

June 27, 1974

Dr. Vasken Parseghian
East Brunswick Hills
Troy, New York 12180

Dear Dr. Parseghian:

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The Diocesan Council has determined to have our Diocese organize an appropriate and many-faceted program worthy of the occasion, and again we need the sort of leadership that will make this possible.

We would be delighted if you would accept co-chairmanship of this committee and, together with Father Mampre, direct this effort.

We know of course how overburdened you are, but it is our hope that you will be able to assume this assignment.

We will be most appreciative.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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**Father Mampr Kouzouian
St. Gregory the Illuminator
630 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. C. 10016**

Dear Father Mampr:

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Prayerfully,

**Archbishop Terkem Manoogian
Primate**

July 16, 1974

Miss Ann Armstrong
Director of the BiCentennial Planning Committee
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Armstrong:

The Armenian Diocese is in the process of organizing a special committee to bring its participation to the BiCentennial celebration in 1976.

Our preliminary, still tentative plans include publications, public celebrations by our headquarters as well as in the more than 40 parishes of our Diocese, media presentations, as well as a commemorative gift symbolizing the substance and spirit of our community's place in the history of our country.

As we noted, these are tentative ideas. It is our hope to develop a program worthy of the occasion.

Can your office be of help to us? We are sure that considerable thought has been given to the BiCentennial on the national level.

Any specific suggestions or general guidance you can give us would be deeply appreciated.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manougian
Primate

February 17, 1975

Mr. Edward Costikyan
310 East 50th Street
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Mr. Costikyan:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian has been trying to reach you with regard to the Bi-Centennial Committee of the Armenian Diocese.

He is particularly concerned since the remaining time is proving very short and no committee or plan has yet been formed.

I would appreciate if you could communicate with him at your earliest opportunity, or with me if he is away from the office.

Sincerely,

Steve Karapourian

May 28, 1975

Mr. Loris Tjeknavorian
c/o Mr. Basil Ramsey
Novello & Company Limited
1-3 Upper James Street
London W1, England

Dear Loris:

I have given your tapes to the Archbishop, and to several others, for their reaction to the music itself, as well as for any ideas on the possibility of orchestral concerts here. The reaction has been extremely favorable.

Community circumstances, however, prevent any large-scale undertaking this year.

1976 offers great opportunities. It is the bicentennial year in the course of which our Diocese is planning a number of important events. In addition, His Holiness is visiting America in the spring, and other events are being planned for that.

All of which will, we think, lend themselves to the orchestral presentation of your work.

We cannot say for sure yet, since the planning is beginning only now. But before we get too much further in our thinking, I must know from you if a visit is possible in the spring of 1976.

As soon as we know of your availability, we can know better how to proceed. I was delighted to meet you all, and hope we will be able to meet again here.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian

*Phoned to say,
he agreed and
accepted 6.9.75*

June 2, 1975

Mr. Rouben Ter Arutunian
360 East 55th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Ter Arutunian:

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Mr. Ben Bagdikian
4410 Albemarle Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

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Box 5052
Fresno, California 93755

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Mr. Leon Danielian
33 West 67th Street
New York, New York 10023

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Mr. Alan Hovhanness
c/o C.F. Peters Corporation
373 Park Avenue S.
New York, New York 10016

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4810 Louise Street
Encino, California

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Mrs. Lili Chookasian
25 Sussex Road
Tenafly, New Jersey 07670

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32 Winthrop Place
Grosse Pointe Farms
Michigan 48236

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Miss Lucine Amara
260 West End Avenue
New York, New York 10023

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June 5, 1975

Mr. Michael Arlen
1120 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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Khoren Der Harootian
R.F.D. Rte. 9-W, Castle Road,
Orangeburg P.O.
New York, 10962.

June 7, 1975.

Archbishop Torkom Manougian,
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630 Second Avenue,
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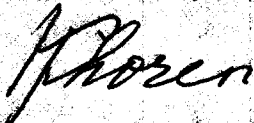
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RITZ TOWER

465 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022

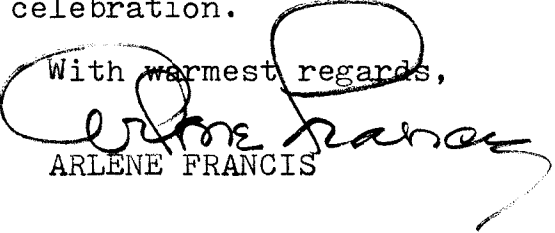
9, June 1975

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate
Armenian Church of America
630, Second Avenue
New York, 10016

Dear Archbishop,

Naturally I am flattered to be invited to serve as an honorary member of the Bicentennial Committee, and I will try to be present at the events most appropriate for me. I know you will understand I cannot promise as much of my time as I would like to extend for this celebration because of my work, which seems to envelope me twenty four hours a day. But when I am able I certainly will try to be part of the Bicentennial celebration.

With warmest regards,


ARLENE FRANCIS

AF/cb

June 2, 1975

Miss Arlene Francis
Ritz Tower 8B
465 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Francis:

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

Wind Mill cir
Stanford
Conn
June 9th

Dear /
Archbishop
Manougian

It will be
an honor for me to serve
as an honorary member
of the Bicentennial committee
of the Armenian Diocese.

It was so nice of
you to be at the opening
of my Exhibit, last week
at the Graham Gallery.

Thanking you
Respectfully
Markian

June 2, 1975

Mr. Reuben Nakian
29 Square Acre Drive
Stamford, Connecticut 06905

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Archbishop  rkom Manoogian
Primate

Haik Kavookjian
Darien, Conn., 06820

June 10, 1975

Rt. Rev. Abp. Torkom Manoogian
Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y., 10016

Your Grace:

Thank you for your letter
asking me to serve on your Bicentennial
celebrations committee as honorary member.

If you think that my being a
member will help in any way your committee,
I gladly accept the honor.

Respectfully yours,

Haik Kavookjian
Haik Kavookjian

HK:bp

June 2, 1975

Mr. Haik Kavookjian
860 U.N. Plaza
New York, New York 10017

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June 18, 1975

Mr. Sam Azadian
253 Garfield Place
Brooklyn, New York 11217

Dear Mr. Azadian:

Our Diocese is planning an impressive and ambitious program to celebrate the Bicentennial of the United States, a high-point of which will be the visit of His Holiness Catholicos Vasken I to our Diocese in April and May of 1976.

A series of programs under consideration will extend for more than a year, for which we will require the active help of a number of the outstanding leaders in the community, particularly with regard to the Vehapar's visit.

Edward Mardigian of Detroit has agreed to serve as general chairman of the Bicentennial Committee.

We would be most pleased if you would accept the appointment as co-chairman of all arrangements with New York City civic authorities, respecting the visit of His Holiness. This relates to arrival arrangements as well as to any official functions and receptions that involve the City in any way. It is an extremely important area that requires thoughtful planning and execution.

Please accept this responsibility in the knowledge that we regard it as highly important, and that you will be fully supported on every level.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

July 24, 1975

Mr. Jack C. Goushian
1208 Addison Walk
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19147

Dear Mr. Goushian:

We are very pleased that you have consented, in personal conversations with Mr. Mardigian and ourselves, to serve as chairman of the committee responsible for all arrangements connected with the visit of His Holiness Catholicos Vasken I to Philadelphia.

His Holiness, accompanied by a retinue of three persons, will arrive in Philadelphia on April 29 and will remain there through May 3, 1975. All arrangements and scheduling for the time His Holiness is in Philadelphia will, of course, be the responsibility of your committee.

The full committee must also be formed. In this regard we have asked our two priests in Philadelphia to offer recommendations from which we may make selections.

Perhaps it will be necessary to meet here on some early occasion, and perhaps when Mr. Mardigian is also here, to work out this committee together, as well as other preliminary procedures.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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June 24, 1975

Theodore Karagheuzoff, P.E.
 Deputy Administrator / Commissioner

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
 Primate
 Diocese of the Armenian Church
 of America
 630 Second Avenue
 New York, New York 10016

Your Excellency:

Thank you for your letter of June 18 regarding the program being planned by the Diocese in connection with the Bicentennial of the United States and the visit of His Holiness Vasken I in April and May of 1976.

I certainly will be most pleased and honored to act as co-chairman of all arrangements with New York City civic authorities.

Respectfully,

Theodore Karagheuzoff
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 Commissioner

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85-03 Midland Parkway
Jamaica Estates, New York 11432

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Please accept this responsibility in the knowledge that we regard it as highly important, and that you will be fully supported on every level.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

June 23, 1975

Mr. Hubert A. Elliott
Director of Communications
The Salvation Army
50 West 23rd Street
New York, New York 10010

Dear Mr. Elliott:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the two photographs you sent me which were taken during the New York City's observance of 200 years of American independence.

As per our telephone conversation I would be most happy to take you on a tour of our Cathedral and complex.

Once again our sincerest thanks.

Sincerely,

Stephen Kambourian
Executive Director

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The enclosed photograph(s) made at the opening of New York City's observance of 200 years of American independence is/are sent to you for your possible use with our compliments in partial appreciation for your many courtesies.

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DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

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Hubert A. Elliott
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

June 23, 1975

Mr. Paul Ignatius
3650 Fordham Road
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ignatius:

The celebration of the bicentennial of the United States has already begun, with all levels of government as well as private organizations planning all sorts of events to mark the occasion over the next eighteen months.

We feel it is most fitting for our Diocese as well in its own way to celebrate this great milestone; it is most fitting for us to pay our own special tribute to a country where our first Church was consecrated eighty-four years ago, and where our people have settled, lived and flourished.

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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RICHARD YARDUMIAN

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June 25, 1975

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Archbishop Manoogian:

I shall be very happy to serve as an honorary member of the Bicentennial Committee of the Armenian Diocese.

Please do contact me whenever my "counsel" could be of service.

Most cordially,

Richard

June 2, 1975

Mr. Richard Yardumian
Cold Springs Farm
Bryn Athen, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Yardumian:

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May we hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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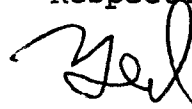
July 3, 1975

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Archbishop Manoogian:

I would be pleased to accept the appointment as Co-Chairman of arrangements with the New York City civic authorities respecting the visit of His Holiness Vasken I in April and May of 1976.

Respectfully,



Ned J. Parsekian

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June 18, 1975

Mr. Ned Parsekian
276 Orchard Place
Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450

Dear Mr. Parsekian:

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

July 24, 1975

Mr. Jack C. Goushian
1208 Addison Walk
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19147

Dear Mr. Goushian:

We are very pleased that you have consented, in personal conversations with Mr. Mardigian and ourselves, to serve as chairman of the committee responsible for all arrangements connected with the visit of His Holiness Catholicos Vasken I to Philadelphia.

His Holiness, accompanied by a retinue of three persons, will arrive in Philadelphia on April 29 and will remain there through May 3, 1975. All arrangements and scheduling for the time His Holiness is in Philadelphia will, of course, be the responsibility of your committee.

The full committee must also be formed. In this regard we have asked our two priests in Philadelphia to offer recommendations from which we may make selections.

Perhaps it will be necessary to meet here on some early occasion, and perhaps when Mr. Mardigian is also here, to work out this committee together, as well as other preliminary procedures.

Prayerfully,



Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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August 19, 1975

Mr. Jack C. Goushian
711 Land Title Building
Broad and Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19110

Dear Mr. Goushian:

It was a delight to receive your letter of August 15, summarizing all the points we considered at our meeting.

Some matters remain unresolved, and will be considered at the meeting we have scheduled for Monday, August 25, at 10:00 a.m. at which Mr. Mardigian will be present.

It is our hope that you might possibly join us on that occasion.

In the event you are not, we will be in touch with you immediately afterwards and convey to you what is discussed and what conclusions are reached.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc. Mr. E. Mardigian

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August 15, 1975

Archbishop Torkom Manooqian
Diocese of the Armenian Church
of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Archbishop Manooqian:

I enjoyed the opportunity of meeting and having lunch with you in New York last Thursday, when we had some preliminary discussion relative to the projected visit to Philadelphia of his Holiness, Vasken I, next year.

As a memorandum of our meeting and in order to inform other interested persons by a copy of this letter, I note that we discussed the following:

1. I conveyed to you the thought of both the local clergy and other persons involved in plans for the Diocesan Assembly and the Catholicos' visit that it would simplify matters greatly if his Holiness' point of entry in the United States were Philadelphia rather than New York. This is so because of the large mass of people who will be in this city because of the Diocesan Assembly and it would obviate the necessity of disrupting the Clergy Conference to allow all the participating clergymen to travel to New York to greet his Holiness if he should arrive there. Apart from a matter of mere convenience, travel from Philadelphia to New York and back, as well as the time consumed getting to and from the airport and ceremonies attendant with his Holiness' arrival, will effectively consume an entire day of the Clergy Conference which might otherwise be more profitably spent. Your observation in this connection was that for economic reasons, his Holiness will be coming aboard an aeroflot flight,

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which terminates in New York. I suggested to you that we explore the possibility of his Holiness flying to London or Paris via aeroflot, and thence to Philadelphia on a scheduled American airline.

2. In connection with housing accommodations for his Holiness and his entourage, I advised you that the Diocesan Assembly Committee had made tentative arrangements to reserve the Philadelphia Suite at the Marriott Motor Inn. I also expressed to you my feeling that, notwithstanding the Suite itself might be appropriate in all particulars, the Marriott was not a fitting place to house a clergyman of his Holiness' stature. You concurred, and further noted that it would be preferable to house his Holiness at another location to discourage encroachments on his time and person by well-meaning communicants. I informed you that the local clergy and I had inspected the Presidential Suite of the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, where his Holiness was housed during his 1968 visit, and found it fitting in every respect; however, we were not able to confirm as of the day of our visit that it would be available when needed next year. Also, I told you of our visit to the home of one of my friends in Gladwyne, a Philadelphia main line community, which both the clergy and I felt would be eminently suitable if I can convince my friend to offer his home for the 4 or 5 day period necessary. It is my hope to bring the owner of that home to New York for a visit with you and further discussion in this regard at an early date.

3. In connection with providing personal security for his Holiness, you noted that we should have 2 security personnel accompany his Holiness at all times. I noted that I did not recall our having done that on past visits, but we are to look into this matter further, particularly as to the availability of off-duty Armenian-American policemen providing their services on a volunteer basis.

4. Insofar as his Holiness' involvement with the Diocesan Assembly is concerned, it is my understanding that this entails his person at the following:

- (a) "Hrashapar" service upon his arrival.
- (b) An initial appearance at the Diocesan

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Assembly for a brief ceremony after his arrival, which will be his only appearance at sessions of the Assembly.

(c) Attendance at the Assembly Banquet on Saturday evening.

(d) Celebrating the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning.

My committee will be involved in scheduling all other time of his Holiness' visit, including possible appearances, courtesy calls, receptions and the like.

5. In connection with services on Sunday morning, I told you of our discussion relative to the holding of such services in the Ss. Sahag-Mesrob Church with additional seating provided in the Church Hall where the services would be projected on closed circuit T.V. I also suggested to you the possibility of his Holiness' celebrating the Divine Liturgy in a local Church of another faith, particularly if it was one of the historical Churches, such as Christ Church. This would depend, of course, on whether the Church was large enough to accommodate the expected congregation and also on his Holiness' agreement.

6. We considered the matter of expenses in connection with the visit of his Holiness and I told you that I had roughly estimated it would cost between \$3,000.00 and \$5,000.00 for the period of his visit, and suggested that we might organize a "Committee of Hosts to his Holiness", members of which would contribute either \$50.00 or \$100.00 each. As an inducement to participate on this committee, we could present contributors with a color portrait of his Holiness (perhaps autographed by him) or schedule a private reception at which only the hosts would be present.

I believe this covers in substance the matters discussed, except that I am to prepare and present you with a proposed

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tentative schedule of our itinerary for his Holiness while in Philadelphia, which I will do in the next few weeks.

With kindest regards and
respectfully yours,

JACK C. GOUSHIAN

JCG:pm

CC: Very Rev. Zaven Arzoumanian
Very Rev. Arshen Aivazian

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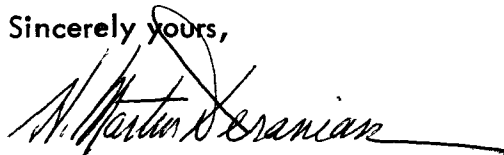
August 22, 1975

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Your Grace:

Thank you for your letter of August 5, 1975 and your invitation to serve on a committee to complete a Who's Who in Armenian American Life. I shall be pleased to assist in the endeavor. My only request is that I not be considered as Chairman of this committee.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "H. Martin Deranian". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

H. Martin Deranian, D.D.S.

HMD/jlm

August 5, 1975

Dr. H. Martin Deranian
Mechanics National Tower
Suite 610
Worcester, Massachusetts 01608

Dear Dr. Deranian:

We have your letter of June 20, which we were very pleased to receive, as we were pleased to learn of your willingness to serve on our Bicentennial Committee.

This is a matter to which we have been giving considerable thought in recent weeks, since the Bicentennial undertaking must be a significant and varied series of programs that will touch a broad range of matters in our life here.

One matter we are quite interested in is the compilation of a Who's Who in Armenian American life. We feel this can be of enormous value, and an area in which you may wish to participate.

We would be interested in knowing your reactions.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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H. MARTIN DERANIAN, D.D.S.
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June 20, 1975

The Most Reverend Torcom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York

Your Excellency:

It was a very great pleasure for me to see you at Dr. Shahrik's home on June 13. It brought back to me many pleasant memories of our days in Philadelphia over 25 Years ago.

We talked about several matters which I wish to explore further. First, I am concerned with the continuing discomfort which you reported in your tempo-mandibular joint. If I may be of any professional service to you, I would be more than pleased to do so. It seems to me that you have enough problems to resolve in your official capacity without this added discomfort.

Secondly, you asked if I would be interested in serving on a Bicentennial Committee. I would be pleased to accept such an assignment. I am particularly interested in two areas of American-Armenian life: the origins of the Armenian Community in Worcester and the story of Dr. Varaztad H. Kazanjian. I have written on both of these

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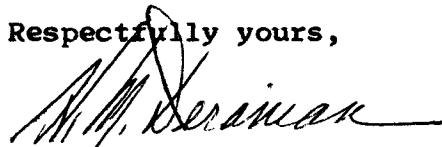
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June 20, 1975

subjects, particularly on Dr. Kazanjian whom I consider to be the outstanding product of Armenian life in America.

Accept my bery good wish for a pleasant summer.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. M. Deranian", written in black ink.

H. Martin Deranian, D.D.S.