

PIB Supreme President's Message, April 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Xristos Anesti! Greetings and best wishes to the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood.

I am sorry to start on a sour note but I am troubled and concern by our latest report regarding the status of the Brotherhood's membership. As of this week, we have only 140 recorded members generally from only three Chapters. Please submit your 2012 dues as soon as possible to your local Chapter. I would ask each Chapter President and their Officers to prioritize membership drives and get any standing Per Capita immediately submitted to the Supreme Lodge Treasurer. Per Capita dues are necessary for the continued health of our organization and are vital in determining your Chapter's Convention delegates. We all can absolutely do a whole lot better!

On the positive side, I am pleased to announce that efforts to resolve the litigation brought forth against the Pan-Icarian Foundation and PIB Officers have yielded a dismissal of the complaint against the two named PIB officers. I remain hopeful that we will soon be able to put this aside and accordingly address financial support of The Home for the Aged in Ikaria.

Following up on this year's Youth Conference, I would remind all Undergraduate and Graduate students to apply for the Pan-Icarian Scholarships offered through the Brotherhood. Applications are available in the IKARIA magazine and on-line through the PIB website. The application deadline is June 30th.

The Hellenic college experience can be very rewarding as friendships and bonds are made while students work to meet the challenges of their future. The Brotherhood has been approached by The Next Generation Initiative. It is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit educational foundation which helps young men and women gain the skills, connections and experience their careers will demand, and the global perspective leadership requires through fellowships, internships, Master Classes, mentoring and other initiatives and programs for the next generation. The programs of the Next Generation Initiative are made possible by grants from charitable foundations, support from private donors, and contributions. If students are curious about the opportunities the group can offer and would like to see which Hellenes from other Universities are participating, I would direct you to their website at Hellenext.org.

The Supreme Lodge will be meeting in Pittsburgh at the ICAROS Chapter's Mini-Convention during the Memorial Day Weekend. I look forward to seeing some of you there. Hope you all have a great month!

Regards,
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