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Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

It's hard to believe that summer is nearly gone, but the end of the summer season does, of course, have a bright side... it signals the start of our annual pilgrimage to our beloved Convention! This Labor Day weekend will find us all in beautiful Clearwater, Florida where the members of Chapter Helios have prepared for us a salt, sand and sun flavored family reunion. For those of you still sitting on the fence it's not too late. While rooms at the Sand Key are scarce, plenty of rooms are still available at the overflow hotel. (Clearwater Beach Marriot Suites on Sand Key just across the street) Amongst the activities promised are a Friday morning golf tournament, tours of Tarpon Springs, a pub crawl, and of course all the Ikariotiko dancing one could want.

Participation Please

Conventions are of course lots of fun... swapping stories of summer trips to the Island, catching up with family and friends in the lobby of the hotel (or in this case on the beach... nothing better than oiled up Ikarians, umbrella drinks in hand, reveling in property dispute stories!) But let's please remember to come to a meeting or two, get informed, and participate in the business of the Brotherhood. The Convention floor is where all major decisions involving the Brotherhood get made for the upcoming year... many a time members complain to me that they feel left out in the decision making process. These same members are rarely seen at the meetings... If you want a voice, register as a delegate and come and participate! It's that easy! Also let's support the Helios Chapter... make sure to attend the dances, the banquet, buy a t-shirt or two and save time for a tour. Lots of work goes into putting on a convention... let's show our appreciation.

Detroit Supreme Lodge Meeting

The Supreme Lodge and Foundation met in Detroit in late June for their final meetings of the 2013-14 term. My many thanks to all the brothers and sisters of Detroit's Chapter George Spanos/Areti for hosting us. Chapter President Steven M. Papalas, Vice president Eleas Moraitis, Treasurer for Life Kay Batsakes (aka Kyriacoula, aka Kittiparker) and Secretary Kathy Mourselas and Brother John G. Manolis are to be commended for making sure all the preparations were taken care of including the "piece de resistance"; a meal of roasted katsikaki (two in fact) roasted on spits in back of our leski! A special thank you to lifelong Phil-Icarian Alex Tzelepis who, together with Brother Steve, spent hours making sure the katsikakia were delectable.

Turnout for the meeting was great. All the officers of the Lodge, many governors and 4 of the 5 Foundation officers (including Chairman Gus Yiakas and Vice Chairman Dr. Nikitas Tripodes) were in attendance. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- Our Foundation has grown to nearly 5 million dollars. This includes the Souromanis monies which are earmarked for the Old aged home. Foundation chairman Yiakas will be traveling to Ikaria this summer and taking \$30,000 dollars with him for repairs on the existing facility and an additional \$10,000 dollars for financial assistance to the volunteers who staff the facility. He also plans to meet with the new mayor, Mr. Stamoulis in the hope of establishing a board of trustees who will help distribute future Souromanis funds.
- The Protective Road barrier near the village of Chrysostomo, which was commissioned in memory of the late brother Stephanos Facaros following an automobile accident last summer, has been completed. The barrier was paid for thank to the generosity of donors who raised over \$3,000.00 for the project.
- A prospective donor has expressed her desire to fund a new scholarship for Icarian Athenians who go to High school in Athens. Details over administration are being ironed out and hopefully we will have news at the convention.
- Our Firefighters fund has now grown to over \$9,000.00 thanks to many individual contributions as well as continued contributions from our chapters. (Thank you Columbus and Northern California!) We have not yet distributed the monies in the hopes of raising a little more money and we are still solidifying plans to find a vendor with whom we can place the order with. Also Foundation board member Steve Stratakos is to be commended for procuring 15 "turn out suits" (fire fighter clothing) which were donated by the Roberts Park Fire Protection District of Roberts Park, Ill. The suits are in transit to Ikaria and should hopefully arrive soon. Thank you again Brother Steve and to the firefighters of Roberts Park!
- Speaking of Generosity...Chairman Yiakas has personally donated \$10,000.00 and the Foundation will provide an additional \$10,000.00 for the construction of a new playground in the village of Gialyskari. The playground is to be built on property donated by the late Vangelis Mourselas.

An Agenda! Really?

Please remember that the upcoming Convention will feature a first: An Agenda with set times and dates for items to be discussed on the Convention floor! If you have a topic that you want discussed that is not ordinarily in the mix please let either myself or another member of the Supreme Lodge know asap! The Agenda will be available at the Delegate Registration area and will also be available on-line at the convention web site.

Local Boy does good!

A congrats and shout out to our very own PSP Nick Tsalis who placed 2nd in this month's Primaries here in the Detroit Metro Area. Brother Nick, who is running for District Court Judge for the Cities of Lincoln Park, Ecorse and River Rouge, has earned a spot on the November ballot as a result of his strong primary showing. Good luck Nick!

And a Thank you...

This will be my last monthly newsletter to you as Supreme President. Two years have flown by and I can honestly say it was never dull! I sincerely thank all of you for your support and cooperation during my tenure. It has indeed been a great honor to serve the Brotherhood and all Ikarians. I leave you in very good hands... the upcoming members of the Supreme Lodge are a very bright and energetic group of young men and women who have already demonstrated a love for this Brotherhood and for our little island in the Aegean Sea. Please continue to offer your support to them.

With much love,

George N. Koklanaris

Supreme President