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Our Greetings
and Best Wishes
to all Federation
Conventioneers



from the
NORTH AVENUE
STEAK HOUSE



Welcome
to
Chicago



23rd ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

MIDWEST FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SYRIAN-LEBANON CLUBS

JULY 16 - 17 - 18 - 19

SHERMAN HOTEL-CHICAGO

1959 PROGRAM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Are you aware —

Your forefathers in the mountains of Lebanon and Syria prepared a code of law, "The Ishtar Code," which they took with them to Egypt and Babylonia from which Hammurabi prepared his own.

Are you aware —

Your forefathers, as emperors of Rome, authorized the jurists, Papenian and Ulpian, to rewrite these laws. (Aemilius Papenianus was born in Homs or Oms and was the author of the principle that all men are equal under the law. Domitius Ulpianus was born in Tyre. Rome was at its greatest under the Syrian "Severous" emperors.) Their work was summarized into the Justinian Code which Napoleon ordered revised and that revision until now is called the Napoleonic Code and constitutes the basic laws of Europe.

Are you aware —

Your forefathers made Tripoli, just north of Beirut, the first area comparable with our District of Columbia and there adopted a constitution to govern the three states of Phoenicia. (Phoenicia included what is now Lebanon, part of Palestine, part of Syria, and part of Turkey and the Aegean Islands.) This constitution was used in Cartage. The founders of this great republic of the United States of America, by the grace of God, of which you are proud citizens, adopted this constitution as our basic law protecting the dignity and the right of men as equal under the law.

Are you aware —

Your forefathers wrote religious books which both the Catholic and Jewish Encyclopedias called "The Books of Canaan" and which the Greek writers called "The Books of Biblos" (the City of Biblos is the present Jebel north of Beirut), or Bible. These books are the words of God and the fabric of our society.

NOW you are aware —

Your forefathers gave the west its laws, its religion and its present civilization which through this federation, you must know, protect and preserve as the greatest trust in your hands.

To succeed you must believe in yourselves and you must believe in your destiny.

Joseph Sheban
President



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD J. DALEY
MAYOR

July 7, 1959



To -
Midwest Federation of American Syrian
Lebanon Clubs

As Mayor, I am happy to extend greetings and a warm welcome to the delegates who will be attending the 23rd Annual Convention of the Midwest Federation of American Syrian Lebanon Clubs.

Chicago is honored to be the host city for this meeting, and I know that the delegates will find here a full measure of our city's famed hospitality.

Best wishes for a most successful gathering.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Daley
Mayor

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Convention Program

THURSDAY JULY 16th.

9:00 A. M. Registration
2:30 P. M. Executive Board Meeting
5:00 P. M. Open House
8:00 P. M. Arabic Entertainment

LOBBY
LOUIS, 16th.
LOUIS 16th.
Bal Tabrin

FRIDAY JULY 17th.

9:00 A. M. Registration
10:30 A. M. Visit to International Fair
2:00 P. M. Federational Assembly of Delegates
8:00 P. M. Monte Carlo Nigh Nite
8:00 P. M. Arabic Entertainment

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SATURDAY JULY 18th.

9:00 A. M. Registration
10:00 A. M. Committee Meetings
10:30 A. M. Business Sessions (Delegates Assembly)
2:30 A. M. Business Sessions (DElegates Assembly)
9:00 P. M. Grand Ball
9:30 P. M. Arabic Entertainment

LOBBY
ROOMS 105-6-7-8-9-10
LOUIS 16th.
LOUIS 16th.
GRAND BALLROOM
BAL TABRIN

SUNDAY JULY 19th.

9:00 A. M. to 12:00 Noon	CHURCH SERVICE	
12:30 Noon to 3:30 P. M.	General Assemble-Election of Officers	LOUIS 16th.
4:00 P. M. to 7:00 P. M.	Grand Banquet	
8:00 P. M. TIL. ?????	Arabic Entertainment	Skyline Terrace

WELCOME TO CHICAGO



On behalf of the Associated American Syrian Lebanon Clubs of Chicago, May we take this opportunity to extend our heartiest greetings and a warm welcome to our Friends and Delegates gathered here at this, the Twenty Third Annual Convention of the Midwest Federation of American Syrian Lebanon Clubs.

To our associates and fellow members who have worked so hard and faithfully that you might better enjoy yourselves, our gratitude and heartfelt thanks.

We Certainly hope that your visit here will be most enjoyable, and invite you to visit and see the many famous places that have made our great city world renowned.

Joseph P. Abraham, President
Associated American Syrian
Lebanon Clubs of Chicago

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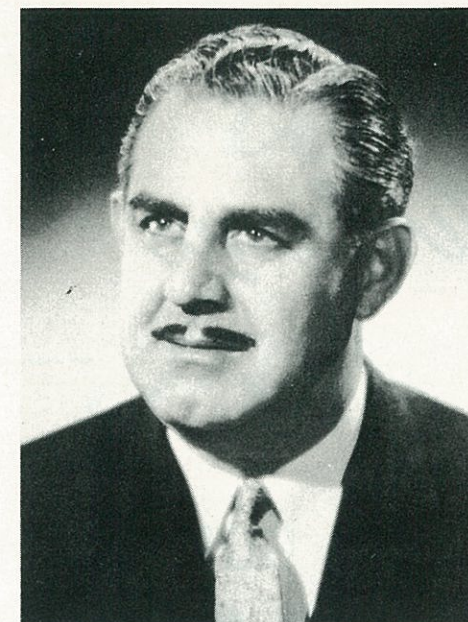
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The Twenty Third annual Convention of our great Federation is gathered here in the spirit of fellowship and goodwill, and affords to each of us an opportunity not only to express our many views on the various objectives to which we are dedicated, but also to renew old acquaintances and form new ones, many of which blossom into true friendship, marriage and business associations.

Thanks

For the unstinted and unselfish help of all our wonderful advertisers and contributors.

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For the sincere effort of the general membership who so earnestly and untiringly work to help make this book a success

Thanks

To my co-chairman and secretary, to the chairman and co-chairman of each committee, and to all the committee members who have so unselfishly given of their time and effort, and who's guidance have helped to make this convention a success

GEORGE R. SIMON

General Chairman