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**Kfeirian Reunion**

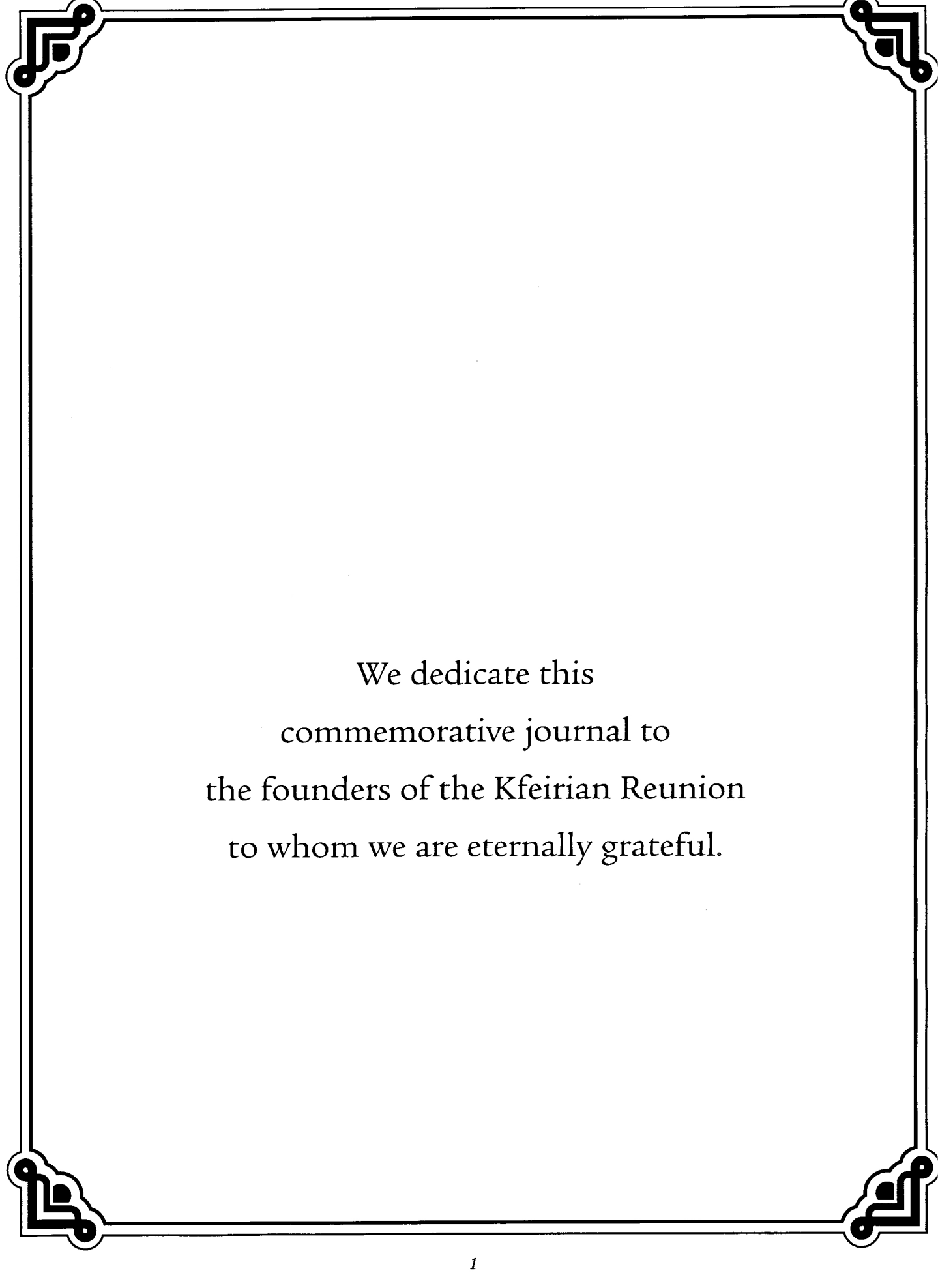
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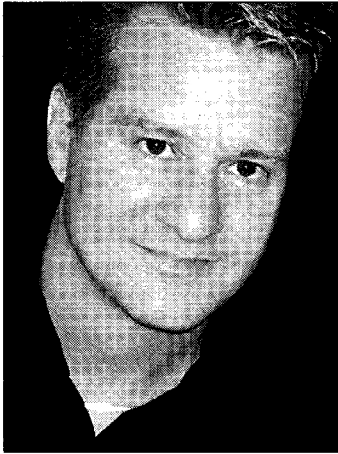
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We dedicate this  
commemorative journal to  
the founders of the Kfeirian Reunion  
to whom we are eternally grateful.



# 70<sup>th</sup> Kfeirian Reunion

Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, Inc.

It is truly an honor to welcome you to Columbus and the elegant Hyatt Regency to celebrate the Seventieth Anniversary of our beloved Kfeirian Reunion.

It has humbled me to serve you as president of our Foundation, and as the chairman of this year's reunion. This Reunion has been a constant in my life, I have attended all but a hand full of reunions; it has helped shape who I am today. It has instilled in me the proud culture and rich traditions that our forefathers brought with them from their little village of Kfeir.

It is remarkable that this reunion, founded out of our forefather's desires to keep their traditions and culture alive have managed to survive and thrive for over seventy years. It has become a vehicle that has helped pass on their rich cultural heritage and traditions to successive generations. It is my wish that this great experience that is the Kfeirian Reunion will continue to inspire and attract not only our family and friends but our future generations as well. But in this wish we must continue the work of finding new ways of attracting and retaining our brethren and new ways of invigorating our Reunions.

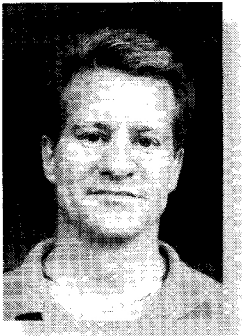
I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their hard work in keeping these traditions alive. I especially want to thank every previous board member, every committee member, and every person who has ever given of themselves to this labor of love.

I dedicate this Seventieth Kfeirian Reunion Commemorative Journal to not only the founders of this Kfeirian Reunion but to all of you who have given unselfishly to keep this dream alive.

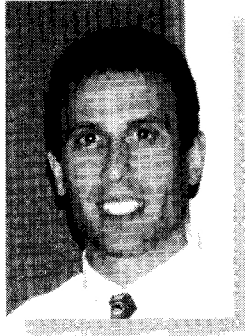
Sincerely,

Matthew Saad Bassiet

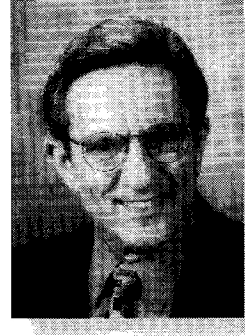
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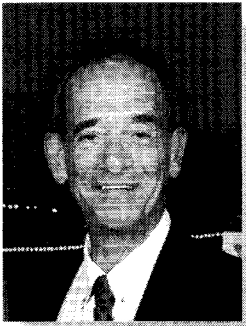
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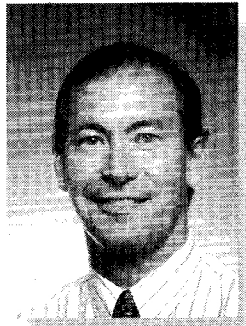
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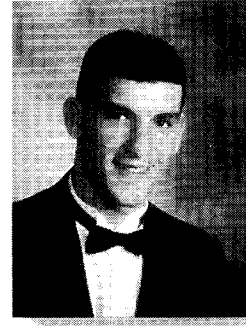
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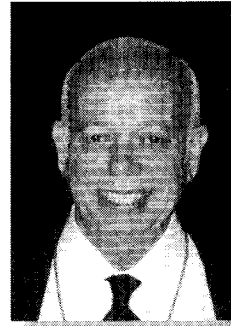
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Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, Inc.  
790 Bryden Road  
Columbus, OH 43205

Dear Friends,

Please accept my congratulations on your celebrating the Seventieth Annual Kfeirian Reunion on August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

The long-standing tradition of the reunion makes it a commendable event. This annual affair exemplifies the perseverance and determination of the original immigrants and their descendants from the small village of Kfeir Hasbaya.

Again, congratulations on this special occasion, and you all have my best wishes for the future.

Very respectfully yours,



Mike Dewine  
United States Senator



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# IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KFEIRIAN REUNION AUGUST 2 – 4, 2002

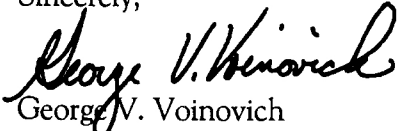
I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to those in attendance at the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Kfeirian Reunion.

I am honored to recognize this gathering of family and friends from the village of Kfeir Hasbaya in Lebanon. It is great to know that in spite of the passage of time and distance, neighbors still join together to celebrate friendships and memories.

Those of Lebanese heritage have made significant contributions to the Greater Columbus area, the State of Ohio, and to communities throughout the United States. Your efforts to preserve your cultural traditions for future generations has helped to create the cultural fabric that makes Columbus so distinct.

I would also like to recognize President Matthew Bassiet and the many people who have worked so hard to make this reunion possible. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable event.

Sincerely,



George V. Voinovich  
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NICK J. RAHALL, II  
WEST VIRGINIA

June 24, 2002

Dear Friends:

“Let me tell you who are the children of my Lebanon,” our great poet Khalil Gibran once wrote. “They are those who migrate with nothing but courage in their hearts and strength in their arms, but who return with wealth in their hands and a wreath of glory upon their heads... They are the lamps that cannot be snuffed by the wind and the salt which remains unspoiled through the ages.”

He could well have written of our forbears from Kfeir. They left our ancestral homes in the hills and valleys of Lebanon to seek new lives, to search out new opportunities. My grandfather and many of his kinsmen found a future among the hills and valleys of West Virginia. Others settled in towns and cities across their adopted country. Like Gibran’s children of Lebanon, they came, they worked, and they prospered; and their descendents have multiplied.

America has been good to the children of Kfeir, and we have been good for America. Our ancestors’ values still influence our actions and infuse our lives with honor and decency. We contribute to our communities. We hold our families close. We embrace the legacy of our Lebanese roots, but we love the country where those Kfeirian émigrés chose to plant them. We are America.

I send my best wishes to my many cousins – to my whole Kfeirian family – who will gather in Columbus this August to celebrate our seventieth reunion.



With warmest personal regard, I am

Almoukhlis,

NICK J. RAHALL, II  
Member of Congress

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The Secretary of Energy  
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June 27, 2002

Mr. Matthew S. Bassiet  
President  
Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, Inc.  
790 Bryden Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43205

Dear Mr. Bassiet:

Congratulations to you and the members of the Lebanese community on your Seventieth Annual Kfeirian Reunion.

I commend you for coming together from all over the world for seventy years to celebrate your heritage. It is more important than ever for families and friends to be with one another. I am sure that each of you will thoroughly enjoy the time you spend together.

As you return to your respective homes, you will carry with you precious memories that will last a lifetime.

Again, congratulations!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Spencer Abraham".

Spencer Abraham



**BOB TAFT  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OHIO**

## **FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB TAFT**

I want to extend my warmest greetings to the members, families, and friends of the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, Inc., upon the occasion of the celebration of your 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus, Ohio, August 2-4, 2002.

A special welcome is extended to all visitors to the State of Ohio. We are truly proud of our great state and are delighted to have you here. I hope that you will take the time to explore Columbus and take advantage of all this great city has to offer.

Ohio is proud to be called home by many people of Lebanese heritage – individuals who contribute daily to the vast social fabric of America and the quality of life in the State of Ohio and the multicultural diversity of our communities. We recognize the unique contributions people of Lebanese descent make through their many professional, religious, cultural, social, educational and civic organizations. Their dedication to the values of family, hard work, and education continues to add to the strength of Ohio.

On behalf of all Ohioans, best wishes for a memorable gathering and for success in all future endeavors as you come together to celebrate and promote the culture, music, language, and heritage of Kfeir, Lebanon.



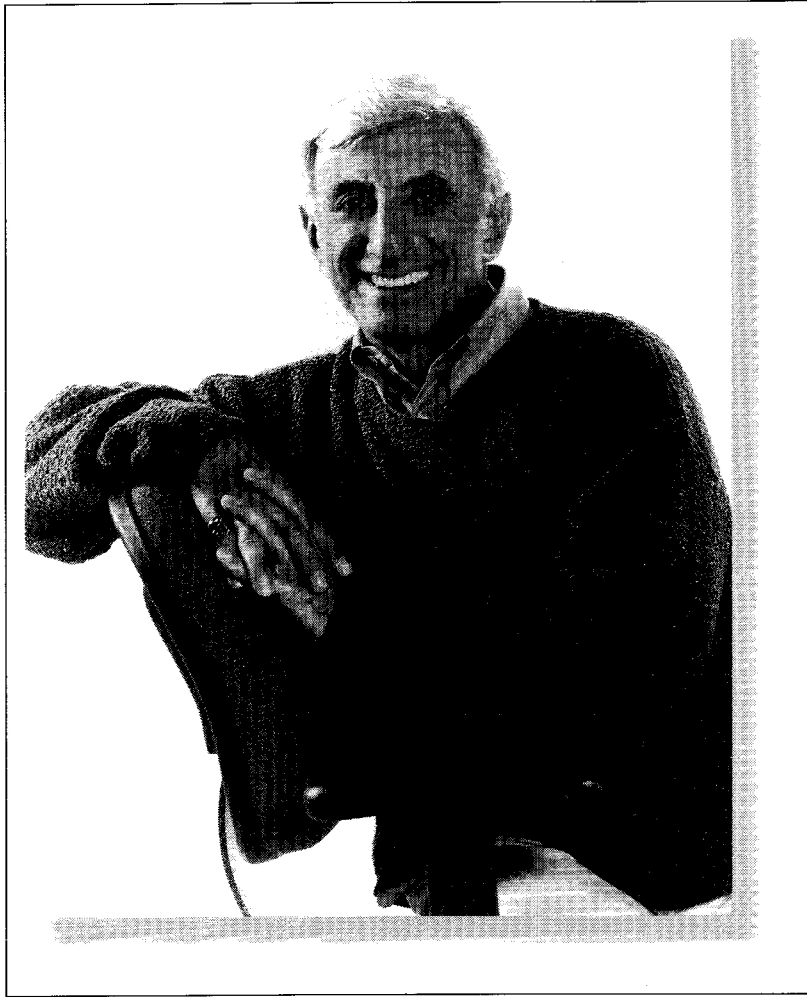
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*Bob Taft*

Bob Taft  
Governor





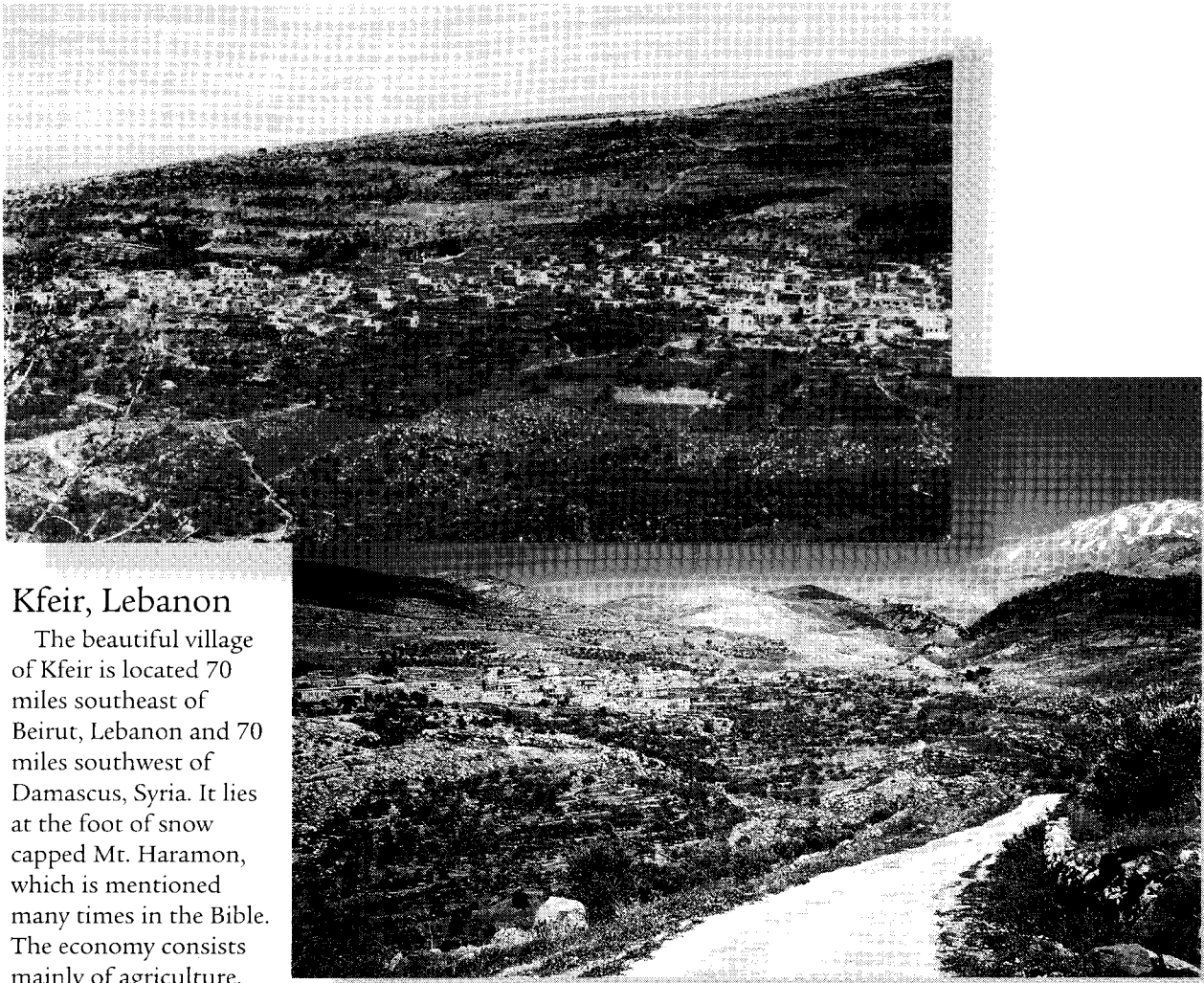


From the 19th hole  
JAMIE FARR



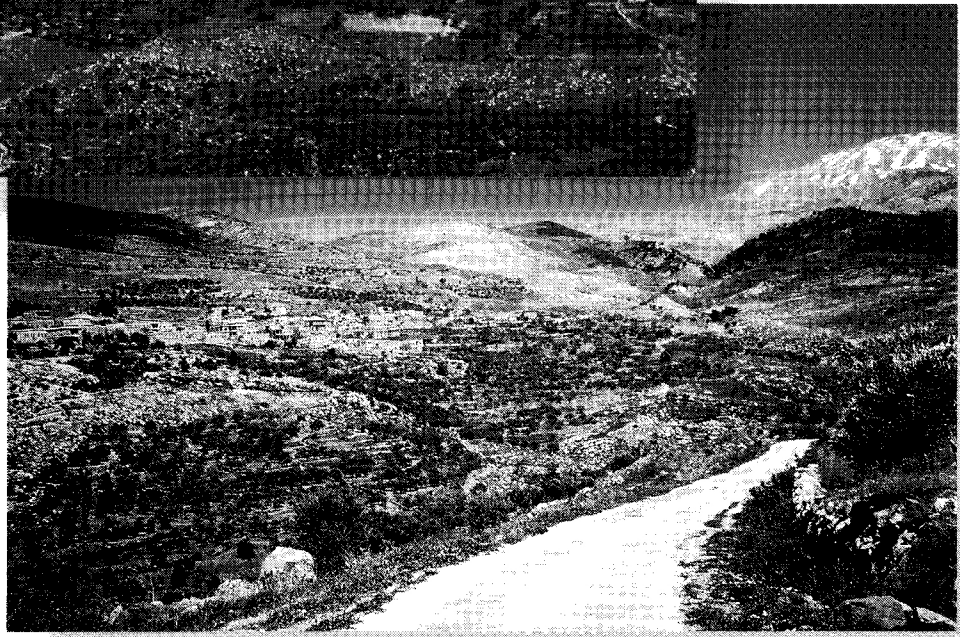
To all of my Kfeirian  
Friends - I am with  
you in spirit. Have  
fun!

With love and friendship  
Jamie Farr



## Kfeir, Lebanon

The beautiful village of Kfeir is located 70 miles southeast of Beirut, Lebanon and 70 miles southwest of Damascus, Syria. It lies at the foot of snow capped Mt. Haramon, which is mentioned many times in the Bible. The economy consists mainly of agriculture. The main products are olives and pistachio nuts. Approximately 900 families of Kfeirian descent now reside in North America.

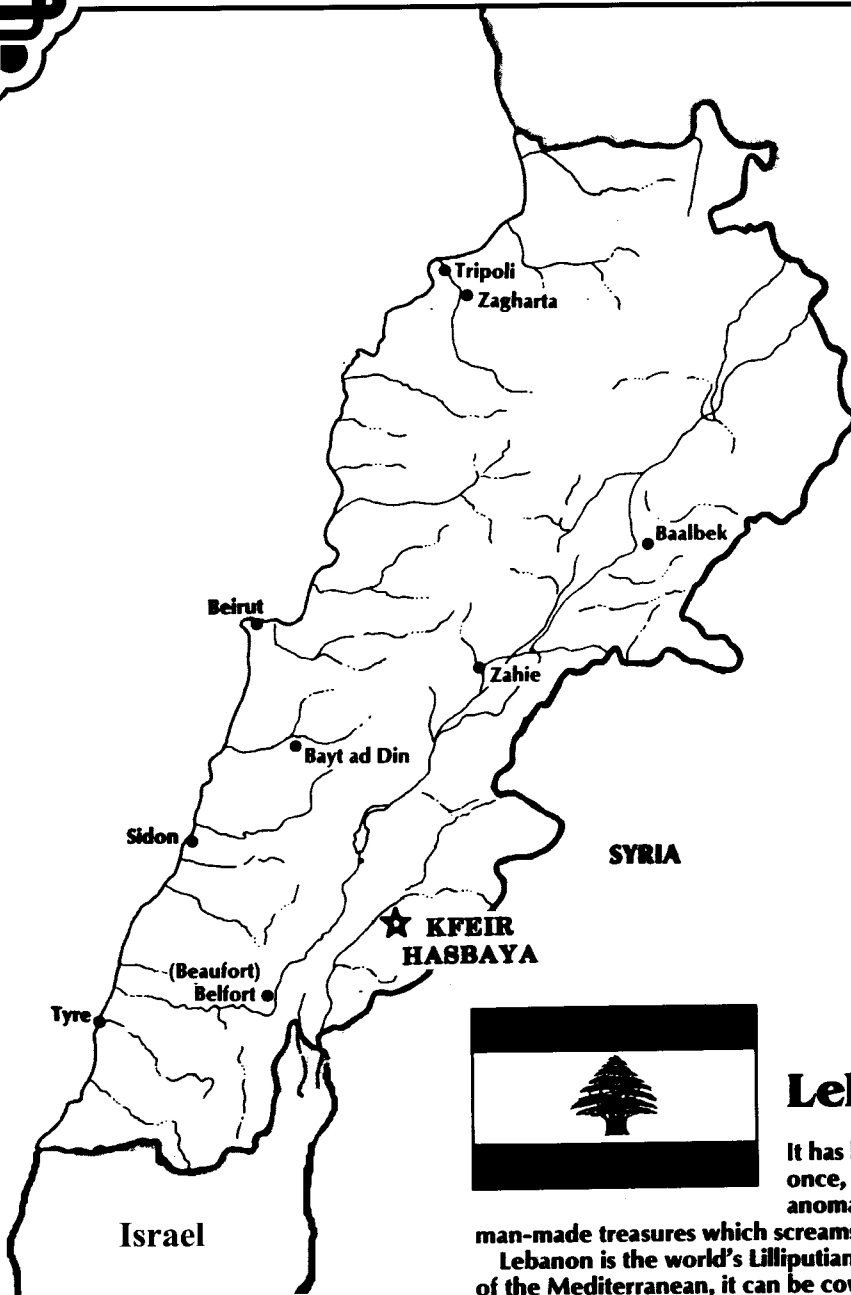


## Kfeirian Reunion Foundation Seal

In the Fall of 1967 during the early planning stages for the 1968 Kfeirian Reunion to be held in the Huntington, West Virginia, George Hanna realized that the Foundation did not have an emblem with which the Foundation could readily be identified. After considering several ideas, George asked Jerry Sutphin and Bill Dawson, two artist friends, to assist him in designing an emblem. Discussions soon centered on what symbol would best reflect the origin of our organization. The Cedar of Lebanon was the unanimous choice and became the center of the overall design. It was then decided that a green Cedar should be placed within a circle bearing the Foundation name and the colors used for the emblem should be red and blue with white letters.

After the final drawing was agreed upon by all three men, George Hanna had a local trophy company cut out the parts of the emblem. These parts were then hand painted by Jerry Sutphin and George Hanna and assembled.

The finished emblem was presented to the General Assembly for consideration at the Reunion of 1968. It was accepted unanimously by the Assembly and officially became the Foundation's seal on September 1, 1968.



## Lebanon

It has been said that divine justice stumbled once, and the result was Lebanon, an anomalous concentration of natural and man-made treasures which screams of celestial prejudice.

Lebanon is the world's Lilliputian. Lounging along the eastern coast of the Mediterranean, it can be covered lengthwise, breadthwise, crosswise in one day of leisurely driving, and, covering it, you are likely to come across more scenic beauty, more archeological wonders, more cultural enjoyment than you would covering half the globe.

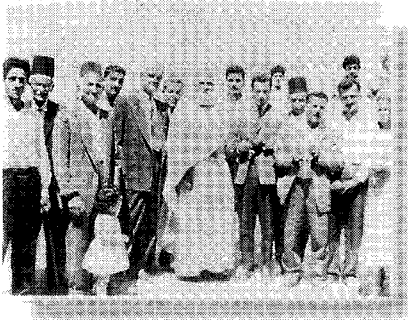
One guest whom Lebanese lure has turned into permanent resident has said: "It seems impossible, but into this tiny patch of global fabric, the seven heavens have been neatly, comfortably, dazzlingly fitted.

**GOVERNMENT:** Republic. **AREA:** 4,015 sq. mi. **POPULATION:** 2,700,000. Mostly Arabs; small number of many nationalities. **LANGUAGE:** Officially Arabic; French widely used. **RELIGION:** About equally Christian and Moselm. **ECONOMY:** Hub of Near East commerce; agriculture;

tourism. **MAJOR CITIES:** Beirut, captial, port, first in population with 700,000; Tripoli (pop. 127,000), port. **CLIMATE:** Coast hot, humid in summer; cool and damp in winter. Beirut warmest in August, 89° F. average high; coolest in January, 51° F. average low.

# Scenes from Kfeir, Lebanon

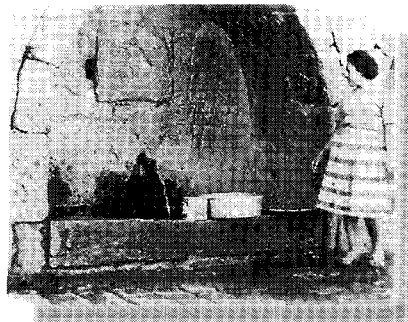
Photos by George Hanna 1961



*The Very Rev. Mike Aborizk  
with congregation*



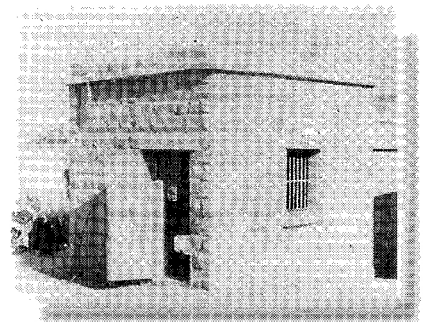
*Olive Tree in  
entrance to Church*



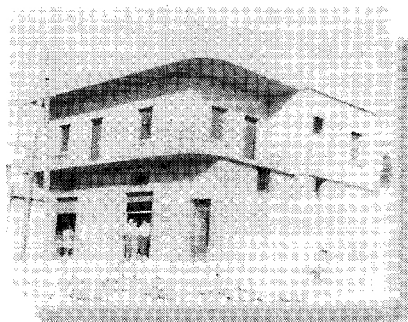
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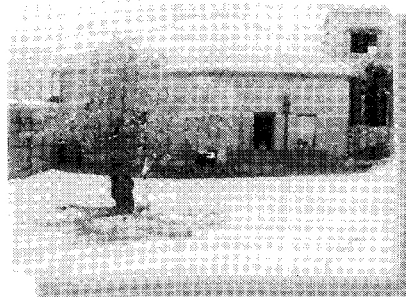
*Students in School Yard,  
Church in background*



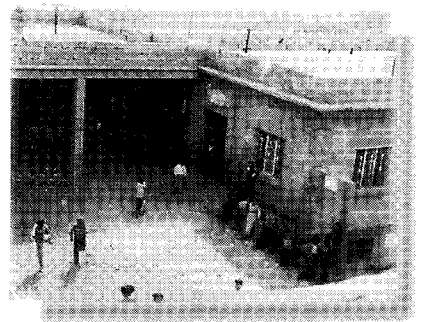
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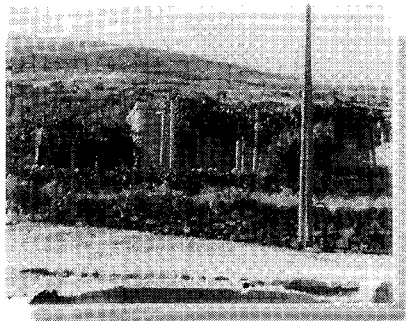
*General Store*



*Girls School*



*School Building*



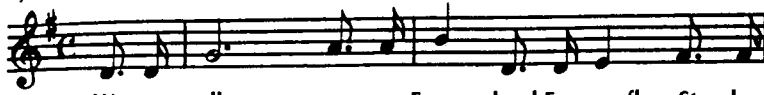
*Olive Oil Refinery*

# Lebanese National Anthem/Kollona Lilwatan

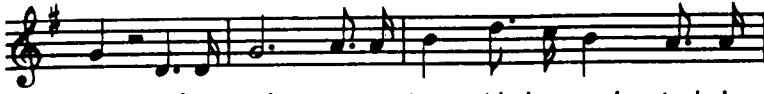
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Lyric in arabic: Rachid Nakhle'

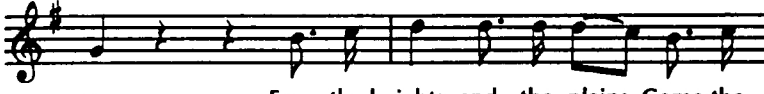
Music: Wadih Sabra



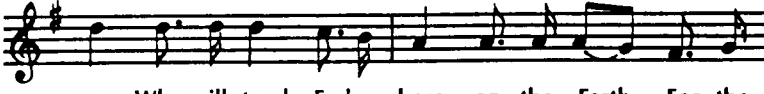
We are all For our land For our flag; Stand as



men, As her pride In our times With the sword And the

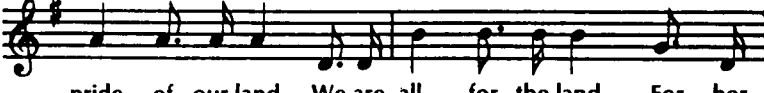


pen. From the heights and the plains, Come the

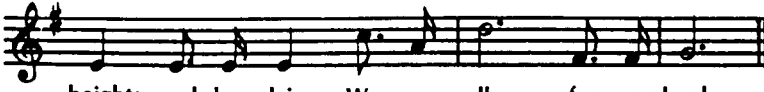


men Who will stand Ev-'ry-where on the Earth For the

REFRAIN



pride of our land. We are all for the land, For her



heights and her plains, We are all for our land.

Both the old And the young  
Hear her call And they bound  
To defend Every Right  
From her foes All around.  
Lebanon is the heart:  
In the East Center stage.  
May the Lord Guide her way  
Down the years Age to age.  
Ref: We are all For the Land,  
For her heights And her plains,  
We are all for our land.

Kollona lilwatan Lil'ola lil'alam  
Mil o 'ayni zaman Sayfona walqalam  
Sahlona waljabal Manbiton lirrijal  
Qawlona wal'amal Fi sabilil kamal  
Kollona lilwatan Lil'ola lil'alam  
Kollona Lilwatan

Chaykhona walfata 'enda sawtil watan  
Osdo gaben mata Sawaratnal fitan  
Charqona qalbohu Abadan Lubnan  
Sanahu Rabbuhu Limadal azman  
Kollona lilwatan Lil'ola lil'alam  
Kollona Lilwatan

شيخنا والفتى عندصوت الوطن  
اسد غاب متى ساورتنا الفتى  
شرقنا قلبه ابدًا لبنان  
صانه ربه لدى الازمان  
كلنا للوطن للملى للعلم  
كلنا للوطن

كلنا للوطن للملى للعلم  
ملء عين الزمن سيفنا والقلم  
سهلنا والجبل منبت للرجال  
قولنا والعمل في سبيل الكمال  
كلنا للوطن للملى للعلم  
كلنا للوطن



# EARLY LETTER OF ORGANIZATION

Box 11

KEFEYRIAN BROTHERHOOD  
BOX 11  
HUNTINGTON, WEST VA.

Huntington, W. Va.  
December 10, 1933

Dear Sir and Brother:

Greetings! No doubt you have been informed that the Kefeyrian Brotherhood has reduced its membership fee to \$1.00 per year, instead of \$5.00, beginning with the sixth year, which is the present year.

We have about eighty members, but due to so little of money with most of us, we find many of our members behind in their dues. We still want to see to be members because we need their social and moral support and cooperation, and are willing to cancel all back dues and accept from them \$1.00 for the current year, and balance their account to date.

Of course, if any brother wishes to pay on his old dues, we will be glad to accept any amount he pays as a contribution, or as he may designate.

We know that some of the brothers will object to this method, and call it irregular, but we are more interested in the moral aspect of the Brotherhood than the financial result, and we will always endeavor to promote unity and understanding.

Its members are you and your friends. It is not fair to let the friends carry all the burden. This is a time when cooperation and help is needed and we ask you in the name of all Kefeyrians to support this Brotherhood, and help it continue its good work, which is evidenced by six years of its existence.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we are

Fraternally yours,

Kefeyrian Brotherhood

*Abraham Jones*  
Secretary

P.S. The recent tragedy befallen our friends, the Kasab Family, in Kefire has made a deep impression on us. We have tried and written to the Government officials, and persons of high standing in Syria, protesting this unusual crime and urging them to do all in their power to bring the assailants to justice, and to give ample protection to the citizens.

The Brotherhood stand ready to extend its help and influence for protecting and betterment of Kefeyrians throughout the world. Thus we need your cooperation to strengthen our ranks.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

KEFEYRIAN BROTHERHOOD

BOX 11

HUNTINGTON, WEST VA.

HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA



*Mr. Harris Thabit*  
*Saint Pleasant*  
*W. Va.*

This Letter and Envelope  
are an exact reproduction  
of the original.

## **A HISTORY OF THE KFEIRIAN REUNION**

**By Sol. N. Steffan, Williamson, W.Va.**

In 1932, an informal gathering of Kfeirians was held in Huntington, W.Va., where Mike Abraham of Williamson, W.Va., was the principal speaker on this occasion, which was marked by gaiety and fellowship. During this affair it was suggested that this be an annual gathering so that the children of Kfeirian descent may become acquainted with each other and a closer relationship may be formed among them. Receiving widespread approval the suggestion was adopted. An organized club known as the Kfeirian Brotherhood of Toledo, Ohio, then requested the subsequent meeting for the following year.

During the year 1933, the Kfeirians assembled once again in Toledo, Ohio, where the Kfeirian Brotherhood was the host group. It was at this meeting that the name, **Kfeirian Reunion**, was established. Kfeirians of Huntington invited the assembly to return to their city, and since that time the annual meeting has been rotated among the following cities: Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio; Beckley, Williamson, Huntington, and Charleston, W.Va. At that time Kfeirians in host cities entertained the Reunion at their own expense.

Williamson, W.Va. was the site of the 1936 Kfeirian Reunion, when it was decided at the business session that an admission fee would be charged to defray expenses of the event. This fee was to be initiated after cities with enough Kfeirians to handle the Reunion were afforded the opportunity to have gathering at the expense of the host city. This custom is still handled accordingly.

During the early years of the Reunion the event was informal, and there was no record of its legal existence. From its inception to the present the Reunion has been an annual gathering for descendants from the little village in Lebanon, known as Kfeir, and it has met for the solemn purpose that Kfeirians and their descendants may be better acquainted in the land of the Free. The event's meeting time has been set for the Labor Day Weekend in order that participants may take advantage of the holiday period.

Fayze Bey El Kourey was the Guest of Honor at the Reunion in Huntington, in 1948. At his request a pledge of \$15,000 was made by the assembly for the purpose of providing electricity for Kfeir, Lebanon. This move also led the formation of the Kfeirian Foundation, Inc., which was chartered in the state of Ohio and established in 1949 to handle all business and legal matters.

Under its present system the Foundation is progressing and many of its functions have been turned over to the young generation of Kfeirian descent. Its source of revenue has been the profits derived from the annual assembly and the Everlasting Flower Fund, established in memory of deceased Kfeirians. Originated by the immigrants from the Kfeir, the Reunion Foundation has developed to a known organization which is capable of rendering material, physical, educational, and cultural service to the Kfeir and Kfeirians wherever they may be.

**As recorded in the Silver Anniversary  
Reunion Book in the year 1957  
Huntington, WV**



**KFEIRIANS — LOOK FORWARD**  
**By Sol. N. Steffan, Williamson, W.Va.**

Thirty-three years ago, the Kfeirian Reunion was founded for the purpose of getting acquainted and meeting old friends, and that our children who were born under the skies of Liberty will know each other, particularly their genealogy and where they came from. Membership in the Reunion is for immigrants from Kfeir, Lebanon and their descendants by blood or marriage. There are no dues whatsoever other than volunteer contributions.

The following projects were accomplished by the Reunion:

**A Water system in the Kfeir.**

**An electrical system in the Kfeir.**

**A road leading to the Kfeir.**

**A Junior college was also established, in addition to material assistance.**

All this was done by having assembled for two enjoyable days, with one another annually.

Incidentally, few other individuals contributed to Kfeir because of the existence of the Foundation, such as a City Hall building, house to the church, church improvements and so forth. Also it is a known fact that the Foundation has no organized club officially in Kfeir to communicate with. At the present time, the Foundation does not respond to individual requests, a request must be made collectively by an official club or organization.

In 1948 the Reunion became a Foundation under the laws of the State of Ohio. It is a non-profit organization for the purpose of rendering assistance to Kfeirians wherever they may be, after which a Scholarship fund was established.

Now, we the "old timers" of the Reunion pray and hope that the Kfeirian descendants, particularly the native born will support and activate this Foundation for the purposes intended as prescribed by its by-laws -LOOKING FORWARD to improve the education, the cultural, and the fellowship tie which makes us all progressive citizens of our Democracy.

The Foundation's success in the future depends largely on the descendants of the Kfeirians-And remember that your genealogy will lead you back to the Phoenician ancestry which you should always be proud of.

We should be thankful to God that we are Americans, and able to organize for the betterment of ourselves in this great Democracy of ours.

Always believe we have seen the past. We know today, and have no fear of tomorrow-because yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow is hope. But today well lived will make yesterday a dream of happiness and tomorrow a hope of reality.  
**LOOK FORWARD—KFEIRIANS.**

This writing was entered on the Congressional Record by Senator Byrd.

**As recorded in the 33rd Annual Kfeirian Reunion  
Address Book at the 1965 Reunion in Beckley, WV  
and entered in Sept. 1965 on the Congressional  
Record - pages #23643 and #23644  
by U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd.**

# Were you there?



*Labor Day 1933, Huntington, WV*



*Labor Day 1935  
Beckley, WV*

Sunday, September 6, 1936

Until 4:30 P. M.—Gathering, Gre.  
6:30 P. M.—Banquet—Sol N.

Farewell, Kfier

Until we meet ag  
this reunion will  
to us

MIKE ABRAHAM  
ABE MICKEL  
N. R. MICKEL

Song .....  
PRAYER  
FORMAL OPENING OF R  
By the Rev.  
INTRODUCTIONS  
ADDRESS OF WELCO  
SONG .....  
ADDRESS .....  
INSTRUMENTAL M<sup>c</sup>  
Clement Bassett,  
Bassett, of Willi  
OPEN FLOOR  
BENEDICTION

Monday, September

1:00 P. M. ....  
2 to 5 P. M. ....  
6:30 P. M. ....  
9:00 P. M. ....  
For Arrangem<sup>en</sup>  
10:00 P. M. .... DA

# Fourth Annual KFIERIAN Reunion

September 6 and 7, 1936

MASONIC TEMPLE  
Williamson : West Va.

WELCOME KFIERIANS

MIKE ABRAHAM  
ABE KAWAJA  
ABE MICKEL  
A. J. BASSETT  
N. R. MICKEL  
SOL N. STEFFAN

4th Annual  
**Kfierian**  
Reunion  
Sept. 6 and 7  
1936  
Williamson  
W. Va.

**KEFIERIAN**  
REUNION  
1938

8th  
Annual  
Kefeirian  
Convention  
—  
Sept. 1 - 2  
1940  
BECKLEY  
W. VA.

**KEFIRIAN**  
BROTHERHOOD  
9th  
Annual  
Reunion  
Aug. 31 - Sept. 1  
1941  
Toledo, Ohio



*Labor Day, Sept. 1-2, 1946  
Daniel Boone Hotel,  
Charleston, WV*

## 1952 Reunion Program

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 1952

9 A. M. REGISTRATION

Lobby - Prichard Hotel

12 P. M. MASS

St. George's Greek Orthodox Church, Corner 7th St. and  
11th Ave. Metropolitan Archbishop Antony Bashir,  
officiating, assisted by Reverend Wakeem Dalack.

2:30 P. M. GET ACQUAINTED

Rooms 208, 209, 210, Mezzanine Floor

4 TO 5 P. M. COCKTAIL HOUR

Rooms 208, 209, 210, Mezzanine Floor

6 P. M. DINNER

Ball Room

9:30 TO 10:30 P. M. ARABIC MOVIE, "LOVE OF MY LIFE"

Ball Room

10:30 P. M. TO 1 A. M. INFORMAL PARTY

Dancing and Syrian Music, Ballroom

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1952

9 A. M. REGISTRATION

Lobby - Prichard Hotel

10 A. M. SIGHTSEEING TOUR

Bus Leaves From Hotel Prichard

1:30 TO 4 P. M. BUSINESS MEETING

Rooms 202, 203, 204, 205, Mezzanine Floor

4 TO 5 P. M. COCKTAIL HOUR

Rooms 208, 209, 210, Mezzanine Floor

6 P. M. BANQUET

Ball Room

10 P. M. TO 1 A. M. GRAND BALL

Ball Room

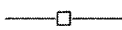
*Good Night All*



1951 Reunion

**PRICHARD HOTEL**

**Sunday, September 2, 1962**



- 9:00 A. M. Registration ..... Mezzanine
- 10:30 A. M. Divine Liturgy ..... Mezzanine  
His Eminence  
Metropolitan Arch Bishop Anthony Bashir  
Assisted By  
Rev. Wakeem Dallac and Rev. Basil Kazan
- 12:30 P. M. Luncheon ..... Ballroom  
Edward N. Abraham, Presiding
- 5:00 P. M. Cocktails ..... Mezzanine
- 6:30 P. M. Grand Banquet ..... Ballroom  
Sol N. Steffan, Presiding  
"Our Youth Speaks"
- 9:00 P. M. Men's Social ..... Mezzanine  
(Java and Ming Rooms)
- 10:00 P. M. to 2 P. M. Grand Ball ..... Ballroom  
Music By Howard Jennings Orchestra  
("Miss Kfeirian" To Be Crowned)

**PRICHARD HOTEL**

**Monday, September 3, 1962**

- 10:00 A. M. Official Business Sessions ... Mezzanine  
(Make Special Effort To Be Present)
- 1:00 P. M. Luncheon ..... Ballroom  
Alex J. Mickel, Presiding



Please Note: "Youth Activities Headquarters"  
Mezzanine—In The Marshall Room  
Registration: Adults ..... \$12.00  
Children (Under Twelve) .... \$6.00

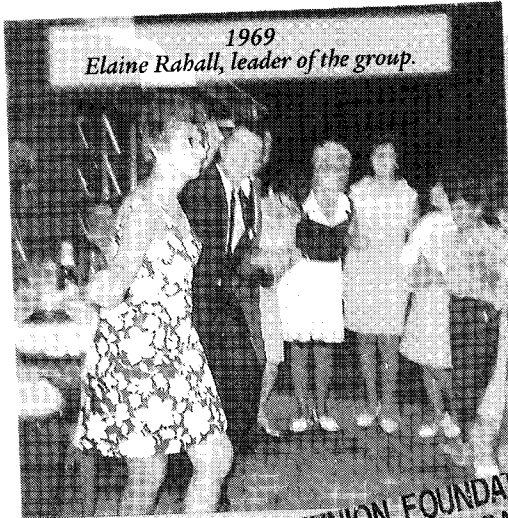
We, The Williamson Kfeirians, feel proud and honored to be host to our 30th reunion. We trust our youth will carry on from year to year, and that our Kfeirians, wherever they may be, will cooperate favorably to our scholarship project.

We share with you a pleasant and happy reunion.

Sol N. Steffan,  
General Chairman



# Were you there?



1969  
Elaine Raball, leader of the group.



1999 Kfeirian Stenfel Group -  
Cynthia Tweel, Phil Sadd,  
Jeff Cassis, George Sherar



Back Row - Jameel Sadd, Bruce Hanna, Jamie LaFear  
Front Row - Charlotte Lechlak, Greg, Stephanie & Gloria  
Hanna, Mary Elizabeth, George Hanna, Randy Sadd, Adeeb  
Sadd, Laila Sadd



1969  
George Hanna on the drum.



Standing L-R-Essa Shabeen\*, Ray Hawarny, Roger Kaurey\*,  
Abe Bassett\*, Edmund George\*, Joe Bolus\*, Fred Michael\*,  
Ernest Tweel\*, Seated L-R-Louis Raball, Phillip Bassett\*,  
Ramez McCarus -  
(\*Deceased)

# Were you there?



*Matt Bassiet & Showgirls  
2001 - Las Vegas*



*Kfeirian Reunion Board of  
Directors Meeting - 1982*



*Getting words of wisdom  
50th Reunion*



*62nd  
Reunion  
1994  
South  
Charleston,  
WV*



*Lorraine Scott, Selma Edinger  
and Gloria Hanna in Vegas*

# Were you there?

The Huntington Advertiser—Mon., June 8, 1959



**MAY SPONSOR SCHOLARSHIPS** — Proposals for establishing four-year scholarships at Marshall College and Toledo University were considered yesterday by the board of trustees of the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, Inc., and the Kfeirian Lebanon Brotherhood. The trustees are, from left, James V. Hanna of Huntington, Sol N. Steffan of Williamson, Miss Minnie Kerbaw

of Blissfield, Mich., Namee A. Thabet of Beckley, Roger Sahley of Cleveland, George Jamra of Maumee, O., Adeb G. Sadd of Toledo, Mrs. Edward M. Haddad of Chesapeake, Frank Canteas of Logan, Philip Bassett of Toledo, and Ernest G. Tweel of Huntington. Mr. Tweel, the board's vice-president, presided in the absence of Norman J. Tweel, president.

## Brotherhood Studies Scholarship Project

Two four-year scholarships, one at Marshall College and the other at Toledo University, may be sponsored by the Kfeirian Lebanon Brotherhood, it was announced today by Ernest G. Tweel of Huntington, vice-chairman of the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, Inc.

The foundation's board of trustees, at a meeting yesterday afternoon at Mr. Tweel's home, took the scholarship project under consideration. Also taken under consideration was a project for building a 12-room medical clinic in Kfeir. The Kfeirian Lebanon Brotherhood, composed of first-generation natives of Kfeir in Lebanon, and their descendants and families, for the past several years has sponsored a program of capital improvements in Kfeir.

Mr. Tweel said the clinic project would be conditional upon the Lebanese government's staffing and maintaining the clinic. The Kfeirian Lebanon Brotherhood already has given Kfeir a

tion to the brotherhood's reunion at the Hotel Prichard next September 5, 6 and 7. Archbishop Metropolitan Anthony Bashir of New York, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in North America, will be in Huntington for the reunion.

Mr. Tweel said that a proposal of the brotherhood to send \$1,000 worth of CARE packages to refugees and other distressed persons in Lebanon was tabled by the board, pending developments in Washington.

The board was informed that Representative Ken Hechler of the Fourth West Virginia District



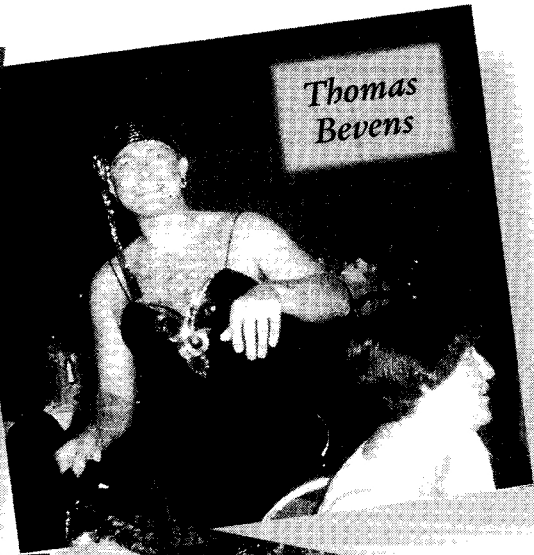
**50th Reunion Board of Directors** — Standing L-R: Paul McCoy, Charles Thabet, Larry Jamra, Phillip Michael, John Joseph, Edmund George, Louis Raball — Seated L-R: Edward Sadd, George Hanna (Reunion Chairman) Selma Bassett Edinger, Raymond Hawarny (President, Board of Directors), Marshall Simon



# Were you there?



50<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
After hours party



Thomas  
Bevens



50<sup>th</sup> Reunion



50<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
Pool Party!



1966 Reunion Meeting

Sept. 3-6



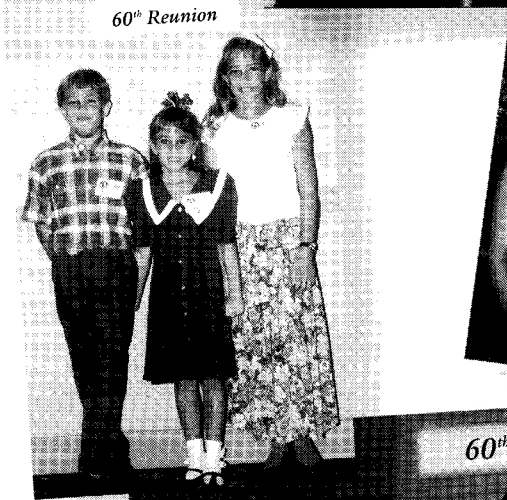
1982

They met at earlier  
reunion, got married...  
Reunion Romance

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

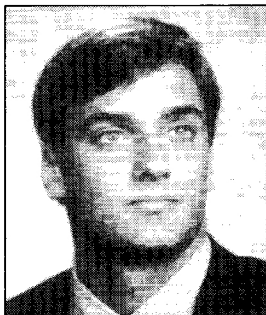


# Were you there?



# Congratulations to the 2001-2002 Scholarship Recipients!

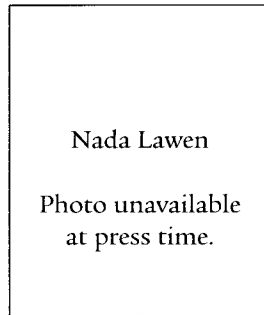
*The Board of Trustees wishes to congratulate the recipients  
of the 2001-2002 Kfeirian Reunion Scholarships.*



*Eric S. Grimm of Parkersburg, WV, son of Steven and Dee Anna (Cantees) Grimm, grandson of John and Cleta Cantees of South Charleston, WV. Eric is attending West Virginia University in Morgantown.*



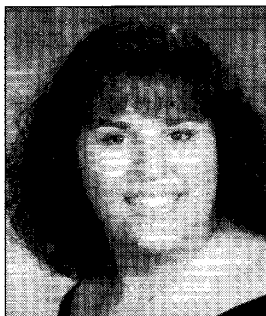
*Rita H. Hawarny of Huntington, WV, daughter of Albert and Leila Hawarny. Rita is attending Marshall University.*



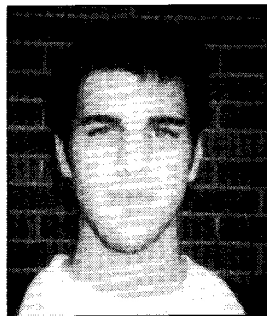
*Nada Lawen of Zable, Lebanon, is attending the American University of Science and Technology. She is the niece of Nazmi Lawen of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada.*



*Barbara M. Michael of Charleston, WV, is the daughter of John and Christine Michael and granddaughter of Phillip and Mae Michael. She is attending Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.*



*Mary E. Michael of Charleston, WV, is the daughter of Phillip and Gigi Michael and granddaughter of Phillip and Mae Michael. She is attending West Virginia University in Morgantown.*



*Samuel A. Morcom of Madison Heights, VA is son of Ramond and Ellen (Ramey) Morcom and nephew of Steven Ramey of Raleigh, NC. He is attending Florida State University in Tallahassee.*



*Joseph M. Peck, of Huntington, WV, is the son of Joseph and Mary Hodge Peck, and grandson of Mrs. Asma Hodge. He is attending Marshall University.*



*Diane E. Rose of Matthews, NC, is the daughter of Stuart and Tracie (Christian) Rose and grand-daughter of Don and Rose (Thabet) Christian of South Charleston, WV. Diane is attending Point Park college in Pittsburgh, PA.*

**THE KFEIRIAN REUNION FOUNDATION INC.**  
**FOUNDATION PRESIDENTS AND REUNION CHAIRMAN**  
**FROM AVAILABLE RECORDS**

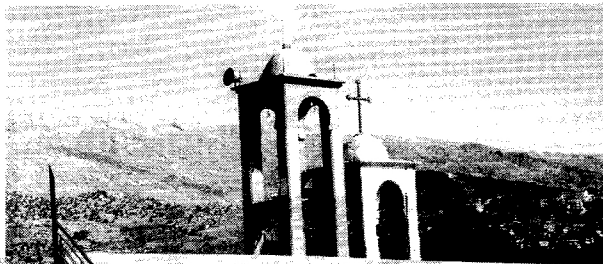
YEAR	PRESIDENT	HOST CITY	YEAR	REUNION CHAIRMAN
1928		.....	1928 1	informal gathering
1929		.....	1929 2	informal gathering
1930		.....	1930 3	informal gathering
1931		.....	1931 4	informal gathering
1932		Huntington .....	1932 5	informal gathering
1933		Huntington .....	1933 6	formal meeting
1934		Toledo .....	1934 7	
1935		Beckley .....	1935 8	
1936-37		Williamson .....	1936 9	Mike Abraham
1937-38		Cleveland .....	1937 10	
1938-39		.....	1938 11	
1939-40		Beckley .....	1939 12	
1940-41		<b>Beckley</b> .....	1940 13	Nick Rahal
1942 through 45 no Reunion Meetings - During War Years				
1946-47		Charleston .....	1946 14	
1947-48		Toledo .....	1947 15	George Sadd
<b>Brotherhood Incorporated: KFEIRIAN REUNION FOUNDATION, INC.</b>				
1948-49	Farris Sahley .....	Huntington .....	1948 16	
1949-50	Farris Sahley .....	Toledo .....	1949 17	George Sadd
1950-51	Farris Sahley .....	Huntington .....	1950 18	Toufic Kassab
1951-52	Farris Sahley .....	Toledo .....	1951 19	George Sadd
				Albert Joseph
				George Jamra
1952-53	Farris Sahley .....	Huntington .....	1952 20	Ernest G. Tweel
1953-54	Sol N. Steffan .....	Toledo .....	1953 21	George Jamra
1954-55	Sol No. Steffan .....	Huntington .....	1954 22	Edmund George
1955-56	Edmund George .....	Toledo .....	1955 23	Richard Joseph
1956-57	George Jamra .....	Cleveland .....	1956 24	Roger Sahley
1957-58	Phillip Bassett .....	Huntington .....	1957 25	James V. Hanna - 25th
1958-59	Norman Tweel .....	Toledo .....	1958 26	Hafiz Abu-Nasser
1959-60	Adeeb Sadd .....	Huntington .....	1959 27	Mary Haddad
1960-61	Ernest G. Tweel .....	Toledo .....	1960 28	Adeeb Sadd
1961-62	Sol N. Steffan .....	Huntington .....	1961 29	John Sakakini
				Edward G. Thabet
1962-63	George Jamra .....	Williamson .....	1962 30	Sol N. Steffan
1963-64	James V. Hanna .....	Charleston .....	1963 31	Clement R. Bassett
1963-64	James V. Hanna .....	Charleston .....	1963 31	Clement R. Bassett
1964-65	Edmund George .....	Huntington .....	1964 32	Edmund George
1965-66	Abe Cantees .....	Beckley .....	1965 33	Louis A. Rahall
1966-67	Ray A. Hawarney .....	Williamson .....	1966 34	Abe Cantees
1967-68	Ray A. Hawarney .....	Charleston .....	1967 35	Philip G. Michael
1968-69	Louis A. Rahall .....	Huntington .....	1968 36	George Hanna
1969-70	Abe Cantees .....	Beckley .....	1969 37	Louis A. Rahall
1970-71	Philip G. Michael .....	Williamson .....	1970 38	Abe Cantees
1971-72	Edmund George .....	Charleston .....	1971 39	Philip G. Michael
1972-73	Ray A. Hawarney .....	Huntington .....	1972 40	Edward G. Thabet
1973-74	Louis Kawaja .....	Beckley .....	1973 41	Louis A. Rahall
1974-75	Larry Jamra .....	Bluefield .....	1974 42	John Mickel
1975-76	Marshall Simon .....	Williamson .....	1975 45	Sol N. Steffan
1976-77	George Hanna .....	Huntington .....	1976 44	George Hanna
1977-78	George Hanna .....	S. Charleston .....	1977 45	Mitchell Mickel
1978-79	George Hanna .....	Beckley .....	1978 46	Louis Rahall
1979-80	Raymond Hawarney .....	Williamson .....	1979 47	Paul McCoy
1980-81	Raymond Hawarney .....	Huntington .....	1980 48	John Joseph
1981-82	Raymond Hawarney .....	Bluefield .....	1981 49	Frances Lynch
1982-83	Larry Jamra .....	Board of Directors .....	1982 50	George Hanna - 50th
		*Huntington		

## Foundation Presidents & Reunion Committee, Cont.

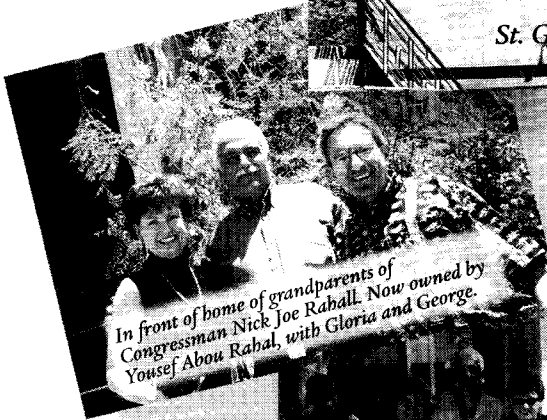
1983-84	Larry Jamra	Parkersburg	1983	51	Joe Coury
1984-85	Larry Jamra	Beckley	1984	52	Helen Ramey
1985-86	Larry Jamra	Charleston	1985	53	Karyn Stagg
1986-87	Amiel Michael	Williamson	1986	54	Jeannette McCoy
1987-88	Amiel Michael	Huntington	1987	55	David Rahall
1988-89	Karyn Stagg	Toledo	1988	56	John Joseph
1989-90	Karyn Stagg	Columbus	1989	57	Alan B. Edinger
1990-91	Tom Bevins	Charleston	1990	58	Karyn Stagg
1991-92	Tom Bevins	Williamson	1991	59	Jeannette McCoy
					Cheryl Slater
1992-93	John Joseph	Board of Directors	1992	60	Edmund George - 60th
		*Huntington			

*\*The Board of Directors extends their deep appreciation to the many people of Huntington who unselfishly contributed in preparation and the success of the 50th and 60th Reunions.*

1993-94	John Joseph	Huntington	1993	61	Julian Sadd
1994-95	Michael Abraham	So. Charleston	1994	62	Charles Thabet, Mitchell Mickel
1995-96	Michael Abraham	Toledo	1995	63	Fred Nasser
1996-97	Julian Saad	Orlando	1996	64	Diann Michael
1997-98	Julian Saad	Huntington	1997	65	Richard Tweel, George Hanna
1998-99	Michael Abraham	Columbus	1998	66	Selma Edinger, David Rahal
1999-00	Michael Abraham	Huntington	1999	67	Board of Directors
2000-01	Diann Michael	Toledo	2000	68	Jon & Deidra Jamra Hickey
2001-02	Diann Michael	Las Vegas	2001	69	Board of Directors
2002-03	Matthew Bassiet	Columbus	2002	70	Board of Directors



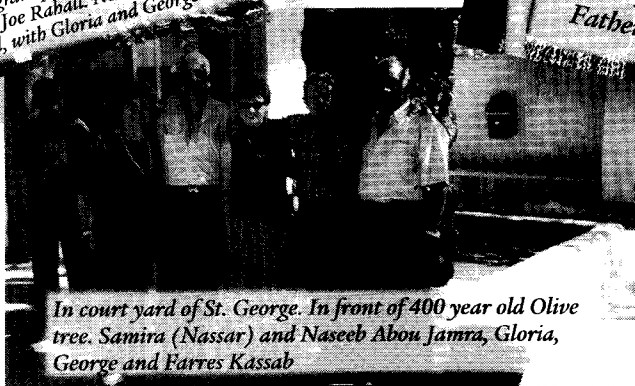
*St. George Church, Kfeir*



*In front of home of grandparents of Congressman Nick Joe Rahal. Now owned by Yousef Abou Rahal, with Gloria and George.*



*In front of altar with Father Moussa El Khoury.*



*In court yard of St. George. In front of 400 year old Olive tree. Samira (Nassar) and Naseeb Abou Jamra, Gloria, George and Farres Kassab*

# KAHLIL GIBRAN

*Prophet of Lebanon*

Kahlil Gibran was born in Lebanon in 1883. He is one of the most famous philosophers of the Near East, known and loved among millions of Arabic-speaking peoples. But his fame and influence have spread all over the world and his poetry and prose have been translated into over twenty languages.

Gibran lived much of his early life in Boston, Massachusetts, where his parents emigrated in 1895. He also lived in Paris studying painting under Auguste Rodin. Though he spent the last twenty years of his life in the United States, his heart and soul were with his people in Lebanon and his body was returned home after his death in 1931. Lebanon honours him with a museum dedicated to his life and work.

Gibran's best known work is a book of poetry/prose entitled *The Prophet*, first published in 1923.

The power of his work is expressed in this quote from a group of American scholars studying his work:

Gibran could write timeless truths in a way that make the reader feel he is taking a walk in a quiet wood or bathing in a cool stream; it soothes the spirit. But he could also write with a scorch like fire.



*Rocks and convent near Ajaltoun Mount Lebanon*



*In Loving memory of my  
Beloved Husband and Brother*



*Toufic Hodge*



*General Murad El-Fakhoury*



*Congratulations to the Kfeirian Reunion on your 70th Anniversary.  
Many More.*



*From the  
Rhoda Hodge Family  
Huntington, West Virginia*

Stuart & Nancy Kenney  
Sara, Stephanie, Shelby  
Marietta, GA

David & Nadia Hardy  
Scott, Kristen  
Charleston, WV

Douglas & Norma Thompson  
Ryan, Evan  
Huntington, WV

David & Lora Nicholas  
Huntington, WV

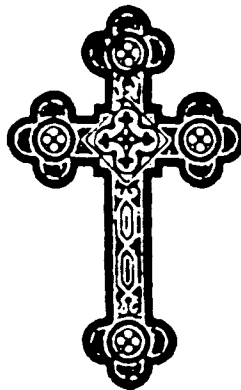
Sharon Hodge  
Huntington, WV

Chuck, Lila, & Charlie  
Fischer

Diann & Gianna  
Michael

**Congratulate the  
Kfeirian Reunion Foundation  
on its  
70<sup>th</sup> Year**

In Memory of Our Beloved Parents



Kemel & Nazek  
Mickel

Esber & Asma Radwan  
Michael



*Congratulations and Best Wishes on  
Our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*



Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bofysil

June 1, 2002

Aaron Isaac, Richard Kerbawy

Michael & Stacey Bofysil

*In Loving Memory  
of Our Beloved Parents*



Nageeb James Seid Bofysil  
1914 - 1977

Wadad Ethel Bassett Bofysil  
1917 - 2001

*“May They Forever Live in God’s Kingdom”*

*Michael & Stacey Bofysil*

*We Wish You a  
Successful and Joyous  
70<sup>th</sup> Reunion*

Dr. George and Brenda Farha  
Wichita, KS

*In Loving Memory of our beloved  
parents and grandparents*

George Aube and Naheele Zakem Sadd



*One of the original founders of our reunion and lifetime supporters and participants.  
May God grant them eternal memory in our hearts...*

Adeeb & Carolyn Thabet Sadd

Leilah Sadd

Chrisa Hanna

John and Carrie Khouri

Jameel Sadd

Phil Sadd

Frank and Tamara Brinkley

Randy and Mary Elizabeth Sadd

Jacob, Luke, Caleb

Greg and Cheryl Sadd

Larry and Charlotte Sadd Lechlak

Mark and Anne Wambold

Melanie, Zachary

Steve and Laura Pegram

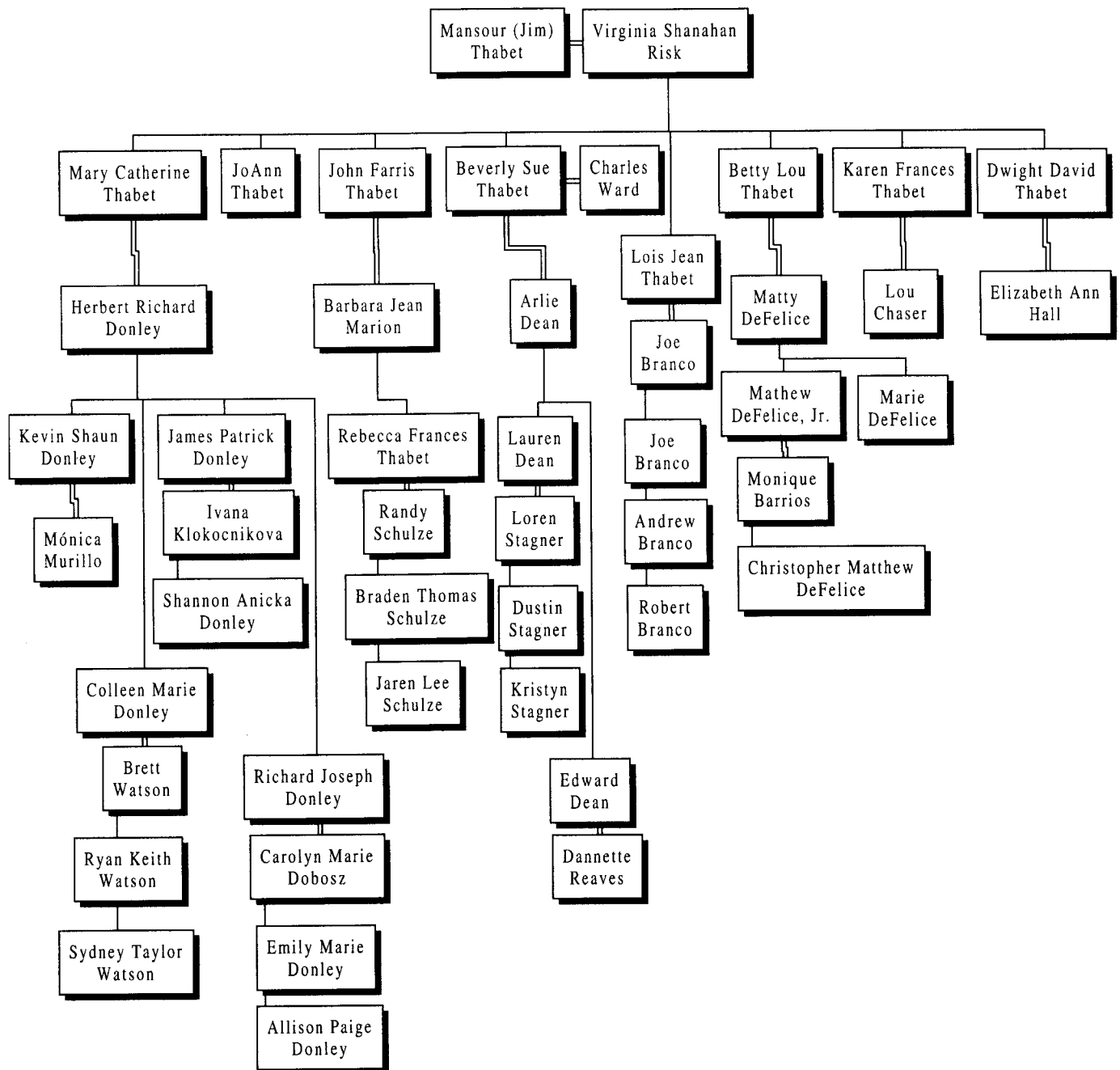
Tony and Amy O'Neal

Jocelyn



*Jim Mansour & Virginia Risk Thabet*

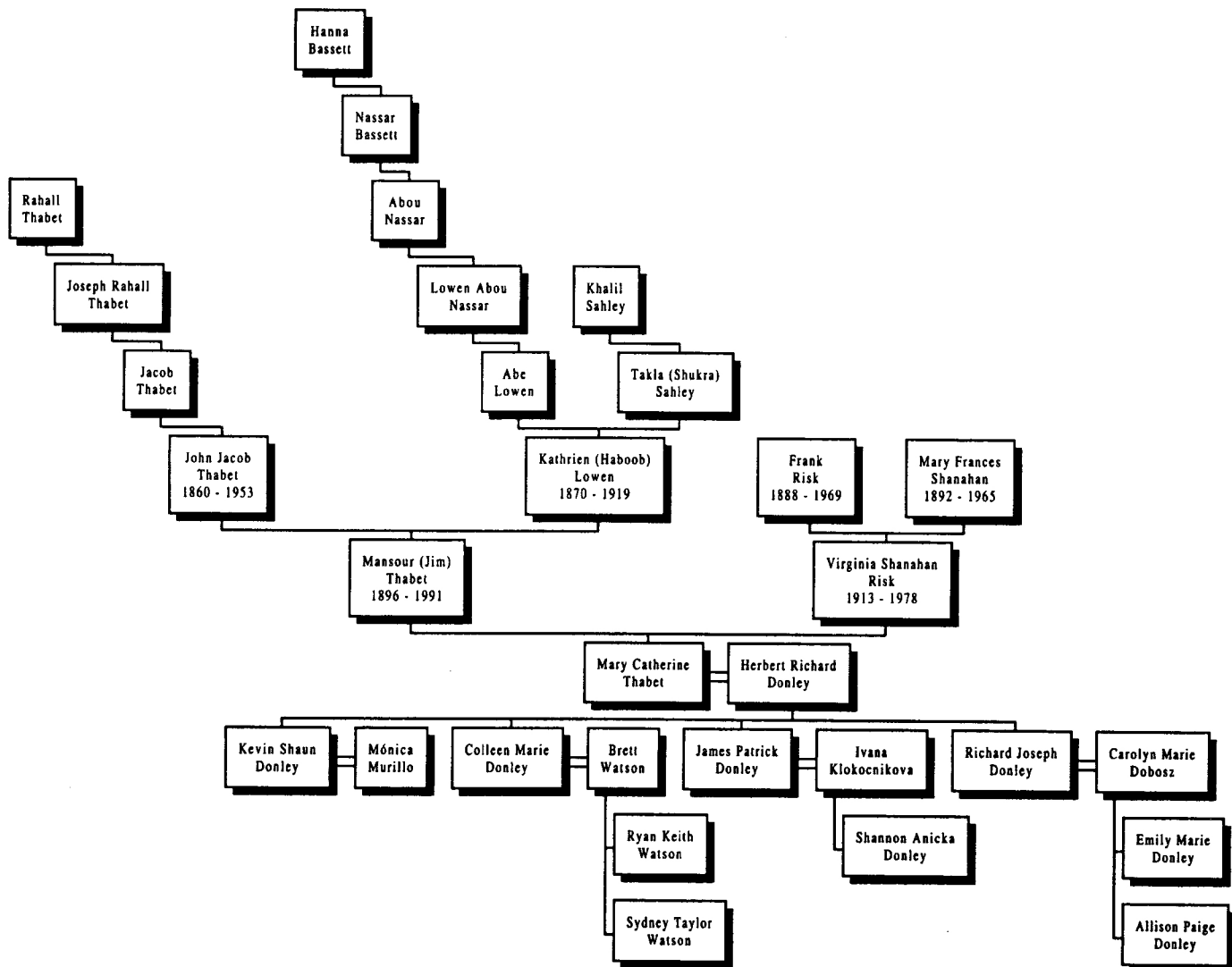
# *The Family of Mansour (Jim) Thabet*



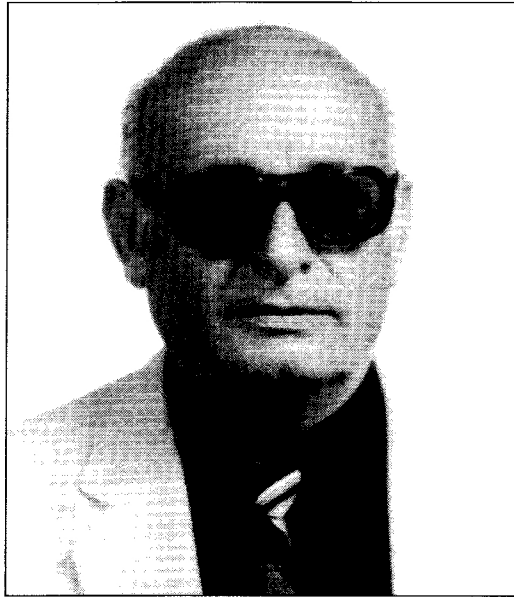
# *Congratulations on our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

In Loving Memory of  
 Mansour (Jim) Thabet and Virginia Risk

*from Mary Catherine Thabet and family*



*In Loving Memory of Our Beloved  
Fouad Michael Abourizk*



December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1919 – May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2001

God saw you getting tired. He did what He thought best. He put his arms around you, and said “Come and Rest”. It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone, a part of us went with you the day God called you Home.

**From Rahme Abourizk and Family**

Reda and Nadia Abourizk Asaad and family – Washington, D.C.

Michael and Robin Abourizk and Family – Phoenix, AZ

Dr. Lester and Lourice Abourizk McIntyre and Family – Davie, FL

Claire Abourizk – Miami, FL

Humberto and Sonia Abourizk Estenoz – Miami, FL

Anthony and Elpida Abourizk – St. Kitts, VI





In Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Seven,  
Our Jidoo Sam, who's now in Heaven  
Came from Kfeir in Lebanon  
To start a life in Huntington.

He joined the Army in Forty-Three  
In order to help his new country.  
Sam wed Naime in Fifty-One  
And had two daughters and a son.



Jidoo worked hard at his own store  
While keeping house was Naime's chore.  
They raised their kids with common sense  
Hard work and love and great patience.



They taught their children appreciation  
Of the United States and their native nation.  
Kibbee, coosa, bettenjani,  
Dubke, Kfeir and mas-salami.



But more important we take this opportunity  
To congratulate the Kferian community  
For Seventy Years of sweet success  
And wish you an abundance of happiness.



**Sam Joseph**  
1909-1989

By  
**Nick & Mike Joseph**  
And  
**CJ Asmus**  
In Loving Memory

In Eighty five, John took Kris for a mate,  
 And have Nick and Mike; they're really great!  
 In Eighty-nine, Angels took Sam home  
 But with Kfeirians in Heaven, he's not alone.

Diana wed a fine Chris later that year,  
 And was a wonderful father for CJ, their dear.  
 Sadly last October, Chris passed away  
 And CJ and Diana mourn to this day.



Niame's our Sitty who prays for us  
 And makes us dance when we start to fuss.  
 She's also Kfeirian who had a vision  
 Of coming to America as her life's main mission.

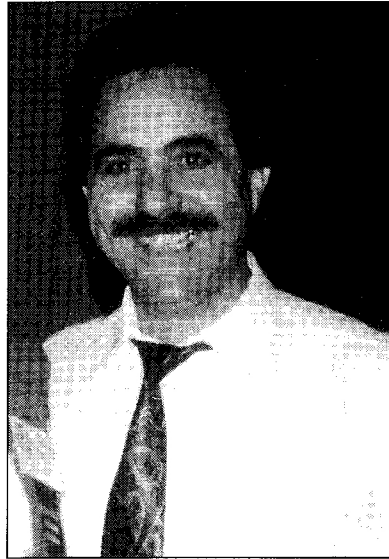


So today we're very proud to declare  
 That our Jidoo and Sitty are from Kfeir.  
 We are thankful for all they labored and all the gave  
 So we could be here -- the land of the free and the home of the brave!



**Chris Asmus**  
 1962-2001

*Congratulations  
to the Kfeirian Reunion  
on your 70th Anniversary*



Milad "Mike" Saliba

*May you have many more  
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Mary Louise Abraham

Ida, Volentine, Lucille, Madeline and Phillip Abraham

George Abraham Haddad

Bernice V. Abraham

Barbara Abraham Henry



*Our father, so affectionally referred to as "Uncle Mike" by many of his  
Lebanese friends, was one of the founders of this Kfeirian Reunion.  
Congratulations on our 70th Anniversary.*

## *From the Abraham Family formerly of Williamson, WV.*

Jack & Anne  
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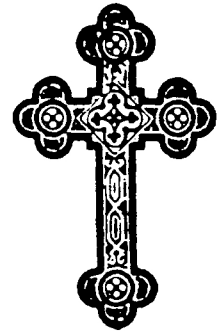
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*In loving memory of:*  
*Joufic and Rasmia Thabet*  
*Memory Eternal*



Farris (Deceased) and Clemence Thabet Bassett  
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 Cathy Bassett Borucki

Mitchell M. and Linda Thabet Mickel  
 Sharman Kay Mickel  
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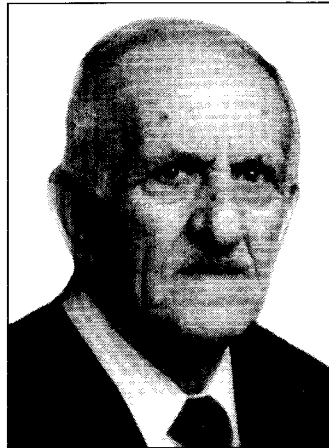
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 Brian and Yvonne Christian

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 Andrea Thabet  
 Leslie Thabet

*In memory of my loving husband  
May his memory be eternal*



Moussa Hanna

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Our heartfelt congratulations and warmest wishes for a successful

**7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
and many more happy returns.



Congratulations to Mom Hanna on her 90th birthday.  
God has blessed her and all our family.

Pictured l to r:

Millard and Betty Price (Gloria's parents, Huntington, WV), Stephanie Hanna (Charlotte, NC), Bruce Hanna (Atlanta, GA), Mr. and Mrs. (Jamie & Greg) Gregory G. Hanna (Martinsburg, WV), Gloria, Nazik and George Hanna (Huntington, WV).

# Congratulations

for many accomplishments in the past

## Best Wishes

for many successes in the future

*Louis and Elaine Rahall and Families*

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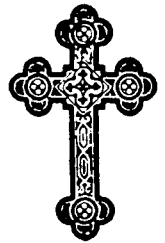
David Rahall,  
Atlanta, GA

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## In Loving Memory

of



Asaff and Jamelia Rahall

“Aunt” Alice Thabit

Joe Rahall

George Rahall

*Toufic and Eva Husson*



**Gladys Shumla Bassett Parlette**  
1915 - 2002



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1917 - 2001



**Abraham J. Bassett, Sr.**  
1885 - 1949  
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1891 - 1983

### **IN MEMORIUM**

TO OUR BELOVED LATE SISTERS  
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SONS ALAN AND MATTHEW

**ALICE TAMAM BASSETT RUTHERDALE**  
SONS LAWRENCE AND JAY  
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*In Loving Memory of Our Dear Parents*  
*Abe Radwan Mickel*  
&  
*Nahia Fakhoury Mickel*



*By Their Children and Families:*

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of my Beloved Husband  
Dr. Orlando L. Skaff*

*of my Beloved Parents  
Fayez S. Ramey and Hellen Abourezk Ramey*

*of my Beloved Sister  
Sally Ramey*

*Congratulations and Best Wishes for  
a successful 70<sup>th</sup> Kfeirian Reunion*

*from*

Dorothy Ramey Skaff and Family;

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The Hanna Family*



*Louise Mary Hanna Sadd*

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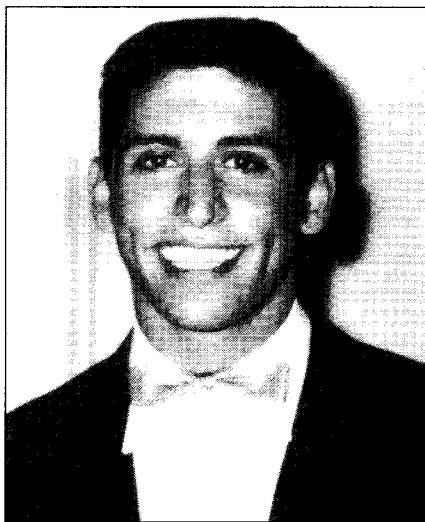


*James Victor Hanna*

MAY 24, 1931 – JULY 22, 2002



*Sadie and Victor*



*Phil*

*We miss your smile.....from your family*

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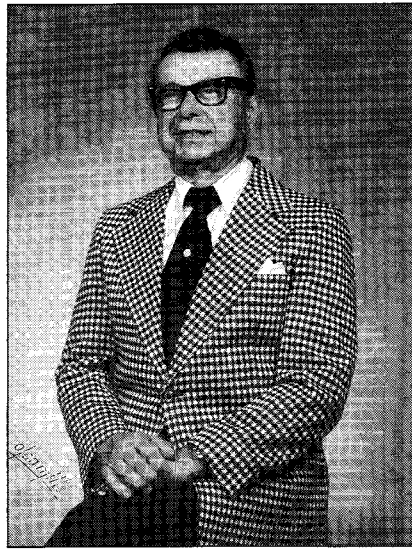
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*In Loving Memory of my beloved husband.*



*Phillip Bassett*

Congratulations on our 70th Anniversary.  
Phillip was one of the original founders of the Kfeirian Reunion.

*Josephine Bassett  
Huntington, WV*

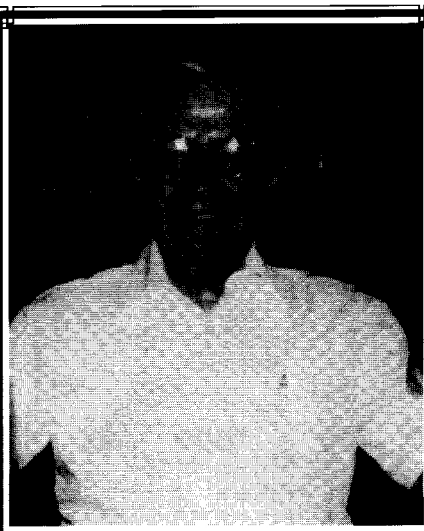
*In Loving Memory of*

**Sadik Samuel Ramey**

*Virginia, Philip, Stephen, Ellen and David*

*May His Memory Be Eternal!*

فليكن ذكره مؤبداً



*In Loving Memory*  
of  
✠ *Nicholas F. Hodge* ✠

Asma Hodge  
George and Wanda Hodge  
Joseph and Mary Hodge Peck  
Johnny and Phyllis Hodge  
Dr. G.R. and Sheri Hodge Beneke and Blake  
David and Kimberly Hodge George  
Joseph M. Peck

With the spirits of the righteous made perfect, give rest to the soul of thy servant, O Saviour; and preserve it in that life of blessedness which is with thee, O thou who lovest mankind.

أيها المخلص أرح نفس عبدك مع أرواح الصديقين الراقدين، واحفظها للحياة السعيدة التي لديك يا محب البشر.

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*Jill Lynn Rau*

*Rapid City, SD*

*Colleen June Kary*

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In Memory of my Beloved Husband,  
Father and Grandfather



*Edmund George*

Best Wishes to the Kfeirian Reunion on  
your Seventieth Anniversary.

*Rosalie George*

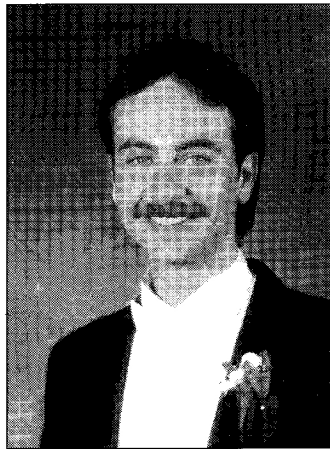
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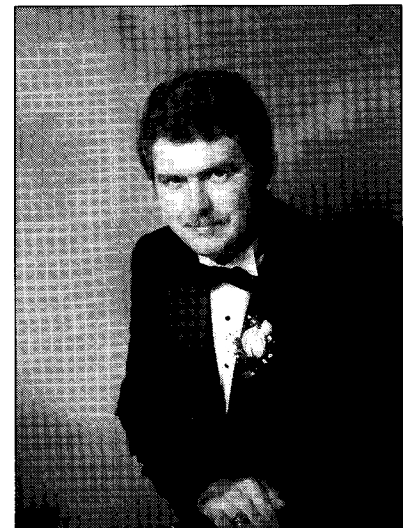
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Chris H. Asmus*



We miss you Chris  
Memory Eternal

*Diana and Christopher Joseph "CJ" Asmus*