

PIB Supreme President's Message, December 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Holidays! to the entire Pan-Icarian Brotherhood. The seasonal hustle and bustle of the end of the year is upon us. Gift shopping, company parties and family get-togethers are filling every available moment with excitement, joy and a dash of anxiety. Hopefully without spoiling the Christmas surprise, I thank those who purchased our Ikarian Cookbook for presents; cheerfully, we have sold out the first edition!

My wife Jill and I were very pleased to have been invited to attend the LEFKAS Chapter's Christmas party at the IKAROS Restaurant in Baltimore, MD on December 11th. We were happy to meet with the members and participated in the Chapter meeting to answer questions regarding the upcoming Youth Convention being planned here for the spring. Congratulations to the new LEFKAS Officers – especially to my cousin Toula Manolis who was elected Chapter President.

At the dinner, I was able to present an award plaque to Past Pan-Icarian Foundation Chairman Socrates Koutsoutis for his years of service to our organization. Although ready to make this presentation in Los Angeles, Socrates had informed me that he could not attend the Convention. I was glad to present the award to him before his home Chapter and thanked him on behalf of the Brotherhood for all his efforts.

During the December 17th weekend, I travelled to Wilmington, North Carolina with my son Yianni. We both offer a warm thank you to my cousin Angelo & Mary Horiates and their family for their hospitality. Thank you also to Evangelos & Olympia Fragos for inviting us to a late lunch and later introducing us to the somewhat unique taste of the Southern treat of Cajun-flavored boiled peanuts. We will always remember it - (Northerners, be warned.)

My visit with the THERMA Chapter after church service at St. Nicholas was informative. The entire Chapter is very hard at work developing activities for the 2012 Supreme Convention. VP Sophia Tracy and Kay Skandalakis joined Evangelo to brief me on what was in the works. They presented the finished logo to the assembled members to positive approvals. Dr. Emmanuel Koklanaris has asked me to relay to you their request to send in old photos of Ikaria and Ikarians for a special presentation video they are planning. All photographs will be returned or you can send pictures in jpeg format at 600 pixels resolution. More information on this and the Myrtle Beach Convention will be available on the new website IKARIOTIKO2012.com. THERMA promises an initial mailing in January but you can already make room reservation through their website.

As we begin 2012 and the milestone centennial celebration of Ikaria's Independence, the Supreme Lodge and I, along with the officers of the Pan-Icarian Foundation, wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Regards,
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