

Der Hayr, Ladies and Gentlemen, Congregation Members,

As Chairman of the Parish Council, the year 1971, has been one of satisfaction in many ways. The pleasure of serving St. Gregorys and the cooperation received, more than compensates its officers for the hours spent in fulfilling their various duties. The Trustees who served with me performed their duties and attended our meetings almost 100%. They have been happy in giving service to their church members and to the community.

Our President, Der Sarkis, presided over every meeting with his leadership and cooperation. Thusly, as Chairman, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who served with me to better our community and church. It might be noteworthy to express an opinion as to how much can be achieved by complete cooperation between humans.

We would like to express our appreciation to all of our congregation members who entrusted this responsibility on us with the greatest of confidence. We would also like to express thanks to several of our congregation members who do not work as Parish Council Members but who have assisted us as to maintenance and care of our church, specifically and not solely, Messrs. Archie Aznavoorian, Pete Bedrosian and Bob Kalenian.

- A Under the present regime our membership was 83 and is now a total membership of 103.
- B Under the guidance of Dr. Karachorlu and Nish Babikian, our envelope system is well organized with a fair amount of success.
- C Trustee's sponsored a New Year's Eve Dance 1971.
- D Vartanantz Dinner
- E Martyrs' Day Celebration
- F 100th Anniversary for ~~Archbishop Khirikian~~ *Catholicos Karekin Hovsefiants*
- G Midwest Regional Conference sponsored by the Diocese.
- H Attended Diocesan Delegates' Meeting through the sponsorship of the Parish Council.
- I Trustee's Picnic
- J St. Gregory's Anniversary
- K Your Parish Priest and Chairman indirectly or directly were involved in other Armenian cultural achievements during the year.

- L. Parish Council members and the Parish Priest, held a dinner meeting with the Sunday School teachers and thanked them for the fine and efficient progress.

Unfortunately, our church was burglarized in 1971, with no loss to our treasury. All losses and damages were covered by our insurance policy.

Our present financial condition: Operating money, in the amount of \$3,240.66; Reserve Fund in certificate of deposits, Bank of Lincolnwood, in the amount of \$14,491.51, up and through January 1st, 1972.

Things to come year 1972, Second Term of your present Parish Council:

- 1 Plans for a new stage
- 2 Renovation of the large hall to provide recreational programs for our youth under the guidance of very capable instructors, Mr. George Nahabedian and Mrs. Arnold Koresian.
- 3 Visitation to all our congregation members by the Parish Priest and Council Members to instill a more unified membership and to attain more members.

Maintenance of building:

- a Major repair to hall roof.
- b Major repairs to heating system.
- c Larger sink in kitchen.
- d To install an incasement in the rectory hall. Those persons who have contributed to the financial support of this building and religious articles will be listed on this plaque.
- e Purchased a new car for the Parish Priest. A 1972 Maverick in the amount of \$2,800.00.

Total income for the year 1971	\$22,983.96
Expenses	<u>-25,356.27</u>
Deficiency	(\$ 3,372.31)

This figure does not take into consideration the car purchase. Also, we have a special assessment of \$900.00. We anticipate several thousand dollars more for needed repairs in 1972, that we did not have in 1971, also the fact that I mentioned the many new plans for 1972.

Budget for 1972	\$32,156.00 (\$6,700 more than 1971)
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Chairman's comments in retrospect.

- A Recommend an all out drive for new members.
- B Start a new pledge system. Stewardship program.
- C There exists in this parish a very destructive force. A force more damaging than the financial aspect The moral aspect, if you will.

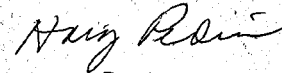
There is a feeling of mistrust and a disease of vicious and maliciousness towards some members of the community. Frankly, it is very pathetic. This is a place of worship, trust and brotherly love, declined to this level. There are no names or persons that I speak of, but I think you know of what I speak.

There is no need for this utter nonsense. It is high time this maliciousness stops. We are not desirous of the pettiness of some people who torment and abuse this community. This is a house of love and respect towards one another and as I mentioned before, your parish council is working in harmony and never discusses personal or other problems not pertaining to the betterment of our church.

There is plenty of room for criticism and believe you me, no one is perfect. I would suggest that those of you who are trying to corrupt this community either settle down or leave before it becomes communicable. There is great need for respect and understanding, to teach our children true Armenianism and to perpetrate our heritage.

Vow now to enhance this community for greater and better things and to work in harmony.

Respectfully submitted,



Haig Pedian
Chairman
Parish Council

Sunday, February 27, 1972