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



80th Kfeirian Reunion - Schedule of Events

The Marriott Hotel - Charleston, WV

Saturday - September 1, 2012

12 noon -10:00 p.m. Registration - Hotel Lobby - 2nd Floor Foyer

Update Address, Telephone & Email Lists

Help Us Locate Kfeirians

Buy Raffle Tickets! Help Sell Raffle Tickets!

Sign Up To Help With Our 81st Reunion!

12 noon - 4:00 pm

Shopping in the "Souk Marketplace"

12 noon – 4:00pm

Marshall University Thundering Herd vs.

West Virginia Mountaineers Football Game - Televised Live

Hospitality Suite - Room 1614

12 noon - 6:00 pm

Open Time to Visit Family & Friends!

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Cocktail Hour Dinner - Ballroom

9:00 pm - 12:30 am

Hafli!! - Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Dance

Arabic & American Music

Raffles

Sunday - September 2, 2012

10:00 am - 9:00 pm 12 noon - 4:00 pm Registration - Hotel Lobby - 2nd Floor Shopping in the "Souk Marketplace"

12 noon - 6:00 pm

Open Time To Visit Family & Friends!

Hospitality Suite Open In Room 1614 General Assembly Business Meeting

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Cocktail Hour

6:00pm

Group Picture

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Formal Grand Banquet - Ballroom, 2nd Floor Special Program Honoring Past Presidents

9:00 pm - 12:30 am

Grand Ball - Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Arabic & American Music

Raffles

1:00 am - Until

After Hours Party - Hospitality Suite 1614

Monday - September 3, 2012

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Executive Board / Scholarship Meeting

9:30 am - 11:00 am Breakfast & Raffles

We hope you had a wonderful time at the 80th Reunion! Please join us at the 81st Kfeirian Reunion!



THE KFEIRIAN REUNION FOUNDATION INC. FOUNDATION PRESIDENTS AND REUNION CHAIRMEN FROM AVAILABLE RECORDS

YEAR	REUNION	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
1942 thre	ough 45 no Re	eunion Meetings - Du	ring War Years	
1946	14		Charleston	
1947	15		Toledo	George Sadd
		Brotherhood Incorp	orated: KFEIRIAN REL	UNION FOUNDATION, INC.
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
				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
4				Edward G. Thabet
1962	30	George Jamra	And the same of th	Sol N. Steffan
1963	31	James V. Hanna	Charleston	Clement R. Bassett
1964	32	Edmund George		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 CHAIRMEN, 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	
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	Edmund George - 60th
			*Huntington	Control of the Contro

^{*}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
				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
2008	76	Phillip Sadd	Charleston, WV	Joseph M. Peck
2009	77	Michael Abraham	Toledo, OH	Board of Directors
2010	78	Michael Abraham	Huntington, WV	George Hanna
2011	79	Joseph M. Peck	Myrtle Beach, SC	Thomas Bevins
2012	80	Michael Abraham	Charleston, WV	Abraham Saad, Thomas Bevins







Welcome Message From Mike Abraham, President

My Dear Fellow Kfeirians,

It is a great honor for me to be able to welcome you on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to your 80th Kfeirian Reunion!

Over 80 years ago, there was a vision. A vision of those who were from a small village in what was then Syria. A vision for upcoming generations to meet once a year and celebrate their heritage, their future and their families. We know that village is Kfeir in present day Lebanon. Today we honor that vision and hold on to a trust that has been passed down from generation to generation to keep the vision, that dream alive. Our reunion is very unique. Other reunions celebrate a family, a high school year or even a military unit. Kfeirians? We celebrate numerous families who have the unity of our ancestral home, Kfeir. We celebrate the past, the optimism of our founders and we celebrate our future.

As your president for 2011–2012, I serve you with great pride. Not in myself, but pride in my family and your family. Pride in past, current and future generations of Kfeirians. Pride in our founders who had the foresight to gather and celebrate each year. Pride in what has been accomplished over the past 80 years. Accomplishments achieved by all those who have given so much of their time and energies. Believe me, it is a commitment, but more important, it's a passion.

This Labor Day Weekend we gather for our 80th Kfeirian Reunion in Charleston, West Virginia. As we celebrate, plans are already being made for next year's Reunion and for future Reunion sites. Your board of trustees not only plans for the now, they plan for the future. A future where we are only 20 years away from observing our 100th Kfeirian Reunion. You see, this is now our vision, our dream as we prepare to hand over that trust to the next generation.

Welcome home to **YOUR** 80th Kfeirian Reunion in Charleston, West Virginia, Labor Day Weekend 2012.

Mike Abraham President, Kfeirian Reunion Foundation

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Selma Bassett Edinger Columbus, OH Secretary Emeritus







August 31, September 1,2,3,2012

We would like to welcome you to our 80th 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, eighty 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 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.

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.

It has been an honor and privilege to have served on our Kferian Reunion Foundation Board of Directors the last 50 years. It is time to turn over the reins to our younger and most capable board of directors. Although I am stepping down, I will still be involved with the reunion for as long as I am able.

My sincere appreciation goes to Kfeirian Reunion Foundation President, Michael Abraham, 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 80th Anniversary Commemorative Book.

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

Warmest Regards,

George Hanna, Chairman Commemorative Journal



A 50 YEAR PASSION, THANK YOU GEORGE

It was 1962. Man had yet to step on the moon. John Kennedy was in the White House and a young man returned home after serving his country in the U. S Armed Forces. Serving in the military is about commitment, sacrifice and leadership. It is giving of oneself for a greater cause other then his own so others can have the same opportunities they've been privileged to enjoy.

Not long after returning home, it was time for the Kfeirian Reunion. Just one more since he attended his first one in 1947. However this year, by the end of the weekend, he'd been elected to the board of directors.

That young man in 1962 was George Hanna. Son of the late Moussa and Nazik Hanna. He would later meet and marry Gloria Price. They had two sons, Bruce and Greg and daughter Stephanie. Now it was time to plan for a future for his family, not just the next Labor Day Weekend.

As with many Kfeirians who take on the responsibility of the Reunion, there are family, careers, civic and religious obligations as well. With George, there has been one exceptional quality we want to focus on and honor at this time.

In a precedent at any level, has served Kfeirians as a member the board of directors *without interruption* from that time in George Hanna 1962. That's right, for 50 consecutive years, George has been a member of your board of directors. Serving along the way as your president, vice president, secretary, host chairman and most currently as treasurer. Always showing those qualities of commitment, sacrifice and leadership. And in continually giving of himself, let us never forget it has taken away time from Gloria, Bruce, Greg and Stephanie.

Like Johnny Carson, Seinfeld, M*A*S*H, and Bonanza, there comes a time to bring it to an end. George has decided his time is now. Time to pass the torch to the future and a legacy of enthusiasm and zeal for the Kfeirian Reunion.

When George thinks about it now, he wonders "where in the world did I find the time to do it?" I have the answer George; long before Nike, you didn't think about it, you just did it. The Kfeirian Reunion has been your passion. You have given of yourself so others will have the same opportunity to know their Kfeirian heritage. Giving of your time away from your family so others will know of their own ancestors' commitment. A heritage we'll be celebrating this year at our 80th Kfeirian Reunion.

Thank you Gloria, Bruce, Greg and Stephanie for lending and often letting us steal George away from you for the last 50 years.

Thank you George for the same commitment, sacrifice and leadership you gave this country 50 years ago. Thank you for giving of yourself for this greater cause, the Kfeirian Reunion.

Mike Abraham, President Kfeirian board of directors



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



Public Works & Transportation Natural Resources

CONGRESS of the United States of Merica

August 1, 2012

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 80th 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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Dear Kfierian Foundation,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Charleston, WV for the 80th anniversary of your foundation. Congratulations on keeping such a rich tradition alive by returning to our great State for this reunion. The contributions your Foundation has been able to make through your scholarship fund are inspiring and reflect the hard-working and generous nature of the entire Foundation. By offering these scholarships, your foundation provides a lasting impact on the lives of these deserving students. This is an impact which I am certain will not soon be forgotten. Your families are the embodiment of the American dream and it is inspiring to see people coming together to celebrate their heritage. I know many descendants of this family and they have continued to be great citizens and friends. I am honored to be a part of this great celebration even if only in a small way.

I sincerely hope that you enjoy your time spent in West Virginia and are able to enjoy every moment with friends and family. Thank you again and congratulations on your great successes. On behalf of myself and my office, we would like to wish you the best and all the hopes for another prosperous 80 years!



Sincerely,

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The Most Reverend Metropolitan PHILIP

The Right Reverend THOMAS



Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

Bishop of Charleston, Oakland and Mid-Atlantic Diocese

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July 16, 2012

80th Kfeirian Reunion George Hanna 25 Hillendale Dr. Huntington, WV 25705

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

"...the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." ACTS 11:26





JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV WEST VIRGINIA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4802

July 25, 2012

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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.

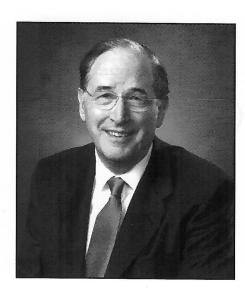
In a day when many believe families don't have the time for one another, it is heartwarming to see people taking the time to preserve and strengthen family ties. Family is the very foundation of our society; and your children will benefit greatly from your dedication to preserving your heritage.

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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JOE MANCHIN III
WEST VIRGINIA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4802

July 25, 2012

Dear Kfeirians,

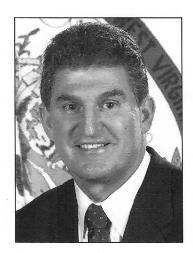
It is my distinct honor to welcome you to Charleston, WV, for the 80th Annual Kfeirian Reunion.

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.

Once again, welcome to the 80th Annual Kfeirian Reunion. I hope you have an enjoyable and memorable weekend!

With warmest regards,

Joe Mancian III





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GREETINGS FROM GOVERNOR TOMBLIN

As Governor, I welcome you to the 80th Kfeirian Foundation Reunion. I'm happy to see you gather in Charleston for this occasion.

Let me take this opportunity to recognize the bonds you share. You have a circle of loved ones, who lend safety and security to each family member. Someone once said, "You are never alone as long as you have family," and I agree. The blessings you receive are numerous, and I'm glad to be among those who are fortunate to have strong family ties.

On behalf of the citizens of West Virginia, I extend my best wishes. You're sure to have a wonderful time at this year's reunion.

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Best regards,

Earl Ray Tomblin

Governor





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

Lisa Andrews

Laura Andrews

Hannah M. Ammar

Janice D. Barger

Sarah Bassett

Lila E. Bassett

Michael Bergines

Kevin Bevins

Thomas Bevins

Virginia De Groff Bottorff

Robert Branco

Joseph C. Branco

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Megan Bush

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Lindsey Coleman

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Larry Johnson

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Karissa Kary

Mary Ann Kawaja



Gregory A. Kerbawy

Kelli R. Kerbawy

Richard A. Kerbawy

Nada Lawen

Nazim Lowen

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Barbara Michael

Mary E. Michael

Georgann Michael

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Gianna Michael

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Samir Nassar

Terri Nicholson

Joseph M. Peck

Janathan P. Ramey

Phillip S. Ramey

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Toufic Saad

Venice Saad

Phillip Sadd

Randy Sadd

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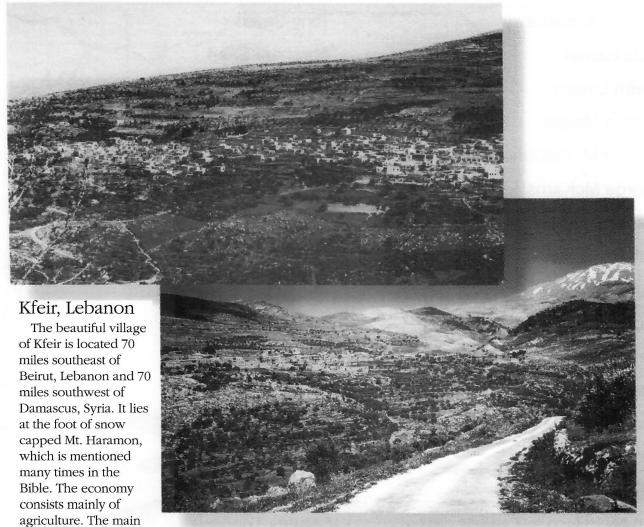
The Rev. Fr. David Thabet

Evan Thompson

Melaina Russell

Lyndsey A. Cantees





products are olives and pistachio nuts. Approximately 900 families of Kfeirian descent now reside in North America.



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.





Israel

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, 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.

Reprinted from 100th Anniversary of the Lebanese Community on Prince Edward Island book, with deep appreciation.



EARLY LETTER OF ORGANIZATION

KEFEYRIAN BROTHERHOOD

Organized 1928

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P. O. Box 265 Huntington, West Virginia

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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

BOX-11

FERRIT A BROTHLANDOD

Buntington, W, Va. December 'O, 1977

Dear Sir and Brother:

Greetings! No doubt No have been informed that the Kefeyrian Brother-hood has reduced its membership fee to \$3.00 per year, instead of \$5.0 beginning with the mixth 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 tem to be members because is need their social and soral support and do men ation, and are willing to exceed all biok 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 wlad to necest any amount he mays as a contribution, or as he may tenignate

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

Its senbers are you and your friends. It isnot fair to let the friend onrry all the partien. This is a tire when one gration and help is needed and we hak you in the mane of all Kefeyrians to support this Protherhood, and help it continue its good tork, which is evidence invaix years of its existence.

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Friternally yours,

Kefeyrian Brotherhor

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P.S. The recent travely befallan our friends, the Ensuab Family, in Kefire has made a deet impression on us. So have fire and aritten to the covernment officials, and persons of high standing in Syria, protecting this unusual crime and urgin; them to it all in their nomer to bring the assailants to justice, and to give and le protection to the citizens.

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

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

KEFEYRIAN BROTHERHOOD

HUNTINGTON, WEST VA.
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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 ishope. 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.





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 arround.
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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Reprinted from 100th Anniversary of the Lebanese Community on Prince Edward Island book, with deep appreciation.

(Chick-peas with sesame oil) **Hommos Bi Tehini**

Ingredients:

Ib dried chick-peas (soaked and can of chick-peas or boiled)

tablespoon baking soda 6 tablespoons sesame oil

cloves garlic crushed with a ittle salt

lemons

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 **Preparation:** 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 and boil the chick-peas, use one Change water, add 1 tablespoon If you don't have time to soak minutes over high heat until completely cooked.

Accompany with a salad or

oghourt.

can of chick-peas.

Kibbeh in a Tray

Ingredients:

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

salt, pepper and cinnamon tablespoons butter minced onions

STUFFING:

Knead meat and minced onions.

Preparation:

salt, pepper and cinnamon

500 g minced steak 2 minced onions bunch parsley

Grilled Kofta Ingredients: with salt, pepper and cinnamon.

Add chopped parsley. Season

an electric mincer) until paste

Knead again (or pass through

500 g minced steak 3 onions

tablespoon butter oz pine nuts

2 tablespoons melted butter salt, pepper, cinnamon

Soak cracked wheat in cold water for about 10 minutes. Squeeze Preparation:

well. Season with salt, pepper and electric mincer. Check seasoning wheat and minced onions. Blend 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 Pour 2 tablespoons melted butter over this and cover with a second make triangle or lozenge shapes. bottom. Spread the filling evenly Butter a baking-tray and spread half of the kibbeh over the Bake in pre-heated 350°F oven. diagonal lines over the top to all over top and tilt tray in all layer of kibbeh paste. Cut the traces of the design.

shape them into long finger. Pass over high heat, either in oven or skewers through them and grill **Fake 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**

ngredients:

2 bunches parsley tomatoes

2 tablespoons cracked wheat no.1 4 lime or lemon juice

ettuce leaves or vine leaves oil, pepper, salt, shallots mint leaves or dry mint

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.

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

Serve accompanied with lettuce or vine leaves.

Stewed carrots azarieh

Ingredients: 2 carrots

glasses sugar glass water

o garnish:

pistachios, hazelnuts or pine nuts Wash carrots and grate into very thin lamellae. Put into a pan Preparation:

stirring continuously until liquid Simmer over medium heat, adding sugar and water. 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:

tablespoon oil to prevent tablespoon Crisco 2½ or 3 cups water tablespoon yeast 5 cups flour

sticking

500 g minced meat STUFFING

2 big onions, chopped

2 tablespoons pine nuts 2 tablespoons butter

salt, pepper and cinnamon

lour and butter. Add water and a DOUGH: In a bowl, mix together sinch 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

ngredients:

4 slices of boned fish (to choice) onions

big potatoes

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

Preparation: Clean and wash fish. Salt. Fry and place in a shallow oven dish.

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

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

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.

Vine Leaves Stuffed with Rice

Ingredients:

cup (8 oz.) soaked rice jar vine leaves

bunch choped parsley chopped 2 big diced tomatoes

3 lemons

salt, pepper and cinnamon big chopped onion 14 cup oil

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

Mix onions, salt, pepper and

cinnamon.

Add rice, tomatoes, parsley and 1/4 cup oil. Mix well and check seasoning.

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 hem, folding each side and neat until completely done.

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:

kg meat (preferably lamb) big tomatoes

2 onions

sweet green pepper tablespoon olive oil salt, pepper

Preparation:

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

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

Macerate for at least 1 hour.

Thread onto skewers: 1 piece of meat, 1 of onion, 1 of tomato, 1 of pepper and so on.

Grill over a charcoal fire. Serve with a salad.

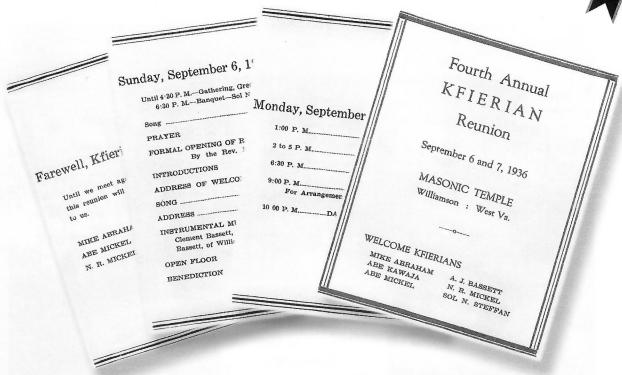


















1952 Reunion Program

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 1952

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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 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
Boll 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
9:00 P. M. Men's Social Mezzanine (Java and Ming Rooms)
10:00 P. M. to 2 P. M. Grand Ball

PRICHARD HOTEL Monday, Sepetmber 3, 1962

10:00 A. M. Official Business Sessions Mezzanine (Make Special Effort To Be Present)

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 re-union.

Sol N. Steffan, General Chairman























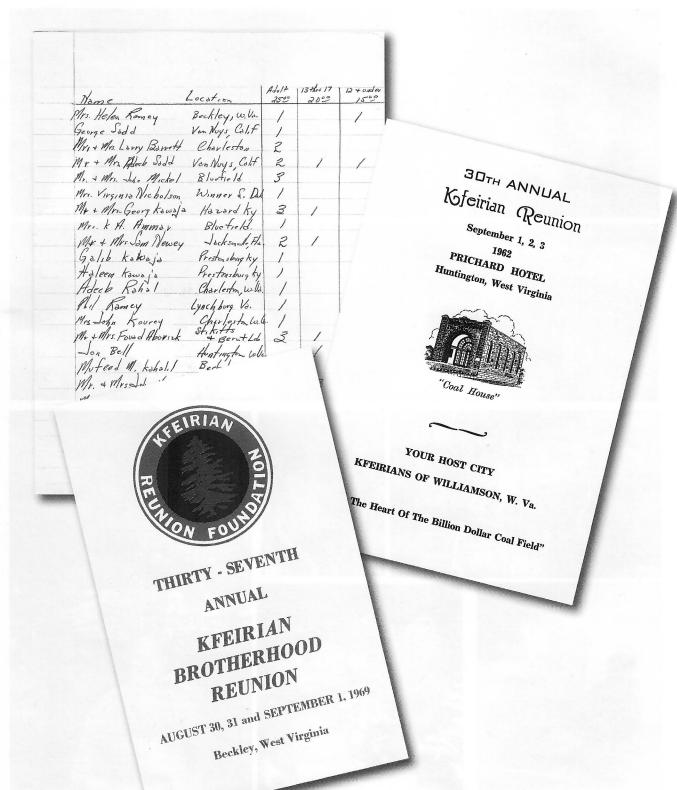








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KFEIRÍAN BROTHERHOOD REUNION

AUGUST 31, SEPTEMBER 1 - 2, 1974

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KFEIRIAN BROTHERHOOD REUNION

September, 4, 5, 6, 1965

Beckley, West Virginia



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 Kfeirlan Reunion Foundation, Inc., and the Kfeirlan Lebanon Brotherhood. The trustees are, from left, James V. Hanna of Huntington, Sol N. Steffan of Williamson, Miss Minnie Kerbawy

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 Cantees 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 Kleirian Reunion Foundation,

The foundation's board of trustees, at a meeting yesterday

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 for 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, Mr. Tweel said that a proposal project would be conditional upon the Lebanese government's staffing and maintaining the clinic.

The Kfeirian Lebanon Brotherhood already has given Kfeir a Mashington.

The board was informed, the Fourth West Virginia District.



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1968 Reunion Program

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Ushers Jamie Hanna
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Sherry Hodge

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Flower Girl Erin George

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Reunion at So. Point, Ohio
hosted by Williamson, WV
LABOR DAY 1975
"WE TAUGHT THE POLICE HOW TO DANCE"



Beckley Reunion Committee FAYETTEVILLE, WV 1969



LABOR DAY 1974
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"SHE TAUGHT US HOW TO DANCE"



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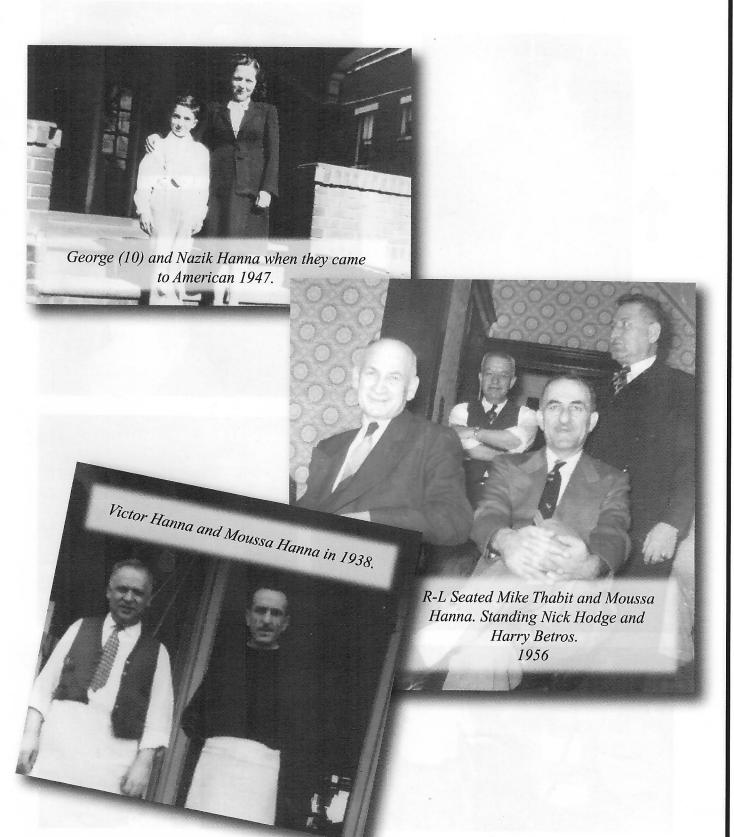




























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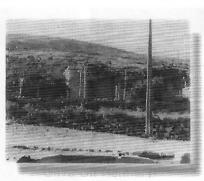
General Store



Students in School Yard, Church in background



Girls School



Olive Oil Refinery



Olive Tree in entrance to Church



Electric Generator Bldg.



School Building

Scenes from Kfeir, Lebanon

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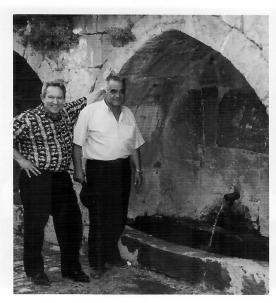
















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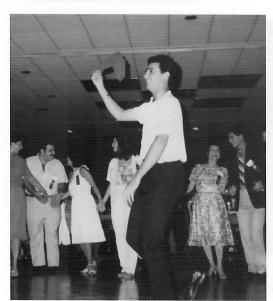








































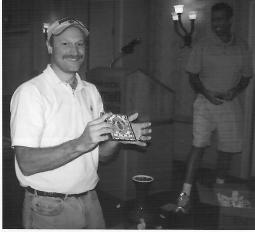






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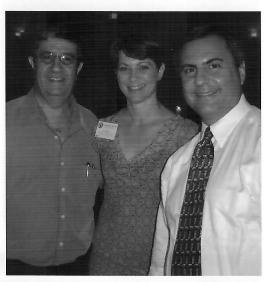
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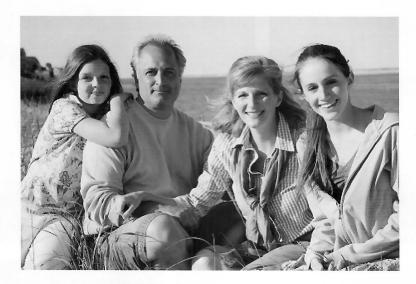












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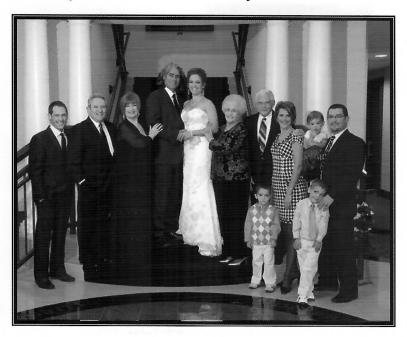




May their memory be eternal! فلیکن ذکر هم مؤبداً!



Congratulations to the Kfeirian Reunion on your 80th Anniversary!



مبروك! The Hanna's



George and Gloria
(Huntington, WV)

Bruce
(Atlanta, GA)

Greg, Jamie, Quentin 7,

Nathan 5, and Reagan 3½
(Huntington, WV)

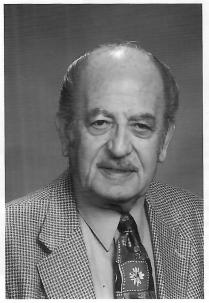
Stephanie and Bashir Adili
(Charleston, SC)



In Loving Memory of my beloved Brother and His Wife

Hafiz and Julia A. Nassar









From Brother Nabih and All the nephews and nieces

Memory Eternal

Best Wishes for 80th Reunion



JOHN JOSEPH FAMILY John, Krissy, Nick & Mike NAIME SAAD JOSEPH



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

ASMUS FAMILY
Diana and CJ

SANDRA JOSEPH



Lil





This Labor Day we celebrate How our forefathers did congregate For the first Kfeirian Reunion Eighty years ago in Huntington

A homecoming of sorts to reminisce
About Kfeir and the people they missed,
About kibbee, coosa, bettenjani
Dubke, Lubnan and mas-salami.

It was also a chance to teach their children appreciation
Of the United States and their native nation,
Lest we forget how they toiled and sacrificed
So that we could have a better life.

So deep was their love of America, their belief so strong
That many fought in The Great War as if they always belonged.
They defended Lady Liberty as if she were their own
And some gave all to have this freedom at home.

So today we're very proud to declare
That our parents and grandparents 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









In Loving Memory



Sam Joseph 1909-1989





Chris Asmus 1962-2001



Gongratulations and best wishes on your 80th Anniversary

Joseph B. Touma, MD
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Touma Ear, Hearing and Balance Center, PLLC

Congratulations

80 years of continuing tradition

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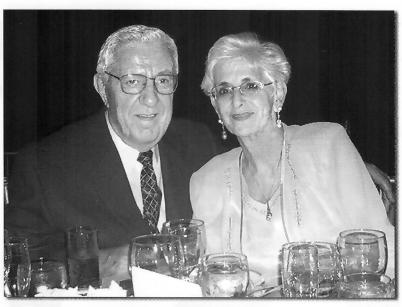
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Happy 80th Anniversary

Congratulations for many wonderful accomplishments.

Best Wishes for many successes in the future.



Louis and Elaine Rahall and Families

When our grandparents, Abe & Nahia Mickel gathered at the 1st Reunion with family and friends, they knew that something important had begun and vowed to keep it going for their children & future generations to come.

We feel their pride in our ongoing commitment to their vision. Congratulations on the 80th Kfeirian Reunion!







John & Sherry Mickel Parrish, Shannon Kim & Sandy Mickel Ruder, Jessica & Grant

In Memory of our parents, Alex & Nadine Mickel & brother, David Mickel



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Our father, so affectionally referred to as "Uncle Mike" by many of his Lebanese friends, was one of the founders of this

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In Honor of Fred and Salwa Mickel George and Deidra M. George



L to R, standing: Fred George, Fredric George, Deidra George. Seated: Julia George and Salwa Mickel George

Love, Fredric J. George, Julia D. George, Emily, Michael and Jacob Sadler



In Loving Memory of

Our Beloved Mother Rose Cantees Stuart



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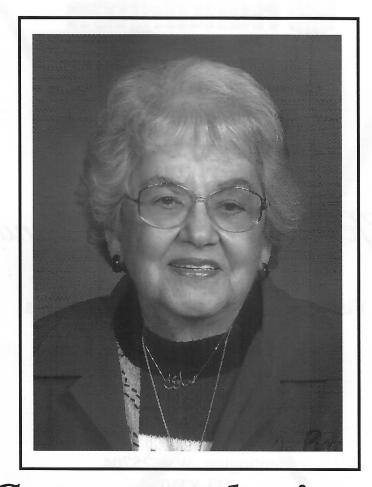
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Molly McCarron - Tom O'Keeffe
Ralph McCarron III
Matthew McCarron (Deceased)

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In Loving Memory

Donald C. Christian

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

Husband, Father, Grandfather

Loving Wife, Rose Thabet Christian







Donald (Deceased) and Rose Thabet Christian Stuart and Rev. Tracie Christian Rose Diane Elizabeth Rose Mallory Adams Daniel and Neely Rose Rachel Kathyrn Rose Dona Cay Christian Hall Tiana Elyse Hall Donald Clay Christian Jr. Helen Christian Elizabeth Christian **Emily Christian** Robert Christian Brian Craig Christian Ashley Christian Brian A. Christian

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In Honor of Amileen K. Mickel Sister of Salwa Mickel George

Love, Julia D. George and Fredric J. George

Congratulations to the Kfeirian Reunion reaching its 80th year of fellowship!

Remembering our dear friends:
In memory of
Dr. Di Michael
Emil and Julia Michael
Randy Michael
Hafiz and Julia Nasser

and our family members:
Mr. & Mrs Nick Rahall
John and Josephine McCarus
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Best wishes for a successful 80th Reunion Sam, Julienne, and Lam Newey

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Harry Cantees and his sister Jeanette McCoy



Out of the three original Cantees families totaling 27, Harry Cantees (96) and Jeanette Mccoy (85) are enjoying life with their children and grandchildren.



Memory Eternal

Kemel & Nazek Mickel







Congratulate the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation on its 80th Year

Chuck, Charlie, Melanie, Anna Grace, Matthew Charles and Lila Mickel Fischer









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In Memory of Our

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Samira and Katia are visiting from Kfeir, Lebanon.



George & Gloria

Hanna's

45th Wedding

Anniversary



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Ayoub and Mary Rahall - Huntington, West Virginia



Cover page of Jihad Y. Kahil's first book that was recently published about Kfeir. Those who wish may order his book by Emailing Jihad at his address below:

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In Qoving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Mike George Sr. Joan George Rahal

WARMEST WISHES TO THE

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SUCCESSFUL

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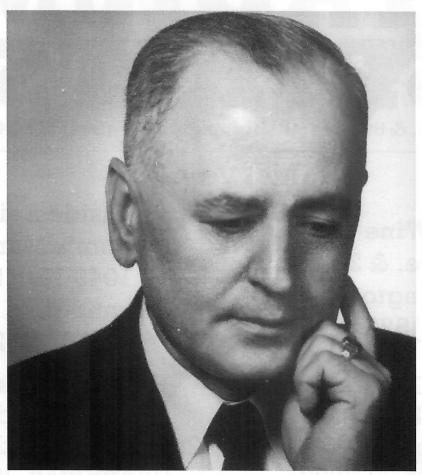
David A. Rahal



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 80th Annual Kfeirian Reunion.

Congratulations to all of you!

From his daughters,

Shumla Steffan Bassitt & Vivian Steffan Woods