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Headquarters of the Supreme Lodge

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Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

Akron Supreme Lodge Meeting

The Supreme Lodge traveled to Akron, Ohio on Saturday, March 21 for its winter Supreme Lodge meeting which was hosted by the V.I. Chebithes chapter. A big thank you to chapter President Lia Spithas-Fresty and the other chapter members for their warm hospitality! The Supreme Lodge and Foundation officers had the opportunity to meet with members of the chapter over lunch at a local restaurant, which was followed by Supreme Lodge and Foundation board meetings. The Akron chapter may at times fly under the radar, but Sister Lia and the other chapter officers should be commended for the fantastic job that they are doing maintaining a strong membership base and consistently holding events throughout the year.

Brother Gus Stefanadis

On a sad note, the Brotherhood mourns the loss of Past Supreme President and former Pan-Icarian Foundation Chairman **Gus Stefanadis** who passed away on March 19, 2015. Brother Gus is survived by his wife of 55 years, Past Supreme President Sonja Stefanadis, and their three children and seven grandchildren. Brother Gus spent a lifetime devoted to the Brotherhood and made many positive contributions to the Brotherhood and the Foundation. He will be missed. May his memory be eternal.

Greek Language Courses at the Ikarian Centre

The Brotherhood is pleased to announce that the Ikarian Centre, a Greek language school based in Arethousa, Ikaria, is offering free Greek language instruction this summer for up to 2 members of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood. This opportunity is open to any members of the Brotherhood age 18 and up and all skill levels (from beginner to advanced) are welcome. Greek language courses are offered at the Ikarian Centre on the following dates: July 18-August 3, 2015; August 8 – August 24, 2015; and September 1 – September 17, 2015. Note that each course includes 15

lessons in 17 days but students with limited time may elect to attend only the first 9 lessons of the course in the first 10 days of the course.

This free language instruction also includes (optional) free accommodation in a dormitory with 2-3 other students of the same gender. All other costs to participate in the language instruction (e.g., travel to Ikaria, alternative accommodations in Ikaria, transportation to and from the Ikarian Centre, meals, etc.) would be the responsibility of the participant. As a condition to participating in this program, participants agree to (i) take a short language skills assessment prior to beginning the course, so that the participant can be placed in the appropriate class, and (ii) following completion of the program, write a review of the program (good or bad), which will be published in *Ikaria* magazine.

If you are interested in participating, please email Supreme President Terry Platis at terryplatis@hotmail.com by no later than **Tuesday, May 26**. If there are more than 2 members of the Brotherhood interested in participating, a lottery will be held at the next Supreme Lodge meeting to determine the participants. As spots are limited, we ask that only members that intend to take the language classes if offered a spot apply.

Please see the website www.ikariancentre.com for more information about the Ikarian Centre and its language course offerings.

Scholarships

Pan-Icarian scholarship applications for 2015 are now available on-line! Please visit <http://www.pan-icarian.com/scholarship/> for copies of the applications, including eligibility criteria and instructions on how to apply. As in the past, there are opportunities for merit-based undergraduate and graduate scholarships and need-based undergraduate scholarships. We highly encourage *every* high school senior and college and graduate student that meets the scholarship criteria to apply for a scholarship. And please help us spread the word! If you know of a high school senior or college or graduate student that might meet the criteria, please encourage them to apply.

Reminders

Nominate an Outstanding Ikarian Woman. June 1, 2015 is the deadline to nominate an outstanding Ikarian woman for the 2015 Pittsburgh Convention. The nominees will be mentioned on Saturday, September 5, 2015 at the Convention's Sweetheart Luncheon. As a reminder, each chapter of the Brotherhood may nominate up to 5 outstanding women from its chapter who have exemplified any or all of the following qualities in relation to the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood: community involvement/volunteerism; innovative vision and ability to lead/motivate others; ability to mentor and serve as a positive role model; strength in adversity/inspirational; and commitment/devotion/hard work.

Please mail or email your nominations to: Joanne Melacrinos, 2015 Convention Co-Chair, 531 Berkshire Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226, email: JLM563@aol.com. Please include all of the following information with your nomination(s): (i) Chapter's name, contact name, address,

telephone and email; (ii) the nominee's name, address, telephone and email; and (iii) a brief biography and description of how the nominee exemplifies any or all of the qualities listed above (1-2 paragraphs total; include photo if available).

Chapter Facebook Pages. If your chapter has a Facebook page, please let us know so that we can post a link to the Facebook page on the Brotherhood's website under the "Chapters" tab. We would like to gather a comprehensive listing of all chapter Facebook pages in one place as a resource to our members. Please let Dean Tripodes at dean@baywalk.net know if your chapter has a Facebook page.

Membership. Please pay your 2015 membership dues if you haven't done so already!! And chapters, please send in your dues throughout the year as you receive them. As a reminder, rather than submit paper receipts with your per capita checks, we are asking each chapter to email its membership info to Supreme Treasurer, Cathy Pandeladis (her email is cpanda252002@yahoo.com) in an Excel file.

Convention Bids. If your chapter is interested in bidding on the 2017 Convention, now is the time to get organized and start exploring your chapter's interest and hotel possibilities. If your chapter has any interest in bidding on the 2017 Convention, please let me or your District Governor know and we can help guide your chapter through the process.

Social Media. We would like to stay in touch with you more often! Please like the Brotherhood's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PanIcarian and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/PanIcarian.

I just want to conclude by wishing all of the members and friends of the Brotherhood a Happy Easter! Hope everyone gets to enjoy this joyous and festive holiday with family and friends.
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Until next time....

Fraternally yours,

E. Terry Platis

Supreme President