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THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

- EARLY REGISTRATION - Las Vegas Hospitality Suite Open



FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

- REGISTRATION
- OPEN NIGHT. VIVA LAS VEGAS



SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

- GOLF TOURNAMENT, Angel Park Golf Course (See Flyer)
- VIVA LAS VEGAS KEF NIGHT



SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

- Men's Breakfast and Business Meeting. 8:00 a.m.
- Ladies Lunch & Liberate Tour
- Grand Gala Dinner & Dance



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- Farewell Brunch - Gil Surabian Hacienda



Grand Master's Message

Dear Brothers,
The time has come and the curtain is coming down signifying the end of my term as Grand Master. To describe my feelings into words would be near impossible. I am deeply indebted, to all of you for making this chapter in my life so enjoyable and memorable.

I would be remiss if I didn't single out a few people that contributed their talents and time to make the year 2003 a success. I would like to thank the Grand Officers for their strong support, Grand Secretary Bro. Ralph Dergazarian who kept me well informed, Grand Treasurer Shavarsh Papazian for keeping our books straight, and a special thanks to Karney Ovian our 2003 Convention Chairman who together with all members of the Las Vegas Chapter supported me throughout the year. Thank you for the Honor of electing me as your Grand Master. Katy and I will cherish these memories forever.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the 2004 Convention in Fresno.

VIVA LAS VEGAS

Charles Parigian
Grand Master

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Capitol

The brothers in the North State made it through the first six months without any more sad tales to report. We lay to rest Brother Richard Nahigian last May. May God rest his soul. Richard suffered a stroke during a car accident last December 2002. He fought for recovery, but, the mainspring had just unwound, and God could not rewind it again. The good news is from Brother George Kapanagian, who drove himself to the May business meeting, to the surprise of all the brothers. Brother George was the only survivor of Brother Richard's accident, after a long recuperation. Bro. George looks great.

KEF NIGHT:

This year's Kef Night was held at the Saint James Armenian Church in Sacramento.

Over 120 were in attendance. Brother Leon "Jake" Bajakian outperformed himself with the shish kabob. Kudos from guests was received on the quality of meat and taste.

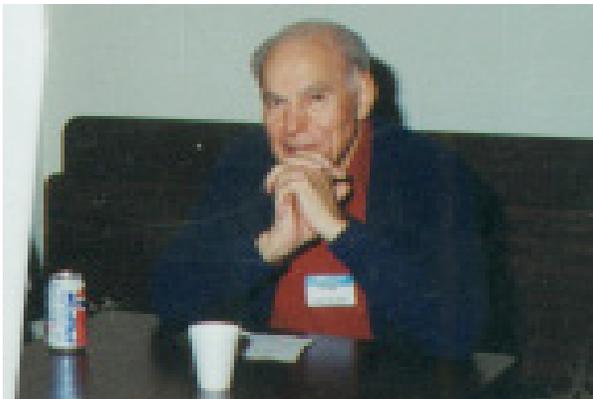
Thanks to Bro.'s Vernon Shahbazian, Leon Hagopian, John Malkasian who helped take in the proceeds for the charity gifts. A drawing was held for prizes and gifts.

Bro. Verne, the Capitol brothers will make sure that you and Bro. Leon will be first in line for your shish kabob dinners next year.

Brother Peter Onnigian:

The Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE) has honored Valley Broadcast Legend Pete Onnigian by electing him to the grade of Fellow. The award is the highest bestowed by SBE. The board said Onnigian, founder of Jampro Antenna Company and a 60-year broadcast-engineering veteran, has contributed greatly to the broadcast technical art.

The award noted his three antenna patents, the first for the cordless microphone. That wireless mike was marketed worldwide by Vega.

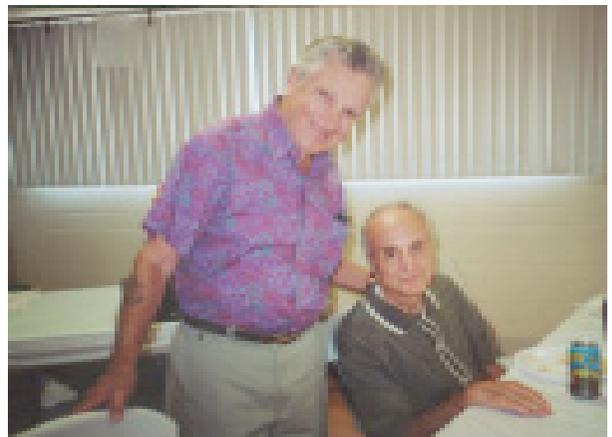


Bro. Peter Onnigian

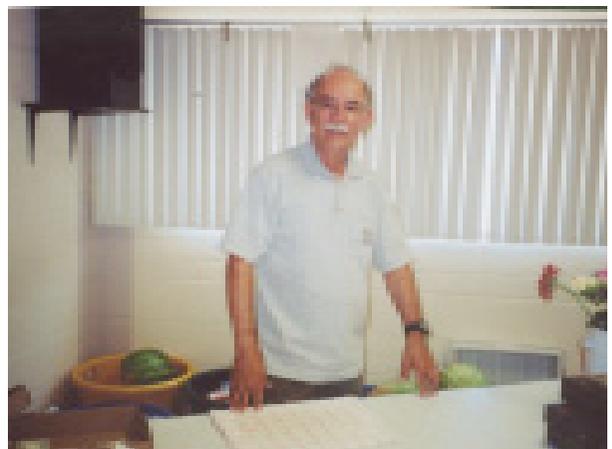
The second patent started a revolution in circularly polarized radiation, becoming the gold standard for thousands of FM stations in this country and overseas. Onnigian petitioned the FCC successfully in 1979 to allow TV stations to use circularly polarized antennas for superior coverage. Onnigian has written 22 technical papers and delivered 14 of them at NAB Engineering Conferences. He attended Yale and is a registered California electrical engineer.

Brother Peter was one of 16 original owners on the second television station in Sacramento. Call letters were KBET-TV an affiliate of CBS-TV went on the air at 5:00 PM March 20, 1955. It became Sacramento's first VHF station and second TV station since UHF channel 40 had begun operation on October 5, 1953.

An up and coming comedian from Nebraska by the name of Johnny Carson, was the MC there at the opening ceremonies with former Governor Goodwin Knight and network Notables. Capitol chapter's bro. Peter Onnigian was Chief Engineer for Channel 10.



Frank Cirill and Bro. George Kapanagian, accident survivor from 12-12-02.



John Malkasian, Kef Night. Our Leader of the pack.

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GREETINGS FROM THE FRESNO CHAPTER

We hope all of our Trex brothers and their families enjoy a wonderful summer.

Capitol (cont.)

A few of the brothers who can get time off from work will be attending the Viva Las Vegas Convention. Hope you have a good one Brothers. We enjoyed the visit by Grand Master Charles Parigian earlier this spring. Brother Sweet talked to Katie Parigian in Sacramento, and I told her where all the shopping Malls were in the city, so she could blow all of the Grand Masters retirement savings. Go gett'em, Katie.

Fraternally,
Bro. Harry Sweet.



Helen and Arthur Tashjian. Kef Night special guests



Tarkanian Night: Master Jack Bedoian, M.C. Ray Appleton, Bob Markus, and Tark.

Activities of 2003 are as follows:

January 24: Jerry Tarkanian farewell dinner honoring his coaching career at Fresno State and his accomplishments. The event was held at our clubhouse attended by a full house. Shish kebab was great and local celebrity Ray Appleton was master of ceremonies. Many speakers spoke of Jerry's accomplishments. Chairmen for this event were: Master Jack Bedoian and PGM. Ed Hokokian, PM Bob Markus and Richard Bedoian. Thanks to all the brothers for their work and raffle donations. A 27" table model TV grand prize was won by Nish Soghomonian. A monetary sum was given to the Aquarius Aquarium "shark" tank in honor of Coach Tarkanian.

February 20: TREX widows night dinner. We enjoyed an evening with these women who, along with their husbands, were so supportive of Triple X. Chairman for this event was Harry Tanielian.

March 8: Mid-Term Convention, Fresno Clubhouse. Host Chapter, Selma. A fantastic rib-eye steak dinner was enjoyed by us all. Grand Master Charles Parigian presided over a well-conducted business meeting. Minutes of the meeting were mailed to all chapters. The clubhouse was open for all brothers on Friday and Saturday.



NOT FORGOTTEN: Fresno Triple X Widows Night.



Joe and Queenie Agopian. Togetherness is fun.



Always a great event with CSUF Football Coach Pat Hill.



Bob Markus top ticket seller.



Dinner out with GM Charles Parigian visit to Fresno.



PGM Bob, PGM Ed, Master Jack and Nish Torigian. (First picture in Trex News says Nish).

March 20: Sports Night, Pat Hill Appreciation Night. Coach Hill, Fresno State Bulldog football coach s extremely popular and this event is a must for local fans. He is as fun-loving as the guests who attend. Chairman, Mike Emerzian, Master of Ceremonies, Ray Appleton. The usual “all you can eat shish kebob” dinner. Raffles were great prizes for the winners. A contribution in honor of Coach Hill was made to the Bulldog Quarterback Club equipment fund.

June 20: Jennifer Alcorn Night. She is Fresno’s own and first Ladies lightweight boxing champion. She is delightful, pretty and proud to represent Fresno and wishes to “give back” to this community. Chairman Mike Emerzian, together with Master Jack Bedoian, PGM Ed Hokokian put on an impressive shish kebob dinner. Ray Appleton officiated as master of ceremonies. Jennifer’s favorite charity, “Break the Barrier” was sent a monetary remembrance. It was great to meet this young woman’s family. PM Sam Simonian was the winner of the grand prize of a 27” color TV and donated it back to the Chapter.

IN MEMORIAM: Leo Chooljian passed away on January 8, 2003 at the age of 91. He was a Fresno Triple X member since 1946 and a life member. He was kind, considerate and supportive of the fraternity. He led an active life beginning with being an Eagle Scout at the age of 15. He and his wife Henrietta were active in local and civic affairs. They were named Mr. & Mrs. Farmer by the City of Sanger in 1987. Leo and his brother Mike (A Trexman also) founded Chooljian Packing Company in Sanger. He was active in the raisin and dried fruit industry. Our sincere condolences to his daughter Nancy Boghosian and her family; Cherie Chooljian, brother Mike Chooljian and family as well as numerous nephews, nieces.

COMING EVENTS

Pete Chilpigian **First Annual Car Show** at the Triple X Clubhouse on July 19, 2003. This promises to be a great event. There will be a lulu-kebab dinner included.

Stacey Johnson Klein dinner September 19, 2003 in honor of our energetic, vivacious Fresno State Women’s Basketball Coach.

DON’T FORGET the Labor Day Weekend convention in LAS VEGAS.

Fraternally,
Nazareth Chaderjian.

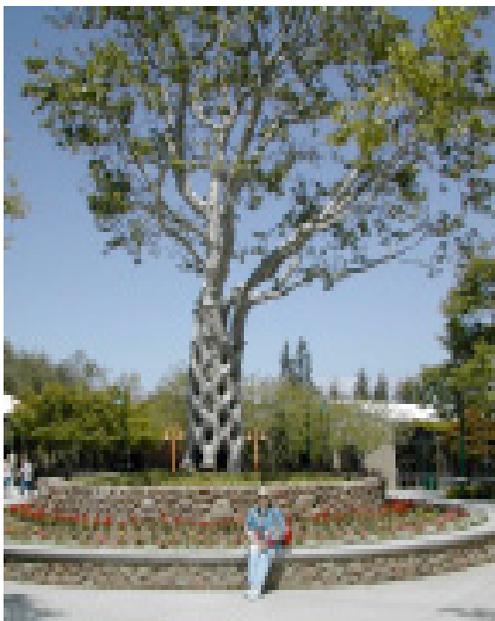
Golden Gate

The Golden Gate Trexmen have hit the ground running in fine form with the stunning announcement that our brothers will sashay the runway at the NORCAL Armenian Home Fashion show November 23, 2003. But wait, there's more. This event is only a teaser of what's to come. June 8, 2004 will see the unveiling of the Golden Gate Trexman Fashion Show and extravaganza. Rumors of who will grace the runway are rampant, but no peeking just yet. Rest assured heads will turn (away?) when the swim suit parade debuts. Already the well dressed Trexman is sporting his distinctive Golden Gate polo shirt about town.

Spring was busy with an outing to the beautiful Bonfonte Gardens in Gilroy, attended by Grand Master and Mrs. Charles Parigian. Not only did gorgeous weather grace the day for the 20 or so travelers, but suspense ruled as Bro. Vartan Hovsepian very nearly couldn't finish his banana split, yet ultimately prevailed to the collective relief of all those present.

Golden Gate, in association with the Oakland chapter, did their part to support the local racing industry with a day at Golden Gate Fields. An entertaining and well spent day playing the ponies, if not a particularly financially successful one.

Alas, due to rising uncertainty and tensions as war approached, our chapter had to forgo its scheduled trip to Armenia. Fortunately, many of the brothers were able to arrange alternate plans and will be making the pilgrimage nonetheless. You can't keep a good trexman from his destined



Ulla K. with latticework tree.



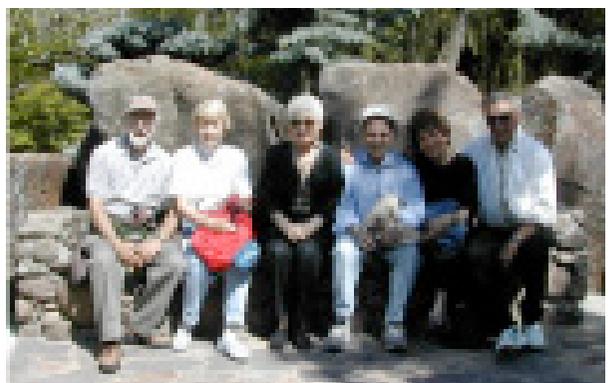
Arlene Hovsepian, Ralph & Elise Kazanjian



Bro. Jerry and Knar



Bro. Jack and Mary



Kaprielians, Kazanjians, and Hovsepians.

rounds.

Which must explain Bro. Paul Goorjian's decision to move to.....Florida, from San Francisco's Noe Valley. Now that's gotta be a prescription for culture shock. While we wish Bro. Paul well on his far flung journey, we extend a Golden Gate welcome to Bro. Archie Azizian as he joins the fold.

A final note of congratulations to Bros. Rodney Boghosian, Paul Goorjian, Greg Krikorian, Brian Pinomaki, Russell Pinomaki, Dan Riley, and Ara Sarkissian for achieving their 25 year plaques.

Fraternally yours,
Bro. David Zovickian



Geny, Bro. Vince and Ayda



Corkscrew Trees

San Diego

On the May 3rd the Triple X of San Diego had their official dinner or so called KEF Night at the Ocean's 11 Casino. The event was hosted by Haig Kelegian partner of Ocean 11 Casino and by Robert Moyer the General Manager of the Ocean 11 Casino.

We were honored to have special guests on our event the Grand Master Charles Parigian and his wife of Las Vegas Triple X Fraternity Chapter. It was a wonderful dinner with the company of many guests from all over. We had visitors from as far as Canada and as near as Palm Springs.

Our chapter gave a scholarship of \$500 to five UCSD students. The Scholarship was matched from The Ocean 11 casino management.

Master George Banerian led our party. Our party was entertained by Continental band from Los Angeles. Edward Patsch performed solo on the Saxophone.



LOS ANGELES

Dear Brothers:

The Los Angeles Triple X Chapter has remained busy since our newsletter report at the beginning of the year. The Executive Board continues to lead the Chapter with a full calendar of well planned meetings and events.

In February, the Chapter toured the Nethercutt Museum located in Sylmar, California. The event was chaired by Bro. Gary Dergazarian. The museum contains a large number of classic automobiles and a variety of antique mechanical musical instruments. (Bro. Vaughn Vartanian was seen leaving with a few spare parts). The event ended with dinner at the Odyssey Restaurant in Mission Hills.

The Fresno Mid-Term Convention in March was attended by nine Senior and seven Junior Chapter members. Los Angeles Chapter Master Bro. Ralph Dergazarian holds the dual role of Grand Secretary. Standing in for Bro. Ralph, his brother, Bro. Gary Dergazarian presented the Los Angeles Chapter report. The Junior Chapter report was presented by Bro. Jake Maseredjian.

In April, the Palm Desert Chapter held the Desert Golf Outing. Fifteen Los Angeles Chapter members attended. The Brothers reported excellent golf conditions and high scores.

May was a busy month with two events. Past Master Bro. Dickran Devian chaired the Partners Best Ball golf tournament. The tournament was held at the Simi Hills Country Club. Twenty-eight Brothers and guests attended. Bro's. Levon Chaloukian and Marx Kamashian took first place. Second place went to the father and son team of Bro's. Aran and Dale Vaznaian. After golf, lunch was served at the Country Club. Helping with the event was Bro. Robert Kalfayan.

Also in May, the Chapter held its annual Wives Night Out dinner at the Santorini Restaurant located in Old Town Pasadena. Ninety-five Brother and wives (guests) attended. The event was chaired by Master Bro. Ralph's other brother, Bro. Shant Dergezarian. Entertainment included a violinist and comedian.

The Chapter held its Armenian Open in June at Brookside's No. 1 course in Pasadena. Bro. Paul Abrahamian chaired the event with help from Bro's. Mike Kourtjian, Ed Tashjian, Robert Kalfayan, Shant Dergazarian, and Jimmy Gondjian. Seventy-six Brothers and guests played. Ron Aivazian won first prize low gross. Bro. Paul reports that the event was very successful.

Upcoming events include the Chapters Family Picnic in late June at Verdugo Park in Glendale.





In July the Chapter plans a Beach Party. A Fiesta Night will be held in August at Bro. George Titizian's house. In September the Chapter is sponsoring the annual Ararat Home Picnic. The Chapter plans a Stag Outing for October. Also in October will be the Chapters Installation Banquet. Our annual Gin Tournament is planned for November. The annual Christmas Kef Nite is scheduled for December.

Sadly the Fraternity lost a number of Brothers this year including Bro. Carl Adanalian (1935), Bro. Kay Hovsepian (1935), Bro. Jake Mason (1930), and Bro. Jack Elmastian (1925). They are missed.

On a happier note, the Los Angeles Chapter voted in four new members this year. They include Bro. Gary Zakarian, Bro. Steve Karmadelian, Bro. Mike Mehterian, and Bro. John (Left Hand) Saroyian.

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Ararat Home in Mission Hills. All Trexmen are welcome.

Fraternally submitted,
Bro. Galen S. Petoyan

Orange County

Our chapter is ready for Vegas. Looking forward, with our Las Vegas Chapter, to having a successful convention and that we will all make some money.

Bro. Master John Cholakian has done an outstanding job this year with a fantastic team behind him. We have had our best attendance record and we are having lots of fun.

Every year we have a Party for the Disabled at Fairview. This year over 50 people had cake, ice cream, sodas, candy and gifts. The best things if Life is to Give.

Our 17th Annual Armenian American Sports Hall of Fame Banquet was another successful event. Co Chairmen Bro. Jack Kayajanian and Bro. Nick Paboojian did an excellent job. We had Steve Bedrosian who was the 1987 Cy Young Award Winner for Baseball; College Basketball Coach Jerry Tarkanian and Football Quarterback and Coach Steve Sarkissian. There were over 400 in attendance and they all had stories to tell of their experiences. We received over \$15,000 for donation to our charities. Thanks again for an outstanding job.

Bro. Art Astor put on a Car Show of his fabulous collection. He displayed antique and notable



Sport Night: Steve Sarkisian, Jerry Tarkanian, Steve Bedrosian, Chairman Jack Kayajanian.



Bro. Naz, Paul, Malcolm, Roger the Eye Doctor, Larry, Terry, Nishan and John.

cars, radios, telephones, TV's and slot machines. Thanks Bro. Art. This was held jointly with the O.C. and L.A. chapters.

Our Spring Fling was a time to bring the young and old to enjoy Armenian and America dancing. All the Brothers and wives who helped deserve a



Fairview Developmental Party. It's great to give.



Dance the Night Away. Spring Fling.



Bro. Jack, new member George Ampagoomian, Haig.



Having Fun. Top Naz, John, Nishan, Arnold, John, Leo.

big thank you. It's a place to do some matchmaking for marriage "Armenian Style."

Our Laughlin Stag brought over 40 Brothers together for the bus ride. Thanks to Chairman, Harold Bazarian. We had to wait for Bro. Jack who was the last one to get on the bus. Bro. Art did an outstanding job with the mazza and the hospitality suite as usual. It's good for the Brothers to get away and enjoy the fellowship which we men need.

Our Pot Luck at the Kazarian's Club House was another successful event. Sister Marge makes the best Keyma and all the dishes and desserts that were brought were sooooo delicious. Also we always have fun playing Bingo. Thanks Bro. Leo Depoian for the great job!!!! WE LOVE TO EAT.

Our Junior Chapter is doing great. We need the youth. Some of them attended our meeting and it's fun working together with them.

Our 28th Annual Picnic will be July 20th and our Jr. Chapter will be doing the Raffle and helping out. Brother Art along with our other brothers always put on a 1st class picnic.

We meet at the Newport Beach Golf Course at the Tee Room on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Come and join us when you're in town.

Respectfully submitted,
P.G.M. Haig Jamgotchian



Masterr John and his officers - Chris, Bob, Jeff, Rob,



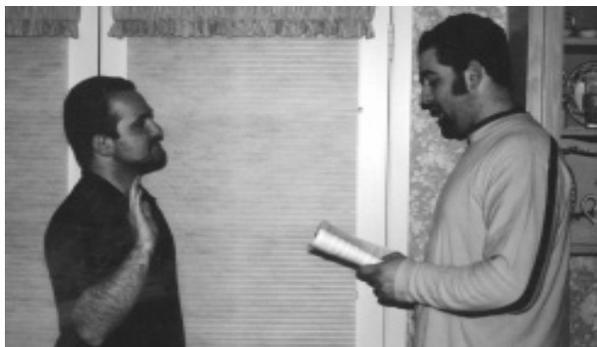
Nishan, Rob, Richard, Archie, Jerry, Jon, Nick, Bob.

Orange County Juniors

There has been a lot of exciting happenings with the Orange County Juniors during the first half of 2003, and the excitement does not seem to be dying down. In January, we added a new Brother to our ranks, Mesrop Samuelian. In the short time Mesrop has been a part of our group, he has proven himself to be a great asset because of his energy and enthusiasm for Triple X.

We have continued to show our support to our Senior brothers. In February, we helped sell raffle tickets at their 17th Annual Sports Night Banquet. It was probably the most difficult task we had to do to date because each one of us were "forced" to follow around a beautiful Budweiser girl as they sold tickets. Hey, it was not as fun as it sounds . . . it was a whole lot better. We also helped at the 20th Annual Spring Fling and all brothers in attendance had a good time.

In June, we began what appears to be an annual tradition with Kebab-Palooza.. With Iron Kebab Chefs Erik P., Jack, and Mesrop, Cocktail Engineers Haro, Ant, Eric O. and Greg, and Entertainment Directors Henry, Haik, and



Master Simon swearing in Brother Mesrop.



Orange County Juniors making their mark at the Staples Center.



Left to Right: Cy Young winner Steve Bedrosian, Jack, Erick, Simon, Henry and Haik at the Sports Banquet.



Brothers Mark, Simon, Jack, Henry, Erik, Haik.



Mark, the party was a complete success and all 175 in attendance are thirsting and awaiting for Kebab-Palooza II. I want to extend my personal thanks to all my Junior Brothers and especially to Brother Greg Magdesian and his family for hosting our event at their perfect party house in Diamond Bar. Without an entire group effort, the party would not have succeeded like it did. Look out for the Orange County Juniors for the rest of 2003: more parties and more members that will no doubt propel the Orange County Juniors into 2004. See you in Las Vegas.

Fraternally Yours,
Simon Hovakimian , Master

Mt. Diablo

Our Brother Master Jack Mooradian has been doing an excellent job during this past year by promoting new events and adding excitement to the meetings. Our attendance averages 46% membership per meeting!

In January we welcomed a new Brother, Roger Derghazarian. Welcome Brother Roger! Roger was sponsored by Brother Raffi Kachadourian. Unfortunately Brother Raffi has moved his Family to Fresno to be near a well-deserved promotion as a Senior Planner for the City of Sanger. Raffi has decided to stay as a member of Mt Diablo. Good luck Raffi, we will miss you. Also good news for Brother Bruce Jamgotchian who was blessed with a beautiful baby girl. We hope to see Brother Bruce back at meetings soon.

During February, Brother George Rustigian gave an informative talk on the history and progress of the NorCal Armenian Home. At our March meeting, we dined on delicious Mediterranean cuisine at the Pomegranate Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Grand Master Chuck Parigian was in attendance and excited the Brothers regarding the upcoming Las Vegas Convention. April's guest speaker was Brother Kevork Hagopian who gave a short talk on what it is like to prepare and drive a race car at 140 mph, from experience. His talk was enjoyed by all. During May, Brother Seno Garabedian spoke of his vast experiences in engineering design relating to NASA, Ames Research Center, US Defense Dept Antiballistic Missile Launching Complex and Nuclear Power Plants. It was a very amazing and education experience for all. Great job Brothers! We didn't realize what talent we have in the Mt Diablo Triple X.

On Sunday, April 27, Brother Jerry Tusan chaired a "Night in the Middle East" for Brothers and their wives. Over 30 people were treated to a 5-course meal, including live belly dancing at El Morocco Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. Several Brothers and wives voluntarily joined in the dance. It was great fun for all.

At the May meeting, the Charity committee presented a report recommending \$750 be sent to the Council of Armenian Organizations (Mt Davidson Cross) and \$250 to the Contra Costa Food Bank. A surprise raffle was held at the June meeting with 4 Brothers walking away with prizes.

We were all shocked by the untimely death of Brother Art Hazarabedian in early April. Brother Art was a 25 year member of Triple X and a Charter member of Mt Diablo. Our sincere



Master Jack Mooradian (left) presenting certificate of education to Bro. Mike Aaronian Jr.



Mt. Diablo Brothers enjoying dinner meeting at Pomegranate with Grand Master Chuck.



Bro Aram Boyd and new Brother Roger Derghazarian.



Mt. Diablo Brothers enjoying dinner meeting at Pomegranate.



PGM Shavarsh and son Ed.



Bro. Seno Garabedian with Dickie and guests.



Bro. Garo Keadjian, Bro. Kevork Hagopian.



Master Jack Mooradian, wife Armik, Bro. Ray Chiljian and wife Anita.

condolences to his wife, Margit, sons, including Brother Steven, and Art's Brother Shavarsh. We will miss your warm humor and hard work in our Fraternity.

Respectfully Submitted

Jerry Tusan

Grand Marshal/Associate Editor



Bro. Harvey Hanoian (left) with Nora, Bro. Ed Hazarabedian and wife Bonnie at "Night of Middle East."



Bro. Wives Dickie Garabedian, Armik Mooradian, Anita Chiljian taking belly dancing.

NOTICE

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Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

Our Palm Desert Chapter is growing fast. With the addition of eight new brothers, we have now grown to 49 members. We welcome our newest brothers who survived their interview meetings: **Bro. Robert Amerian, Bro. Toros Avikian, Bro. Vaz Babekian, Bro. Shahe Keshishian, and Bro. Koko Mazmanian.** We also welcome transfer members **Bro. Bob Haig**, from the San Diego Chapter, **Bro. Earl Saroyan**, from the Peninsula Chapter and **Bro. Dick Spanjian**, formerly from the Los Angeles Chapter.

Our "Family Day at the Fair" was held on February 22nd, at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. Brothers and their families enjoyed mezza in the hospitality suite as well as the food and entertainment the county fair provided. Our chapter was again proud to donate and present two scholarships of \$250 each, to deserving junior livestock exhibitors. Junior Master, Neil Huether, represented our chapter at the livestock auction by buying a prize-winning lamb.

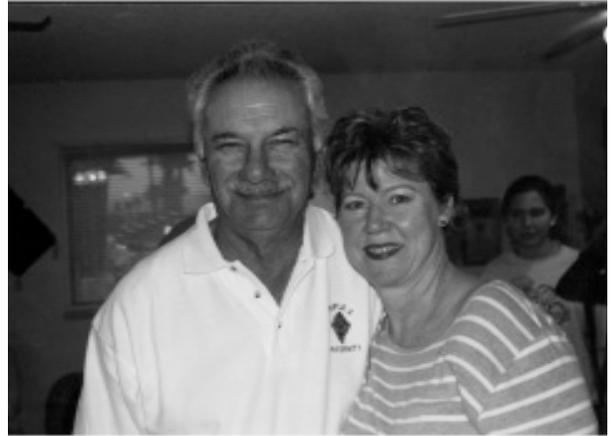
The Palm Desert Triple-X also donated \$1,000 to the Armenian Eye Care project in Armenia, \$500 to the Armenian Orphanage and \$500 to Martha's Kitchen and Shelter in Indio.

Several of our members attended mid-Term Convention, in Fresno. This is always a great weekend and way to strengthen the fraternal bond with other chapters and their members.

Our annual Spring Picnic was held on April 6th. It was hosted by Bro. Bobby and Kahnema Melkesian at their home, in La Quinta, where they served a traditional shish kebob dinner, with all the trimmings. Expert cooks, Bro. Stanley Avedesian and Bro. Chick Kandarian, did a great job. Our brothers and their families enjoyed the beautiful desert weather, delicious



Triple-X "Day at the Fair" - Palm Desert Brothers with the Festival Queens.



Triple-X "Day at the Fair", Master Armen Yarijian and Wife Inger.



Desert Golf Outing - Bro. Nick Nigosian and wife Carolon host the Friday Night Cocktail Party.

food and several volleyball games.

The second "Desert Golf Outing" was held on April 25th and 26th. With a shotgun start on Friday, the golfers were treated to refreshments, at the 5th hole, organized by Inger Yarijian, and hosted at the home of Bro. Bill and Marilyn Malkasian. In keeping with the "warm" desert hospitality, the golfers and their wives were then treated to a lovely cocktail party, hosted and held at the home of Bro. Nick and Carolon Nigosian, Friday evening. Saturday's golf concluded with an Award's Banquet at Palm Valley Country Club. Brothers from Los Angeles, Orange County and Fresno, enjoyed a wonderful weekend of golf, dining and socializing with our desert brothers. We welcome all Triple-X members to participate in this event next year.

I have enjoyed my year as Master and look forward to our chapter's continued growth. We welcome you all to visit the desert for any of our events or business meetings, held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We look forward to



Desert Golf Outing Cocktail Party - Future Trexmen, Scott Chuchian, Keith Chuchian and Michael Nigosian.



Trex Wives dining out together while the men are at their meeting. Janis Avedesian, Carolon Nigosian, Marbee Amirghan, Tammy Kirkjan, Virginia Matossian and Karon Kanadjian.



Mid-Term Convention - PM George Kirkjan, Master, Armen Yarijian, PM Nick Nigosian, Bro. George Krikorian and Bro. Chick Kandarian.

seeing you all at Convention 2003, hosted by our Las Vegas Brothers.

Fraternally,
Master, Armen Yarijian

Sequoia

Greeting Brothers from Sequoia Chapter.

We had a very successful year. Our Annual Fund Raiser did well. The International Ag Expo was great in February headed by Brothers Bryan Ananian, Bryan Yahnian, Jack Barsamian and Jerry Poochigian. Also our Fireworks booth in Visalia organized by Bro. Master Peter Babagian.

Four scholarships were presented to four well deserved candidates who each received \$1000.00. The Tulare Brothers put on a Picnic dinner-meeting headed by Bro. Abe Kazarian and Bro. Harry Krikorian; as you can see by the pictures all brothers had a "great time".

Fraternally Yours
 Archie Zakarian



Three happy Brothers.



Two happy Brothers.



Tulare Picnic Dinner-meeting: Bros. Si Kalfayan, Rick Krikorian, Harry Majarian, and Harry Davidian.



Peninsula Chapter Brothers enjoy great dinner and camaraderie at the Los Altos Hills Country Club chaired by Bro. Larry Karabian.

PENINSULA

GREETINGS Brothers and Families!

Peninsula Chapter officers for 2003 - 2004 are

Master - Andy Nalbandian

Junior Master - Vazgen Babayan

Corresponding Secretary – Zareh Salmassian

Recording Secretary - Kip Garabedian

Treasurer - Vic Khachooni

Sergeant at Arms – Aram Salmassian

Custodian (and Head Chef) - Mike Michaelian

Chapter Historian Representative - Joe Keshishian



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Unless otherwise notified, meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at the Los Altos Masonic Lodge, 146 Main Street in downtown Los Altos now held in the ground floor conference and kitchen complex accessible from the right rear of the building.

Bro. Vic Papparigian is continuing to recover following heart bypass surgery and attending meetings. Bro. Mike Michaelian is recovering from triple bypass surgery in March and getting back into golf. Bro. Kip Garabedian has recovered from surgery. We wish the Bros. health and happiness and look forward to a healthier year for all.

We have had more great barbecues in our outdoor patio. We were honored by a visit from Bro. Grand Master Charles Parigian, who was impressed by our small, powerful brotherhood. Bro. Larry Karabian again held our annual Los Altos Country Club gourmet dinner with delicious lamb chops. Two prospective members



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were guests. Bros. Mike Michaelian and Andy Nalbandian joined Bro. Zareh Salmassian and other North Bay Armenians at the Annual Rotary Festival in Petaluma, where there was excellent Armenian food from Aram's Cafe in Petaluma and ethnic dancing. It was nice to meet another community of Armenians near our area. We had a great turnout at our June meeting with two more prospective members as guests and lively tavloo games with Bro. Earl Saroyan wiping out the competition and donating winnings to the Chapter. Afereem! Keep practicing Bro. Earl. We're looking for a rematch soon.

Future Peninsula Chapter events are

- Special Europe and exotic islands travel slide presentation planned .

- Annual Family Picnic at Vic's. The 7th Annual Picnic at Vic and Linda Khachooni's in Los Altos Hills is scheduled August 17 with live Armenian music. All Brothers are welcome. Please call Vic.

- Mountain View Art and Wine Festival. Our 4th annual fundraiser with the Peninsula Chapter food booth at the Mountain View Art and Wine Festival on September 6 and 7 is in planning with new ideas and menu. Thanks to Bros. Vazgen Babayan and Vic Khachooni for again heading this important event with enthusiastic Chapter participation.

- Chapter Christmas Party

Sorry we missed the Midterm due to illness and urgent business. We are planning to attend our Annual Convention in Las Vegas and enjoy seeing Brothers.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Nalbandian



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Grand Master ChuckParigian and Master Andy Nalbandian.



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Oakland Chapter

Brothers,

As a testament to what a chapter can accomplish when it sets its mind to it, Oakland provided its Armenian brethren with a very full calendar of events to choose from this year. In fact, it seems that the brothers never rest in one spot or on their laurels for too long!

Mid-Term Convention: Five of our members, including a PGM, three PM's and our Master arrived on Friday afternoon to partake in the good-natured games of chance hosted at the Clubhouse by our brothers of the Fresno Chapter. Additional members joined the fun on Saturday in time for a fine dinner and meeting with our brethren from sister chapters throughout the fraternity.

Charity Crab Feed: Oakland Chapter's ninth annual crab feed was under the direction of Master Stuart Arakelian. Chef's Past Master Rick Magarian, Brothers Rob Tashjian and Paul Koojoolian, served approximately 300 guests over 950 pounds of fresh cracked crab with all the accompaniments. The day began early when brethren and family members (including a potential 4th generation Trexman who at 8 yrs. old can set tables with the best of them) set up the room for the guests. That night, the Chapter was pleased to once again see fellow Trexmen from Golden Gate, Mt. Diablo, and Fresno Chapters, as well as the Grand Master in attendance that evening. This event not only raises significant funds for several charities, it also shows off our Fraternity to the vast East Bay community.

Grand Master Visit: GM Parigian attended our business meeting in March and witnessed the enthusiasm generated by our multi-generational group of brothers when they are planning Chapter activities. He graciously joined us in the post-meeting activities and participated in the light-hearted competition that normally takes place within the halls of Oakland Chapter.

Trex Day at the Races: Twenty-two members and their wives from Oakland and Golden Gate Chapters followed PGM Charles Hazarian to Golden Gate Fields for a day at the races. PGM Hazarian had arranged for valet parking, a fine buffet, and the refined atmosphere of the Turf Club while watching the winners cross the finish line. Everyone cheered the final race of the day because it was named for the Oakland Trex!

A's vs. Yankees: Our Master chaired the annual A's Game outing where brothers watched



GM Chuck Parigian and wife, PGM Charles Hazarian.



Gin Players at meeting.



Tailgate Party



Tailgate Party



Past Master at the races.



Crab Feed Patrons.



Master Stuart Arakelian, Harold Koojoolian, Charles Hazarian, PGM

“Cy Young vs. Cy Old”. Although the Yankee’s Cy Old won the game, two dozen brothers and their families still had a great time at the old-fashioned Tailgate Party behind the Master’s SUV.

Donner Trip: Brother Drew Michaels chaired a stag outing at Donner Lake. Brothers “camped out” Trex style in a rented home on the Lake! Despite the poor weather, members still managed to golf, fish, and “game” over in Nevada. PM Paul Koojoolian significantly increased his bankroll after dropping a few quarters into the casino bar’s video poker while waiting for the more serious

players to finish their gaming. Later that night at the house, Bro. Paul was welcomed as a new player to the nightly poker game!

Charitable Giving: At the June meeting, the members decided on the first round of donations. The Chapter identified various worthwhile organizations (ranging from the “Mt. Davidson Cross” to “Armenian Technology Group” to “Sweaters for Armenia” to “St. Vincent DePaul’s” to a “local high school’s band competition”) as this year’s recipients.

The following two activities are scheduled to take place after the Publisher’s deadline.

Camping Trip: PM Rick Magarian will chair this annual family event at a Monterey peninsula campground. Bro. PM Rick and his crew provide campers with such culinary experiences as a complete shish kebab dinner!

Family Picnic: Bro. PM Harry Sherinian and his wife Margaret are the venerable hosts of the annual family picnic planned for early August. Under their leadership, approximately 60 Oakland Trex family members will come together in Pleasant Hill and enjoy BBQ Tri-Tips (with Harry’s secret marinade), play tavloo and gin, and watch their children participate in games organized by Bros. Rob Tashjian and Armen Phelps.

Finally, at this writing, several of our brothers and their families are readying themselves to attend the Las Vegas hosted Convention! We hope to see many of our brethren there.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Hazarian, P.G.M



Crab feed Chefs



L to r: Bros. Haig Atamian, PM Kirk Bazoian, Master Sam Artinian, GM Chuck Parigian, PM Karney Ovian, PM Ralph Barzekoff, Armen Anoooshian, Shavarsh Papazian.

Viva Las Vegas 2003

Greetings from your Las Vegas Brothers Big Doings planned for the 74th Annual Triple X Convention hosted by the Las Vegas Chapter. Your Las Vegas Brothers have been working hard to make this upcoming convention one of the most memorable conventions you will attend.

Lots of stuff going on - refer to your registration package for all the details. Don't miss out on any of the events we have planned and send in your stuff if haven't already.

Kef Night gonna be great and fantastic. Gonna have great Armenian food and music.

If you have never been to the Gil Surabian Hacienda you have missed a never to forget experience - check out your registration form and sign up.

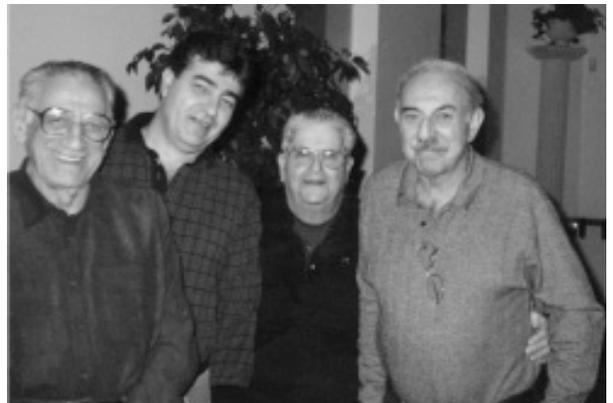
Remember that you just might need a few extra \$\$\$\$ to "check things out" around town - if haven't been to Las Vegas in a while you are going to be in for lots of pleasant surprises.

See you soon.

Fraternally,
Brother Armen Anoooshian



Bro. Arpiar Babigian



Master Sam, Haig Atamian, GM Chuck, PM Kirk



GM Chuck Parigian and wife Katy



Connie Anoooshian, Katy Parigian, Knar Arslanian, Mary Jane Perry.

Selma Chapter

Greetings from all the Brothers of Selma Chapter. It sure is hot in Selma during the summer, but not as hot as in Las Vegas on Labor Day week end. 2003 is a milestone year for Selma Chapter as this is our 70th anniversary. Master Sam Bagdasarian says we'll celebrate in style later this year with a gala dinner dance. Also celebrating 70 years with Triple X Fraternity is our own Brother Frank Poochigian. Congratulations Brother Frank. Speaking of Franks, our other Frank, Brother Frank Korkmazian is running for Grand Master this year. His campaign slogan, "get a grip with Korkmaz" is a real wiener. Seriously, he's primed for the job and would appreciate your support.

Back in January our first event of the year was the ever popular Law Enforcement Night. Guest speakers included Fresno County Sheriff Richard Pierce, Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer, and Judge Debra Kazanjian. Of course everyone enjoyed the fabulous lamb shank dinner expertly prepared by PGM Brother Abby Mamigonian, Job well done to Abby and Brothers Dan Boyajian, Robert Kandarian and Jason Musser.

The highlight in the month of February was a Valentine's Dinner Dance at George's Banquet Hall. A festive crowd of 120 people enjoyed a great Shish Kebab dinner and the sounds of the Big Kid Band. Everyone had a great time. Co-Chairmen Michael, David Sarabian, and Jon Chilingirian (and their wives) sure know how to throw a party!

Selma Chapter hosted the Mid-Term Convention at the Fresno Club House on March 8th. Master Sam, Junior Master Jim Tikijian, and Past Master Kenny Melkonian were in charge and made sure everyone was well feed. Past Master "Hot Sauce" Harry Kutumian put on the Golf Tournament. By the way, Brothers Harry Kutumian, Vernon Avakian, Mel Shanoian (LA Chapter) won the closest to the pin award.

Master Sam and Junior Master Jim have found the key to get Brothers to the Business Meetings-through their stomachs! Business/Dinner Meetings seem to be the order of the day this spring.

The big event for Selma Chapter this spring was the annual Spring Outing. This year Co-Chairmen Jim Tikijian, Jim Markarian, and Newton Krikorian combined three affairs into one. In a friendly picnic-like setting Brothers, family members, widows, scholarship recipients,



Law Enforcement Night - Honored Guests



Junior Master Jim Tikijian - Law Enforcement Night



Brothers at Law Enforcement Night



Selma's Head Chefs

and Sports Award recipients gathered and enjoyed a great Shish Kebab Lunch. Scholarship Committee Chairman Brother Chuck Jamgotchian introduced this years scholarship recipients. Brother PGM Haig Kasparian then spoke briefly on the history of Triple X Fraternity. Sports Night Chairman Brother Mike Kiljian introduced Sports Award recipients Sam Farsakian (baseball



Business Meeting

player and coach), Zabel Goorabian accepting on behalf of her late husband baseball player Harry Goorabian, and John Manoogian accepting on behalf of his late father All-American football player Morris Manoogian.

Sadly, we report the loss of two Selma Brothers this spring. Our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences for the families of Brothers Henry Vartanian and Al Paul. They will be missed.

That's it from Selma for now. Stay cool and hope to see you in Las Vegas!

P.S. Oscar's eggs have hatched out at the farm so they'll be raisin fed turkeys to raffle at Turkey Bingo. Mark your calendars!

Newton Krikorian, Assoc. Editor



Law Enforcement Night



Valentine's Day - Bros. Oscar and Patrick with wives.



Valentine's Day - Bro. Al Paul, PGM Kay Cloud and wives.



Valentine's Day Co-Chairs and wives

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