



TREX NEWS

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Triple X Fraternity - 77th Annual Convention **Hosted by Sequoia Chapter** **September 1st, 2nd , 3rd & 4th, 2006** **Visalia, California**

Friday September 1st, 2006

REGISTRATION (4 pm to 7 pm)

FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY EVENT (4 pm to ???) in the Sequoia Kef Room

Saturday September 2nd, 2006

REGISTRATION (9 am to 4 pm) HOSPITALITY / POOL PARTY (11 am to 4 pm)

POKER/GIN/TAVLOO TOURNAMENT

GOLF TOURNAMENT at Valley Oaks Municipal Golf Course

SATURDAY NIGHT AMERICAN TRI-FECTA DINNER & DANCE

Sunday September 3rd, 2006

MEN'S CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST & BUSINESS MEETING (7:30 am)

WOMEN'S COOKING DEMONSTRATION & LUNCHEON (10 am)

with Chef David

HOSPITALITY ROOM (after meeting until 4 pm) in the Sequoia Kef Room

SUNDAY NIGHT ARMENIAN KEF NIGHT

Monday September 4th 2006

FAMILY PICNIC 11:00 am

For your convenience, you can register online at www.sequoiatrex.org with a credit card for all events. You can even make changes (additions and/or subtractions) up until 2 weeks until convention. There is also a traditional registration form included in your Convention Packet.



Grand Master's Message

Greetings Brothers,

I'm sure as we all read this issue of the Trex News we have begun to plan for the Convention in Visalia. The Brothers from the Sequoia Chapter have made every attempt to give us a fun Convention. They have personally carried their message around the state. We should all try to support the Convention and the events that they have planned, to make our weekend fun.

It has been a rewarding year for me thanks to all of you. The travels to the Chapters and the events they sponsored have been exciting and fun. Thank you all very much.

In the past year we have seen growth just about everywhere. The Chapters continue to do great things in their communities. We can all be proud of the contributions we make to the many worthy causes we donate to. We do this and have fun at the same time. During my travels I've tried to encourage the chapters to reach out to the chapters in their region. When it this happens, the events not only are better attended but those of us that attend have a great time being with Brothers we don't normally see or spend time with.

We still have a few chapters that haven't signed on to our website (www.trexfraternity.com). When we get everyone connected, it will be a great way to keep in touch and informed.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention.

Fraternally,
Bro. Peter Cholakian, Grand Master

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CAPITOL CHAPTER

Capitol Chapter brothers are bragging about our 1936 Charter Member Frank Ohanesian celebrating his 98th birthday last January 2006. Bro. Frank may be the oldest Triple X member in the fraternity. Congratulations brother Frank from your brothers. Bro. Frank was Bro. Harry Sweet's Prudential Insurance Agent when I was 17 years old. I paid Bro. Frank 50 cents a week from my \$5.00 a week salary as an apprentice shoe salesman. Frank's wife Elsie reports Frank is doing very well for himself.

Condolences to the family of former member Aram and Sue Yenovkian for the loss of their son Richard Haig Yenovkian. He was a proud member and alumni of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Richard attended Lincoln Law School, shortly after graduation an unfortunate swimming accident took away his athletic abilities. Richard became one of the most dedicated Deputy District Attorneys in Sacramento history over his 29 year career.

Bro. Leon "Jake" Bajakian is recovering from a Kidney Stone attack and will start attending meetings very soon. Welcome back Jake.



Bro. Guy and Renee Hagopian, Master Scott, & wife Coni.



Bro. Ron Krikorian and Bro. Michael Chakerian



Bro. Bill Derderian, George Shahinian, wife Virginia, & Miriana Derderian.



Bro. Rod Jorjorian, Anna & Bro. Victor Azizian



Bro. Ruben Shahbazian and guest Aida Karapetyan

Last April Kef Night was our big event of the year. While PGM Alan Khatoonian & Bro. Buddy Ohanesian were cooking up the shish kabobs, everyone in the St. James Armenian Church were waiting & having a GOOD HYE TIME. Bro. John Malkasian was a work horse during the night as well as many of our brothers. We served over a hundred guests, raffled off a lot of gifts and the money earned will be shared by many Armenian charities. Thanks to Master Scott Khatoonian for spearheading a successful Kef Night.

Bro. Leon Hagopian is planning some cruise ship outings along our famous Sacramento River. We have three paddle wheel vessels available managed by Armenians.

We hope to see the State brothers at the Visalia convention.

Fraternally yours,
Harry Sweet, Associate Editor.

FRESNO

Greetings and best wishes to all our brothers and their families.

If you missed Selma's Mid-Term Convention at Chukchansi Gold at Oakhurst, you missed a unique and fun-filled time.

Highlights of our Chapter for the first half of 2006 are as follows:

February 7 - Jerry Tarkanian Book Signing and dinner night.

Jerry Tarkanian, famed basketball coach, and an honorary member of Fresno Triple X Chapter authored a book about basketball and his career and tells it as it really is. Before and after a mezza/ shish kebab dinner, he signed personally books purchased before and after dinner. This fund raiser was well-attended and hearing Jerry tell about some of his moments were hilarious. Thanks go to PM Jack Bedoian and PGM Ed Hokokian and our usual working crew.

February 16 - Widow's Night

Annually, we honor the widows of our deceased brothers. This event is chaired by Harry Tanielian and his committee. Each widow is presented with long-stemmed roses, pictures taken by Associate editor, Nazareth Chaderjian, and pictures mailed to each attending widow. We look forward to seeing the ladies and their response is worthwhile. Harry faithfully does this each year. Thank you.

March 16 - Stir-Fry Dinner

Brother Mike Basmajian (Chef) and his crew presented us with a great "surprise dinner". We all had a "stirring" good time. Thanks again.

April 6

A business / steak dinner was well-attended and the fellowship with one another was great.

April 20 - Pat Hill -(Fresno State Football Coach) Night

Pat Hill once again made our sport's night fund raiser a favorite event. He talked about last year's games and this year's football team. He is, indeed, a dynamic speaker. He is known,



Tark and Ladies



Tark Signing



Pete's Car Show



Pete, Isabel and their entry.

nationally, for his motto, "We will play any team, any time, anywhere." The team has played big time teams, including University of Southern California, last year's Number One Team 'and Fresno State lost only in the last few minutes of the game. Pat says his kids got too excited. USC has acknowledged that Fresno, indeed, played extraordinarily well.

April 29 - Pete Chilpigian's Annual Car



Trex Belles



PGM Bob, GM Pete, PGM Ed



Widows Night

Show

A favorite fund raiser event is our own Pete Chilpugian's annual car show. It is a very professional event and extremely well-attended by members and non-members. Pete says team effort involved, the entry of classic and vintage cars. Blackie Gejeian, our usual guest of honor, reknowned nationwide for cars, unfortunately was unable to attend due to an auto accident. We wish him a speedy recovery. Pete and his group put in countless hours of work and thanks to the brothers, their wives, and everyone else who participated to make this a great event.

June 11 - Baseball Night

We attended a night game of baseball between the Fresno Grizzlies and the Colorado Springs Sky Sox with wives and guests. The Grizzlies are

the San Francisco Giants Triple A Farm Club. Prior to the game we enjoyed a buffet dinner at the Party Plaza of the ballpark. Although we lost, those who attended enjoyed the evening.

PRAYERS

Special prayers go out to Brother Matt Maroot who is having health problems. We pray for his speedy recovery. CONGRATULATIONS to Matt and his wife on the birth of their daughter, Sydney Grace Maroot born May 4, 2006. God Bless you little one.

IN MEMORIAM

We are saddened by the loss of three brothers.

JACOB "JAKE" KIZIRIAN Jake was well respected as a businessman in our community and a member of this chapter since 1987. He passed away February 24, 2006. Our sincere condolences to his sons and their families.

SIMON "SAM" KRIKORIAN Sam Krikorian was a member of this chapter since 1952 and was affectionately known as "Mr. Triple-X". He held the office of Grand Master, Fresno Chapter of Triple X. He passed away February 1, 2006. We extend sincere condolences to his wife Rose, and their family.

HAIG "COKE" KAYAJANIAN Haig "Coke", became a member of Fresno Triple X Chapter in 1953. He was indeed an ardent member. He became Grand Master, representing Fresno, and served this position well. We passed away May 24, 2006. Our sincere condolences to his wife, Esther, and his two sons and their families.

It is difficult to lose any brother of the fraternity, but especially those who lived Triple X. It is up to us to carry on the legacy.

Fraternally,
Nazareth Chaderjian



What is Merlyn brewing up?

Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The first half of 2006 has been very busy for the Los Angeles Chapter. Master Steve Hampar and his Executive Board continued to work hard with an exceptional calendar of meetings, fund raisers, and social events. Brother Steve manages to be entertaining, while at the same time running a business-like meeting with the appropriate level of fines and humor. The success of the Chapter continues to be the result of the commitment of the Executive Board, event Chairman, and the dedicated group of Brothers and wives that have helped.

In January the Chapter held its 2nd Annual Poker Tournament at the Bicycle Casino in Bell Gardens. Bro. Popken Pakhchanian chaired the event. Buy-in was \$125. Approximately 150 Brothers and guests participated in the tournament. Over \$5,000 was raised for the Ararat Home.

In March Master Steve Hampar along with 10 Los Angeles Chapter Brothers attended the Mid-Term Convention at the Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino. Bro. Steve reported that the meetings went well, were very productive, and that the Casino was named after a group who immigrated from Chomaklou.

The Chapter held its increasingly popular Bingo Night in February at the Ararat Home in Mission Hills. The event was once again chaired by Bro's. Armen Titizian and Darrin Eminian. Approximately 75 Brothers and guests attended.

From March 31 to April 2 the Chapter held its first ever Father-Son/Daughter Campout at Lake Cachuma (named for a splinter group from Chomaklu). Twenty-five Brothers and their family attended. While a number of Brothers and their families were soaked by rainwater getting inside their leaking tents, Bro's Tev Eminian and William Kevorkian were high and dry in Bro. Tev's luxury mobile home. Bro. Tev's unit is fitted with a Jacuzzi, plasma TV, fire place, electric blankets, recliners, and a wet bar fully stocked to meet the needs of the entire Chomaklou clan.



Bros. Tev and William set a high standard for future campouts.

The Annual Ladies Night Out was held in April. The murder-mystery dinner was a sell out. Approximately 110 Brothers and their guest attended the event held at the Taix French Restaurant.

Also in April the Chapter held its Partner's Best Ball Tournament at the San Dimas Canyon Golf Course. Fifty Brothers and guest partici-

pated in the tournament. The event was chaired by Bro. Dickran Devian.

The Armenian Open Golf Tournament was held in June at the Brookside Country Club in Pasadena. The event drew 75 Brothers and guests. Without question the event was a success. Both PGM Greg Avedesian and Joe Elias nailed the hole in one contest, each winning \$10,000. Bro. Mike Surmeian reports that the hole in one is sponsored by Bro. Armen Hampar and that the after golf bar bill exceeded \$22,000.

Also in June, Bro. Mel Shanoian, the brothers Roopenian, along with the help of many others, put on the Annual Los Angeles Chapter Family Picnic at the Verdugo Park in Glendale. Approximately 100 Brothers and their family attended. There was plenty of food, games, and a fun time for all. Special thanks to Sharon Shanoian for all her hard work in preparation of the event and to Bro. Greg Shamlian for reserving the picnic area each year.

Upcoming events include the Annual Triple X Convention sponsored by the Sequoia Chapter to be held in September.



On Sunday, September 24 the Los Angeles Chapter will sponsor the 54th Annual Ararat Home Picnic. The event will be chaired by Bro. Richard Jebejian. Bro's. Gabe Kaprelian and Ken Khteian Chair the Food Preparation and Serving Committee. Many other Brothers and wives help with putting on the event.

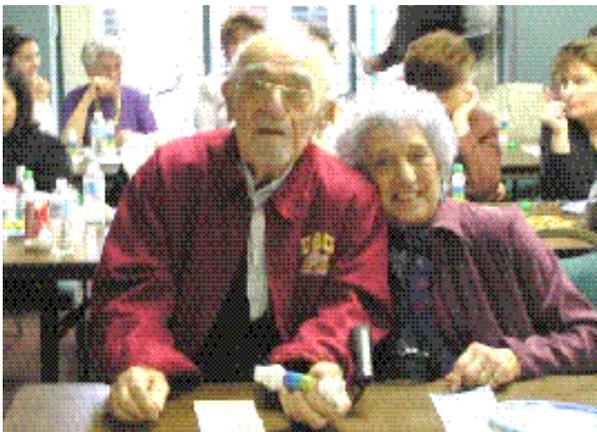
In October the Los Angeles Chapter will hold its annual Installation Banquet. The banquet will be held at the Kesab Hall in Reseda. The event Chairmen are Bro's. Mike Surmeian and Joe Ouzounian.

Once again the Los Angeles Chapter will hold its ever popular Gin Tournament. This will be the 14th tournament and will be held at the Ararat Home in Mission Hills. As is the case each year, space is limited and already being committed.

In December the Chapter will hold its Annual Christmas Kef in the Deukmajian Grand Ball Room at the Ararat Home in Mission Hills. The Kef Chairman is Bro. Martin Titizian.

Los Angeles Chapter meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Ararat Home in Mission Hills. All Trexmen are welcome to attend.

Fraternally submitted,
Bro. Galen S. Petoyan



Mt. Diablo

Hello Again! Mt. Diablo welcomed spring with our first annual Spring Social held on March 26th at the new Veteran's Memorial Building in Lafayette. Master Vic Vasgerdjian organized the entire event. The cooking crew consisted of Brothers Al Kaljian, Charles Kezerian, Haig Harootenian, Harvey Kamian, and Jerry Tusan. Mezza, wine, Lule Kebabs with all the trimmings were cooked, served and enjoyed by over 50 Brothers, wives families and children. It was a great event for all! Master Vic invites members and their wives to join him on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Veteran's Building to enjoy a full course breakfast for \$4.00. He has been known to pick up the check.

We have enjoyed some great meetings this past year. The monthly cash raffle is nice, but we are getting suspicious of Brother Harvey Kamian winning the past 4 out of 6 months. Luckily he missed a meeting and Brother Garo Sedrakian won. Grand Master Pete Cholakian, and Sequoia Convention chairman Jerry Pochigian visited our meeting in May. They gave us all the exciting details of the upcoming convention.

Our Charity committee presented the following charities for donations this year. The members unanimously accepted them. UC Armenian Studies Program. Junior Achievement of Armenia, Battered Women's Shelter, Norcal Armenian Home, Armenian Technology Group, Armenian Telethon, National Diabetes Association.

Several Brothers also enjoyed the drive to Chuckchansi Resort and Casino for the annual mid-term meeting. Master Vic Vasgerdjian said his golf game wasn't the best due to having "frozen balls". I don't know what that means.



Mt. Diablo Brothers.



Charles Kezerian, Haig Harootenian cooking lulu burgers at Spring Social.



Garo Keadjian, Armik Mooradian, Ray Chiljian at Spring Social.



Bro. Jeff Apkarian, Shavarsh Hazarabedian, PGM, Grand Master Pete Cholakian, Convention Chairman Jerry Pochigian, PGM.

Brother Aram Boyd recently went through some rigorous training to qualify for the walk for the National Stroke Association in San Diego in June. The marathon walk was 26.2 miles and Brother Aram crossed the finish line! We commend Brother Aram for his dedication to raise money for such a worthy cause.

Our chapter sadly mourned the loss this year of Lala Hazarabedian and will deeply miss her smiling face at our socials and Conventions. Lala and PGM Shavarsh were married over 50 years.

Brother Jerry Tusan and Jeff Apkarian of Mt Diablo and Brother Allan Melkesian of Oakland are gearing up for the 2nd annual joint Family Picnic on July 29 in Moraga.

Please feel free to visit the website www.trexfraternity.com for Mt Diablo event updates and photos. We welcome all Brothers and their Families to our activities.

Looking forward to the Convention in Visalia!

Respectfully,

Bro.

Jerry Tusan

Associate Editor



Bro. Jerry Tusan with home made pilaf at Spring Social.



Harvey Kamian, Master Vic Vasgerdjian, and Al Kaljian. Cooks at Spring Social.



Bro. Armen Donian and wife Leona celebrating his 86th birthday, Spring Social.

Oakland

2006 started out with a bang! The annual crab feed was held in January at the Marina Community Center in San Leandro. This event was the most successful in our history as over 300 guests attended. The raffle prizes were second to none thanks to the efforts of Bro Craig Bazigian and Bro Rick Mickaels. The most notable improvement at this event (besides the new venue) was the superb slide show (accompanied by music) assembled by Bro Ron Mickaels. In addition, dancers from St. Vartans captivated the audience with their talent.

The evening came together nicely. Our guests had many great things to say about the event and credit goes to a small group of brothers who put in an extraordinary effort. Thanks to Rick Magarian for coordinating the staff and preparing the food. Also, thanks to Harry Sherinian (tickets), Greg Chorbajian (bar). Bro Gary Alexanian hosted the coffee, thanks to his connections at Peet's Coffee. Special thanks to Alan Melkesian for getting sponsors and selling many tickets! Also, many brothers helped out with set up, at the bar and in the kitchen – thanks to all of you.

Plans are in place for hosting the crab feed at the Marina Community Center in January 2007.



The Marina Community Center Hall



Brothers Manning the Bar or Helping Themselves?



Entertainment at the Community Center

Watch for more details on this. All chapters are welcome!

This event was our sole fund raiser for the year. As a result of the success, Oakland Trex will make significant contributions to many organizations. Thanks again brothers for a job well done! July 14th -15th, Brother Rick Magarian and company will host the annual Trex family camping in Big Basin State Park. This event is in its 7th year running with the roster growing each year.

Thanks to Bro Rick, no one goes away hungry. Each year, Rick prepares dinner and two breakfasts for the crowd. The event is sure to draw about 40 people this year.

There is nothing like cooking Shish Kebab over an open fire. Big Basin is an event we all look forward to.

This year, the Armenian Summer Games were well supported by the Oakland Chapter. For those of you who don't know, Bro Richard Demirjian was the founder of the games. Richard and Dorothy were at the games this year which were held at Buchanan High School in Clovis. The Phelps, Alexanians and Kamians all participated in the games and proudly represented St. Vartans & Trex. Unfortunately, St Vartans didn't have a basketball team this year. Near record temperatures sped up the event which finished by 2:00. A nice Luleh lunch was served after the event.

Next year, we are expecting a larger turnout from the bay area. I (George Kamian) promise to work on Bro Rick Mickaels. For those of you who don't know, Rick was a great sprinter and probably still has the "mojo." Bro Dick Demirjian has the stats from years past!

The family picnic is on schedule for Saturday, July 29th at Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga. This

will be a joint event with the Mount Diablo chapter. Our brother Allan Melkesian will represent our chapter in the organizational effort.

August 19th the Oakland Chapter will hold its third annual "Day at the Beach" hosted by George & Sally Kamian. The event will take place at Seacliff State Beach in Aptos. Luleh Kebabs and pilaf will make up the main course.

Fraternally,
Brother George Kamian



The Phelps, Alexanian and Kamian Kids – Armenian Summer Games



Oakland Trex & Families – Armenian Summer Games

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Spring issue of Trex News is Jan. 8, 2007

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Las Vegas

GREETINGS FROM Las Vegas. As we look forward to the future of our Chapter we are planning exciting functions for the coming year. We took in one new member whose name is Levon Gulbenkian; he is married and has a family. By the end of this year we will probably take in 4 or 5 new members. One of the highlights this year was a party Bro. Gil Surabian hosted with food, drinks, and live entertainment because his niece Anna became a Citizen and the party was in her honor. The Party lasted all night. "Congratulations" Anna. Many of Bro. Gil's friends came and helped with all the hard work in putting on the party. Bro. Naz and Louise Horasanian from San Clemente California were a big help and we can't forget our Master Robert M. Bezdikian who was the master chef and many of Gil's friends were there who helped out. Our Chapter has made several donations to different charities including the Armenian Relief Society. We are getting involved in a scholarship fund. The Cultural Society committee will assist the Triple X Fraternity in its selection for the candidate for the scholarship.

Our Chapter has continued to support the Ararat Home in Mission Hills with their Annual picnic raffle. See you at the Convention.

Fraternally,
Charles Parigian PGM, Associate Editor



Charles Parigian PGM and wife Katy celebrating 53 happy years.



Bro. Gil Surabian, GM Pete Cholakian, and Master Bob M. Bezdikian.



Master Bob M. Bezdikian and new member Levon Gulbenkian; Kirk Bazoian and Armen Anooshian.



Bro. Gil Surabian, Chuck Parigian, Master Bob M. Bezdikian at Mid-Term.



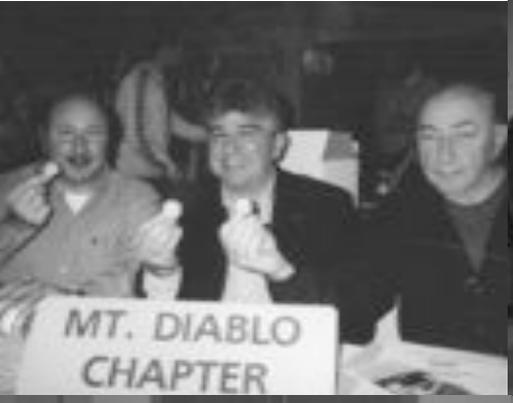
Katy, PGM Chuck P., PM Shavarsh Papazian.



Bro. Arak Tacvorian and wife Arpine.



Bro. Kirk in back standing wife Linda and Bro. Armen.





Photos by Jack Ouzounian, PGM Grand Editor

Orange County

Hello Brothers and families from the O.C. Chapter. Our Master John Gulugian has done an outstanding job of leadership and has a team of officers to support him. Thanks for the great job Bro. John.

Once again we had a party for the disabled at Fairview Hospital. Thanks to all the Brothers and wives who participated. We are richly rewarded in knowing that the gifts, ice cream and cake make a huge difference in the lives of those people.

We had a Burger Bash chaired by Bro. Rob Tusan. We had plenty of activities for the whole family at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. Thanks to Bro. Rob.

Our family pot luck was chaired by Bro. Fred Cartozian. We had over 90 people in attendance. This was an opportunity for the families to all get together and some of our members (Archie) to show off their beautiful Grandkids. We enjoyed sharing our wonderful home-made food and especially the delicious Armenian specialties. Thanks once again to Marge Kazarian for making her wonderful Keyma. We all enjoyed playing bingo and having fun.

The Stag Outing to Laughlin was wonderful and we filled the bus. We all enjoyed food, fun



Bro. Henry, Simon, Rob, Bryan, Robert, Danny, PGM Haig, Master John, PGM Archie.

and gaming. The Colorado River is so beautiful and a great place to relax. We all had a bet on the Kentucky Derby. All I heard was to bet the Tri Facta. We bet all different ways and still lost. We all had fun. Thanks to Bro. Harold Bazarian for putting this great trip together for us. We had brothers from Las Vegas and Los Angeles join us.

Our 20th Annual Sports Hall of Fame had over 300 in attendance. The Sports Night was chaired by P.M. Jack Kayajanian and Bro. George Ampagoomian. Roy Firestone was our Master of Ceremonies and entertainer. He sang and told stories of sports history. He was "THE BEST". He showed video on the inductee to our Hall of Fame: Rein Long Armenian/American. Sports Hall of Fame Humanitarian Award went to Doug Decinces, 1982 California Angels and Sportsman of the year went to Roy Firestone.



Below is an excerpt from an introduction by Bro. Jack Kayajanian: "Our Hall of Fame Inductee, Rien Long is the biggest Armenian I have ever seen! He is 6'6" and weights 310 lbs.

Laughlin Stag Outing - "We are al winners!"



Past Hall of Fam Inductees



Keep this month open - October 2007. Charity Golf Tournament.

He is currently a starting defensive lineman for the Tennessee Titans in the National Football League. During his college career, he won THE OUTLAND TROPHY, which is awarded to the top collegiate lineman in the country. Having talked to Rien on several occasions, I can assure you that he is proud of his Armenian heritage and promotes the Armenian culture on a regular basis. His right bicep boasts a tattoo of the seventh letter of the 1,600 year old Armenian alphabet atop the Armenian flag. His left bicep boasts his Armenian ancestral name, "Vartan" woven into the eleventh century Armenian Cathedral of Ani. I was proud to learn that his mother's maiden name is "Vartanian". His grandparents were Vartanians and Kerkorians. I was even prouder to learn that he is Kharpetsi."

Our condolences to the Kayajanian family on the loss of Father Bro. PGM Haig who will be greatly missed.

Thanks Bros. Jack and George and all the Brothers who helped For a Job Well Done!!!

Meetings 3rd Wednesday of the month at Gulliver's Restaurant. See you at the Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,
PGM Haig Jamgotchian



Sport Night: Bro. Wayne, Bryan, Leo, Rien Long, Archie, Nick, Ron.



Bobby Grich, Ray Firestone, Doug DeCinces, Bro. Haig Kayajanian, Rien Long.



Brothers Dr. Gene, Kurken, Leo - Best of Friends



Hard working brothers. Terry, Tom, Larry.



Orange County

Juniors

Dear Brothers,

For the first time in our history, the Orange County Juniors sent a Brother to join the Senior ranks. Although we were all sad to see Brother Mark Khachatoorian become a Senior, we know he is going to fit in fine with the Senior brothers.

In June, the Juniors held an event at the SideBar in Glendale. With over one hundred guys and dolls in attendance, we were able to raise money for the Armenian Eye Care Project and have a great time doing it. On July 9th, the Juniors put together the 2nd Annual Charity Car and Bike Show in Anaheim Hills. With over 45 participating cars and bikes, it was truly a “car nuts” paradise. With T-shirts designed by the designer of the In N Out t-shirts, a beautiful Budweiser, a great raffle, a 20 foot jet boat and a burn out contest, there was smoke and asphalt everywhere. Thanks to all the Brothers who supported us with this successful event and next year is only going to be bigger and stronger.

There are still plenty of events on our calendar with our biggest Kebab-Palooza is right around the corner and there are going to be more opportunities to meet new and exciting people at our SideBar parties. For more information on any of our events, please e-mail us at ocjrxxx@hotmail.com. We look forward to having a great time and seeing all the Brothers in beautiful Visalia for the Annual Convention.

Fraternally Yours,

Simon Hovakimian

Orange County Junior Triple X

Sequoia

Dear Brothers, Wives and Friends:

Where will you be on Labor Day 2006? You should be at the Visalia Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center for the 77th Triple X Convention. The Sequoia Chapter is honored and privileged to host this convention and has been planning events that will make this particular convention truly memorable for those who attend. The location of the convention is in the California Central Valley which provides a nice midway point for our Northern California and Southern California brothers and their families to converge. The chairman of the convention is PGM Brother Jerry Poochigian, who will be assisted by Brothers Peter Babagian and Ron Shanoian. Brother Pete Babagian is running for the office of Grand Master. Pete has held the offices of Junior Grand Master and Grand Secretary and is therefore highly qualified to serve as Grand Master. Brother Pete would sincerely appreciate your vote of confidence and, if elected, will look forward to visiting the various state chapters.



Tulare Farm Show Building



PGM Dick Ekizian and new officers

These brothers have planned events and entertainment to focus on families, such as a pool party, golf tournament, and a cooking demonstration and luncheon for the ladies. There will, of course, be the traditional Hospitality and Kef Nights that have long distinguished the Triple X Conventions. Because Visalia is not located in



Enjoying a friendly game



Dinner Meeting



Bro. Ron Shanoian



Farm Equipment Show kitchen help



Bro. Bryan and Renee

a metropolitan area, most of the activities will emphasize families, friends, renewing acquaintances, reminiscing on good times of the past, and making new memories for the present and future. The Visalia Holiday Inn has recently been renovated, so if some of you feel compelled to surf the net, you will be able to do so without any additional cost. A quick ten minute drive south will take you to the Horizon Outlet Center for those who like to shop. While the Holiday Inn provides all the necessary amenities, the nearby downtown Visalia offers quaint shops and cafes.

Labor Day has always marked the end of summer and going back to school for the children. Summer is a busy time in the valley, especially for those brothers who are farmers, and so they look forward to relaxing for a few days to host and meet their brothers from around the state. Hope to see you in September.

Fraternally yours,
Bro. Archie Zakarian,
Associate Editor

Peninsula

GREETINGS Brothers, Families and Friends! Peninsula Chapter officers for 2006 are

Vazgen Babayan, Master
Vic Khachooni, Treasurer
Aram Darmanian, Jr. Master
Joe Keshishian, Historian
Kip Garabedian, Recording Sec.
Aram Salmassian, Sgt. at Arms
Mark Antranikian, Corresponding Sec.
Ruben Kazarian, Custodian



One of our dinner meetings

Meetings are scheduled on the third Thursdays in the ground floor rear kitchen/conference complex at the Los Altos Masonic Lodge, 146 Main Street, Los Altos. The downstairs kitchen and patio areas are used for special occasions and summer barbeques.

We continue our tradition of fellowship and great BBQs with out talented and dedicated chefs, Bros. Viken, Vazgen and Kip. We welcomed two new brothers, Daryl Jamgotchian and Rouben Gharagozian. Bro. Daryl follows in footsteps of Dad, Bro. Chuck Jamgotchian and Uncle Bro. Haig Jamgotchian. We have brothers Zareh Salmassian and Bruce Osterlye coming from Petaluma and Bro. Larry Karabian from Shaver Lake. We are also joined by Bro. Earl Saroyan when he and wife Bernita are back in Saratoga from Palm Springs every year and not on travel. The Peninsula Chapter is sad to report the unexpected loss of long time Bro. Vahan Eranosian on June 1, 2006. The memorial service is July 18 in San Mateo. Our condolences to his daughter Nancy Eranosian and family.

We have serious tavloo games with Bro. Mark, our pro, usually winning. We plan a tavloo tournament again this year and invite players



Bro. Vic Paparigian with his 25-year plaque and wife Marian.



Two brothers being initiated



Bro. Joe Keshishian



Peninsula officers Bro. Kip, Vic, and Master Vaz pondering weighty business over bad watermelon.



A great turnout at our meeting

to participate and pick up some fine points of the game. Bro. Mark is doing well in Tavloo Tournaments throughout the US.

The 7th annual fund raiser at the Mountain View Art and Wine Festival September 9 and 10 is being planned. We are discussing refinements to the menu and operations.

The Peninsula Chapter “Picnic at Vic’s” courtesy of Bro. Vic and Linda Khachooni is being planned and a flyer will be sent to all chapters to invite Brothers and families to attend.

We are looking forward to our Annual Convention in Visalia Labor Day weekend.

Bro. PM Andy Nalbandian

San Diego

Brothers,
JAA

At the San Diego Trex Chapter meeting decision was made to honor two one hundred dollars achievement awards to the best two students on Junior Achievement of Armenia (JAA). We were fortunate that one of the San Diego members traveled to Armenia and was able to present the awards to the Junior Achievements of Armenia. Currently, there are 17,000 students participating in the JAA.

We were fortunate that San Diego member Doctor Jack Hatchigian was traveling to Armenian. He was instructed by the Chapter to present the awarding certificates, signed by the Master Onnik Tchulluian, to the executive director of JAA Armine Hovannisian, and explained that this awards would be continuing commitment from S.D. Trex Chapter. On the certificate of award would be inscribe the name of the winning student and countersigned by the Director of JAA.

Upon the Doctor Hatchigian return he reported that there was a great enthusiasm by the staff and director and sincere appreciations by them. The director of JAA told Brother Jack that the award would be presented at the annual Junior Achievement festival. The student would be chosen from Junior Achievements by a competitive test among the 17,000 students that participate.

The Festival was held on June 3rd and it was huge success with dignitary guests from all walks of Armenian society and foreign celebrities, including the ambassador from Armenia to the United States. The awards were presented to the two top students with extensive media coverage,

Brother Jack also visited Junior Achievement class while in session and he was very impressed. As an Educator himself, he recognized the best hope in Armenian future is in the education of their children and JAA is playing a very large part in the future.

We, the brother of San Diego Chapter, feel very proud to have established these awards. \$100 is substantial sum of money for high school students in Armenia, when you realize the teacher salary is only \$75.00.

Additionally the Chapter decided to donate one time the amount of \$1000 to the JAA Organization.

Train trip

After a long break and successful “Rock and Roll” convention the majority of Chapter members took a train ride on the one of the busiest rail roads out of San Diego to San Juan Capistrano.

Our train trip started with a tour of the Solana Beach Train station. PGM Joe Kellejian gave a tour of the Solana Beach Train Station and of the how did the project evolved from stopping of the Amtrak Train at the Solana Beach from 1995, on to digging the big underground dig and future developments plans of the City. The railroad crossed one of the major access road of the city. There are closed to 25,000 people in the city and over one million beach goers each year. The railroad intersections crossed and restricted the rout of the emergency service in the city at the minimum up to 60 times a day. So that along with the easy lifestyle for the beach goers caused the city to build the underground train station. As of council member and Mayor of the City of Solana Beach, along with the his Chairman position in the Transportation Committee

Selma

Greetings to all Brothers.

This Spring and Summer has been very busy and entertaining. Brother Grand Master Pete Cholakian fit us in to his tight schedule and attended a few of our business meetings, when he wasn't at other chapter meetings. I hope all who attended the Mid Term Convention had a good time. We were given a few surprises and changes that day, but managed to survive. Who would have thought that snow and the Oak Ridge Boys would effect our brothers from enjoying the fun at the casino? Brother Junior Master Eugene Kandarian and Brother Mike Missakian chaired the event with great results.

Brothers Dan Boyajian and Bob Kandarian chaired our long running Law Enforcement night. Brother PGM Abby Mamigonian prepared his legendary Lamb Shank dinner. All left with beyond satisfied appetites. The CHP had a BMW motorcycle and Chevrolet Camaro for display. Many local law agencies were represented. We fed over 100 brothers and guests from law enforcement. Questions were answered and no one got their citations cleared.

Our Master and three members with their significant others wives attended Palm Dessert's Golf Outing. Upon their return, all said they had a great meal and enjoyed the event with all attending brothers. Funny thing is no one mentioned how they did in the tournament.

Brothers Sam Bagdasarian and Dennis Rustigian, with the help of their wives, chaired the return of our Valentine Dinner and Dance. Reports were the food, drink, dance and gifts were enjoyed by all those who attended. What remained under covers is how the rest of the evening was enjoyed.

Our Annual Crab Feed was a huge success. Brothers Mike Missakian and Matt Cholakian co-chaired this event. Although over 350 attended this evening, everyone who attended this affair got plenty to eat and plenty to drink. On the menu was all the crab one could eat, chicken for those not wanting crab, pastas, salads, and French bread. The silent action was enjoyed by all. Background music was provided by Brother Marcus Torigian and others. This event was hoped to be our major fund raiser the year. Thanks to large turn out, we were able to clear almost 9,000 dollars.

We were going to give five 500 dollars scholar-



New member being sworn in by PGM Frank.



Master Larry, Harry Kutumian & wife at Chuckchansi



PGM Abby, Marty, Jake, and Perry



Chuckchansi Casino

ships this year. Brother Charles Jamgotchian informed the Brothers, at the May business meeting, when he reviewed the applicants, twin sisters had applied and one just missed the fifth spot. Our chapter voted to add a sixth recipient to our list. This brings our total scholarships to 3000 dollars. In June, we held picnic meal to honor these students. Our future is in good hands with young adults of this caliber.

July being upon us, we have several events in planning between now and the convention. As our Brothers in Visalia have informed us, we are all looking forward to a great Labor Day Convention. This time of year brings the quest to elect new officers and plan next years budget.

So far this year, we have elected one new member Brother Matthew Garabedian and have one Brother transfer. Sadly, we have lost a very dear member, Brother Mike Kandarian. He joined Trex in 1953. He will be missed for his hard work in this chapter. We all hope to see all our Brothers and catch up on everyone's experiences, since Mid-Term.

Respectfully Submitted
 Brother Jim Tikijian



Silent Auction at Crab Feed



GM Pete Cholokian



Chuckchansi Casino



Some of the guests at our Crab Feed.



PGM Jerry Pochigian and Harry



Master Larry at the Crab Feed

Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

Our Palm Desert Chapter continues to grow stronger with each passing year. This past year has been busy with our monthly meetings as well as several charitable and social events.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Brother, Stanley Avedisian this past March. Bro. Stanley was a charter member of this Palm Desert Chapter. We extend our deepest sympathies to his daughters and family.

In the past year, the Palm Desert Chapter has welcomed five new brothers and has now grown to 55 members. Our newest brother who survived his interview meeting is: Bro. Mike Simonian.

This year's "Family Day at the Fair" was held on February 25th, at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. We enjoyed the nightly musical pageant and fireworks and were later entertained by the rock band "Styx". Our desert members, and visiting Los Angeles Chapter members also enjoyed Armenian Mezza and drinks hosted by Bro. Nick Nigosian and his wife Carolon, in the comforts of the hospitality suite provided by the Fair Board. Our chapter was happy to have Grand Master Peter Cholakian and his wife Cathy and also Grand Treasurer, Harold Bazarian and his wife, Kathy join us for our Day at the Fair.

Our Palm Desert Chapter was again proud to join in with other community members supporting the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4H Clubs by presenting two scholarships of \$250 each, to deserving junior livestock exhibitors at the Fair, as well as purchasing a lamb at their livestock auction.

Our annual Picnic was held on March 26th. A traditional shish kebob dinner, with all the trimmings, was served, thanks to Master, V.J. Mkrtchian. Everyone, including our Grand Sergeant at Arms, Bro. George Banerian from San Diego enjoyed the day.

Our annual "Desert Golf Outing" was held on May 5th and 6th. Brothers from Los Angeles,



Triple X Brothers with the Date Festival Queens



New Member, Bro. Mike Simonian gets his pin from Master V.J. Mkrtchian with Bro. Koko Mazmanian



Palm Desert Golf Outing Reverse Raffle Drawing Bro. Greg Safoyan, Bro. Blaine Carian, Master V.J. Mkrtchian and PM Nick Nigosian

Selma, Oakland and Orange County chapters, joined in on a weekend of golf, dining and socializing with our desert brothers. Master, V.J. and his wife Mary hosted a lovely cocktail party on Friday evening. We held our annual 60/40 reverse drawing raffle, which added excitement and entertainment to the evening. After Friday and Saturday golf, the weekend concluded with a delicious Award's Dinner on Saturday night. Thank you to PM, Neil Huether and PGM, Greg Avedesian for coordinating this successful annual event.

I have enjoyed my year as Master, and thank

all my brothers for helping to make this past year successful. We welcome you all to visit the desert for any of our events. Our business meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Our desert brothers and their families are looking forward to attending the 2006 Convention in Fresno.

Fraternally,
Master, V.J. Mkrtchian



Bro. Blaine Carian, Bro. Bobby Melkesian, Bro. Dick Odabashian and Bro. Greg Safoyan



**Desert Golf Outing Cocktail Party
Master V.J. Mkrtchian and his wife Mary**



**Mid Term Convention
Bro. Greg Kirkjan, PGM Greg Avedesian,
PM Nick Nigosian,
Bro. Chick Kandarian and Bro. Tom Durian**

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San Diego (cont.)

of San Diego Association Governments planning and funding all transportation projects in San Diego County, PGM Joe Kellejian along with the his members committee lead it the execution of the project.

It took over one year and half and \$ 20mln dollars to complete the “Big Dig” (the underground passage station). The city is also considering projects for building shopping area, theater, housing, restaurants and service offices next to the train station.

Shortly after, we departed from the Solana Beach on the special arranged train car from Joe Kellejian. We were treated as special guests on the train. In a few minutes we were in San Juan Capistrano, where we met with our Trex brothers from Orange County.

Brothers and their better halves walked around spread around the San Juan Capistrano downtown area and the mission. The atmosphere was nice and relaxing. This was the first train trip for the Ani Valerie Kradjian (The 7 months old daughter of Lisa and Steve Kradjian). She

was the star of the trip. She took extra attention from all brothers and their wives.

The dinner was arranged at the Sarducci’s Capistrano Depot restaurant, where brothers from O.C Chapter joined us for the event. It was in a nice casual atmosphere where all of us had a pleasant time. Special Thanks to PGM Haig Jamgotchian for helping organizing the group from O.C. and Thomas Kalajian for taken pictures of the event. Thomas gets award for the best publisher of the bulletins in the Fraternity organization.

We took pictures and say bye to our brothers and departed back on the special car of the train. We toured the best sunset views from the second floor of train over the Pacific Ocean.

Thank you Joe.

Respectfully,
The ever smiling Greg Vartanian
San Diego Chapter