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Dear Members and Friends of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America 'Icaros':

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees,
Under whose shade you do not expect to sit”
- Nelson Henderson

I am reminded of these words when I think of our ancestors from Icaria traveling to a new world where they knew neither the language, nor the customs. They had hope and faith as they worked and planted their roots in the new world that they would provide a better life for their families. We have reaped their rewards and can only hope that we too will leave this a better place than we found for our future generations.

The journey we started following the Supreme Convention in Cleveland is about to conclude as we travel to Detroit over Labor Day weekend for the 107th convention. It proved an exciting and rewarding year, as I enjoyed working with my Supreme Lodge, the presidents, officers and members of our 28 chapters and the chairs of the various committees. I also thank our past presidents who have also offered their valuable input and support to this administration.

DETROIT CONVENTION: Have you made your arrangements to join us in Detroit this year for the Convention with the theme of PARADOSIAKO? Chairwoman, Eleni Contis, and her committee have spent many hours in planning another great convention. You may obtain additional information on our Pan-Icarian convention website: www.pibconvention.org. We look forward to seeing many of our members and friends in Detroit.

NEWEST CHAPTER: My sincere thanks to Maria Padgett for her efforts in coordinating the formation of Chapter #29, Agios Kirikos, in Charlotte, N.C. The name selected was as a result of the recent consecration of the St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church in Charlotte, N.C. when the relics of Agios Kirikos were placed in the church. We look forward to seeing this chapter grow and participate as active members of our Brotherhood. Vice-President, Nikolaos Pasamihalis, joined me in the meeting and offered his assistance with the formation of the chapter. Elections were held with Maria Padgett being elected as President, Vice-President is Daniel Houlis; Secretary is Adrienne Tsantes Shelton and Treasurer, Scott Duensing and Lillian Carras Trakas will serve as senior advisor to the chapter.

ICARIAN COOKBOOK: Status report will be presented at the convention by co-chairs, Jackie Moraitis and Tim Leakas. We thank them for their untiring efforts and look forward to exciting news in regard to this project. Website: icariancookbook@gmail.com

ICARIAN PUZZLE: Damianos Skaros has reported that the Icarian Puzzle should be ready for sale during the convention. He may be reached at his web address for any questions: DTSkaros@yahoo.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Steve Stratakos will be announcing the names of the students awarded scholarships from the Pan-Icarian Foundation during the convention in Detroit. This is one of the highlights of our convention and one of the most rewarding benefits.

MEMBERSHIP: Have you joined and paid your per capita to your chapter to guarantee receipt of the **Ikarria Magazine** along with chapter and national mailings? Membership along with other criteria, may entitle a member to qualify for a scholarship. We need everyone's support to increase our membership and continue the growth of our Brotherhood for at least another 107 years!!!

WEBSITE: Dean Tripodes has been most helpful in posting the Supreme President's monthly messages along with photos of the visits to all chapters. He has assisted every chapter that has requested assistance in upgrading their own website. Thank you Dean for bringing us together on the Internet. Dean can be reached at: [dean@ baywalk.net](mailto:dean@baywalk.net).

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