

BUILDING COMMITTEE
1995 ANNUAL REPORT

The building project was unanimously approved at our February 1995 Annual Parish Assembly. During 1995 we took steps to ensure that the project continued to move quickly and efficiently.

On March 10th all the professionals: Tom Ashbahian our Project Architect, Vatche Aslanian and Dicran Tenguerian our Design Architects, Ed Kelly our Contractor, Dolph Rotfeld our Engineer, and Anthony Veneziano our Attorney met to review our plans and present position with respect to all involved and established a game plan outlining the steps necessary to move the project forward with each party being given tasks with due dates to accomplish this.

On March 21st Dolph Rotfeld our Engineer, Anthony Veneziano our Attorney, and Richard Papalian met with Dan Armstrong and Ed Brenner from the City of White Plains to explore the issues surrounding our revised plan where we identified all the steps necessary to file our amended site plan. The objective was to have our application submitted to the Building Department by May 10th so that our application would be on the June 5th Common Council Agenda and on the June 10 Planning Commission Agenda. We still, however, had to meet with the neighbors and wetlands, landscape, and traffic consultants.

At the same time our contractor began pricing the project as it existed to determine where we stood relative to our budget and our design architects were developing the design.

The application was filed with the building department, the first step, who reviewed it and made sure that it was complete and we were put on the June 5th agenda for the Common Council and the June 14th agenda for the Planning Commission. The purpose of the meeting with the Common Council was for the City of White Plains to officially entertain our application. They accepted it and referred it to all city agencies, including: environmental, architectural, conservation, traffic, wetlands, etc., as well as the Planning Commission. The June 14th agenda of the Planning Commission was postponed to June 21st where they will officially received our application.

We obtained the approvals from all city departments in individual meetings with the exception of the approvals of the Common Council and Planning Commission where we the procedure is to be put on the agendas of their regularly scheduled meetings. The other major accomplishment was that on June 1st I met with representatives from the North Street and Rosedale Associations who were all in favor of our revised plan and indicated that they would support us at the hearing.

After having obtained all the approvals from the other city agencies we got on the July 10th agenda for the Common Council when they will ordered a hearing for August. All went well and on September 5th we received approval of our amended site plan from the City of White Plains. This now means that as far as the municipality is concerned, we are clear to apply for a Building Permit and, although we do not yet intend to, can begin site work. The next several months, until March or April, we will be completing detailed working drawings, engineering drawings, and bidding the job. We still expect to break ground in the Spring of 1996, subject to the success of the fundraising effort.

I would also like to extend a special "thank you" to Lionel Galstuan who for the last several years has provided the tremendous service of taking excellent minutes at our many meetings.

Respectfully submitted:



Richard H. Papalian, Chairman
Building Committee