

Assyrian Foundation of America

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highlights

** COMING TO YOU FROM THE ASSYRIAN CULTURAL CENTER, BERKELEY **

MARCH 1977

CANCELLATION OF MEETING.....

The General Membership Meeting usually held on the 2nd Sunday of each month will not convene in March.

COLOR MOVIE ON THE ASSYRIAN HERITAGE IN WORLD MUSEUMS.....

Will be shown:

DATE:

Sunday, March 13, 1977

TIME:

7:30 p.m.

PLACE:

3939 Lawton Ave., SF

Mar Narsai Parish Hall

PRODUCER:

Victor Alexander

NARRATOR:

Jack Douglas

ADMISSION CHARGE: \$3.00

NEXT MEETING IN OUR OWN....

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on April 17, 1977 in our own Assyrian Cultural Center, 1920 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley (one block off University Avenue). Meeting notice will be sent later.

WE ARE GLAD TO REPORT....

- that our offer of \$20,000 to buy the lot adjacent to the Foundation building was accepted. We have committed a down payment of \$7,000 and are presently negotiating a loan for \$13,000.
- that we will continue to rent out the basement of our building (1918 San Pablo Avenue), and that the rent has been increased from \$160 to \$190 per month.

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C) that we will continue to rent out the upper level (1920 San Pablo Avenue) for \$400/month based on usage of 4 days/week. Tuesday thru Friday.

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WEEKENDS IN OUR OWN CULTURAL CENTER...

At our April 17 meeting we will discuss how we will use the facilities of the Center on weekends.

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FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES....

Do not forget the upcoming Assyrian New Year Party in April given by the Foundation and the Community Center. Date and place will be announced on the radio.

RENOVATION--HELP NEEDED.....

During our membership meeting on the 17t of April, we will also discuss organization of volunteers for work for the weekend of April 23 and 24. We will be needing as much help as we can get. It will be a day of renovation of our Cente Bring hammers, levels, paint brushes, scrapers, rags, buckets, etc. We need workers, supervisors, moral supporters, engineers, interior decorators, architects, etc.

Leave April 23 & 24 open for your Foundation.

ASSYRIAN COMMUNITY CENTER RADIO BROADCAST...

To remind you to listen to the voice of Assyria coming to you from San Francisco every Monday at 8:30 p.m. on KBRG 105 FM.

SOCIAL CHAIRWOMAN TAKES LEAVE OF ABSENCE...

Germaine Badal, Social Chairwoman, has taken a three-month leave of absence. During this period, Samreda Baba will sit on the Board of Directors.

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE.....

To mention membership dues (Couples - \$20.00; Singles - \$15.00; Associate - \$10.00) and the initiation fees of \$100.00. Our records indicate that a number of members have not as yet fulfilled this obligation. Recently, our membership chairman, George Geevargis, sent you a reminder for membership dues. We would appreciate your prompt action.

WE APPEAL...PLEDGES...COMMITMENT.....

As you can see, many exciting events are taking place now, i.e., renovation of the new Assyrian Cultural Center, buying the adjacent lot, preparations to occupy the building and plan our use of it.

We are appealing now for members to make their second payment on their building pledge. Those who have not yet made a commitment are asked to please do so. Your help is needed now to make the building attractive, so that we can all be proud of it as an Assyrian Center.

FOUNDATION FILM ON T.V....

The film on the Foundation 1976 Picnic produced by our Sankhiro Khofri is being shown on the Assyrian TV Program in Turlock.

CONGRATULATIONS...

Germaine Badal to wed in April.
Congratulations from the Foundation!

FEASTS & COMMEMORATIONS....

Holy Apostolic & Catholic Church of the East Mar Narsai Parish commemorating Middle of the Lent (Sauma) on Sunday, March 20, 1977 offering Qurbana Kadeesha at 8:30 p.m

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PROGRAM PLANNING.....

If you have an idea for a future program, or a suggestion to improve present operations, please let us hea about it. Remember--this is your Foundation, and its activities are for your benefits.

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REMEMBER-BALLOT BY MAIL....

Just to remind you that we would like to have it in by the 18th of this month. Thanks.

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INTERESTING FIGURES....

1976 Christmas Appeal Response \$1,558 Foundation's Worth (approx.) \$34,000 1976 Contributions \$2,000:

\$1500 to Needy Assyrians of Lebanor \$500 to Assyrian School of the Church of the East, Hasseka Syria.

1976 YEAR-END BALANCE SHEET....

Will be sent to the members soon!

WELCOME BACK

Charles Samo returning from Iran.
Phrydon and Conceicao Badal returning
from Brazil.

RECENT ARRIVALS & VISITORS.....

Welcome to San Francisco Bay Area:

- a) Shmouel & Eshu Warda from Sydney, Australia. (Brothers to David Warda).
- b) Sargon Yelda & Family from Teheran, Iran (Brother to Belles Yelda).
- c) Toma Isaac Toma from Baghdad, Iraq (Brotherin-law to Baba Adam).

CONDOLENCES...

The Foundation expresses its deepest sympathy to Jo Anne Elias on the recent death of her Mother in Oregon and to Joe Elias on the recent death of his Uncle in Turlock.

A NEW ARRIVAL -- A BOY

To Ingrid & Dale Drake (Sami & Lily Neesan's daughter) on January 31, 1977 named Curtis Ramses. Congratulations!

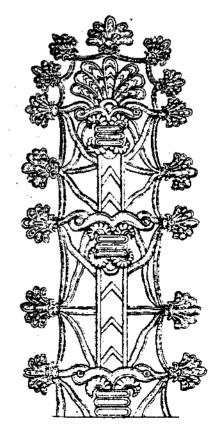
A religious symbol which undoubtedly comes by unbroken tradition from the ancient east is the Tree of Life. This is found in some of the earliest Sumerian art, and continues throughout Mesopotamian history, being very prominent in the Assyrian friezes of the first millennium B.C. The symbol is represented in oriental rugs, and occurs throughout Christian art from the earliest times, by transmission from ancient Mesopotamia, either through Parthian mediation or through the monks of the colleges of Edessa and Nisibin of the Church of the East.

NEWSLETTER NO. 1....

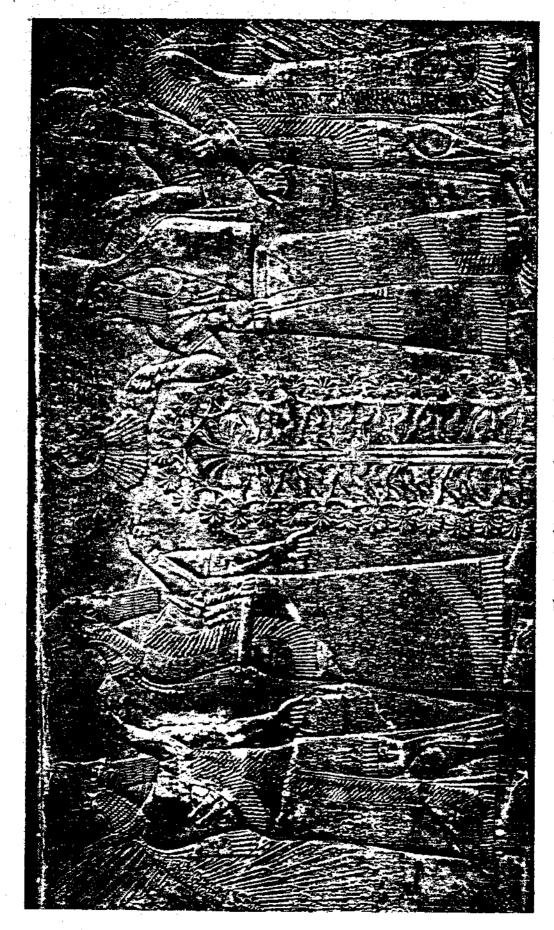
Many of you would feel that this could be the beginning of a Foundation Newsletter. Let's hope so, but let us remind you that it will require much more. Gathering of information, English and Assyrian sections, typing, printing mailing, organization. All this will require work, manpower, qualified personnel. These HIGHLIGHTS were compiled at the spur of the moment. It was a rush, rush project. We wanted to incorporate historical, literary, cultural matters, but did not have the time to do so. It began with attempting to send a memo to the members and eventually developed into much more than anticipated.

One of the Foundation future plans was to produce a Newsletter. Let's discuss this matter in our next General Members! Meeting.

NOTE: Now that Youel Baaba is all settled in his new beautiful home, we hope that he will re-consider undertakithis project.



Assyrian sacred tree



32 The Assyrian king in a cult scene before stylized sacred tree