

PIB Supreme President's Message, January 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope 2011 is filled with health and happiness for you and your families.

I recently had a great visit to Southern California. On January 21, 2011 I flew from snowy Newark, NJ and landed in sun-drenched Los Angeles to meet with the OINOE Chapter. They are diligently preparing for our 2011 Supreme Convention. The Chapter made arrangements for me to stay at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, our Convention site. This historic hotel is marvelously furnished with modern artistic flair and vintage Hollywood photographs. It was no surprise that it had just hosted the Golden Globe Awards the previous weekend and was hosting the Producers Guild Awards that weekend. Convention Co-Chairs, Constantinos Frangos, Nikitas Tripodes and Oinoe Chapter President, Nicolas James greeted not only me but also District 5 Governor Athena Charnas Pugliese who joined us for the day. Costa led the group through the hotel explaining where many of our scheduled Convention events would occur. From the large beautiful pool at its center to the scenic overlook of the rooftop Stardust room, the Beverly Hilton promises to be a great setting for us.

More members of the Chapter including Convention Co-Chairman and Foundation Chairman Gus Yiakas joined us after the tour for a late luncheon and Convention meeting. The members discussed the success of their first Convention fundraiser – the holiday bake sale - which made over \$2,000. Individual committees like Souvenirs and Ad book then followed up with their reports. The Banquet Committee also reported on its plans for a red carpet, awards style PIB Grand Banquet that promises to be loads of fun.

You are encouraged to call and make your reservations early. Hotel reservations can be made through the Convention website www.PIBLA2011.org. Our room rate of \$149.00 is exceptional for this location. More Convention information will be arriving in the next *IKARIA* Magazine and via mail soon.

I thank all the Oinoe members for their hospitality. Returning to the cold Northeast only brought thoughts of the spring and summer to come. As we start thinking of leaving winter behind and getting ready for the springtime, the Supreme Lodge and I are looking forward to the next few months. Key events coming up include our next Supreme Lodge Meeting, the Greek Independence Parade in New York and the PIB Youth Convention in Atlantic City, NJ.

Shortly, we will be sending additional information to the Chapter Presidents regarding these and other endeavors. Until then, I wish you all best.

Regards,
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