

# Chairman's Message

Well we had a good General Assembly this past Sunday until the elections. There was a lot of false information that was being communicated. I offer the following information as food for thought for the future:

## 1. Husband and wife on the PC

Attached is the Constitution and Bylaws. Nowhere does it say anything on this topic. We never voted on this topic, and even if we did, we would then need to alter the Constitution and/or Bylaws. Interesting to note that Father and Khouriyeh have been on the parish council together for years.

*Making a false statement repeatedly does not make it true.*

## 2. Written votes

Constitution, Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph C

C. The members of the Parish Council shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Voting Membership of the Parish, or at a Special Meeting of the Voting Membership by Plurality of ballots cast. The tally of the ballots shall be made by the Pastor and a committee appointed for that purpose. **Written votes may be submitted at the meeting if signed by the Voting Member casting the vote.**

*A written vote that is properly signed is valid.*

## 3. Eligibility to Vote

Constitution, Article III, Section 1, Paragraph A

A. Voting Membership: The Voting membership shall consist of all Persons eighteen (18) years of age and over, regardless of sex, who have been baptized and accepted in the membership of the Holy Orthodox Church, according to its teachings, who accept, profess, and practice its faith and discipline, who contribute to the fiscal maintenance of this St. George Church, through payment of dues, pledges, and assessments as are prescribed by the Parish by-laws.

Dues – Undefined at St. George Danbury

Pledges – Undefined at St. George Danbury

Assessments – Undefined at St. George Danbury

If none of the above exists then you have not violated the constitution. You cannot apply a standard that does not exist. We may like one to exist...but then we should create one at the parish council.

Otherwise how does one decide the following and who has any authority to decide the following:  
Which one of the following parishoners is eligible to vote:

Parishoner A - \$200 in contributions

Parishoner B – \$500 in contributions

Parishoner C - \$1000 in contributions