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Triple X Fraternity

50th Mid-Term Convention

Saturday, March 6, 2004

Fresno, California

FRESNO CHAPTER CLUB HOUSE

630 S. ARGYLE ST., FRESNO

- ◆ **Mid-Term Golf (on your own) at Hank's Swank**
(See particulars on back page.)
- ◆ **Fresno Club House Open FRIDAY & SATURDAY**
(Friday: Open 5:00 p.m. - for info call 559-875-4458 - Jack Bedoian
No Host Dinner)

(Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for Tavloo, Gin, Pinochle, etc.,
No Host Lunch)
- ◆ **Cocktails: 5:00 p.m. - Dinner 6:00 p.m.**
Meeting of all chapter masters and all Grand Chapter officers:
5:15 p.m. Past Grand Masters are cordially invited to attend.
- ◆ **Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Members Only**



Grand Master's Message

Welcome to the 50th Mid-Term Convention. The past six months have been a wonderful experience for me as your Grand Master.

The showing of continued brotherhood of all chapters whether large or small, both within and between chapters, gives me a tremendous feeling of the continued camaraderie in our TRIPLE X FRATERNITY.

I feel that all of our Triple X chapters have some goal of charitable service, be they for the Armenian community and/or other civic organizations. What “we” as the Triple X have had and will always have is recognition from the general public as an outstanding charitable organization in our respective communities.

A “key” to continued brotherhood is our ability to communicate with all brothers. We need to make an effort to interact in our chapters’ activities, not only with other chapters but also with the Grand Chapter - this is one way to achieve a stronger fraternity. Also, there is a need to express our chapters’ concerns in order to allow your Grand Master a way to seek just resolution.

I feel a great debt of gratitude and thank my brothers for their expressions of trust in me so that the work I do is through and for all brothers. Also, I thank the 2003-2004 Grand Officers for their continued dedication.

As my initial slogan stated, “get a grip with Korkmaz”. I thank you for your continued support.

GM Frank Korkmazian

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CAPITOL CHAPTER

Greetings. Hope all the brothers had a great New Year and will challenge the New Year with a lot of Armenian gusto.



Mauvis Sweet.

Brother Harry Sweet's wife Mauvis, died this past December, due to a failing weak heart not supplying enough blood to her kidneys. She spent nearly two weeks in Kaiser Hospital and no heart transplant or a new kidney could save her life. Her heart just gave out. Mauvis was my partner for 61

years. We had 3 sons and one daughter, 15 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Her magic clock just ran out of wind. She will be missed. Condolences from the Capitol Trex bro's. was received.

Brother Arthur John Tashjian died last November 25, at the age of 92 years. Bro. Art was a very nice relaxed member who participated in many activities since 1960 in fraternal affairs. Bro. Arthur and wife Helen were responsible for setting up a Library Fund at the Saint James Armenian Church. Any donations can be directed to the Library for the purchase any books for the Sunday school or the Library Fund itself.



At Las Vegas Convention Bro's. George Shahinian, Jake Bajakian, George Kapanagian, Virginia Shahinian, Mary Bajakian.

Bro. Art, and Bro. Harry Sweet remembers how the two of them used to bowl in local tournaments. I remember Bro. Art carried a high 219 bowling average during the 1940's.

Bro. Art was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in the United States Army during World War II. Arthur was a master produce merchandiser for over 40 years.

Condolences to the family from his Capitol TREX brothers and statewide brothers.

Brother Rod Jorjorian on September 21, 2003 was ordained to the rank of Deacon by His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, Primate, who was assisted on the altar by Fr. Yeghia Hairabedian, Deacon George Krprichyan and Deacon Steven Adams.

From a personal viewpoint, I can't think of a single person more qualified to hold such an honored position within the Sacramento Armenian contingent, than Brother Rod. Affrem.



Deacon Rod Jorjorian during ordination

TRIPLE X BANNER:

The Capitol banner has had a stain on it for the past 26 years. We would be AMOT to hang it on the wall during the conventions. So, guess what happened to cause the stain. Bro. Sweet investigated the mystery of the centuries of 26 years.

Bro. Gregory Soligan coaching his Soccer players, the banner was stored in the trunk of his car. Raquel, a young girl soccer player, threw a can of colored soda in the trunk of the car, as they left. OOPS! the banner got in the way. Problem? (Stain) 26 years later, Bro. Jake Bajakian's wife Mary, Bless her heart, took our TREX banner,

FRESNO

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BELATED HAPPY HOLIDAYS - 2004.To all Trexmen and their families. 2003 brought many things, the war in Iraq, recall of the California governor, earthquakes, etc. We pray that many of the issues will be resolved in 2004.

July 10 PGM Ed Hokokian held a 2004 convention planning meeting with husbands and wives. A lot was accomplished.

July 19. PETE CHILPIGIAN PRESENTED HIS FIRST ANNUAL CAR SHOW. The car show was held at the clubhouse parking lot and was a huge success. There were 38 classic cars, one motorcycle on display. There were 33 sponsor awards and four special awards. The

Capitol (cont. from p. 2)



Repaired Capitol TREX Banner by Mary Bajakian.

Kufta's, Dolmas, and Raki. Thanks Mary.

Our many monthly affairs, have been very successful under the leadership of master David Richardson. Capitol brothers are trying to get a membership drive going soon.

Fraternally,
Harry Sweet

crowd of people attending were enjoying the lulu kebab barbecue. Barbecue was done by brothers Joe and Mike Stephanian and pilav by PGM Bob Juskalian. It took many people to work on this event. All of Pete's family, friends, and trexmen did their very best. Pete has promised a repeat of this wonderful event. We thank him for all his hard work to make this a success.

September 18. Sport Night. Women's Basketball Coach Stacy Johnson Klein Fresno State. This event was great and Coach Stacy is ever-popular. Stacy is now a proud mom having had her baby boy two months after this event. Best wishes and thank you Stacy for making this event.

October 9 -

2004 Convention Planning Meeting. PGM Ed Hokokian and his committee met again. All systems are go. Fresno is making great effort to have a best-ever convention. The wives are quite involved also and are looking forward to all chapters coming here for the big weekend.

December 7. Christmas Children's Party. The party for the children was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Jr. Master Bob Emerzian for a well-organized event. Master Jack Bedoian, his wife Alberta, Richard Bedoian, purchased and wrapped all the children's gifts. PM Paul Najimian (AKA SANTA CLAUS) and Clown, Steve Bedoian. As usual, Richard Shirin, PGM Ed Hokokian were busy helping. We were honored with the presence of Grand Master Frank Korkmazian and his wife Gayane.

December 18- Group Photo - Get-togeth-



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Santa Paul Najimian and kids.



BBQ Brothers Joe & Mike Stephanian with helper in between.



Pete Chilpigan and his entry.

er. We saw members that we enjoyed seeing. It was like an old time get-together.

IN MEMORIAM

Brother S. Gary Garabedian, a 30 year member, went to be with the Lord July 8, 2003. Gary is survived by his younger brother Jerry, and family. Gary was born in Racine, Wi. Served in World War II and the U.S. Air Force. He was active in local organizations, especially Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church. Our condolences to his brother and the family.

Brother James H. Kayian a 55 year member passed away on November 7, 2003. He was well-known and a native son of Lonestar, CA. He had a lifelong love of flying. He served in the U.S. Air Force, during World War II. He was a successful businessman in the trucking, produce growing and farm products industries. Surviving James are his two daughters, Joanne O'Looney and Susan Kayian and a sister, Violet Kayian and extended families. Our sincere condolences to them all.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

75th ANNUAL TRIPLE - X- CONVENTION, FRESNO, CA., LABOR DAY WEEK-END. Plan-your vacation with this in mind. Members and wives are working diligently to make this great for you.

Fraternally,
Nazareth Chaderjian



Master Jack, wife Alberta and "kids".



Trexbelles Mary Ann, Diana and Alberta.



Boxing champ Jennifer, CSUF Coach Stacey Johnson Klein, Master Jack.

GOLDEN GATE

It started last year with Master Armen Bagdasarian who brought in 6 new members. Immediately, one transferred to Orange County. OOPS.

Having the remaining new members was like receiving a blood transfusion. We welcome Vasken Farajian, Michael Kostanian, Hagop Koujakian, Garo Mirigian and Eric Panosian. They brought new energy and life into our chapter.

We're having another great year. Brother Charles Paskerian, a past chapter master and a recent Grand Master agreed, under some urging, to take on our Master job again. Obviously he loves punishment, but he does provide strong leadership and dedication.

We grieve the loss of 40-year member Avedis Tehlirian, after a long illness. As you may know Avedis' father, Soghomon Tehlirian is a great hero in Armenian-post genocide history. Avedis will be sorely missed. We offer our condolences to Rosalie and her family.

We wish our Brother Paul Goorjian well as he has moved to Florida. Maybe he will start a chapter there!

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Nor Cal Armenian Home (which includes many Chapter Brothers' wives) put on their annual Luncheon and Fashion Show in November with nearly 300 people showing up. This year, their Fashion Show featured several Brothers from our Chapter! Our appearance was well orchestrated by Brother Hagop Koujakian who also arranged for a dresser, a choreographer, and hair stylists.

Modeling contemporary, sometimes outrageous, but nevertheless GQ-Italian-style outfits from Alta Moda in San Francisco, were Brothers George Atashkerian, Vartan Hovsepian, Ara

Kaprielian, Len Kaprielian, Ralph Kazanjian, Hagop Koujakian, and Charles Paskerian. Brothers Michael Kostanian and Sark Sarkisian acted as Ushers. They all stole the show.

In addition to the Italian-designer clothes the Brothers wore, the group had their hair fashioned by very well-known Armenian local beauticians Viva and her sister Vrej.

The Chapter joined the Oakland Chapter at their annual Christmas party at the Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. All chapter members participated in donating new children's clothes to be sent to Armenia. A fabulous, well-planned evening with great food and great camaraderie.

Sark and Ann Sarkisian recently returned from two weeks in Armenia. They went with a group from the Armenian Cultural Association from the East Coast. Sark's comments: "Absolutely inspiring. A historic, cultural and religious experience, totally absorbing. We came back with great appreciation and respect for what the people (who comprise our heritage) of this little landlocked, earthquake riddled, blockaded, war torn (Karabagh) country have accomplished and are doing. All Armenian-Americans should try and



PGM Sark, PGM Jeff Hazarian.



Sonia Koujakian, Garo Mirigian and



Garo Mirigian, Ralph Kazanjain and Vartan Hovsepian.



Brian and Rita Pinamoki with PGM Sark Sarkisian.



Brother Master Armen & PGM Charles.

make it there to see it first hand. They really deserve our help.”

Our best wishes to Past Grand Master Albert Nalbandian and Aida on becoming first time grandparents of Sophia Rose.

Kudos also to Brother John Dahlberg who did a superb job as Chairman of the St. John Armenian Church’s 61 Annual Food Festival. St. John Church is our Brother, Father Sarkis Petoyan’s parish.

Get well wishes to Father Sarkis who went to Hawaii for a vacation and got the flu.

Brother George Mardikian is slowly recovering from a recent illness. Brother Ralph Kazanjian is also recovering from cardiac problems. We wish them fast and complete recoveries.

Grand Master Frank visited us at our November meeting. A former San Franciscan, he was right at home. We enjoyed his presence and inspirational words.

Congratulations to 25-year plaque members Robert Balian, Greg Krikorian, Brian Pinomaki, Russell Pinomaki, Dan Riley, Ara Sarkisian, and Jerry Vorperian.

Our fraternal love and best wishes for the New Year to all.

Ralph Kazanjian & Sark Sarkisian, Co-Editors

LOS ANGELES

Dear Brothers:

2003 marked the 75th anniversary of the Los Angeles Chapter receiving its Charter from the Grand Chapter. The Chapter continues to be strong and energetic.

In August, the Chapter elected its new Executive Board. They are:

Master	Bro. Vaughn Vartanian
Jr. Master	Bro. Gary Kouyoumjian
Recording Secretary	Bro. Jimmy Terpanjain
Treasurer	Bro. Ron Roopenian
Cor. Secretary	Bro. Stan Roopenian
Srgt-at-Arms	Bro. Gary Zakarian
Chairman of the Board	Bro. Gregg Kludjian

Newly elected Master Bro. Vaughn Vartanian was humbled by the opportunity to lead the Los Angeles Chapter. Although the occasion left the Master speechless, he did thank outgoing Master Bro. Ralph Dergazarian and his Executive Board for their hard work and leadership over the last year. The new Master understands the value of a fine and has expanded the Chapter’s treasury. His “Masters Minute” can seem like an hour, but the Brothers that attend find him electric.

In late-September, the Los Angeles Chapter sponsored the 51st annual Ararat Home Picnic. Once again Bro. Richard Jebedjian is credited with chairing the event. Past Masters Gabe Kaprelian and Ken Khteian managed the food preparation and distribution effort. Brothers Matthew Matoesian and John Casparian were responsible for drinks. Bro. Shant Dergazarian handled games and parking. Entertainment was provided by Brothers Vaughn Vartanian and Ed Belezikian and the Oasis Band. In all, over 75 Brothers helped cook, serve, clean-up, and manage the event. The Picnic was a tremendous success with over 1000 dinners served.

In October the Chapter held its annual Stag Outing at the Singing Hill Country Club in El Cajon. Past Masters Tev Eminian and Mel Shanoian Co-Chaired the event. About 40 Los Angeles Chapter Brothers and Brothers from several sister Chapters attended the three day event. Entertainment included dinner, cards, golf, tavloo, and cable channel 26. Bro. Mel and



Bro. Brian, Ralph, Jerry.



Bro. Brian receiving 25 yr. plaque from PGM Charles.



Installation Banquet



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Ararat Home Picnic

his cousin Don Attoian won first prize in the golf tournament. Bro. Hampig Kosharian lead an expedition of Brothers to the Gas Light District where Brothers Gabe Kaprelian and Mike Arzouman played drums with a local street band. It was reported that their best tune was "The Fat Lady Dropped Her Drawers".

Also in October, the Chapter held its 75th Anniversary Installation Banquet. The Banquet Chairman was Bro. George Titizian. The program Chairman was Past Grand Master Bro. David Maseredjian. Over 150 Brothers and guests attended the event located at the Hilton Hotel, Woodland Hills. The newly elected Executive Board was installed by Junior Grand Master Bro. Nick Nigosian. Chapter members of 50 years or more were given special recognition. They were:

PGM Herb Elmassian '35, Bro. Oshyn Kasparian '35, Bro. Aram Avazian '36, PGM Ray Hovey '38, Bro. Baxter (Buddy) Hallaian '39, Bro. James Durkin '47, Bro. Frank Farmanian '47, PGM Aram Poladian '50, Bro. Suren (Sudy) Ayyazian '50, Bro. Charles Partamian '50, Bro. Aran Vaznaian '51.

Each Brother was presented an engraved pen set commemorating the evening, and each spoke about their experience and fraternal love of the Triple X Fraternity.

The 11th Annual Partner Gin Tournament was held at the Brookside Country Club in November. The event was chaired by PGM David Maseredjian. As we've grown accustomed to over the years, no one helped Bro. Dave put on what traditionally has become an anticipated event. As with previous years, the Tournament was limited to 24 players. Those turned away may have a chance to participate next year. This year Brothers Gregg Kludjian and John Casparian took first prize.

In December the Chapter held its annual Kef Night at the Ararat Home. The event was chaired by Bro. Ohannes (Hovig) Antabian. Over 400 people attended. Music was provided by Richard Hagopian's band. More than 40 Brothers helped put on the event, and what has now become a tradition, at one time during the evening all of the Brothers were behind the bar!

The Executive Board is putting together a busy calendar of events for the new year. Event Chairmen continue to enthusiastically volunteer to make this another successful year. Our

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

Fraternally submitted,
Bro. Galen S. Petoyan



Annual Stag Outing



Ararat Home Picnic

Los Angeles Juniors

The year 2003 was a success for the L.A Junior Trex Fraternity. We have had great conversations and ideas to help improve our chapter, and so far, the members of L.A. Junior Trex are, using their strong efforts to help these improvements come about.

During this past year, there have been nights where we would all pull together and head out on the town, or head to a brother's house to play poker to enjoy each other's company. This has helped us to be strong as a brotherhood and keep us close together.

One of our greatest successes in 2003 was our Halloween Bash. The brother's had pulled their minds together and threw one successful

party. We had a full bar, buffet, hunted house, and music. We had it all. There was a whopping, 315 guests who showed up to help support. The party went smoothly, with beautiful weather, wonderful people and not one cop. It was one of the most successful and profitable parties we have seen yet.

The L.A. Junior Trex has much more to come in 2004. Right now, we are working on a few great events. There will be some new members coming in this year, who we are looking forward to having with us. We have a poker tournament in progress, which is open for all to enjoy. In late February there will be a Big Bear ski/snowboard outing, which was also held last year and was very enjoyable. A tuna, fishing trip is also being worked on in summer of 2004, out of San Diego. Last, but not least, the L.A.

Senior Trex has invited us juniors to be a part of one of their events taking place later this year, which we are proud to be apart of

The L.A. Junior Trex Fraternity has been around for decades and continues to get stronger every year. With the members we have now, and the new heads coming in, we will just get stronger as time moves on. The year 2004 will be another success, if not, better, for L.A. Junior Trex.

Fraternally,
Kirk Shanoian, Master



Orange County

2003 – 2004 Officers

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Web Master: Bro. Ron Sarouhan

Bro. Master John Garakian has a well oiled team – every position if filled with Great Talent. Looking forward to a great year.

Our 28th Annual Picnic was once again a big success. Family and Friends enjoyed the Shish Kabob dinner, games for the Kids, and Dancing and Prizes. Bro. Art Kazarian and Marge Kazarian always do an outstanding job, with the help of all the Brothers and Wives. We enjoy an Armenian Power Breakfast done by P.M. Bro. Wayne Najarian. Thanks to all the brothers and wives who helped set-up, cook, serve, clean up, etc. This is one picnic you don't want to miss.

The Las Vegas Convention was a first for them. It turned out great. We had 30+ Brothers, Wives and Families. Saturday Night was the



GM Frank installing officers



New Master Bro. John Garakian giving plaque to outgoing Master John Cholakian.



PGM Bro. Haig Jamgotchian receiving Trexman of the Year Award.



Enjoyable installation: Larry, Denise, Monique, Mark Jr., Allen, Toni, Art.

best – Food and Entertainment never stopped. Thanks again to our Las Vegas Brothers.

Our Installation was again a First Class Event. P.M. Wayne Najarian was Master of Ceremonies. We had the Honor to have our Grand Master Bro. Frank Korkmazian Jr. and his lovely wife Gayne with us. Bro. Wayne gave a Roast for our incoming Master John which was lots of fun. Our Trexmen of the Year went to yours truly P.G.M. Haig Jamgotchian. What an honor. (Thanks Guys) We had music by Viken Najarian and Bro Ara Gholdoian – beautiful Armenian songs and music to dance to. Also thanks to the wives who helped to set-up a First Class Armenian Mazza Table.

Our Sports Night will be February 20, 2004 at the Newport Marriott Hotel in Newport Beach. Featured will be Bob Chandler, Tom Flores, Pro Football, P.G.A. Cham-



Bro. Dr. Roger Ohanesian with Armenian Eye project and Bro. Nish.



Officers: Kris, Malcolm, Master John, Jon, Larry, Terry (well oiled machine).



Bro. Mark, Simon, Larry, Jeff, Don. Trex is where you have fun.



Bro. Kirk, Paul, Z. Harry, Archie.

nouncer, Bob Rosburg, U.S.C. Athletic Director, Mike Garrett. It's at 7:30 P.M. For tickets call Bro. Nick Paboojian (714) 774-4640. What a Line-up!!! This is an event you don't want to miss. Thanks to P.M. Jack Kayajanian, P.M. Nick Paboojian, P.M. Larry Sherman and Bro. Art Kazarian who helps with the mazza and Bro. P.G.M. Archie Cholakian who will be in charge of the V.I.P. Cocktail Party and all the other Bro's. who help. Our chapter has given over \$15,000 to charities during 2003. We know that it is better to give than to receive. The great thing is that we have fun raising money for charities.

This past 6 months we have lost 2 outstanding Brothers – Johnny Chakerian and John Kazarian. Both Brothers have participated and enjoyed the Brothers like they were their own family. We will miss Johnny's funny jokes and war stories

from WW II and John his love for the game of Golf. Blessings to both families from all of us.

Our New Location for now will be at Bistango's in Irvine, 19100 Von Karman Ave., Irvine on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Kef time is 6:30 pm., dinner at 7:30 and meeting at 8:30. Come join us when you're in town.

Respectfully submitted

P.G.M. Bro. Haig Jamgotchian

Orange County Juniors

Dear Brothers,

There has been a lot of exciting happenings with the Orange County Juniors during the second half of 2003, and the excitement does not seem to be dying down. In August, we added a new Brother to our ranks, Albert Konoian. In the short time Albert has been a part of our group, he has proven himself to be a great asset because of his tireless work ethic, energy level, and enthusiasm to propel Triple X to the next level.

We have continued to show our support to our Senior brothers. In July, we helped sell raffle tickets at their 24th Annual Picnic. The smell of food, the sounds of music, the sight of beautiful women, all filled the air and made for one great Sunday afternoon. The day however did not end, as we continued the celebration at the 4th Annual After Party at the Block at Orange with about one hundred in attendance. In October, we threw the 3rd Annual XXXtra Scary Halloween Party. Tom Ridge, director of Homeland Security, had to heighten the fright alert from yellow to orange on October 25th because he wanted to warn the rest of the country of what was happening in Whittier. With over one hundred and thirty ghouls, goblins, and witches in attendance, the party was enjoyed by all and there we are glad to report that there were only minor injuries due to the increased level of fright. My thanks go out to all my Brothers who helped make the party a success.

It was great to see all the Brothers in beautiful Las Vegas for the Annual Convention. My congratulations go out to the Brothers of the Las Vegas Chapter and all those that helped in making Convention a memorable weekend. Be forewarned, in July the second installment of Kebab-Palooza will be hitting the Orange County area. If you thought 2003 was something, wait until 2004.

Fraternally Yours,

Simon Hovakimian, Master



Convention 2003 - Las Vegas

Photos by Jack Ouzounian, PGM





Bro. Master Jack Mooradian, Garo Keadjian, Ray Chiljan, Harvey Kamian, Shavarsh Hazarabedian PGM.



Bro. Shavarsh Hazarabedian, wife Lala, Jerry Tusan, George Rustigian & wife Carol.

Mt. Diablo

We welcomed back our Master Jack Mooradian for a 2nd term in 2003-2004! Thanks for keeping the momentum going. Other officers for 2003-2004 are: Harvey Kamian, Jr. Master, 2nd term, Mike Aaronian, Jr, Treasurer, 2nd term, Dee Kassabian, Recording Secretary and Ed Hazarabedian, Corresponding Secretary.

Master Jack Mooradian, Brothers George Rustigian, and Shavarsh Hazarabedian with their wives attended the spectacular events at the Las Vegas Chapter's Convention over Labor Day in September. Fun was had by all.

On Sunday, August 24, the Mt Diablo Chapter members and their wives enjoyed an Italian Night dinner at Café Delle Stelle in Walnut Creek. Not only was the food outstanding, but plentiful. No one went home hungry. Thanks to Brother Garo Keadjian for making the arrangements.

Also, we congratulate Brother Garo Keadjian on receiving his 25-year plaque! We are lucky to have Brother Garo as an active member of our



Lala & Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Armik & Jack Mooradian, Jerry Tusan at Las Vegas Convention



Grace & Kevork Hagopian.



Jack Mooradian, Master receiving award from Bro. Armen Boyd.



Bros. Ray Chiljan and Myron Konjoyan receiving awards.



Bro. Ray's 70th birthday party with wife Anita.



Bro. Ed Hazarabedian, Ara Boyd, Armen Boyd and Bonnie Hazarabedian filling in for Feliz Navidadian.



Bros. Armen Donian, Garo Keadjian, Master Jack mooradian



Armik Mooradian, Leona donian, Evelyn Boyd.



Mae & Al Kaljian, Frances & Dee Kassabian

Fraternity! During the November meeting, he received a certificate from the awards committee titled "Infamous Member Award".

During the November meeting, we were honored to have Grand Master Frank Korkmazian in attendance. He updated us on Fraternity happenings, convention and mid-term details. We hope to see you again soon Grand Master.

Congratulations to Brother Aram Boyd and Paula who were blessed with a baby boy, Michael, in early November. It's a Boyd! Future Trex member, Master and Grand Master!

Also congratulations to Brother Ray Chiljan who celebrated his 70th birthday in December!

On December 14, our annual Christmas party was held at the Village Bistro in Castro Valley. Over 34 Brothers and their wives enjoyed an abundance of appetizers, wine, prime rib, salmon and homemade desserts. The owner closed the entire restaurant that night so we could really celebrate. Due to last minute unforeseen circumstances, our entertainment for the night, Feliz Navidadian was unable to attend. Our quick thinking Brothers, Armen and Aram Boyd, quickly put together a performance that we will never forget. With Brother Armen on keyboard, Aram on the amazing electric space horn, Ed Hazarabedian on maracas and Bonnie Hazarabedian vocals, they truly gave a performance that rivals any classic holiday show. Sheet music was distributed to all Trexman and wives with singalongs of Hye holiday classics such as "Bedros the Big Nose Trexman" and "We Wish You a Merry Trexman".

In addition, Brother Master Jack was called upon to perform a rendition of "Walking Around in Women's Underwear" sung to the tune of "Walking in a Winterwonderland" He danced while attempting to slip on some unmentionables during the performance. There was so much fun and laughter that evening it was a good thing the restaurant was closed for us. A BIG thanks you to Brother Aram Boyd for chairing this event.

Master Jack is busy with his slate of officers and committees planing for 2004. See you at the mid-term in Fresno.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Brother Jerry Tusan
 Associate Editor

Oakland

Brothers,

Oakland Chapter's activities continue in the finest tradition of our fraternity:

Camping Trip: Bro. PM Rick Magarian and his crew once again hosted the Chapter's annual family camp trip among the California coastal mountains. The brothers who attended reported that the cuisine was first rate and the opportunity to spend quality time under the redwoods with their wives and children was an unqualified success.

Family Picnic: Bro. PM Harry Sherinian (who incidentally has re-upped as our Master for 2003-2004) and his wife Margaret chaired this annual venue at the Pleasant Hill Park. A majority of our Chapter's members and their families came together to enjoy a lovely day under the sun, a full BBQ dinner, tavloo and gin rummy games, while watching their children participate in organized



Bros. Koojoolian, Michaels, Koojoolian and Arakelian enjoying Christmas Cheers



PGM Hazarian and Master Arakelian swear in Bro. Melkessian



Christmas Party arrivals

games. The large number of baby strollers in attendance gives this editor reason to believe that members have also been busy expanding their families in between the annual picnics.

Convention: Several of our members traveled by air and car to attend the Annual Convention hosted by the Las Vegas Chapter brothers. Oakland Chapter was honored by the presentation of 50 year plaques for five of its own brothers (Harry Sherinian, Charles Alexanian, Ed Mirzaian, Greg Tcherkoyan and Archie Kamian) who have been actively supporting the Chapter for a combined 250 years!



PGM Hazarian presents 50 Yr Award to Master Sherinian and Bros. Tcherkoyan and Mirzaian

Grand Master Visit: Grand Master Frank Korkmazian and Grand Secretary Ken Melkonian helped kick off the Chapter's new term by attending our October business meeting. They reported on Grand Chapter activities underway, while having the

opportunity to hear first-hand the Chapter's planning that goes into our many scheduled events. We enjoyed their company and hope that they will return in March accompanied by their wives to attend our Annual Charity Crab Feed.

Annual Lobster Feed: Master Chef Bro. PM Craig Bazigian directed his assistant chefs (Brothers Steve Donikian and Rob Tashjian; who with the gratitude of the Chapter were able to keep Bro. Craig away from making any pilaf!) in the preparation of the second annual lobster feed, treating over 2 dozen brothers to live Maine lobster flown in just for the fraternity meeting. PM Paul Kamian won the raffle that evening and was awarded the privilege of sitting down to feast on a 3 pound monster that was lurking in the midst of the crowded field of 1 Ω pounders.

Joint Christmas Party: Keeping the season alive, Oakland Chapter held its Annual Joint-Christmas Party with the Golden Gate Chapter Brothers at an East Bay Country Club. Bro. P.M. Greg Tcherkoyan volunteered as chairman for this sold-out event which provided a festive venue for holiday cheer and fine dining. To round out the evening, Bro. P.M. Bill Nalbandian's wife, Beverly, led everyone in Christmas Caroling to the accompaniment by Bro. Armen Phelps on the grand piano.

Invitation to Charity Crab Feed: At this writing, preparations are underway for Oakland Chapter's Annual Charity Crab Feed to be held on March 20, 2004 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. All Trex brothers and their spouses are extended this invitation to join in the fun and camaraderie. The monies raised at the Crab Feed



Picnic Chef Master Sherinian gets advice from Bros. Tcherkoyan and Kamian

will be donated to several charities selected by the Oakland brethren. This year's theme is a tribute to the 50's when Oakland Chapter began, so you may come appropriately dressed if you would like. Please contact the event chairman, PGM Jeff Hazarian (HYPERLINK "mailto:Hazarian@comcast.net" Hazarian@comcast.net) for tickets and driving directions.

Several of our brothers will be attending the Mid-Term Convention, so we hope to see many of you there.

Respectfully submitted
Jeff Hazarian, P.G.M



Bro. Kamian enjoys the Big Lobster!



Grand Master and Grand Secretary with Master Sherinian at a Chapter meeting



Proud Fathers Bros. Nalbandian and Bazigian

Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

The Triple X Fraternity of Palm Desert had another great year. In the year 2003, our chapter grew with the addition of three new members. We hosted several successful events and have become know in the community for our social and charitable contributions.

The brothers and their families that attended the 2003 Convention in Las Vegas had an exciting and hopefully profitable weekend. Palm Desert was well represented by the six delegates that attended the annual meeting. Thank you to our Las Vegas brothers for hosting a great convention. At the Sunday night banquet, our Palm Desert

Chapter was again awarded with the prestigious "Triple X Achievement Award" for the year 2002 – 2003. We are extremely honored and happy to have received this award for the second year in a row. Thank you to **Past Master, Armen Yarijian**, and his board, for a job well done!

Also at this year's convention, our own Past Master, Nick Nigosian, was elected to the Grand Chapter as Junior Grand Master. It is an honor to have representation from our Palm Desert chapter on the fraternity Grand Chapter.

On October 24th, we held our annual Installation and Awards Banquet at Castelli's Ristorante. We installed our newly elected officers for the year 2003-2004 and celebrated the Achievement Award with our members and their wives. **Past Grand Master, Greg Avedesian** officiated over the event.

Our Palm Desert Chapter's 2003 – 2004 Officers are:

- Master Bro. Neil Huether
- Jr. Master Bro. Howard Chuchian
- Rec. Secretary..... Bro. Greg Kirkjan
- Treasurer Bro. Greg Safoyan
- Cor. Secretary Bro. Nick Nigosian
- Sergeant-At-Arms Bro. Bobby Melkesian

This year's Prospective Member night was held in October, at Vicki's of Santa Fe Restaurant in Indian Wells. Our brothers invited interested



Palm Desert Meeting: Top Row L to R: Vaz Babekian, Steve Balian, Norman Matossian, PM George Kirkjan, Gordon Chuchian, Master Neil Huether, Grand Master Frank Korkmajian, PGM Greg Avedesian, Gary Funtas, Eugene Kandarian, Howard Chuchian, Greg Kirkjan, Greg Safoyan, Eugene Kandarian, Jr. Bottom Row L to R: PM Armen Yarijian, PM Nick Nigosian, Bobby Melkesian, PM Omar Kanadjian, and V.J. Mkrtchian



Installation: Master Neil Huether and PM Armen Yarijian



Holiday Kef Night Master Neil Huether, PM Omar Kanadjian, PM George Banerian "Santa", PM Armen Hampar from Los Angeles, PGM Greg Avedesian, PGM Chuck Parigian, PM Armen Yarijian Bottom Row: PM Nick Nigosian and PM George Kirkjan

friends to come, participate and learn more about our Triple-X fraternity. We have received two new member applications as a result of that evening.

New **Master, Neil Huether**, has taken over with a straightforward approach, recognizing early on the need to eliminate the word “promptly” from the beginning time on our monthly notices. The Palm Desert brothers are a kick back group of Armenians guys getting the job



Holiday Kef: Jenny Huether, PM George Banerian “Santa” and Master Neil Huether



Las Vegas Convention: PM Armen Yarijian, PM George Kirkjan, Guyrun Amirghan, PGM Greg Avedesian, PM Nick Nigosian, Greg Der Kevorkian and seated is Greg Kirkjan



Palm Desert Trex volunteers at Armenian Church Picnic: V.J. Mkrтчian, Howard Chuchian, Greg Safoyan, PM George Kirkjan and Master Neil Huether

done and having lots of fun along the way. With two successful events that started off this year, we all look forward to another year of success, growth and fraternal bonding.

On December 7, 2003, we held our annual Holiday Kef at the Vicki’s of Santa Fe Restaurant. The elegance and warmth of the beautifully decorated fireplace room brought a welcomed change to the flavor of this holiday event. Desert Trex brothers, families and friends enjoyed Armenian mezza followed by a choice from several of the Vicki’s signature entrees. The piano bar provided dinner music and vocal selections from talented guests followed by Armenian dancing. Visiting brothers and family from Los Angeles, Las Vegas and San Diego joined in on the celebration. The evening was a festive start to the holiday season. **Junior Master, Howard Chuchian** did a great job co-organizing this event. Thank you to **Bro. Norman Matossian** and wife, Virginia, for providing the delicious mezza and making special arrangements at the restaurant for this memorable evening. Also, thank you to **Bro. V.J. Mkrтчian** and wife, Mary, for providing the table arrangements that were beautiful.

On Sunday, October 12th our chapter volunteered their services to help cook and serve shish kebob at the Armenian Church of the Desert picnic at Demuth Park in Palm Springs. Needless to say, the food was great, “cooked to perfection”! Thanks to all the brothers that participated in this service event.

Our brothers are busy planning some upcoming events. The Triple-X Family “Day at the Fair” will be on Saturday, February 21st, and we will again be hosting the Desert Outing Golf Weekend to be held on April 30th and May 1st. Everyone is invited to participate in this event, as this year will be bigger and better than ever! Plans are also underway to attend the March Midterm, in Fresno.

We welcome all visiting brothers to our beautiful desert and invite you to our meetings, which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Come and join in on a fun evening with your desert brothers. Wishing you a healthy and Happy New Year 2004.

Fraternally,
Master, Neil Huether

SELMA

Greetings and happy new year from Selma Chapter. 2003 was an eventful year for Selma with the initiation of four new members in August. Brother Frank (Korkmaz) Korkmazian, Jr. was elected Grand Master at the Convention in Las Vegas. As he's proven with his many years of service to Triple X Fraternity, Brother Frank is totally dedicated to the well being and growth of each Chapter. Congratulations Brother Frank!

Welcome new members, Brother Kevin Kandarian Brother Ray Maranian Brother Mike Missakian Brother Marcus Torigian

In September, after presiding over a successful year, out-going Master Sam Bagdasarian, Jr. turned the gavel over to in-coming Master Jim Tikijian. At the annual Installation and Awards Dinner, Brother Sam was presented with his Past Master plaque and PM Kenny Melkonian, Jr. was awarded with the Trexman of the Year Trophy for 2003. Brother Kenny has enthusiastically co-chaired or helped out at countless Chapter events over the years. Congratulations Brother Kenny!

Congratulations 50 year members, Brother Paul Armo, Brother PM Nick Dokoozlian, Brother Mike Kandarian, Brother Aram Michigian; Congratulations 25 year members, Brother Joe Agajanian, Brother Vernon Avakian, Brother Amos Bagdasarian, Brother George Bagdasarian, Brother Mitch Bagdasarian, Brother Nubert Baker Brother, Ken Esraelian, Brother PM Kenny Melkonian, Jr. Brother James Minas, Brother Gary Poochigian, Brother Ron Toomajian.



Installation Dinner: Debby Bagdasarian, Sam Bagdasarian, Lisa Melkonian, Gr. Sec. Ken Melkonian.



Installation Dinner: Pete and Dee Neece Esraleian



PGM Abby Mamigonian busy in the kitchen preparing his famous Lamb Shank dinner.



Installation Dinner: Jim Tikijian, Master, and Linda Tikijian.



Installation Dinner: GM Frank and Gayane Korkmazian.



Installation Dinner: PGM Joe Garabedian, Rosalie Garabedian, and Melene Ouzounian



Installation Dinner: PGM Kay and Rose Mary Cloud.

a night of great food and fun for over 200 loyal supporters of Triple X. Even the turkeys were smiling! Job well done Brothers.

December was also an active month with the annual Christmas Party held at the A.A.C.L. hall on December 7th. Chairman Larry Avedisian and Santa's helpers provided a fun time for Brothers and their families to share the Christmas spirit. Special thanks go to honorary Trexman Gayane Korkmazian for playing the piano, on 0'-4 events this year include Law Enforcement Night (with Abby's fantastic Lamb Shank Dinner), the Mid-Term Convention, and Sports Night.

This spring Selma Chapter is planing a very special fund raising event solely for the California Armenian Home. Brother PM Patrick (the promoter) Balakian has arranged for world famous entertainer Carol Channing to do two performances at the Tower Theater in Fresno. Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 25th, 2004. Brothers, you don't want to miss this one! Watch for more details.

On a more somber note, we lost three more Brothers since August. Long time members Robert Kaprielian, PGM Jack Bedrosian, and PM Arden Kashishian all succumbed to cancer. Brother Jack was Grand Master in 1993-94. These Brothers contributed a lot to Selma Chapter for many years. They will surely be missed but not forgotten. Our deepest sympathies our extended to their families.

That's all for now from Selma Chapter, and on behalf of all the Brothers I wish each of you a healthy and prosperous 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
Newton Krikorian
Associate Editor

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- SERGEANT AT ARMS . Larry Avedisian

The highlight of the fall season for Selma Chapter is the ever popular Turkey Bingo fund raiser. CoChairmen Brothers PM Oscar Kasparian and Sam Esraelian, along with their hard working crew, didn't disappoint and delivered

San Diego

Headed by the indomitable Master George Banerian, San Diego Trex continues to thrive.

The Annual Hye Ball in May 2003, of course, was a great success. Held at Oceans 11 Casino in Oceanside, the event attracted 160 people who ate, drank and danced the night away. Triple X Scholarships of \$500 each were given to five students, including Andre Boniadi, Tina Shnorhokian, Berj Sarayan, and Tigran Palyan. Oceans 11 owner Haig Kelegian also doubled each scholarship with his own matching donation.

Master George Banerian, Greg Vartanian, and PGM Joe Kellejian attended the **Trex Convention** in Las Vegas in September 2003, and in his second term, Master George has continued to invigorate the group with his dedication. Under his leadership, two new members Onnik Tchulluian (joined last year, now Junior Master) and George Sultanyan (joining this year) are bringing their own brand of energy and dedication to the group.

Grand Master Frank Korkmazian, Jr. visited San Diego on November 25, 2003, with his Junior Grand Master. The San Diego chapter greatly appreciated this energizing visit and the guidance and advice which the Grand Master provided.

The Annual Christmas Party in December 2003 was a festive affair, as always. Hosted by PGM Joe Kellejian and his wife Mary at their home in Oceanside, the brothers and their wives enjoyed catered delights from Haig Kelegian's Oceans 11 Casino and a Gift Exchange that seems to get more comically enjoyable each year!

Brother Greg Vartanian got married on the day of the Christmas party and introduced his lovely new Parisian Armenian wife to the gathering, who welcomed her with open arms!

Brother Dr. Greg Semerdjian (PGM Joe Kellejian's brother in law) attended the Christmas party with his wife, Zaree, announcing their return to living in Southern California from Washington state. Welcome back, Greg and Zaree!

And to culminate the evening, two of the founding members of Triple X San Diego, Greg Babikian and Noubar Markarian, were honored with 25-year membership plaques.

We will see you in Fresno!

PM Steven Kradjian
Secretary

Peninsula

GREETINGS Brothers and Families!

Peninsula Chapter officers for 2004 – 2005 are
Master - Andy Nalbandian

Junior Master - Vazgen Babayan

Corresponding Secretary – Zareh Salmassian

Recording Secretary - Kip Garabedian

Treasurer - Vic Khachooni

Sergeant at Arms – Aram Salmassian

Custodian (and Head Chef) - Mike Michaelian

Chapter Committee Rep. Joe Keshishian

Unless otherwise notified, meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at the Los Altos Masonic Lodge, 146 Main Street in downtown Los Altos. We are now meeting in the cozy kitchen/conference complex at the building rear on the ground floor rather than downstairs. The downstairs large kitchen and banquet area is available for special occasions as well as the indoor patio for summer barbeques. The Board of Director meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of the month.

The Peninsula Chapter continues to enjoy fellowship, lots of “2 Buck Chuck”, other fine wines and delicious food by Bros. Vazgen Babayan, Vic Khachooni, Mike Michaelian, Kip Garabedian as well as Lucky's, the Chinese takeout across the street (No MSG). Bros. Kip Garabedian and Mike Michaelian are making progress in recovery from surgeries last year. We welcomed new Brother, Bruce Osterley, in November, sponsored by Bro. Zareh. Bro. Bruce operates Aram's Cafe in Petaluma that has excellent sarma and Armenian foods. We have a few other prospective members to join us this year and will continue to support local charitable causes.

Bro. Larry Karabian hosted his last annual dinner at the Los Altos Country Club with cocktails and tavloo games. We wish Bro. Larry and wife Dian health and happiness in their large log home at Shaver Lake and look forward to seeing them whenever they can participate in our functions and attend the conventions

Our 4th annual fundraiser with the Peninsula Chapter food booth at the Mountain View Art and Wine Festival on September 6 and 7 was a success. The Brothers supported the operation with much enthusiasm and camaraderie. Bro. Larry and Bro. Zareh came long distance to work with us. Thanks to Bros. Vazgen Babayan and Vic Khachooni for again organizing and heading

this important event.

The 7th Annual Picnic at Vic's held in Los Altos Hills in October was attended by several guests. Bro. Bud Kalafian played Blues, Jazz and Armenian songs on his keyboard. Thanks to Bro. Bud and our gracious Hosts Bro. Vic and Linda Khachooni.

The Chapter Christmas Party was cancelled for a second year, this time due to the late date that conflicted with our busy members' schedules during the holidays. We will plan to have the party earlier in December this year to reduce the holiday crunch.

We are looking forward to the January visit of Grand Master Frank Korkmazian and a great year. We wish 2004 to be a prosperous and happy year for all!

Andy Nalbandian

Sequoia

Our new Master, Bryan Yahnian, along with his new young officers has gotten off to a very superb start of business for the 2003-04 fiscal year.

Grand Master Frank Korkmazian attended our October general meeting and spoke briefly.

Special events were held, such as our annual Christmas party function which was held at Shakey's Pizza Parlor in Visalia on the evening of December 22, 2003. Attendance for the members' children or grandchildren was over two dozen.

The Fraternity enjoyed its annual Installation Banquet held at Visalia's Vintage Press restaurant on January 31, 2004. In attendance was Grand Master Frank Korkmazian and his wife Gayané. At this time the Grand Master administered the swearing in of officers.

Next came our annual International Farm Exposition Food Booth Extravaganza in Tulare, held the second week of February on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This activity is our Chapter's money raising special event. It is very well planned by Archie Zakarian along with his co-chairmen and staff of member brothers.

Later in the year will be our once a month outdoor picnics in Dinuba, Visalia, Tulare and Past Grand Master Dick Ekizian's city of Kingsburg.

POOCH IN 2004 - for Grand Master (Jerry Poochigian of Sequoia Chapter) We appreciate your support.

Bro. Richard Sheklian

Las Vegas

Greetings from your Las Vegas Brothers.

We were very glad to see all of our Brothers at the 74th Annual Triple X Convention here in Las Vegas this past September. We received many many compliments on the convention, and were very pleased that all who attended had such good things to say about their experience here in Las Vegas. It was a labor of love for our Las Vegas Brothers to put on the convention.

We really never took much of a rest after the Convention. We held our 2nd Annual Children's Christmas Party this past December, and all who attended had good time. If any of our Brothers are in the Las Vegas area over the Holiday season please mark your calendars and drop in on us for this event next year.

Our Brother Past Grand Master Chuck Parigian wishes to thank all of his Triple X Brothers for making his term such a success, and his extends his best wishes and support to his successor who visited our Chapter in January.



Shavarsh and Jeni Papazian



Las Vegas Convention: Steve Kolak, Mooney Najarian PGM, Irene Najarian, Jack Ouzounian PGM and guests



Sam DiBoyan and Martha

Gil Surabian PM, Bob Bezdikian, Xmas Party

helped make the ambulance project a one of a kind success. We want to give him a medal for his work - perhaps the Triple X would want to consider a "Medal Program" this next year in order to recognize these kinds of outstanding achievements by the Brothers and make an annual recognition award.

The 74th Annual Convention is what kept us busy for most of 2003, and again we thank all of our Las Vegas Brothers for their hard work and all of our Triple X Brothers who attended and made it one the best ever.

So instead of more words, here are some pictures to remember the convention by.

Fraternally,
Brother Armen Anooshian



Hriyr Dadaian, Ann Babigian and Arpiar Babigian

One of our Las Vegas Brothers PM Kirk Bazoian was a moving force in outfitting an ambulance and equipping it with all the necessary items and arranged to have it shipped to Nagorno Karabagh this past year. Additionally he arranged to fill the ambulance with all kinds of medical supplies so that there was not a extra square inch of space left in the ambulance. Brother Kirk was supported in his effort by his local service organization and other volunteers



Connie & Armen Anooshian.



Arpiar Babigian, Gil Surabian, Shavarsh Papazian, Charles Parigian PGM, Frank Korkmazian GM, Armen Anoushian, Kirk Bazoian,



Guests: Mr/Mrs. Elvia Corral did our table decorations and Bros. Naz Horasanian.

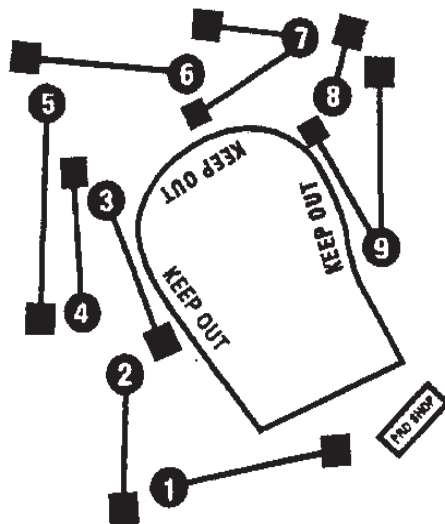
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