

PIB Supreme President's Message, October 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The 'Kariotes are coming!.....to BOSTON! The ATHERAS Chapter of Philadelphia, PA has chosen our sister city of the American Revolution as the site for the 2013 Pan-Icarian Supreme Convention. The venue is to be the Sheraton Boston Hotel. The Sheraton is the city's largest hotel and offers not only great event facilities but is also conveniently located in the Back Bay area.

I had the opportunity to take a day trip to Boston on October 15 with ATHERAS Chapter President James Houtridis and Chapter member Angelo E. Horiates to review a few hotel sites under consideration. We were all impressed with the Sheraton and its quick access to many of Boston's great attractions. The Sheraton is connected to the Prudential Center mall complex and shopping at Copley Place. Boylston Street immediately north of the hotel offers a cornucopia of restaurants for dining. Nearby, clean subways offer a quick trip to many points including historic Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market. Trolleys depart frequently from the malls to give informative tours of such sites as Bunker Hill, the U.S.S. Constitution, Old North Church, the New England Aquarium, Boston Commons and Fenway Park. There is literally something to see and do around every corner.

The Supreme Lodge Officers will visit Boston for the first time in mid-November to review the hotel, conduct our business meeting and see the sites. ATHERAS invites you to spread the word to your family and friends, especially those in the New England area, for a not-to-be-missed Supreme Convention in 2013.

This past Thursday, October 27, I had the pleasure of attending the first ever OXI Day Celebration in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the Washington OXI Day Foundation. Various representatives of Greek organizations in the USA attended this event, designed to celebrate the champions of democracy.

This year, at a ceremony in the National World War II Memorial, the Greatest Generation Awards were bestowed to WWII veterans Senator Bob Dole, Panagiotis M. Sakellaris, and Andrew A. Athens. Additionally, at an evening presentation, OXI Day Awards were to be given to Jamel Battieb, a Tunisian activist and Aung San Suu Kyi of Burma for their struggles to uphold the principles of democracy. The President and Founder of the Washington OXI Day Foundation, Andrew E. Manatos should be commended for his efforts to draw recognition of Greece's defiant stance and defense of democracy as well as the inspiration it has given to today's leaders and activists.

In closing, I have received invitations for upcoming events from a few Chapters of the Brotherhood and ask that you keep them coming. The Lodge Officers and I would love to come out to visit with you. Until then, take care.

Regards,
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