

PIB Supreme President's Message, January 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year Everyone! I wish you all a 2012 that is filled with health and happiness for you and your families.

I would like to report that members of the Supreme Lodge had a great visit with the Clearwater Chapter during this past Martin Luther King holiday weekend. On Friday, January 13, Vice-President George Koklanaris and I had a chance to play some golf with the members and friends of the HELIOS Chapter during their annual Golf Tournament. The next day we were able to conduct a productive meeting with PIB officers on site as well as via iPhone conference. PSP Stan Tripodes and PSPs Gus and Sonja Stefanadis joined us and offered good council. The Lodge thanks all the HELIOS Chapter members for their hospitality during our stay and congratulates them on the beautiful new leski that they have built in Dunedin, FL.

One of the issues we discussed during our Supreme Lodge meeting was that of the Ikarian storm relief project that was approved by the LA Convention Delegates. Please take a moment to review the Lodge's letter and photographs of the damage that will be in the upcoming IKARIA magazine and on the PIB website. We all need to support this worthy cause. The FOUTRIDIS Chapter of Chicago has already kicked off fundraising efforts with a small event. My hope is that others will follow and we will be in a position to have a sizeable contribution ready by the summer.

I offer a reminder to everyone to begin securing reservations for Myrtle Beach through THERMA Chapter's website ikariotiko2012.com. You will shortly be receiving more information on the upcoming Convention through the mail. Additionally, please start sending in those old family and panoramic photos of our island for THERMA's preparation of the 2012 commemorative video montage of Ikaria.

In the closing, during the final days of January, the Brotherhood was notified of the Metropolitan Eusebios' intent to close the Home for the Aged in Ikaria. Notifications were apparently being forwarded to the staff and residents. Fortunately, our Foundation Chairman Gus Yiakas was on the island and worked to address this serious matter. We are making all efforts possible to help the local officials and advocates preserve the home. The Pan-Icarian Brotherhood and the Pan-Icarian Foundation remain committed to fulfilling the obligation of the Souroumanis gift in support of the aged citizens of the Island. We will forward additional updates to you as they occur.

For now, let us remain hopeful in the promise of the New Year. Take care.

Regards,
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