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Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

I write to you having just concluded our 2nd Supreme Lodge and Foundation meeting of the term. Chapter Oinoe of Southern California welcomed the Lodge with typical Ikarian hospitality. The meeting was well attended by the local chapter members who supplied a wonderful Californian / Greek fusion meal. (Lamb chops with strawberries ... mmmm!) Following the meal we "screened" (L.A. lingo for watched a movie) the film "Little Land" which was filmed in Ikarria and featured Ikarrians at their hospitable best. Thank you to chapter president Bryan Gittings and his officers for all their efforts and to Lodge Gov. Alexandra Katsas for arranging all the logistics for the meeting and finally, a very special thank you to Foundation Vice Chairman Dr. Nikitas Tripodes and his wife Dena for their exceptional hospitality. And perhaps a thank you to the weather gods is also in order... the sun was out and it was WARM... a wonderful experience for those of us who came from the winter ravaged east!

OLD AGE HOME

As reported in my last letter, the dismissal of the Souramanis lawsuit, will now allow funds to begin flowing to the old age home as per the dictates of the trust. Foundation Chairman Gus Yiakas believes that money should be available in approx. 3-4 months. This time frame will allow for the creation of a committee in Ikarria that can legally accept and distribute the funds. It is the Foundation's intent to invest the principal and send yearly sums to the old age home so that the Souramanis gift will become, in effect, a gift in perpetuity. In other Foundation news, the \$5,000.00 which was sent to the Old Age Home following our last (Baltimore) meeting has been received by the volunteers. The volunteers have since asked that we assist with the purchase or supply of wheel chairs for the residents. We will look into the feasibility of this request. If anyone has any information or ideas as to where the Brotherhood can acquire previously owned chairs, please pass that information along.

HELP FOR FIRE FIGHTERS

The Supreme Lodge will begin a drive forthwith to help the fire fighters on the island, most of who are volunteers, to purchase badly needed equipment. Because of the

ongoing economic crisis in Greece, many of the rudimentary tools and supplies used by the fire fighters are in short supply. I have asked Brother Gus Mavrophilipos, who has established a dialogue with the volunteers, to solicit a wish list of required supplies (respirators, face shields, fire-retardant clothing, hoses, etcetera). I have pledged that the Lodge will use some of its available funds to help in the purchase. Because the fire season typically begins in the summer months, we need to move quickly. I ask all of you, chapters and individual members, to help in this cause. It is my hope we can raise 15-20 thousand dollars before June of this year so that supplies can be purchased prior to the on-set of the fire season. I am attaching to this letter a file containing pictures of the fire fighters at work and the list of commendations they have received from the Greek government and elsewhere. You can make your checks payable either to the Foundation or the Lodge earmarked for "fire fighters".

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Ikarian Youth will hold its annual LEADERSHIP conference next month (the weekend of March 22nd) in the beautiful city of Cleveland. Youth Governor Katina Mavrophilipos has reported that to date 22 delegates have registered and that many more youth will be attending. I love this meeting. I believe firmly that our next generation of Brotherhood officers is incubated at this conference. Fellowship, the sharing of viewpoints and experiences and the promotion of our Brotherhood are only some of the benefits... (scouting of potential gambro and neefi material is also encouraged... but no hook ups are allowed!) Space is still available. If your chapter has not designated a delegate, please do so! If your curious and want to just check things out please come to the dance that weekend. If you need more information please contact either myself or Katina.

Clearwater Convention

Convention Chairman and PSP Dr. Stan Tripodis reports planning and work are proceeding smoothly. The first mailing should arrive in your mailbox early next month. Rates are very reasonable and the property, as previously reported, is beautiful. Please make sure to attend and to purchase your album contracts!

Chapter Atheras 75 Years!

Finally, I wish to congratulate the members of Chapter Atheras (Philadelphia) on their upcoming 75th anniversary. In case you haven't heard (and I would find that hard to believe given the promotional work carried out by Brother George Horiates... my house, our clubhouse and I am sure many other establishments throughout North America are covered in large glossy posters!) A commemorative dinner dance will be held this

coming weekend! If you've got a "jones" for some authentic Ikarian "violi" make sure to attend!

I close with a message for my friend Greg Price... I don't know when but I know where... save a seat for me... I'll bring the cigars...

Until next time...

George N. Koklanaris

Supreme President