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Source: TOM BOZIGIAN learned this variation of the SHEIKHANI during the 1970's at summer Armenian picnics in Fresno, Ca. home of one of the largest populations of Armenians outside of the homeland. Within this San Joaquin Valley, especially Turlock, live also a large community of Assyrians, an ancient Semitic group of people who share a common religion and, history with Armenians. Sheikhani is a Pan-Assyrian dance.

Music: Bozigian Symposium Cassette 1990

Rhythm: 2/4 described by counts in this description

Formation: Line dance w/little finger hold and leader at R w/ dancers facing LOD while L hand rests on lower back.

METER: 2/4

PATTERN

Counts

1 & 2/ Moving LOD do 2 two-steps begin R

3 & 4

5 Stamp R beside L w/wt

6 Pivot L $\frac{1}{4}$ on R to face ctr as L points beside R and hands raise to shoulder ht

7 & 8 1 two-step toward ctr begin L

9-10 Stamp R beside L twice no wt

11 & 12 Moving bkwd run R-L-R

13 Touch L beside R

14 Hop R in pl as L knee raises in front

15 Turning $\frac{1}{4}$ R to face LOD plie L to L as arms lower to orig pos

16 & Double bounce L in pl