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Triple X Fraternity

51st Mid-Term Convention

Saturday, March 5, 2005

Fresno, California

FRESNO CHAPTER CLUB HOUSE

630 S. ARGYLE ST., FRESNO

- ◆ **Mid-Term Golf** - Brighton Crest Country Club
21722 Fairway Oaks Lane, Friant, Calif.
(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: 5:30 p.m. - Dinner 6:30 p.m.**
- ◆ **Business Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Members Only**



Grand Master's Message

During the past six months my wife Julie and I enjoyed warmth and fraternalism shown during our visitations and participation in the various activities.

I firmly believe our financial assistance to worthy organizations locally, and in Armenia, has made a positive difference in their lives. The warmth and hospitality to my wife and I has left an indelible mark in our hearts for which we express our sincere thanks.

Our Grand Chapter officers are working on various innovative ways to improve the continued progress made thus far. Any proposals by the Grand Chapter will be presented at the proper place in a timely manner. We as members of the Triple X fraternity composed of like minded dedicated Armenians look forward to improve our image rededicating ourselves in an exemplary manner by contributing to community affairs.

Let's attend midterm and state conventions with new ideas to effectuate positive results for our Triple X Fraternity.

Fraternally Yours,
Bro. Jerry Poochigian, Grand Master
Triple X Fraternity

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Grand Historian- Custodian

FRESNO

Happy New Year to all our Brothers and their families. We were pleased to host our 75th Convention. It was even more heart-warming to receive compliments and phone calls on how well-planned and fun the convention was.

We had great fun planning and working together, husbands and wives, so that it could be an enjoyable convention. Therefore, this article of Trex News is devoted to FRESNO'S 75TH CONVENTION.

This issue is dedicated and acknowledging the chairmen of events, members, wives for their tireless work and highlights of events. All of us thank everyone who attended this convention and supported us so enthusiastically.

IN MEMORIAM: Mark Yazijian, a 16-year member and Past Master of Fresno Triple X passed away on September 9, 2004 at the age of 45. He was Vice President of New England Sheet Metal Co. of Fresno.

Mark loved life and was a friend to all. His infectious smile was always present. He was an avid sports fan and his "number one" foot-



Convention Chairmen: PM Jack Bedoian, PGM Ed Hokokian



Booklet Chairmen: N. Chaderjian, R. Markus.



Sunday Ladies Luncheon Chairwomen: M. Hokokian, A. Bedoian, I. Chilpugian.



Sunday Members Breakfast Chairmen: PM's P. Najimian, and G. Kazarian.



Friday Welcome Night: Chairman J. Jabagchourian and wife Aroos.



Finance: Richard & Diana Shirin. The "Buck" stops here.



Registration: Chairman, N. Chaderjian and some of the committee.



Friday Welcome at Clubhouse.



Grand Ball Chairs: J. Gahvejians and H. Tanielians.
 ball team was the "Rams". His favorite things were his black Corvette ; his favorite place was Huntington Lake where he enjoyed fishing and boating in "God's country!". "Right on" was his favorite line.

We will always remember him and his spirit and courage. Our sincere condolences to the entire Yazijian Family.

Our prayers are with our military forces here and abroad and we ask for Peace on Earth as we continue to pray for our country and fraternity. See you at the "Mid-Term" in Fresno.

Fraternally,
 Nazareth M. Chaderjian



Grand Ball: PGM A. Cholakian & N. Chaderjian and their "Stellas".



Kef Night



Grand Ball



Friday Welcome Night.



Saturday Kef Night. Elvis entertains.



Saturday Kef Night Chairman R. Bedoian.

Peninsula

GREETINGS Brothers and Families! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Peninsula Chapter officers for 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 - Mike Michaelian
Chapter Committee Rep. Joe Keshishian

Meetings are scheduled on the third Thursday of the month in the ground floor rear kitchen/conference complex at the Los Altos Masonic Lodge, 146 Main Street in downtown Los Altos. The downstairs kitchen and patio areas are used for special occasions and barbecues. B.o.D. meetings are on the first Wednesday or Thursday.

The Peninsula Chapter enjoys fellowship and tasty dinners by Bros. Vazgen Babayan, Vic Khachooni and Bro. Kip Garabedian our pilaf expert. We are having lively tavloo games with Bro. Vic Khachooni and Bro. Mark Antranikian, who have placed in the money ranks in recent tournaments in SF, Las Vegas, LA, etc. We enjoyed a second visit with Bro. Grand Master Frank Korkmazian in July. We had fun and joked, but later were reminded to ease up some



Bro.s Larry, Kip, Vic, Andy, Vazgen at Mid-Term 2004.



Happy to see Bro. Joe Keshishian is back in action.



Bro. Larry and Diane hosting breakfast at their Shaver Lake log mansion.



Bro. Ruben explaining to Bro. Vic what's for dinner.

for the feelings of Brother Guests to allow their winning a few tavloo matches.

We are happy to report that Bro. Joe Keshishian is recovered and is back with us. Bros. Vic Paparigian, Norris Gregory and Larry Karabian join us when they can. Based on their recent fabulous trip, Bro. Bud Kalafian highly recommends Armenia. The Brothers/Chapter made a donation with 9 to 1 matching funds for \$20,000 for a new Armenian school building in Garis, which is 4 hours south of Yerevan. Brothers/Chapters who would like to support a good Armenian cause are encouraged to contact Mr. John Halebian, Bay Area Friends of Armenia (BAFA) or our Chapter on augmented, tax-deductible charitable contributions.

The 5th annual fundraiser with the Peninsula Chapter food booth at the Mountain View Art and Wine Festival September 11 and 12, was lots of work, fun and profitable after we got the marketing right by offering free kebab samples to odars. Thanks to Bros. Vazgen Babayan and Vic Khachooni for again organizing and heading this important event. While on food, Congratulations/Best Wishes to Bro. Ruben Kazarian on his new SF Subway Shop!

The 8th Annual Picnic at Vic's was overcome by events including Brother Vic and Linda Khachooni's October Italy vacation. Brothers Joe, Zareh, Bruce and wives attended the Mt. Diablo joint Christmas Party. Thank you Brothers for inviting us. We are planning a visit to Aram's Restaurant in Petaluma with Bro. Bruce Osterlye for delicious Armenian food. We reciprocate with love and appreciation for the exemplary dedication toward our brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Nalbandian

Orange County

2004 – 2005 Officers

Master Bro. Ron Sarouhan

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Sgt. of Arms Bros. Larry & Terry Hanoian

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Web Master Bro. Master Ron Sarouhan

Bro. Master Ron has such a talented slate of officers. We are looking forward to a year of fun, fellowship and helping the great charities.

Our 29th Annual Picnic was another great success. Many thanks to P.M. Bro. Wayne Najarian and Bro. Art Kazarian as well as all the brothers and wives and especially Marge Kazarian. The Shish Kabob was great. All the kids had lots of fun with their games and we had great Armenian Music and Dancing. This is the highlight of our year to be able to get together with our families and friends.

The Convention in Fresno was wonderful and all our Brothers and their wives had a great time. See you next year at the San Diego Chapter Convention.



2004 Convention: Bro. PGM Haig, Naz, Robert, John, Harry, Master Ron, Larry, PGM Archie, Pete, Jack, PGM Haig.



Master Ron, GM Jerry, PM John.



Julie, GM Jerry, PGM Archie Stella, PGM Z. Harry, Marge, Marcia, PGM Haig. Grand Master honoring the PGM's.



New member: Bro. Nairi Bagdagulyan from Yerevan, Armenia. PGM Archie giving oath of initiation.

The Installation was again a First Class Event. P.M. Bro. Wayne Najarian was the Master of Ceremonies. We had the honor to have our Grand Master Bro. Jerry Poochigian and his wife Julie as our guests. He installed our new officers and also the officers of our Junior Chapter.

Our Trexmen of the Year were P.M. Nick Paboojian and P.M. Jack Kayajanian. They do a great job, especially on our Sports Night each year. We had a beautiful mazzza done by Marge Kazarian, Stella Cholakian and Olga Sarouhan. Thanks also to all the wives who helped. We also had music by P.M. John Mekemian and singing by his daughter Nicole. Thanks Brother John for the entertainment.

We had a Family Christmas Celebration with over 70 family members in attendance. It was



GM Jerry Poochigian swearing in our New Officers, Sr. & Jr.



Trexmen of the Year: P.M. Bro. Nick Paboojian, P.M. Jack Kayajanian, presenting by Master Ron Sarouhan.



2005 Officers: Bro. Mark, Chris, Master Ron, John, Brian, Larry, Terry - awesome team.

great fun to see the kids and grandkids. We will be doing this more often – getting together and Having Fun. Thanks Master Ron and his wife Olga for putting on this event. We brought toys to be given to the needy. The food and fellowship were wonderful.

Coming events are the Burger Bash for family and friends on January 28th; Sports Night at the Marriott in Newport Beach on February 7th featuring Eddie LeBaron, Quarterback from Stanford and the Washington Red Skins. Also Al Gasparian, Head Coach for the Women's Volleyball team at Golden West College where he won many state championships. Al is the number one Women's Volleyball Coach in the U.S. and the Fairview Developmental Center party for the disabled on February 23rd.

We have had 2 new members Bro. Nairi Bagdagulyan from Yerevan, Armenia and Bro. Tom Kalajian. Welcome to the Trex.

Our meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of the month. For location call P.G.M. Haig at 714/630-3828 if you're in town we would love to have you join us.

See You At the Midterm in Fresno.

Respectfully submitted,
P.G.M. 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 2004, and the excitement does not seem to be dying down. In July, we added a new Brother to our ranks, Levon Gabrielian. Levon's interview came the night before our famed Kebab-Palooza and was able to pass the interview with flying colors. Levon has already proved himself to be a great asset because of his tireless work ethic, energy level, and enthusiasm to propel Triple X to the next level.

In 2004, we did not forget where we came from and we continue to support our Senior brothers in all their events. Whether it is the Annual Picnic, Installation Banquet, Potluck, or the Monthly Business meeting, there is always a strong Junior presence.

Speaking of Kebab-Palooza, the fourth annual installment of this party occurred in July and there appears to be no limit to the success that this party can have. I want to first thank Brother Greg for again opening his house to this party. With a full Armenian dinner consisting of chicken and beef kebab, pilaf, string cheese, bread and salad, the over two hundred in attendance sampled what 12 guys and a barbeque could accomplish. With the culinary works of Brothers Erik, Mesrop, Albert, Henry, and Jack the food was second to none and there are still people talking about how tender the meat was. In a first for the Juniors, we



Bros. Greg, Simon at Kebab-Palooza IV



Brothers at the Annual Senior Picnic



The 2004 Orange County Junior Triple X



The Brothers enjoying a drink.

had a non-member, Justin Mooshagian, at the barbeque and his skill was a welcome addition to the pit crew. The bar was manned by Brothers Haik, Mark, Sako, Ant, Greg, and Haro and their pouring techniques would have made Tom Cruise blush. Besides the food, the dance floor was always full of beautiful Armenian women and men and the drinks were constantly flowing from the bar. The amount of work it takes to throw this party increases every year and I want to extend my thanks to all of the brothers for giving their all in making this party the tremendous success it was.

In October, the Juniors held the third annual Halloween party. I want to thank Brother Mesrop for hosting this party because his house was the perfect location for this annual event. It is safe to say that all in attendance had a great time and we look forward to having the party next year. It was great to see all the Brothers in beautiful Fresno for the Annual Convention. My congratulations go out to the Brothers of the Fresno Chapter and all those that helped in making Convention a memorable weekend. In 2004, the Orange County Juniors raised and donated over three thousand dollars to local charities and if you thought 2004 was something, wait to see what we have in store for 2005.

Fraternally Yours,
Simon Hovakimian, Master

Capitol

“BROTHERHOOD” 2004

Our members of the Capitol Chapter continue to uphold the tradition of brotherhood within our ranks. Before our meetings, all the brothers meet at a local restaurant, having a nice dinner, and we have a pretty good bull session of mapping out settling the world problems. Alternating teams of brothers will host a dinner at our local meeting place the Saint James Armenian Church hall. We all enjoy the brotherhood of participating members every month keeping in touch, isn't that what brotherhood is all about? Think about it. Participate in your meetings. Master David Richardson, Bro. John Malkasian treasurer, and Bro. Vernon Shahbazian secretary, will find plenty of plush empty chairs for you. Get involved brothers.

Our dear Bro. Chester Tatosian died this last November. We are sorry to lose a lovable brother as Chester was. He was an excellent Tavloos player. He will be missed. (See photo)

Brother Leon Hagopian should win the Achievement Trophy all by himself the way he's been rounding up new members. He has 4 new prospects in mind. Keep it up Brother.

Our brother Master David Richardson has just completed his first term in Law School, and is in the process of taking final examinations. We



Bro. Jake, Bro. (Chester Tatosian, deceased), Bro. George, Bro. Leon.



New Members: Larry and Mrs. Suddjian, Tim Kassouni in back.

certainly wish him well.

Bro. Buddy Ohanesian, assisted by Bro. Leon Hagopian was the Chairman of the Xmas party for the kids in December. “Santa Claus” was Bro. Scott Khatoonian. It should be noted here, I wonder if the 14th generation of Betsy Ross had made that Santa Claus suit for Bro. Scott. Hmmm. Bro. Art Tatosian provided the kids with plenty of cake & ice cream.

Bro. Buddy and wife Clarice returned from a 1100 mile boat trip through the Columbia River ending in Idaho. Leaving from Portland, Oregon sailing through gorgeous scenery observing herds of Elk, and Goats. A picturesque haven of a trip not seen by many people.

A jet boat extended their return trip another 50 miles through the Snake River for 8 days.

Capitol brothers hosted a Ladies Night on January 15th. Bro. Harry Sweet, Bro. Greg Soligan and Bro. Leon Hagopian are planning a fantastic “BINGO” night in February.

Buy your tickets early, Bro. Sweet may auction off his old worn out shoes & socks.

Bro. Peter Onnigian is recuperating from a heart problem and with Pneumonia. But he's improving well. Bro. Peter's wife Sadie is also nursing a bad spine to be normal again.

Bro. Vernon Shahbazian has been Chief cook and bottle washer caring for his wife Sylvia who



Bro's Wives: Mary, Anna, Virginia, Esther (back) and Sadie.



Bro. Harry, Mary Beth & David, PGM Frank Korkmazian & wife Gayane.

Sequoia

Many months have past since our last publication. It's a joy to read about the many accomplishments our sister chapters have made. One can only reflect with pride what Armenians of ethnic identity have contributed to our communities, state, and nation. Any attempt to change the unique identity our founding brothers established 85 years ago is foreign to us. The Triple X Fraternity was founded by 8 brothers of Armenian parentage, not by those of diverse ethnicity. It is our sworn duty to uphold those principals, not to interpret principals to accommodate individuals or groups who cannot be Armenians by choice or any reason however noble or modern conceptually it may appear. Why all non members who qualify otherwise for membership, have not applied, remains a mystery. Perhaps as members we should commit ourselves by deeds to promote charity, benevolence, social culture, and bonds of friendship to attract them in our fold.

Our chapter's commitment to donate \$40,000 towards the construction of the boat house and dress room facilities at our summer camp, finally took place when \$10,000 was given on October 20th. The balance will be given as construction progresses.

We are proud also in the election of Bro. Jerry Poochigian, Grand Master of the Triple X Fraternity. We are confident and congratulate him in advance for his leadership and dedication which will bring pride to our chapter and the Triple X Fraternity as a whole.

Bro. Gary Krikorian and Bro. Rick Krikorian accepted to chair one of our fund-raising activities, the 4th of July fireworks booth. This year's Shish Kabob booth at the World Farm Equip-

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is suffering from a fall injuring her spine. Sylvia is still on the mend every day. The brothers are praying for our favorite friends a full recovery soon.

Fraternally,
Bro. Harry Sweet, Associate Editor

NOTICE: "HARRY SWEET'S BOOK'S" WILL THE BRO'S. WHO PICKED UP A BOOK FROM MY BOX AT THE FRONT DOOR DURING THE LAST MID-TERM MEETING, PLEASE SEND A \$22.00 PAYMENT TO Bro. HARRY SWEET. Capitol Chapter. BOOK'S WERE TO BE SOLD. THEY WERE NOT FREE. I LOST 17 BOOKS @ \$22.00 ea. = \$374.00 Thanks very much Brother's.



Bro. Pete Zerounian creation of Christmas tree.



Bro. Harry Krikorian inspecting construction of Boat House and dressing facilities at Armenian Summer Camp

ment Expo is co-chaired by Bros. Abe Kazerian and Archie Zakarian. This three day event will be bigger and more profitable. The more we make the more we give.

Preparations are underway to host the 2006 Triple X Convention. A new format is under discussion to improve attendance and participation by young and old alike.

Notable Community Involvements: Pro-youth support fund raising committee, commissioned Bro. Pete Zerounian, to create and build a Christmas tree out of metal. His creation, a 6-1/2 foot ornamental tree raised \$16,000.00. Bro. Pete Zerounian was awarded a ribbon for creativity and a second ribbon for originality. Others who may have had notable accomplishments failed to uprise the correspondent.

Respectfully Submitted by
Bro. Sirag Kalfayan, Assistant to
Bro. Richard Shuklian, Correspondent

Las Vegas

It pleases us to announce we were able to bring in four new members in 2004. We are making every effort to increase our membership. Due to the constant excitement of our city, it challenges us, but we are making headway by explaining the significance of our Fraternity and the importance to becoming involved in truly Armenian Brotherhood.

We have four brothers participating in our Annual Convention and, hopefully, to have a few more for mid-term. We are currently planning several functions for the Las Vegas Chapter including a Wine Tasting event on April 1, a glamorous KEF NIGHT WITH A LARGE BUFFET AND LIVE MUSIC on May 14 and a Picnic on September 25. This will be an excellent opportunity for our brothers in California to have a



Left to right: Bro. Arpiar, Arakel, Karney, Gil, Robert, Shavarsh, George, Armen and Ralph.

good time in Las Vegas. With your participation, we will be able to book really very affordable rooms at Gold Coast. Fifty percent (50%) of all proceeds will give us the ability to build toward Scholarships in our community. (More details to follow shortly)

During our Monthly meetings, we also invite our spouses to dine and have a good time while we conduct our meeting. This way they know where we are, and what we are doing and after we have conducted our business, we are ready to have fun together. Our last membership meeting was an elaborate dinner with good participation by our brotherhood (pictures attached), and a very elegant Christmas Eve dinner sponsored by our brother Gil Surabian and his niece, Anna (more pictures). We shall look forward to seeing all of our brothers from California and Las Vegas on May 14, 2005.



75th Convention





n 2004 - Fresno

Photos by
Jack Ouzounian, PCA
Grand Editor



Gabe Kaprelian and Ken Khteian Chaired the food preparation and serving Committee. Brothers Matthew Matoseian and John Casparian were responsible for drinks. Brother Shant Der-gazarian handled games and parking. Entertainment was provided by Brothers Vaughn Vartanian and Ed Belezikian and the Oasis Band. Brother Robert Kalfayan taste tested the

food served for quality. In all, over 80 Brothers helped cook, serve, clean-up and manage the event. The Picnic was a great success with over 1,100 dinners served.

In October, the Chapter held its 76th Installation Banquet. The event was held in the banquet room of the Ararat Home and was Chaired by Bro. Steve Hampar. Approximately 170 Brothers and wives attended the event. In conjunction with the Installation ceremony, the Chapter held a combined Silent and Live Auction for the benefit of the Ararat Home. The auction was run by Bro. Dave Maseredjian. Bro. Robert Kalfayan was the model of silence. Over 75 separate items were donated for auction. Items ranged from jewelry to resort vacation trips.

Also in October the Chapter held its annual Stag Outing at the Singing Hills Country Club in El Cajon. Brothers Tev Eminian and Mel Shanoian Co-Chaired the event. About 40 members attended the three day event. Activities included golf, cards, gambling at the Sycuan Indian Casino, tavloo, and food. Bro. Robert Kalfayan conducted a tour of San Diego's Gas Light District.

The 12th Annual Gin Partner Tournament was held in November at the Brookside Country Club in Pasadena. The event was Chaired by Bro. David Maseredjian. As in the past, the event had a limited number of 24 players and



Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The second half of 2004 exceeded all expectations for the Los Angeles Chapter. Master Vaughn Vartanian and his talented Executive Board continued to work hard with the remainder of their ambitious calendar of meetings and events. The success of Bro. Vaughn's calendar of events is the result of the commitment of event Chairmen and the dedication of the Brothers and wives that help.

In July the Los Angeles Chapter held its first ever Bingo Night. The event was held at the Ararat Home and was chaired by Bro's. Darren Eminian and Greg Boyajian. Bro. Armen Titizian entertained the group of 45 Brothers and wives in attendance with his Canadian version of Bingo. Bro. Robert Kalfayan provided guidance to these young Brothers.

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

Master	Bro. Walter Hekimian, Jr.
Jr. Master	Bro. George Titizian
Rec. Secretary	Bro. Armen Titizian
Treasurer	Bro. Ron Roopenian
Cor. Secretary	Bro. Gary Zakarian
Srgt-at-Arms	Bro. John Soroyan
Chairman of the Board	Bro. Greg Kludjian

Newly elected Master Bro. Walt Hekimian ran on platform of humor, efficiency, and fiscal responsibility. With that, the new Master said he would terminate the programs and policies instituted by the previous Master, especially the Masters Minute.

September was extremely busy with the Annual Ararat Home Picnic and the Annual Triple X Convention in Fresno. The 52nd Ararat Home Picnic was held on September 26. The event was Chaired by Brother Richard Jebejian. Brothers



some Brothers had to be turned away. Bro. Bob Simonian served as Proctor for the evening. The Tournament winners were the team of Bro. Carl Marderosian and Los Angeles Junior Chapter Bro. John Maseredjian.

In December the Chapter held its annual Kef Night at the Ararat Home. The event was Co-Chaired by Bros. Hovig Antabian and Gary Dergazarian. Over 300 guests attended. Music was by the John Belezikian Band. More than 50 Brothers helped put on the event. Included this year was an extremely popular Cigar & Cognac Lounge that was organized by Bro. Mike Mihterian.

The Chapter provided a free meal for the December meeting. The meal was catered by Olympia. While the meeting itself was mediocre, the food was excellent. The December meeting had a member high attendance of over 60 Brothers.

Upcoming Chapter events include a second Bingo Night scheduled for January 28, 2005. The event is being Chaired again by Brothers Darren Eminian and Greg Boyadjian and will be held at the Kesab Hall in Reseda. Bro. Robert Kalfayan has challenged all Brothers to play each round with multiple cards.

In April the Chapter will have its Partner Best Ball Golf Tournament at the Las Verdes Country Club in Palos Verdes, California. Bro. Dickran Devian is the event Chairman. As always, Bro. Dickran is supported by the experience and knowledge of Bro. Robert Kalfayan. Brothers interested in attending what has become an exceptional event, please contact Bro. Dickran at (818) 886-8950.

Master Walt and his Executive Committee continue to plan the calendar of events for the new year. Event Chairman continue to enthusiastically volunteer to make this yet another successful year.

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 yours,
Bro. Galen S. Petoyan

San Diego

Brothers,

We are looking forward to the 76th Annual convention in San Diego this coming September. Our chapter is getting ready and preparing to hit and rolled the red carpet for our brothers, family members, and friends, visitors. Be Prepared to have the “Rock around the Clock” Convention at the DoubleTree hotel in Mission Valley/San Diego. An early reservation can give you a chance for a free stay at the hotel during the Convention (Winner will be chosen by lottery).

After a long break the Trex Chapter hosted a dinner for the JAA students in Sam’s Ship A’Hoy in San Diego. There were guests and associates with the Junior Achievements of Armenia. We encountered the brightest teenagers from Armenia with their ideas and perception of the future of the Armenian youth. They share a small story



PM George Banerian and PGM Joe Kellejian at the JAA Dinner Sam’s Ship Ahoy restaurant



The Triple X San Diego Chapter and our guests, Grand Master and Junior Grand Master at the Christmas Party 2004.

Golden Gate

Things have been moving along quite quickly for the “Chapter by the Bay.” It all began with a hugely successful summer Luau at the home of Master Garo Mirigian and his lovely wife, Aida. Approximately 100 brothers and their friends from all four bay area chapters, as well as members from the Selma chapter and former Grand Master Frank Korkmazian, came dressed in Hawaiian colors, and everyone enjoyed food, fun, and fraternity.

We have several prospective new member brothers, and we’re proud and excited to welcome brother Peter Kaprielian to our chapter. Peter



Brother Gregory Vartanian pointed at his next gift.

of their life. It was fascinating to hear the ambition and desire to science of those young smart students.

We had our usual Christmas Party at the Marina Towers in Oceanside on December 4th. The hosts of the event were Steve and Lisa Kradjian, Joe and Mary Kellejian. More than half of the brothers came and participated at our traditional event. And there along came Santa Claus (PM George Banerian) and our honorable guests Grand Master Jerry Poochigian and Junior Grand Master Melvin Shanoian and their better halves. We had our gift exchange “war” and raised money towards the Chapter.

Fraternally

Onnik E. Tchulluian, Master

was sworn in December and is the son of longtime chapter brother Ara Kaprielian.

Several of our chapter brothers were happy to join other bay area brothers and their families at a Christmas Banquet sponsored by our brothers of the Oakland Chapter. Everyone had a wonderful evening, and the donated clothing will certainly benefit needy children in Armenia.

The next big Golden Gate event was our Valentine's Celebration. Chapter brothers and their special valentines enjoyed an elegant dinner at Ruth's Chris Steak House in San Francisco, complete with surprise gifts for the ladies and "romantic" games to round out the evening.

The serious business of the chapter, though, has been in our reestablishing ourselves as an organization interested in supporting and encouraging individuals and groups benefiting the Armenian Community - both in the US and abroad. In order to do this, we have reactivated the Golden Gate Chapter Charitable Trust as a tax-deductible entity to serve as our donating instrument.

The trust has already made substantial contributions to the NorCal Armenian Home and Senior Services and to the Mt. Davidson Cross project, and is studying various other charitable activities and organizations for our possible support. In addition, our chapter has reestablished our annual scholarship program in order to encourage our Armenian youth in their higher education and training.

However, the big event being planned as our chapter's signature celebration and fund-raiser will be our Golden Gate Chapter Golf Classic. Brother golfers should mark your calendars for August 1st, since that's when we've reserved the Harding Golf Course in San Francisco. Serious golfers will know that the Harding course is being "redone" for the 2005 PGA Tournament. This means our brothers can match their golf skills with the pro's. More important is the fact that the profits from this golf classic will go directly to our Charitable Trust to support our philanthropic efforts.

As our brothers in other chapters can clearly see, things are happening in the Golden Gate Chapter. We look forward to seeing our fellow brothers throughout the year, and we welcome your support of our efforts. Our chapter's success is the fraternity's success, and the greater Armenian community benefits.

Garo Mirigian

Selma

Greetings and happy new year from Selma Chapter. The raisin market is strong and so is Selma Trex!

Out-going Master Jim Tikijian turned the gavel over to new Master Vernon Avakian at the September Business meeting. The following is the new slate of Officers for 2004-2005.

Master	Vernon Avakian
Jr. Master	Larry Avedisian
Secretary	Perry Mamigonian
Treasurer -	
Charitable Trust	Michael Missakian
Treasurer -	
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Sergeant At Arms	Dan Boyajian
Parliamentarian	Patrick Balakian
Chaplain	Kay Cloud



PM Jim Tikijian passing the gavel to Master Vernon Avakian.



Santa and little friends

Congratulations to the following Brothers for attaining twenty five years of membership in Triple X: John Kalashian Ray "JoJo" Mosesian, Jerry Surabian.

Congratulations also to PM Brother Sam Bagdasarian for being awarded the Trexman of the Year Award for 2003-2004.

An Installation Dinner was held on October 2nd to recognize the new Officers and all award-ees.

Master Vernon has been busy helping at all the activities, ensuring that all goes well. The meetings have been spirited and well attended. Several prospective new members are waiting to join the Fraternity.

New member Michael Missakian showed true Triple X spirit by organizing a Crab Feed fund raiser which was held on September 11th at the grounds of the California Armenian Home. The night proved to be a tremendous success, raising a lot of money for Charity. Congratulations to Brother Mike and the many Brothers who worked so hard. The only losers there that night were the crabs.

Not to be out done by the popular Crab Feed,

Perennial Co-Chairmen Oscar Kasparian and Sam Esraelian brought their new crop of turkeys to the grounds of the California Armenian Home on November 6th for Turkey Bingo. It was a packed house and everyone enjoyed an excellent chicken dinner and a fun night of bingo. Thank you Brothers Oscar and Sam and all your helpers. The night was a big success.

In keeping with the great Triple-X spirit, Jr. Master Larry Avedisian organized this years Christmas Party which was held on December 12th, at the California Armenian Home. Over 100 people gathered to share the Christmas spirit by enjoying some good food and singing Christmas carols. Of course Santa (aka Kenny Melkonian) was there to pass out the gifts to the children and grand children of the members. Special thanks go to honorary members Jean Avedisian and Gayane Korkmazian for all they've done for Selma Chapter!

As for this upcoming years activities, Master Vernon Avakian is finalizing the schedule and will get a Calendar of Events out shortly.

Get well wishes go to Brothers Oscar Kasparian, Sam Bagdasarian, Mel Mazman, and Don



Barbeque committee



Master Vernon - Ready to go to Chuckchansy



Crab Feed

Attoian.

Sadly, I must report the passing of Selma's most senior Brother. Brother Frank Poochigian, a seventy-one year member of the Triple-X Fraternity, died this past December. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Brothers Chuck, Gary and Bob Poochigian and their families.

That's all for now from Selma. I wish everyone a healthy and prosperous year.

Newton Krikorian
Associate Editor



Jr. Master Larry Avedisian, wife Jean and Frances



Brothers having a great time



Crab Feed

Oakland

The Oakland Triple X Chapter upheld its active reputation once again. The annual Crab feed was an incredible success. Enough money was raised to fund several charities, including Habitat for Humanity. The Armenian family was overjoyed and truly appreciative of the construction materials. It was hard for them to understand why a group of people, from so far away, would make such a generous donation.



Ambassador Brother Nubar Tashjian visiting the recipients of the HFH Home in Armenia

activity. Starting with the family picnic in June, hosted by Brother Master Harry Sherinian and steadfast wife Margaret. Harry has been graciously hosting this event since its inception and proof lies in the perfectly prepared Tri-tip steak. Nobody cooks tri-tip like Bro Harry. Brother Rob Tashjian came through with the "entertainment" supplies. The water balloon toss inevitably turned into "Armenians Gone Wild" as youngsters taunted the old guard and paid the ultimate price – they got wet.

Brother Rick Magarian and company hosted the annual Trex family camping in Big Basin State Park. This event is in its 4th year running and each year a few more members join the festivities bringing this years' total to 25. Some families, with younger children, opted to make a day trip to the park and stayed for dinner. There was never a shortage of conversation, humor, food or spirits at this event. Members enjoyed hiking, relaxing and star gazing while (some) smoked cigars.

The shish kabab dinner was prepared over an open fire pit, with many a brother monitoring the progress. The Mickaels' brothers made the pilaf – ok, there was a bit of a scuffle and the pilaf was more like Polaf (pilaf and polenta) but it was

actually good. Rick Mickaels always brings a big spread of wine for everyone to partake. Brother Rick Magarian treats the group to his Dutch oven prepared peach cobbler. At times it is hard to believe we were camping. The food alone was enough reason to attend this event.

As time goes on we have all noticed a sense of camaraderie build between families. It's an event we all look forward to.



Relaxed and Satisfied Campers at Big Basin State Park

This year the Oakland Chapter held its first "Day at the Beach" hosted by Brother George & Sally Kamian. The event took place at Seacliff State Beach in Aptos. The sheer number of Luleh Kebabs consumed are a testament to the success of the event 60 were made and 48 eaten.

There were a couple of minor cultural infractions during the meal. One of the brothers (I won't name names) slapped his Luleh Kebab between a cheap hot dog bun and proceeded to lather it up with mustard. Had the gavel been present, a heavy fine would've been collected.

Backgammon and cards made their way onto the picnic tables after lunch and some brothers braved the ocean for a plunge. This event was a success by all accounts.

The Pacific Ocean was unusually warm that day and it had nothing to do with the wine that was consumed before the plunge.

In October, a new management team stepped in and quickly took the reins. Shortly after, we held our annual Christmas Party hosted by Brother Greg Tcherkoyan at the Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. The event was extended to the Golden Gate, Diablo and Peninsula Chapters. In all, 87 people attended an evening of spirits, food, dancing and brotherhood.

The talented Brother Armen Phelps played the piano while Christmas carols were led by Brother Bill and Beverly Nalbandian as Santa



Family Time at Seacliff State Beach in Aptos



Oakland Trex Christmas Party 2004
Carol Rustigian was a good girl!

(Stewart Arakelian) sauntered in.

Brother Greg and wife Seta organized a collection of clothing for the children of Armenia. Brother Greg and Seta have been a focal point for this successful program in recent years. At this event alone just over 100 articles of clothing were collected.

Fraternally

Brother George Kamian

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Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

As the Triple X Fraternity of Palm Desert continues to grow, we enter the New Year with energy and enthusiasm as our Fraternity continues to be a positive impact in this small Desert community. In the year 2004, we welcomed five new members into the Fraternity and held many successful events.

The 2004 Convention held in Fresno was well attended by our Palm Desert Brothers. Thank you to our Fresno brothers for hosting a great weekend and successfully bringing back that “Old Time Convention Feeling” of togetherness and kef!! We were honored again to be awarded with the prestigious “Triple X Achievement Award” for the year 2003 – 2004. Thank you to Past Master, Neil Huether, and all of our brothers for a job well done!

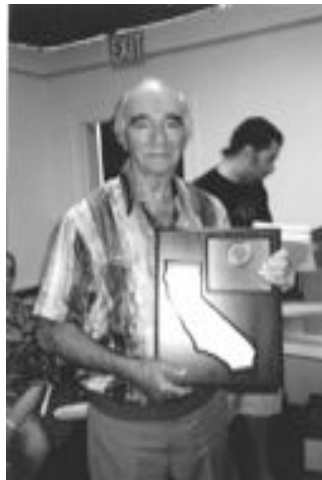
In October, we held our Installation and Awards Banquet at Castelli’s Ristorante. We installed our newly elected officers for the year 2004-2005 and celebrated the Achievement



Palm Desert Chapter Past Masters. Top: PM. Nick Nigosian, PM. Doug Yavanian, PM. Neil Huether, PM. Armen Yarijian. Bottom: PGM, Greg Avedesian and PM George Kirkjan.



PM, Neil Huether and Master Howard Chuchian with the 2003-2004 Triple-X Achievement Award



Bro. Oscar Donoian receives his 50 Year Plaque.

Award for the third year in a row with our members and their wives.

Our Palm Desert Chapter’s 2004 – 2005 Officers are:

Master	Bro. Howard Chuchian
Jr. Master	Bro. V.J. Mkrтчian
Rec. Secretary	Bro. Tom Durian
Treasurer	Bro. Greg Safoyan
Cor. Secretary	Bro. Nick Nigosian
Sergeant at Arms	Bro. Bobby Melkesian

Our annual Holiday Kef was held on December 11, 2004, at the Vicki’s of Santa Fe Restaurant. We were happy that our Grand Master, Jerry Poochigian, and wife Julie, were able to come down and kef with us during the busy holiday season. In fact, the Jr. Grand Master, Mel Shanoian, and the Grand Secretary, Peter Babagian, were also at our Kef. We were honored that we had representation from five different Triple-X Chapters. Bro. George Banerian, surprised the guests when he arrived as Santa Claus to pass out candy to all. Also, Bro. Harry Bozigian, invited his nephew, Tom Bozigian, who graciously entertained us with his wonderful music and taught our guests and members some traditional Armenian dancing. It was truly a Holiday Kef to be remembered! A special thank you to Bro. Norman Matossian and wife, Virginia, for providing the wonderful mezza and along with Bro. V.J. Mkrтчian and wife, Mary, they did a great job organizing this very successful holiday event at Vicki’s.

Watch for information about our annual events, as well as some new ones that are in the works. “Family Day at the Fair”, is set for February 26, 2004, and the annual “Desert



Installation and Awards Banquet: Shirley Chuchian, Bro. Gordon Chuchian, PM Nick Nigosian, Michael Nigosian, Carolon Nigosian, PM Neil Huether, Jenny Huether, Beverly Chuchian and Master Howard Chuchian



Initiation of New Member, Bro. George Mekitarian



Palm Desert Chapter Brothers at a Meeting

Golf Outing”, will be held on April 29th and 30th. Everyone is invited to come down and enjoy our Desert and participate in these events. Our brothers look forward to your visits and also to seeing everyone at the annual Midterm in Fresno and this year’s Convention in San Diego.

As always, we welcome all visiting brothers to our meetings, which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Happy New Year 2005.

Fraternally,
Master, Howard Chuchian

Mt .Diablo

Mt Diablo’s Board for 2004-2005 is as follows:

- Master Ed Hazarabedian
- Jr. Master PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian
- Treasurer Tanil Matosian
- Rec. Secretary Jerry Tusan
- Cor. Secretary Myron Konjoyan

We were honored to have past Master Jack Mooradian successfully complete a 2-year term. He was presented with a nice plaque at our September business meeting. Before turning over the gavel to incoming Master Ed, he presented



Brothers enjoying a good cigar after Trex meeting



Master Jack Mooradian with Armik, and PGM Shavarsh with wife Lala.



Mt. Diablo Brothers and wives at Fresno Convention.



Bros. Dee Kassabian, Ed Hazarabedian, Master Jack Mooradian, Mike Aaronian with Certificate of Appreciation Awards.



Master Jack Mooradian presenting 50 year plaques to Al Kaljian and Ed Minasian.



Bro. Master Ed Hazarabedian and wife Bonnie at Christmas Party in Alamo.



Bro. Kevork Hagopian, wife Grace, and Bro. Ralph Kazanjian at Christmas Party in Alamo.



PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Bro. Leonard Kaprielian and Master Ed Hazarabedian at Christmas Party.



Bro. Jerry Tusan, Vic Vasgerdsian and wife Hasmig at Christmas Party in Alamo.

each member of his Board with a nice Certificate of Appreciation.

We had a full delegation at the Fresno Convention events and business meeting. We thoroughly enjoyed Fresno's hospitality, venues and Brotherhood.

Master Ed has already had a productive Board meeting with several events planned for 2005 such as community support projects; progressive dinners, mystery trips and dining out events which will include wives. He has further been in close contact with our sister Bay Chapter Masters in coordinating events.

Congratulations to Brothers Ed Minasian, Al Kaljian, and Haig Harootenian on 50 years with Triple X! Also congratulations to Brother Bruce Jamgotchian on the birth of a beautiful baby girl!

During November, we discussed and crafted a terrific Charitable Donation Policy. Thanks to Brother Ed for making this a top priority.

On December 12, several Mt Diablo Brothers and their wives attended a gala Holiday Party hosted by Oakland Chapter at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. It was great socializing with our sister Chapters. Even Santa made a surprise visit.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Mid-Term.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brother Jerry Tusan

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