

Men's Club Annual Report - 1981

St. James Armenian Church

The Men's Club of St. James Armenian Church was formed in September 1980 through the initiative and guidance of Reverend Father Karekin Kasparian.

The functions of the Men's Club is to provide services to the Church and Community in its many endeavors throughout the year, to provide assistance in the education of our youth in safeguarding and preserving their racial, religious, and cultural heritage, to provide and promote social activities among our Church members and Community, to provide material support to our youth in sport activities and to assist them in learning good sportsmanship, social behavior, and in becoming good citizens, and finally to assist the Church in fund raising functions.

Informal ad hoc meetings were held at first commencing in September 1980 with Alfred Yeznaian serving as Chairman and Malcolm Shadoian as Vice Chairman. During the several months that followed, discussions were held for the preparation of a Constitution and By-Laws so that by the beginning of the year 1981, it was prepared, approved by the Parish Council and put into effect.

Due to the departure of our first chairman, Mr. Alfred Yeznaian, because of relocation of his work in the Spring of 1981, a formal interim Executive Committee was formed as follows at a membership meeting held on May 15, 1981, which was subsequently approved by the Pastor and Parish Council.

Albert Darien - Chairman

Michael Pisani - Treasurer

Malcolm Shadoian - Vice Chairman

John Boyajian - Secretary

It was agreed that these officers will serve for the remainder of the year 1981, and that new elections will be held in January 1982.

The Men's Club meets every Friday evening at the Church Hall for an informal get together and social. Membership and Executive Committee meetings are held monthly and eight such meetings were held since May 1981. There are nineteen (19) dues paying members. It is expected that this number will grow significantly during the coming year.

The Men's Club, after its first year in existence, has become a viable organization of our Church due to the support and guidance of Father Kasparian who attended meetings regularly and has put this organization on a sound basis. It is now up to the members and friends of our Church to join this organization in the ensuing year so that the Men's Club may become stronger and to realize its goals and objectives most effectively.

There is a balance of \$1207 in the treasury at the end of 1981. Of this amount \$500 has been committed to the purchase of playground equipment, \$207 will be turned back to the Church, and \$500 will be retained by the Men's Club in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws.

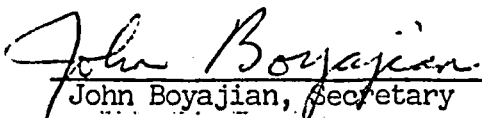
The Men's Club actively participated or was instrumental in holding various functions throughout the year, some of which are mentioned below.

1. Annual Church Picnic - August 23rd. Chairman Al Darien served as Chairman of the picnic and our members, along with other Church Auxiliaries, played prominent roles in the running of the picnic. The Church realized a net profit of \$5,012.12. Chairman Darien prepared and submitted a comprehensive report of the picnic which will serve as a helpful guide for future picnics.
2. Showing of Vartanantz Film "Lamp Unto My Feet".
3. Lecture by State Supreme Court Justice, Honorable Vincent Gurahian.
4. New Year's Eve Party - A profit of \$115 was realized and a good time was had by all who attended.
5. Farewell Dinner for Past Chairman Alfred Yeznaian. Chairman Al Darien, on behalf of the Men's Club, paid tribute to the outgoing chairman.

The Men's Club members actively participated and/or provided services for the Anniversary Dinner, dinners and affairs held by the various Church Auxiliaries, not to mention the many personal contributions of time, material, and labor to meet the needs of the Church.

A membership meeting will be held in January for election of new officers, and to discuss and draw up plans for future programs and projects for the year 1982.

Respectfully Submitted,


John Boyajian, Secretary

Albert Darien, Chairman