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Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

"Polar Vortex"... Who would have thought that this term would come to so define our first month of the New Year! Yes, it's been mighty cold and snowy in most parts of the country but that hasn't stopped the Brotherhood from doing its good work. Since our last writing, we received the great news that the Souromanis lawsuit was dismissed in its entirety and against all parties with prejudice. This news has been long in coming and will mean that the Foundation can now begin to distribute the monies from the Souromanis legacy in a responsible and expeditious manner to the individuals who care for the seniors at the old aged home in Ikaria. While some logistical matters need to be addressed, I am confident that we can begin to once again send funds without fear of misappropriation or other entanglements. These matters will be discussed at length and hopefully resolved during our next Supreme Lodge and joint Foundation meeting to be held in Pasadena, California in late February of this year. I promise to keep you all in the loop as these developments unfold.

More Foundation News!

In other Foundation news a total of \$58,000.00 has been raised for the storm relief project. This money, will be offered in the form of a promissory note to the affected villages of north western Icaria and will only be sent once concrete plans are in place for the construction of a new overpass. Also we learned that the Hospital in Ikaria was gifted a new medical scanner (approx. cost \$280,000.00) from the Niarchos Foundation. This new instrument will greatly assist the Hospital staff's diagnostic capabilities and save patients from having to travel to either Athens or Samos for the procedure. Thank you Niarchos Foundation for your very generous contribution! Our own Foundation (with a little pushing) also elected to send \$5,000.00 to the old age home for the purchase of new bed sheets and towels for the residents. This gift is made in direct response to a request for assistance from the volunteers who take care of the elderly patients at the home. These monies should be on their way now and will supplement the Souromanis funds mentioned above. Bravo Foundation and Bravo to all our generous donors for making all the aforementioned gifts possible.

Fire fighters update

I mentioned in my November letter that we had received a request to provide funds (\$5,000) for a slightly used pick-up truck (pre-owned, I believe, in the vernacular of the used car world) to be used to help fight fires on the island where the bigger trucks cannot gain access because of Ikaria's famously narrow roads. We tabled the idea at our last meeting pending some due diligence on all the players involved. I am happy to say we wait no longer. Brother Kosta Mavrophillipos, from Baltimore's Chapter Lefkas, has undertaken the task of connecting with the firemen and has not only verified the need for the equipment but has provided the Lodge with contact info, the commendations that the firefighters have received, their credentials, and most importantly a list of equipment that they require but cannot get funds for locally as a result of the economic crisis. Many of the items are basic and would not constitute a great expense on our part... face shields, additional hoses, fire retardant clothing, filters for respirators. Brother Kosta credits the actions of the firefighters for saving his house in Perdiki this last fall from a wild fire. We will bring this request up again for discussion (and, hopefully, action) at the upcoming Lodge meeting.

Membership

In news more local, our Supreme Treasurer and data base manager has given us the official tally for membership for 2012-13: 1633 paid members as of the closing of the Boston Convention. While we were up slightly over 2012, and I am confident that we can do better... With that in mind, I offer for your intellectual perusal an idea! I recently received an e-mail from our Brothers and Sisters in Toronto a question as to whom is eligible for membership in this wonderful Brotherhood of ours. It seems the Toronto chapter has many friends, most Greek, some not, or some who are the step children of divorced and remarried Ikarian parents, or are the children of common law arrangements that may not fully satisfy our current membership requirements. I know that this fact is not unique to Toronto. Many chapters have "social members" i.e. friends of the club who participate in the daily life of the chapter but who do not pay dues to the National Brotherhood and who cannot vote in local elections or represent the chapter at the Convention. My question to you... is it time to reconsider our position as to who qualifies for membership in this organization?... Let me know your thoughts!

Next meeting!

Finally, a shout out to our new magazine editor, Mary Deschamps, for publication of her first issue. Mary, I loved the color and the content... keep it coming! (Deadline for the

Winter issue is February 7th) I close by inviting all of you to our February meeting in sunny and warm Pasadena, California (February 22nd, late afternoon start at the meeting hall of Chapter Lychnos). If you can't make it there then head down to Clearwater for the annual Winter dance, also on the 22nd of February. And if you really want some fun... make your reservation now to attend the 75th Anniversary celebration of Philadelphia's chapter Atheras (March 1st... contact George Horiates). The Philly boys and gals are pulling out all the stops including bringing in a violi player direct from Ikaria! Stay Warm and think warm thoughts...

Until next time...

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Supreme President