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Triple X Fraternity - 78th Annual Convention **Hosted by Los Angeles Chapter** **August 31st to Sept. 2, 2007** **Woodland Hills, California**

Friday, August 31st, 2007

Welcome and Registration - 1 pm to 5 pm

Trex Style, Hospitality - 3 pm to 7 pm

Casino Royale Night - 7:30 pm to late

Saturday, September 1st, 2007

Welcome and Registration - 10 am to 2 pm

Hotel Swimming Pool Open - 9 am to 9 pm

Trex Style Hospitality - 11 am to 5 pm

Golf Tournament at Simi Hills Golf Course - Tee Off at 10 am

Kef Night with Live Continental Band - 8 pm to later

Sunday, September 2nd, 2007

Men's Breakfast Buffet and Meeting - 9 am to 1 pm

Ladies Event and Brunch - 11 am

Gin & Tavloo Tournament - 2 pm

Trex Style Hospitality - 2 pm to 4 pm

Sunday Evening Silent Auction, Installation Dinner and Dance

Cocktails and Auction Bidding - 5:30 pm

Dinner, Installation, Awards and Auction Winners - 7 pm

Dancing will immediately follow the program



Grand Master's Message

It has been a pleasure serving as your Grand Master this past year. I have had a wonderful time. I can only say that serving as a Grand Mater of the Triple X Fraternity is truly a privilege and I encourage any brother to seek this service.

All of the Chapters have been extremely hospitable to those who have traveled with me over the last year. I thank you all for your excellent support.

As you should know by now, it was my purpose as serving as your Grand Master to help the individual Chapters establish Junior Chapters or at least get many of them to take the first step.

I am happy to report that Sequoia Chapter has indeed established their Junior Chapter with 8 great young men with several more just itching to get in. I can't wait for Convention so I can see the proud Sequoia Junior members in attendance along with our long standing Los Angeles and Orange County Juniors.

There wasn't any special science that the Sequoia Chapter employed to get their Juniors off the ground. They simply looked toward the ACYO where many qualified young men are approaching the end of membership there as well as the sons and grandsons of existing members. Any Chapter can succeed with this model if they wish to do so. All it takes is someone to pick up the ball and run with it.

Additionally, other Chapters like San Diego, Las Vegas and Mt. Diablo have taken the first step in building Junior Chapters at their respective locations. Brothers, I encourage you all to support them in this effort.

I look forward in continuing this quest and working with future Grand Masters to help each Chapter build for the future of our Great Fraternity.

See you all at convention.

Fraternally yours,

Brother Peter H. Babagian

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Sequoia

Dear Brothers, Wives, and Friends,

Greetings, from our Triple X Chapter here in the beautiful Central Valley of California. We were blessed this last year to be able to host the 77th Annual Convention, (2006) and the 53rd Mid-Term Convention (2007) here in Visalia, and in Lemoore, California. Many of our members, families, and relatives attended these two big events. The bonding that had gone on between brothers, and families at these two main events, was a sight to behold.

Our very own Grand Master (my cousin) Peter H. Babagian made many visits to chapters all around the state. G.M. Pete shared with all of the Triple X Chapters the importance of unity among brothers, and for the Triple X Chapters to begin to develop Junior Chapters, for our fraternity. He stressed the importance of the future of Triple X lies in the next generation. Sequoia Chapter had twelve outstanding potential candidates for our junior membership. These potential candidates are, Devan Bouadakian, Josh Fernandes, Kevin S. Kalfayan, Ara Kaprielian, Ryan Kazarian, Doug Penny, Kevin Scaft, Kevin Yahnian, Jordan Yahnian, Ryan Yahnian, Shane Yahnian, and Matthew Zakarian. A special thanks to their dads, and grandfathers, who have encouraged them to join Triple X Juniors. Two very excited grandfathers worth mentioning were, Abe Kazarian, and Sark Yahnian, they were so proud, they couldn't stop smiling.



Members of the newly organized Sequoia Juniors being sworn in.



One of our big fundraisers this year was the annual Tulare County Farm Show, held during the month of February. We served kabob sandwiches, during the entire four-day event. Thanks to all the brothers who served. The second big fundraiser happening this week (July 4th) was our annual Fireworks Booth Sale. It runs for four days, and is headed up by brothers Rick Kirkorian, P.G.M. Jerry Poochigian, and their committees. What a blessing these men are to Sequoia Triple X.

We also had the opportunity to donate to many wonderful organization including, Etchmiadzin Children's Fund to Armenia, The School Project in Armenia, with the World Bank, the Annual Selma Triple X Crab Feed, the California Armenian Home for the Aged, in Fresno, and four college scholarships to students in our community, who are of Armenian decent, and qualify academically. I wanted to thank Harry Kirkorian for his many years of service on our scholarship committee.

On another note, we lost our dear brother Pete Zerounian, on March 4, 2007 the weekend he was to attend our Mid-Term Convention. Pete joined our fraternity in 1969, and worked in education for over 44 years. Pete was well respected in the community, and during his last Trex meeting, won our little raffle, cash prize. We will surely miss Pete Z. and the wonderful person he was. Our prayers are with his family.

We were also happy to honor two outstanding fifty-year members at our fall convention, Harry Kirkorian and Harry Majarian.

In closing I would like to thank all the brothers and our new junior members who have helped with our three picnic meetings, this summer. These brothers include G.M. Pete Babagian, P.G.M. Jerry Poochigian, G.S. Ron Shanoian, Bryan Ananian, Bryan Yahnian, John Hovannisian, Abe Kazarian, Mark Kazarian, G.T. Archie Zakarian, and Richard Sheklian.

Fraternally Yours,
Thomas P. Babagian,
Master

Fresno

GREETINGS FROM THE FRESNO CHAPTER

We just finished celebrating the Fourth of July, Independence Day, and the weather has been hot as fireworks (104 - 110). We are blessed that the forefathers of this country declared a democracy based on human rights and freedom for all. Those of us whose parents survived the Genocide of 1915 and came to America are blessed they came to America.

Fresno activities since our last Trex News

February 15 - Widows' Night: "KOOFTA DINNER"

Thirteen widows attended this event. It is wonderful to see these ladies, widows of our deceased brothers. Each lady receives a long-stemmed rose, a photograph of the event, and we enjoy them. As always, this event is chaired by Harry Tanielian.

March 3: Fresno Chapter was well-represented at the Mid-Term Convention chaired by Sequoia Chapter at the Tachi Casino and Hotel Resort. A good time was had by all.

March 15: Pat-Hill Night Fresno State's dynamic football coach, Pat Hill, entertained us with his talk about college football and its serious and hilarious events not always seen on the field of play. A sell-out crowd enjoyed the shish kebab dinner and many raffle prizes, including autographed footballs by Coach Hill. Thanks to P.M. Jack Bedoian, and his crew (brothers, wives, friends).

March 29: Brothers, wives, guests enjoyed a "night out" at Table Mountain Casino. We were given a private room to enjoy dinner. The camaraderie we enjoyed made us all winners.

April 19: An authentic Mexican dinner at the clubhouse was prepared for us by our tenant and caretaker of the clubhouse. The attendance was good and the food most enjoyable.



Pat Hill



Pat Hill Night



Widows Night



Enjoyable Meeting

May 17: Tri-Tip dinner and summer salad at the clubhouse. OH YEAH!!

June 5: Our annual Fresno Grizzlies baseball game and barbecue buffet was enjoyed by brothers, wives, guests. Master Richard Bedoian chaired this event and all had an enjoyable evening.

COMING EVENT July 13

We will have another "Sports Night" at our clubhouse featuring Fresno City College basketball head coach, Ed Madec. His first year at Fresno City College, he led his team to win the 2007 Season State Championship.

2009 Convention: Our incoming Fresno master will be Jack Bedoian, relieving his brother, Richard Bedoian. Richard has accepted the duties of Convention Chairman for 2009 and is



**50 Year
Plaque
for Bob**

already working, diligently to make the convention successful.

PGM BOB JUSKALIAN was presented his 50-year plaque as a Trexman at the Sequoia Chapter Convention. Congratulations Bob.

DON'T FORGET THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER CONVENTION. LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT THE MARRIOTT RESORT IN WOODLAND HILLS.

Fraternally yours,
Nazareth M. Chaderjian

Golden Gate

On behalf of Golden Gate Trex brothers I wish LA Chapter 2007 Convention a great success.

Some news with respect to events so far this year. We had a great time at the Sabelas Italian restaurant by the Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco on Valentine's Day. Thanks to Garo Mirigian, past master who arranged the event and had invited Ani Zinderzian (the organizer of St. Gregory church) along with her two student friends from San Francisco St. college days, to come and sing for us. The group was called Accidentals (a jazz vocal group) who sang some songs from the 50s and 60s with Garo in a quartet fashion. Garo also acted as master of ceremonies. The highlight of the event was celebrating Garo's mother's 101st birthday. Garo's mom looked great standing straight up and in good health and good spirit.



Valentine's Day - l to r: Ulla & Ara Kaprielian; Vartan & Arlene Hovsepian.



May 2007 Dinner-Meeting at Delaney's Restaurant



Tamar and Vasken Farajian were also celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary with Bro Garo crowning the couple.

In our April Trex dinner meeting at Delainey's Restaurant, we had a great speaker scientist, Anahit Yeramian from Stanford who showed us some slides from mount Arakatz Solar Achievements by our scientists in Armenia. Anahit asked that we consider donating money from our charitable trust account and if possible Trex members to meet the expenses of mount Arakatz solar project.

Oakland chapter had a joint Trex dinner meeting with Golden Gate and mount Diablo chapters in April. The grandmaster was also present who gave a very nice speech, emphasizing the need for junior chapters throughout the state. We are looking forward for the upcoming Golden Gate Trexmen to enjoy themselves with their families at the beech party on Sunday July 15th, 2007 at Garo and Ida Mirigian's beach front cabana. Two years ago we had great time at Garo Mirigian's cowboy ranch home party in Fremont.

Last but not least we are running Garo for Grand Marshal Candidate. We made our intentions in mid term for Garo to run for Grand Marshal Candidate 2007-2008. We hope that all chapters will vote for brother Garo, who is one of the most deserving Trex brothers. The following is some data about Garo. He is 60 years old. A member of the large Mirigian Family Clan, past master of Golden Gate chapter for two years., and Principal of a junior high school in Fremont. Garo's father and uncle are both 50 year Trexmen (Selma chapter). He is very active, well known and recognized throughout the Bay Area Armenian community. He is also widely known as an orator, master of ceremonies, and a comedian.

Fraternally Yours,
Archie Azizian, Assoc. Editor



Valentine's Day - I to r: Archie & Nellie Azizian; Tamar & Vasken Farajian.



Valentine's Day Dinner

Orange County

Bro. Master Mark Hachigian is doing an outstanding job leading us in having fun, doing charity work and keeping the Brothers in line at the meetings. Once again we had a party for the Disabled at Fairview Hospital. Every year this event gets bigger and we had over 70 in attendance. It's wonderful to be able to give and see that what we do is really appreciated.

We had a great turnout at the Midterm Convention at Tachi Palace in Lemoore. It was great to see all the Brothers from the other chapters. We had a great time and that's what Trex is all about.

The Family and Friends Pizza Buffet took place in March at BJ's Brewhouse in Irvine. We had unlimited pizza, pasta and salad on the outdoor patio while watching local sports (in this case it was the Ducks game) on the patio's TVs. It was attended by 40 brothers, families and friends.



New Brothers David Kalagian, Ara Malazian.



Brothers having fun at Mid Term Convention.



Sister Marge Kazarian's famous keyma.

Our Family Pot Luck was one of our best and Chaired by Bro. Fred Cartozian. We had over 100 in attendance and as usual the Keyma that Sister Marge Kazarian makes is to die for. Thanks again Marge. We really appreciate all the work you and your ladies do to make this a success. It is always so nice to see the families. We had a wonderful variety of foods and you wanted to try every one of them. Bro. Wayne Najarian made Yalanchi. Thanks Bro. Wayne.

The yearly Stag Outing in Laughlin was chaired by Bro. Harold Bazarian and we had a great time. We sure did miss having Bro. Z. Harry Astor on this trip. He is the God Father of our Chapter but it is nice to see him at our meetings. We all played the Kentucky Derby and guess what!!! Only a few had the winners. The complaint was that there were too many horses in the race. The mazza and refreshments were wonderful on the trip up and back. We never went hungry that's for sure. Nothing like being at the Colorado River and just relaxing and having fun with your Brothers. We had members



Bro. Eric, Sister Marge, Bro. Wayne, Kurk, Haig.

from the Los Angeles and Las Vegas Chapters join us too.

We will be having our Is' Annual Trex Charitable Golf Tournament at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club in Mission Viejo on Thursday, September 27th, 2007. Chairman is Bro John Gulugian and he and his committee are in full swing putting the tournament together. To play Golf is only \$175 per player which includes green fee, cart, range balls, lunch and dinner banquet. For info call Bro Leo Depoian 949/376-9511, Bro. Fred Cartozian 949/737-7554 or Bro John Gulugian 949/786-0911. We also need Sponsorships. Our Honorary Chairman and Speaker is Governor George Deukmejian. Come and support the Charities that we donate to. We are giving to the Armenian Eye Project and many other charities

We have 3 new members. Bro. Eric Neshanian, Bro. David Kelegian and Bro. Ara Malazian. Welcome to TREX. It's great to see our chapter growing.

Our Chapter has the honor to run Past Master Bro. Harold Bazarian for Grand Master 2010. He thanks you for your support.

Meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Gulliver's Restaurant. See you at the Los Angeles Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,
PGM Haig Jamgotchian



What a team: Robert, Rob, George, Larry, Mark, David, Terry, Bryan.



Bros. Allen, Paul, Fred, Larry.



Laughlin stag outing - All smiles having fun.



Bro. Henry Hovakimian (single)



Bro. Master Mark, wife Monique, and his handsome son. Family Pot Luck.



Bro. Roger, Nishan, Naz. Nishan telling a joke. Pot Luck Dinner.

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.

This year's "FAMILY DAY AT THE FAIR" was held on February 24th, 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 "Cheap Trick". Our desert members, along with visiting Los Angeles and Orange County Chapter members enjoyed Armenian Mezza and drinks hosted by **Bro. Nick Nigosian** and his wife **Carolon**, in the comforts of the hospitality suite and VIP tent provided by the Fair Board.

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.

In March, our chapter put their efforts towards holding our first "LOBSTER FEST". This event was a great success, due to the organization of our members in pre-selling tickets and preparing and serving the delicious 1 Ω lb. lobsters, served with clam chowder, BBQ chicken, grilled sausage, cole slaw and bread. Be sure to check out next year's calendar so you won't miss this



LOBSTER FEST 2007 - Servers
Master, Rob Carian, Chairman, Bro. Bruce Kandarian, Paula Yeager, PM Nick Nigosian, Bro. Gary Funtas, Bro. Greg Safoyan, PM VJ Mkrтчian Sitting: Jennie Huether and Bro. Bobby Melkesian



PALM DESERT GOLF WEEKEND 2007
PM George Kirkjan, Bro. Koko Mazmanian, PGM Greg Avedesian PM V.J. Mkrтчian, PM Neil Huether and Bro. Blaine Carian



LOBSTER FEST 2007
Palm Desert Brothers working at the Lobster Fest
Center: Master, Rob Carian (Chairman), holding a Lobster

exciting new event in the desert. Thank you to all our members, families and friends to making this event so successful.

Our annual "DESERT GOLF OUTING" was held on May 4th and 5^h. **Grand Master, Peter Babagian**, along with Brothers from Los Angeles, Selma, Oakland and San Diego chapters, joined in on a great weekend of golf, dining and socializing with desert brothers and friends. **PM, V.J. Mkrтчian** and **Bro. Koko Mazmanian** chaired a wonderful cocktail/dinner party on Friday evening, where our annual 60/40 reverse raffle drawing was the entertainment for the evening. Golfers enjoyed two days of golf on popular desert courses. Thank you to Chairman, **Bro. Blaine Carian**, and committee members **PM, Neil Huether, PGM, Greg Avedesian** and **PM George Kirkjan**, who did a great job in coordinating a great weekend and this successful annual event.



PALM DESERT GOLF DINNER 2007
Bro. Vaz Babekian, PM V.J. Mkrтчian, Bro. Koko Mazmanian and Bro. Mike Simonian



PALM DESERT GOLF WEEKEND 2007

I have enjoyed my year as Master, and thank all my brothers for helping to make this past year so 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 2007 Convention in Los Angeles. Be sure to look for the Palm Desert Hospitality Suite during this year's convention, where you can get exciting information on the 2008 Trex Convention held in Palm Desert and also meet our candidate for Grand Master 2008/2009, **Brother, Nick Nigosian**.

Fraternally,
 Master, Rob Carian



PALM DESERT XXX "DAY AT THE FAIR"
Brothers and their Families watching the Destruction Derby Car entered by the Palm Desert Chapter.



PALM DESERT XXX "DAY AT THE FAIR"
Palm Desert Brothers with Queen Scheherazade and her two Princesses

Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The Los Angeles Chapter has been extremely busy planning for our Fraternity's 78th Annual Convention. Events have been planned from morning until night each of the three days of Labor Day weekend – August 31st to September 2nd at the Marriott Resort in Woodland Hills, CA. (818) 887-4800. A block of rooms has been set-aside at \$105 per night so if you haven't called, now is the time. Bro. George Titizian has been leading the committee through the all of the event planning and execution. You should have all received the convention packet in late May with the registration information, event details and Convention Booklet ad form. As you all know, your participation by placing an ad in the Convention Booklet and your attendance at the weekend's events are without question, the most important factors in the success a convention. Here is a rundown of the events for the Convention weekend and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Friday night's event open to the public will be a **Casino Royale** night. Once you arrive, look for plenty of gaming money to play, a complete mezza and bar to keep you going through the night. Look for full casino table game action with professional dealers. You can exchange your winnings for raffle tickets to win valuable raffle prizes. For more information, call John Saroyan at (310) 544-1976. Preceding this event will be the Los Angeles Chapter's hospitality room – so



Bro Master William on a triple date with Bro Mark Mikaelian and Bro. Kirk Shanoian at the Armenian Open Golf Tourney.

come on by and say hi!

Saturday morning is reserved for the Convention Golf Outing – tee off at 10 am. Our hospitality room opens at 11 am and there are lots of local attractions to explore nearby. Saturday evening is reserved for **Kef Night** starting at 8 pm. There will be an 8-piece continental band playing all night. These guys are good! There will also be an extensive mezza all night and bars to serve you throughout the evening. The event will fill up fast and reservations are recommended. Table reservations can be made for 5 tickets or more, space permitted. For more info and reservations call William Kevorkian at (818) 366-0989.

That same night, the **Los Angeles Jr. Chapter** will be hosting **Boogie Nights** – a dress to impress 70's party starting at 9 pm. Their parties are a great time and a great way to meet people in an atmosphere geared toward young adults. DJ Aram will be playing the music all night long. It's all happening at the Woodland Hills Marriott.

Sunday morning the Men's breakfast starts at 9 am with the meeting beginning around 11 am. The ladies event to the Getty Museum near Malibu starts at 11 am too. Our hospitality room opens at 2 pm, as does the start of the Gin and Tavloo Tourney. The final event for the weekend is the **Silent Auction and Installation Dinner** on Sunday. The bidding begins at 5:30 pm where you'll browse over the silent auction items and enjoy mezza and cocktails. Dinner, the program and dancing will follow the bidding process. Here too, reservations are recommended as seats fill up fast. For information call David Maseredjian at (323) 876-5050.

Beyond the Convention, the Los Angeles Chapter has held many events. Our Master, Bro William Kevorkian and Jr. Master, Bro Martin Titizian have lead the LA Chapter to great monthly events. In January, Bro Daren Eminian chaired what has become the popular Bingo Party held at the Ararat Home. In March, over 20 of the Los Angeles Brother attended the Midterm Convention. In March, Bro Tev Eminian chaired the Annual Father and Son/Daughter Camping Trip at Lake Cachuma with over 20 campers. In April, Bro Zareh Mitilian chaired the Partner's Best Ball Tourney attended by about 50 golfers. In May, Bro Ara Ishkanian chaired our Annual Ladies Night Out consisting of dinner and play for over 50 of our members.



Bro Mel Shanoian, who is running for Grand Master in 2007 / 2008 catches a nice rainbow trout just before his boat sank.



Bro Steve Mikaelian asks Bros Tev, Mel, Martin and Greg when the wives are showing up to clean up the mess.

In June, Bro Ara Papazian chaired our Annual Armenian Open with over 100 golfers at the Woodland Hills Country Club. Also in June, Bro Mel Shanoian chaired the Annual LA Chapters Family Picnic where over 100 Trexman and their families spend the day together with good food, games for the kids and catching up. The Brothers that chair these events all did a great job and are among the leaders of the Los Angeles Chapter and have the thanks of our members for their hard work and dedication.

It is still not too late to register for the Annual Convention. In fact, you can register on-line at www.trexfraternity.com, then click on Southern California, then Los Angeles Chapter. There you can also view and download information on all of the weekends events. Once at the convention, look for Bro. Mike Shakar to get your registration packet or buy your tickets then, if there are any

left. Until then, drive carefully to Los Angeles for the Convention and we look forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally,
Bro Michael Surmeian
Associate Editor

Los Angeles Jrs.

Dear Brothers:

The Los Angeles Junior Chapter has been very active since Midterm. Our current officers are:

Michael Markarian	Master
David Maseredjian, Jr.	Jr. Master
Stephen Roopenian	Cor./Recording
John Maseredjian	Treasurer
Eddie Hamayan	Sergeant at Arms
Adam Michaelian	Historian

Events in spring and early summer strengthened the core of the Los Angeles Junior XXX members. We have been working hard to plan and prepare for our 'Boogie Nights' event for Saturday night at Convention 2007. Brother's Steven Roopenian and John Maseredjian are heading this committee and have spent many hours organizing the event.

The Los Angeles Juniors would like to welcome Junior Brother Michael Nigosian to the fraternity. We feel that Michael adds a strong link to the Juniors chain; we look forward to many good times with our new brother.

With the help of Los Angeles Senior Brother Mike Hollis, the Juniors took on a joint event



Los Angeles Junior XXX Fraternity

Oakland

Oakland Trex was off to a running start in 2007 with the annual crab feed on January 27th. For the second year in a row, the event was held at the Marina Community Center in San Leandro. This event was even more successful than last year's with over 300 guests in attendance. The raffle and silent auction were a great success thanks to Bro Rick Mickaels and several brothers who helped rally up prizes for the evening. Once again, Bro Ron Mickaels put together a tremendous slide show including a trip down memory lane and slides thanking our sponsors. This year we hosted live Armenian music during cocktail hour and it was well received by the guests.



Crab Fest 2007

LA Juniors (cont.)

with an Armenian USC fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Omega (AEO). This event was hosted in Glendale at a new restaurant/lounge named Minx. The event pulled over 350 guests on a Thursday night!

We have begun planning for the not-so-distant Halloween Party 2007. This is the tenth anniversary of our largest and most renowned event. We are decided to make this event even bigger than previous years.

PLEASE INFORM FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AGES 18+, TO ATTEND OUR CONVENTION EVENT SATURDAY NIGHT! If there are any questions regarding Los Angeles Junior XXX Fraternity, we ask that you please contact our Master, Michael Markarian, with questions and comments.

We thank you for your support, and we look forward to a successful Convention. For more information, please visit our website at www.jrtrex.com



**Crab Fest
Rev. & Mrs. Sarafian, after Blessing the Meal,**

As associate editor and the Crab Feed Chairman, I want to personally give credit and thanks to a small group of brothers who put in an extraordinary effort. Thanks to Rick Magarian for coordinating the staff and preparing the food – Rick does this year after year without anyone asking him. Also, thanks to Harry Sherinian (tickets), Craig Bazigian & Steve Baronian (bar); Bro Gary Alexanian (hosted the coffee from Peet's Coffee, made arrangements for the balloons, provided a number of silent auction items and, of course, handled the money); Bro Greg Cherezian for handling the cleanup effort. Special thanks to Bro Drew Michaels for selling the most tickets and being the first Bro to open a bar tab for his employees! Also, many brothers helped out with set up, at the bar and in the kitchen – thanks to all of you. Also, thanks to Susie Bazigian for making a raffle gift, helping out at the bar and the auction!

Plans are in place for hosting the crab feed



**GGF Horse Races
From Left to Right: Bro Craig "show me the money" Bazigian, Rick Mickaels, George Kamian, Jack Dedoian (Fresno), Sam Spear (GGF Staff), Sark Sarkisian, Chuck Hazarian (GGF Staff), Sark Sarkisian, Chuck Hazarian**

at the Marina Community Center on January 26th 2008. 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 healthy proceeds, we will renew our Habitat for Humanity sponsorship. Thanks again brothers for a job well done!

In May, our Grand Master Pete Babagian and former GM Jerry Poochigian hosted dinner at our Joint Chapter meeting. Members from Mt. Diablo, Peninsula and Golden Gate attended our meeting.



Bro Paul Kamian & Son Collin in Training



GM Pete Babagian & PGMs at Joint May Meeting



After hours trading

At most monthly meetings, someone usually criticizes the food (without being asked). This dinner was so good that it left the most discerning brothers quiet! Thanks Pete and Jerry!

Bro Chuck Hazarian hosted the Day at the Races on Sunday June 10th at GGF (Golden Gate Fields). Lunch was held at the Turf Club (1st class) and brothers from other bay area chapters joined in. Trex sponsored the first race and our photo was taken with the winning horse!

This year, the “Day at the Beach” and “Summer Picnic” will be replaced by the “Day at the Picnic” at Roaring Camp Railroad in Felton CA. Felton is just outside Santa Cruz in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Roaring Camp has an old rail line that served the lumber industry at the turn of the century. The facility has since been turned into a running railroad park.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 14th. Bro George Kamian and wife Sally, will host this event. Luleh Kebabs and pilaf will make up the main course. Bro’s Craig Bazigian, Rob Tashjian and Ron Mickaels are also helping out – thanks Bro’s!

In June, two Oakland Trex families proudly supported the Armenian summer games – Bro Gary Alexanian and Armen Phelps. Oakland Trex has yet to unleash its secret track star – Rick Mickaels. Rumor has it that Rick is in training for next summer with the Masters 100 Meter record in mind - any challengers out there??

August 11th & 12th, Brother Rick Magarian and company will host the annual Trex family camping trip in a new location – Calaveras Big Trees (just outside Arnold CA on State Route 4). This event is in its 8th year running. This new location will put us near the Stanislaus River with hiking trails to the “Big Trees.”

Thanks to Bro Rick, no one goes away hungry. Each year, Rick prepares dinner and two breakfasts for the crowd. There is nothing like cooking Shish Kebab over an open fire. We are all looking forward to this event and it should draw about 40 people this year.

Fraternally,
Brother George Kamian
Associate Editor

Capitol

Fall 2007 Hello to the entire brother's of our wonderful Triple X Fraternity. The brother's of the Capitol Chapter hope your spring and summer was as good as ever.

PGM Alan Khatoonian chaired a very successful Kef Night last May. Assisted by brother Art Tatosian preparing some of the food which served 161 of our guests, Brother Leon Hagopian was the spark plug in selling over \$600.00 worth of tickets to a lot of his church members and fellow Hye's. Thank you Leon for a job well done. Yours truly, missed our Kef Night as I had Dental work done so I could have a Sweeter Smile.

Brother Art just celebrated his 50th birthday June 9, at William Land Park, Over 40 family and friends played several games, some played Tavloo, relaxed on a beautiful day and dined on some great Shish Kabob.



Our Jr. Master Brother Peter Onnigian suffered a stroke last February. A good reminder to our brother Peter is Therapy, Therapy, Therapy is the key to success. Brother Sweet can vouch for that. I peddle my bicycle for one to two hours a day. I pull my rope pull exerciser, and walk on a

treadmill every day. My doctor gave me a very good report on my vital signs.

Welcome back brother Leon "Jake" Bajakian to our meetings after a lengthy illness. His input and smiling face is a welcome sight again. We missed you.

Brother Master Scott Khatoonian (photo insert) is leaving the Capitol Chapter for good due to his wife's job transfer to Sher-



Master Scott Khatoonian

man, Texas. Mrs. Coni Khatoonian is in Property Management in Chevrolet car sales. Master Scott is one of the most knowledgeable persons of automobile history around. He will be in sales.

PGM Alan Khatoonian hosted the Capitol brother's to one of the finest steak dinners anyone had ever tasted. Bro. Alan must have traveled to the stockyards in Ohio and picked out a female steer, lassoed it, butchered it on site, boned the poor steer and cooked 21 7" steaks to perfection for the members..

Be There at the 78th Annual Convention, hosted by: Los Angeles Chapter.

Fraternally
Bro. Harry Sweet
Assoc. Editor



Bros. George Shahinian and Bill Derderian.



Bro. Master Scott receiving a plaque from dad PGM Alan Khatoonian (left).. Scott will leave for Sherman, Texas and retire.

Mt. Diablo

Greetings Brothers. We proudly have approved the following charities for donations in 2007: Armenian Technology Group, NorCal Armenian Services, Habitat for Humanity-Armenia, Junior Achievement of Armenia, and Battered Women's Shelter of Contra Costa County.

At our February meeting, Brother Nubar Tashjian of the Oakland Chapter enlightened us on the workings of Armenian Technology Group, his visits to Armenia and how our donations really do make a difference. In March, Brother Dee Kassabian gave a talk on his passion, classic cars of the past. In May, our new returning Brother Cliff Melikian spoke of his combat during WWII, on receiving 2 Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. It was an unbelievable talk.

We thoroughly enjoyed the multi-chapter joint business meeting/social at the Oakland Chapter's Meeting in May. Dinner was hosted by Grand Master Pete Babagian and crew. 14 Brothers from Mt. Diablo were in attendance. As always, there was an abundance of food and fellowship.

On June 3, 26 Brothers and wives enjoyed the beautiful outdoor setting of Round Hill Country Club in Alamo for a gourmet buffet and social. Thanks to Brother Ray Chiljan for arranging this event and Jerry Tusan for donating the wine.



Brother Armen Boyd and Evelyn, Master Jerry, PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian and Brother John Gulbenkian



Brother Kevork and Grace Hagopian, Sonia and Brother Garo Sedrakian and Brother Jeff and Jennifer Apkarian.



Brother Jack Mooradian, Pat Keadjian, Armik Mooradian, Brother's Garo Keadjian, Ray Chiljan and Anita Chiljan.



Master Jerry Tusan welcoming returning Brother Clifford Melikian.



Brother Al Kaljian, wife Mae and Haig Harootenian.



Brother Vic Vasgerdsian, wife Hasmig, Carol Rustigian, Janet Kamian, Brother's Harvey Kamian, and George Rustigian.

Master Jerry Tusan is busy planning and coordinating the Family Picnic set for July 21 in Moraga. Brother Garo Keadjian is planning an outdoor dining event at Brother Kevork Hagopian's on August 3 with a gourmet catered dinner. Brother Vic Vasgerdsian and Brother Dee Kassabian are planning a mystery bus trip in October.

During this time, we have initiated one new member, Vahan Kurkjian and have had 2 past members return, Brother Cliff Melikian and Brother Jack Issacs. Welcome!

Master Jerry has enticed members to attend monthly meeting by having a progressive cash raffle each month. Members must be present to win, if not, more cash is added the following month. This has increased attendance by 15%.

We would like to thank Grand Master Pete Babagian for a great job this year. He was also in attendance at our June meeting.

Looking forward to 78th Los Angeles Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Brother Jerry Tusan,
 Master/Associate Editor



Brother's Charles Kezerian, Greg Tcherkoyan, Grand Master Pete Babagian, Al Kaljian, and John Chorbajian.



Brother Garo Sedrakian, Jack Mooradian and Clifford Melikian.

Peninsula

GREETINGS Brothers, Families and Friends!
 Peninsula Chapter officers for 2007 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

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 good food with our chefs, Bros. Vigen, Vazgen, Aram Salmassian, and Kip, with lively discussions and tavloo games. The Midterm at Tachi Palace in Lemoore was attended by 6 of our Chapter Brothers, who enjoyed carpooling and meeting old and new friends. A most pleasant surprise was meeting Bro. Tom Babagian, who reminded Bro. Andy that he had played at his wedding many years ago and later shared a picture of Bro. Andy's group playing. We enjoyed a visit from Bros. GM Pete Babagian and PGM Jerry Poochigian at our April meeting and had delicious BBQ lamb chops per special request. It was discovered that Bro. Andy was a friend of PGM Pete's grandfather Peter and his family before he was born. These are some examples of the benefits of our Fraternity in renewing old friends and memories.

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Spring issue of Trex News is Jan. 8, 2008

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Dr. John Haleblian of BAFA receiving a check from Treasurer Vic and Master Vazgen.



GM Peter Babagian with Peninsula members.



Tavloo challenge



Peninsula members

We are proud to have invited back Dr. John Haleblian, BAFA Executive Director, in order to present him with another check for \$2000 towards the World Bank 9-to-1 matching funds as previously announced by Peninsula Trex for 2007 support for Armenia. In addition we have made donations to the AGBU, churches, the NORCAL Armenians, and the Mt. Davidson Cross.

Congratulations to Bro. Joe Keshishian on his 90th birthday, which we celebrated at a recent meeting. Bro. Joe attends most meetings, serves as one of our Chapter photographers, and is active in promoting Chapter activities. He proposed and spearheaded the Ladies Appreciation function for widows of our Brothers on July 22, hosted by Linda and Vic Khachooni at their beautiful Los Altos Hills home. Thank you all, and Abris Bro Joe!!

We also wish to express our admiration for Bro Larry Karabian and his son on recently making a return trip to Armenia as volunteers for Habitat for Humanity projects. Several of our Brothers have gone to Armenia, highly recommend the trip, and plan to go again. Hopefully, we will have a slide presentation of some of the trips in the near future.

The 8th annual fund raiser at the Mountain View Art and Wine Festival September 8th and 9th is being planned. The funds raised are for donations to charitable organizations, and all Brothers are invited to attend the Festival for our great kebab. Our annual "Picnic at Vic's" is still being planned for sometime this Fall. Many of us are planning to attend Bro. Garo and wife Aida's party in mid-July, and we look forward to seeing our Brothers at the upcoming Annual Convention in Los Angeles.

Fraternally submitted,
 Bro. PM Antranig Nalbandian
 Bro. Mark Antranikian,
 Corresponding Secretary



Selma

The sun is shining, the grapes are growing, and we're moving through the year. It's amazing to think that the convention is less two months away! My how time flies.

In the past few months we haven't been all that busy but we have had a few very successful events. In April we had our annual Crab Feed. The event was well attended and everyone had a blast. The food was amazing as always. The credit for this goes to our chairman, Brother



Crab Feed Chairman, Michael Missakian



Eugene Kandarian, Master



PGM Jack Kazanjian, raffle winner with Bros. Michael Missakian and Matt Cholakian.



Preparing for dinner-meeting.

Mike Missakian. He and his cooking crew make the best pasta salad and most amazing potato salad you've ever had. They are true artists in the kitchen.

We had a great turnout for our Spring Outing with many more people than we've seen in recent years. In the days and weeks leading up to this event the question was raised as to whether we should even continue with this tradition. Based on this year's turnout I'd say we have an answer....and the answer was a resounding yes. It's great to see so many of the older brothers, their wives, and even a number of widows come out to enjoy a night of fun and fellowship. This event is actually a dual purpose affair, in addition to enjoying a nice night with our brothers, family, and friends we honor our scholarship recipients. Credit goes to Brother Chuck Jamgotchian. He has once again chaired the Scholarship Committee, by far the most thankless job in the entire fraternity. We were happy to be able to help four young adults further their lives as they head to college.



Auctioneer Patrick Balakian at Crab Feed

Las Vegas

The 2007-2008 officers for the Las Vegas Chapter are VJ Taslakian Master, Arakel Tacvorian Jr. Master, Treasurer Arpiar Babigian, Secretary Armen Anooshian, Corresponding Secretary Charles Parigian PGM. Sgt. At Arms Aslan Melcon.

Out going master was given a good send off. He was presented with a beautiful plaque from his brothers. Thanks for a good two years brother Bob Bezdikian.



New brothers: Armen Hovanessian, M.D. and Ara Gueyikian, M.D.

Selma (cont.)

As the convention nears we look forward to spending time with all you brothers. With last years convention Sequoia set the bar pretty high. You LA brothers have some big shoes to fill but I'm sure you'll do just fine. We wish you good luck as you finish your planning and can't wait to attend.

Matt Cholakian
Assoc. Editor



Selma brothers at Mid-Term, Tachi Palace, Lemoore

We are holding our meetings at the Pita Palace Restaurant. The owners name is Andra all our meetings have been dinner meetings.

Fraternally
Associate Editor
Charles Parigian PGM



New officers 2007-08. LtoR: Standing Ara Gueyikian, MD, Master VJ Taslakian, Jr. Master Arakel Tacvorian, Aslan Melcon, Sgt-at-arms, PGM Chuck Parigian, Arpiar Babikian, Treasurer.



LtoR: Arakel, Aslan, Rev. Balian, Armen, Master VJ, Shavarsh, Arpiar, Ara, Levon, Pm Bob B. Sitting: Peter, PGM Chuck, Sam. Not pictured: Gil, George, Danny, Kirk, Gary S.



New Members: LtoR: Danny Tarkanian, Rev. Fr. Asbed Balian, Honorary member, PM Bob B., Aslan Melcon and Chuck Parigian, PGM.

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**Labor Day Weekend Events Presented by the
 Los Angeles Trex Fraternity**

Casino Royale Night

Friday, 7:30 pm
 August 31, 2007

Woodland Hills Marriott
 21850 Oxnard Street (818) 887-4800

We have Blackjack, Roulette, and Craps tables for your pleasure.

This event is open to all our Armenian supporters and we welcome you. Use your

winnings toward valuable raffle prize drawings throughout the evening.

Look for several bars and enjoy mezza throughout the evening.

More info? Contact
 John Saroyan
 (310) 544-1976

Donation -
 \$30 per
 person



Kef Night - Trex Style

Saturday, 8:00 pm
 September 1, 2007

Woodland Hills Marriott
 21850 Oxnard Street (818) 887-4800

Come and enjoy this evening of dancing to a live 8 piece band playing continental music.

There will be an extensive mezza all night and lots of old friends to share it with.

This event is open to all our Armenian supporters and we welcome you. This will be our only Kef Night in 2007!



More info? Contact
 William Kevorkian
 (818) 366-0989

Donation -
 \$35 per
 person

Boogie Nights Presented by the Los Angeles Jr. Trex

Saturday, September 1st, 9 pm — Woodland Hills Marriott.

70's Dress to Impress — Come dance to DJ Aram and meet other Armenians from around California. You will be glad you came. Go to www.jrtrex.com for more info. Donation — \$10 at the door

Silent Auction and Installation Dinner

Sunday, September 2, 2007 - Mezza & Cocktails 5 pm

Woodland Hills Marriott 21850 Oxnard Street (818) 887-4800



Come early to enjoy mezza & cocktails while browsing through a large display of silent auction items. After placing your bids, have a seat and enjoy a dinner especially prepared for you while auction winners are announced, awards are presented and dancing begins.



More info? Contact
 David Maseredjian
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Donation - \$45 for adults,
 \$20 for children