

PIB Supreme President's Message, November 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Brotherhood should be proud of the fact that the total of the 2011 Undergraduate and Graduate scholarship awards has exceeded that of 2010. Congratulations to all the recipients and best wishes for continued success in your endeavors. Scholarship Chair Georgia Pandeladis and her team of reviewers worked very hard this past year evaluating each application. The Pan-Icarian Foundation Chairman Gus Yiakas has notified PNC and they are currently processing checks to the students. There were (27) Undergraduate scholarships totaling \$40,500 and (6) Graduate scholarships totaling \$12,000 awarded here in the US. To students in Greece, (18) Undergraduate scholarships totaling \$18,000 and (4) Graduate scholarships totaling \$6,000 were awarded. I am confident that all of the students will have a positive impact on their communities and on our organization.

This month, the Supreme Lodge travelled to Boston to review the Sheraton Hotel, proposed site of the 2013 Supreme Convention. Host Chapter ATHERAS is encouraged by the all that this location will offer our group. Vice-President George Koklanaris, Treasurer George Paralemos, District Governors Francesco Portelos, Cathy Pandeladis, Paul Collaros and Stan Pardos joined PSP George Horiates and I in the hotel walkthrough. PIB Secretary Terry Platis connected with us later via conference call for our Supreme Lodge meeting. There are still some contractual issues that remain and we hope to have them resolved by next month.

One of the topics that were discussed at the meeting was the approved Resolution to provide assistance for the Ikarian 2010 October storm. Please see page 18 in the latest edition of IKARIA magazine. The Brotherhood and Foundation are working on a letter to kickoff fundraising efforts for the purchase of a biological compact sewerage treatment unit to aid the Village of Karkinagri. Our Pan-Icarian Foundation has pledged to match donations raised by the Chapters up to a maximum of \$50,000. We encourage you to direct one of your future Chapter fundraisers towards this project.

In the coming weeks, I hope to be visiting with the LEFKAS Chapter in Baltimore, MD and THERMA Chapter in Wilmington, NC for their annual Christmas parties. The next meeting of the Supreme Lodge will occur in Clearwater, FL on January 14th in conjunction with the HELIOS Chapter's Glendi weekend.

Finally, in keeping with your gift shopping this season, please remember that our Live Long, Eat Ikarian Cookbook is still available for order and includes great recipes for holiday cookies and desserts!

Regards,

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