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**Triple X Fraternity**

## **54th Mid-Term Convention**

*Hosted by the Fresno Chapter*

**Saturday, March 1, 2008**

**Fresno Chapter Club House**

**630 South Argyle**

**Fresno, California**

- Mid-Term Golf Tournament**

Brighton Crest Golf and Country Club

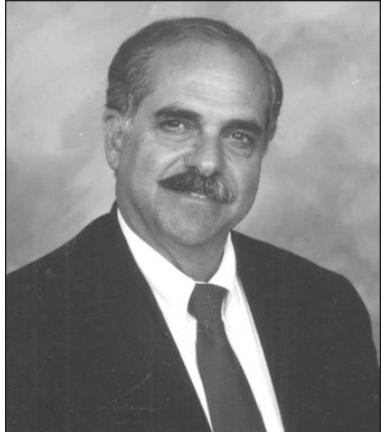
9:00 A.M. (See back page for entry blank and details)

- Fresno Club House Open All Day**

10:00 A.M. Doors Open (Tavloo, Gin, Pinochle)

- Cocktails & Mezza 5:30 P.M. Dinner 6:30 P.M.**

- Business Meeting 7:30 P.M.**



# Grand Master's Message

It has been an absolute pleasure serving as Grand Master of our great fraternity. My wife Sharon and I have attended numerous installation banquets and Christmas parties. Bro. Jr. Grand Master George Titizian and his wife Arlene have accompanied us on some of these events. The hospitality we have received from the Triple X has been exceptional and appreciated.

The brotherhood between our chapters is special. We are fortunate to be a part of this fraternity. Recently, I attended the Oakland Chapter's lobster dinner meeting. It was truly rewarding to see the bond between all of our fraternal brothers.

I can not emphasize enough how important it is to keep the growth of our chapters going. There are many Armenians that are not familiar with the Triple X. It is up to all of us to make our fraternity known.

I am looking forward to attending many more events and meetings in the upcoming months. I hope to see all of our brothers at Mid Term in Fresno this March.

Fraternally,  
Brother Mel Shanoian  
Grand Master

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**SHUNORAVOR SOORP ZUNOONTYEV NOR DAREE** To all members and their families from the Fresno Chapter .... *Tzezee, Mezee Menz Avedis.*

## Fresno Highlights since last July

**JULY 13, 2007 Sports Night** Joe Madoc, Fresno City College basketball coach was our guest of honor this night. Fresno has had winning basketball programs in community colleges. Lulu kebab dinner was the menu and all enjoyed it. Coach Madoc talked about community college basketball and stated that fans were students and supporters compared to alumni and general public fans at university level.

**JULY 19 Wild Pig Night** We were treated to a wild pig dinner at the clubhouse. Our wives were a little hesitant but then enjoyed the dinner. Hunters, brothers Joe and Mike Stepanyan provided the pigs. A good time was had by all.

**AUGUST 16.** A husband and wife Mexican Dinner was held at the clubhouse and we all ate heartily. It was very good!

**AUGUST 31 - SEPT. 2** Time out for L. A. Convention. Due to surgery I had that weekend, I was unable to attend; but all reports said that it was GREAT.

**SEPTEMBER 20** We brothers enjoyed a "dinner out" at Yosemite Falls Restaurant. We had "order off the menu" privilege, however, most of us ordered Country fried steak which was excellent.

**NOVEMBER 15.** BBQ Lamb Chop Night at the clubhouse was well-attended and enjoyed by the brothers.

**DECEMBER 13.** Christmas Dinner Some 60 plus brothers, wives and guests enjoyed a festive dinner, and Christmas merriment at the Marat's Armenian Restaurant.

**IN MEMORIAM:** We are saddened and stunned by the passing of five brothers since the last Trex News: Devastated is how we feel.



Wild Pig Night



Kitchen Crew



Wild Pig Hunters

**JULY 13 Brother Matt Maroot:** Matt was 29 years old, 5 year member of Triple X, grandson of Charles Maroot, who was active and a member of long-standing years. He leaves his wife Kristen and baby daughter Sidney. Matt was ever-ready to do anything asked of him... leaving us so young is a great loss to the Fraternity.

**JULY 19 P.M. Bob Markus:** Age 79, member since 1989. After a productive career and then retirement Bob became a dynamic, active member these past 20 years. He did so many things for our group from monthly newsletters, being master, and wherever he could help, he did. Our condolences to his wife Lena who gave up time so Bob could do things he did for us. Condolences to his family.

**JULY 31 Brother Carl Chooljian:** Age 82, member for 33 years. He and his brother Kenneth founded Del Rey Packing along with their father. Carl was active in many raisin industry organizations and local activities. He was active in charitable organizations as well. Sincere condolences to his son Gerald and his family. Sincere condolences to his twin brother Kenneth and family.

**AUGUST 27 P.M. Harry Tanielian:** Age 78, member for 34 years. Harry was known as "Mr. T". Harry was an ardent, active Trex member. He contributed many ideas and different projects to us. The one idea that is cherished by us was his idea of "Widows' Night". This dinner is to honor past members and their widows. In his memory we have now renamed the event held on or near Valentine's Day as "The Harry Tanielian Widows' Night dinner." Our sincere condolences to Flora and Harry's family. On a personal note, Harry, Jack Gahvejian and I were young friends together, and grew older together.

**OCTOBER 12 Ashod Simonian:** Age 93, member since 1944. "Ash" was very active through his 63 year membership. He seldom missed a meeting until he suffered ill health. He left us with a definite void as did all four other members. Our sincere condolences to Jackie, his widow, and his family.

These brothers' passing has left a void in our group and they will be sorely missed. God rest their souls and give them peace.

#### **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

See you at Mid-Term in Fresno.

Fraternally yours  
Nazareth Chaderjian  
Assoc. Editor



Christmas Dinner



Christmas Dinner



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Christmas Dinner

# Capitol

## 2007 - 2008 Officers

Master	Bro. Rueben Shahbazian
Jr. Master	Bro.PGM Alan Khatoonian
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Assoc. Editor	Bro. Harry Sweet
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Photographer	Bro. Leon Hagopian

Happy Holiday's in 2008 to our brothers in California and Arizona. We are ending another year in 2007 wondering if the brothers and Chapters have achieved their goals in accomplishing what they had planned for the year ahead and if everything was coordinated by the responsible parties.

We lost our past Master Scott Khatoonian last July. Bro. Scott and his wife were transferred to Sherman, Texas. Wife Connie is a VIP with Chevrolet Co. Bro Scott will still be selling cars and making a new home.

We are happy to introduce two new members Malcolm Kasparian who is a retired tax consultant and was a member in San Jose and in Sacramento 25 years ago. Welcome Brother.

We also with open arms welcome a future Artist Edward Odabashian. A former furniture maker who was a member in three bay area chapters. Welcome Bro. Ed.

Congratulations to Bro. Frank Der Ohanesian on his 100th Birthday. Family and friends honored Bro. Frank for lunch on January 5, 2008. Bro. Frank was a founding father of Capitol Chapter in 1936. Happy Birthday Bro. Frank.

Bro. Sweet gets a little antsy when Bro. Bill Derderian does not wash his car windows when we drive to the meetings, Bro. Sweet can't see where we're going. This was the 82nd consecutive attendance to the California State Fair by Bro. Harry Sweet who started attending in 1925. The Fair board honored our brother with Gifts and a Golden Bear.

**Highlights:** Our successful Charity KEF NIGHT was able to send \$1000 dollars to the Armenian EYE CARE program this past year. Bro's of the Capitol Chapter were responsible for this affair. As usual the



Bro. Joe Vitullo helping Santa deliver presents.



Bro. Master Rueben Shahbazian, L.A. Bro. Tevon Eminian congratulate Bro. Vernon Shahbazian (center) on his 50th year membership plaque. Happy day Vernon.



Bro. Harry Sweet and great-grandson Blake Moreno.



Bro. Harry Sweet's 82nd continuous year attendance at the California State Fair.

turnout was very entertaining and welcomed. Also, \$1500 was sent to the Armenian Gospel Mission for Orphaned Armenian Children. We take pride in these charity donations to the kids we hardly ever see, but these donations from the various Trex Chapters makes a difference on their lives.

**Christmas Party:** At the St. James Armenian Church hall, we held about 70 adults and children to the largest Christmas Party this Chapter has ever held. Santa, (Bro. Art Tatosian) lit up the eyes of these children as he passed out their presents. Candy, Ice Cream and cake rounded out the evening. Bro's. Bud Ohanesian, Art Tatosian, Bill Derderian, and church member Jim Tashjian deserve credit for a most successful evening's entertainment. Bro. Leon has pictures to show. The Christmas tree was decorated by Rod (Becky) Jorjorian's wife and it was a beautiful job.

Congratulations to Bro. David Richardson for passing the California Bar and is now a full fledged Attorney. Bro. David spent long tedious hours and months, studying for his well deserved achievement.

Bro. Vernon Shahbazian just received his 50 year Trex plaque, an honor to be bestowed by the "Order of the Chimes" to a very faithful member of the Capitol Chapter Triple X.

Bro. Sweet would like to send Get Well wishes to Fresno Bro. Nazareth Chaderjian on his recent operation. Wife Stella wishes he not cut the lawns or chop fire wood.

To all Trex brothers and their families we wish you good tidings for the new year. SHNORAVOR SOORP DZNOOUNT YEV NOR DAREE!!!

Fraternally yours,  
Bro. Harry Sweet

## NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the September issue of Trex News is July 8, 2008

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## Golden Gate

We have had a great year so far ending December 2007 with the following accomplishments and new events:

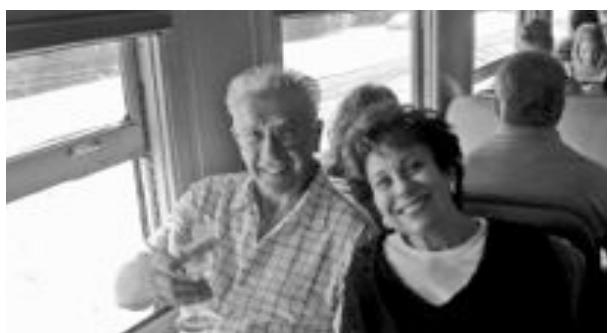
We have added two new members, 24 year old John Mardikian, the grandson of late George Mardikian, owner of the famous Omar Khayam Restaurant in San Francisco, and a 20 year old Justin Avakian, (son of Bro. Koko Avakian) who was accepted and voted on as a new member at our December dinner meeting.

We awarded four college scholarships to high school graduates. Furthermore, we are accepting scholarship applications now available for graduating high school seniors. Those interested applicants may contact Bro. Garo Mirigian or e-mail him at drgmirig@aol.com.

Thanks to Bro. Hagop Koujakian who is our corresponding secretary, the monthly attendance has increased by at least 50 percent. Bro. Hagop is dynamite, not only he reminds us of the date, time and place of the meeting, he actually follows it up with a personal phone call just few days before the meeting. Now, how can anyone turn Bro. Hagop



John Mardikian at his swearing in ceremony with his sponsors, Ralph Kazanjian, PGM Al Nalbandian, and PGM Charles Paskerian.



Vartan & Arlene Hovsepian on our Sunol Train Ride wine and cheese tasting outing

down, when he asks in such a gracious way inviting the member to attend! He also offers shuttle service from Bart station to the restaurant to those members who have taken the Bart to make the meeting.

The Golden Gate charitable trust is donating 5800 dollars as a major sponsor to replace the stolen plaque from Mt. Davidson cross commemorating the Armenian Genocide. The total cost is 6000 dollars plus approximately 2000 dollars for installation.

Valentine's Day will be celebrated on February 15, 2008 and will be held at Sinbads Pier 2, San Francisco and is open for all Trex members, their families and potential new members. The total cost is 48 dollars per person, includes dinner, music and entertainment. Valet parking at the restaurant site is only 3 dollars. The Grand Master and entourage will be attending.

We've had a wonderful event in Napa Valley and took the Sunol Train Ride Outing that included wine and cheese tasting.

Bro. Archie Azizian, PM  
Editor Golden Gate



Bonnie & Harold Koojoolian on our Sunol Train Ride wine and cheese tasting outing



Ulla & Ara Kaprielian on our Sunol Train Ride wine and cheese tasting outing

# Peninsula

Happy New Year Brothers, Families, and Friends!  
Peninsula Chapter officers for 2008 are:

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

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month in the ground floor rear conference complex at the Los Altos Masonic Lodge, 146 Main Street, Los Altos. We have been meeting in the downstairs kitchen/banquet area lately due to construction taking place in the patio/barbeque area.

Our chapter is quite active; we have had several prospective members attend in recent months, and hope to add a few new Brothers this year. We are looking forward to celebrating our Historian and Chief Photographer Bro. Joe Keshishian's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday next month. Our senior member has been a very active Trexman for over 60 years. ABRIS Bro. Joe!! Bro. Joe was also instrumental in spearheading the effort to put on a Ladies Day barbeque this past summer, generously hosted by Bro. Vic and Linda Khachooni at their beautiful home. Everyone had a great time enjoying the delicious food and good company.

Also this past summer, Brother Larry Karabian presented a nice slide show of his trip to Armenia, where he helped with Habitat for Humanity, and toured the country afterwards. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual fund raiser at the Mountain View Art and Wine Festival on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> was our best to date; much appreciation goes to all the Brothers for all the hard work in preparation beforehand and at the festival



9/8/07 - Brothers at Mt. View Food and Wine Festival



7/22/07 - Peninsula Chapter honors wives and widows.



9/8/07 - Peninsula Chapter Annual money-making endeavor at Mt. View Wine & Food Festival.



11-15-07 Master Vasken prepares baked salmon for our pre-dinner banquet.



Bros. Joe Keshishian, Andy Nalbandian, Bruce Jamgotchian.

booth setting up, cooking, and selling; a special thanks to event organizers Bro. Vic Khachooni and Bro. Master Vazgen for a job well done. The funds raised are for donations to charitable organizations such as the Bay Area Friends of Armenia (BAFA) for school renovations and other worthy projects. Dr. John Halebian, BAFA Executive Director, will be meeting with us again soon to discuss this year's efforts and World Bank 9-to-1 matching funds. Another World Bank matching funds effort is considered a great investment and top priority by our chapter.

Brothers and families participated in the "Armenians of the North Bay" 6<sup>th</sup> annual family picnic on Sept. 30th in Santa Rosa, along with local Brothers Bruce Osterlye and Zareh Salmassian, who were founding members of the organization. There was plenty of mezza and beverages to be enjoyed by the good turnout from a large North Bay Hye population. Our Brothers helped with the BBQ and food, and there were great singers and music for dancing and singing along.

We look forward to seeing our Brothers at the upcoming Midterm Convention in Fresno.

Fraternally submitted,  
Bro. PM Andy Nalbandian  
Bro. Mark Antranikian, Corr. Sec.



3-15-07 Peninsula Brothers enjoy great Tri-Tip Dinner at our Los Altos Masonic Temple meeting room



11-15-07 Brothers enjoy Baked Salmon dinner before our meeting

# Oakland

I would like to start off our article with a special thank you to out going Master, Bro. Rick Mickael, for a job well done during the past year. The bar has been raised and our new Master, Rob Tashjian, will have a hard act to follow.

The Oakland Chapter Annual Lobster Feed was a great success. With Bro. Craig Bazigian at the helm and an enthusiastic crew, Bros. Steve Donikian and Rick Magarian, in the kitchen, the function came off like a well-oiled machine. The live crustrations were shipped via air from the east coast and arrived alive and pinching. There was a granddaddy lobster (3 lb.) for which we had a drawing. Bro. Rick Mickael was the winner and ate the whole thing. Grand Master Mel Shanoian and Grand Treasurer Ron Shanoian were in attendance. In fact we had five PGM's in attendance. The Brothers from our sister chapters, Golden Gate, Mount Diablo, and Peninsular all seemed to enjoy the nights festivities. It was a packed house and the fun, brotherhood and fines were flowing. It looks like we will be inviting our sister chapters to this function every year. On this same evening we had GM Mel Shanoian swear in our newest member Steve Tchejeyan. We explained to our new member that this is the way we eat at our meeting and he said that he would be making our dinner meetings on a regular basis.

This years Oakland Trex Family Camping trip was an outstanding function.

Chaired by Bro. Rick Magarian, the brothers and their families ate, drank, hiked and just hung out at the Big Bear Campgrounds just outside of the town of Arnold, located in the Sierra's. The Brothers and their families enjoyed the beauty of nature and the fellowship. From eggs and bacon to shish kabob with all the trimmings were the food faire served to the brothers and their families. This has become an annual outing and seems to be enjoyed by all the brothers who attend. Kudo's to Bro Rick and his committee.

Bro. Drew Mickael chaired our Annual Boulder Creek Golf outing. The brothers spent the weekend at a private lodge and played two days of golf.

The story that this writer gets is that Bro. Harold Koojolian is the most improved golfer in the group. Of course this is a relative judgment and all the brothers hacked away at the course. In fact on one day they played 36 holes and that's a lot of golf in one day.



Grand Master Mel Shanoian and PGM's at Lobster Feed



Brothers at Roaring Camp



Head Table - Lobster Feed



Oakland Brothers



Oakland Families at Camp



Swearing in of Steve Tchejyan by GM Mel Shanoian

This year's Christmas Party was chaired by Bro. Rick Mickaels. We invited Golden Gate Chapter to join our festivities at Round Hill Country Club. The country club was decorated just beautifully and really added to the mood of the season. Those brothers and their wives in attendance had a great time with good food and lots of wine.

We have just finished arrangements for the completion of our second home in Armenia. This project is very important to the Oakland Chapter. We work with Habitat for Humanity Armenia on this and find it very satisfying. We have started raising funds for the construction of a third home in Armenia.

With sadness I would like to inform all the brothers throughout the state of the passing of Brother John Mickaels. Bro. John had been a charter member of Oakland Chapter and had remained an active member for the fifty-seven years that he was a member. Bro John had held every office in the chapter and at the age of ninety plus he would still make it to most of the meetings. The Brothers of the chapter gave John a Triple X Funeral Service and bid farewell to a real Trexman. We will miss Brother John.

Fraternally,  
Brother Harry Sherinian  
Associate Editor

## Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The Brothers of the Los Angeles Chapter want to thank you for your participation at our Fraternity's 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. Bro. George Titizian and his committee designed each event to create a natural high for our guests and to be a convention that will be viewed as the gold standard for years to come. Memorable events that were all very well attended filled the weekend. Friday began with Casino Royale Night. Then Saturday evening marked our world famous Kef complete with the fantastic 9 piece band. The expanded dance floor was full and we had to blow out a wall to make room for all the guests – both Trex families and local guest from the greater Los Angeles and Orange County areas. Sunday night capped off with the Installation Banquet and Silent Auction. The days were filled with events too – Saturday golf, Tavloo Tournament, and games for the kids by the pool. Sunday's meeting and ladies day at the Getty were all sold out! Last, but certainly not least – the unbelievable LA Trex Hospitality Suite. For those of you that were there, you know it was full of people and always stocked with Armenian delicacies including yalanchi, basturma, bread, cheese, olives, boureg, fruit, vegetables, brownies, candies and other treats. The wives did some real heavy lifting to pull that event off and made us all proud. Good luck to anyone that dare try to top that hospitality! Thank you also to all the Brothers and friends of Trex that contributed ads to the booklet. Anyone that has put on a convention knows this vehicle that subsidizes the other events. Big congratulations to Bros. Steve Hampar and Matt Mateosian for a great job!



New features at this year's Ararat Home Picnic were fun photo booths. Hoping to look busy and actually contributing to the cause, Bro. Steve Hampar takes a picture next to the cardboard cutout of Bro. Steve Mikaelian at the BBQ.



50 year Brothers honored at the Convention's Installation Banquet. These Bro's came together 50 years ago to reconstitute the Los Angeles Jr. Chapter since it was temporarily disbanded during WWII.

Without question, the most proud moment for the LA Chapter was the election of our very own Bro. Mel Shanoian as our Grand Master for 2007 / 2008. We all know that Bro. Mel will continue the tradition of bringing dignity and class to the Fraternity and be an excellent example of a Trexman.

The LA Chapter didn't hang it up after the convention though. In fact, our new Master, Bro George Titizian and his new executive body have already from all the participants.

December is normally reserved for our Christmas Kef, however since we moved up Kef Night to the convention, Past Master William Kevorkian chaired our own Christmas Kef to the members at the Kes-sab Hall. About 100 Trexman and their wives enjoyed open bar, entertainment and dinner with close friends. Also in December a three of our wives co-chaired our Chapter's Family Christmas Party at the Ararat Home. Lucy Nalbandian, Sonja Mikaelian and Laura Surmeian put together another great event with food, drink, crafts for the kids and a visit from Santa. As in the past, Past Master Stephen Mikaelian did a great job as Santa, but again, it got a bid dicey when Santa arrived. No wardrobe malfunctions this year... instead, when Santa crossed his legs, we all got to see his Lo-Jack ankle bracelet, making it crystal clear - Bro Steve is still serving out his work release community program. He is the Willy Horton of our Chapter!

We welcome 2008 as another great year for our Fraternity and the LA Chapter. We have events planned virtually every month where we can all get together – beyond just meetings. Speaking of meetings, if you find yourself in LA, our meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Ararat Home

and our events are posted on the website at [www.trexfraternity.com](http://www.trexfraternity.com).

Regards,

Bro Michael Surmeian, Associate Editor



Brothers Martin Titizian & Lev Nalbandian enjoying Casino Royale Night at the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Trex Convention. Bro Lev is feeling drowsy waiting for the slowest bartender in all of history to make a drink. In the background, Bro Mark Mikaelian is having Bro Gary Kouyoumjian count the white hairs in is beard.



Four capable men + three seasoned grilling experts + two cigars, one Grand Master = absolutely no work being done. Labor efficiency dropped significantly at this year's Ararat Home Picnic. Thanks Grand Master Mel!

# Orange County

The 2007-2008 Officers are as follows:

Master	Bro. Brian Hovey
Jr. Master	Bro. Robert Harutunian
Treasurer	Bro. Rob Tusan
Cor. Secy.	Bro. Simon Hovakimian
Rec. Secy.	Bro. George Ampagoomian
Sgt. of Arms	Bros. Terry & Larry Hanoian
Webmaster	Bro. Ron Sarouhan

Board of Directors - John Cholakian, Fred Cartolian, Wayne Najarian, Cris Kazarian, Archie Cholakian and Billy Eordekian

Bro. Master Brian Hovey has a great team to direct our chapter towards a Fun Filled Year.

Our 32nd Annual Picnic was fantastic. Our new location was at Mason Regional Park in Irvine.

## Los Angeles Juniors

Brothers:

The Los Angeles Junior Triple X Fraternity has been working hard since Convention!

After successfully throwing our Boogie Nights party at Convention, the Juniors quickly turned their attention to supporting our Senior Brothers in the planning and operating of the Ararat Home of Los Angeles annual picnic. We ran the children's game section o the picnic, and enjoyed a fun day with a charitable purpose.

During the Christmas season, the Junior's held a successful Holiday party, which was held on December 22, 2007. This invite-only party was held in La Canada Flintridge, California. The event, themed 'The Ugly Holiday Sweatshirt Party', brought friends from around the area, and gave the Brothers a chance to get to know prospective members better. Food, drinks, and games made the evening a fun, holiday event.

The Juniors have planned events throughout the New Year and expect to initiate several new members each month, as they have developed a group of active, young men interested in becoming a part of the Fraternity.

The Juniors look forward to hosting a few parties, planning several entertainment outings, and supporting our Senior Chapter in 2008!

Fraternally,  
Bro. David Maseredjian, Jr., Master

Thanks to Bro Wayne Najarian for securing this new location. We had over 500+ in attendance. We have the best Shish Kabob and all the fixings, great music to dance to and games for the kids. Thanks to Bro. Art Kazarian and his committee and all the members and wives who made this picnic a huge success. We will be back at the same place on July 20th 2008.

We had a great time at our yearly Day with the Angels. Bro. Mark Hachigian was in charge and our members and guests had a great time. No one caught a foul ball though. Thanks Bro. Mark.

Our 1st Annual Trex Charity Golf Tournament was wonderful. Chairman Bro. John Gulugian and



New Officers: Bros. Simon, Master Brian, George, Terry, Larry, Robert, Rob -



Installing New Officers and Board of Directors.



Golf Chairman - Bro. Leo, John, Fred, George.



L.A. Trex Convention - Bros. having fun.



Trexman of the Year Bro. Fred, Past Master Mark.



Bro. Harry, Chairman Art, Arnold, Nick, Archie, Harry getting ready for the Picnic.



Bro. Eric, GM Mel, Jr. GM George, Ron enjoying our Christmas Party.



Bros. Haig, Archie, Fred, Mike, Ed, Haig.

Co-Chairmen Bro. Fred Cartozian, Bro. George Ampagoomian, Bro. Leo Depoian and Council Bro. Eric Neshanian and all the Brothers helped by donating Tee Signs, etc. It was a First Class Event and we made \$17,000.00 which will be going to charity. KEEP THIS DATE OPEN, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2008 SAME PLACE - SAME TIME.

Our Installation Dinner was at The Villa, and as usual a first class event where our incoming officers were honored. Our Trexman of the Year went to Bro. Fred Cartozian who never said no to any job he was asked to do. Thanks Bro. Fred. My wife's yalanchi was terrific. Thanks Marcia.

Our Annual Christmas Party was so fun seeing our Members and their families together. We brought gifts to give to needy children and the women had a Christmas Ornament exchange. All the kids present received a gift from Santa Clause. Thanks to Bro. Ron Sarouhan and Bro. Eric Neshanian for chairing this event.

Our condolences to the Astor Family and especially wife Marge on the loss of our Founding Father, Past Grand Master Z. Harry Astor. He is greatly missed. When he spoke he was always listened to with love and respect.

Our meetings are at Gulliver's across from the John Wayne Airport. Dinner at 7:00 and meeting at 8:30 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,  
PGM Haig Jamgotchian



Bro. Past Master John, Lisa, Jaclynn. In the basket future grand master John Archie Cholakian

# Mt Diablo

Mt Diablo proudly presents its officers for 2007-2008:

Master..... Jack Mooradian

Junior Master..... Jerry Tusan

Treasurer..... Ed Hazarabedian

Rec. Secretary..... Jeff Apkarian

Corr. Secretary..... Harvey Kamian

Our annual Family Picnic was held on Saturday, July 21 at Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga. Over 40 Brothers, wives, families and guests enjoyed a deluxe lulu kebab lunch with all the trimmings for only \$10. Thanks to Brother Jerry Tusan for again organizing the event.

On August 3 we dined in the backyard of Brother Kevork and Grace Hagopian's in Lafayette. A delicious catered meal was provided by Silk Road Mediterranean Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Thanks to Brother Garo Keadjian for arranging for a full course meal with the caterer and Grace Hagopian for her hospitality. Brother Kevork was able to show off his fleet of classic restored cars while Brother Jerry



Summer dining in Lafayette Brother Armen Boyd, Garo Sedrakian, Al Kaljian enjoying wine at Kevork Hagopians.



Dee Kassabian, George Rustigian and PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian.



Mt Diablo Family picnic

provided wine for all.

At our July meeting, Brother Tanil Matosian read the names of the departed members of our Chapter. Individual members also provided a short tribute of their lives. Our departed members: Brother's: George Arkelian, Armen Hairabedian, Mike Hovey, Art Hazarabedian, Al Kamian, Shant Kouyoumjian, Mel Najarian, Vaughn Mazmanian, Doc Shabazian.,

At the September meeting, Master Jack Mooradian surprised Brother Jerry Tusan with a beautiful certificate of appreciation plaque. Master Jack has several events already planned for 2008 in keeping the spirit alive in Mt Diablo!

The mystery trip this year was held on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. 35 Brothers, wives and guests boarded



Mt Diablo officers for 2007-8 Harvey Kamian, Corr. Sec., Jack Mooradian, Master, Ed Hazarabedian, Treasurer. Jeff Apkarian, Rec. Secretary, Jerry Tusan, Jr. Master.



Christmas dinner at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. Master Jack and Armin Mooradian, Anita and Ray Chilian.

a Dreyers Ice Cream Bus at the Lafayette BART station and driven to Captain Blyther's Restaurant in Benicia overlooking the water on the second floor reserved for our group. Everyone enjoyed an outstanding meal and watching the sun set over the Carquinez Strait. Thanks to Brother Dee Kassabian for obtaining the Dreyers Bus at no cost and Master Jack Mooradian for keeping the trip a mystery and providing an excellent venue!

Thanks to the Oakland Brothers for hosting the Joint social/meeting on November 20. 12 Mt Diablo Brothers along with Oakland, Golden Gate and Peninsula enjoyed a fresh lobster dinner with true fraternalism.

Our Christmas Holiday Party was held at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. A bountiful holiday buffet was provided while Brother Jerry provided wine to enjoy with dinner. Thanks to Brother Ray Chiljan for coordinating the event.

Congratulations to Brother Jeff Apkarian and wife Jennifer on their purchase of a new home in Martinez. Also to Brother Master Jack Mooradian for celebrating 25 years with Triple X!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the mid-term!

Respectfully submitted,  
Brother Jerry Tusan, Associate Editor



Joint Bay Chapter Lobster Feed Brothers enjoying a good cigar after a full course lobster dinner



Christmas dinner at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. Al Kaljian, Tani and Marilyn Matosian, Garo and Sonia Sedrakian, PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian.



Brothers and wives arriving at Captain Blyther's in Benicia for dinner.



Unsuspecting Brothers and wives on their way to the Mystery Bus Dinner in October.



Mystery Dinner at Captain Blyther's. Anita and Ray Chiljan, Garo and Pat Keadjian.



Christmas dinner at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. Hasmig Vasgerdsian, Charlie and Doris Kezerian, Vic Vasgerdsian, Mae Kaljian, Clifford Melikian.

# Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

The Triple X Fraternity of Palm Desert had another great year. In the year 2007, our chapter hosted several successful events and continues to be known in the community for our social and charitable contributions. Thank you to **Past Master, Robert Carian** for a job well done and to all of our brothers for a great year!

We welcome our newest member, Bro. Sevak Tsaturyan, who was initiated into our Palm Desert Chapter in September.

Palm Desert brothers and their families enjoyed the 2007 Trex Convention in Los Angeles. We hosted a hospitality suite on the top floor of the Marriott hotel all weekend and gave fellow Trex members a taste of the hospitality they can expect at next year's convention in the desert. Thank you to PM VJ Mkrtchian and Bro. Greg Kirkjan for setting up a fantastic spread. Thank you also to our Los Angeles brothers for hosting a fun filled convention!

In October, we held our Installation and Awards Banquet at The Cliff House restaurant in La Quinta. We installed our newly elected officers for the year 2007-2008 and enjoyed the evening with members and their wives. We were honored that our new **Grand Master, Mel Shanoian** was able to attend this year's Installation Banquet.

Our Palm Desert Chapter's 2007-2008 Officers are:

Master .....	Bro. Greg Safoyan
Jr. Master .....	Bro. Greg Kirkjan
Rec. Secretary .....	PGM Greg Avedesian
Treasurer .....	Bro. Koko Mazmanian
Corr. Secretary .....	PM Nick Nigolian
Sergeant At Arms .....	Bro. Armen Karimyan

Your Palm Desert brothers are looking forward to a busy year, as we prepare to host the next Triple-X Convention 2008, in Rancho Mirage. Convention Chairman, **PGM Greg Avedesian** and his committee have many fun and exciting events planned in and around our beautiful resort cities. Your participation is key to ensuring a successful Convention. We hope to see everyone participate in this brotherly weekend.

Our annual Christmas Kef was held on December 15, 2007, at The Dancing Greek restaurant in Rancho Mirage. It was an evening filled with delicious food, dancing, a belly dancing show and holiday cheer, that



Master Greg Safoyan and PGM Greg Avedesian install Palm Desert's newest member, Bro. Sevak Tsaturyan



Master Greg Safoyan and his wife Kim at the Palm Desert Christmas Kef Night.



Palm Desert Brothers at the 2007 Triple-X Convention in Los Angeles.



Bro. Armen Karimyan and his wife Larissa and PM VJ Mkrtchian and wife Mary, at the Palm Desert Christmas Kef Night.



Bro. Blaine Carian, PGM Greg Avedesian, Bro. Gordon Chuchian, Bro. Larry Johnson, Bro. Greg Kirkjan, Bro. Gary Funtas, PM Howard Chuchian, PM VJ Mkrtchian, Bro. Sevak Tsaturyan, Master Greg Safoyan, Bro. Armen Karimyan, Bro. Bobby Melkesian, Bro. Vaz Babagian, Bro. Bob Haig, Bro. Garo Tutunjian, PM Nick Nigosian. Sitting: Bro. Harry Bozilian, Bro. Buddy Melkesian, Bro. Norman Matoessian, Bro. Koko Mazmanian, PM Armen Yarjian, Bro. Sam Boghosian and PM Neil Huether.



Junior Grand Master George Titizian, Grand Master Mel Shanoian and their wives, Sharon Shanoian and Arlene Titizian at the Palm Desert Christmas Kef Night.



Orange County Bros. Simon and Henry Hovakimian, Palm Desert Junior Master, Greg Kirkjan and Los Angeles Junior, Bro. Michael Nigosian enjoy the Palm Desert Christmas Kef Night with Erika and Nicole.

was enjoyed by our brothers, their wives, friends and families. Many Los Angeles and Orange County members also attended the evening, including **Grand Master Mel Shanoian**, and his wife Sharon, and **Junior Grand Master, George Titizian**, and his wife Arlene. We also had a special visit from Santa Claus, **Bro. George Banerian**, who took time out of his busy December schedule to come up from San Diego.

Our annual “Family Day at the Fair” at the Riverside County Date Festival is set for February 23, 2008. Come and enjoy our desert hospitality at this annual event. Also, this year’s “Desert Golf Outing”, will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is being held again this year at The Classic Club, the home course of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Mark your calendars and watch for more information on other upcoming events throughout the year. Everyone is invited to come down and enjoy our Desert and participate in these events. Our brothers look forward to your visits and also to seeing everyone at the annual Midterm in Fresno, and then here in Rancho Mirage over Labor Day for this year’s XXX Convention. As always, we welcome all visiting brothers to our meetings, which are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Happy New Year 2008.

Fraternally,  
**Master, Greg Safoyan**

# Sequoia

Dear Brothers, Wives, and Friends,

Greetings, from our Trex Chapter here in the beautiful Central Valley of California. It makes me feel sad to have seen summer come to a close because of all the wonderful things we enjoy right here in Central California. Last summer I can recall picking the most delicious grapes from the vines of brothers Pete and Jack Barsamian's ranch, and then watching the grapes turn into raisins at brothers George, Charlie and Bryan Ananian's ranch. I also recall visiting brothers Abe and Mark Kazarian's watermelon field, and eating the most mouth-watering watermelons in the world. Thanks to the generosity of these brothers, and many more, we were able to enjoy the fruits of their labor. God sure has blessed us with a wonderful group of Trex brothers.

We wanted to express our many thanks to Brother George Titizian and his wonderful committees, who hosted our 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Trex Convention in Los Angeles, over Labor Day weekend. The entire weekend was a wonderful event for all who attended. I don't think any of us expected such a "warm greeting" on Saturday, when the mercury in L.A. hit an all time high of 115 degrees. Thank you, for your warm hospitality, and a great convention.

Sequoia Chapter elected new officers for 2007-2008, which include...

Master	Richard Tamouzian
Junior Master	P.G.M. Jerry Poochigian
Treasurer	Darrel Peters
Recording Sec.	Michael Tamouzian
Corresponding Sec.	Bryan Ananian
Sgt.at Arms	Bryan Yahnian
Custodian	Archie Zakarian P.G.S.
Editor	Tom Babagian

We appreciate all of these brothers, and the hard work that goes into being an officer of our Sequoia Chapter.

This September we kicked off our monthly meetings with our P.G.M. Jerry Poochigian cooking us a wonderful 16 oz. porterhouse steak dinner, delicious pilaf, and string beans. We topped off the evening with mile high brownie and ice cream desserts.

We were back again in October with a Lamb Shank dinner and welcomed a new member, Sark Davidian Jr. into our chapter. What a blessing he is to all of us brothers.

Halloween was just around the corner and a big thanks to Bryan Yahnian and his committee for hosting, the pizza, bowling, spaghetti and meatball night at the Dinuba Bowling Alley. A special thanks to Karen (Margosian) Penny, for hosting us at her bowling alley.

The month of November came on rather quickly as we were visited by Grand Master, Melvin Shanoian. It was a very special evening as G.M. Shanoian installed our new officers. We honored our 50-year members with pins and plaques, and treated and honored the wives, of our deceased brothers to our banquet. Once again, we want to thank P.G.M. Jerry Poochigian and his committee for putting on a wonderful dinner for all of us. Our very own Ron Shanoian, G.T. (brother of Mel) was our master of ceremony for the evening, and did an exceptional job.

These are our fifty-year members we honored, and the year they joined:

Harry Davidian 1950, P.G.M. Dick Ekizian



Sark Yahnian receiving his 50-yr plaque from GM Mel Shanoian. Ron Shanoian Grand Treasurer at right.



Ron Shanoian, George Margosian and G.M. Mel Shanoian congratulating George with his fifty year service plaque.



Ron Shanoian congratulating Bro. Harry Krikorian upon receiving his 50-yr. plaque.

1952, Mike Ekizian 1954, Mike Mikaelian 1955, Harry Krikorian 1956, Harry Majarian 1956, George Margosian 1957, Dodd Yahnian 1952, Sark Yahnian 1957.

We wish to thank these brothers for all their support, and leadership to our chapter.

A special “Thank You”, also to our good brother John Hovannissian who arranged for us to have our banquet at the clubhouse near his home, at The Lakes. What a great spot and thanks again John. You are a Great Brother!

We also want to say a word of thanks to Rick Krikorian and his committee for setting up our Christmas Party, at Adventure Park. The families that attended had a wonderful time, enjoying the pizza/salad buffet, games and miniature golf.

We had a special opportunity to give back to our community last November. We were able to sponsor an entire Thanksgiving Dinner for the “Good News Center/Sister Ursula’s Kitchen” here in Visalia. A big thank you goes to Brother Si Kalfayan for bringing this opportunity our way. Our brothers voted unanimously to sponsor this event, and help out those in our community.

Some final notes of thanks go to our very own, P.G.M. Peter H. Babagian for all of the hard work he completed this past year, as our Grand Master. His vision for starting Junior Chapters, and his desire to keep all of us connected through the Internet, with forms, and news, was wonderful.

It was a great year for our Sequoia Chapter as we completed it with the honor of receiving, **The Achievement Award and Trophy for 2006-2007**. Thanks again to all the brothers and their families, who helped make it possible for us to accomplish so much.



Tom and Sherry Babagian with new incoming Master Richard Tamouzian.

Blessings, and Happy New Year to all, and keep this in mind for 2008, it is always more blessed to give, than it is to receive.

Fraternally Yours,  
Tom Babagian, P.M.  
Editor



James and Rosa Karakashian enjoying themselves at our installation banquet.



Outgoing Master Tom Babagian and incoming Master Richard Tomouzian.

# Selma

Another year has passed. 2008 is off and running, before we know it we'll be at the Mid-Term. 2007 was quite a year, capped off in the Trex world by the convention hosted by the Los Angeles Chapter. While I could not attend, I heard nothing but rave revues. A few of the brothers who had never been to a convention before were wondering what had taken them so long to catch on the fun that could be had at convention.

In the time that has passed since the convention we've added a few new brothers. On behalf of the entire Selma Chapter I'd like to welcome Nicholas Bagdasarian (son of Bro. Sam), Ara Kaprielian (son of Bro. John), and David Shapazian. Without sounding disrespectful to those brothers who've put in years, decades even, of service, it's nice to have some new, young brothers join the chapter. We look forward to working with all of you.

As we do every Thanksgiving we held our annual Turkey Bingo event. Sadly I missed this event too, but I'm told fun was had by all. Bro. Aaron Krikorian has graciously taken over this event and did a fantastic job. We thank you Bro. Aaron.

The annual Christmas party was chaired by Bros.



Tavloo before Business meeting.



Three new brothers who joined Selma Triple X: Ara Kaprielian, David Shapazian, and Nicholas Bagdasarian.

Pat Balakian, Larry Avedisian, and Phil Manoogian. As usual Santa was there to give toys to all the good boys and girls. I'm told it was a great time.

The first event of 2008 is Law Enforcement Night. This is an event chaired by Bros. Dan Boyajian and Robert Kandarian year after year. It's our opportunity to honor local law enforcement personnel, to hear from figures such as the Chief of Police from local communities, judges, district attorneys, and to have a question and answer period. In addition to the program that takes place following dinner, there is a static display outside that has included everything from the Fresno PD mobile command unit to both



Eugene Kandarian II, Master, and Marcus Torigian, Jr. Master going over business meeting details.



New Master Chuck Jamgotchian is being congratulated and handed the gavel by out-going Master Eugene.



Bros. Matt Cholakian, PGW Pete Cholakian and Michael Missakian before the meeting.

the FPD and Fresno County Sheriff helicopters. The meal is always top notch and it's a way for us to show our support for the men and women who put themselves in harms way everyday.

As I said before, before we know it we'll be at the Mid-Term playing gin and tavalo. 2007 was a great year and there is no reason to expect anything less from 2008. We'd like to congratulate Bro. Mel Shanoian on his election as Grand Master. It was great to have him at our October meeting, we hope it is not his last visit to the Selma Chapter. See you all in March.

Matt Cholakian, Assoc. Editor



New officers for 2007-08 with GM Mel Shanoian.



Alex Safrazian, right, receiving his 25-year plaque from G<M< Mel Shanoian.



GM Mel Shanoian at his first official visit to Selma Chapter in September 2007.

## San Diego

Greeting from San Diego! Things are going well here. Brother Harry Nalbandian has taken over as the San Diego Chapter Master. The rest of the plate follows as junior Master we have Ardem (Michael) Kiledjian, Secretary Greg Sahagian, Treasurer Vahan Serpekian, Sergeant at Arms George Banerian. The wild fires have dissipated and the members survived without losing any homes or lives.

Special acknowledgments were received by two of our brothers PGM Joe Kellejian and Jerry Tashjian at the GALA night at Los Angeles Convention. Both were founding members of the Junior Los Angeles Chapter and San Diego Chapter. We recognize and appreciate their service and devotion to the Triple X Fraternity.

Our Annual Christmas fundraiser was a success. We were honored by the presence of the Grand Master Mel Shanoian and Junior Grand Master George



# LAS VEGAS

Greetings Brothers,

We had a busy 2007 in Las Vegas, which ended with our Christmas Party on December 15, 2007. We were joined by friends and family from all over the world.

In 2007 we had 3 new brothers join us and our goal is for many more in 2008. We have a very good scholarship program. One Armenian student from UNLV was awarded the 2007 grant.

There is a movie night planned for January 2008 at Brother Gil Surabian's movie theatre in Las Vegas. The proceeds will supplement the 2008 scholarship program.

We have regular dinner meetings every second Wednesday of the month at the Pita Palace Restau-

rant 3429 South Jones Blvd. in Las Vegas, the food prepared by Andre is delicious, if any of you brothers are in the neighborhood COME ON DOWN! WE'LL BUY YOU DINNER.

Fraternally Submitted

Master VJ Taslakian



Dinner meeting at Pita Palace. L to R: Bros. Peter, Bobby, Ara, Sam, VJ, Armen, Arakel, Levon, Melkon. Seated: PGM Chuck, Nick, Arpiar, Gil.

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## San Diego (cont.)

Titizian. This year also brought out many children (mainly due to the Kiledjian clan coming in full force). Santa (George Banerian) made his showing and everyone sat on his lap, including the Grand Master. We are looking forward to the 2008 events.

Fraternally,  
Gregory Sahagian M.D.  
Brother  
Secretary of San Diego Chapter



Bros. Sam getting a neck adjustment.



Christmas Party.  
Bro. Bobby trying  
to get some  
change.



Christmas Party. Bros. Arpiar, Ara and Aram negotiating...

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## MID-TERM GOLF TOURNAMENT

BRIGHTON CREST GOLF COURSE  
Friant Road (across from Table Mountain Casino)

Saturday, March 1, 2008  
Check-in 8:00 a.m. — Tee-off 9:00 a.m.

Green Fees - Cart - Lunch - Prizes \$90.<sup>00</sup> per person  
Applications and checks MUST be mailed in no later  
than February 24th

(Provide handicap and names in foursome)  
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