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## Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "ICAROS"

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Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

The Supreme Lodge met for its 2nd meeting of term on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Clearwater, Florida. While the weather was less than great the Lodge never the less was warmly received by the members of Chapter Helios. I would especially like to thank our governor, Charlotte Pardos, who cooked up a wonderful lunch for her fellow Lodge members. Also a special thank you to Anna Tripodis and PSP Dr. Stan Tripodis who hosted members of the Lodge for dinner at their home on Friday evening. With so much good food we almost forgot that the weather was less than Florida like.

When we weren't eating we did get some work done. The Lodge toured the Sheraton Sand Key on Saturday morning in preparation for next year's convention. I am happy to report that the facility looks great after having gone over an extensive remodeling project. I am confident that the members of Chapter Helios will put on a great convention for us in 2014. Following Sister Charlotte's lunch (did I mention the fresh octopus salad?) the Lodge convened at the new Helios clubhouse where we officially kicked off our meeting. In addition to the many members of the Lodge we also had in attendance Foundation Chair Gus Yiakas, PSP's John Sakoutis, Gus Stefanadis, Dr. Stan Tripodis, Nick Tsalis and Past Foundation Chair Antoni Kayafa. Also in attendance were Chapter President Kathryn Athanasiades and our Magazine editor Niki Plutis-Salame. (It was like the Ikarian Oscars...only without the tuxes and the red carpet!)

Brother Yiakas reported on the status of the Souromanis litigation as well as the operations of the old age home which is currently being staffed by volunteers. He also asked, and I would concur with him, that additional funds are need for both the Ikarian storm relief effort and the Ikarian youth symphony. To date the Storms Relief has raised \$16,000.00, the Symphony

only \$3,500.00! While I know that these are still tough times they are much tougher in Greece and in Ikaria! Please give to these causes!

In other news our Youth Governor Katerina Mavrophilipas reported on preparations for the Youth Conference, we discussed the more recent news that the Hospital in Ikaria may be spared (still not official), the possibility of streamlining some of our Convention meetings, our search for a new magazine editor and the possibility of paying dues online.

Following the meeting we all attended a very successful dinner dance in Tarpon where over 400 folks ate, danced and drank, and where I, despite buying tens of thousands of raffle tickets, once again won nothing! Ah well!

House keeping!

Please remember that we have a new treasurer: Damianos Skaros. (Voted most eligible at the dance) All dues should be sent to him and not our former treasurer, now secretary George Paralamos! (also very suave but not eligible). Please also remember to send e-mail addresses so that we can reach out and touch you! Finally you will be happy to know that the Brotherhood has taken a stance on the menace of voracious Ikarian goats! We have signed a letter of support advocating for the responsible pasturing of goats in Ikaria. Goats, Hospitals, old age homes... It's never boring at the top!

Until next time...

George N. Koklanaris

Supreme President