

1980 Parish Assembly  
Chairman's Report

Again, I am sorry not to be with you today, and I extend my best wishes to you all for a successful Assembly.

I wish to thank the members of the Parish Council for their work during the year, and one non-member, John Bogdasarian, for stepping in to help with the treasurer's job when the press of outside work made it impossible for Diran Kradjian to continue in the position.

We have had a successful and productive year, I believe, and have accomplished quite a bit in the way of capital improvements. The Parish Hall was repainted and the floor sanded and refinished. John Bogdasarian had the draperies cleaned, so that the hall is now in quite good condition except for some ceiling tiles which need replacing. This can wait until a decision is made on possible insulation of that ceiling. I would like to thank the Kradjian family for their donation of labor for the painting. Church furnace was fixed and heating duct installed to keep the water pipes warm under the kitchen floor.

We have also had the church roof insulated and there is an order in for Storm windows for the Church. This should make us all more comfortable, and should also save us the cost of the insulation in about four years. The fan placed in the church to prevent hot air from collecting at the ceiling should also save us money.

The Dance this last year was very successful and well received. The next Dance should do even better as we can confidently tell people how pleasant an affair it is. We will need greater cooperation on the Patron booklet, as this always represents a large part of our profits.

The picnic was also quite successful both financially and socially and people seemed to like the State Park site very well. Next year we should plan for a somewhat larger crowd, as we barely had enough food this last time.

The other functions of the year included a Special Assembly and Pledge dinner, which became quite exciting but did not solve the problem raised, five family dinners on Feb. 25, March 21st (Lenten Dinner) May 20, when the Archbishop visited us, Sept 23 and Oct. 14th. We also had a very nice Christmas program on Dec 16, by the Youth Group and Sunday School, and a January Christmas Dinner. As usual many of these affairs owed very much to the cooperation of the Ladies Aid.

During this Assembly, I hope you will give consideration to the disposal of the Port Crane property. As I told you last year, the economics do not permit us to make use of this property for a picnic ground or any other use. It is not in safe condition for public use and to make it so would be prohibitive in cost, even more so than I mentioned last year. We should get rid of it so that we do not have insurance and maintenance costs, and so that we would have use of the money it would bring if sold.

Next Year will be a difficult one for our parish. Father George is leaving a large gap behind him. We will all miss him personally, and the parish will miss him as its leader. There will be demands on all of us to pick up all the threads he has had in his hands and to try to keep the parish together and strong. Therefore I hope you will all vote very carefully at this election of new parish council members, and will give the new council your utmost cooperation in the coming year.

My best wishes to you all, and many thanks for your help in the past two years.

*Carol Bogdasarian*