

PIB Supreme President's Message, June 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In a small, secluded glade adjacent to a beautiful home somewhere off the Aegean, the aroma of roasting lamb entices a gathering of close Ikarian friends and families. You might have guessed the scene to be set in Ikaria but the Aegean turns out to be Aegean Drive and the setting the home of Larry and Argie Miner. The event is of course the Annual Picnic of the V.I. Chebithes Chapter No. 2 of Akron, Ohio. Having been graciously invited by their daughter and Chapter President, Evangelia Spithas Fresty, I made the journey to visit the Akron Chapter this past Saturday, June 25th. I was warmly welcomed and had a great time meeting with the Chapter members and guests. As everyone sampled the delicious dishes and roast lamb, we talked about regional accents, summer plans for Ikaria, the state of the Greek economy and a little American politics. We snapped some photos of the gathering and a large group picture reminiscent of the famous old time Ikarian picnic shoots.

I was pleased to see that Detroit's Spanos/Areti Chapter President Nick G. Manolis and former District Governor Venette LaRocca had also come to the event. After most of the guests had left, we sat with Lia and company discussing the possibilities of a future Supreme Convention in the area. She gave me some insight into the workings of the Akron Chapter as well, which I told her were some of the very items the Supreme Lodge was seeking for the Chapter Best Practice Guide. I was impressed by her insight and enthusiasm.

The Supreme Lodge has recently sent out correspondence to all the Chapter Presidents regarding the survey form for the Best Practice Guide. A few Chapters have quickly answered and I look forward to the remaining responses. Each survey so far has been a valuable contribution to this project.

The Supreme Lodge will also be sending out final requests for membership this coming month. It is very important that every member send in their dues to their Chapter and in turn that the Chapters send their PIB Per Capita to the Supreme Lodge. Your Chapter's Per Capita determines the number of delegates who will vote on measures at the Supreme Convention in Los Angeles. The Supreme Secretary and the Supreme Treasurer have a lot of work to complete in order to prepare the membership and delegate counts. We would like your support to finalize these efforts.

With fireworks and concert music filling the night air this weekend, America's Independence Day holiday has come upon us. Though only a year away, planning for Ikaria's Centennial Independence Celebration has just begun and it is sure to be a topic of discussion in Los Angeles. *Festival Icarias* has invited our Brotherhood to join other global Icarian groups for activities in Ikaria next summer and we are looking forward to participating.

My best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy Holiday weekend! Don't forget to send in your ads for the LA Commemorative Convention Album by July 15th!

Regards,

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