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Dear Members and Friends:

As we welcome 2010, we also welcome the newly elected and re-elected chapter officers. It has been said that:

“Promises made today are commitments for the future.”

As our officers take their oath of office, each promises to uphold the laws, rules and mandates of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood making a commitment for the future. However, officers alone cannot accomplish our goals, we need the support of our members. Only by stressing the work of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood and the Pan Icarian Foundation, will we be able to encourage our family and friends of Icarian heritage to sign up as members.

**Supreme Lodge Update:** The Supreme Lodge held their meeting in Clearwater, Florida during the weekend of January 16, 2010. Included in the business agenda was the improvement of our **pan-icarian.com** website; the Icarian cookbook; the upcoming conventions in Detroit, 2010, and in California, 2011. Helios Chapter #19 also hosted the Icarian Youth Leadership Conference, which was well attended. The conference proved successful thanks to the co-chairs, Diana Plutis and Stephanie Tserpekis along with national youth leadership chair, Cathy Pandeladis.

**Icarian Obituary Link**—Please note that Dean Tripodes has contracted with a company that works with organizations in listing their obituaries. We have the link that explains the process and cost involved for anyone interested in submitting names.  
[pan-icarian.com/obituaries/](http://pan-icarian.com/obituaries/)

**Suggestions:** Any chapters considering a bid for future conventions should consider contacting a company specializing in Association & Meeting Management. Baltimore used the services of IMN Solutions out of Arlington, VA. I am confident there are other companies out there as well. Working with these types of companies should make the entire process much easier. However, you must secure a company **before** you contact any of the hotels directly. Hotels generally prohibit these companies from getting involved after direct contact is made.

In closing, as we commit to protect, preserve and promote our Icarian heritage, join us in helping our organization grow. Should you have relatives or friends that qualify for membership, but may reside in areas that we do not have established chapters, please feel free to forward me their names and contact information.

Best wishes for the New Year and thank you for your support.

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