

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH

PARISH COUNCIL -- ANNUAL REPORT 1984

The Parish Council, under the Presidency of our Pastor, Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, and the Chairmanship of Dr. Jack Hachigian, met regularly every month and held special meetings when circumstances required.

The Parish Council members for 1984 were:

President	Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian
Chairperson	Dr. Jack Hachigian
Vice Chairperson	Martha Gurahian
Recording Secretary	John Boyajian
Corresponding Secretary	Albert Darien
Treasurer	Avadis Sakalian
Assistant Treasurer	Garo Bashian
Advisors	Hagop Cetinkaya
	Gregory Chamourian
	Edward Essayan
	Ara Ishkanian
	Bernard Tepikian

The total number of Parish Council members was increased to eleven in 1984, as per decision of the Parish Assembly.

Policy Decisions

The following policy decisions affecting the Parish were made during the course of the year:

1. In accordance with a motion passed by the Parish Assembly in February, 1984, appointed a Building Fund Raising Committee to formulate plans for the purpose of building new Church facilities on our grounds, and to present a report of such plans, taking into consideration the size, cost, timing, and financing of such plans, for approval by the Parish Assembly at a later date.
2. Instituted a system of acknowledging In-Lieu-of-Flowers donations for deceased parishioners and friends of this and other parishes.
3. Summary of Parish Council meetings to appear in HOPE each month.
4. Distributed keys to all Parish Council members.
5. Standardized payments to visiting clergy, and payments to Deacon, Organist, etc., for Sacraments performed.
6. Instructed all Parish Organizations on proper bookkeeping procedures.
7. Maintained an Attendance Book in Church to record attendance of parishioners and Parish Council members, and plate collection on Sundays.
8. Printed and distributed Parish Council responsibilities to all Parish Council members.
9. Taking pictures of our parishioners and friends on an ongoing basis, to be displayed on a special bulletin board in the Parish House.

10. Convened a Special Parish Assembly in October, 1984, as a policy decision, to present the report of the Building Fund Raising Committee in accord with Policy Decision, Item 1, above.
11. Established guidelines for the St. James Award.

#### Management Committee

Under the joint chairmanship of George Davidian and James Cassidy, this committee has met regularly to plan, and with the direction and guidance of the Parish Council, execute new projects for the Parish, and maintain existing facilities. Some of these projects included the painting of the Church, accomplished with volunteers from the Parish, resurfacing of the roof, replacing of the pump in the well, installation of a new freezer, etc. Our gratitude goes to the members of this committee for the giving of their time, cost, and efforts.

#### Spring Oriental Rug Sale

An Oriental Rug Sale was held on May 19th under the direction of our Garo Bashian, resulting in a substantial profit to the Church.

#### Tenth Ordination Anniversary Dinner

A dinner was held on May 20th in honor of our Pastor, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood. The catered dinner, held in the courtyard of our Parish grounds, was indeed a joyous occasion for Der Hayr, Yeretzgin Dawn, and members of their families, and for the entire Parish. Honored guests included His Eminence Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, and Very Reverend Oshagan Minassian, who reminisced upon their many years of friendship and association with Father Karekin.

#### St. James Award (1983)

The St. James Award for 1983 was given to Garo Bashian at a dinner tendered by the Pastor and Parish Council and spouses on June 14th. Garo, in his usual modest way, was thankful for the award presented to him for his continued dedicated service to the Church.

#### Donation of Freezer

A donation of \$1,500 was received from Satenig Otyag of the Daughters of Vartan of Vasbouragan Lodge, Yonkers, NY, towards the purchase of a freezer, in return for the use of the freezer and kitchen facilities during the Knights of Vartan Convention weekend in July, 1984. This freezer proves to be of great use to our Parish on many occasions during the course of the year, and we are deeply indebted to Satenig Otyag for their gracious donation.

#### 50/50 Club

The 50/50 Club was formed to generate income for the Church. Formerly the 100 Club, it was renamed the 50/50 Club to denote a ratio of 50-50 between prizes versus income. One drawing of cash prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500 was held during the Annual Banquet. Our thanks to Hagop Cetinkaya who headed this Committee and to all who participated in the purchase of memberships.

#### Annual Church Picnic

The Annual Picnic, under the Chairmanship of Paul Bashian, was held on August 26th. An income of over \$5,000 was realized, thus exceeding the budget previously set forth. The picnic, attended by over 600 people, featured a live band which was very appealing indeed. Our gratitude goes to Paul Bashian, and his many workers, for making the picnic an enjoyable occasion and a financial success.