
Thirty-Third

ANNUAL

**KFEIRIAN
BROTHERHOOD
REUNION**

September, 4, 5, 6, 1965

Beckley, West Virginia

DEDICATION

WE OF THE BECKLEY KFEIRIAN

REUNION COMMITTEE

DEDICATE THIS BOOK TO THE

YOUTH

OF THE KFEIRIAN REUNION BROTHERHOOD

It is upon the YOUTH whom we look for the continuation of the annual Kfeirian Reunion and the many benevolent activities of the Kfeirian Foundation.



METROPOLITAN ANTONY'S MESSAGE

To our most beloved friends and brother and sister Kfeirians, we extend our apostolic benediction and love and blessings, with our best wishes for the success of this REUNION.

May the good Lord continue His graces upon all of you and grant you many years of health, peace, and happiness.

Metropolitan Antony Bashir
Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese
of New York and all North America



LOUIS RAHALL
General Chairman

Another year has passed and we are prepared for another fine reunion with our fellow Kfeirians. We can look back with much pride to our past history of wonderful reunions, and are indeed grateful to all those who founded this event and inspired within each of us the desire to get together with one another each year. Ours is a heritage of which we can be proud. IT BEHOOVES EACH OF US TO PASS ON FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT THE ENTHUSIASM TO CARRY ON THE PROJECTS AND GOOD WORKS INITIATED BY OUR FOUNDATION. This cannot be emphasized to strongly for when we speak of the future we speak of our YOUTH. Without our youth taking an interest and active part in our activities we have no future.

We of the Beckley Reunion Committee take pleasure in welcoming you to Beckley and sincerely hope and pray that you will leave this reunion a little richer in Kfeirian brotherly love, a little lighter in heart, and a little closer to our cousins and friends after a week-end of fun and fellowship.

Beckley Kfeirian Reunion Committee
Louis A. Rahall, Chairman
Robert Corey, Co-Chairman
Mrs. Romez Ramey, Secretary
Fred Michael, Treasurer

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.