

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The 108th Supreme Convention is almost upon us. There are only thirty days remaining until we meet anew in Los Angeles welcomed by the hospitality of Oinoe Chapter 14. We will throw arms around each other, share stories of the past and begin to make cheerful memories of our time together.

As always, this annual gathering of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood will be attended by delegates from all of our Chapters. They are ready to devote time to shaping the future path of our Brotherhood and its Foundation. The delegates will tackle some serious issues such as the planned downscaling of Ikaria's Hospital to more lighthearted ones like plans for the 2012 Independence Celebration. The delegates will also deal with the necessary yearly business of scholarships awards, the membership reports, fiscal budgets & audits, future Convention sites and lastly the elections of all the PIB/PIF Officers who will serve in the forthcoming year.

The volunteer time spent away from families during the business meetings these few days as well as those spent over the course of the year are an example of the service to the community that has been the core on which the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood was founded. The fact that Icarians care about each other and the world around them is unmistakable and undeniable.

So let us be as ready as we can be to make it a fulfilling and productive weekend. Per the Supreme Lodge's request, each Chapter should immediately send in their final membership Per Capita to the PIB Treasurer, George Paralemos. Your Chapter's Per Capita determines the number of delegates who will vote on measures at the Convention in Los Angeles. Each list of Chapter delegates should be sent to the PIB Secretary, Terry Platis. It is also important that the Chapters complete and send in to me the Chapter Best Practice Surveys. We need 100% participation to make this Best Practice project complete.

The Supreme Lodge will be working closely with the Oinoe Chapter in August to make sure things move smoothly for delegate registration. We would greatly appreciate your timely support.

It is my understanding that an absolute final call for ad pages has gone out for the LA Commemorative Convention Album. Please help support the Chapter and the Pan-Icarian Foundation with a last minute purchase.

I would like to close by thanking my Supreme Lodge Team for their diligent efforts this year including those that remain for us in the coming weeks. I would also like to thank the PIB membership for the experiences of this past year. I greatly look forward to seeing everyone in LA and wish you safe journeys!

Regards,

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