

St. John Armenian Church Men's Society

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Mission Statement

The Men's Society is a fellowship of men who are committed to Christ and are active members of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church celebrating their unique roles in the parish, their families, and the greater community.

This organization provides opportunities for all men to examine their spiritual lives as they grow in their Christian Faith through education and service to God's Household.

Through various programs of service, the Men's Society endeavors to bond in friendship with each other and strengthens and shares their many gifts and talents that can be used for the common good of the parish and families. They are always looking for new members to support their activities for the Church and the community. Men 25 and older, single or married are welcome.

The Men's Society programs are divided into four parts: Educational, Fund Raising, Socializing and Spiritual. This you will see in the following programs and events that give the members the opportunity to participate in the things that interest them the most.

Activities and Charities

Throughout the years the membership has grown and changed with the times. The members are always looking to God for his guidance and direction. The current group of men have overseen the following events over the past two years:

- Organized and Attended Retreats and Euchre Tournaments
- Raised Money by Selling Superbowl Platters, Sunday Soups and Sunday Box Lunches
- Supported the Health Fair and Blood Drive and the Coat and Clothing Drive for the Capuchin Outreach

- Baked Nushkhars and Assembled Easter Baskets
- Organized Community Night Dinners, Wild Game Dinners, Cognac and Cigar Nights, Free Ice Cream Socials and Wine Tastings
- Supported World Medical Relief and the Motor City Mittens Mission to prepare 200 hot meals for the homeless each month
- Presented lectures on Sports, Medicine, and *Art of the American Long Rifle and Engraved Powder Horns* by Howard and John Fundukian.

On Wednesday October 15, 2025, the Men's Society hosted a buffet dinner and a Book and Author presentation. Michael Boucher, a devoted and active member of St. John Armenian Church and the Men's Society, pursued a career in teaching and counseling for forty years. Upon retirement, he took creative writing courses. He wrote a young adult adventure novel based on the true-life trauma of one of his students. The story is set in the woods and the water of the Michigan wilderness.

The Snipe Hunters' Deadly Catch at Muskrat Creek - an Au Sable River adventure - was published in 2022. It tells the story of fifteen-year-old Kenny, just released from three years in a state hospital. He slips away from his new school in the pre-dawn hours with Joe, a fellow student, known for his skills in the wilderness of the Au Sable River Forest. Michael shared how he developed the story and the two and a half years he waited to see if it would be published.

Michael is a graduate of Northwest Outward Bound School, a mountaineering survival school based in Oregon. He combines a passion for canoeing, wilderness adventures in Michigan and teaching and counseling into this engrossing story. During the discussion period, members discussed snipe hunting and races on the Au Sable River in Central Michigan.

Michael donated ten copies of the book to be sold for \$10.00 each. He matched the proceeds and made a donation to the Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program - CASP (fully funded through age 18) for their continued support of Artyom Buduryan in Armenia.

The Men's Society has sponsored a Lenten Brunch Hye Camp Fundraiser, which raised over \$1,600 to subsidize the cost of sending children to camp. During March and April,

they served three Sunday Soups, held a Men's Retreat devoted to supporting men and their spiritual needs, prepared Easter Baskets, and organized the first Community Night Dinner and a Euchre Tournament. Throughout the year, the group will continue to support World Medical Relief and the Motor City Mittens Mission, three Community Night Dinners, a Tiger Game and more. Additionally, the Men's Society helps run the Tuesday Lunch Club program and attends services at Manoogian Manor when the clergy celebrate Feast Days.

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