



TREX NEWS

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75th ANNUAL DIAMOND JUBILEE CONVENTION

Hosted by the **FRESNO CHAPTER**

September 3-5, 2004

Piccadilly Inn Airport Hotel - Fresno

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

◆ **Registration**

Piccadilly Inn Airport Hotel / Main Lobby / 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

◆ **Hospitality** - Piccadilly Inn Airport Hotel / 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

◆ **Welcome Night** - Fresno Triple X Club House

Cocktails 6:00 PM / Mezza Dinner 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM / Music & Fun 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

◆ **Registration**

Piccadilly Inn Airport Hotel / Main Lobby 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

◆ **Golf Tournament**

Sherwood Forest Golf Course / 10:00 AM

◆ **Gin & Tavloo Tournament**

Piccadilly Inn Airport Hotel / Game Room 10:00 AM

◆ **Hospitality** - Piccadilly Inn Airport Hotel / 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

◆ **Kef Night Party / Dinner Dance**

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Social Hall

Cocktails 6:00 PM / Mezza 6:00 PM / Dinner 7:00 PM Seasonal Fruit 10:00 PM

Music & Entertainment 6:00 PM - 12:30 AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

◆ **Member's Breakfast / Business Meeting**

Fresno Triple X Club House

Breakfast 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM / Business Meeting 9:30 AM

◆ **Ladies Luncheon / Taste Of Fresno**

Piccadilly Inn Airport Hotel / Doors Open 10:45 AM

◆ **Grand Ball / Dinner Dance**

Piccadilly Inn Airport Hotel

Cocktails 6:00 PM / Dinner 7:00 PM / Program & Music 8:00 PM - 12:00 PM



Grand Master's Message

For me, this year has been an awesome adventure with a silver start in the state of Nevada to the final golden bell here with the 75th Anniversary Convention hosted by the Fresno Chapter.

I've enjoyed visits to each of our chapters (at least twice) - to take part in the business as well as the social activities of my brothers. Thank you for your kind hospitality shown to me and my wife at each activity.

Hopefully I will be able to finalize some of the concerns and questions posed at our 50th mid-term meeting. Other matters will need to be continued beyond this year.

My sincere thanks to all Grand Officers - each has done his share in carrying this, the 2003-2004 Grand Chapter Year.

My emphasis this year was to initiate chapter communication with both the Grand Chapter and with all the other chapters. Keep alive the tradition of passing the message of the Triple X to all brothers.

It is my firm belief that the Triple X Fraternity is still strong with new members wanting to join us in our fraternal traditions. We, as a brotherhood, will get from the Triple X what we put into it; involvement is an important key to our fraternal success and what can be given to others [both within our fraternity and in the community at large.]

I thank you for this opportunity to serve as your Grand Master - 2003-2004.

I return to my original saying "get a grip with Korkmaz".

Frank Korkmazian
Grand Master, 2003-2004

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Fresno

FRESNO CHAPTER HOSTS 75th CONVENTION OF THE TRIPLE X FRATERNITY

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Greetings to all Triple X brothers and their families... we have been busy planning for the best convention ever in Fresno, 2004, and to be worthy of 75 years of conventions. PGM Ed Hokokian, Master Jack Bedoian, co-chairmen of the convention, have had numerous meetings with members and wives. They are taskmasters! The wives have worked diligently along with the brothers and planning exciting activities, including the women's luncheon, chaired by Isabel Chilpigian, Mary Ann Hokokian and Alberta Bedoian. To quote our own Fresno's William Saroyan, "For the Time of Your Life," come to Fresno for CONVENTION, 2004.

February 19. WIDOWS NIGHT

Fourteen widows attended this event. We were served a delicious Koofita Dinner and each widow was presented with a single-long stemmed rose. It was a great reunion with the widows and a good time for us all thanks to Chairman Harry Tanielian and his committee.

March 6 MID-TERM CONVENTION

Sequoia Chapter hosted the 50th mid-term convention held at the Fresno Chapter's clubhouse. A delicious dinner of pork kebab, to all our surprise, delicious KESHKAG was featured. The clubhouse was open to all brothers Friday and Saturday for their enjoyment including a "no host" dinner Friday-evening and "no host" luncheon Saturday. Brother Grand Master Frank Korkmazian officiated at a well-organized mid-term meeting.



Widows Night 2004



Convention Assembly Line.



Convention Assembly Line.

April 30 CSUF COACH PAT HILL NIGHT

This event, annually, honoring Coach Hill is always a winner. He mingles with the crowd and speaks effectively. Chairman Jack Bedoian made certain all went well with the "all you can eat" shish kebab dinner. His committee also deserves kudos.

May 8 The Pete Chilpigian Second Annual Car Show Brother Pete outdid himself. This year's entries were greater in number and excellent cars presented. Awards were so numerous; 30 merchant awards, 30 sponsor awards, best of



Car Show.

show award, best of paint award, best of upholstered award and best of engine award. Blackie Gejeian, noted car show promoter, was present and introduced to the audience by Pete. The lulu kebab dinner was great. Pete and his committee really deserve a round of applause, not only was it a great deal of fun but an excellent financial success.

June 17 TABLE MOUNTAIN OUTING The Fresno brothers drove up to Table Mountain Casino for dinner and fun, and the event was well-attended. Brother Junior Master Bob Emerzian did a great job putting this event together.



Bros. Naz, Carl and PGM Sam = 142 years of Trex.



Pete, Sister Violet and Pete's Entry.



Car Show.

IN MEMORIAM

Brother George “Corky” Derderian, a 48-year member, went-home to the Lord, April 27, 2004. He was 84 years old. He was loved by all, never said “no” to any requests. He served his country during World War II, He started his career as a carpenter and plumber, becoming a master of plumbing. He quietly did so much for others. He is survived by his brother, Nomie Derderian and his wife Marty, and his sister Elizabeth Derderian. Our sincere condolences to his family. We will miss him.

Mickey Parvanian. Mickey was a 58-year member, and passed away June 20, 2004. He was 85 years of age. Mickey was a past master of Triple X Fraternity, Fresno. He worked as an accountant for Vendolater Manufacturing Co. (Vendo Co.) He was plant controller until his retirement in 1986. During World War II, he served his country. He is survived by his wife Helen, daughter Gail and son Ronald. He is also survived by his brother Dick Parvanian. His grandson is Ronald Parvanian. A sister, Beverly Achki also survives him. We send our condolences to all his family. We will miss this member and his contribution to the fraternity.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. 75th ANNUAL TRIPLE X CONVENTION, FRESNO LABOR DAY WEEKEND. Members and TREXBELLES — We are doing our part to make this a best ever convention — do your part and participate by coming and having a great time... REMEMBER-see-you-at-the Airport Piccadilly Inn.

Fraternally
Nazareth M. Chaderjian

CAPITOL

Our Capitol brothers are surviving very well in Sacramento. The summer months in our area have been as actress (Marlene Dietrich) would say, "it's been marvelous, dear".

Capitol Chapter is proud to announce our two new members Tim Kassouni, and wife Amy, a local attorney who has the manner and charm of a diplomat. Tim is a gentleman's gentleman. Also Lawrence Suddjian will be sworn in at our next meeting in August. Maybe both new members may attend the 75th convention in Fresno. Welcome aboard brothers.

Bro. Vernon Shahbazian and wife Sylvia were on pins and needles waiting to hear about their 12 year old granddaughter Taylor, who was having a tumor removed from her brain operation at Stanford hospital. Reports coming in were Taylor is well and wants to come home. Our prayers were with her.

Kef Night was a big success for our capitol brothers. Master David Richardson spearheaded the event with support from, John Malkasian tending bar, Verne Shahbazian taking in the loot, and Jake Bajakian cooking the shish kabob. Bro. Harry Artinian again was the big seller of tickets, next to the rest of the brothers all pitching in to help out on the evening affair at St. James Armenian Church. Thank you brothers.

Profit from KEF NIGHT. We gave \$1500 to the Armenian Gospel Mission, \$500 to the Armenian Eyecare project. \$100 St. James Sunday school, and \$200 to a great college student Nora Mansourian attending U.C. Berkeley.

Bro. Harry Sweet signed President Ronald Reagans memory book in the rotunda of the State Capitol building last month. Bro. Sweet flew with Governor Reagan on his GOP fund raising trips to several eastern states, for a month at a time.

Bro. PGM Joe Hagopian's wife Rose is recuperating fairly well after a accident in a local restaurant.

Bro. Frank Ohanesian had taken a fall in the



middle of the night falling on his shoulder. Being cared for by his wife Elsie, she say's he can rest his head on the pillows better.

Bro. Leon Hagopian is our spark plug for finding new members for our chapter roster.

Hope to see the brother's in Fresno celebrating our 75th Anniversary of Triple X. Capitol Chapter will be well represented.

Fraternally,
Bro. Harry Sweet
Associate Editor

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Spring issue of Trex News is July 7, 2005

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Sequoia

We welcome our summer months and look forward to the scheduled regional picnics, Those well attended functions bring us together in a friendly atmosphere of camaraderie in a spirit of rededication to fraternalism which is the core purpose of the XXX Fraternity.

Bro. Hagop Karakashian, who moved to Modesto attends meetings and scheduled functions regularly as an active member of our Chapter. We truly appreciate his commitment.

Our highly vocal and very active Jerry Poochigian is running for the office of Grand Master. At the time of this writing he remains unopposed. He may represent if elected, the 3rd Grand Master in our chapter's history of over 50 years.

He has our full support and hopes to land necessary votes for election. Bro. Master Bryan Yahnian is recovering from corrective surgery for health reasons. We wish him rapid and complete recovery.

Our Chapter sponsored the mid-term convention in Fresno in March, we hope, those present were pleased,

Bro. Rick Krikorian is pursuing the life of the Sport of Kings, as an owner of race horses at Bay Meadows and Golden Gate Fields up North. His father Bro. Harry Krikorian guaranteed a winner recently. However his horse came in second, another loser. Perhaps he'll win next time, cross your fingers.

Our associate editor handed Bro. Harry Krikorian \$400.00 to bet which was refused we suspect some hanky panky going on but can't prove anything. We also gave two qualified college enrollees each \$1,000.00 scholarships. We also gave \$2,000 to the Armenian Eye Care Center



Farm Show 2004 Tulare

Left To Right: Gary Hovanisian, Bro. Pete Babagian, Bro. Harry Davidian, Bro. Art Hamper, Bro. Bryan Ananian



Farm Show 2004 Tulare - Left To Right: Bro. Serge Ananian, Bro. John Hovanisian, Bro. Bryan Yahnian



Farm Show 2004 Tulare - Bro. Bryan Ananian, Bro. Abe Kazarian, Bro. Gary Tamouzian

as well as functions is absolute.

We are looking forward to one or two money making projects; one of which is our fourth year of 4th of July fireworks booth operation. It will generate the income we distribute to charitable organizations throughout the year. Past three years, under the very capable and well organized chairmanship of Bro. Pete Babagian and Bro. Jerry Poochigian our donations have been well received by the community as donors to Humanitarian Projects. This year the chairman is Bro. Bryan Ananian. Perhaps our actions will serve as a catalyst, a wake up call to other chapters to rededicate themselves to the high ideals of Fraternalism as a viable force in our various communities comprised of men of Armenian descent unalloyed of political or religious persuasion, we can all be proud of.

Fraternally yours,
Bro. Richard Sheklian,
Associate Editor

Las Vegas

After a long dry spell the Las Vegas Brothers put on their 2nd Annual Christmas Party for family and friends and their children. The Party was held at the Armenian Center. There were about 150 guests. A good time was had by all. Thanks to all the Brothers and their wives for their help. Brothers Gil Surabian and Bob Bezdikian, our Master Chefs for the evening, spent all their time working on the buffet and keeping everyone happy; good time was had by all. After Mid-Term we started to plan for the up-coming convention. In April we held one of our dinner meetings at Brother Haig Atamian's printing company. Brother Karney Ovian donated all the steaks for the barbecue and the rest of the dinner was donated by various other Brothers. All of our meetings have been dinner meetings. We took in 3 new members in May and we will have one more new member in July.



Ladies that helped to make this party going. L. to R. Jeni Papazian, Eugenie Saferian, Angel Torosian, Elizabeth Simonds, Mary Margaret Torosian, Ozzie Stasak, Katy Parigian.

Sequoia (cont.)

Project, I wish it was more.

Bro. Harry Davidian has difficulty deciding where he lives, period. Call his phone number and the answering machine will tell you it's their home on the farm. For the record I'd like a list of the phone numbers of other residences which he owns. Perhaps his charming wife, Laura, would be a better source of getting this information for our records you see.

Where are you Bros.? Aaron Margosian, Greg Davidian, Tim Aharonian, Jason Kaloustian etc.. You collectively represent the future strength and continued success as well as growth of our Chapter. Membership dues are important. Physical presence and participation at our meetings



Grandmaster Frank Korkmazian visits Las Vegas Chapter.



2nd Annual Christmas Party



Bro. Armen Anooshian & Connie Anooshian



Bros. Gil Surabian, Bob Bezdikian our great chefs

Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The first half of 2004 has been very busy for the Los Angeles Chapter. Master Vaughn Vartanian and his Executive Board continue to work hard with their ambitious calendar of meetings and events. Bro. Vaughn runs an efficient business meeting with the right combination of humor and fines. The success of our calendar is the result of the commitment of event Chairmen and the dedicated group of Brothers and wives that have helped.

In February the Los Angeles Chapter held its first ever Chinese Night at the Chopstick Restaurant. Seventy-five Brothers, wives, and friends attended the dinner. Brother Ron Roopenian chaired the event. Sing-along entertainment was provided by the Brothers themselves, backed by the rhythms of the Maseredjian Karaoke Machine.

In March, a delegation of Brothers led by our Master Vaughn, represented the Los Angeles Chapter at the Mid-Term Convention in Fresno.

The Los Angeles Chapter held its annual Trex Night Out in May. The event was held at the Kessab Hall, located in Reseda, California. Brother George Titizian chaired the event. Over 100 Brothers, wives, and friends attended. Entertainment included a magic act followed by an evening of dancing.

Also in May, the Chapter held its annual Member-Guest Partner Best Ball golf outing. The event was chaired by Brother Dickran Devian with great help from Brother Mike Kourtjian. Forty golfers attended the event at the Las Verdes Golf Course located in Palos Verdes,

California.

In June the Chapter once again held its annual Family Picnic at Verdugo Park in Glendale. Brothers Mel Shanoian and Ron Roopenian chaired the event with help from Brother Tev Eminian.



Special recognition goes to Brother Mel's wife Sharon for her extra efforts in putting on this successful event. Over 200 Brothers and family members attended. Seventy-five pounds of kebab were consumed. The picnic highlight was the longest continuous volley ball game in Los Angeles Trex history.

Also in June, the Los Angeles Chapter held the 49th Armenian Open Golf Tournament at Brookside in Pasadena. Over 60 golfers attended the event chaired by Brother Paul Abrahamian. Activities included lunch, dinner, trophies, and a raffle. The four major trophy awards included the Mihran Kasparian Trophy sponsored by PGM Ray Hovey, the Dickran Jebejian Trophy sponsored by Sue Jebejian, the Henry Zakian Trophy sponsored by Jimmy Terzian, and the Lee Neshanian Trophy sponsored by Barbara Neshanian.

Upcoming Chapter events include a July Bingo Night chaired by Brothers Darren Eminian and Greg Boyajian.

On September 26 the Los Angeles Chapter will sponsor the 52nd annual Ararat Home Picnic. The event will be chaired by Brother Richard Jebejian. Brothers Gabe Kaprelian and Ken Khteian Chair the food preparation and serving Committee. Many other Brothers help in putting on this event.

In October, the Los Angeles Chapter will hold its Installation banquet in the Deukmejian Grand Ballroom at the Ararat Home in Mission Hills.





Also in October, the Chapter will have its annual Men's Stag Outing at the Singing Hills Resort in El Cajon.

The Chapters 12th Annual Gin Tournament is scheduled for November 2nd at the Brookside Country Club in Pasadena. The event is Chaired by PGM David Maseredjian. As in the past, Tournament participation is limited and Brothers have already begun to submit their names to reserve a spot in the competition.

The Christmas Kef is scheduled for the beginning of December in the Deukmejian Grand Ball Room at the Ararat Home in Mission Hills. The event is chaired by Brothers Hovig Antabian, Gary DerGazarian, and Gary Kouyoumjian.

Los Angeles Chapter 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

LA Juniors

There are many exciting happenings within the Los Angeles Junior XXX chapter. Driven to succeed by our fearless Master, Kirk Shanoian, the Los Angeles Junior Trex has had a tremendous year; our latest accomplishment being the successful graduation of 4 of our brothers from Junior to Senior Trexmen. On July 7th 2004 Junior brothers Haroot Deramerian, Michael Amerian, Jimmy Terzian and Alvin Galstian were happily accepted into the Los Angeles Senior Trex brotherhood. We are all saddened to have them leave the Juniors, but we are very excited to have them continue the tradition with our Senior brothers.

Harkening all the way back to October, the LA Junior Trex threw one of the largest parties in our chapter's recent memory, The 300+ partygoers that turned up had an amazing time and can't wait till this year's blowout! Thanks again to the Shanoian's for opening their home for our festivities. This year, the Los Angeles Junior brothers will again be throwing the party of the year for Halloween. Our guest list has increased from last year and so has the anticipation for this year's party. It will be the talk of the fraternity!

There have been other events throughout the year that have helped to fill out our schedule. We have our regular chapter meetings on the third Friday of every month at the rotating location of one of our Junior brother's homes. Afterwards we generally discuss wordly events, play poker, go fishing, etc. We have also attended many of the LA Senior's monthly dinners and helped serve food at our yearly Verdugo Park Family Picnic in Glendale. The Verdugo Picnic is a great chance for our Juniors to bond with our Senior Brothers and to involve our families in Trex life.

We are also proud as a chapter to have brought some new brothers into the family... literally. Twin brothers, Jason and Chris Zorigian have now joined their father, uncle and late grandfather in Trexdom. They have only been members for a short while but their impact has already been noticed. At the Verdugo Family Picnic Chris and Jason seemed right at home working the food line, dishing out pilaf, kebob and salad to all who came their way.

While it has been a great year, there is always room for improvement. As a fraternity we can always do better, and once again, it is the goal of the Los Angeles Junior XXX fraternity to make next year the most memorable yet.

Sincerely,
The Los Angeles Junior XXX



Trex Mid-Term Convention 2004. Left to right: Armen Donian, Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Master Jack Mooradian, Ed Hazarabedian, Jerry Tusan, Ralph Kachadourian.

Mt. Diablo

Greetings from Mt Diablo Chapter! Our returning Master Jack Mooradian wasted no time in scheduling speakers, events and activities for the Brothers and their wives. In February, our Brother Ed Minasian spoke at our meeting about the history of the Academy Awards, memorabilia he has collected and interesting facts we never knew. In fact, Brother Ed is so knowledgeable that his Academy Awards picks by category won him first prize in a local radio promotion! In March, Brother Armen Donian spoke on his very interesting life during the Second World War in the Pacific and Far East. He shared some very special situations, referenced a map with all the countries he has visited and photos that are priceless! Thank You Brother Armen.

We had a full delegation at the Mid-Term in Fresno and thoroughly enjoyed the dinner and visiting with our Brothers.

Our Master promoted a “phone tree” for each Brother at the January meeting whereas each attending Brother was to call another and invite him to the meeting. It proved very successful as we had 74% attendance during February! It was good to see returning Brothers. At our March meeting we initiated a new Brother, Jeff Apkarian. His sponsor is Brother Jerry Tusan.



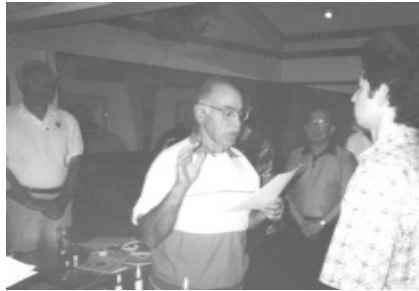
Bro. Armen Boyd speaking serious at Trex Social



Trex Social at Petar's Restaurant



Grandmaster Frank and "cousin" Bro. Harold Koojoolian, Oakland.



PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian swearing in new member Jeff Apkarian.



Social at Petar's Restaurant

We welcome Jeff to Mt Diablo!

Brother Armen Boyd has been extremely busy as chairman of the nominating committee. I heard you already have the 2004/2005 slate of officers ready to go. Great job!

During January, February and March, our Master decided to hold a door prize raffle. Each month, Brother Harvey Kamian kept winning the door prize, and each month the prize was a door. I hear he is remodeling his kitchen cabinets with these doors. We have since discontinued the door prize raffle.

Our June speaker was Brother Richard Demirjian from Oakland Chapter. He gave an insightful presentation on his published books on Armenian veterans from the Second World War. He spoke of the many Hyes that served our Country during that time, several that are Trex members. It was very enlightening.

During June, Brother Jerry Tusan chaired a dining out event at Petar's Restaurant in Lafayette with wives. Over 30 people attended including our Grand Master Frank and wife Gayane. A special "Trex" menu was created for that evening including wine.

We have 3 Brothers who have attained 50 years with Triple X. They are Brother Ed Minasian, Al Kaljian and Haig Harootenian. Congratulations on 50 Trex years!

At this time, Master Jack Mooradian is investigating what seems to be some fraudulent "chits" or "fine cancellation cards" with the Master's signature on them. There are also rumors that some Brothers are attempting to pay fines with a Triple X Fraternity credit card. I hope our Master finds the culprit before his term expires.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Fresno!

Respectfully Submitted,
Brother Jerry Tusan
Associate Editor



Happy Mt. Diablo Brothers at Dinner Meeting



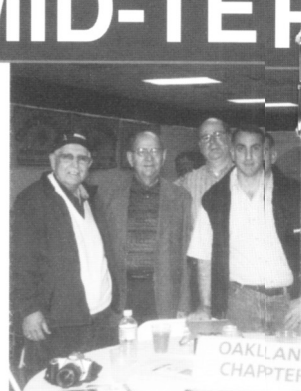
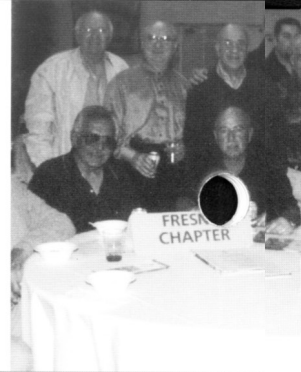
Garo Keadjian receiving 25-yr. plaque from Master Jack Mooradian



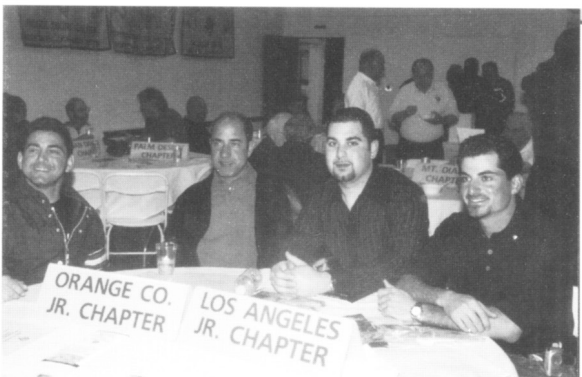
Trex Social at Petar's Restaurant

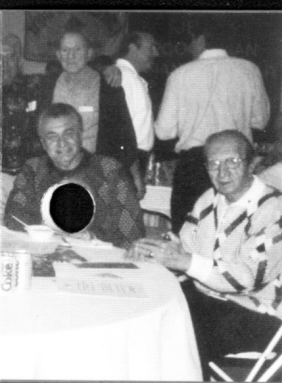


Mt. Diablo enjoying dinner prior to meeting.

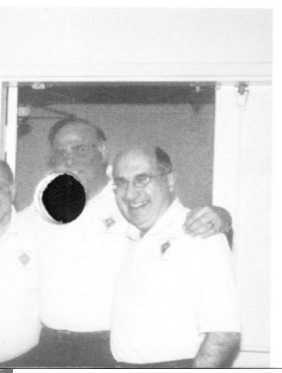
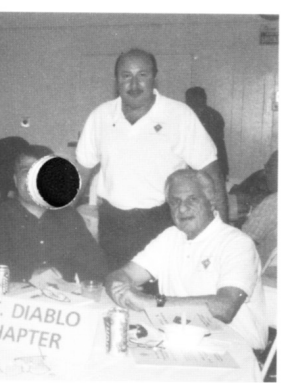
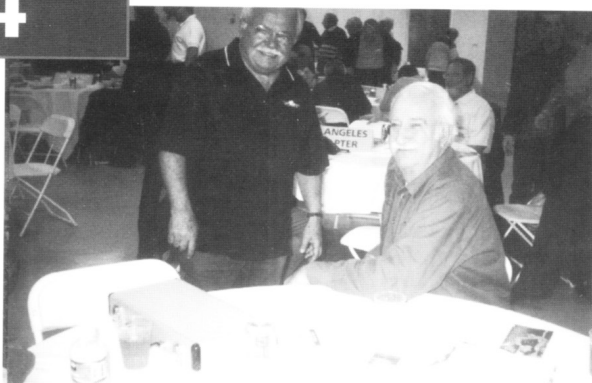
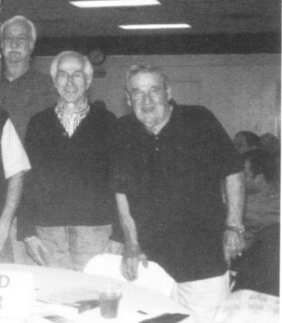


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Photos by Sam Simonian & Jack Ouzounian, PGM

Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

Our Palm Desert Chapter continues to grow stronger with each passing year. This past year has been busy with our monthly meetings as well as several charitable and social events.

In the past year, the Palm Desert Chapter has welcomed eight new brothers and has now grown to 56 members. Our newest brothers who survived their interview meetings are: **Dick Odabashian, Harry Koustik, Blaine Carian, Abe Baghbodorian, Tom Durian and George Mekitarian.** We also welcomed transfer members Bro. Larry Johnson, from the Los Angeles Chapter, and Bro. Harry Bozgian, from the Orange County Chapter.

This year's "Family Day at the Fair" was held on February 21st, at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. This year, we were entertained by the band "Three Dog Night" followed by an evening musical pageant and fireworks. Our desert members, and visiting Los Angeles Chapter members also enjoyed Armenian Mezza and drinks, in the comforts of the hospitality suite provided by the Fair Board. Thank you to **Bro. Nick Nigosian** and his wife Carolon for hosting this successful and enjoyable event.

Our Palm Desert Chapter was again proud to join in with other community members supporting the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4H Clubs by presenting two scholarships of \$250 each, to deserving junior livestock exhibitors at the Fair, as well as purchasing a lamb at their livestock auction. The Palm Desert Triple-X also made a donation of \$5,000 towards the purchase of tables and chairs for the new Armenian Church of the Desert Social Hall which is under construction in Rancho Mirage.

The Spring Picnic was held on April 7th at the Palm Desert Civic Center Park. A traditional

shish kebob dinner, with all the trimmings, was served, thanks to Picnic Chairman, Bro. Bobby Melkesian, and our chief chef, Bro. Stanley Avedisian. Our brothers and their families, along with visiting Grand Master, Frank Korkmazian and his wife, Gayane, enjoyed the delicious food.

Our annual "Desert Golf Outing" was held on May 14th and 15th. Brothers from Los Angeles and Orange County chapters, joined in on a



Spring Picnic: Master Neil Huether and Grand Master Frank Korkmazian Stringing Cheese!!!



Triple-X "Day at the Fair" - Palm Desert Brothers with the Festival Queens: Gordon Chuchian, PM Omar Kanadjian, Queen Shcheherazade, PM Nick Nigosian, Greg Der Kevorkian, Princess Jasmine, Norman Matossian, Princess Dunyazade, Jimmy Surabian and Koko Mazmanian below.



Spring Picnic: PM Nick Nigosian, Stanley Avedisian, Greg Safoyan and Gary Funtas.



Triple-X "Day at the Fair" - Future Trexmen with the Festival Queens! Vaughn Vartanian, Jason Carian, Keith Chuchian and Michael Nigosian.

San Diego

The Triple X of San Diego was a host of the Armenian Teachers over the weekend of the March 19 - March 21. In that little time a lot of things have been accomplished. The brother Joe Kellejian invited them over at Solana City Hall for educational seminar on free market economics and civics on Saturday Morning. He showed several public works projects. The teachers were invited for a tour at the regional train station by the Solana Chamber of Commerce. After a long discussion of the important issues about the civic society, Joe Kellejian hosted the teachers a lunch at one of the famous local Armenian Restaurant (Sam's Ship A'Hoy).

Under initiation of Jack Hachigian, who set the event to take the teachers to the Saturday dinner at the Jasmine restaurant. The Triple X group and teachers had casual Chinese Dinner. The night finished with a party at the Greek Village restaurant in Carlsbad.

The highlight of the visit was the christening of six of the teachers on Sunday Morning. The newly godfathers Joe Kellejian, Jack Hachigian, and Steve Kradjian had the honors to each baptized two of the teachers. That was so spontaneously and so much touching event to the souls of all us. It helps to keep the faith of the Christianity at the Home (Armenia) and abroad.

San Diego Chapter has grown by two members.

Onnik Tchulluian



Spring Picnic Picnic Chairman, Bobby Melkesian and Bro. Greg Safoyan



Desert Golf Outing Bro. Howard Chuchian and Bro. Sam Boghosian



Spring Picnic - The Palm Desert Ladies

weekend of golf, dining and socializing with our desert brothers. Brother, Howard Chuchian and his wife Beverly hosted a lovely cocktail party at their home on Friday evening. After Friday and Saturday golf, the weekend concluded with a delicious Award's Dinner on Saturday night, held at Vicki's of Santa Fe Restaurant. Thank you to Bro. Armen Yarijian for coordinating this successful event.

This year, we said good-bye to Past Master, Omar Kanadjian and his family, who moved to Yeravan, Armenia. We wish good luck to Omar, Karon and Zane in their new home.

I have enjoyed my year as Master, and thank

all my brothers for helping to make this past year successful. With the energy and enthusiasm in our chapter, we can only continue to grow stronger each year. We welcome you all to visit the desert for any of our events. Our business meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Our desert brothers and their families are making their plans to attend the 2004 Convention in Fresno. We all look forward to another successful convention, hosted by our brothers in Fresno.

Fraternally,
Master, Neil Huether

Golden Gate

FRESNO CHAPTER—75 YEARS. REMARKABLE!!!!!! WE WOULDN'T MISS THIS CONVENTION FOR ALL THE TEA IN CHINA. YOUR CHAPTER DESERVES THE BEST. SEE YOU THERE.

Brother Garo Mirigian is hosting a Hawaiian Luau party July 25th at his home in Fremont for all members & guests. We anticipate 100 to 125 members and friends. This is the coming out party for the Golden Gate Charitable Trust. All donations are tax deductible. How can you beat it? A free meal for you & your family and friends; plus if your heart is in the right place, and you donate anything to the G.G. Charitable Trust you will be able to deduct all of the amount from your taxes at the end of the year.

George Atashkarian & his lovely wife Mary just came back from a 30-day cruise starting in Singapore and ending in Sunny Italy.

Ara & Ulla Kaprielian celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations.

Jack Bousian and Barbara are moving from Fresno back to the Bay Area. We welcome you both back with open arms.

Levon Jelalian recently under went a detached retina repair. Anything to do with the eyes is serious business. Wishing you a speedy and successful recovery.

Garo Mirigian chaired the Valentine Party at the Tonga Room in the Fairmont Hotel was a trip down memory lane. Sharvarsh proposed to Lala there over 40 years ago. Many members took their girl friends, later to become their wives, to the Tonga Room. The nostalgia was strong enough to bring over 40 members to see the same show they saw way back when. It was great then and still holds its charm.

In June Ralph Kazanjian, Sark Sarkisian, Vartan Hovsepian and Ara Kaprielian spent 3 days in Tahoe, and stayed at Sark's condo with intentions of playing golf. You know in baseball a game is cancelled because of rain; well ours was canceled because of snow. The golf bug has bitten us. Its time to organize a Bay Area golf tournament involving all the bay area chapters.

Brother Jerry Vorperian is recovering from a series of operations. His Karma is good and he is ornery. Besides, we expect nothing less than a full recovery.

Garodzerenk: Ara Apkarian, H. Jack Aslanian, Vic Azizian, Levon Ishag, Arthur Minasian, Art Muncheryn, Ken Nahigian, Russell

Pinomaki, Dan Riley, Ara Sarkisian, Edward Siyahian and David Zovikian. Your collective smiling faces are missed.

Ralph Kazanjian
Sark Sarkisian, Co-Editors
Golden Gate Chapter



GG models at NorCal Fashion Show



Golden Gate Brothers 'walking the runway.'

Oakland Chapter

Brothers,

It is time once again to check in on what Oakland Chapter has been up to.

Mid-Term Convention: Several of us made the trip to Fresno to participate in the festivities hosted at the Fresno Chapter Clubhouse; gaming with our fellow brethren, enjoying the meal created by the Sequoia brothers, and observing our Grand Master conduct the business of the fraternity.

TREX Day at the Races: Two dozen brothers, wives and children from Oakland and Golden Gate Chapters were led by PGM Charles Hazarian in our annual trek to Golden Gate Fields. Everyone was greeted by beautiful weather, valets for their cars, a robust buffet, and excellent seating in the celebratory atmosphere of the Turf Club. Of course there are also the sorted stories of the winners... you must ask Bro. Craig Bazigian who provided him with repeated winning horse selections (a hint: she wasn't able to place the bets because she isn't old enough!)... and PGM Sark Sarkisian did so well that he was overheard asking whether we can make this a weekly event. Several brothers were seen leaving the loft long enough to congratulate the jockey and his winning horse of the race named for the Triple X Fraternity.

Charity Crab Feed: Oakland Chapter hosted its 10th Annual Charity Crab Feed with a theme focused on the 50's acknowledging that the Chapter was chartered in 1950. The 300 attendees took advantage of the expanded venue that allowed them to mingle comfortably in their poodle skirts and leather jackets while they purchased raffle tickets, bid on silent auction items, and listened to the music of the Rat Pack. They were served nearly 1,000 pounds of fresh cracked crab with all the trimmings by Chefs Brothers Rick Magarian, Paul Koojoolian and Rob Tashjian. As Chairman for the event, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many Oakland Chapter brothers (unfortunately too many to name in this article) whose hard work made the night a success for the public and those Trexmen visiting from the Northern California Chapters, as well as, our Grand Master. Everyone's kind donations made it possible for Oakland Chapter to fund several worthwhile charitable projects again this year.

Family Picnic: As they have for the past



Day at Races: PGM's Charles Hazarian and Sark Sarkisian celebrate with Ralph Kazanjian



Day at Races: PM Craig Bazigian and Bro. George Kamian thanking their "racing expert" family members



Picnic Master Chef: Master Harry Sherinian

many years, Bro. Master Harry Sherinian and his wife Margaret graciously agreed to preside over this annual get together under the trees at the Pleasant Hill Park. Many of Oakland Chapter's families enjoyed a divine day of camaraderie, gin and tavloo gaming, and swimming before sitting down to a complete BBQ dinner featuring Harry's Tri-Tips with their secret marinade and Margaret's mouthwatering accompaniments. This year's picnic also provided a great opportunity for each of us to officially welcome Brother Paul Kamian's new bride to the Oakland Chapter Family.

Camping Trip: Under the capable leadership of PM Rick Magarian, the Chapter will be hosting its annual family camp trip under the redwoods at Big Basin on the July 10th weekend. The brothers always look forward to this chance to commune with nature, spend quality time with their families, display their outdoorsmanship, and pitch in on creating a first rate wood-fired shish kebab feast.

Charitable Giving: The members decided on their first round of donations for the year. With the intent of selecting projects that will make an impact wherever possible, the Chapter identified various worthwhile organizations (ranging from the "Habitat for Humanity" to "Clothing for Armenian Children Program" under the care and leadership of Bro. Greg Tcherkoyan and his wife Seta to "local high school's marching band program") as this year's recipients.

We hope to see many of our brethren at the Annual Convention in Fresno.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jeff Hazarian, PGM
 Associate Editor

Orange County

We are looking forward to the 75th Annual Convention in Fresno this September. We will have our hospitality room poolside. All the Trexmen and their families are invited to come and join us for some fun.

Brother Master John Garakian is doing an outstanding job with his officers to give us great meetings and activities.

Our Fairview Party for the disabled was well attended. We served ice cream, cake and sodas and brought gifts for all of them. We learn that you get a blessing when you give to others and that makes you feel great.

Our 18th Annual Sports Night was a huge success. Every year it gets better. PM Jack Kayajanian and P.M. Nick Paboojian did an excellent job along with all the Brothers who were involved. We gave a tribute to player – Bob Chandler and honored Tom Flores the Raiders Coach, P.G.A. Champion, Golf Announcer, Bob Roseburg, and U.S.C. Athletic Director, Mike Garrett. The Armenian Honoree was Danny Tarkanian – Basketball Player for UNLV. We had over 400 in attendance and the laughter and stories were great. The highlight was the U.S.C. Marching Band who played the U.S.C. fight song.



Bros. in W.W.II & Korean & Vietnam Wars: Mike, Kurk, Haig, John, George, Richard, Pat, Ed, Mooney, Nishan, Z. Harry (many had medals of honor).



Picnic Games: PM Harold Koojoolian



Fairview Party: Kurk, Ron, Ara, Archie, Olga, Marge, Naz, Simon, Danny, Fred, Haig, George.



Sport Night: Honorary Member Duke, Danny Tarkanian, Jerry Tarkanian.

Thanks to Bro. Art Astor for sponsoring this. This event helped us to donate \$20,000 to charities. We all look forward to next year.

Our Laughlin Stag outing was attended by 36 Brothers and Friends. Thanks to Bro. Harold Bazarian who is Chairman every year. The Mazza on the bus and at the hotel was terrific. This year we did have Pocket Bread but no Diet Sodas. Last year we only had white bread to make sandwiches. Maybe next year we will get diet sodas too. We told stories on the bus that don't make sense or are hard to believe. Can you imagine that??? We all thought we had the winner of the Kentucky Derby!!! "Never believe a Hot Tip"... For three days we had great fun and got to know our brothers better.

The Potluck at the Kazarian's Club House was well attended by over 100 members and guests. We ate and played Bingo. Sister Marge Kazarian made her Fantastic Keyma. Thanks to all the wives who brought the delicious dishes and desserts and it's always great to see family and friends.

The Day at the Races at Santa Anita was lots of fun. Bro. Ed Harver always does a fabulous job in arranging for us to get Box Seats and having the 7th race named "The Orange County Trex Derby". Some of our horses are still running but we had lots of fun. We took pictures with the winning jockey of the OC Trex Derby.

We have enjoyed visits by our Grand Master Bro. Frank Korkmazian, one thing I like about Frank is that we see Eye to Eye. G.M. Frank, your doing a great job.

Our meetings are at Bistango's in Irvine, 19100 Von Karman Ave on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Kef time 6:30, dinner 7:30 and meeting at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
PGM Haig Jamgotchian.



Officers: Cris, Larry, Malcolm, Jon, GM Frank, John, Robert



Bro. Pete, David, Harry at pot luck dinner.



Ara, GM Frank, Simon, Ken, John, Robert



Sport Night: Bro. Jack, Mike Garrett, Tom Flores



Bro. Ed, Ron, Nick, Cris



Having fun at Sports Night 2004.

Orange County Juniors

Dear Brothers,

There has been a lot of exciting happenings with the Orange County Juniors during the first half of 2004, and the excitement does not seem to be dying down. In August, we added a new Brother to our ranks, Sako Krikorian. In the short time Sako 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.

Valentine's Day this year had a new meaning for the Orange County Juniors. We held our first annual No Love Lounge at the Side Bar in Glendale. With over 125 people in attendance, we were able to raise over \$1,250 for the Armenian Eye Care Project. This money was donated to Orange County Senior Brother Dr. Roger Ohanesian, the founder of the AECF. All the money raised will go toward operating the Mobile Eye Clinic for one week to help fight cataracts in rural Armenia. So, on top of throwing great parties, the Orange County Juniors will be responsible for bringing sight to Armenians in need.

We have continued to show our support to our Senior brothers. In February, all Junior brothers were in attendance at the 18th Annual Sports Night. With such greats as Coach Jerry Tarkanian, Former Raiders Coach Tom Flores, and USC Athletic Director Mike Garrett in attendance, it was a great night for all. The Juniors once again had the difficult task of running the raffle and we were able to raise over \$3,500 for local Orange County charities. To tell the truth, we are not sure if we raised the money or if it were the four scantily clad Orange County Budweiser Girls? We'll let you make the decision. The Orange County Juniors were also in attendance

and helped work the 25th Annual Spring Fling. With Juniors at the door and behind the bar, a good time was had by all in attendance.

The moment that all of us have been waiting for is here: Kebab-Palooza IV. The party will be held on July 24th at Brother Greg Magdesian's home in Diamond Bar. With a full shish-kebab dinner, drinks, and music, Diamond Bar will be rocking on the 24th



All the brothers enjoying a meal.



Master Simon with the Budweiser Girls.



Brothers Art and Haik enjoying a drink.



Brothers Jack and Simon donating \$1250 to Dr. Roger Ohanesian.



Fraternal and biological brothers Simon and Henry Hovakimian.

of July. Look forward to a full report of in the next issue of Trex News.

Fraternally Yours,
 Simon Hovakimian
 Master, Orange County Jr. Trex

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 meet in the cozy kitchen/conference complex at the building rear on the ground floor. The downstairs large kitchen and banquet area is available for special occasions as well as the indoor patio for barbecues. The Board of Director meetings are on the first Thursday of the month.

The Peninsula Chapter continues to enjoy fellowship, wine and some fabulous BBQs by Bros. Vazgen Babayan, Vic Khachooni with help from Bro. Kip Garabedian our pilaf expert. We welcomed new Bro. Mark Antranikian sponsored by Bro. Master Andy in February. Bro. Mark is a serious tournament tavloo player. We are open to any challengers.

Bro. Larry Karabian and Wife Dian hosted the Peninsula Brothers overnight at their beautiful new log cabin home in Shaver Lake at our March midterm. It was a great weekend. We had a very interesting slide presentation on Armenia at our April meeting by Mr. John Helebian, who is with Bay Area Friends of Armenia (BAFA). The Brothers/Chapter is making a donation with 9 to 1 matching funds for Armenian school children. We also had an enjoyable meeting in May with presentation by the Armenian Bob Sled team members, Alan Babayan and Dan Janjigian. We encourage support of these fine athletes in the upcoming Olympics. They are serious contenders, but it takes a lot of Dram to compete.

We had a nice visit with Bro. Grand Master Frank Korkmazian at our Janu-



Bobsleigh Team Armenia

ary meeting. We are sorry to report that Bro. Joe Keshishian had a recent heart problem, but is doing well at home with Wife Ann's care. Bro. Joe has spirit and we hope he will be joining us soon. Bros. Vic Paparigian and Norris Gregory are doing well and participate when they can.

Our 5th annual fund-raiser with the Peninsula Chapter food booth at the Mountain View Art and Wine Festival is September 11 and 12. We invite Brothers and friends to visit our booth and enjoy the camaraderie and delicious kebab planned. Thanks to Bros. Vazgen Babayan and Vic Khachooni for again organizing and heading this important event.

The 8th Annual Picnic at Vic's in Los Altos Hills in October is being planned. Brothers, families and friends are welcome to attend with prior reservation notice. We plan live Armenian music as usual. Thanks to our gracious Hosts Bro. Vic and Linda Khachooni.

We are looking forward to the second visit of Bro. Grand Master Frank Korkmazian this month and our annual convention in Fresno.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Nalbandian



Bro. Norris Gregory receiving 5-yr. plaque from PGM Charles Paskerian.



Joint Golden Gate / Peninsula Meeting

SELMA

Greetings from the raisin capital of the world. It's been a fun and eventful year. Master Jim Tikijian and Junior Master Vernon Avakian have been very busy organizing the year's activities.

January got the year off to a great start with the ever popular Law Enforcement Night. Brothers Dan Boyajian and Robert Kandarian always put on a great event. PGM Brother Abby Mamigonian prepared his signature lamb shank dinner. No wonder all the police and sheriff's deputies want to come to this dinner! Thank you Bro. Abby, your hard work is greatly appreciated.

This year the Selma Chapter awarded ten \$500.00 Scholarships to local high school seniors. An Awards Dinner in their honor was held at the home of PGM Brother Kay Cloud on Sunday, May 16th. Sixty guests enjoyed a late afternoon dinner in a garden style setting. Scholarship Committee Chairman Brother Chuck Jamgotchian introduced the recipients and their family members. The Selma Chapter congratulates the scholarship recipients and wishes them the best in their future endeavors. Special thanks to Brothers PGM Kay Cloud, Dick Boyajian, Kenny Melkonian and Oscar Kasparian for putting on such a fine affair.

The annual Spring Outing was held on Sunday, June 6th at the pavilion on the grounds of the California Armenian Home. Brother Harry Kutumian and his crew prepared a great dinner for approximately fifty Brothers and guests. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon in a picnic atmosphere.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the year was the Carol Channing fund raiser, held on Sunday, April 25th at the Tower Theatre in Fresno. Over one thousand people turned out for two shows of the world renowned Broadway performer Carol Channing. Miss Channing's mix of songs and stories about her show business career was a real crowd pleaser. Fresno native Mike Connors joined Miss Channing on stage during the second performance. Our thanks to Miss Channing for giving so much of herself for the three days she was in Fresno. This event raised approximately \$15,000 for the California Armenian Home. Hats off to Brothers

Patrick (the promoter) Balakian, Dick Boyajian, and the many other Brothers who worked so hard to make this such a successful undertaking.



Carol Channing with Bros. Dick Boyajian (l) and Patrick Balakian (r).



Carol Channing with Bro. Jim Kaprielian (l), Board President of the California Armenian Home and Nikki Vartikian (r.), Administrator.



Carol Channing visiting with some of California Armenian Home residents and their families.



Gr. Secretary Ken Melkonian, Gr. Marshal Sam Bagdasarian and GM Frank Korkmazian, all Selma Brothers.

Upcoming events include a gambling trip to Chukchansi Gold Casino on Sunday, July 25th. The annual Keyma dinner is scheduled for Thursday, August 26th at the A.A.C.L. Hall. New Brother Mike Missakian is planning a Crab Feed to be held on Saturday, September 11th, at the A.A.C.L. Hall. Of course, don't forget to mark your calendars for November 6th for the ever popular Turkey Bingo.

We are happy to hear that Brothers Jerry Surabian and Donald Attoian are doing well and on the mend after their life threatening illnesses. Sadly, we must report the passing of another Brother, Michael G. Garabedian. Michael was the son of long time Brother M.K. Garabedian.

Our condolences to Brother Harry Donabedian and family, on the passing away of Harry's wife Carla, who recently lost her long and courageous battle with cancer.

That's it for now from Selma. See you at the Convention in Fresno.

Newton Krikorian,
Assoc. Editor



Carol Channing at the California Armenian Home, Fresno

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