδρυτές του Συλλόγου μας, το Γιώργο Τουρά, ο οποίος είχε προσφέρει στο Σύλλογο εκτός από τις συνεχείς και ακούραστες υπηρεσίες του και το σπίτι του, το οποίο διέθετε στο Σύλλογο όποτε το χρειαζόταν για τα συνέδρια του πάντα με ασύγκριτη φιλοξενία και ικαριώτικο φαγητό. Φέτος χάσαμε επίσης και την αγαπημένη μας γιαγιά Γαρυφαλιά Πασβάνη, που έφυγε ένα χρόνο μετά τον απροσδόκητο θάνατο του μοναχογιού της Ηλία Πασβάνη. Τόσο ο Ηλίας



Πασβάνης, όσο και ο Ματθαίος Τσάκαλος που έφυγαν πέρσι για το μεγάλο ταξίδι υπήρξαν ιδρυτικά και άξια μέλη του Συλλόγου μας, που μας άφησαν μόνο καλές αναμνήσεις. Θα τους θυμόμαστε όλους πάντα με σεβασμό και αγάπη. Μακάρι να έχουν πάντα γαλήνη.

Τελειώνοντας θα ήθελα να προσθέσω ότι είναι χαρά μας να βλέπουμε όλο και περισσότερα νεαρά Καριωτάκια να έρχονται στις εκδηλώσεις μας και να συμμετέχουν ενεργά στο Σύλλογο. Φέτος έχουμε δύο νεαρά μέλη στο Διοικητικό μας Συμβούλιο τη Γραμματέα Αντζελα Κουρτεσιώτη και άλλη μία χρονιά τον Ταμία Σταύρο Κοτζιλέλο. Φιλοδοξούμε του χρόνου να έχουμε ακόμη περισσότερα.

Σας ευχαριστώ

DRAKANON

PARMA #24

Our delegates to the convention, Kostia Parianos and Toula Manos and the alternates had a great time at the convention in Pittsburgh. They said Pittsburgh put on a good show, accomplished their objectives and everyone had fun from all reports. We are looking forward as a club to the next convention in New York next year.

We have planned a few more meetings the rest of the year and are planning our Christmas party coming up as a club and may also try to get one more club activity in before the end of the year.

We hope all the members of the PIB have wonderful holidays during the next few months.

Submitted by

Chris Parianos - Drakanon Secretary

Hello to all our fellow Chapters!

We hope everyone enjoyed the Annual Convention and made some great memories!

We held a Mother's Day bake sale at SS Constantine and Helen Church which was a great success. Our lovely ladies definitely put their baking skills to work.

We had a great time at our Labor Day pot luck. Our member Argie Tsaha debuted her new business, Island Agora. She has some beautiful things representing our wonderful Ikaria!! Make sure you check out her website: www.islandagora.com and like her page on Facebook!



We would like to congratulate Domina and Foti Vardarus on the wedding of their son Sid Vardaros to Jacqueline Brown. They celebrated this joyous occasion surrounded by their loving family and friends.



We are all looking forward to our upcoming Harvest Glendi we are hosting after Thanksgiving.



Our congratulations to Sid and Leah Tsaha who baptised their son Louka.



We would like to congratulate Michael and Maria Tsampis on the wedding of their son Dimitri Tsapis to Katie Leighton. They exchanged their vows in front of their loving families. We wish them a lifetime of happiness and health.

Returning to our homes after this year's supreme convention in Pittsburgh we all remember the good times we had. Chapter Icaros #7 provided such a wonderful family oriented weekend. We thank them and congratulate them on a successful convention.



Panagia Chapter #26's members have become regular attendees at supreme conventions. Their younger members enjoy participating by learning to dance and meeting people. When the chapter's younger members returned home they were busy preparing for school with new teachers, materials and buses. They also returned to Sunday school the local church.

Theodore Skaros, Chapter President



Greetings from Eirini, Chapter 28!

We would like to congratulate the Icaros Chapter on a successful Convention this past Labor Day weekend in Pittsburgh! Several members of our chapter traveled to



Icaria this summer and were delighted to then attend the Convention upon returning back to the U.S. At the Convention, our members were able to once again reconnect with family and friends while dancing the Ikariotiko and exploring the city that many of our members call "home".

women as "Outstanding Members." We thank the Icaros Chapter for recognizing strong Icarian women and for sharing such powerful and memorable stories and pictures throughout the weekend.



We would like to begin by wishing "Congratulations" to our beloved Chapter Eirini President, Anna Pedos. Anna got engaged to Andreas Lazanas from New York while at the Convention in Pittsburgh! What a beautiful memory they will always have of getting engaged with many of their loved ones surrounding them. We wish them all the best! Kala Stefana!

Also during the Convention, two of our former members, Irene Batouyios Pedos, for whom our Chapter is named, and Mosca Nickels, our former President, were honored at the Sweetheart Luncheon. This was such a lovely event and our Chapter was honored to submit these two



After the convention, our chapter gathered together for our annual fall meeting. We began planning our Thanksgiving Holiday party and we look forward to spending time together while being mindful and thankful

for all of our blessings, including our beautiful faith and culture.

We pray that everyone has a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!

Me agapi,
Eirini-Chapter #28





IN MEMORY OF



Maria (Pastis) Aivaliotis
April 17, 1923 – October 21, 2015



Maria (Pastis) Aivaliotis was the beloved wife of the late PSP Christ Aivaliotis; step-mother of Chrissy Aivaliotis; mother of Mike Aivaliotis (Elaine), Jackie Aivaliotis, Vessie Moulas (Zaxo), and Anna Aivaliotis; grandmother of Sophia Sakoutis (Stelio), Christ Aivaliotis (Alice), Maria Aivaliotis, Nikki Tripoulas (Zach), Erica Aivaliotis, Joanna Pantages, Maria Alcaide (David), Sid Moulas (Konstantina), Evi Moulas, and Alex Moulas; great-grandmother of Maria Melacrinos (Steve), Stamati Sakoutis (Larisa), and Chickie and Mike Aivaliotis; and great-great grandmother of Sophia Sakoutis, and Christos and Alexandra Melacrinos.



Maria was the last of 11 siblings, born in Xylosirti, Ikaria to Vasili and Zaxaroula (Pangeri) Pastis. Maria and her mother lived through the occupation of Ikaria together, as the rest of the family had already immigrated to the U.S. After her mother's death, Maria also immigrated to the U.S. in the late 1940s. She lived with her siblings until marrying Christ Aivaliotis in 1950. They settled in Gary, Indiana amidst many Ikarian families. When work took Christ to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in



the mid-1950s, Maria found herself in an all-American neighborhood, but that didn't deter her. She assimilated and became friends with many of her neighbors, embracing the culture and, together with her husband, making life for her children joyful.

Maria was a devoted and loving mother and a wonderful friend to all who knew her, always giving of herself to help others. She enjoyed being out each day, visiting and hosting friends and family, playing cards, gardening, and shopping. Maria was an active member of her Greek Orthodox Church and the Pan-Ikarian Brotherhood.

Her physical presence will be dearly missed, but she lives on in those of us who loved her so much.





IN MEMORY OF



Basilia "Bea" (Kayafas) Space

Basilia "Bea" Space (Kayafas), loving wife for 69 years of George Space passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2015. Bea was the devoted mother of Demetria (Robert) Hollister, Zachary (Jean) Space, and Athena



(Ron) Hooker. She was a doting Yiayia to Carl, George, Christopher, Gretchen, Heidi, Zachary, Andrew, Vanessa, and Nicholas, and a proud great-grandmother to 13 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters,

Clara Hutras of Dover, Ohio, and Marciella Linamen of Warren, Ohio. In addition to her parents, Bea was preceded in death by sister, Dorothy Charnas. Born in Warren, Ohio on October 24, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Nicholas and Athena Kayafas. She married the love of her life, George Jack Space in 1946 and raised their family in East Cleveland, Ohio. In 1966 Bea and George moved to their "Camelot" in Madison, Ohio. Bea was the manager of Arthur Treacher's Fish N Chips. She was also a member of the Tuscarawas Democratic Woman. Upon retiring she and husband George moved to Dover, Ohio. For the past two years they have resided at the Emeritus Assisted Living Facility in Grove City, Ohio.

Bea was one of the founding members of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church of America in Painesville, Ohio. She was a member of St. Nicholas Ladies Orthodox Guild and worked tirelessly for the church. She was a lifelong member of the Pan-Ikarian Brotherhood of America. After moving to Dover, Ohio, Bea became a member of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Massillon, Ohio, and volunteered countless hours with the Philoptochos Society.

Bea loved to cook traditional Ikarian Greek recipes and share them with family and friends. She enjoyed crocheting and gardening. Known for her beautiful singing voice and contagious laugh, she left this earth on her favorite feast day of Pascha: Χριστός Ανέστη! Bea never missed an opportunity to tell her grandchildren "I love you too much."

Bill Louis Malachias

January 14, 1929 - April 30, 2015

Bill Louis Malachias, age 86 years, passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2015 in Mandeville, Louisiana. Bill Malachias was born on January 14, 1929 in Verona, Pennsylvania, but moved to New Orleans shortly thereafter. Beloved husband of Evangeline Bassil Malachias (Vange) for 62 years. Son of the late Louis and Chrisi Malachias. Brother of Charles L. Malachias and wife Helen of New Orleans. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

His friendly smile and loving nature will be remembered by all. He so loved and cared about his family and friends and we will miss him.

Bill was a graduate of Jesuit High School New Orleans, Louisiana. He was a lifetime member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was past president and a member of Andrew Jackson Chapter No. 133 Order of AHEPA - American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.



Bill and Vange lived in southern California for several years (1966 - 1994). During that time, he was a member of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America Oinoe Chapter No. 14, and held the office of president. He loved to golf with his Icarian friends, the typical group being Bill and Gus Pastis, and Steven Tripodes and Jack Tripodes. He had also been a member of Rose Bowl Chapter No. 373 Order of AHEPA in Pasadena, California.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New Orleans, Louisiana or Holy Trinity Archives Fund.



IN MEMORY OF



Alice Buzuvis



Alice Buzuvis (nee Logan), age 96, of Munster passed away at her home on September 15, 2015. Alice is survived by her 2 children: Eleanor (Nicholas) Chabraja and George (Jeanne) Buzuvis; 9 grandchildren: Michael (Lindsey) Chabraja, Laura (David) Keeler, Nicole (Eric) Graham, Erin (Ann Gillard) Buzuvis, Katherine (John) Buzuvis-Zautcke, Kristen (Brad) Lerner, Nick (Kery) Obradovich, Alyssa Obradovich and Drew Obradovich; 13 great grandchildren: Ben, Alison, Emily, Matthew, Sophie, Cole, Charlie, Marissa, Abby, Aiden, Scarlett, Liam and Felix; son-in-law, George (Penny) Obradovich; sister-in-law, Vassilia Logan; numerous nieces and nephews. Alice was preceded in death by parents: Anthony & Lemonia Logan; husband, Gus Buzuvis; daughter, Pamela Obradovich; brothers: Nicholas Logan and James Logan. A graduate of Emerson High School in Gary, Alice was a member of SS. Constantine & Helen Cathedral and Senior Citizens, St. Helen's Philoptochos Women's Society and Icarian Ladies Society-Agia Marina. She formerly worked at the Lake County Government Center in the Treasurer's Office.

She along with her husband Gus and his partner John Zarakas owned The New Deal Food Mart at 12th and Broadway in Gary. WE WILL MISS HER DEARLY.

Tribute to my brother and protector Nicholas George Koklanaris

Nicholas George Koklanaris was an extraordinary person. His passing on June 16, 2015, was met with a tremendous outpouring of love from family members, friends, neighbors, former colleagues, and of course, throughout our Ikarian community.

The Good Lord blessed me with a brother who was my protector from childhood and my friend and companion throughout life. I am proud to have had a brother who so positively impacted all those he knew with kindness, compassion, generosity, and an Ikarian spirit that will not be forgotten.

A Look Back on Nico's Remarkable Life

Nicholas ("Nico") was born in Panagia, Ikaria on January 1, 1929. He was the eldest child of George and Maria (nee Petsakos) Koklanaris. His fierce pride in Greece was evident at a young age: at the gymnasium in Agios Kirikos – where he was a high honor student – his teacher appointed him the σημαioφορος (flag bearer) at the March 25th Greek Independence Day celebrations.



Nico was a young boy during WWII and the κατοχή (The Occupation). Because our father – who had left Ikaria in 1934 in the hopes of making a better life for his young family – was not present during these tumultuous years, Nico assumed the role and responsibility of guarding our family. With our mother's resilience as the bedrock of our strength, Nico's commitment to our family kept us all alive. Together, the three of us survived the war and two foreign occupations of our beloved Ikaria, and ultimately reunited as a family in America.



IN MEMORY OF



Tribute to my brother and protector Nicholas George Koklanaris
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Immediately following the end of WWII, our father (by then a U.S. citizen, having served as a Merchant Marine in the United States army) brought us all to America, where we settled in Monessen, Pennsylvania and where our parents went on to delight us with the birth of our wonderful little sister, Dessi. In America, Nico swiftly prospered. He graduated from Monessen High School in 1950 and attended the University of Pittsburgh's School of Engineering until July 1951, when he was drafted into the United States Army. He served in the American sector in Berlin, Germany until 1953. Following his service to the country, he settled in Lincoln Park, Michigan. There, he enrolled in the School of Engineering at Wayne State University, where he graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. Until his retirement in 1997, he served as the chief plant electrical engineer at Great Lakes Steel Corporation.

Upon arriving in Michigan, Nico reunited with Alexandra, his childhood sweetheart and lifelong soulmate. Nico's warmth and big-heartedness found the perfect match in Alexandra's gentle and loving nature. They wed in 1955 and were married for 58 years, until Alexandra's passing in 2013. Their love for each other was, quite simply, a joy to behold. Together they were the proud parents of George (Toula) and Maryann (Jim) Loufman, and adoring papou and yiayia to George and Toula's daughter and son, Olivia and Nicolas, and Maryann and Jim's daughter, Alexandra.

Φιλοξενία and a Love of the Wine Dark Sea

All those who knew Nico were fortunate to experience his legendary goodwill, a characteristic that guided his life. Within moments of meeting him, he put you at ease and had an unassuming way of making you feel comfortable and at home. Always with a smile on his face, he was an exceptionally generous person. He was never short on giving support and sage advice not only to his children and grandchildren, but also to his siblings, nieces, nephews, friends, and colleagues.

His magnanimous spirit was matched by his lifelong passion for the richness of Greek culture, from antiquity to life on Ikaria. His intelligence and passion for the glory of Greece were an inspiration. Nico was a voracious reader, a constant student who loved to learn about and digest all things related to our Greek and Ikarian origins, and was careful to share our history with the younger generations.

Nico's love of Homer's wine dark sea never left him. Throughout his adult life he made 42 trips to Ikaria, and shared his deep adoration for our island with all of our family. My children and nieces were fortunate to spend time with him on Ikaria, where he walked them through the landmarks of our family's life on the island. Together they spent their days swimming in the clear Aegean waters and long summer evenings on the platia in Agios Kirikos, sipping good Ikarian wine and looking out onto the waters of our beautiful harbor.

My Brother, My Friend

One of the greatest joys that I experienced with Nico was in November 1996, when we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our arrival to the United States. My wife Lambra and I had just relocated from Monessen to Wilmington NC, and we were joined by Nico and Alexa, Dessi and her husband Nick, and all of our children. Nico toasted our families and our good fortune, proudly proclaiming that "50 years ago we left the shores of the Aegean, and here we are now, 50 years later, celebrating Thanksgiving together as a family on the shores of the Atlantic coast."

Nico's deep love of our family and Ikarian heritage knew no bounds. I am grateful to the Good Lord for blessing me with a brother who, throughout his life, taught us to cherish our faith, culture, and each other. May his memory be eternal.

Respectfully Submitted by Your Loving Brother "Menio" and his Family

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