

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish to make the following brief report.

The Parish Council this year, met at least every two weeks and basically spent most of its time on five major issues:

these are: getting members to pledge annual dues to the Church;  
conducting activities throughout the year to raise funds to cover our budget;  
work on our new Church plans;  
work on organizing a Finance Committee to raise funds for the new Church and Church Hall;  
and lastly, increasing our membership and insure that our members pay their yearly dues.

Let me talk about each of these activities.

In 1979, we collected \$3,855 in pledges; the financial backbone of our church should be our pledges. A pledge system will cost you less money than coming to church affair after church affair and spending money in that fashion.

As an example: our budget this year is about \$30,000; we have 148 members; but about 100 families; if each family gave an average of \$300 each year, we would meet our budget. It's as simple as that. Some families will give more, some less; but pledges are a simple, painless way to finance our church.

This year, we would like to see the new Parish Council make this one of their number one projects.

Even if we had this pledge system, we would continue to run some of our money raising activities. The most popular, and the most work for everyone is our festival and New Year's Eve affairs. Both were successful in 1979. The Parish Council also ran other affairs, such as Vartanantz and Martyr's Day observance.

There were many people who worked to make these affairs successful and I along with the Parish Council, want to thank them all.

Two items we spent a tremendous amount of time on is our new Church Building plans and the formation of a Finance Committee to raise funds. Our Church plans are complete and we have named a Finance Committee. We will discuss this later in the agenda, so I will not talk about that now.

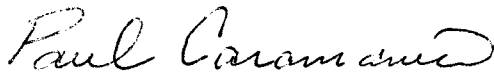
The last item I want to mention, is that we should try to recruit new members to the church. This is your Church and the only way it will grow and become strong is through greater membership.

I want to conclude by thanking all members of the Parish Council for their efforts this year, and I want to especially thank Der Hayr for his dedication and hard work all year long.

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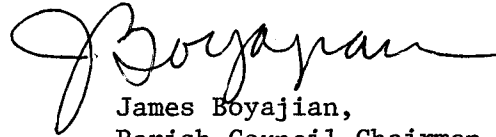
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Also, a special thanks to Mr. Garabed Keramian, who has served as a Parish Council member for ten years. Garo's term is up this year and he is not running for office again.



Paul Caramanian  
Parish Council Secretary

Sincerely,



James Boyajian,  
Parish Council Chairman

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Rev. Terenig Kondralian and members of the Parish Assembly.

I want to thank all of you for coming today and I want to briefly tell you of the Parish Council's activities for 1980.

First I would like to complement and congratulate the Parish Council for their work this year. This wasn't an easy task, because since the first of 1980, three council members resigned, including our treasurer, and one member was transferred to another city. There were only five council members who served the entire year. Including myself, they are Peter Basralian, George Hekimian, Yohanes Hekimian and Steve Saxenian. Two new members were added to the Parish Council, Haikaz Ohanian and Houry Sarkissian, and they helped us a great deal.

The Parish Council ran two main functions this year, the Annual Festival and the New Years Eve party, plus a number of smaller fund raising events. Our main project however was developing plans for the new church and church buildings and to raise funds for these building, along with funds for our operating budget. Very frankly we are worried about how we are going to pay for and furnish the new buildings. We have a one million dollar project. We have approximately \$400,000 in savings and another possible \$400,000 when and if we sell the Harrison house. We have pledges of \$100,000; but only \$25,000 has been collected to date. All of these are general figures; the actual numbers are in our financial reports which will be distributed later on. So, if we don't sell the Harrison house, we are \$600,000 short. If we sell the house, we are \$200,000 short. We must step up our fund raising activities and we intend to do this as soon as possible.

There a number of persons I personally want to thank, such as George and Yohanes Hekimian and Peter Basralian for running the Annual Festival, Haikaz Ohanian for handling the New Years Eve party and Krikor Derian for organizing and making a success of our pledge system.

I also want to thank Rev. Terenig Kondralian for his dedication, not only towards his church work, but also for all the time, knowledge and guidance he has given in developing the church plans and following through with the architect and construction company.

I have one other item and that is that there are some people in this parish who over the past several years continue to spread false rumors about members of this parish. We are all aware of this problem. This is not a Christian act. It is a bad reflection on all of us. We ask that it be stopped.



James Boyajian  
Chairman Parish Council  
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