

Annual Kfeirian Reunion



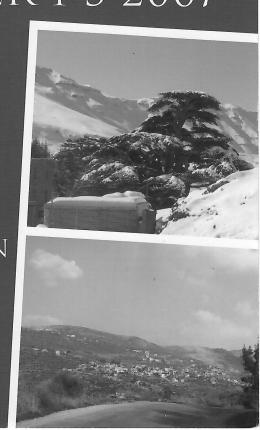
AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 1-3 2007

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COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL

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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY – AUGUST 31, 2007

10:00 a.m.		8:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.	_	9:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.		7:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	-	8:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.		11:00 p.m.
		11:00 p.m.

Swimming/Visit
Registration
Children's Activities
Picnic/Buffet
DJ Entertainment
Afterhours Visitation

Swimming Pool
Mezzanine
Patio/Patio Ballroom
Patio/Patio Ballroom
Patio/Patio Ballroom
Mezzanine

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 1, 2007

10:00 a.m	11:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m	8:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m	12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m	1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m	2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m	4:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m	4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. –	7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. –	9:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m. –	1:00 a.m.
	1:00 a.m.

Registration
Swimming/Visit
Touma Mid-East Museum Tou
Arabic 101
Arabic Dancing Instruction
Kid's Corner
Cooking Class w/ Helen Corey
Cocktail Hour
Lebanese Style Buffet
Hafli/Belly Dancing Troupe
Afterhours Visitation

Mezzanine
Swimming Pool
Huntington Museum of Art
Kentucky Room
Kentucky Room
Cam Henderson Room
Grand Theatre
Mezzanine
Grande Ballroom
Grande Ballroom
Mezzanine

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

10:00 a.m.		12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m.		
1:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.	_	4:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.	_	4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.	-	6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	_	9:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m.	_	1:00 a.m.
		1:00 a.m.

Hierarchal Divine Liturgy	
Bishop THOMAS Presiding	
Registration	
Past Presidents/Chairmen Red	ception
Hosted by Joseph M. Peck, Founda	tion President
Kid's Corner	
General Assembly	
Cocktail Hour	
Grand Banquet	
Grand Ball/Hafli	
Afterhours Visitation	

	Hotel shuttles leave at 10:00 a.r.
	Mezzanine
	Presidential Suite 704
	Cam Henderson Room
	Grand Theatre
1	Mezzanine
	Grande Ballroom
	Grande Ballroom

Mezzanine

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 3, 2007

8:00 a.m.		9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.	-	10:30 a.m.
10:30a.m.	_	12:30 p.m.
		12:30 p.m.

Scholarship Meeting Board of Directors Meeting Brunch Closing Raffle/Surprise Executive Board Room Executive Board Room Grande Ballroom Grande Ballroom



THE KFEIRIAN REUNION FOUNDATION INC.

FOUNDATION PRESIDENTS AND REUNION CHAIRMAN FROM AVAILABLE RECORDS

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	UNION	PRESIDENT	HOST CITY	REUNION CHAIRMAN
1928	1			Informal gathering
1929	2			Informal gathering
1930	3			Informal gathering
1931	4			Informal gathering
1932	5		Huntington	Informal gathering
1933	6		Huntington	formal meeting
1934	7		Toledo	
1935	8		Beckley	
1936	9		Williamson	Mike Abraham
1937	10		Cleveland	
1938	11			
1939	12		Beckley	
1940	13		Beckley	Nick Rahal
		union Meetings - Durin		
1946	14		Charleston	
1947	15		Toledo	George Sadd
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1948	16	Farris Sahley	Huntington	
1949	17	Farris Sahley	Toledo	George Sadd
1950	18	Farris Sahley	Huntington	Toufic Kassab
1951	19	Farris Sahley	Toledo	George Sadd
				Albert Joseph
1000				George Jamra
1952	20	Farris Sahley	Huntington	Ernest G. Tweel
1953	21	Sol N. Steffan	Toledo	George Jamra
1954	22	Sol N. Steffan	Huntington	Edmund George
1955	23	Edmund George	Toledo	Richard Joseph
1956	24	George Jamra	Cleveland	Roger Sahley
1957	25	Phillip Bassett	Huntington	James V. Hanna - 25th
1958	26	Norman Tweel	Toledo	Hafiz Abu-Nasser
1959	27	Adeeb Sadd	Huntington	Mary Haddad
1960	28	Ernest G. Tweel	Toledo	Abeeb Sadd
1961	29	Sol N. Steffan	Huntington	John Sakakini
				Edward G. Thabet
1962	30	George Jamra	Williamson	Sol N. Steffan
1963	31	James V. Hanna	Charleston	Clement R. Bassett
1964	32	Edmund George	Huntington	Edmund George
1965	33	Abe Cantees	Beckley	Louis A. Rahall
1966	34	Ray A. Hawarney	Williamson	Abe Cantees
1967	35	Ray A. Hawarney	Charleston	Philip G. Michael
1968	36	Louis A. Rahall	Huntington	George Hanna
1969	37	Abe Cantees	Beckley	Louis A. Rahall
1970	38	Philip G. Michael	Williamson	Abe Cantees
1971	39	Edmund George	Charleston	Philip G. Michael
1972	40	Ray A. Hawarny	Huntington	Edward G. Thabet
1973	41	Louis Kawaja	Beckley	Louis A. Rahall



FOUNDATION PRESIDENTS AND REUNION COMMITEE, CONT.

YEAR	REUNION	PRESIDENT	HOST CITY	REUNION CHAIRMAN
1974	42	Larry Jarma	Bluefield	John Mickel
1975	43	Marshall Simon	Williamson	Sol N. Steffan
1976	44	George Hanna	Huntington	George Hanna
1977	45	George Hanna	S. Charleston	Mitchell Mickel
1978	46	George Hanna	Beckley	Louis Rahall
1979	47	Raymond Hawarny	Williamson	Paul McCoy
1980	48	Raymond Hawarny	Huntington	John Joseph
1981	49	Raymond Hawarny	Bluefield	Frances Lynch
1982	50	Larry Jarma	Board of Directors	George Hanna - 50th
			*Huntington	and a reality being a
1983	51	Larry Jamra	Parkersburg	Joe Coury
1984	52	Larry Jamra	Beckley	Helen Ramey
1985	53	Larry Jamra	Charleston	Karyn Stagg
1986	54	Amiel Michael	Williamson	Jeannette McCoy
1987	55	Amiel Michael	Huntington	David Rahall
1988	56	Karyn Stagg	Toledo	John Joseph
1989	57	Karyn Stagg	Columbus	Alan B. Edinger
1990	58	Tom Bevins	Charleston	Karyn Stagg
1991	59	Tom Bevins	Williamson	Jeanette McCoy
				Cheryl Slater
1992	60	John Joseph	Board of Directors* *Huntington	Edmund George - 60th

*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	61	John Joseph	Huntington	Julian Sadd
1994	62	Michael Abraham	So. Charleston	Charles Thabet
				Mitchell Mickel
1995	63	Michael Abraham	Toledo	Fred Nasser
1996	64	Julian Sadd	Orlando	Diann Michael
1997	65	Julian Sad	Huntington	Richard Tweel
			1044	George Hanna
1998	66	Michael Abraham	Columbus	Selma Edinger
				David Rahal
1999	67	Michael Abraham	Huntington	Board of Directors
2000	68	Diann Michael	Toledo	Jon & Deidra Jamra Hickey
2001	69	Diann Michael	Las Vegas	Board of Directors
2002	70	Matthew Bassiet	Columbus	Board of Directors
2003	71	Matthew Bassiet	Miami	Phil Sadd
2004	72	Phil Sadd	Charleston	Joseph M. Peck
2005	73	Phil Sadd	Manhattan Beach, CA	Joseph M. Peck
2006	74	Joseph M. Peck	Charleston	Joseph M. Peck
2007	75	Joseph M. Peck	Huntington	Joseph M. Peck - 75th







Beloved Fellow Kfeirians.

أهلا و سهلاً بكم!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is with great pride, pleasure and heartfelt joy that I welcome you to the 75th Annual Kfeirian Reunion.

This year we mark a historic milestone in the life of our Reunion. Seventy-five years have passed since our forefathers began their mission to preserve their Kfeirian heritage and traditions for generations to come. This is an outstanding accomplishment that no other family reunion can match. I am uncertain if our forefathers expected the Reunion to live on this long, but I am confident that they would be delighted to see that we continue to carry their torch some 75 years later.

It is now our responsibility to look forward to the next 75 years. We will not be able to do this without the involvement and support of our youth. We need to include them in the planning of future reunions. We need to be open to their ideas and suggestions and offer our support and experience when needed. This will guarantee that our Reunion will live on for years to come.

During this historic weekend, I challenge everyone to renew their interest in our Kfeirian heritage and traditions. The famous Lebanese poet Khalil Gibran once wrote, "Let me tell you who are the children of my Lebanon... They are those who migrate with nothing but courage in their hearts and strength in their arms..." Such was the case with many of our Kfeirian families. They left their homes in the hills and valleys of Lebanon to seek new lives, to search out new opportunities. They came to this new country and worked day and night to make sure that their children and their children's children would have a happy life. We are truly grateful for their efforts. We must always hold our Kfeirian heritage close to us, but at the same time, we must love the country to which our families immigrated.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their assistance in planning this Reunion. I would especially like to recognize George Hanna for his timeless support, not only for this Reunion, but also for his years of dedicated service to the Board of Directors. It has been a privilege to serve as your Board President and Reunion Chairman over the past two years. I have made many new acquaintances and rekindled old friendships during my tenure. I have also learned a great deal about our families, our heritage and our beloved Reunion. I am eternally grateful for these experiences.

Again, welcome to Huntington for our 75th anniversary. I am hopeful that this weekend will be a memorable one!

Joseph M. Peck

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August 31, September 1,2,3,2007

We would like to welcome you to our 75th Anniversary of our Annual Kfeirian Family Reunion. We dedicate this commemorative journal to our founders and to those who have dedicated themselves to working hard to ensure our reunions continue to keep our heritage alive. Young people today are looking for their roots. The Kfeirian Reunion is your heritage and roots, come, enjoy and learn. Who would have thought that in 1932 we would be celebrating our family reunion, seventy five years later? Our founding fathers would be proud of each of us who committed to working hard to keep our heritage alive.

Many months of planning have gone into the preparation and publishing of this treasure, and historic journal. We hope you enjoy reading the history of your Kfeirian heritage, be proud of your roots, and enjoy the many new pictures of Kfeir.

Unfortunately, many of our third and fourth generation young Kfeirians have no idea what our family reunions are about. WHY? because their parents did not bother to bring them when they were young, and did not grow up with the Reunion. Getting together and knowing your close and distant cousins should be very important.

Many families get together with their immediate families at a vacation destination, and there is nothing wrong with that, however, this is the very reason our forefathers started the Kfeirian Brotherhood so their relative's children can get to know one another. We pray these young people will have a change of heart and participate in future reunions.

My sincere appreciation goes to Kfeirian Reunion Foundation President, Joseph M. Peck, and Board of Directors for their help and support. Thank you for your participation in this journal, and finally, thank you Chapman Printing Company for doing an outstanding job on our 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book.

God bless you and your families and pray for your good health.

Warmest Regards,

George Hanna, Chairman

Commemorative Journal



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 20, 2007

Mr. George Hanna, Treasurer Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, Inc. 25 Hillendale Drive Huntington, West Virginia 25705

Dear Mr. Hanna:

Please convey my greetings and congratulations to all those attending the 75th Anniversary of the Kfeirian Family Reunion.

People from every part of the world have traveled to these shores, bringing with them the unique customs and beliefs of their ancestors. By preserving their rich ethnic heritage, they have added their history, art, and folklore to the great mosaic of American culture.

I think it is particularly appropriate that your celebration coincides with Labor Day, a time of reflection in this country. On this holiday we are reminded of the hard work it has taken to build a new life in America, and the dedication that has kept alive the memory, of your village in Lebanon.

We extend our best wishes for a wonderful and successful 75th anniversary reunion.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush



NICK J. RAHALL, II, M.C. WEST VIRGINIA



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CONGRESS of the United States of Merica

August 1, 2007

Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, Inc. c/o George Hanna 25 Hillendale Drive Huntington, WV 25705

Dear Friends:

I am writing to personally wish each and every one of you well on the 75th Reunion of the Kfeirian Family Reunion. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the heritage of our past as well as the accomplishments we have enjoyed realizing in America. It is my hope that future generations will continue to share the spirit of generations past and look to the future with hope and prosperity.

May God richly bless all of you and heal our great Nation.

With warm regard, I am

Sincerely,

NICK J. RAHALL, II Member of Congress

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The Most Reverend Metropolitan PHILIP

The Right Reverend THOMAS



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July 16, 2007

Kfeirian Reunion c/o Subdeacon Joseph Peck Holy Spirit Orthodox Church 1 Woodhaven Drive Huntington, WV 25701

Beloved in Christ.

May God bless you always.

Once again it is my great pleasure to be with you for the Kfeirian Reunion. Our beloved people that share the Kfeirian heritage are known for their hospitality and generosity. I remember quite well last year how generous you were in raising money for a generator for your hometown. I recently received an email from someone who was visiting there and gave a wonderful account of how well your generous gifts have been received. Please know that your reward for this is in the heavenly kingdom. Our Lord teaches us that "when you have done it for the least of my brethren you have done it for me." It's my prayer that this year's reunion will be filled with the usual spirit of love, hospitality, and generosity. Please know it is a great pleasure and a great honor to be with you.

Please keep me in your prayers as you are in mine.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop THOMAS

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Diocese of Charleston, Oakland, and the Mid-Atlantic





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September 1, 2007

Dear Friends:

Greetings and salutations on the 75th anniversary of the Kfeirian Reunion! Thank you for inviting me to share in this special and historic celebration.

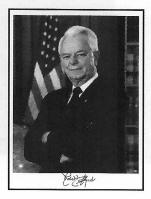
As one who has always valued family reunions, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a successful and joyous gathering. Reunions are a special time for sharing fond memories and enjoying a spirit of camaraderie and fellowship. They are a time for families to come together in celebration of their common roots and heritage.

The Kfeirian Reunion must be a really special occasion. Your roots and heritage extend thousands of miles from here, back to the village of Kfeir, Lebanon. And the Kfeirian Reunion brings together so many families now scattered around our country that I am sure it will be a most festive and memorable happening.

I understand that the Kfeirian Reunion has been held in a number of cities all across the country, including Las Vegas, Miami, Los Angeles, and Orlando. I am so pleased that this year you decided to return to your roots -- Huntington, West Virginia -- where the Kfeirian Reunion began 75 years ago, and where the Kfeirian family originally immigrated from Lebanon.

I also understand that my dear friend and congressional colleague, Congressman Nick Joe Rahall, who regularly attends the Kfeirian Reunions may join you. If he does, please extend to him, and all the people attending the reunion, my best wishes.

It is my great pleasure to present you with an American flag that has been flown over the United States Capitol in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Kfeirian Reunion. I hope it will be flown in future reunions of the Kfeirian families.



Sincerely yours,
Obert Byrd



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV WEST VIRGINIA

United States Senate

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April 13, 2007

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Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the members of the Kfeirian Family to your Family Reunion.

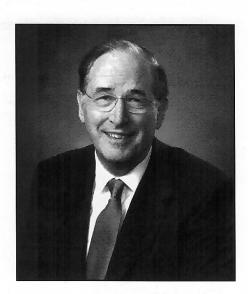
In a day when many believe families don't have the time for one another, it is heartwarming to see people taking the time to preserve and strengthen family ties. Family is the very foundation of our society; and your children will benefit greatly from your dedication to preserving your heritage.

I wish you all health and happiness in the years ahead. My family joins me in sending best wishes and kindest regards on this important occasion.

May God bless each of you.

Sincerely,

John D. Rockefeller IV



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Office of the Governor

GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR

As the 34th Governor of the Mountain State, it's my distinct honor to welcome you to Huntington, WV, for the 75th Annual Kfeirian Reunion. Please accept my sincere apologies for not being able to attend this event with you.

It is truly admirable that since 1932, the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation Inc. has continued the tradition of bringing family members together over Labor Day weekend. I hope you will take this opportunity to catch up with your loved ones who have traveled from near and far to be a part of this event. Coming from a very big and close-knit family myself, I understand how important family ties are.

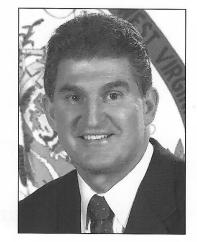
Furthermore, West Virginians of Lebanense descent have long been making positive contributions to the Mountain State. On behalf of the entire state, I would like to thank them for being such great role models.

Once again, welcome to the 75th Annual Kfeirian Reunion. I hope you have an enjoyable and memorable weekend!

With warmest regards

Joe Manchin III

Governor





MAYOR DAVID FELINTON

mayor@cityofhuntington.com

August 3, 2007



Dear Friends.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Huntington upon this occasion of the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Kfeirian Reunion. I am honored to recognize this gathering of family and friends from the village of Kfeir Hasbaya in Lebanon who, in spite of the passage of time and distance, join together each year to celebrate friendships and memories.

Huntington is proud to be called home by many Kfeirian descendants of the village of Kfeir Hasbaya in Lebanon. Your unique contributions made through professional, religious, cultural, social, education and civic organizations adds to the strength of our community.

Congratulations on this special occasion! My 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.

Sincerely,

Sanda Felita

David Felinton Mayor



Office of the Mayor





Holy Spirit Antiochian Orthodox Church كنيسة الروح القدس الأنطاكية الأرثوذكسية



Fr. John Dixon, Pastor

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the parishioners of Holy Spirit Antiochian Orthodox Church, we greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and welcome you to the 75th Kfeirian Reunion. We are excited that you have again returned to Huntington for your gathering.

Although the village of Kfeir may be small, its sons and daughters have made monumental contributions to the City of Huntington and to our parish over many decades. These Kfeirians and their descendents continue to enrich our lives today. We particularly honor the memory of those who sacrificed and supported our parish over these past four decades. May their memory be eternal!

We trust that your weekend in Huntington will be filled with good fellowship, as you strengthen the bonds of family and friendship that have preserved your association these past 75 years.

On behalf of His Grace Bishop THOMAS, we welcome you to join us for Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We look forward to meeting all of you.

Yours in Christ.

Father John Dixon, Pastor







SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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> August 3, 2007 St. Salome the Myrrh-bearer

Welcome Kfeirians!

On behalf of the Faithful at Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, I am happy to welcome you back to Huntington and the Tri-State for your 75th Kfeirian Reunion. What an amazing achievement!

As a newcomer to this part of the country in 2004, I recall my "orientation" to the area included learning from parishioners about the various people who settled here and what is was that took them away from the lands they loved. I don't think I was here more than a month before I heard of Kfeir and the annual Kfeirian Reunion. Within three months I attended my first Kfeirian Reunion as a guest!

It is indeed a testimony to your love for your ancestral home and roots that you have clung tenaciously to this three-quarters of a century old tradition of coming together. Pursuit of the American Dream initially brought your forbearers to West Virginia and Ohio, but actualizing that goal has over the years dispersed you, their descendants, across the continent. Coming back here for your 75th Reunion seems somehow especially fitting as you once again honor the pledge made in 1932.

It is said that one can never really go home. While this may largely be true, one can admire you for maintaining your identity with Kfeir, as it seems to be more than a place for you. As a casual observer, I see in you that home lies in the hearts and in the faces of the people you love and with whom you identify. Could it be that something of Kfeir is in you? Probably.

In that spirit, "welcome home" as you reunite to honor the "ho continues to nurture you.

In Christ

Father Mark Ellio

Pastor/





Past Scholarship Recipients!

The Board of Trustees wishes to congratulate the recipients of the Kfeirian Reunion Scholarships.

We are proud of you.

Mirna Abou Rizk

Norma Abou Rizk

Sami Abourizke

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Laura Andrews

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Richard A. Kerbawy

Nada Lawen

Nazim Lowen

Ibrahim Margie

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Abraham Saad

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Venice Saad

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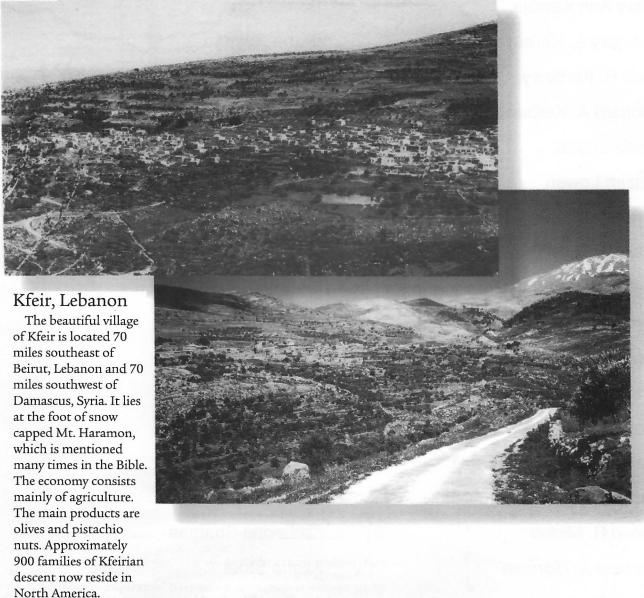
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Mydina R. Thabet

Samira Thabet

The Rev. Fr. David Thabet







History of the 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.





It has been said that divine justice stumbled once, and the result was Lebanon, an anomalous concentration of natural and

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, dazzingly 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.

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EARLY LETTER OF ORGANIZATION

KEFEYRIAN BROTHERHOOD

Organized 1928





P. O. Box 265 funtington, West Virgini

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TRANSLATION BELOW

August 28, 1929

TO OUR KEFEYRIAN BRETHREN

By the will of God the Kefeyrian Brotherhood announces to all brother Kefeyrians that the Kefeyrian Brotherhood is in its second year from April 15 of this year which was better attended than the first year of our existance and due to the generosity of the membership who have participated from all areas and through their donations, suggestions and guidance, our first year was successful. From this result the reunion donations were given to the needy Kefeyrian brethren according to our duties.

The reason for this letter is to bring attention to all Kefeyrian brethen everywhere to join with us and share their abilities to establish independent chapters to better communicate the results of this Reunion, its aid, help and acts.

In the meantime we ask dear brethren to inform us of any needs of any Kefeyrian wherever they may be, so we may come to their aid.

The main reason for our establishment is to aid and serve our brethren.

We are anxiously awaiting your respected reply and recommendations as to the establishment of these chapters.

KEFEYRIAN BROTHERHOOD REUNION

P.S. Registration is \$3.00 per year Membership is \$6.00 per year

Translated by Fr. Zacharia Nasr



EARLY LETTER OF ORGANIZATION

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Muntington, W, Va December 10, 1977

Dear Sir and Brother:

Greetings! We doubt you have been informed that the Kefeyrian Brotherhood has reduced its memberable fee to \$1.00 per year, instead of \$6. 0. reginning with the sixth year, which is the present year.

We have about eighty members, but due to so roity of momey with most of us, we find many of our members behind in their dues. We ntill want t em to be respons because a need their social and soral support and corner witing and are willing to exceed all b ok dues and accept from them \$7.00 for the current year, and balance their account to date.

Of course, if any brother wishes to may on his old dues, we will be stad to accept any acount he mays ar a contribution, or as he may tenignate

We know that some of the brothers will object to this method, and call it ir scular, but we are more interested in the soril ament of the Brotherhood than the Zimmodal result, and we will always endeavor to promote unity and understanding.

Its senbors are you and your friends. It isnot fair to let the friend onrry all the purion. This is a time when occupation and help is nee led and we lak you in the name of all Referrians to support this Protherhood, and help it continue its soud tork, which is evidenced at years of its existence.

Wishirs you a Me my Christens and a Hapry New Year, we are

Fr. sernally yours,

Kefeyrian Brotherhor

P.S. The recent travely befallan our friends, the Kassab Family, in Kefire has made a deer impression on us. We have first and smitten to the covernment officials, and persons of high standing in Syria, protecting this unusual crime and urgin, them to do all in their nover to bring the assailants to justice, and to give age le protection to th oltirene.

The Brotherhood stand ready to extend its held and influences for protecting and bettermont of Kefeyrians throughout the world. The need your coordration to strengthen our ranks.

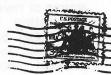
AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

KEFEYRIAN BROTHERHOOD

HUNTINGTON, WEST VA.

HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA





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

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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 existance. 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 generaton 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.



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



Lebanese National Anthem/Kollona Lilwatan



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.

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(Chick-peas with sesame oil) Hommos Bi Tehini

Ingredients:

lb dried chick-peas (soaked and can of chick-peas or ooiled)

tablespoon baking soda tablespoons sesame oil

cloves garlic crushed with a ittle salt

emons

chopped radishes to taste inely chopped parsley tablespoons water

this mixture: crushed garlic, water electric mixer or blender. Add to emon juice over gradually and chick-peas to a purée using an and sesame oil. Mix well. Pour Crush garlic with salt. Reduce reparation: blend well.

boiled chick-peas and chopped chopped parsley, a few whole Pour into a salad-bowl and garnish to taste with finely radishes. Add olive oil

Soak chick-peas in cold water for How to use dried chick-peas: at least 10 hours.

baking soda and boil for about 30 Change water, add 1 tablespoon minutes over high heat until completely cooked.

and boil the chick-peas, use one If you don't have time to soak can of chick-peas.

Kibbeh in a Tray

Ingredients:

1 kg minced steak (beef or lamb) 12 oz cracked wheat (borghol no. 1

salt, pepper and cinnamon 2 tablespoons butter 2 minced onions

Knead meat and minced onions.

Preparation:

salt, pepper and cinnamon

500 g minced steak 2 minced onions 1 bunch parsley

Ingredients:

Grilled Kofta

STUFFING:

500 g minced steak

3 oz pine nuts 3 onions

1 tablespoon butter

2 tablespoons melted butter salt, pepper, cinnamon

Preparation:

Soak cracked wheat in cold water or about 10 minutes. Squeeze

well. Season with salt, pepper and wheat and minced onions. Blend electric mincer. Check seasoning Put in a bowl: meat, cracked cinnamon. Pass through an to taste.

Prepare stuffing: Brown in butter chopped onions, meat and pine nuts. Season to taste with salt, pepper and cinnamon.

directions so butter will penetrate bottom. Spread the filling evenly over this and cover with a second Pour 2 tablespoons melted butter make triangle or lozenge shapes. Butter a baking-tray and spread diagonal lines over the top to all over top and tilt tray in all half of the kibbeh over the layer of kibbeh paste. Cut the traces of the design.

Bake in pre-heated 350°F oven. Accompany with a salad or

shape them into long finger. Pass skewers through them and grill over high heat, either in oven or Take large lumps of paste and on charcoal.

Serve hot with fried or mashed potatoes and a salad in season.



Whirling Dervish Monastery (Mawlawiyeh) near Tripoli, North Lebanon



(A traditional dish easy to prepare and eat) **Fabbouleh**

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons cracked wheat no.1 2 bunches parsley 3 tomatoes

lettuce leaves or vine leaves oil, pepper, salt, shallots mint leaves or dry mint 4 lime or lemon juice

Preparation:

Soak cracked wheat in water for 10 minutes. Wash well parsley and fresh mint and chop very finely as well as the tomatoes and shallots.

with vegetables. Add lime juice, olive oil, salt and pepper. Mix the Drain cracked wheat and mix well whole preparation together again and pour in a large dish.

Serve accompanied with lettuce or vine leaves.

Stewed carrots azarieh

Ingredients:

2 glasses sugar glass water 12 carrots

To garnish:

pistachios, hazelnuts or pine nuts Preparation:

Wash carrots and grate into very thin lamellae. Put into a pan adding sugar and water.

stirring continuously until liquid Simmer over medium heat, thickens like a syrup.

Let cool for 3 to 5 minutes.

pistachios, hazelnuts or pine nuts. Serve in a dish garnished with

Sambousik Meat rissoles

Ingredients: 5 cups flour

21/2 or 3 cups water tablespoon yeast

tablespoon oil to prevent tablespoon Crisco

STUFFING sticking

salt, pepper and cinnamon 2 tablespoons pine nuts 2 big onions, chopped 2 tablespoons butter 500 g minced meat

lour and butter. Add water and a DOUGH: In a bowl, mix together pinch of salt. Knead. Preparation:

Let dough stand for at least 30 minutes.

Season to taste with salt, pepper STUFFING: Brown in butter: onions, meat and pine nuts. and cinnamon.

each disc with a little butter. Bake Place on a buttered pan, painting glass, shape discs to wanted size. Stuff each disc and close it tight. Spread dough with rolling pin at 300°F for about 45 minutes. until very thin. With a cup or

NOTE: These pastries may also be fried over medium heat, in butter or oil.

Samak Bil Tahina Fish with sesame oil

Ingredients:

4 slices of boned fish (to choice)

2 big potatoes 4 onions

2 cup sesame oil (sauce) 1/2 cup cooking oil 4 lemons, salt

reparation: Clean and wash fish. Salt. Fry and place in a shallow

Slice potatoes into discs, fry and oven dish.

Slice onions into rings, fry and place on top of potatoes. place on top of fish.

SAUCE: Stir sesame oil constantly, a little water in order to obtain a adding juice of 4 lemons. Add rather liquid sauce.

place in a 350°F oven for about 20 Pour sauce over fish dish and minutes. Serve garnished with lemon rings.

Rice Vine Leaves Stuffed with

ngredients:

1 bunch choped parsley chopped cup (8 oz.) soaked rice big diced tomatoes jar vine leaves

3 lemons

salt, pepper and cinnamon 1 big chopped onion 1/4 cup oil

Soak vine leaves in cool water for a few hours, changing water from Preparation: time to time.

Mix onions, salt, pepper and cinnamon.

Add rice, tomatoes, parsley and 14 Spread vine leaves on a plate and bottom of a pot and cover them with water. Cook over medium place a little stuffing in each of rolling them in shape of a little cigar. Pack them tightly at the heat until completely done. them, folding each side and cup oil. Mix well and check seasoning.

cooking time, add lemon juice About one hour before end of and leave over mild heat.

This dish may be accompanied Serve on a round platter. with curd milk (laban).

Grilled meat over charcoal Shich Kebab

Ingredients:

1 kg meat (preferably lamb) 2 big tomatoes 2 onions

1 sweet green pepper 1 tablespoon olive oil salt, pepper

Dice meat coarsely and put in a big bowl. Season with salt and Preparation: pepper.

Slice tomatoes, onions and green pepper, add salt and oil and hrow over meat.

Thread onto skewers: 1 piece of meat, 1 of onion, 1 of tomato, 1 Macerate for at least 1 hour. of pepper and so on.

Grill over a charcoal fire. Serve with a salad.

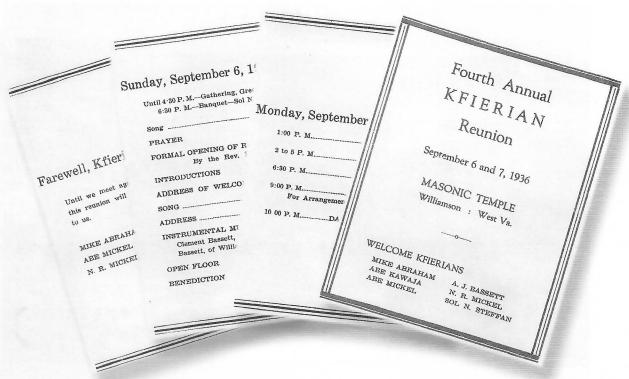


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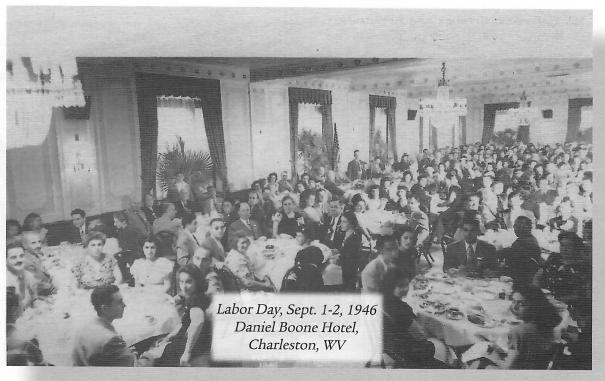












1952 Reunion Program

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





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)

("Miss Kfeirian" To Be Crowned)

PRICHARD HOTEL Monday, Sepetmber 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

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?





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The Huntington Advertiser—Mon., June 8, 1959

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Brotherhood. The trustees are, from left, James V. Hanna of

Hunlington, Sol N. Stelfan of Williamson, Miss Minnle Kerbawy

Brotherhood Studies Scholarship Project

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

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50th Reunion Board of Directors - Standing L-R: Paul McCoy,

Charles Thabet, Larry Jamra, Phillip Michael, John Joseph, Edmund George, Louis Rahall - Seated L-R: Edward Sadd, George Hanna (Reunion Chairman) Selma Bassett Edinger, Raymond Hawarny (President, Board of Directors), Marshall Simon

Were you there?





Were you there?





Scenes from Kfeir, Lebanon

Photos by Debbie Michael Mougaes 2007





































50th Reunion

























































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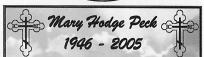
Micholas 7. Hodge 1900 - 1980

In Loving
Memory of...









May their memory be eternal! فلیکن ذکر هم مؤبداً!



أهلا و سهلا بكم!

Congratulations to the Kfeirian Reunion on your

75th Anniversary!



George and Wanda Hodge - Cape Coral, FL
Johnny and Phyllis Hodge - Coral Springs, FL
Joe and Joey Peck - Huntington, WV
Sheri Hodge Beneke and Blake - Milton, WV
David and Kimberly Hodge George and Alec - Milton, WV



In Loving Memory





May their memory be eternal! فلیکن ذکر هم مؤبداً!



Congratulations to the Kfeirian Reunion on your 75th Anniversary!



Nazik Hanna

1912 - 2006

مبروك! The Hanna's



George and Gloria
(Huntington, WV)

Bruce
(Atlanta, GA)

Greg, Jamie, Quentin, and
Nathan
(Falling Waters, WV)

Stephanie
(Charleston, SC)



WE ARE.....

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



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.



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



Naime'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.



PROUD TO BE.....



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.



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



Diana wed a fine Chris later that year, And was a wonderful father for CJ, their dear. Sadly October, 01, Chris passed away And CJ and Diana mourn to this day.

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







We take this opportunity To congratulate the Kfeirian community For Seventy-Five Years of sweet success And wish you all much happiness.



Ву Nick & Mike Joseph CJ Asmus å

Our Loving Kferian K-9 Kompanions





Thunder and Yogi Joseph, Onyx Joseph

In Loving Memory



Sam Joseph 1909-1989





Chris Asmus 1962-2001



In Loving Memory









Memory Eternal! فلیکن ذکر هم مؤبداً!







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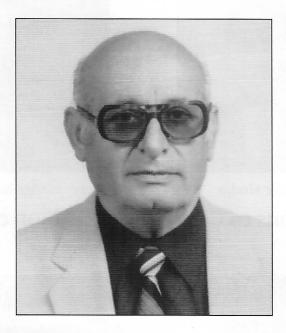


LEFT TO RIGHT:

Salman El Ayssami (Fadwa's Brother), Amanda, Diana, Fadwa, Simon, Tania & Robby Naoufal *Riverside, California*



In Loving Memory of My Beloved Husband Fouad Michael Abourizk



December 20th, 1919 - May 8th, 2001

Congratulations and Very Best Wishes for a successful 75th Kfeirian Reunion

From Rahme Abourizk and Family

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In Loving memory of my Beloved Husband and Loving Daughter





Toufic Hodge



Nancy Hodge Kenney



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Congratulations for many wonderful accomplishments.

Best Wishes for many successes in the future.



Louis and Elaine Rahall and Families

Bruce and Evie Cassis Lee - Philip - Louie - Daniel - David David Rahall

Michael and Donna Rahall Jonathan - Stacy Nichole Greg and Mary Rahall Andrew - Elizabeth



In Loving Memory

of



Asaff and Jamelia Rahall "Aunt" Alice Thabit

Joe Rahall George Rahall

Toufic and Eva Husson



In Loving Memory



Mike (Kawaja) Abraham Amy Aborizk Abraham Thomas Abraham Edward Naseeb Abraham Mary Louise Abraham



Ida, Volentine, Lucille, Madeline and Philip 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 75th Anniversary.

From the Abraham Family formerly of Williamson, WV.

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In Loving Memory of our beloved Phillip and Josephine Bassett

Phillip was one of the founders of the Kfeirian Reunion







June 21, 1900 August 3, 1992



November 19, 1917 February 9, 2007

May Their Memory be Eternal.

We wish You a Joyous & Successful 75th Rfeirian Reunion



In Loving Memory of Our Mother Elaine Bassett Rahal

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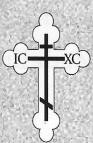
Our Grandparents **Kallel and Emily Bassett**

Troy, Becky, Brent, Tristan & Susie Congratulations on Your 75th Reunion The Assaley Family

> Joseph Renee Emily Amanda

In Loving Memory
Of Our Beloved Parents, Helen And Fayez Ramey
And Our Dear, Sweet Sister ~ Sally







Best Wishes For A Successful 75th Annual Kfeirian Reunion

From Dorothy Skaff, Bunny and Larry Barrett, Vicki Ramey

And Their Families



Congratulations on your 75th Reunion



In Loving Memory of our Parents & Grandparents

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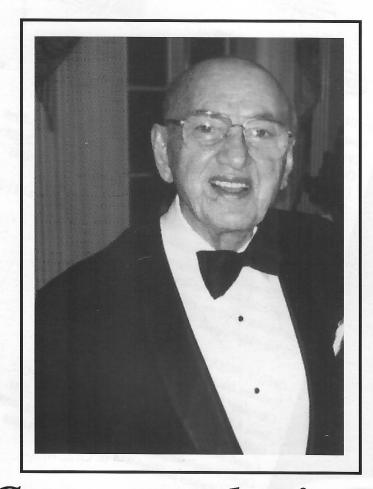
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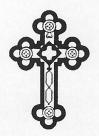
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Edward J. Thabet (Deceased) Mike and Elizabeth Thabet Vicenzino Andrea Thabet Leslie Thabet





In Loving Memory

Donald C. Christian

9/13/28-6//27/07

Husband, Father, Grandfather

Loving Wife, Rose Thabet Christian





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Clay & Ruth Christian Helen Christian

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In Loving Memory of our Beloved Mother

Lucile Rerbawy DeGroff

Lucile Kerbawy DeGroff of Blissfield, MI passed away October 18, 2006. She was the daughter of the late Abraham and Mada Kerbawy. Lucile was retired from Blissfield Manufacturing Company and enjoyed attending the Reunions for many years. She is survived by her two children, Frank DeGroff of Blissfield and Virginia North of Ann Arbor, MI, three grandchildren, Jarod and Sierra DeGroff and Ashley North, and her sister Ann Reed of Blissfield. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and husband, Vern DeGroff.

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by their children E grandchildren



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Chuck, Lila, & Charlie Fischer

Diann & Gianna Michael



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In Loving Memory of our beloved Mother



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Remembered by wife, daughter, grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, and other members of his family.



In Memory of

Lester William Ellis

Ida Gantees Ellis

by daughter

Mary Ann Ellis

Mc Clure

Madison, WV





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 Sadd
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George III
Jameel Sadd
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In Loving Memory



May his memory be eternal!



فليكن ذكره مؤبداً!

George Rafic Choueiri May 16. 1968 - June 5, 2007

We Love You,

Manal Reema Mae, Anthony George & Michael Andrew Tanios, Connie & Sharon Mark, Lori & Family James & Rula



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IN MEMORY

Farris E. Rahall

passed away

May 2006, in

St. Petersburg, FL.

Sister Julienne (Rahall) Newey



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مبروك! The Saad's

Julian, Jihad, Sarah, Abraham & Christina Saad Doug & Rebecca Todora



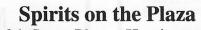
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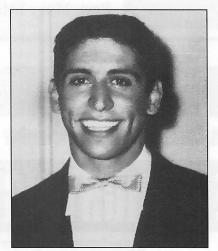
Louise Mary Hanna Sadd
FEBRUARY 16, 1936 - JULY 10, 1999



James Victor Hanna
MAY 24, 1931 - JULY 22, 2002



Sadie and Victor



Phil

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

Jim Hanna and Laura Moore Auguste and Sterling Lilburn, GA

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Congratulations & Best Wishes On Our 75th Kfeirian Reunion

The Rahalls

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The Alex & Nadine Mickel Family Sandy, Kim, Jessica & Grant Ruder Sherry, John & Shannon Parrish Remembering David Radwan Mickel and our Parents & Grandparents:

Nahia Facoury Mickel & Abe Radwan Mickel
Founding Family of the Kfeirian
Foundation - 1932



In Loving Memory of our Parents Roger & Elizabeth Sahley





Best Wishes for a Successful 75th Anniversary

Our parents were married in 1932 and always celebrated their anniversary at the reunion.

Elayne, Yarid, Norman & Richard



In Loving

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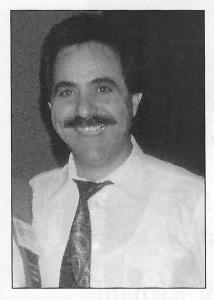


my Beloved

Husband

Congratulations and Best Wishes for a successful 75th Kfeirian Reunion from Nahie Abourizk Steffan North Miami, Florida

Congratulations



Milad "Mike" Saliba

to the Kfeirian Reunion on your 75th Anniversary

May you have many more successful and happy reunions.



Michael Saliba



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Congratulations and Best Wishes on 75th Anniversary In Loving Memory of Our Mother Nahia Ann Rahhal



Mr. & Mrs. Joseph (Madelyn) VanMeter Mr. & Mrs. Hugh (Janice) Barger Mr. & Mrs. Raymon (Hope) Davis Grandchildren David VanMeter, James (Katalyn) VanMeter, Andrew (Stacy) Barger, Laura Barger & Stephen Davis

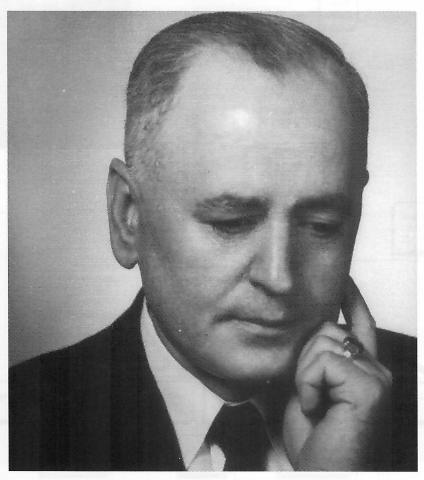
> Also in Loving Memory of our Uncles Karam & Soheil Abon Rahhal



In Doving Memory

SOLOMON NIMER STEFFAN 1902-1985

One of the Founders of the Kfeirian Reunion



He was very proud of his Lebanese heritage. He was very proud to be an American.

We know he is smiling down on those of you who have kept this tradition an annual event, and to know that this year is the 75th Annual Kfeirian Reunion.

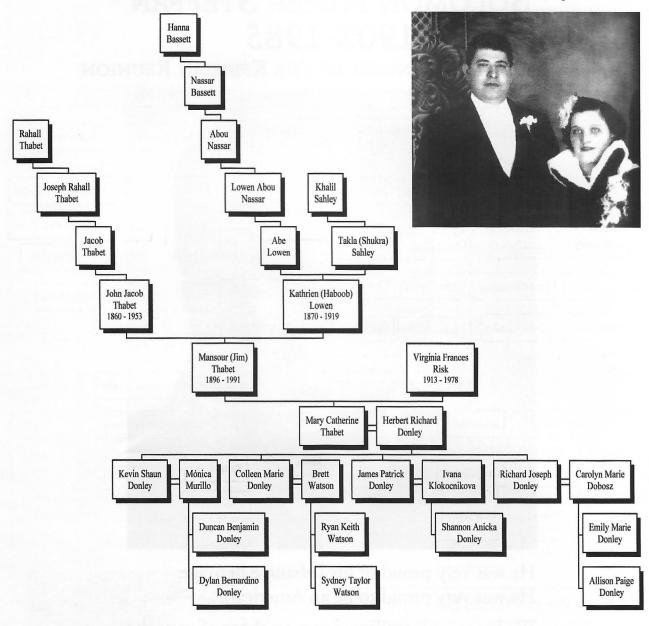
Congratulations to all of you!

From his daughters,

Shumla Steffan Bassitt & Vivian Steffan Woods



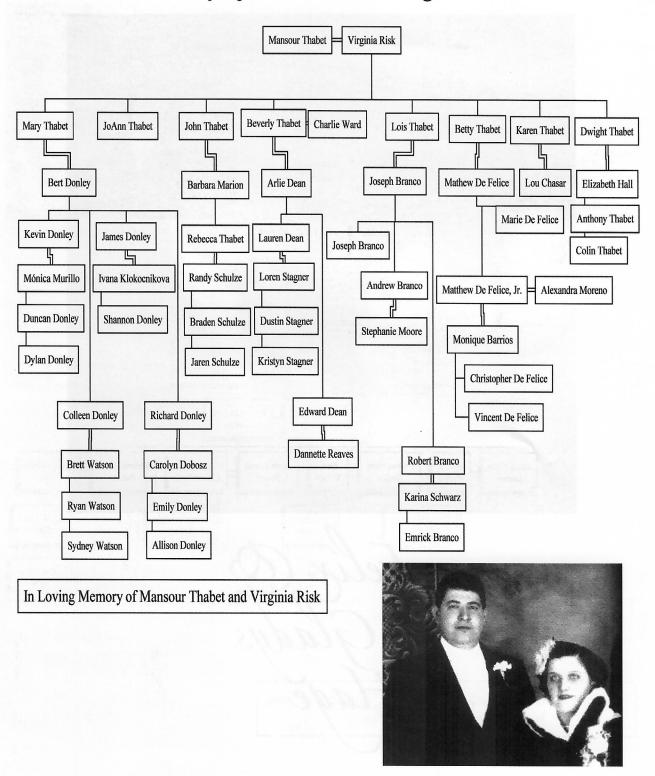
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In Loving Memory of Mansour Thabet and Virginia Risk from Mary Catherine Thabet and family



The Family of Mansour & Virginia Thabet





IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Felix & Gladys Hage



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