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Brothers and Sisters,

Ikarian Centre

The Brotherhood is pleased to announce that the Ikarian Centre, a Greek language school based in Arethousa, Ikaria, will again be 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 will be offered on the following dates: July 16 – August 1, 2016 and August 6 - 22, 2016. 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 year all of the courses will take place at Hotel Kerame, near Evidilos.

All other costs to participate in the language instruction (e.g., travel to Ikaria, accommodations in Ikaria, transportation, 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. Please see the website www.ikariancentre.com for more information about the Ikarian Centre and its language course offerings.

If you are interested in participating, please email Supreme President Terry Platis at terryplatis@hotmail.com by no later than Tuesday, May 31. If there are more than 2 members of the Brotherhood interested in participating, a lottery will be held 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.

We also wanted to let everyone know that this year the Ikarian Centre is launching a new program for children ages 7 - 17. For 10 days, children will be immersed in Greek language and culture at the Ikarian Centre in Arethousa, Ikaria as part of an innovative program of lessons, workshops and contact with local Greek children. There will be groups for 7 - 11 year olds, 11 - 14 year olds and 14 - 17 year olds. This summer, the courses for children will run from July 13 - 23 and July 25 - August 4. On campus accommodation is an option. The Ikarian Centre has committed to donate a portion of the proceeds from the children's program to the Old Age Home or the school for children with disabilities in Ikaria. There is also the possibility of receiving a scholarship for this program, so please contact us if you are interested. More information, including registration forms, can be found at: kids.ikariancentre.com.

2016 Youth Conference and Toronto Dance

Have you made your travel plans to Toronto yet?! It's not too late! The Nisos Ikaria chapter will be hosting this year's Youth Conference in Toronto, Canada the weekend of April 15-17. This year, the Youth Conference will be held in conjunction with the chapter's "Ikariotiko Paniyiri" on Saturday, April 16, starring Peter Karnavas on the violin. Even if you aren't participating in the Youth Conference, we hope to see you at the dance!

Attention Chapters!!!

Chapter Events. Are you hosting a chapter event and would like to spread the word? Please let us know and we will do our best to notify the Brotherhood's membership base of your event via our website, email and social media. Please feel free to email me at terryplatis@hotmail.com and/or Dean Tripodes, our webmaster, at dean@baywalk.net about your events.

Membership. 2016 membership dues are due!! Please send them throughout the year as you receive them. As a reminder, when you notify us of address changes, please let us know what the old address was, as many of our members have the same name.

Chapter Facebook Pages. If your chapter has a Facebook page, please let Dean Tripodes at dean@baywalk.net 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.

Convention Bids. If your chapter is interested in bidding on the 2018 Convention, now is the time to get organized and start exploring your chapter's interest and hotel possibilities.

Chapter Email Lists. In order to make sure that as many of your members as possible receive Brotherhood news, we ask that each chapter President/Secretary send to Dean Tripodes at dean@ baywalk.net their latest email list.

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Until next time....

Fraternally yours,
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