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79TH ANNUAL TRIPLE X CONVENTION

Hosted by Palm Desert Chapter

August 29 to September 1, 2008

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - AUGUST 29, 2008

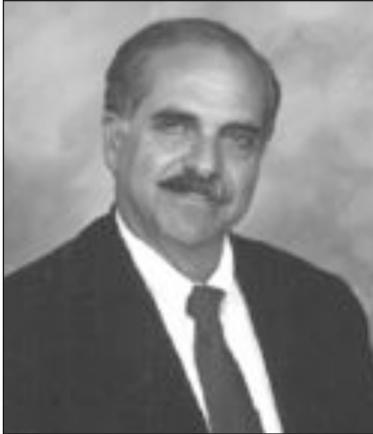
- ◆ **Welcome and Registration** - 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Westin Mission Hills Resort / Main Lobby
- ◆ **Hospitality Suite Open** - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Westin Mission Hills Resort / Trex Hospitality Suite
- ◆ **Friday Night Welcome Kef - "Midnight at the Oasis"**
6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. - Westin Mission Hills Resort / Ballroom

SATURDAY - AUGUST 30, 2008

- ◆ **Welcome and Registration** - Main Lobby - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ Hotel Swimming Pools Open
- ◆ Casinos and Shopping nearby
- ◆ **Desert Jeep Adventure Tour** - 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Hospitality Suite Open** - 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Westin Mission Hills Resort / Trex Hospitality Suite
- ◆ **Golf Tournament** - 7:30 a.m. - Shotgun - Westin Mission Hills Resort
- ◆ **Saturday Night - "Kef & Kebob"** - 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Westin Mission Hills Resort / Ballroom

SUNDAY - AUGUST 31, 2008

- ◆ **Men's Breakfast and Business Meeting** - 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Westin Mission Hills Resort - Meeting Room
- ◆ **Ladies Aerial Tram Ride & Luncheon** - 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Hospitality Suite Open** - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Hotel Swimming Pools Open
- ◆ Gin & Tavloo
- ◆ **Sunday Night - Installation Dinner and Dance**
Kirkjan Family Hall - Rancho Mirage - 7:00 p.m. - Cocktails, Dinner & Dancing



Grand Master's Message

This has been a year to remember. The Trex brothers have shown me the utmost respect and hospitality.

Our brothers should be proud of their accomplishments. Some of our chapters have done work in Armenia. They helped in building homes and provided assistance in the Armenian Eye Care Project. This displays our fraternity's true dedication and commitment. We should all be so proud to be a part of such an amazing organization.

The Palm Desert chapter is planning a great convention this year. I hope to see all of our chapters come together this September. The support of our brothers is important in everything that we do.

I am proud of our fraternity and what we stand for. Thank you for allowing me to be your grand master. My wife Sharon and I truly enjoyed the experience. Good luck to our incoming grand master and his board.

Fraternally,
Bro. Mel Shanoian
Grand Master

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CAPITOL

With Spring and Summer just about over our Capitol brothers have had a great and beautiful Spring. Weather was fantastic in our early months. Our gardeners cut and spruced up our lawn, yards, weeded our gardens and we are all ready for the fall weather.

Bro. Sweet will be attending his 83rd consecutive California State Fair in Sacramento this year. The Fair Board always recognizes Bro. Sweet for his continued attendance since 1925.

Bro. Arthur Tatosian planned a great Ladies Night at the Buckhorn restaurant. An excellent turnout. Thank you Bro. Art.

Bro. Sweet just received word from our Secretary Bro. Sam Khatoonian on our successful KEF NIGHT that was held on April 12, 2008. It was well planned, which proved to be one of our best years Charity Goal events. Over 120 shish kabob dinners were sold to the TREX members, their wives, families, church members and local neighborhood families attended. Armenian music was a big hit among the strangers. Chairman were PGM Alan Khatoonian and Bro. Arthur Tatosian. A big thank you for the brothers and especially Chef Jim Tashjian's cooking skills. Kudos to everyone who helped preparing the meat, the church hall set up, and a special thank you to our women who faithfully labor in the kitchen and help our brothers turn out a superb dinner. Thank you Ladies.

The money raised for charity went to the Armenian Eye Care facility; Armenian Studies Program at the California State University, Fresno, in honor of Mr. Richard Elbrecht who photographed for historical purposes many Armenian churches in Turkey;

Armenian Gospel Mission for the care of orphan children; The Bay Area Friends of Armenia.

Bro. Rod Jorjorian working on a roof in Modesto, CA. accidentally slid off the roof landing 20 feet below injuring his collarbone. Bro. Rod answering a flood of member phone calls reports, "I am slowly recovering and will soon have surgery on my collarbone, your concern and support is deeply appreciated. Sincerely, Bro. Rod Jorjorian".

Bro. Leon Hagopian has been planning a breakfast Clamfest among several Capitol brothers. Meeting every month and hoping to get about 12 or more members to have breakfast together forming a Sacramento TREX social club.

Condolences to the families Bro. George Kapagian who passed away in late March, 2008 due to failing health.

Bro. Leon "Jake" Bajakian who passed away April 13, 2008. Jake had many long health problems. Both bro's were faithful members for several years of the Capitol Chapter and gave this Fraternity many inputs to the year's success of this Chapter. God rest their souls. They will be missed.

PGM Bro. Alan Khatoonian hosted the best steak dinner meeting for the Capitol bro's this last June 4, 2008 that could not be topped. The meat was cooked by our Chapters famous chef Bro. Arthur Tatosian. I'll bet Bro. Alan flew back to Idaho to the stock yards & hand picked a prime steer for our dinner. Thank you Bro. Alan from the members.

Here's a fresh new look at the Capitol brothers in their finest glory. Also honoring our 100 year old Charter member Bro. Frank Der Ohanesian (Inset).

Fraternally,
Harry Sweet, Associate Editor

Golden Gate

The 2007-2008 officers are as follows:

Master	Bro. Richard Surabian
Jr. Master	Bro. Peter Kaprielian
Treasurer	Bro. Ara Kaprielian
Rec. Secretary	Bro. Michael Krikorian
Cor. Secretary	Bro. Hakop Koujakian
Associate Editor	Bro. Archie Azizian
Sgt. of Arms	Bro. Henry Shishmanian
Custodian	Bro. Sark Sarkissian, PGM

At the June 2008 meeting the chapter members present voted unanimously authorizing the Golden Gate Charitable Trust to grant two \$1000 scholarships to two students. They were granted to, Nanor Balabanian and Mariam Torosyan. Both are outstanding young ladies graduating from high school. Nanor is interested in journalism and Mariam is interested in medical research.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to the Trex Golden Gate Chapter by Bro. Chuck Paskerian, chairman of the Council of Armenian American Organizations of Northern California, as its major sponsor contributing \$6000 towards the replacement cost of the commemorative plaque that was stolen from the base of the Mt. Davidson Cross. The donation was made up of \$3000 from the Golden Gate charitable trust fund, with individual donations by the members of the chapter making up the balance.

The 7th annual Valentine's party was held on Friday evening, February 15 at Sinbad's restaurant at #1 Embarcadero in San Francisco. In addition to Golden Gate chapter members, there were participants from three other Bay Area chapters, as well as Mr. and

Mrs. (PGM) Greg Avedesian from Palm Desert. The evening included a lovely dinner, Valentine games and prizes, entertainment by a talented high school song and dance group, dancing to the music of "Mi-sha" and Valentine gifts for our Trex ladies.

Work is progressing on our next charity golf tournament, which will be held at the beautiful Round Hill Country Club in Alamo, Cal. The day of the tournament is Monday, March 30th, 2009. So, all you golfers, please mark that date on your calendars! More details to follow ...

Finally, on behalf of Golden Gate Bros. I sincerely wish Palm Desert Bros. who will be hosting the 2008 convention, very successful and enjoyable events. I hope and I'm sure Golden Gate Bros. will be represented at the convention.

Respectfully Submitted,
Archie Azizian, PM
Associate Editor



PGM Chuck Paskerian presenting Sponsor's verificate to Bro. Ara Kaprielian.



10'x10'x103' tall Mt. Davidson Cross built with steel, lumber and concrete in 1934. The cross is on the highest top of any spot or mountain in the city of San Francisco 1000' above sea level.



Armenian Genocide commemoration plaque at the base of Mt. Davidson Cross.

Orange County Trex

Bro. Master Brian Hovey is doing an outstanding job of leading us to fun and great meetings and his officers are doing a fantastic job fulfilling their duties too.

This year our Party for the Disabled at Fairview Hospital was once again a great success. Over 70 were in attendance and they enjoyed the ice cream, cake, punch and gifts. We are so blessed when we can give to people in need. I know that we get more out of it than they do. Thanks to all who came out and helped once again.

At the Midterm Convention the Fresno Chapter put on a great feast for us. What hospitality (thanks Brothers). Every year it brings the Fraternity closer together to meet the other Brothers and also all the new members. Trex is alive and well.

The Family and Friends Pizza Buffet took place again at B.J. Brewhouse in Irvine. The pizza kept coming and no one went home hungry. Thanks to

Bro. Rob Tusan for chairing this event. It's great to see our families get together.

Our yearly Family Potluck was the best with a tremendous variety of Armenian and American foods. Sister Marge's Keyma is something we look forward to every year. We had music for Armenian Dancing by Bro. Ara Gholdoian and Bro. John



Bro. George, Master Brian, Rob, Jr. Grand Master George, Walter and Grand Master Mel.



Bro. Haig, Harold, George, Eric, Billy, Van, Peter, Paul, Wayne, Mark, Larry - Mid Term.



Bro. Ron, John, Rob, Haig, Master Brian, Sister Marge, Kurk, Archie.



Bro. Ron, Mark, Robert, John, Fred, Nairi, Henry, Danny.



O.C. Trex Armenian Band - Bro. John and Ara.

Mekenian. The kids especially enjoyed the music. Thanks to Bro. Fred Cartozian and Bro. Kurk and Marge Kazarian who were in charge and also to all the families who brought food to share.



Bro. Leo, Fred, Harry, Pat, Simon.



Marge's famous Keyma, Master Brian, Bro. Jack enjoying the keyma.

We will be having our 2nd Annual Trex Charitable Golf Tournament at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club in Mission Viejo on Thursday, September 25th, 2008. Chairman is John Gulugian and he and his committee are in full swing putting the tournament together. To play Golf is only \$195 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, Bro. John Gulugian 949/786-0911 or Bro. George Ampagoomian 949/494-9606. Honorary Chairman Jerry Tarkanian and our Main Sponsor are The Bicycle Club and Ocean's 11 Casinos. Come and support the Charities that we donate to. We are giving to the Armenian Eye Project and many other charities.

We have lost one of our Founding Fathers Bro. Z. Harry Astor. He was our Master, Past Grand Master, Mentor and FRIEND. With his help we are now up to 85 members but Z Harry will always be part of the Trex. We always ask "what would Harry say". We sure miss you.

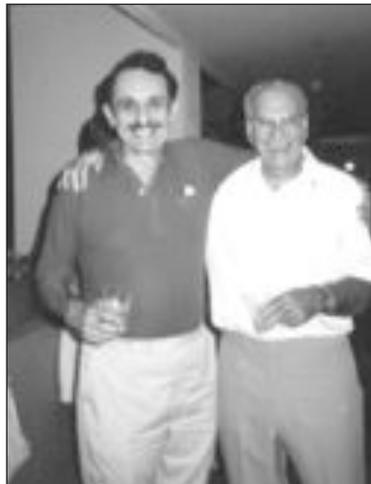
Our Chapter has the honor to run Past Master Bro. Harold Bazarian for Grand Master 2010. He thanks you for your support.

We have a new meeting location. It's J.T. Schmidt's at 2415 Park Ave., Tustin where we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Haig Jamgotchian



PGM Z. Harry Astor and wife Marge (old memories)



PGM Z. Harry Astor and PGM Joe Kellejian (picture of the past having fun)



PGM Bro Archie looks good in mustache. Bro Ed, PGM Haig.

Orange County Juniors

Dear Brothers,

Two years ago, we sent Brother Mark Khachatourian to the Orange County Seniors. This year, the Juniors plan on sending a few more Brothers to the Seniors, including myself. In regards to members, there will be a few perspective members attending the Orange County Picnic held July 20th at Mason Square Park in Irvine. The members from the promotion to the Seniors will balance out with the young blood entering our Chapter.

We hosted a few parties at the Esquire Bar in Pasadena and the SideBar in Glendale. Nothing fancy, just a few "get togethers" with some old friends to meet new friends to support a good cause. Lately, more Armenians are approaching me to find out information about our organization and how to get involved. To me, that seems like our name is getting out there more with each party we throw.

As for our future events, we have secured The Derby located in Los Felix after Labor Day. Before that event, we plan to have a house party to promote the major event. With the house party's attendance and our current mailing list, the party in Los Felix will be a memorable one. Also in the near future, we plan to have a joint event with our Brothers in the Los Angeles Juniors. Our minds are currently formulating ideas on a location and theme. For more information regarding our events, please feel free to contact me at (562) 413-0214 or one of our Brothers in the Orange County Juniors.

Lastly, we look forward to having a great time and seeing all the Brothers in beautiful Palm Springs for the Annual Convention. As usual, our Junior chapter expects to see Armenians take over another hotel.

Fraternally Yours,
Master Henry Hovakimian

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the March issue of Trex News is Jan. 8, 2009

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Mt. Diablo

Greetings from Mt. Diablo:

Master Jack Mooradian has been instrumental in obtaining guest speakers at our monthly meetings as well as the progressive cash raffle. There is, however, a beautiful and precious quartz atomic wrist watch that has not been chosen over the cash prize? Brother Al Kaljian hand crafted a wooden model of a Cobra Helicopter and donated it as a raffle prize. Brother Kevork Hagopian won the prize which happened to be 2 days after his 60th birthday! Any takers on the atomic watch?

In February, Jennifer James gave a presentation on Medicare Advantage plans by Blue Cross. As most of our membership is eligible, it was very interactive conversation.

In May, Brother Jeff Apkarian gave a review of



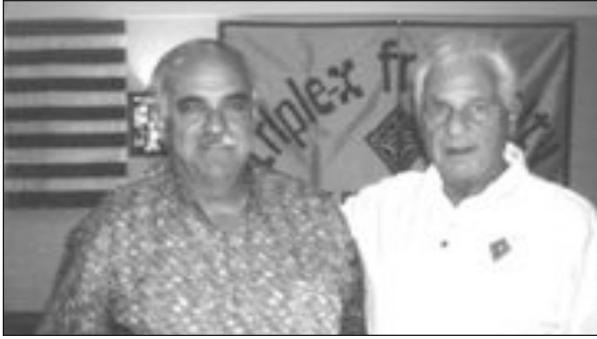
Brothers Garo Keadjian, Kevork Hagopian, Myron Konjoyan, Clifford.



Brothers Ed Hazarabedian and Armen Boyd celebrating their 50th birthdays this year.



Brothers Jack Isaacs, Al Kaljian, Vic Vasgerdsian and PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian.



Grand Master Mel Shanoian and Master Jack Mooradian at our June meeting.

his fabulous life and career with the San Francisco District Attorney and his current position as Public Employee labor relations. Thanks Brother Jeff. Brother Jack Issacs is scheduled to speak at our July meeting.

Our charity committee, consisting of Brother's Ray Chiljan, Garo Keadjian and George Rustigian, once again, with the Chapter's approval, has secured some worthwhile causes. This year's recipients are Armenian Technology Group, NorCal Armenian Services, Knight's of Vartan, Junior Achievement of Armenia, Alzheimer's Organization, Bay Area Friends of Armenia and Western Armenian Athletic Association.



Brother Ray Chiljan cracking up while telling one of his funny jokes at our meeting.



Master Jack Mooradian presenting past Master Jerry Tusan with plaque for 2006-2007.

Mt Diablo had a full delegation at the Mid-Term Meeting in Fresno. We wish to thank the Fresno Chapter for hosting the meeting at the Clubhouse. The location makes for an easier commute for those who wish to drive up and back on the same evening.

We were honored to have Grand Master Mel Shanoian, Grand Secretary Ron Shanoian and Sequoia Brother Jerry Poochigian at our June meeting. GM Mel shared his thoughts from visiting other chapters and convention information.

Brother Jerry Tusan and crew is busy planning the Annual Family Picnic on July 19 in Moraga while Brother Ray Chiljan is hosting the outdoor buffet and BBQ at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo on August 17th.

We wish a very Happy 50th Birthday to Brother's Aram Boyd and Ed Hazarabedian!

We also miss seeing Brother's Armen Donian and John Dichian at our meetings. Our thoughts are with you both.

See you all in Palm Desert!

Fraternally,
 Brother Jerry Tusan
 Jr. Master/Associate Editor



Master Jack Mooradian and PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian enjoying their rib eye steaks at the mid-term in Fresno.



Brother Kevork Hagopian accepting the Cobra Helicopter won at monthly raffle. Brother Al Kaljian hand crafted this over several weeks.

FRESNO

Master Bagdasar Bedoian
Jr. Master Tarjian Bedoian
Asst. Jr. Master. Merlin Kazarian
Treasurer Richard Shirin
Cor. Secretary Michael Harutinian
Rec. Secretary Steve Bedoian
Editor Nazareth Chaderjian

GREETINGS from the Fresno Chapter.

We had our usual Fourth of July hot weather week from 104 to 112 degrees.

FRESNO ACTIVITIES SINCE OUR LAST TREX NEWS.

FEBRUARY 21, 2008 HARRY TANIELIAN ANNUAL WIDOWS' NIGHT

Twelve widows attended this special event the annual koofita dinner, for these special women. A long - stem rose was presented to each guest. It was a special day of remembrance for all of us. Thanks to Jack Gahvejian and Jack Bedoian who chaired this event.



Widows Night



Rib Eyes

MARCH 1, 2008 MID-TERM -CONVENTION HOSTED BY FRESNO CHAPTER

All chapters were present with their delegates and masters. The meeting was conducted well; jokes prevailed, and a delicious rib-eye steak dinner was enjoyed by all of us.



Mid-Term Delegates

MARCH 13, 2008 PAT HILL NIGHT

The ever-popular football coach of Fresno State, Pat Hill, was our featured guest. He gave us insight as to what we can look forward to this coming year. We enjoyed the camaraderie with Pat and his terrific sense of humor. It was a sellout attendance and a contribution was given to the Bulldog Foundation. Thanks to Jack Bedoian and Richard Bedoian, who chaired this event and much appreciation to the cooking crew.



Ed, Jack, Pat, Richard.

MAY 3, 2008 ART SHOW AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Brothers Mike and Joe Stepanyan put on a great art show at the clubhouse. A delicious lulu-kebab dinner was served. Painted art work as well as metal art work were displayed. Of special interest to us were metal-work art by our own Mike Stepanyan. Thanks to Mike and Joe Stepanyan for bringing this event to us and all their efforts.

JUNE 8, 2008 THE PETE CHILPIGIAN ANNUAL CAR SHOW

A sellout, fantastic crowd attended this event. Pete and his crew did an outstanding job for this show. Forty eight classics were on display and 31 sponsors also took part. Pete's friend, nationally recognized "Blackie" Gejeian (auto shows) honored us with his presence. This event is one of our largest fundrais-



Auto Show



Pete and "Blackie"

ers. Thanks to Pete and all his group who worked so hard that evening.

JUNE 11, 2008 FRESNO GRIZZLIES BASEBALL GAME and BARBECUE

Brothers, Wives and kids had a great time at this event, especially since the Grizzlies won and the barbecue was outstanding. Kudos to Bob Bedoian,



Widows Night



Art show. Don't get cut by the metal.

Chairman. We are looking forward to another game.

IN MEMORIAM

We are saddened by the loss of three of our brothers.

MARCH 15, 2008 BROTHER EDWARD SHIRIN - Edward Shirin, age 82, member for 61 years. He was born in Oakland, California. His family moved to Del Rey when Ed was a teenager. He graduated from Selma High School and served his country in World War II. He returned home, started his own business, Ventura TV. He was a pioneer in electronics and appliance businesses. He was an active Triple X Member and served as Master and helped in any way possible. Our heartfelt condolences to Mildred, his widow, son Mark and his wife Margaret and daughter Jill, also to his brother Richard and Diana.

APRIL 20, 2008 BROTHER KENNETH CHOOLJIAN - Kenneth Chooljian, age 83, member for 42 years, born and raised in Del Rey, California. He served in World War II, along with his twin brother Carl, under General Douglas MacArthur in Japan. After serving his country, he returned home to work alongside his father Neshan, at Del Rey Packing. Neshan also was a Fresno Triple X Member. Kenneth was a member of many organizations, an avid sports fan, especially those affiliated with Fresno State. Our condolences to his wife Lilyan, daughters Kathy Merlo and Janice Helman, and their families and all extended Chooljian families.

MAY 7, 2008 ALBERT HAGOBIAN - Albert Hagobian, age 96, was a member of Triple X for 47 years. He was born in Moosh, Turkish Armenia, coming to the United States in 1913. His family settled in Fresno, Old Town, where he lived most of his life. He served his country in World War II. He worked in agriculture industry. He knew produce well. He was a happy person, fun loving and a credit to his family and friends. He traveled world-wide on many cruises with many friends, myself included. He played cards and loved trips to Lake Tahoe with friends. He was a member of the old guard as Triple X. Our condolences to his sons Dennis and Vicki Hagobian, Jeffrey and Diane, his grandchildren, and his brothers Ed and Jerry Hagobian, his sister Roxie Jacobs.

In closing, a bright prospect is to see you all at the convention at Palm Desert.

Fraternally
Nazareth Chaderjian

Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The Los Angeles Chapter is very proud to have our very own Bro Mel Shanoian as our Fraternity's Grand Master and we love having him at all of our meetings. The Los Angeles Chapter kicked off 2008 in January with another very successful Bingo Night led by Eminian and the ever-popular Armen "Blackout" Titizian. The room was filled with Brothers and family members eager to walk off with the all the loot. Bro Darren, Armen and their wives and families put out a great spread of mezza and the games began.

The event was a big success in spite of several guest tossing pistachio nuts at Bro Armen from the back row. Great work Brothers!

In March a number of our Brothers attended the Midterm Convention led by our own Grand Master Mel Shanoian. We want to congratulate and thank the Fresno Chapter for their hospitality in hosting the Midterm and as usual, besides covering Fraternity business, it is always great to see our Brother from across the state.

The annual Father & son/daughter camp out at Lake Cachuma took place in early April and was chaired by the tireless Bro Tev Eminian and Grand Master Mel Shanoian. Every year Bro Tev is able to secure a great camp site that overlooks the lake, is flat and grassy. Everyone had a great time fishing, eating, playing horseshoes, cards and tavloo. Both Grand Master Mel Shanoian and Bro Greg Shanoian brought their boats, but Grand Master's boat was



Our very own Grand Master Mel Shanoian holding court at the Partner's Best Ball Tourney. Here he demonstrates the many uses of a large bucket. Bro Shant D was expelled from class for asking too many technical questions.

prohibited from being launched because it was too big – so you see, size does matter! Great job Bro Tev for a great event.

April was a busy months as it was also the month of the Los Angeles Chapters Partners Best Ball Golf Tournament skillfully chaired by Bro Zareh Mitilian. The event was held at the San Dimas

Canyon golf course and the weather couldn't have been better. First place was won by the team of Bro Armen Hampar and Joe Elias, and second place was taken by Bro John Casparian and Bro Joe Ouzounian. Bro Mike Kurkjian won the closest to the pin award, and Bro Ara Papazian went home with a Booty Prize. Bro Zareh gave a special thanks to Bro Jim Melikian for the snacks provided, Bro Jimmy Gondjian for the donated golf balls and the event wouldn't of happened if not for the help of Bro Dikran Devian, Bro Shant Dergazarian, Bro Irv Nishkian, and Bro Robert Kalfayan.

In May about a dozen of the Los Angeles Brother



You should have seen the one that got away. Bro Martin Titizian reels in a big one at the LA Chapter's Annual Father / Son – Daughter Lake Cachuma Camp Out.



Using our Chapters Christmas Party as an opportunity, Bro Gary Zakarian, flanked by Master George Titizian and PM William Kevorkian corner Norma and try to collect unpaid meeting fines owed by Bro Mike Kourtjian. The fines are still outstanding as of today.

attended the Palm Desert Chapter's golf outing, which is always a great event. On day 1, our very own Bro Tev Eminian won closest to the pin, for which he was handsomely rewarded. On day 2, he participated in a putting contest where he almost sunk a 100 ft put – coming only within an inch of making it – and won nothing. Too bad Bro Tev! Congratulations to the Palm Desert Chapter for a great event and for the Brothers and their wives.

May also marked the month for our annual Ladies Night Out chaired by Bro Ara Ishkanian. This year we were treated to a very nice night out at the Carousel Restaurant in Glendale. This was a true Armenian style dinner with mezza that could be meal – that is until the kebab makes it way out to the table. Nobody left hungry that night. The entertainer performing that night sang in 7 different languages. Unfortunately, they were all one we could not understand. Things were going great until the belly dancers began performing. Bro Steve Mikaelian and Bro Ara Papazian both seemed to go crazy once the dancing started, both joining the harem of dancers on stage. Early during their 2nd performance, both brothers got tangled in the scarves and veils flowing during the dances and consequently began moving in provocative and unnatural ways. They were both immediately seated and a brief medical examination was performed by Bro. Dr. Joe Ouzounian, which yielded inconclusive results. Other than that, it was a great night.

In June we held the Annual Triple X Family picnic chaired this year by PGM David Maseredjian. This is an event we all look forward to because it is done the old fashioned way – great kebab dinner, games for the kids, cool drinks and lots of fun.

We have many more events planned for the bal-



Grand Master Mel presses the flesh with Bro Steve Mikaelian, his wife Nanette, Bro Gary Kouyoumjian and Doris. The smile on Bro Steve M's face quickly evaporated immediately after this picture was taken when Grand Master Mel told Bro Steve to pick up the evenings tab!

ance of the year including the Ararat Home Picnic and Hye Seas High Jinks cruise planned for October. We are looking forward to the Annual Convention this year hosted by the Palm Desert Chapter and we know they are going to do a great job. The Los Angeles Chapter will be there in full force and ask all of our Fraternity's chapters to come out and support the Palm Desert Chapter with their attendance at the convention and to support their convention booklet.

See you all in Palm Desert!

Fraternally,
Bro Michael Surmeian
Associate Editor

Los Angeles Juniors

Brothers:

The Los Angeles Junior Triple X Fraternity has been working hard in 2008!

After the eventful Midterm weekend in Fresno, the Juniors quickly turned their attention to supporting our Senior Brothers in the planning of the Los Angeles Chapter Family Picnic in Glendale, CA. We arrived early to help set up tables, run children's games, serve food, and clean up. We enjoyed a fun summer day with family and friends serving our Fraternity.

Not all that we have done in the last term has been as much hard work as the Picnic. The Los Angeles Juniors enjoyed a day at the racetrack for the Long Beach Grand Prix. We spent the whole day watch-



ing fast cars and eating great bar-b-que. What more could we ask for?

We took the Fraternity on the road for a trip out to Joshua Tree, CA. The Bros. enjoyed a weekend of rock climbing, gun shooting, and ended it with a tasty feast prepared by our own members.

Also, the Juniors have put together a regular Poker Night where we come together and test our Hold'em skills. Sports games have also marked a few nights where we have met for food and drinks to support our local teams.

The Juniors have planned events throughout the end of the year and expect to add many new members to our Chapter.

The Jrs. look forward to hosting a few parties, planning several entertainment outings, and continuing to support our Sr. Chapter in 2008!

Fraternally,
Bro. David Maseredjian, Jr.
Master



Sequoia

Dear Brothers, Wives, and Friends,

Greetings, once again from our Triple X Chapter here in the beautiful Central Valley of California. This is the area where just up the road, about forty-five miles north of us, lives a **National Championship Team**. In case you hadn't heard, it is the **Fresno State Bulldogs, who captured the NCAA, Division One, 2008 Men's College Baseball, World Series**. This brought all of us who live here in the Central Valley great pride. The Bulldogs, who were seated number 45 in the tournament, ended up beating Georgia 6-1 in the final game to become **number one in the world**, of college baseball. Yea Bulldogs!!!

In February our Trex brothers were busy at the



Trex Picnic Master Cooks, Bryan Yahnian, Peter Babagian, P.G.M. and Bryan Ananian



Trexmen Enjoying the Picnic, Serge Ananian, and Mike Tomouzian



Farm Show, Mark Kazarian, Bryan, Machel and Renee Yahnian, and Master Chief, David Vartanian



Farm Show Cooks, Bryan Ananian, Sark Davidian Jr, and Brother Charlie Davidian.



Farm Show Tulare County, Surprise Guests' , Sherry Babagian and Charlie Basmajian



Fireworks Fund Raiser Booth, with Josh Fernandes, Chairmen, Rick Krikorian, Tom Babagian, and Jerry Poochigian.

World Ag Expo here in Tulare, California, where the whole world comes to the Farm Equipment Show to see, and purchase the latest farm equipment. Sequoia Chapter brothers have had a fund raiser booth there for many years. We served mouth watering Shish Kabob, New York Steak, and Parmesan Chicken plates. It was a lunch fit for a king. We wanted thank our Chairmen' Jerry Poochigian P.G.M., Ron Shanoian G.T., and Bryan Yahnian P.M. We also want to thank all the brothers who gave up their time on one of three days, to help serve the lunches. These brothers included, Bryan Ananian, Serge Ananian, Tim Aharonian, Jack Barsamian, Tom Babagian, Charlie and Sark Jr. Davidian, Abe and Mark Kazarian,

Harry and Rick Krikorian, James Karakashian, Harry Majarian, Richard Sheklian, Chuck Simonian, Gary, and (Master) Richard Tamouzian, Mike Tamouzian, David Vartanian, Sark, Jordan and Kevin Yahnian, Archie Zarkarian, and Gary Gostanian (hope I didn't miss anyone). This was a real brotherhood effort and a great fundraiser.

On another note, in early May, we lost a dear brother, Pete Barsamian. Pete was a member our Triple X Chapter for the past twenty-three years. Pete's passion in life was serving the Armenian Church, his family and of course, farming. He enjoyed these three passions all of his life. He and his son Jack grew the most beautiful and great tasting fruits and produce. He loved sharing the fruits of his labor, with family and friends. We pray for God's special blessing on his family. We will all miss Pete, and the great person he was.

In May we had another opportunity to help our community by being a major sponsor for the Miracle League Softball Organization, here in Visalia. It was a great opportunity to help bring this year's U.S. Olympic, Women's Softball Team to Visalia to play a game against the All Star Women, from the Central Valley. The purpose of the game was to help 152 athletes currently playing softball in the Miracle League. The Miracle League was formed to help students who have some form of disability to be able to play softball. We helped sponsor the game and the fundraiser. We were so blessed to have had the opportunity to give and help others enjoy the great game of softball.

We also enjoyed a family picnic in the park and want to say "thank you" to our three co-chairmen, Pete Babagian, P.G.M., Bryan Yahanian, P.M., and Ron Shanoian, G.T. We continue to enjoy our own brotherhood picnics' in Tulare in May, in Visalia in June, and in Dinuba in July. We have some great fellowship at these events and good participation.

Sequoia Chapter was happy to welcome our newest member, Physician, Dr. Kyle Potts. Dr.Potts just moved into town in 2007. We welcome him, and his wife Suzanne.

It hard to believe tomorrow is the Fourth of July. The Sequoia Chapter is in full swing with selling Fireworks. This fundraisers at the firework booth, helps us give to other who are in our community. Thanks to Rick Krikorian's twelve months of planning, and all our brothers who give of their time and energy, our efforts have been successful over the many years.

Selma

2008 has been a fun year. We enjoyed the Mid-Term convention hosted by the Fresno Chapter. It was a tie between PGM Frank Korkmazian and PGM Haig Jamgotchian as to who is the shortest trexman. We are looking forward to the Convention in Palm Desert. Our delegates are ready to vote for a terrific brother, Bro. Nick Nigosian for our new Grand Master.

We welcome George Hovagimian as a new member. Our sympathies are with the Hagopian family with the passing of our Bro. Kay Hagopian.

We had many very successful events beginning



Bro. Kenny Melkonian & wife Lisa, hand over the money

Sequoia (cont.)

We are looking forward to our Ladies Night Out on July 12, 2008 at the Depot Restaurant here in Visalia. **A BIG THANK YOU** goes to Ron Shanoian, G.T., for planning this great event. We Trexmen are all so blessed with such wonderful, and patient wives. God must truly love each and everyone us.

We look forward to seeing many of you brothers at the **79th Palm Desert Triple X Convention**, this Labor Day weekend. I know Greg Avedesian, Nick Nigosian and all the brothers in the desert, have some very special events planned for all of us. A big **Thank You**, for all your planning, and hard work for this event.

In closing, I want to say **A BIG WORD OF THANKS**, to our three **Past Grand Masters, Pete Babagian, Jerry Poochigian, and Dick Ekizian**. It so wonderful to have these three guys in our chapter, and we are so thankful for their continued support and leadership. God Bless all of you, and your families, as you continue to enjoy a safe summer and fall season.

Fraternally Yours,
Thomas P. Babagian, P.M., Editor

with our Turkey Bingo, chaired by Bro. Aaron Krikorian, the annual Christmas party, chaired by Bros. Pat Balakian, Larry Avedisian and Phil Manoogian. We had a big turnout and poor Santa was all worn out. Law Enforcement Night, chaired by Bros. Dan Boyajian and Robert Kandarian. The new guest speaker was our just elected sheriff, Margaret Mimms. The poker tournament was a new event, which turned out to be very successful. The proceeds were donated to the California Armenian Home. Bro. Pat Balakian, Oscar Kasparian, PGM Kay Cloud and Mike Missakian chaired the event with a lot of help and direction from PGM Haig Kasparian. The poker tournament could become our major annual event and fundraiser.

Our Spring Outing and Scholarship dinner were



Kitchen crew taking a break, bro's Sammy, Eugene, and future trexman.



Bro's Marty and Perry running the Bar



Bro's David, Sam, Dennis and Ara Turkey Bingo

combined where we presented 10 very bright Armenian students their scholarships. Credit goes to Bro Matt Cholakian for chairing this event with help from our kitchen crew.

Future events for the balance of the year include a Golf Tournament, a day for family, friends and children at the Gilroy Gardens, and possibly a bus trip to see the Fresno State Bulldogs beat the UCLA Bruins.

We have enjoyed our Grand Master Mel Shanoian and Grand Treasure Ron Shanoian visits to some of our events and meetings.

Our chapter will be hosting the 2009 mid-term convention and it looks like we may be back to Chukchansi Casino where they have added an additional 200 rooms.

I would like to give a special credit to our Kitchen Crew. Bros, Kenny Melkonian, Sam Bagdasarian, Larry Avedisian, Ara Kaprielian, Nichols Bagdasarian, David Shapazian, Mike Missakian, Harry Kutumian, PGM Pete Cholakian, Matt Cholakian, Ray Maranian, Mitch Bagdasarian, Jim Tikijian and Jim Markarian. Without this crew we would be a brotherhood of starving Armenians.

Chuck Jamgotchian, Master



Meeting at Brooks Ranch, NO COMMENT



Bros John and Phil, Kandarian's in the background



Super Bowl party and Master Chuck's House



New members, Bro's Nicolas and Ara



Bros Aaron and Jimmy



Our 100% er, Bro. Haig Aivazian and wife Ruth

Las Vegas

Greeting Brothers,

The sun is shining in Las Vegas, the slot machines are tipping over in Las Vegas and XXX is growing in Las Vegas, so what else is new? We had a great year this year and the outlook is even better for next year. It was very nice of the Grand Master and his entourage of PGM's to visit with us and play golf, I hope they enjoyed it as much as we did, we have a few events planned for the near future and if you will be in Las Vegas, give us a call we will buy you dinner, we are also looking for a trombone player.



Bro. Dr. Ara, Bro. Gil, Bro. Master VJ at the Surabian theatre.



Bro. PGM Chuck receives plaque of achievement from GM Mel.



Bro. Arpiar receiving plaque of achievement from GM Mel.



New member Nick Eghoian taking the oath.



Bro. Master VJ, Bro. Arpiar with 2008 Scholarship recipient.



Brothers, fans, and groupies at the cello recital.



GM receiving insight on how to cover up a bad hair day.

Oakland

Oakland Chapter has just completed its 14 Annual Charity Crab Feed. The function was a great success under the leadership of Harry (Archie) Kamian. This has been Oakland's major fundraiser for a great many years and the list of charities is long and varied. From local charity projects to building homes in Armenia through Habit for Humanity Armenia, the Oakland Chapter gives away all the profits from this huge endeavor to various charities. Kudos to Bro. Rick Magarian and his committee who do a great job in the kitchen. Many of the various heads of committees for the crab feed have been doing their respective jobs for over 10 years. A real show of commitment to the event and the charities that it supports. The Oakland Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity is proud of the fact that it has donated over \$100,000.00 to various charities and worthy causes. The chapter is committed to continuing this type of work in the future.

The Oakland Chapter keeps growing in an orderly pace to keep it a healthy and vibrant organization. So far this year we have taken in two new members. The latest new member is Cliff Kalibjian. Cliff is a local guy and is known to many of our members. This editor is sure that he will be a real asset to the Oakland Chapter and we look forward to increasing our membership throughout the year.

During this last summer the brothers have been doing their thing as summer time dictates. From A's



and Giant's baseball games to picnics in the local parks and of course golf. Many of the brothers have planned extensive exotic vacations, which we will all hear about as they return. There is also a buzz in the fraternity about the annual Family Camping Trip. This function does not happen until after the deadline for this article but I am sure it will be a great





success. The brothers and their families are heading to Lake Berryessa this year and this reporter will tell all in the next issue of the Trex News.

As our executive boards year in office draws to a close, I would like to thank Master Rob Tashjian and his executive body for a year that shared a lot of Triple X Brotherhood with our local chapters. His leadership and dedication to his job has raised the bar and set the tone for our next Master.

It is with great sadness that this reporter has to report the passing of another Brother from the Oakland Chapter. Brother Jim Bogoshian was a charter member of the Oakland Chapter and had served the brotherhood in every position in the fraternity. Bro. Jim's smile and outlook on life touched the lives of many people. A Triple X Funeral Service was held for Bro. Jim and a large group of Brothers were in attendance. Bro. Jim is at last at peace after a long and debilitating illness. We will miss our departed brother.

Fraternally yours,
 Bro. Harry Sherinian
 Associate Editor



Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

This year is an especially momentous year for our Chapter. The Palm Desert Chapter will be celebrating our 10 Year Anniversary since organizing in 1998! We will also be hosting the very first convention here in the desert. Our Brothers have been very busy making plans for this yearly celebration of fraternal bonding and important business meeting for our Fraternity. We are looking forward to a fantastic and memorable Labor Day weekend as we celebrate these two important milestones for our Chapter.

In addition to planning for our convention, we have held several successful events this year and continue to grow stronger as a Chapter. Our chapter welcomed new brother, **Bro. Chris Marcarian**, who survived his interview meeting. He is very enthusiastic addition to our group.

Our annual "FAMILY DAY AT THE FAIR" was held on February 23rd, at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. Everyone enjoyed the day that was filled with traditional county fair highlights, as well as the nightly musical pageant and fireworks, followed a concert by the rock band "Heart". Our desert members, along with visiting Los Angeles and Orange County Chapter members enjoyed Armenian Mezza and drinks hosted by Fair Board Member, **Bro. Nick Nigolian** and his wife **Carolyn**, in the comforts of the Fair Board's hospitality suite and VIP tent.

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 deserv-



PALM DESERT XXX "DAY AT THE FAIR" - Trex Brothers from Palm Desert, Los Angeles and Orange County pose with Queen Scheherazade and her two Princesses.



PALM DESERT XXX "DAY AT THE FAIR" - Brothers from both Los Angeles and Palm Desert enjoy a day at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. Top Row: Bro. Mark Boranian, PM Nick Nigosian, PM V.J. Mkrтчian, PD Master Greg Safoyan, Bro. Armen Hampar, PM Armen Yarijian. Bottom Row: Bro. Norman Matossian, GM Mel Shanoian and PM John Casparian

ing junior livestock exhibitors at the Fair.

Brothers and their families got together for a Spring Picnic on March 15th, where a traditional shish kebob dinner, with all the trimmings, was served, thanks to **PM, V.J. Mkrтчian** and **Bro. Koko Mazmanian**. Thank you to all the members, families and friends who attended to make this event so successful.

Our annual "DESERT GOLF OUTING" was held

on May 2nd and 3rd. **Grand Master, Mel Shanoian**, and **Junior Grand Master, George Titizian** along with Brothers from Los Angeles, Selma, Oakland and San Diego chapters, joined in on a great weekend of golf, dining and socializing with our desert brothers and friends. **PM, V.J. Mkrтчian** and **Bro. Koko**



MID TERM CONVENTION 2008 - Palm Desert Delegates: Bro. Eugene Kandarian, PM Nick Nigosian, Master Greg Safoyan, PGM Greg Avedesian, and Bro. Don Kazarian



PALM DESERT SPRING PICNIC - Master Greg Safoyan, Bro. Parsegh Barsamian, Bro. Vaz Babekian, Bro. Koko Mazmanian, PM Nick Nigosian, PM George Kirkjan, Bro. Michael Nigosian (LA Junior), Bro. Gordon Chuchian, PM V.J. Mkrтчian. Sitting: PM Armen Yarijian, PM Howard Chuchian, PGM Greg Avedesian, and Bro. John Casparian (LA Chapter).

Mazmanian chaired a wonderful cocktail/dinner party on Friday evening, where our popular annual 60/40 reverse raffle drawing was the entertainment for the evening. Golfers enjoyed two days of golf at the Celebrity Course at the new Classic Club. 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 again this year in coordinating a great weekend and this successful annual event.

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.

As our Chapter prepares to host the 79th Triple-X Convention, the convention committee has planned many exciting events for our fellow brothers and their families to enjoy. We will also be hosting a hospitality suite at various times during the convention weekend, where you can stop in for some cool refreshments, mezza, and socializing.

The Palm Desert Chapter is proud to be nominating our very own PM Brother, Nick Nigosian who is running for our next Grand Master, 2008 – 2009. Brother Nick and the rest of the Palm Desert brothers look forward to seeing you all at this year's convention "Resort Style".

Fraternally,
Master, Greg Safoyan



PGM Greg Avedesian swears in new member, Bro. Chris Marcarian

Peninsula

Greetings Brothers, Families, and Friends! Chapter officers 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 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. The patio/barbeque area renovation is complete and was put to good use to host GM Mel Shanoian, Grand Treasurer Ron Shanoian, PGM Jerry Poochigian and Bro. Harry Kutumian on their visit to our chapter in June. We greatly enjoyed their company and had some lively tavloo games and an excellent dinner and meeting before bidding them farewell. Another guest, Dr. John Haleblian, BAFA Executive Director, met with us in January to discuss our donation to the Armenian village water project through the World Bank.

It is with much sadness that we report the passing of 50-year member and former Peninsula Chapter member Bro. Oscar Donoian. A Trex tribute and condolences to wife Rita and family was given by Bro. Joe Keshishian along with other Peninsula and Golden Gate Brothers at the memorial service held at the Los Altos Golf & Country Club. We also convey our sympathies to Bro. Aram Darmanian and family on the passing of his father in Fresno, and to Bro. Mike Michaelian and family on the passing of his



GM Mel Shanoian, center, Ron Shanoian, Gr. Traesurer, and guest at our May meeting.



Peninsula Brothers at our May meeting.



New Brother Mike Kachatourian being sworn in by Bro. Kip Garabedian, with Bro. Andy Nalbandian and Vic Khachooni looking on.



Bro. Zareh Salmassian (seated) helping someone build a wall.



Bros. Larry Karabian, Zareh Salmassian and Kip Garabedian at a sign marking the village they worked.

sister in Rhode Island.

Peninsula Brothers Larry Karabian, Kip Garabedian, and Zareh Salmassian recently made a two-week trip to Armenia to volunteer with housing construction and also to tour the country. We are proud of their good work and look forward to the presentation they have in store for us. Our chapter is also preparing for our 9th annual fundraiser at the Mountain View Art & Wine Festival on September 6th & 7th – if you’re in the area that weekend, be sure to stop by our booth! Our event organizers Bro. Vic Khachooni and Bro. Master Vazgen are planning a great menu once again. The funds raised are used for donations to charitable organizations such as the Bay Area Friends of Armenia (BAFA) for school renovations and other worthy projects. Another World Bank matching funds effort is considered a great investment and top priority by our chapter. We are also planning another picnic with widows and spouses at Bro. Vic and Linda Khachooni’s Los Altos Hills home.

We are pleased to announce that in March we welcomed a new member into our fraternity. After hanging around us for several months, he decided to join our group anyway! A warm welcome to our latest Peninsula addition, Brother Mike Kachatourian!

Several Peninsula Brothers are hoping to attend the “Armenians of the North Bay” 7th annual family picnic in Santa Rosa with local Brothers Bruce Osterlye and Zareh Salmassian, who are founding members of the organization. We also look forward to seeing the rest of the Brotherhood at the upcoming Palm Desert Convention.

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



Bros. Zareh, Larry, and Kip displaying their Trexmen spirit in front of the Sevan Monastery.



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