

## **PIB Supreme President's Message, February 2011**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am very proud of my home Chapter of Atheras. As I watched Atheras President James Houtridis and Vice President Nick Pasamihalis head the team that transformed their leski into a bustling deli during their recent Super Bowl Party Fundraiser, it got me thinking of just how versatile all the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood Chapter Officers are. Besides the demands of their daily lives, Chapter Officers find time to volunteer for the Brotherhood doing everything from clubhouse maintenance, fundraising, and administration to the tense planning of the occasional Supreme Convention. There is nothing they seem unable or unwilling to take on.

There are many capable young officers in Chapter leadership positions across the Brotherhood today. In their individual roles, it can be said that these officers are able to inspire others with their energy and vision. By example of their commitment, they set the stage for others to step forth into volunteer roles. Peers can get their friends, cousins and in-laws to help out, for example, at a dance, makaronada or hoagie sale, etcetera. In doing so, good times are shared and membership involvement grows.

It is for that reason that our upcoming PIB Youth Convention should truly demand our efforts and nurture. The Youth Convention can foster tighter relationships between our young adults. This is where they can come to learn about each other and our organization. What a great thing it is to make new friends and better still when those friendships are based on a mutual Ikarian heritage. Hopefully, the camaraderie engendered at our Youth Conventions will continue to develop strong individuals who promote the Ikarian spirit.

This year, Atheras Chapter 12 will host the PIB Youth Convention in Atlantic City, NJ. It invites our young adults to come together for a weekend that will allow them to experience the best of Greek-American Business and Commerce through the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Hermes Expo. I encourage all interested participants to reach out to their Chapters for the opportunity to attend and ask that the Chapters help fund travel and accommodations where possible. More information is available on the PIB website and Facebook. The event should prove very valuable.

Take a moment this month to give your Chapter Officers – of whatever age - a thank you for all the effort they put in. They would not ask for any appreciation but certainly it will make them smile.

Your Supreme Lodge will next be meeting on Saturday, March 5 in Columbus, Ohio with the Aivaliotis Chapter 17. Please join us if you are in the area.

Regards,  
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