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80th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Hosted by

Fresno Chapter

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

Registration

Piccadilly Inn Airport / Main Lobby / 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Rock'n 50's Style

Cocktails 6:00 pm / Food Court 7:00 pm — 9:00 pm / Music all night

Fresno Triple X Club House - 630 S. Argyle Street (South of Kings Canyon, East of Clovis Ave.)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2009

Registration

Piccadilly Inn Airport / Main Lobby / 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Golf Tournament

Brighton Crest 9:30 am (*See back cover for more information*)

Special Saturday Event - Underground Gardens Tour & Shopping at Old Fig Garden Village

Bus leaves Piccadilly Inn Airport at 10:00 am / Returns at 3:00 pm

Fresno Style Kef Night

Cocktails / Mezza 6:00 pm / Dinner 7:00 pm / Seasonal Fruit Table 10:00 pm / Music 6:00 pm - 12:00 midnight

Holy Trinity Armenian Church Social Hall - 537 M Street (Ventura Avenue at M Street)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

Triple X Style Men's Breakfast / Business Meeting

Breakfast 7:30 am - 9:00 am / Business Meeting to Follow

Fresno Triple X Club House - 630 S. Argyle Street (South of Kings Canyon, East of Clovis Ave.)

Ladies Champagne Brunch - Victoria Rose Cottage & Clovis Old Town Antiques & Boutiques

Bus leaves Piccadilly Inn Airport at 10:00 am / Returns at 2:30 pm / or you may provide your own transportation

Casual Get Together Grand Ball

Cocktails 6:00 pm / Dinner 7:00 pm / Entertainment 8:15 pm / Short Program 9:00 pm / Dancing & Fun 9:30 pm

/ Piccadilly Inn Airport



Grand Master's Message

Dear Brothers,

As we entered into the New Year of 2009, my travels as Grand Master have taken me to many Chapters within our Fraternity. In January, Grand Secretary Larry Kaprielian and his wife, Denise, joined my wife, Carolon, and I for a very enjoyable weekend in the San Francisco Bay area for the famous Oakland Crab Feed. During that trip, we were honored to have met up with Past Grand Master, Al Nalbandian, at his flower stand on Union Square. It was a priceless experience to have our most senior Past Grand Master offer words of wisdom to your current Grand Master.

After enjoying the honor of presiding at the Mid Term Convention, the end of March found me on the road again to attend either a meeting or event with each Chapter up and down the State, as well as in Las Vegas. A special thank you to PGM Jerry Poochigian and PGM Pete Cholakian for their company, and the friendship and laughs they provided on many of those trips.

Even though our nation is experiencing difficult economic times, our Fraternity continues to be strong. Each Chapter, no matter the size, is an important part of this great organization. My wife and I were also honored to attend a couple of Chapter's Scholarship Nights, where scholarships were given to many deserving young Armenian students. It is heartwarming to see the goals of the Fraternity in action. All of our Chapters are working hard during the year to raise money that is given to so many wonderful causes within their communities. We can be proud of the presence of the Triple X Fraternity and its accomplishments.

It is hard to believe that my travels of over 10,000 miles are almost coming to a close. What a great experience this has been! It has been an honor to have served this 90-year-old Fraternity as your Grand Master this past year. Thank you to my fellow Brothers for their hospitality and support this past year. I will savor these last few months as Grand Master, while leading up to our annual Convention over Labor Day weekend, in Fresno. Good luck to our incoming Grand Master and the new Grand Officers.

Fraternally yours,
Grand Master Nick Nigosian

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Capitol

Our Northern California brothers **Paul Yenovkian, Sam Khatoonian, Joe Vitullo, Bill Derderian, and PGM Allan Khatoonian** burned up highway 99 asphalt racing to the Mid-Term convention. Lot's of good wishes were ensued by the group with fellow brothers. Sharing a table with the Las Vegas brothers was worth the trip to Fresno. Capitol Chapter is committed to holding monthly meetings and events especially with our wives. Last February was Ladies Night. Chaired by **Bro. PGM Alan Khatoonian**, and **Bro. Arthur Tatosian**. 25 members and wives attended for a great Italian dinner at Vince's restaurant in West Sacramento.

Our Charity Keff Night was another success. On behalf of the Capitol Chapter of the Triple X we want to thank the Sacramento Community for supporting our 2009 charity drive. Although our contribution pales in comparison to our sister chapters; nevertheless it is the Sacramento community spirit of support that made our drive so successful this year. Thank you brothers for your hard work and efforts.

In 1948, when my grandmother passed on, Mr. Alexander reflected upon her life and his. When he and others were being herded through the town where my grandmother lived in Turkey; she, at great danger to her life, dashed out to a stranger and gave him a chunk of Armenian beef jerky (basterma.). How big was the chunk? He never said. He did say, it kept him alive to tell about that day.

Like my grandmother, I, too, would like to think our modest donation is a dash to help hungry strangers, homeless orphans, and people with dimming eyesight to have a better life. The Capitol Chapter brothers want to welcome our new Trex members **Bro. Paul Yenovkian** and **Bro. Vartan Gilian**. **Bro. Vartan** is Sacramento's expert Watchmaker and Jeweler with many years of experience. **Vartan** is the Social Director for and dedicated to the **St. James Armenian Church**.

Our brothers are very good hosting monthly dinner meetings to attract lost brothers to our meetings. It's one way to bolster attendance to the meetings. It works very well.

Bro. Vern Shahbazian underwent colon surgery a few months ago. He's fit and very well. **Brother Sweet** is going to offer **Bro. Vern** a seat on his side car walker. No taxi fare needed. I'd never charge a brother \$3.50 a mile.

Bro. Ruben Shahbazian and wife **Lilal** are celebrating the birth of their son, "**Sam Khong Shahbazian**", born April 2, 2009. Congratulations to a great **Jr. Master** and wife.



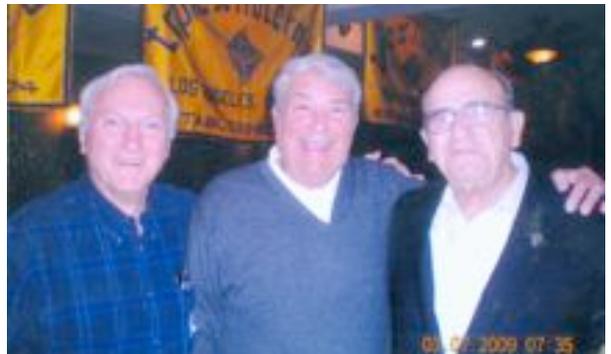
Jr. Master Ruben Shahbazian, Bro. Vartan Gilian Capitol Chapter new member.



Bro. Sweet, PGM Joe Hagopian, and wife Rose



Bros. Paul, Sam, Joe, Bill and Alan



Bro. Bill Derderian, Bro. Mike Kilijian, PGM Alan Khatoonian

On April 19, the first anniversary passing away of former Capitol Bro. (Jake) Bajakian, a *hokehankisd* was said as requested by his wife, **Mary Bajakian**. We miss **Bro. "Jake"**.

Fraternally, **Bro. Harry Sweet**

Orange County

Brother Master Dave Berberian and his officers keep the Fraternity alive and well. Thanks for a great job.

Our motto is that it's better to give than receive and at our Fairview Party for the Disabled that is just what we did. We had ice cream, cake, punch, gifts, and candy for over 50 residents. They look forward to this every year and we are able to bring an evening of joy to them. Thanks to all who attended.

Thanks to the Selma Chapter for putting on a great Midterm. We had one of our best turnouts. It's great to meet other Brothers from the other Chapters.

Our Pizza Bash was so much fun with Trex Families all together having pizza and beer and of course soda's for the kids. They ate to their hearts content. Thanks Bro. Rob Tusan for making this event a huge success.

At our yearly family pot luck there was standing room only. Sister Marge's Keyma was to die for. Bro. Ara Malazian took charge and with the help of the brothers and wives it was another successful event. It is a good time for our families to get together and enjoy the fellowship.

The Laughlin Stag outing was the best that we ever had. Bro. Don Kazarian did a first class job. The food and drinks on the buss was amazing. We all bet on the Kentucky Derby and the Long Shot



Volunteers at Fairview Party. Arlene, Rob, David, Ara, Haig, Brian, Fred, Noellie.



Laughlin Stag. Some brothers never made the picture... too busy eating ice cream.



2009 Officers: Bro. Fred, George, Larry, Terry, Ron, Ara, Master David.



Bro. Naz, Master David, new member Steve Sahagian, Nishan.



Laughlin Stag. Everyone had a story to tell. Good times.



Pizza Bash: Family having a great time.



Bro. Art Kazarian enjoying his cigar. Past Master Bro. Harold Bazarian for Grand Master 2010.

came in at 50 to 1. Even though we lost our bet we had lots of laughs and fun being together with our Brothers.

Don't forget we are running Past Master Bro. HAROLD BAZARIAN for GRAND MASTER 2009-2010 during our convention. He is honest and a man of integrity. How much better can a Brother be???

We have a new Brother, Steve Sahagian. Welcome to the Trex Family.

We lost one of our members Bro. Norris Barsumian a 31 year member. He will be dearly missed. Our condolences to his family.

Our prayers go out to our Bro. Ed Karagozian who is in the hospital.

We will see you at the Convention in Fresno.

Respectfully
P.G.M. Haig Jamgotchian



Past Master Bro. Don Kazarian - chairman of the Laughlin Stag. He Is Mr. Hospitality.



Remember When? Bro. Bill, Mary, John, Anne

In Memoriam (Sept. 2008 - March 2009)

Capitol

Leon (Jake) Bajakian
Frank Ohanesian

Fresno

Armen Boyajian
Harry Pazeian
Harry Shahoogian

Golden Gate

Vince Levon

Los Angeles

George Surabian
Frank Farmanian
Jerry Vanly
Gregory Michael Boyajian

Mt. Diablo

Armen Donian

Orange County

Jack Minasian

Peninsula

Andrew John Nalbandian

Sequoia

Harry S. Majarian

*As one by one, the autumn leaves fade
in the forest deep,
So one by one, in each of you must come
the touch of sleep;
As one by one, the roses burst into
the morning light,
So one by one, your souls shall wake again
beyond the night.*

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the next issue of Trex News is January 8, 2010.

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Fresno

Greetings from the Fresno Chapter. Following are events for the past few months.

January 15 - Dinner Meeting. The new year's first meeting was held at the Fresno Club House. We enjoyed a great steak dinner b-b-q by Pete Chilpigian and his committee.

February 15-16 Overnight Stay at the Chukchansi Casino. Great camaraderie, excellent food and ready to go back again.

February 26 Harry Tanielian Widow's Night

Our deceased brother's wives attended a kofta dinner as our guests. Each widow received a long stem rose, pictures taken and mailed to them as a remembrance. The widows appreciate being remembered and this a heartwarming event for all of us. PM Gary Kazarian and PGM Ed Hokokian chaired this event.

March 19 Coach Pat Hill Night

Once again, we were honored to have Coach Pat Hill as our guest. Not only is he a dynamic coach but a wonderful speaker. He has put Fresno on the map with his statement, "anyone - anywhere anytime." The food was excellent and thanks to all who helped.

May 21 Game Night

Dinner of cold cuts followed by gin, tavloo and card games. This was a well-attended event and enjoyed by all. We plan to do this again soon.

June 14 Bass lake Family Outing

It has been awhile since we have had a family outing. It was truly a good time for all. The Chukchansi Casino is located between Fresno and Bass Lake. Yes, we all stopped at the casino. Thanks to PM Jack Bedoian and PM Gary Kazarian for chairing this event.

September 4-5-6 - 80th Convention Fresno host

Brothers - this is your convention. All brothers of the Triple X Fraternity, not just Fresno. This convention is the glue that keeps us together. The cover of the Trex news says it all. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally,
Nazareth Chaderjian



Mezza Table



Coach Pat Hill and Master Bagdasar



Lovely flowers for a lovely lady.

Sequoia Chapter

Greetings, once again from the Central Valley of California where we hope food will continue to grow, if our farmers will be able to receive water. It seems like a hot topic today for our Central Valley, in light of some of the decisions being made in Washington D.C.. We will hope for the best. We have many Trex brothers who farm, and whose families have farmed for over fifty years. Let's hope and pray they will be able to continue to farm and provide food for all of us.

I wanted to thank P.G.M. Dick Ekizian for awarding Josh Fernandes the Junior Trexmen of the Year Award, for 2008. He was awarded this at last year's Installation Dinner. Josh is the grandson of Abe Kazarian, and an outstanding Physics major, at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Keep up the good work Josh, we are so proud of you.

This year's Farm Show fund raiser was a great success, and a service project. We gave Redwood



Widows Night



Pat Hill Night



Bass Lake



Bros. Tom and Gerard enjoying the picnic.



Bros. Sark and Dodd Yahnian.



The Athletes.



Bros. Dick Ekizian PGM and Harry Majarian.



PGM Jerry and Bryan selling fireworks



Krikorians and Hampar selling fireworks.

High School's Band, and Parent Committee an opportunity to run the booth. We felt helping one of the high schools in our community to raise money, and purchase new equipment was a good cause. The parent's committee jumped in with both feet, and did an outstanding job for four days of the Farm Show. Thanks goes to Chairmen Richard Tamouzian, P.M., his committee of Bryan Yahnian, P.M., Master Ron Shanoian, and many other brothers who helped make this a great success.

We enjoyed the opportunity to attend the 55th Mid-Term Convention, that was hosted by the Selma Chapter. The golf tournament, mazza, dinner at Pardini's Restaurant in Fresno, and Business Meeting were very enjoyable. We all were so happy to see a great group of Trexmen from Sacramento attending the Mid-Term.

We were also blessed this year with welcoming a new member, Matthew Davidian to our Sequoia Chapter. Matt is the grandson of the late Trexmen, Sark Davidian, and son of current member, Charlie Davidian. Welcome Matthew!!!

It was sad to say so long to our fifty-three year member, Harry Majarian. Harry was one of the most well liked brothers in our chapter. We never heard him speak ill of another brother. He was a soft spoken man, who loved his wife Louise of sixty-two years, his wonderful daughters, and all his grandchildren. We will miss our friend Harry. What a great mentor he was for all of us who knew him. May God bless the Majarian family.

This last April we had the opportunity to host

a Luncheon at St. Mary Armenian Church in Yetttem, California. The purpose of the luncheon was in the Observance of Armenian Martyrs' Day, to honor our deceased brothers and their wives, and to have the opportunity to say good-by to a foreign exchange student, Inesa Beglarian from Armenia. We want to thank Jerry P.G.M. Poochigian and his wife Julie, for heading up of this event, and thanks to all the brothers who helped make this possible. Thanks also to Rev. Father Vartan Kasparian, Parish Counsel, and St. Mary's Armenian Church, for making this day possible. We had 145 people attending this event. We were all so blessed to have had the opportunity to serve.

It hard to believe July is here, and we will finish up this month with our Fourth of July Booth, where we will be selling fireworks. Thanks again to Rick Krikorian, all the Trex brothers, and our Junior Trexmen who made these four days possible. Hope everyone has a safe summer. God's special blessing on all of you.

Tom Babagian, P.M.



Sequoia Juniors and Brothers at our picnic.



Master Ron Shanoian at memorial dinner honoring members.



PGM's Pete, Jerry, Pete with GM Nick Nigosian.

Mt. Diablo

Greetings from Mt. Diablo!

Master Jack Mooradian has tapped into the Chapter Brothers as “guest” speakers to discuss some very interesting and informative topics about themselves and sharing experiences. This has proven very successful as attendance has increased to about 80%!

We were honored to have GM Nick Nigosian, Jr. and PGM Pete Cholakian at our first meeting of the year in January. Our guest speaker was Brother Al Kaljian who spoke on his experiences in the Army Air Corps during the 1940’s. He was a flight engineer on the B-25 “Mitchell”.

Our mid-term delegates enjoyed the meeting, dinner and brotherhood in Fresno on March 7th at Pardini’s Restaurant. We are pleased that the mid-term was held in a central location in Fresno, rather than out of the area, to allow an easy commute back to the Bay.

At our March business meeting, Brother Dee Kassabian discussed his recently published book “My Four Fathers and Other Short Stories”. It was a fascinating presentation as Dee related to several stories during his life that prompted him to write the book. He also did a book signing for the Brothers.

Our Spring Dinner was held on April 26th at Silk Road Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Over 30 people attended and enjoyed a fest of Mediterranean cuisine and free flowing wine. Thanks to Brother Jeff Apkarian and Jerry Tusan for co-hosting the event.

We initiated a new member into our Chapter, Richard Asadoorian. He was originally from Fresno, but has since moved throughout the country and now retired in the Bay area. Welcome Brother Richard!

Our Charity Committee, consisting of Brothers Ray Chiljan, Garo Keadjian and George Rustigian, made its recommendations which were voted and approved for 2009:

Contra Costa Food Bank, Junior Achievement of Armenia, Mt. Davidson Cross Council, Armenian Studies Program at UC Berkeley, KZV Armenian School, Armenian Technology Group, Nor Cal Armenian Services and Sonoma State University Genocide Memorial.

At the June meeting, our new Brother, Richard Asadoorian, gave a talk on his background and professional career. We all found out several talents that Brother Richard possess, one of which being his singing. Great job and welcome!

We wish Brother Aram Boyd well, as he has left the Fraternity due to several other priorities in his



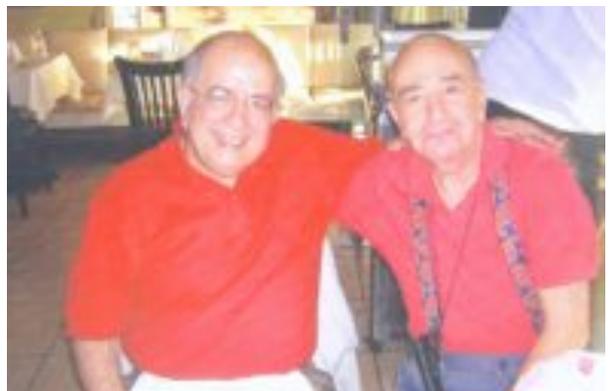
Jennifer Apkarian, Brothers Jeff Apkarian and Clifford Melikian at the Spring Dinner in Walnut Creek.



Brothers Vic Vasgerdsian, Jerry Tusan and Master Jack Mooradian at Mid Term in Fresno.



Brother Ed Hazarabedian and Bonnie



Brothers Steve Noroian and John Gulbenkian

Golden Gate

The brothers of the Golden Gate Chapter are eagerly looking forward to another fabulous convention - this time in centrally located Fresno. We wish our Fresno brothers good luck with the planning details, and we'll be there to enjoy the fruits of your hard work.

Speaking of hard work, rest assured that the brother from the Chapter by the Bay (aka the Golden Gate Chapter) have also been hard at work on various projects.

After another successful Valentine's Dinner/Dance, our brothers turned their attentions to our third ALMOST annual Charity Golf Classic, held on Monday, March 30. As you may remember, the proceeds from this fun event are placed into our Charitable Trust for eventual distribution to various designated charities and for the awarding of annual scholarships. This year was no different.

This year's tournament, although not as well attended as past ones, was still every bit as fun. Held at the beautiful A-list Round Hill Country Club in Alamo, golfers were treated to a beautiful setting, scrumptious barbeque lunch, 18 holes of golf and an elegant dinner - complete with trophies to the winners and great raffle prizes to the lucky attendees.

We were particularly honored to have Grand Master Nick in attendance. Not the golfer himself, GM Nick rolled up his sleeves and helped at the registration table, as well as cheering on the participants - especially at the hole-in-one #7th hole (with a classic car donated by Karabian Motors waiting for the lucky winner). Although the car is

Mt. Diablo (cont.)

life. Brother Aram was a member since 1987 and very active in our Labor Day Conventions, event planning and holding several offices. Thanks for the hard work!

Sadly, during this time two Brothers passed away, Brothers Armen Donian who was a Past Master and Grand Chapter Officer and John Dichian who was a Past Master. Both were active members until health issues limited their mobility to attend meetings. We will miss you both.

Chapter Brothers are busy planning for the Annual Family Picnic in July and Patio Party in August. See you in Fresno at the Convention!

Fraternally,
Brother Jerry Tusan,
Associate Editor

still with us, we know that our trusty golfers did their best and had a great time.

Brother Ara Sarkisian served as committee chair (with most able assistance from Brothers Ara Kaprielian, Vartan Hovsepian, and Ralph Kazanjian), and his turn as MC for the evening was priceless. Brother Ara has a potential career in stand-up comedy.

The bottom line is that our chapter was able to garner a fair profit, with \$2,500 checks being distributed to the KZV Armenian Day School in San Francisco, the Eye Care Project, and BAFA.

The brothers also eagerly awaited our Awards Banquet held on Thursday evening, June 18, at the Lakeside Cafe in San Francisco. A good number of brothers were on hand to help honor our four scholarship recipients who each received a \$1,000 scholarship from the charitable trust. Our brothers were truly inspired to hear of the achievements of our scholarship recipients. Each high school graduate has a bright future ahead of them in careers ranging from graphic arts to electrical engineering and law/politics. And, our winners will be attending such awesome colleges as Stanford and University of Santa Clara and UCLA.

Our Golden Gate Chapter brothers have a new location for our meetings, and it's the best kept secret around. We're happy to have our very own club house at Auntie Lou's. Auntie Lou is brother Garo Mirigian's 103-year-old Mom, and she's brother Hagop Koujakian's mother-in-law. Although she does all the cooking for our meetings, you know that brother Hagop (who lives with her) does more than his share of running errands. All we know is that our Golden Gate brothers enjoy the home-cooked meals and the personal touch of our own place to meet.

Our Golden Gate brothers would like to humbly thank our wonderful wives, without whom we'd be in deep At every event, it is our wives who step in to offer the helping hand, the tasteful suggestion, and the supportive encouragement. Often, the event wouldn't be possible at all were it not for their hard work. We're very lucky brothers, indeed.

Finally, our fellow Trex brothers should start marking your calendars to ensure that you don't miss an extraordinary convention in 2012 when Golden Gate welcomes you to beautiful San Francisco. Planning has already started, and we guarantee you the best time ever.

For now, we'll see you all in Fresno over the Labor Day weekend. Happy Summer!

Garos Mirigian

Las Vegas

Greetings Brothers,

Las Vegas had a fun 2009, full of activities and events. As of July we have a new Master, Bro Dr. Ara Gueyikian is our new Master, he is full of enthusiasm and ready to tackle his duties for the next term .Mid term in Fresno was a blast, and we are looking forward to seeing all the brothers and their families again in September at the Fresno Convention .Trex Las Vegas awarded two scholarships last term to two deserving students that are going to UNLV, we are planning the same thing for this year again .We have an ongoing Raffle “The Finer Things In Life” with the Grand prize of an original Yuroz painting valued at \$8000.00, second prize is a Persian Rug, 3rd , 4th and 5th prizes are antique Armenian coins, Tigran the Great Bronze 04 AD, Levon Takavor 1271 AD and Hetoum Takavor 1173 AD, these prizes were donated by coin aficionado and collector Bro Gary Setian, tickets are donation of \$10 and you can get it from any of the brothers of the Las Vegas Chapter. We still have our meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month, so if you are in sin City, give us a call and we will buy you dinner.

Fraternally,
VJ Taslakian



Bros. Ara and Jerry



Pardini's



Las Vegas Triple X Fraternity
Presents
Raffle 2009

“The Finer Things in Life”

Proceeds to Benefit Trex Las Vegas,
a non-profit organization

Grand prize is a Yuroz original artwork
valued at \$8,000.00

Multiple other prizes valued at \$700.00 or more
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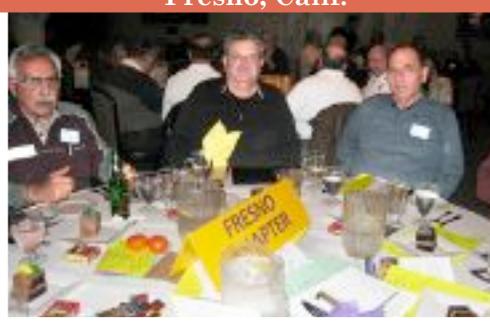
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Biker Cafe



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Oakland

Hello Brothers,

The past nine months have been busy ones for the Oakland Chapter. We started off the year with our 15th Annual Charity Crab Feed. The event was a smashing success. As usual, we sold out of tickets and all who attended seem to have a great time eating crab and bidding on items in the silent auction. With Bro. Archie Kamian at the helm as chairman and Bro. Rick Magarian and his crew handling the kitchen duties, everything went as smooth as silk. A great many of the brothers stepped up and help make this event happen. It is this type of fraternalism that makes our chapter stand out. This editor would like to thank all of them. With the conclusion of this event, we will donate our third home in Armenia through Habitat for Humanity Armenia.

In April we had our Lobster Feed in which we invite all the Bay Area Chapters to participate. This event has been going on for a few years now and Bro. Craig Bazigian (our event chairman) has been doing an excellent job. We had about 50 brothers attend the event and as usual, a great time was had by all who attended. This function is held on our usual meeting night, but there is not a lot of business discussed, but a lot of fines were collected.

Bro Greg Cherezian sponsored his brother Steve Cherezian as a new member to the Oakland Chapter. He was welcomed with a round of fines

and a lot of ribbing from the Brothers. We look forward to putting Steve to work at our next function.

A group of the Brothers made a trip to Reno to play some golf and see if the gambling gods were on their side. Well I can't speak for the golf but I hear that the gambling gods deserted them. With the exception of one brother they all came back losers. Bro. Gary Alexanian is now giving lessons on how to win in Reno.

One of the high lights of our summer is the Oakland Trex Family Camping Outing. It was held on June 19 and it lasted 4 days. A total of 26 members and families took the big trek up to Calaveras Big Trees State Park where they had reserved a group camping area. This outing has been held for the last several years and is very popular with many of the members of the fraternity. Everybody takes





Peninsula

Greetings Brothers, Families, and Friends!
 Peninsula Chapter officers for 2008-09 are:

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



PGMs Pete & Jerry enjoy some tavloo with Bros. Mark, Daryl, and Earl.

the kids and all the stuff you take on a camping trip and have a wonderful time communing with nature. The high point of the outing is the Saturday night Sish Kebab dinner. All participants partake in a family style dinner of Kebab and all the trimmings. A special thanks to Brothers Rick Magarian and Rich Michaels. It was also reported to this reporter that Bro. Greg Chorbajian had a tent that he had borrowed from Ringling Bro. Circus. It was a monster.

It is with great sadness, that I report to the entire Triple X Fraternity, the passing of Past Grand Master Charles Hazarian. Bro. Charles had been an active member of Oakland Chapter for many years and held most of the offices in the chapter. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, his Trexmen sons, PGM Jeff Hazarian, Russ Hazarian and their wives and four grandchildren. A large contingent of brothers from all over the Bay Area attended the Trex Funeral Services. A member for fifty plus years, Bro. Charles will be missed by all.

Harry Sherinian



Bros. Vic, Ruben, and Kip show off some delicious lamb shanks and pilaf, which were enthusiastically consumed shortly thereafter.



Bro. Vic and Master Ruben filling up the plates of GM Nick and PGM Pete.

Our chapter meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Los Altos Masonic Lodge, 146 Main Street, Los Altos, in either the ground floor rear conference room or the large lower-level meeting room. When the weather is nice, we meet outside in the newly renovated patio/barbeque area, where an elevator has also been installed, making the hauling of tables, chairs, & food much easier. If you're ever in the area during one of our meeting days, be sure to stop by! Master Ruben Kazarian would love to see more guests!

Speaking of guests, we were honored to have at our June meeting GM Nick Nigosian, PGM Pete Cholakian, and PGM Jerry Poochigian. Thank you for coming and visiting our Chapter – we definitely enjoyed your company! (And we heard you enjoyed our dinner as well – our talented chefs do have a well-earned reputation of preparing a great feast every month!)

We had a very good contingent at the annual Mid-Term Convention in March at Pardini's in Fresno, as seven of our 19 members were able to attend. We all enjoyed the camaraderie of our fel-



Peninsula delegates Bud, Vazgen, Kip, Mark, Vic, and Larry at the Mid-Term.



Bros. Kip, Vazgen, Bud, and Vic are ready to rumble at the Mid-Term in Fresno.



Stopping their mezza consumption long enough to pose for a picture at the June meeting are Bros. Joe, GM Nick, Rudy, Kip, Ruben, and Vic.



PGMs Jerry Poochigian and Pete Cholakian flank GM Nick Nigosian and Peninsula Master Ruben Kazarian



Standing: Aram Salmassian, Vic Khachooni, Kip Garabedian, GM Nick Nigosian, Mike Kachatourian, Mark Antranikian, Master Ruben Kazarian. Seated: Vazgen Babayan, Rudy Cazanjian, Earl Saroyan, Joe Keshishian, Daryl Jamgotchian.

low Brothers from around the Fraternity. A solemn moment occurred during the meeting when the eulogy of our own recently departed Brother Andy Nalbandian was read. He had been a member since June 1971 and served as Master for several years. He did much to help keep our Chapter active over the years, including bringing in several new members, myself being one. Brother Joe Keshishian spoke at the graveside service on Feb. 28th and did a fine job of expressing condolences on behalf of the Fraternity. Bro. Andy will be deeply missed by all.

Our Chapter is once again going through prepa-

rations for our 10th annual fundraiser at the Mountain View Art & Wine Festival, which will be held on September 12th & 13th this year. The funds we raise at this event are used for our charitable works throughout the year, including donations to organizations such as the Armenian Eye Project, Bay Area Friends of Armenia, the Armenian Tree Project, and the Armenian telethon, among others. We prepare delicious lamb and beef kebabs, barbecued on site, and they are happily enjoyed by all, hyes and odars alike! If you happen to be in the Bay Area that weekend, be sure to stop by!

Looking forward to seeing all the Brothers at the upcoming Annual Convention in Fresno!

Fraternally submitted,
Brother Mark Antranikian
Jr. Master/Cor. Secretary



San Diego

Greetings from San Diego!

It was with great excitement that our chapter organized a wine and cheese fundraising event in the fall of 2008. This event went over well and allowed us to raise funds to provide our community with scholarships for Armenian students either originating from SD or attending college in SD but originating out of the county. The scholarship dinner was also a success with 5 students receiving scholarships in the presence of a large turnout (including such distinguished guests as Grand Master Nick Nigosian) in May. It is our goal to continue providing scholarships to our Armenian community students. We are busy recovering from the celebration but also looking forward to the future for more fundraising events!

Gregory Sahagian
San Diego Chapter

Palm Desert

The Palm Desert Chapter has held several events this year and continues to grow stronger as a Chapter. Our chapter welcomed new brothers Robert Carian, Jr. and Dr. Dikran Torian. They both will be a real asset to the Palm Desert Chapter and we look forward to increasing our membership throughout the year.

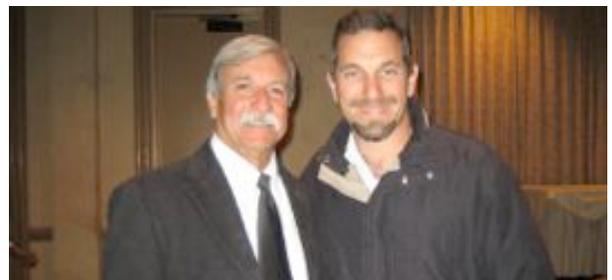
Our annual "Family Day at the Fair" was held on February 21, at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. The Palm Desert Chapter is proud to have our own Brother G.M. Nick Nigosian as our Fraternities' Grand Master, and we thank both he and his wife Carolon for hosting the Armenian mezza and drinks in 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 the 4H Clubs by presenting two scholarships of \$250 each, to deserving junior livestock exhibitors at the Fair. Our chapter has given out record donations this year to our favorite charities, as well as new charities to help those in the struggling economy.

Our annual "Desert Golf Outing" was held on May 15th and 16th Brother Koko Mazmanian chaired a wonderful cocktail / dinner party on Friday evening, where our popular 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



GM Nick Nigosian, center, with PGM Mel Shanoian and PGM David Maseredjian.



GM Nick Nigosian with Golden Gate Chapter Master Richard Surabian.



GM Nick Nigosian with LA Juniors.



Members of Peninsula Chapter with GM Nick Nigosian.

to chairman, P.M. George Kirkjan, and committee members P.M. Neil Huether, P.G.M Greg Avedesian and Brother Blaine Carian, who did a great job again this year in coordinating a great weekend and this successful annual event.

I have enjoyed my years as Master, and thank all my Brothers for helping to make this past year

so successful. We welcome you to visit the desert for any of our events. Our business meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

We look forward to the annual Convention this year, hosted by the Fresno Chapter.

Fraternally,
Master, Greg Kirkjan



Charles Paskerian PGM, GM Nick Nigosian, Sark Sarkisian PGM, and Shavarsh Hazarabedian PGM.



GM Nick Nigosian with Selma Chapter's PGM's, Kay Cloud, Pete Cholakian, and Jack Ouzounian.



"XXX Day at the Fair" with Triple X members from Palm Desert and other visiting chapters with the Queen and Princesses from the Date Festival.

Los Angeles Juniors

Brothers:

The Los Angeles Junior Triple X Fraternity has been active and growing throughout 2009!

Shortly after the New Year, the L.A. Juniors initiated two new members into the fraternity, Mark Boranian and Scott Davidson. In celebration, the Jrs. planned and prepared a traditional Luau, which involved burying a whole pig and roasting it underground for over 12 hours!

We thank the Vartanian Family for allowing us to dig up their backyard for that event!

The L.A. Juniors were lucky enough to have Senior L.A. brother and the last original member of the 1935 Jr. Trex charter members, Oshyn Kasparian, come visit for one of our meetings. His knowledge of the fraternity and stories from past decades are truly inspirational and we thank him for sharing them with us.

As a kickoff to Summer, the Jrs. got together for a morning golf outing, BBQ lunch, and evening pool party! The day was a great success and we plan on having events like it more often.

The Juniors turned out in large numbers to support our Senior brothers at the Annual Picnic at Verdugo Park in Glendale. We helped set up the event, prepare and serve food as well as host games for kids.

The Juniors look forward to hosting a few parties, planning several outings, and supporting our Senior Chapter throughout the rest of 2009!

We will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Los Angeles Jr. Triple X Fraternity in the Fall of 2010, and we hope to have your support and attendance.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Convention!

Fraternally,
Bro. David Maseredjian, Jr.
Master of the Los Angeles Juniors



Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The Los Angeles Chapter didn't waste any time getting started with events in 2009. After the New Year we held our first event Feb. 8th – the ever popular Bingo Night led by Bro Darren Eminian and the always inappropriate Bro Armen Titizian. As his sponsor, I apologize for everyone he offends while calling out the numbers. Oddly, this year's winners were dominated by those with same last name – Mikaelian! Bro Mark and his kids won a total of 3 jackpots. An investigation into the coincidence of Bro Armen calling the numbers and his brother-in-law Mark Mikaelian winning 3 jackpots yielded no wrong doing, but many are still skeptical. Bro Mark took his and his kid's winnings and scored some hot 20" chrome spinners for his Lexus. Lots of Brothers, wives, friends and families attended the event making it a big success. Bro Darren, Armen and their wives and families put out a great spread of mezza and it is an event we look forward to each year. Many



Bro Mike Kourtjian's throwing technique was no match for the Kessab Kid, Bro George Titizian. Onlookers Bro Jimmy Gondjian, John Saroyan and Tev Eminian watch in total disbelief as the champion was dismantled during the Father & Son/Daughter camp out at Lake Cachuma.

thanks Bro Darren and your team.

In March, car-loads of our Brothers attended the Midterm Convention led by our own original LA Brother Grand Master Nick Nigosian. We want to congratulate and thank the Selma 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 (near Santa Barbara) took place in late April and was chaired by the tireless Bro Tev Eminian and PGM Master Mel Shanoian. Bro Tev and PGM Mel scope out a great site each year and load up the motor home with great food and drink. There was lots of fishing, eating, cards, tavloo, campfire and playing horse-shoes. There was a new participant in his year's horseshoe tournament – Bro George Titizian swept the competition using a tossing technique he created and mastered as a youth in Kessab. Long-time champion Bro. Mike Kourtjian was particularly brought-down since he was unseated as champion that



Clearly annoyed, Bro Martin Titizian continues cooking breakfast as Bro Johnny Yaldezian wouldn't let up while doing his Huell Howser imitation during the Father & Son/Daughter camp out at Lake Cachuma. "So you mean to tell me you are cooking eggs on a skillet? That's amazing!"

weekend. Special thanks to PGM Mel and Bro Greg Shanoian for both bringing their boats up for the weekend – having all the toys there made the weekend even better. Thank you Brothers Tev and PGM Mel for the great effort in helping us all get together!

In April we held our Partners Best Ball Golf Tournament chaired by Bro Zareh Mitilian. The event was held at the San Dimas Canyon golf course. Bro Zareh gave a special thanks to all those that helped to make the event a big success.

In May, 14 of the Los Angeles Brother happily made the drive south to attend the Palm Desert Chapter's golf outing. We are always pleased to be able to support our fellow Brothers and see our Grand Master Nick Nigosian and PGM Gregg Avedesian. Congratulations to the Desert Chapter for a great event.

The end of June brought two events that were great. The 54th Annual Armenian Open was chaired by Bro Mel Shanoian and held on June 26th. This is the longest running and largest Armenian Golf Tourney open to the public, period! This year we have a full slate of golfers for the shotgun start. Golfers were treated to great BBQ lunch before the event and prime rib dinner afterwards. Bro Jimmy Gondjian won the first Golfer of the Year award sponsored by Bro. James Melikian. Bro Jimmy G has golfed in 53 of the 54 Armenian open Tourney's and is responsible for securing all the Tee Sponsors. Speaking of Tee Sponsors, thanks to Bro Jimmy, we had over 50 of them this year. Bro Mel assembled a great crew to help him this year including Bro's Tev Eminian, George Titizian, William Kevorkian, Shant Dergazarian, Mike Kourtjan, Sam Donabedian and others. At the event, Bro Shant arrived appearing to make a fashion statement by wearing a florescent orange jump suit. We all thought he was golfing with us when we saw him in the bushes along the fence that separated the 605 freeway from the course. However, upon closer examination, Bro Shant was on the freeway side of the fence working alongside the landscape crew. Public arrest records indicate Bro Shant was sentenced to 850 hours of community service for repeatedly being unfunny at our monthly Trex meetings. A raffle and award ceremony took place just before dinner where winners in 3 flights were presented trophies. In addition, brothers introduced their guests to the crowd, several of which won awards. All in all, it was a great event and pure class.

Also in June we held the Annual Triple X Family picnic chaired by PGM David Maseredjian. This is an event we all look forward to because it is done the old fashioned way – great kebab, games



LA Chapter's newest Brother Ron Day shows off his Tee Sponsorship. Odd that his name appears above our Grand Master Nick Nigosian's Sponsorship. As a result of this picture, Bro Ron, his sponsor Bro Jimmy Melikian, his golf partner Bro John Casparian, Bro Jimmy Gondjian for securing tee sponsorships, Marx Kamashian (for also being a pharmacist) and the President of CVS were all fined at the July meeting.

for the kids, cool drinks and lots of fun. The LA Juniors help with the preparations and served a hearty lunch to us all. The meat was prepared and cooked by none other than Bro. Daryl Mooshagian and Bro. Hagop Michaelian. Compliments were flying on how good the food tasted. This year over 100 Trex families and kids attended and had a great time spending the afternoon under the trees enjoying each others company. Great job to PGM Dave and Bro Stan Roopenian for a great picnic and getting us all together.

We have many more events planned for the balance of the year including Day at the Races at Hollywood Park, our annual Stag Outing – this year in Palm Desert, the Ararat Home Picnic in September and Christmas parties together. We are looking forward to the Annual Convention this year hosted by the Fresno 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 our sister Chapter with their attendance at the convention and to support their convention booklet.

See you all in Fresno!

Fraternally,

Bro Michael Surmeian

Associate Editor

Los Angeles Chapter, Triple X Fraternity

Selma

2009 continues to fly by! It feels like just yesterday we were planning the mid-term, now we look forward to the Convention. Bro Master Dan Boyajian, Jr Master Robert Kandarian, and their crew did an excellent job on this year's mid-term! It was especially nice to have such a strong turnout by all the other chapters, we appreciate your support and attendance.

In May we held our annual scholarship awards night. In years past this has been a much more elaborate, elegant, and well prepared event than we've had the past few years. Bro. Dick Boyajian felt it was time to go back to the nicer event and boy did he succeed in his quest! He enlisted the help of Bro Harry Kutumian and Bro Sam Bagdasarian who cut the shish kebab like seasoned artisans. Bro David Shapazian kicked in and made the absolutely outstanding pilaf. The recipients, their parents, our members, and our guest speaker Dr. Tom Crow all raved about the meal, we thank you Bros and your crew. We honored five students, each receiving a \$1,000 scholarship. This year's recipients were especially impressive, boasting an average GPA

We are looking forward to the Tri-Chapter Stag night in August. It's always good to get together with the Fresno and Sequoia Chapters.

We are all looking forward to the Convention and wish the Fresno Bros the best, especially Bro Jack Bedomian as he runs for Grand Master. I'm sure it will be a very nice, fun-filled and memorable weekend.

Matt Cholakian



Master Dan Boyajian at Mid Term at Pardini's in Fresno



Dick Boyajian Scholarship Dinner



GM Nick Nigosian, Jon and Janet Chilingirian, Scholarship recipients and Matt Cholakian



GM Nick and Carolon at Scholarship Dinner



Scholarship Dinner



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Law Enforcement Night



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