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76th ANNUAL CONVENTION
Hosted by the SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
September 2 - 4, 2005

Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley, San Diego

“Rock Around The Clock” – 2005 Convention

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 2, 2005

Registration – 10:00 am - 4:00 pm / Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley / Main Lobby

Welcome Night “At The Hop” – Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley Ballroom
6:30 pm Cocktails / 7:00 pm Buffet dinner and dancing to 50’s style music

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 3, 2005

Registration – 10:00 am - 4:00 pm / Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley / Main Lobby

Golf Tournament – 1:00 pm / Riverwalk Golf Course

Gin & Tavloo Tournament – Time to be announced at registration / Doubletree Hotel,
Mission Valley Meeting Room

Kef Night “Malt Shop” Dance – After dining out at one of San Diego’s fine restaurants,
return for desserts and dancing – Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley Ballroom
8:00 pm - Dessert trays and dancing to The John Bilezikjian Ensemble

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 4, 2005

Men’s Breakfast – Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley Meeting Room
8:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast / 9:30 am Business meeting

Ladies’ Trolley Challenge

10:30 am - Brunch and individual shopping for the ladies in beautiful San Diego

Fabulous 50’s Grand Ball – Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley Ballroom Room
6:00 pm Cocktails / 7:00 pm Dinner / 7:30 pm Awards Program / 8:00 pm Dancing



Grand Master's Message



The year of 2005 will always remain indelibly in my mind. As Grand Master, my wife Julie and I visited each chapter of our fraternity and were treated with respect and honor for which we sincerely Thank each one of you.

During the year several new proposals were initiated, some were well received, however, like new projects they remain as nucleus and a base for our new core officers to define and implement in the coming years.

I especially thank my Grand Chapter officers for their support, encouragement and respect shown me.

Melvin Shanoian - Junior Grand Master; Bryan Yahnian - Grand Treasurer

Peter Babagian - Grand Secretary; Harry Kutumian - Grand Marshal

Billy Eordekian -Grand Historian/Custodian; Jack Ouzounian, PGM - Grand Editor.

I'm encouraged that our fraternity will continue with strong new members dedicated and united by commonalty and comradship as brothers of Armenian descent infused with like minded young members dedicated to the same principles of brotherhood, which in my view will rekindle in all members their spirit as proud members of the Triple X Fraternity of California.

Sincerely
Bro. Jerry Poochigian
Grand Master

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Grand Historian- Custodian

San Diego

San Diego Chapter will host 76th Convention of The Triple X Fraternity over this Labor Day Weekend.



It is a great pleasure, that the San Diego Chapter extends a cordial invitation to all of you to attend our Fraternity's 76th Annual "Rock Around The Clock" Convention.

The brothers and their better halves have been actively planning for the up coming Conference. The convention committee is headed by co-chairs PGM Joe Kellejian and PM Steve Hovsepian. We have been arranging the activities and planning the events over the last year and half. We had lots of gatherings with the brothers or other parties in order to have a GREAT Convention and GREAT TIME. And now, the time has come; the Convention time is just around the corner. See you there.

At Mailing/Stuffing parties. All of the brothers were defeated by the speed of Mary Kellejian (the wife of the long time member and supporter of the organization, past Mayor of Solana Beach, PGM Joe Kellejian). She commented that years of political campaigns helped out the speed of the stuffing any flyers and envelopes.

Mid Term in Fresno:

A group of brothers went to Mid Term to represent the San Diego Convention, led by cochairman PM Steve Hovsepian, along with PM George Banerian, Greg Vartanian, Junior Master George Sultanyan, and Master Onnik Tchulluian.

Junior Achievement of Armenia Professors Visit:

The Triple X of San Diego was a host of the Armenian professors over the weekend of the March 19. On that day many things have been accomplished. The PGM Brother Joe Kellejian invited them over at the Solana Beach City Hall for educational seminar on freedom market economics. He showed several public projects which included some of the following: the Solana Beach Library, Train Station and Cedros District (Fashion Furniture District).

Three of the professors went swimming at 50° F water of the Pacific Ocean with no wetsuits, for a change.

The day finished with a dinner at the nice environment of Osteria Del Pescatore restaurant in Del Mar. Brothers, family members, professors and friends spent a great time talking about the Armenian heritage and discussing the current events of Armenia. After a few spontaneous cheers and songs the dinner finished with a good bond between the brothers and professors. Thanks to PM Greg Babikian who organized the



Everyone deserves a break at the stuffing parties.



Armenian Professors and guests and brothers.

venue and event activities.

Brother John Sivas received a plaque for 25 years of service in Trex Fraternity.

See you all labor day in S.D.

Fraternally,
Master Onnik Tchulluian



PM George Banerian and Junior Master George Sultanyan at Mid-Term.



PM Jack Hatchigian and Hasmig Keyribarian at the Osteria del Pescatore.



Hardwork at stuffing parties.

Capitol



With the housing boom all over California and in the northern part of the state, our neighbor of Elk Grove, CA turns out be the fastest growing city in the area. Brothers, I'm glad I don't drive a car anymore to buck that kind of traffic I see coming in the future years. Sacramento traffic problem is nearly like Los Angeles or San Francisco. We have to allow ourselves 30 to 45 minutes to see a relative 10 miles away.

Brother Master David Richardson is cracking the whip on the Capitol brothers to sign up new members and get involved with local chapter activities. Your participation is needed very much.

Brother Vernon Shahbazian reports: "It is good to hear that Sylvia Shahbazian, wife of Vernon, has recovered from most of her serious injuries from a fall last October 8th. Her spinal injuries still have a way to go, Bro. Vernon reports, but she is now back driving a car and enjoying her bridge card games. She still needs a permanent bridge to replace the temporary one.

Brother PGM Alan Khatoonian is still trying to catch his little fish cookies for his deliveries.

We had a very successful "KEF NIGHT" recently. Many of the brothers deserve a Hail Mary for their help along with many of the brother's wives, Mary Bajakian & Becky Jorjorian, thank you ladies. The Armenian Eye Care in Armenia will benefit from our proceeds, as well as other deserving charities. The young children and adults from unknown villages to us here in America cannot realize the desperate poverty these people are living in. They are so helpless and have less money to pay for Doctor's care to prevent these kids from going blind. At least the Doctor's are giving up their time for treatments to the kids, can earn some pay for their efforts.

Brother Harry Artinian spent some time with his friends at his mountain home in Eagle Lakes, CA. Only catching 3 fish did not spoil the trip after hearing some guy caught a record Rainbow Trout weighing 12 pounds. Bro. Sweet witnessed a 68 year old lady in Lake Tahoe nailing a record 37-1/2 pound Mackinaw Trout near the home of Harvey Gross, casino owner in 1976.

Brother Rod & Becky Jorjorian enjoyed some vacation time in Armenia. A wonderful trip.

Brother David Ivazian reports his son David

Jr. made the All Metro Football kicking team. It looks like a pro Football prospect in the making. Bro. David will be qualified to earn his 25 year plaque at the September 2006 Convention. December 2005 will be 25 years for David.

See you in San Diego.

Fraternally yours,

Brother Harry Sweet Associate Editor

Golden Gate



Greetings from the San Francisco Golden Gate Chapter. As of this writing, our chapter brothers are hard at work putting last minute touches on our first-ever Golden Gate Chapter Golf Classic. As most brothers already know, this not-to-be-missed event is being held at San Francisco's Harding Park Course - home of the 2005 PGA tour. We had hoped for about 24 golfers, but our hard-working Brothers and their friends came through with more than 80 sign-ups. The committee has put in many hours to guarantee a GREAT time for all participants. The best part is that the bulk of the profits from this event will be donated to selected Armenian charities. Thanks to those brothers who gave so generously of both time and resources - and money - to ensure this glowing success.

Although the golf tournament has taken the bulk of our time, we have done a few other noteworthy things this season. It's often said that out of difficulty, good things happen. That has been the Golden Gate story this year. After losing our regular meeting place, Brother Ralph Kazanjian and his lovely wife Elise graciously opened their home for two meetings. Those two meetings were among the best attended meetings of the year. A search committee has finally located what appears to be a suitable replacement for meeting location, so members are looking forward to this new setting.

Other events have added fun to our otherwise business-heavy meetings. Our Valentine's dinner was a huge success, thanks to brother members from three Bay Area chapters. Ruth's Chris Steak House in San Francisco really put on a wonderful dinner. Participating Golden Gate brothers also really enjoyed the 4-Chapter dinner hosted by "chef" Brother Grand Master Jerry. Delicious dinner, and loads of fraternal spirit.

Golden Gate Master Garo Mirigian and his wife, Aida, are again hosting a gathering at their home. After last year's successful "Armenian Luau," this year is advertised as a "Western Round-Up." With square dancers and a real horse, as well as plenty of food for the hungry cowboy, participants at the August 1st event should have some "down home" fun.

We're really looking forward to the convention in San Diego, and we wish our San Diego brothers great success.

Garo Mirigian

Las Vegas



Greetings

Well, brothers I'm sorry to say our chapter has had a bad year. All the functions we planned this year have failed. Our Wine Tasting function which was planned in April 1, 2005 did not come off. Our Kef Time May 14, 2005 was a complete flop. We did not get any support from any of the Chapters in California; we lost money on that event. Nothing is being planned for the future.

Our one big achievement was to help an Armenian family with immigration problems. Two Armenian girls who had been living in the US ever since they were infants and when they became of age they went to the DMV to get their driving permits and were arrested because they were not legal citizens. They were going to be deported to Armenia, a place where they had no relatives and did not speak the language. When a few of the brothers heard of their problem they jumped in and started the ball rolling. Bro. Karney Ovian, Master Shavarsh Papazian, Ralph Barzekoff, Peter Boghosian, and Charles Parigian PGM. Bro. Karney really got the ball rolling; he made arrangements to contact Sen. Harry Reid and sent for Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian who came to Las Vegas with one of his assistants. Arrangements were made to meet with the Sarkisian's family lawyer. As of today the father has become a citizen of the USA. The two Sarkisian girls were able to stay in the country. The family lives here in Las Vegas. Thanks to CBS and NBC for all the coverage they gave to help this Armenian family.

Peninsula

GREETINGS Brothers, Families and Friends!



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 great summer barbeques. BoD meetings usually are on the first Wednesday or Thursday.

The Peninsula Chapter is alive and well with a dedicated group of Brothers who enjoy the company, meetings and tavloo games with Bro. Vic Khachooni, Bro. Mark Antranikian and others. We enjoyed a Peninsula visit by Grand Master Bro. Jerry Poochigian and Brothers as well as the Bay Area Chapters joint May dinner meeting hosted at the Oakland Chapter Clubhouse in Alameda by Grand Master Jerry and Brothers who assisted him in a fine event. We appreciate the Brotherly dedication and hard work involved and the opportunity to get together and have a fun time and great food. We also made belated presentations of TREX 25 year Membership Plaques to Bros. Vic Paporigian and Kip Garabedian. Thank you Brothers. We wish you many happy years ahead! We enjoyed the annual July 4th barbeque party at Bro. Aram and Elsa Salmassian's in their beautiful backyard garden and celebration of son Michael's 17th birthday with many friends.

Bro. Mark is putting together another tavloo tournament at our July meeting with prizes to the winners. All are welcome to participate. Also, we are having a July 30 trip to Petaluma to visit Bros. Bruce Osterlye and Zareh Salmassian on the occasion of Bro. Bruce, owner of Aram's Restaurant, opening his new rotisserie BBQ store. Best wishes Bro. Bruce! Brothers are invited to stop by to just say hello or enjoy



fine Armenian food and BBQ when in the area.

The 6th annual fund raiser with the Peninsula Chapter food booth at the Mountain View Art and Wine Festival September 10 and 11 is in the works. Thanks to Bro. Vic Khachooni for making the usual astute business arrangements for our annual event. Peninsula Chapter is discussing hosting a joint chapter meeting in the Fall, courtesy of Vic and Linda Khachooni's annual "Picnic at Vic's". We will provide more information soon in a flyer.

We are planning to greet many Brothers and friends at our Annual Convention Labor Day weekend in beautiful San Diego.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Andy Nalbandian



Oakland



The first six months of 2005 were active. The much anticipated crab feed in March was another great success. Thanks to Rick Magarian for chairing the feed and coordinating the food. We also thank his supporting cast of Harry Sherinian (tickets), Steward Arakelian (bar), Rick Michaels (raffle) and Ron Michaels (music).

Enough money was raised to make large contributions to the church, habitat for humanity and other approved charitable organizations.

In 2006 the crab feed will be held at a new venue in San Leandro and will be held in the month of January instead of March. This venue will boast convenient parking, better cooking facilities and an improved dining area. The seating capacity will be approximately 325, which is in line with our past events.



Paul, Ron & Rick - Singing Waiters

July 8th, Brother Rick Magarian and company will host the annual Trex family camping in Big Basin State Park. This event is in its 5th year running and this year we expect more families to join in. There is never a shortage of conversation, humor, food or spirits at this event. Members enjoy hiking, relaxing and star gazing while (some) smoked cigars.

The Shish Kebab dinner is always a winner. For the second year running, the Mickaels' brothers will make the pilaf. Last year, a bit of a scuffle broke out as Rick stepped in to cover for Ron while Ron was out "taking a shower." Oh, big news, Ron and Maureen are expecting. Many brothers have jeopardized their reputation by making pilaf for the fraternity. Brother Craig

made a bad batch in spring of 97 at Graeagle and he hasn't been allowed to step foot in the kitchen since then.

Big Basin is an event we all look forward to. Our camaraderie continues to build year after year.



Shish Kebab on the Grill at Big Basin Park.

In May, the annual Golden Gate Fields outing was well attended by Oakland and other bay area chapters. The Peninsula, Golden Gate and Diablo chapters all joined in. The dining facilities and view from the club house are quite a treat. The buffet meal was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Charles Hazarian for organizing the event each year.

This year, the Armenian Summer Games were well supported by the Oakland Chapter. The Magarian family coached and played basketball on the winning high school team. Brother Richard Demirjian participated in the opening ceremonies. Brother Gary Alexanian's daughter ran track and the long jump (photo below). Armen Phelps helped out with the timing while his wife sprinted to the finish line. Armen's children also competed. George, Jenelle and Carolyn Kamian and niece Christine also participated. Next year, an even greater turnout is expected. Word has it that next year Rick Mickaels is planning on resetting the bar in the open mens 100 meter.

The family picnic is on schedule for Saturday, July 16th at Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga. This year, it will be a joint event with the Mount Diablo chapter. Our brother Allan Melkesian will represent our chapter in the organizational effort. Word has it that Brother Rob Tashjian will provide the "entertainment" supplies. You know what that means....water balloon fights!



Valerie Alexanian – 1st Place, Long Jump

August 13th the Oakland Chapter will hold its second annual "Day at the Beach" hosted by Brother George & Sally Kamian. The event will take place at Seacliff State Beach in Aptos. Luleh Kebabs and pilaf will make up the main course. Hopefully no one will confuse a Luleh Kebab for a hot dog and put mustard on it like last year.

Backgammon and cards are sure to make their way to the picnic table after lunch.

Fraternally,
Brother George Kamian



Jenelle Kamian – 2nd Place, 100 Meter

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.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Brother, Berg Nerguzian this past June. Bro. Berg was a charter member and Past Junior Master of this Palm Desert Chapter. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, Deanne, and their family.

In the past year, the Palm Desert Chapter has welcomed five new brothers and has now grown to 57 members. Our newest brothers who survived their interview meetings are: **Parsegh Barsamian, Greg Galstyan, Armen Karimyan, Don Kizirian and George Mekitarian.**

This year's "Family Day at the Fair" was held on February 26th, at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. We were entertained by the rock band "38 Special", 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 **Carolyn** for again 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 \$2,000 towards the purchase of two portable bars for the newly completed Armenian Church of the Desert Social Hall in Rancho Mirage. A donation was also made to the Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley and the Armenian Eye Clinic.

On Sunday afternoon, March 13th, we held our first family-bowling event at the Fantasy Springs Bowling Center. This was a big hit for the younger families who participated with all



"Family Day at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival"



“Family Bowling” with future Trexmen

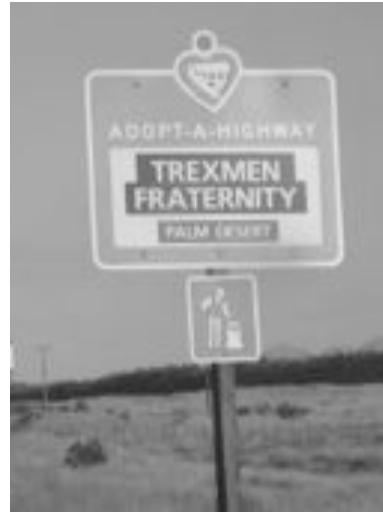
their children. Thank you to Master, Howard and wife Beverly, who planned a fun afternoon and brought everyone together to show off their bowling skills!

Our annual “Desert Golf Outing” was held on April 29th and 30th. Brothers from Los Angeles and Orange County chapters, joined in on a weekend of golf, dining and socializing with our desert brothers. Past Master, Neil Huether and his wife Jenny 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. Thank you to PM, Neil Huether and PGM, Greg Avedesian for coordinating this successful event.

Our annual Picnic was held on June 18th. A traditional shish kebob dinner, with all the trimmings, was served, thanks to Picnic Chairman and chief chef, Bro. Koko Mazmanian. Our brothers and their families, along with visiting Grand Master, Jerry Pochigian and his wife, Julie, enjoyed the delicious food.



PM, George Kirkjan, New Member, Bro. Don Kizirian, PGM Greg Avedesian and New Member, Bro. George Mekitarian



Palm Desert Trex Adopt-A-Highway Freeway Sign

The Trexmen of Palm Desert are proud to be supporting the Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway program this year. This program gives our organization an opportunity to help maintain a section of Interstate 10 in our community. Next time you are traveling through our desert, be sure to notice our sign, which is located just East of the Date Palm Drive exit.

I have enjoyed my year as Master, and thank all my brothers for helping to make this past year successful. We welcome you all to visit the desert for any of our events. Our business meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Our desert brothers and their families are looking forward to attending the 2005, “Rock Around the Clock”, Convention in San Diego.

Fraternally,
Master, Howard Chuchian



Bro. Koko Mazmanian, New Member, Bro. Parsegh Barsamian and Master, Howard Chuchian



Photos by Jack Ouzounian, PGM, Grand Editor

FRESNO



Greetings to all our brothers and their families from FRESNO.

This is the second issue of the Trex News for 2005. Where did the first half of the year go? This issue precedes the convention to be hosted by San Diego Chapter in September.

The events since January, 2005 are as follows:

January 20, Old Timers Night

Our "old, timers" were our guests to a delicious barbecued lamb chop dinner. The turnout of members was great; five old timers made our day by attending. Getting old gracefully is at times difficult. Thanks to PM Harry Tanielian and PM Jack Bedoian for jointly chairing this event. It was wonderful.

February 17 -Widows' Night

Once again, the widows of our deceased members were honored. This event is chaired annually by PM Harry Tanielian. Each widow was presented with a long-stemmed rose and our guests at dinner. A group picture was taken by associate editor Nazareth Chaderjian, and an 8 by 11 picture mailed to each widow. They responded with thank you notes of appreciation. This is a wonderful event. We look forward to annually.

March 5 - Mid Term-Fresno Chapter Clubhouse



New Brothers: Left to Right: Mike Basmajian, Mike Stepanyan, Joe Stepanyan, Bagdasar Bedoian, Tarjian Bedoian.

Fresno Chapter hosted mid-term and the clubhouse was open from 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 P.M. for tavloo, gin, pinochle, etc. No host lunch was served. Business meeting was represented by all the chapters, followed by a delicious ,lamb chop dinner served to a full house of brothers. Brothers PM Jack Bedoian, PM Harry Tanielian, PGM Ed Hokokian, PGM Bob Juskalian and many brothers who helped worked very hard to make all things go smoothly.

April 14 - Pat Hill Appreciation Night

Pat Hill, football coach at Fresno State, again made this one of our favorite events. You become an avid football fan after listening to Pat's enthusiasm about his team. He has lined up a game with USC Trojans, the number one team of the nation. PM Jack Bedoian chaired this very successful event.

May 21 - Pete Chilpigian's Annual Car Show

As always, Brother Pete's car show was well-planned, well-organized, and a very successful event. Pete says it was team-effort, It involved barbecuing, bar tending, ticket sellers, friends who donated raffle prizes, etc. Forty five cars were entered with 30 sponsors participating. The 200 guests enjoyed the cars, food, music throughout the day. Many thanks to Pete for going through countless hours of work. Honored guests were Blackie Gejeian, Amos Torosian. Along



Widows Night

with Blackie and Amos, Jake Missakian regaled us with tales of days when they were young car enthusiasts. It was quite a story!

July 15 - Diabetic Youth Foundation Dinner & Party sponsored by the Fresno Trex Chapter at the Triple X Clubhouse to raise funds for this very worthy cause. Details and outcome in the next Trex News.

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Kurkan (CORKY) Haroutunian

Brother Corky passed away on February 4, 2005 at the age of 84. He was a 50-year-member of this Fraternity. He served in World War II in the U. S. Army Air Corps. Corky was an avid, savvy, fisherman and enjoyed outings at Dinkey Creek. He enjoyed playing cards with the brothers. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Geraldine. Two sons, Mike and Rick. Sister Roxie Kevorkian and family. We express our deep sympathy to them all. Corky will be missed by this Chapter.

Brother Barj Aaron Rustigian passed away on February 25, 2005. He was 93 years old and a 70 year member of the fraternity. He served as a Colonel, U.S. Army retired, served as Administrator for Madera County and later as Assistant County Administrator for special projects. He is survived by his wife Nona, Daughters, Kathleen Marshall and Judy Wright. His brother George Rustigian and family. Our sincere condolences to the family. The Fraternity will miss him.

As always, our prayers are with our armed forces here and abroad and for their safe return home.

DON'T FORGET OUR CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO IN SEPTEMBER. SEE YOU THERE.

Fraternally,
Nazareth M. Chaderjian



Old Timers Night: Jake Mirigian, Bob Hanoian, Naz Chaderjian, Sam Simonian and Ash Simonian.



Bro. & Mrs. Matt Maroot.



Pat Hill Night: Pat Hill with the Bedo's Richard & Jack.



Pat Hill Night: Ken & Lilyan Chooljian.



Pete's Triple X Car Show.



Blackie Gejeian and his "Prowler"



Pete's Triple X Car Show.

Mt. Diablo

Our social and charitable activities continue throughout 2005 thanks to Master Ed Hazarabedian.



We welcomed our Grand Master, Jerry Poochigian and Sequoia Master Bryan Ananian at our January meeting. He shared his vision of Trex during his term which we all applauded and support him. One of his goals was to BBQ and cook dinner for all of the northern Bay area chapters at one of Oakland's monthly meeting to further promote Brotherhood. The event met with great success with 13 Mt. Diablo Brothers joining Oakland, Golden Gate and Peninsula in May. Grand Master Jerry cooked up some delicious chicken and ribs and of course the usual pilaf, salad and mezza.

In March, Mt. Diablo once again had a full delegation plus an alternate at the Mid-Term in Fresno. We always get fed so well in Fresno! On June 12, Brother Dee Kassabian pulled off the biggest Mystery trip ever. A limousine type bus, which Brother Dee had donated, took 35 Mt. Diablo Brothers and their wives on an hour and a half journey to the Point Restaurant on the Delta. During the bus ride Brother Harvey Kamian and Jerry Tusan supplied the liquor and wine. No one on the bus guessed the destination until we got there. Brother Armen and Aram Boyd delighted us by playing some nice dinner and dance music. We also discovered that on June 12, exactly 50 years ago, PGM Shavarsh and Lala Hazarabedian were married. We were blessed that they chose to be with us on that special day. Shavarsh's son, Master Ed, made a nice toast and treated us all to a round of champagne. Congratulations again PGM Shavarsh and Lala.

At this time Brother's Jeff Apkarian and Jerry Tusan are busy working on the joint Family picnic with Oakland Brother Allan Melkesian on July 16th in Moraga. This will be the first joint picnic in years and we are thrilled. Also in the works are a summer dinner, dining out event and Christmas party.

Master Ed encourages members to share stories and topics of interest. Brother Ed Minasian gave a very informative talk on the Musa Dagh Chronicles that he has been writing, gathering photos and interviews for over 60 years. He shared his personal interviews with Hollywood, Government officials and Turkey's role in suppressing Musa Dagh. It was a real eye opener and of great interest to all of us Armenians.

Our Charity committee's recommendation and



Dinner cooked by Gr. Master Jerry. Everyone enjoyed it.



Brothers at joint Oakland meeting.



PGM Shavarsh & Lala Hazarabedian in rare kiss.



Brothers at joint Oakland meeting with Mt. Diablo.



Bro. Jerry Tusan surrounded by Trex wives.



Mystery Trip Chairman Dee Kassabian & Master Ed Hazarabedian.



Brothers Armen & Aram Boyd playing music at dinner.



Brothers & wives trying to guess where the bus will end up Mystery Trip.

the membership's voting approved the following donations:

Armenian Technology Group, Norcal Armenian Home, Sweaters for Armenia Project, Contra Costa Crisis Center for battered Women, St. Gregory and St. Vartan's Church sponsorship of a child for Summer Camp.

Brother Armen Boyd's nominating committee is almost ready with the new slate of officers. Can't wait until Convention.

I am happy to report; all Brothers are in good health. And we intend to stay that way! See you all at the Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jerry Tusan
 Associate Editor



PGM Shavarsh & Lala Hazarabedian celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Mystery Trip.



Brothers at joint Oakland meeting with Mt. Diablo.



The mystery trip final destination — the Point Restaurant on the Delta.

SELMA

Selma Chapter has had an active 2005 so far this year. Master Vernon Avakian has been getting the Brothers “pumped up” for action and Junior Master Larry Avedisian keeps things tooling along. This is evident with five new Brothers added to our ranks. A warm welcome to new Brothers John Ohanesian, Darryl Alchian, Jason Keledjian, Matthew Cholakian, and Edward Nikssarian. Congratulations to you all.



In January we had our ever popular Law Enforcement Night held at the A.A.C.L. Hall. Co-Chairmen Brothers Dan Boyajian and Robert Kandarian brought together local law enforcement Officers, many Selma Brothers and their guests, and Brother PGM Abby Mamigonian’s famous lamb shank dinner. The result was a great event. Thank you Brothers Dan, Robert, Abby and your entire crew for all your hard work!

This year Selma Chapter awarded ten \$500.00 scholarships to local graduating high school seniors. Scholarship Committee Chairman Brother Chuck Jamgotchian and his committee had the arduous task of choosing only ten recipients from



2005 Scholarship recipients



Law Enforcement Night: Master Vernon Avakian, Police Chief Dyer and Sheriff Pierce.

Chuck Jamgotchian, Scholarship Committee Chairman.



Initiation of new members: Matt Cholakian and Eddie Nikssarian by GM Jerry Poochigian.



Jason Keledjian (right) is sworn in as a new member by PGM Jack Ouzounian.



Selma Chapter was a sponsor of the Fresno County Sheriff's Annual Camp Reward Golf Tournament, which helps fund Fresno county youth programs.

so many impressive students. In May, a dinner to honor the recipients and their families, hosted by Brothers PM Dick Boyajian and PGM Kay Cloud, was held at Brother Kay's home. We congratulate these fine young people and wish them the best of success in their future endeavors.

2005 Scholarship Recipients:

Anna Ambaryan, Jennah Bedrosian, Rachel Cholakian, Whitney Egoian, Florencia Kaprielian, Gayane Koshkakarayan, Anya Muradian, Margaret Petrosyan, Greg Shabazian, Lauren Tinnin.

Also in May, Selma Chapter held a giant Crab Feed at the California Armenian Home pavilion. Chairman Mike "pinchef" Missakian wasn't fooling around when he brought a truck load of crabs! Good thing he did too because over four hundred people attended and all had a great time. This event raised over \$6,000 for the Charitable Trust. A big thank you to Brother Mike Missakian and his crew for all the hard work they put in that night.

Upcoming events include a day trip to Chukchansi Casino on August 21st. Contact Brother Larry Avedisian for details. An Installation Dinner to recognize the new Officers is planned for October. Details to be announced. Of course don't forget to mark your calendars on Saturday, November 12th for TURKEY BINGO! Co-Chairmen Oscar Kasparian and Sam Esraelian promise a fun night, and they always deliver. In December get in the holiday spirit by joining us at the annual Christmas Party.



Newly initiated Bro. Jason Keledjian (center) with his sponsor Michael Missakian (left) and Oscar Kasparian who conducted the initiation ceremony.

I forgot to mention in the last Trex News that Brother PM Patrick Balakian and Brother PM Pete Esraelian were honored last October by the city of Selma and served as Grand Marshals for the 2004 Selma Marching Band Festival. This is significant because Brother Patrick and Brother Pete co-founded this popular event forty years ago. They also were Grand Marshals in 1974. Way to go Brother Patrick and Brother Pete!

Sadly, we lost another Brother this past spring. Brother Donald Attoian succumbed to a brain tumor. Our condolences go out to his family and friends. Get well wishes to Brother Kirk Minasian who was hospitalized this spring.

That's all for now from Selma. See you in San Diego!

Brother Newton Krikorian
Associate Editor



Some Selma Brothers at Mid-Term

Sequoia

Once again we communicate by writing instead of meeting by person, a far better way of establishing brotherhood among historically indigenous people.



Bro. James Karakashian must be congratulated for driving from Modesto, and attending regular meetings as well as scheduled functions on a regular basis. Dedication? You bet.

Bros. Charlie Ananian, Vaughn Ananian, Pete Barsamian, Charlie Davidian, Greg Davidian, Arthur Ekizian, Aaron Margosian, Mike Mikaelian, Graig Shuklian, David Vartanian, Richard Yahnian, where are you? I mentioned names to shake their memories, you are all members in good standing why not be active? Why not live up to your promise and assimilate with like-minded Bros.? We look forward to seeing you soon.

We gained four new members who swore to attend and assume assigned responsibilities, the jury is still out; we will see.

Bro. Chuck Simonian has an ornamental iron business who was recently awarded patented rights for a pipe bending machine by the government patent office under the name of "Simonian Bender". We congratulate Chuck, a member of 30 years, for this notable accomplishment. I hope he makes millions promoting and selling his device.

Our participation in the annual International Farm and Equipment Exposition, held in Tulare, was a huge success. Co-chaired by Bro. Abe Kazerian and Bro. Bryan Yahnian. This three day affair was well organized. Each day 15 to 20 bros., worked very hard to raise money and will be distributed to worthy organizations in our area.

For 35 years Bro. Harry Krikorian personally organized and distributed scholarships given to Armenian youth attending colleges, has passed the mettle to Bro. Pete Zerounian, who submitted the following report:

"This year again, the Sequoia Chapter Committee of Our Chapter granted \$1,000.00 scholarships to deserving students of Armenian descent. We received seven applications this year (2005) and granted three scholarships. The recipients are: Dustin Koobatian - will be attending UCLA with a major in Paleobiology and later medicine. Ryan Abraham Kazarian, son of Bro. Mark Kazarian, grandson of Bro. Abe Kazarian, a Biology major at California State University Channel Islands. Sarkis Davidian III, grandson

of late Bro. Sarkis Davidian, will attend Humbolt State to major in Fisheries Biology. All three are Armenian boys. Our scholarships are based on "Armenian Heritage, G.P.A., extra curricular activities, community service and if they had any type of employment during school. Congratulations to all."

Our annual 4th of July fireworks booth was a tremendous financial success chaired by Bros. Rick and Gary Krikorian. This four day event was very difficult 12 hour days all working like bees in a beehive. Laughing and eating, Oh yes! Eating and drinking enjoying each other as fraternal Bros. harmoniously. We raised money for charitable and deserving organizations. Bro. Rick and Gary deserve our collective and sincere Thanks for such a wonderful well organized and supervised event. We look forward to future functions, ready to work, enjoy and most importantly, to bring joy to others, which is the greatest reward for everything we do.

Talk to you next time.
Si Kalfayan
Assistant Editor



Sequoia Brothers at Mid-Term

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Orange County



Our chapter is alive and well. Bro. Master Ron Sarouhan is doing a great job of leading our chapter forward.

Our Fairview party for the disabled was wonderful. When you can help the disabled it brings you joy to be there and see the happiness it brings them. We do this every year. They enjoy the ice cream and cake and gifts we bring. Thanks to all who were there to help.

Our 19th Annual Sports Night was once again a huge success. Thanks to P.M. Jack Kayajanian and his committee who helped. We honored Rick Majerus, College Basketball Coach, Jerry Tarkanian, Eddie LaBaron, Quarterback and Al Gasparian, Head Coach for the Women's Volleyball team at Golden West College. We raised \$20,000 for charity that night. Thanks again to all the Brothers who support this fun filled night. We call his last minute Jack but he comes up with a winner every year. Next year should be bigger and better.

Our Laughlin Stag was chaired by P.M. Harold Bazarian. We had plenty of Mazza and Drinks. Brother Harold told the Bus Driver to take us on a Tour of Pomona before going to Laughlin. Next time your in the area of Pomona you will love it. The scenery is beautiful. On the bus we heard every story you can think of. We heard what stock to buy and what stock not to buy. What horse to bet on. What food you should eat or not eat and who is on a diet. Bro. Harold looks like



Bro. Master Ron Sarouhan



Grand Master Jerry Poochigian, PGM Haig, and PGM Archie.

Going to Laughlin we are all smiling -) Stag Outing).



Sport Night: Bro. Art, PGM Joe, Ken, PGM Z. Harry, the Duke (honorary Member).



he put on a few pounds. We had members from the L.A. and San Diego Chapters with us. We all had fun - They say laughter is the best medicine.

Our Pot-Luck at the Kazarians was wonderful. Sister Marge Kazarian made her fantastic keyma and there were over 90 in attendance. Thanks to all for their delicious dishes and desserts. It's always nice to get better acquainted with our Trex Families.

Our meetings are now at Gulliver's across from the John Wayne Airport. Dinner 7:30 and Meeting at 8:30. 3rd Wednesday of each month. Come and join us.

SEE YOU AT THE SAN DIEGO CONVENTION.

Respectfully submitted,
PGM Haig Jamgotchian



Sport Night: (top) Al Gasparian, PM Jack Kayajanian. (bottom) Eddy LeBaron, Jerry Tarkanian, Rick Majerus (coaches)



PM Ed, David, Mike, Mike, John - "Having Fun."



New member Bro. Fred Cartozian and Bro. Art Kazarian want to light up his cigar— "Having Fun."



Bro. Jerry, PM Jack, Kurk, Pat. "Getting free advise from Bro. Jack??"

Orange County Juniors

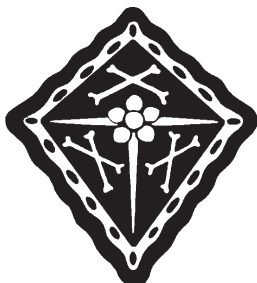
Dear Brothers,

There has been a lot of exciting happenings with the Orange County Juniors during the first half of 2005, and the excitement does not seem to be dying down. In May, the Juniors were able to organize the 1st Annual Charity Car and Bike Show. With over 85 classic and modern cars and 30 motorcycles, including Jesse James' own Sturgis Special, the show was a complete success and enjoyed by all in attendance. We were able to raise over \$1,500 that was donated to the Armenian Eye Care Project and to Children's Hospital of Orange County

The Juniors have continued to show their support to our Senior brothers in all their events. Whether it is the Annual Picnic, Sports Night Banquet, Potluck, or the Monthly Business meeting, there is always a strong Junior presence. We have also shown support to Los Angeles Junior brothers at their successful poker tournament by entering three of our brothers. We can not wait for next year's event because we have all been practicing and think we can go all the way.

Coming in August will be the fifth installment of our annual Kebab-Palooza. The barbeques have been quiet for the last year and we are getting ready to light 'em up for another memorable event. If you thought the last few years were good, wait until you see this year's. We will be adding new members to our ranks and making our group stronger. We are all looking forward to "Rockin Around the Clock" with all the brothers at the 2005 San Diego convention.

Fraternally Yours,
Simon Hovakimian
Master



Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The first half of 2005 has been very busy for the Los Angeles Chapter. Master Walter Hekimian, Jr. and his Executive Board continued to work hard with an exceptional calendar of meetings, fund raisers, and social events. Brother Walter runs an entertaining meeting with the right mix of business, humor, fines, and fraternity. The success of the Chapter has been the result of the commitment of the Executive Board, event Chairman, and the dedicated group of Brothers and wives that have helped.

In January the Chapter held its second Bingo Night at the Kesab Hall in Reseda, California. Bro's Darren Eminian and Armen Titizian chaired the event. Approximately 75 Brothers, family, and friends attended. Bingo followed mezza and drinks. Bro. Armen found out how hard it is to remain on top of the Bingo comedy world. Bro. Robert Kalfayan held true to his previous challenge to play with multiple cards. (Good job Bro. Robert).

In March a delegation of Brothers led by Master Walter attended the All State Mid-Term Convention in Fresno.

The Los Angeles Chapter held its annual Member-Guest Partner Best Ball golf outing at the Las Verdes Country Club located in Palos Verdes, California. Brother Dickran Devian chaired the event with help from Bro's Robert Kalfayan and Aran Vaznaian. Over 40 Brothers and guests attended. First place went to Bro. David Gabriel and Dennis Kazarian. Of note, third place went to the father-son team of Aran and Dale Vaznaian.

The Annual Trex Night Out was held in May. The event was chaired by Bro's Gabe Kaprelian and Ken Khteian. Approximately 85 Brothers, wives, and guests ate, drank, and danced at the Great Greek located in Sherman Oaks, Cali-





Pasadena, California. Over 60 golfers attended the event chaired by Bro. Tev Eminian. Activities included lunch, dinner, trophies, and a raffle. Bro. Mel Shanoian took top honors.

Also in June the Chapter once again held its annual Family Picnic at Verdugo Park in Glendale, California. Bro's Mel Shanoian and Ron Roopian chaired the event. Over 175 Brothers and family attended.

Upcoming events include a July meeting honoring the

Orange County Chapter and an August meeting honoring the Desert Chapter.

On Sunday, September 25 the Los Angeles Chapter will sponsor the 53rd annual Ararat Home Picnic. The event will be chaired by Bro. Richard Jebejian. Bro's Gabe Kaprelian and Ken Khteian Chair the Food Preparation and Serving Committee. Many other Brothers and wives help with putting on this event.

In October the Los Angeles and Orange County Chapters are planning a joint Installation Banquet. Bro's Haig Jamgotchian and Ralph Dergazarian will Chair the event.

In November, Bro. David Maseredjian will Chair the 13th Annual Gin Tournament to be held at the Brookside Country Club.

And in December the Chapter will hold its Annual Christmas Kef in the Deukmejian Grand Ball Room at the Ararat Home in Mission Hills.

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



fornia. Dinner was followed by an evening of entertainment at a local improvisation comedy club. A number of Brothers and wives were called on stage to participate in comedy sketches. It is unclear whether the audience was laughing at or with the entertainment.

In June, the Los Angeles Chapter held its 50th Armenian Open Golf Tournament at the Brookside Country Club, located in





L.A. JUNIOR TRIPLE-X FRATERNITY

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream.

- Mark Twain [Samuel Langhorne Clemens] (1835-1910)

For twelve of the Los Angeles Juniors this year, 2005 was the last year to accomplish goals we always meant to meet as Junior Trexmen, have fun doing it, and help the next generation of the Los Angeles Junior Triple-X with a strong foundation for the future. Strengthening an existing foundation of close friendship, business structure, and fun activities; as much for ourselves and for the community of Armenians who have learned about and enjoyed our incredible organization.

We started out the year with our annual Halloween party which has always been fun for everyone. Its success combined with the success of another party at one of our Brothers lots in the heart of downtown Los Angeles, gave us an opportunity to donate \$1000.00 to the Ararat Home.

We enjoyed a private Trexman christmas dinner with our wives and girlfriends at a delicious Mediterranean restaurant with live music and dancing.

8 months of careful planning by Bro Papten Paldchianian, and dedication from all our brothers, helped us organize an extremely successful poker tournament in May with 98 players raising \$19,000.00 in prizes and donations.

In June we had a great turnout and a lot of fun helping the Seniors at their annual L.A. Senior family picnic and barbeque; with games, sports, and of course delicious food.

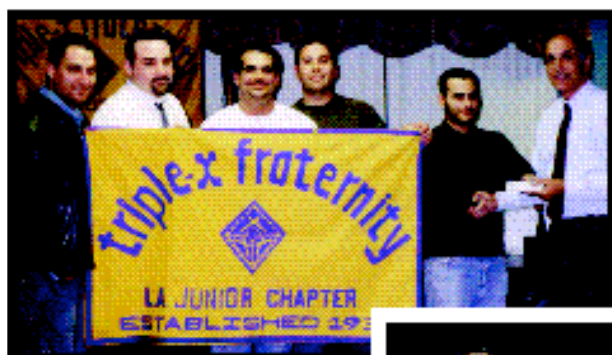
In July we had a barbeque pool party with great friends enjoying each others company, dancing, and meeting new people. Thank you brothers for the good barbeque, drinks and talk.

We have also planned to take a deep sea fishing trip in August, and hopefully attend an Angels/ Dodgers ball game by the end of this year. We have started a website, www.latrex.com, and hope to be done by Sept.

We would like to thank the senior brothers for all their support this year and look forward to becoming Senior Triple-X members in the fall.

I would also like to give a special thanks, from all the Junior Triple-X to our advisor this year past Grand Master, David G. Masserdjian. Thank you for your strong advice, your critics and ultimately your support.

Sincerely,
Yeghia Tchakmalian
Master, Los Angeles Junior Triple-X



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