



TREX NEWS

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Triple X Fraternity

52nd Mid-Term Convention

Hosted by the Selma Chapter

Saturday - March 4, 2006

Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino

Highway 41, 711 Lucky Lane

Coarsegold, CA 93614

(SEE HOTEL INFORMATION ON P. 4)

- **Mid-Term Golf Tournament - 9:00 a.m. (See information on back cover)**
- **Registration - 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Acorn, Elderberry, & Manzanita Conference Rooms (Located in the main hotel lobby)**
- **Dinner - 6:00pm - 8:00 p.m. / California Market Buffet / located in main casino (You must register to receive your discount voucher for the buffet)**
- **Master's Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. / Acorn, Elderberry, & Manzanita Conference Rooms**
- **Mid Term Meeting - 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. / Acorn, Elderberry, & Manzanita Conference Rooms**

**If you have any questions please call
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See you brothers there



Grand Master's Message

It's been an exciting and great six months since convention. By the time you read this I will have traveled to most of the chapters, and my hope is to have visited all by Easter. It has been a real treat to meet many of you for the first time and especially nice to see many of you that I've known for sometime.

One of the first things I've learned is that no matter how large or small the chapters are we all share the same concerns, namely meeting and event attendance. The next thing I've learned is how great it is to be together, whether at a meeting, a dinner or some fund raising event. Working together we have accomplished great and good things. Each chapter is doing great things in their communities and whether we are recognized as Triple X, Trexmen, or Trex fraternity people know us for the good we do.

One of the messages I've been sharing with the chapters I've visited is that we need to do a better job of letting the chapters in our region know an event is happening and we'd like the brothers to attend. Some are doing this and doing it well. I believe when we include the brothers in the region we guarantee a successful event.

At this writing we still have many chapters that haven't taken the opportunity to set up their web site within the www.trexfraternity.com web page. Bro. Ron Sarouhan of the Orange Co. Chapter has the codes for your Webmaster to access the site. If you have any trouble, contact me and I will do what I can to help.

You will see in this edition of the Trex News a page dedicated to coming events, I was hoping to start this as a way for all of us to show interest and support for the many things that are being done up and down the state.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Mid-Term.

Fraternally,
Bro. Peter Cholakian Grand Master

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Coming Events

Many of the Brothers don't (or won't) have access to a computer, so we will try to create a way for all of you to know what is going on in the various chapters. This will only work if you (1) have a long-range calendar and (2) if you will send it to me or the Grand Sec., to help create this page for coming events. I've just listed the dates and events planned that have been sent me. I also thought I'd just list those dates from Mid-term to Convention and with the next edition from Convention to Mid-Tenn. Keep in mind that some dates may change and you will need to check with the chapters holding the events for details. My hope is that this will encourage all of us to participate whenever we can as well as supporting the other chapters.

March

- 4 Mid-Term Host Chapter, Selma
- TBA Orange Co Burger Bash
- 18/20 Selma Reno Trip
- 26 Palm Desert Spring Picnic

April

- TBA Orange Co Potluck Dinner
- 13 or 20 Los Angeles Member/Guest Golf
- 22 Selma Crab Feed
- 28/29 Palm Desert Desert Golf Outing

May

- TBA Orange Co Laughlin Stag
- 20 Los Angeles Ladies Night Out
- 21 Selma Scholarship Dinner

June

- TBA Selma Tri-chapter Get-together
- TBA Orange Co Las Vegas Night
- 16 Los Angeles 51st Annual Armenian Open
- 25 Los Angeles Family Picnic

July

- 15 Selma Moonlight Picnic/Kef Night
- 30 Orange Co Annual Picnic
- TBA Los Angeles Father/Son, Daughter Camping Trip

August

- TBA Orange Co Golf Tourn.
- 23 Selma Keyma Dinner

Capitol Chapter

The Capitol Chapter officers for 2005-2006 are as follows: Master-Scott Khatoonian, Junior Master-Peter Onnigian; Secretary-Vernon Shahbazian; Treasurer-Edward Ohanesian; Associate Editor-Harry Sweet; Advisor/Critic David Richardson. Brother Richardson deserves an order of the Purple Grapes for his 2 year span of Master leading this Chapter to a brighter future. David's efforts were well appreciated.

Happy New Year to all the brothers in California and Nevada from the Capitol Chapter. Imagine, it's been 5 years since I was sitting in my living room with my wife Mauvis and I was watching the fireworks in New York celebrating a new beginning year of 2000.

Congratulations to Bud & Clarice Ohanesian on their 50th Wedding anniversary in December 2005. About 80 people were invited. Brother Harry Sweet had Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger prepare a letter of Best Wishes and Congratulations to the couple. Congratulations were in order for David Ivazian, who was presented with the Fraternity's 25 year plaque at the December meeting. He became a member in December, 1980.

We congratulate Bro. Frank Ohanesian on his 98th Birthday on January 5th. Bro. Frank was born in 1908 and came to the United States with his grandmother and older siblings shortly after World War! He is



Bro. George Shahinian talk on Armenia.



Rod Jorjorian talk on Armenia.

the last surviving charter member of the Capitol Chapter, and the last survivor in Sacramento of Harry Sweet's parents', relatives, sister's and brothers leaving Istanbul, Turkey on the cruise ship "Star" and sailed to New York arriving at Ellis Island in 1905. Frank being a young 6 to 11 year old came over with his parents following the same path a few years later.

Our Bro. Vern Shahbazian and family were worried about their 13 year old granddaughter, Taylor Nicole Shahbazian who is recovering nicely from a medical procedure at Stanford University where doctors drilled into her skull to remove fluids that were putting pressure on her brain. She suffers from neurofibromatosis, which has caused tumors on her brain, requiring delicate surgery in the past. We wish her well and safe.

Bro's Rod Jorjorian and Bro. George Shahinian gave excellent talks on their recent trips to Armenia, showing beautiful photographs to the members. We appreciated a visit from The Grand Master Peter Cholakian.

Fraternally,

Harry Sweet, the greatest.



New officers sworn in.



Capitol Brothers at dinner time.

MID-TERM 2006 HOTEL INFORMATION

CHUCKCHANSI GOLD RESORT & CASINO

Highway 41, 711 Lucky Lane

Coarsegold, Ca 93614

1-866-794-6946

Rooms are available for

Friday March 3, 2006 & Saturday March 4, 2006

Rate \$75.00 per night

Reservation group code 2024 - Selma Trex Fraternity

Chuckchansi Gold Resort & Casino Is located on Highway 41

Twenty five minutes north of Fresno

FRESNO

Happy New Year to all our brothers and their families! Prayerfully this will be a banner year for our country, families and our troops abroad.

Highlights of our Chapter since June of last year are as follows:

July 15 - Diabetic Youth Foundation Dinner:

This benefit dinner for the Diabetic Youth Foundation is one of our cherished fund raisers. It is always well-attended and everyone enjoys the terrific dinner and fellowship. Thanks go to PM Jack Bedoian and Carrie Zulewski for overseeing this fund raiser and special thanks to the brothers who barbecued, the wives who served and to Brother Mike Emerzian for being involved in this affair.

August 4: FSU basketball Coach S. Cleveland night was cancelled due to conflicting dates.

October 20 Lamb Chop Dinner at the Clubhouse PM Gary Kazarian, and PM Paul Najimian were the expert chefs for this barbecued lamb chop dinner. What a special treat!

November 17 Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner Together with our wives and significant friends, we all attended a pre-Thanksgiving dinner at the SPAGHETTI FACTORY. The food was good, and the mood of us all was joyous and merry. Thanks go to Jr. Master Richard Bagdasarian and his wife and to Master Richard Bedoian for taking care of the arrangements.

December 11 - Family Christmas Dinner Party Christmas festivities were celebrated at the clubhouse for our families. Master Richard Bedoian and Jr. Master Richard Bagdasarian chaired this event. Kudos to the barbecue "elves", trex wives who served dinner and all those responsible for buying, wrapping all the gifts for the children. Santa arrived (PM. Paul Najimian) and the children were quite excited. Our clown



Diabetic Youth Foundation.



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Christmas



Diabetic Youth Foundation.

(Steve Bedoian) kept the children amused with his balloon-blown up cute animals, swords, etc. Candy canes were donated by Sam Simonian and boxes of tangerines were enjoyed and donated by Mardy Marderosian.

Congratulations

PM Jack Bedoian and his wife Alberta are proud grandparents of Mary Virginia Malconian, born October 5, 2005.

Prayers:

Special prayers to our members who have been under the weather: Speedy recovery to Bob Marcus, Harry Tanielian and Joe Agopian. At last meeting, all three are coming along. You are in our prayers.

IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened by the loss of two beloved brothers. Nish Torigian (1943) and Gary Kazanjian (1975). Our sincere condolences to their wives, Angel Torigian and Mary Kazanjian and to their respective families. Their loss is deeply felt by this chapter.

Sincere apologies to Past Jr. Master Bob Emerzian wrongly named Brother Bob Hanoian (Old Timers Dinner in the last Trex News).

SEE YOU at the MID-TERM CONVENTION in MARCH 2006.

Fraternally,
Nazareth M. Chaderjian



Christmas

Golden Gate

Phoenix Rising - The G.G Chapter is coming out of the fire, stretching its wings and beginning to soar in the clouds.

Under the guidance of Ara Sarkisian, Golf Tournament maven, the chapter rallied around him and we made a startling success. Golfers, 88 of them, responded and played at Harding Park PGA course. The American Express Tournament was a month away, won by Tiger Woods. After the tournament, we happily welcomed 125 people to the newly built clubhouse overlooking the 18th hole and beautiful Lake Merced. A mixed group of men and women had a festive time buying and selling raffle tickets for the fabulous prizes. Ara Sarkisian MC'd the festivities and brought the house down with laughter. It not only was a financial success, it was like one big happy family celebration. Thanks to our members who responded. To the wives that helped, A Big Thank You, Especially to Arlene Hovsepian.

As a result, the G.G. Charitable Trust dispersed a grand total of \$14,000.00 to the following four charities: Nor Cal Auxiliary, BAFA Soup Kitchens, KZV Armenian School, and Armenian Eye Care Assn. The G.G Brothers attended a three Chapter X-mas Party at the Diablo Hills Country Club. This year's sponsor was Mt. Diablo Chapter. The other chapter was Oakland. Children's new clothing outfits were brought to the affair. They will be sent to Hyastan and distributed to each youngster individually. If you wish to contribute to this worthwhile cause, please contact Greg Tcherkoyan of the Oakland Chapter. As usual, the affair was well attended and everyone had a ball.

We inducted 4 new members: Khachig Jingirian Sr, Khachig Jingirian Jr., who is not only a fantastic jeweler, but a superb musician; Michael Krikorian is a TV show producer & promoter; and Michael Menzigan, retired, who brings all the talent that comes with experience. Welcome new brothers.

There are more prospective members being contacted and presently being interviewed.

The New Year plans are already in the making. The Golf Tournament will again be held at Harding Park. This time the date will be on a Friday in October making it much easier for members & friends to attend. It is our goal to have over 125 golfers. The Harding Club house will again serve for our festivities, dinner and raffle, and all proceeds go to charity.

The Valentine's Party will be held at Sabella's



Master Garo Mirigian, Golden Gate Chapter, presents a \$3,500.00 check to Arlene Hovsepian, President, Nor Cal Auxiliary, while Norma Yaglijian, President, of the Nor Cal Board, looks on with approval.



Robert and Brian



Swearing in of new members

Restaurant, located in San Francisco's Fishermans' Wharf area. Our Master has promised the women in attendance a lovely Rose Symbol of love, plus a Valentine gift. What a romantic. You gotta love that guy.

Hoping the New Year brings everyone's wishes and desires to fruition. Happy New Year to all the brothers.

Respectfully,
Brother Ralph Kazanjian

Oakland

Oakland Trex hosted a number of great events in the second half of 2005; starting with the annual Trex Camping Trip to Big Basin State Park July 8th & 9th, followed by the Annual Joint Trex BBQ held in Moraga on July 16th and of course the annual "Day at the Beach" at Seacliff State Beach in Aptos on August 13th. In addition, Oakland Trex opened the doors to all chapters at our November meeting. Brother Craig Bazigian and Steve Donikian hosted a lobster dinner for the largest group meeting of the year. The Christmas party was held again at the Round Hill Country Club.



Shish Kebab & Brothers at Big Basin Park

On July 8th, Brother Rick Magarian and family hosted the annual Trex family camping in Big Basin State Park. This event is in its 5th year running and we had the largest turn out yet – over 30!

The Shish Kebab dinner was a winner so why mess with a good thing. The Shish Kebab is also the most photographed thing at the event.

This year we had an uninvited, unwanted guest – and no, we are not talking about a brother of our fraternity. Let's just say that the Chinese are not the only culture that celebrates the "year of the pig" as one came through our campsite late one night and almost ended up in the fire pit.

I don't care how much food an Armenian has eaten, we will still think of what to eat and how to cook it. The Pig (hereto forward referred to as Peeg) made a bold move and went after the ice

chest near the Shish Kebab Skewers.

The next night, the peeg broke into another ice chest and took everything except the beer. This was the only factor that kept it from being hunted and cooked.

For the record, the pilaf came out fine and in so doing, the Mickaels brothers restored their reputation to the pre 2004 level, what ever that was.

We can only imagine what kind of animal will show up next time and if it is a lamb...it could get messy.

The Oakland chapter held a joint picnic with the Mt. Diablo Chapter at Laguna Park on July 16th in Moraga. Brother Allan Melkesian co-hosted the event. The new location was welcomed as it was centrally located and convenient for many members of both clubs. Adults and kids alike had a fun day.

On August 13th the Oakland Chapter held its second annual "Day at the Beach" hosted by Brother George & family. Luleh Kebabs and pilaf made up the main course. In all, 43 people attended. The group was so big it overflowed into the adjacent parking lot. This was the best turn out so far and many people said they look forward to next year. Thanks to Craig & Susie Bazigian, Allan & Monica Melkesian, Rob & Diana Tashjian and Ron & Maureen Mickaels for helping with the food and supplies.

In spite of the red tide and fog, adults and kids braved the water.

In October, the new executive team took hold of the reigns with Brother Gary Alexanian at the helm. The following month, Brother Craig Bazigian and Steve Donikian served lobster at the



Group Photo at Sky Meadows Camp Site



Brother Allan Melkesian Taking Money From Needy Armenian Children.

monthly meeting. Brothers from the Bay Area fraternities and the Grand Master attended. The turn out was twice normal. Thanks Bro. Craig!

The annual Christmas party was held again at the Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. Brother Greg and wife Seta organized a collection of clothing for the children of Armenia. This year \$250 was also collected. Thanks again to Brother Greg and wife Seta for their efforts and for an enjoyable evening.

The Trex Crab Feed will be held at the Marina Community Center in San Leandro on January 28th. The new venue will be a welcomed step up! This event is open to the public. Contact Bro Harry Sherinian for tickets.

Fraternally,
Brother George Kamian



Brothers Pretending to Play for Fun

Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

Once again the second half of the year exceeded all expectations for the Los Angeles Chapter. Master Walter Hekimian, Jr. and his committed Executive Board continued to work hard with the remainder of their ambitious calendar of meetings and events. The



The success of Bro. Walt's calendar of activities is the result of the commitment of event Chairman and the dedication of the Brothers and wives that help.

In August the Los Angeles Chapter elected its new Executive Board. The Achievement Trophy 2005.

Master Bro. Steve

Hampar

Jr. Master Bro. William Kevorkian
 Recording Secretary Bro. Chris Armen
 Treasurer Bro. Ron Roopenian
 Corres. Secretary Bro. Mike Mihterian
 Srgt-at-Arms Bro. Mike Amerian
 Chairman of the Board Bro. John Casparian

Newly elected Master Bro. Steve Hampar announced to the membership that he would

be challenged to improve on the level of fines, quality of events, and fiscal responsibility implemented by outgoing Master Bro. Walt Hekimian and his Executive Board. Having said that, Bro. Steve made an off the record comment that it should not be difficult to improve on a Bruin inspired administration. Bro. Steve also stated that he would continue with the policy of not allowing any agenda time for a Masters Minute.

In September, the Los Angeles Chapter was honored with the Triple X Fraternity Chapter Achievement Award, presented during the annual Convention held in San Diego. Approximately 20 members from the Los Angeles Chapter attended the Convention. Master Bro. Walt Hekimian was selected as Grand Secretary.

The 53rd Ararat Home Picnic was also held in September. The event was Chaired by Bro. Richard Jebejian. Brothers Gabe Kaprelian and Ken Khteian Chaired the food preparation and serving Committee. Bros. Matt Matoseian and John Casparian were responsible for drinks. Bro. Shant Dergazarian handled games and parking. Entertainment was provided by Bros. Vaughn Vartanian, Ed Belezikian and the Oasis Band. Over 80 Brothers helped cook, serve, clean-up, and manage the event. The Picnic was a great success with over 1,000 dinners served. Proceeds



PGM Jerry helping the cooks. Ararat Home Picnic 2005.



"50th" Armenian Open Brookside Country Club.



Ararat Home Picnic - Lots of helpers



2005 Swearing in.

went to the Ararat Home.

In October, the Chapter held its annual Stag Outing at the Singing Hills Country Club in El Cajon. Once again, Bros. Tev Eminian and Mel Shanoian Co-Chaired the event. Over 45 members attended the three day event, including Grand Master Bro. Pete Cholakian. Activities included golf, cards, tavloo, food, and drink. A great time was had by all.

The 13th Annual Gin Partner Tournament was held at the Ararat Home on November 11, 2005. The event was meticulously Chaired by Bro. Greg Mikaelian. Bro. Bob Simonian served as Proctor (a role he is well suited for). As is historically the case, the event had to be limited to 24 players, with some Brothers being turned away. Tournament winners were the team of Bro's. Richard Jebejian and Earl Paul.

On November 12, 2005, the Los Angeles Chapter held its 77th Installation Banquet at the Kesaab Center in Reseda. The event was Co-Chaired by Bros. Mike Surmeian and Ralph Dergazarian. Approximately 100 members and wives attended the event, including Grand Master Cholakian. Fifty-year plaques were presented to Bros. Buddy Poladian and Earl Paul. Outgoing Master Walt Hekimian was roasted by a never ending number of Brothers, including his father, Bro. Walt Hekimian, Sr. Those in attendance were happy to learn about Bro. Walt Hekimian, Jr's. red cowboy hat.

The Los Angeles Chapter held its annual Kef Night on December 3, 2005 at the Ararat Home. The event was Chaired by Bro. Martin Tetezian, with the ever popular Cigar & Cognac Lounge organized by Bro. Mike Mihterian. Over 400 guests attended the event. Music was provided by Richard Hagopian and his Band. More than 55 Brothers helped put on the event.

On December 18, 2005, Bro. William Kevorkian Chaired the Chapters annual Family Christmas Party. The event was held at the Ararat Home. Over 40



Armenian Open 2005. Dickran Devian with Low Net Trophy.



2005 Wives Night

members and family attended with a special visit from Santa (who at the time had some very Armenian looking features).

Upcoming events include the 2nd Annual Poker Tournament to be held on January 29, 2006 at the Bicycle Casino in Bell Gardens. Bro. Popken Pakhchanian Chairs the event. There is a \$125 buy-in, which includes lunch.

In February 2006 the Chapter will once again hold the ever popular Bingo Night at the Ararat Home. The event is Chaired by Bro. Armen Tetezian. For information, contact Bro. Armen.

The Chapter's Members/Guest Partners Best Ball Golf Tournament will be held in April at the Sky Links Golf Course in Long Beach. The event is Co-Chaired by Bro's. Dickran Devian and Robert Kalfayan. Brothers interested in attending should contact Bro. Dickran at (818) 886-8950.

On May 20th the Chapter will hold its annual Ladies Night Out event. Details of the event are pending. The event Chairmen are Bros. John Saroyan and Gary Zakarian.

Finally in June, two events are planned. Bro. Tev Eminian chairs the Armenian Open Golf Tournament to be held at the Brookside Country Club, in Pasadena and Bro's. Mel Shanoian and Ron Roopenian chair the Chapters Family Picnic to be held at Verdugo Park in Glendale. More information about these events will be forthcoming.

Master Steve and his Executive Board continue to plan the calendar of events for the new year. Los Angeles Chapter meetings are held on the first Wednesday on the month at the Ararat Home. All Trexmen are welcome to attend.

Fraternally submitted,
Bro. Galen S. Petoyan

Las Vegas

“GREETINGS “ and Happy New Year from Las Vegas. Time marches on. We had several activities in 2005; one being a joint picnic with the ladies of the Hys-Society. Past Master Shavarsh Papazian and his wife Jeni worked with the members of the Society purchasing and preparing food and setting up the tables. Thanks Bro. Shavarsh for all your hard work. Thanks to all the ladies that helped.

All our meetings have been dinner meetings and we hold them at the New York Pizza Restaurant.

We lost three of our Charter members in 2005. Bro. Karney Ovian who passed away May 5, 2005, and Bro. Mike Manoogian who moved to California and was living at the Ararat Home in Mission Hills. He was a transfer from our Chapter to the Los Angeles Trex; and Bro. Ralph Barzekoff who moved back to Southern California and joined the Orange County Chapter Bro. Ralph passed away December 15, 2005.

The Las Vegas brothers held their Christmas party at the “OPA” Greek Restaurant. All the

Bros. that attended had a very good time and enjoyed good food and live entertainment.

Our Master Robert Bezdikian and Bro. Peter Boghossian joined in and danced with the belly dancer and they joined in and danced with the Greek dancers. We all had a great time. We are looking forward to Grand Master Peter Cholakian’s visit to our Chapter January 16, 2006.

Fraternally Charles Parigian, PGM



Standing l. to r. Katy Parigian, Gayane Korkmazian, Frank Korkmazian PGM. Front row: George Parigian, Mary Parigian, Chuck Parigian, PGM at Convention 2005.



Armen Anooshian, Peter Boghossian, Ralph Barzekoff, Master Bob Bezdikian, Gil Surabian,



Meeting at Bro. Gil Surabian’s home.



Arpiar Babigian, Peter Boghossian, Ralph Barzekoff.



Master 2005 Robert Bezdikian all pooped out?



San Diego Conference



Convention - 2005

Photos by Jack
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Co. Editor

Mt. Diablo

Hello Brothers, Family and Friends. Mt. Diablo is very proud to once again have a strong slate of officers for 2005-2006. These Brothers have previously held office, however graciously agreed to step up to the plate and volunteer again. We applaud you!

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| Master: | Vic Vasgerdsian |
| Corresp. Secretary: | Kevork Hagopian |
| Jr. Master: | Garo Keadjian |
| Recording Secretary: | Harvey Kamian |
| Treasurer: | Ray Chiljan |



Bros. Charles Kezerian, Armen Phelps, George Rustigian, Ed Hazarabedian.



Mt Diablo New Officers

Our July 16 joint Family Picnic with Oakland was a tremendous success. Co-Chairman's Jerry Tusan, Jeff Apkarian and Oakland Brother Allan Malkasian along with Mother Nature provided a beautiful day for all. Over 73 Brothers, Family and Friends attended. Brother Jerry's tri-tip and pilaf were enjoyed with Jeff's famous salads while



Mt Diablo/
Oakland
Family
Picnic



Master Vic
Vasgerdsian
welcoming guests
at Christmas Party.



Allan provided dessert and games for the children. Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga proved the perfect setting for a Sunday afternoon.

On August 7, Brother's Harvey Kamian and Ray Chiljan set up a wild and fun evening at Silk Road Restaurant in downtown Walnut Creek. 36 people took over the quaint restaurant and before you know it, Belly dancers were everywhere. We all enjoyed an abundance of Mediterranean cuisine, never ending wine and lots and lots of fun!

Master Vic continues to have fun meetings with emphasis on more joint events with our sister chapters while promoting casual events with wives and families. We have started a money raffle each month to attract more members to attend and must be present to win.

On October 15th, Master Vic planned a full course breakfast at the American Legion Veteran Hall in Lafayette for only \$4. Brother Ray Chiljan planned a buffet dinner at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo for a nominal charge. All very well attended events.

Several Brothers enjoyed the lobster feed/ meeting hosted by Oakland on November 15th. You guys should be commended for all the hard work of putting together such an elaborate dinner.



Bonnie Hazarabedian leading everyone in Christmas carols



PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian congratulates son Ed on a job well done while new Master Vic Vasgerdsian looks on.



Joint Christmas Party.



Bro. Jerry Tusan with Belly Dancer at Silk Rd. Restaurant.



Bro. George and Carol Rustigian



Bro. Ray Chiljan with Belly Dancer at Silk Rd. Restaurant.



Master Vic and Hasmig Vasgerdsian.



Kevork Hagopian, Jack Mooradian, Garo Keadjian, Varooj & Nora Koroyan at X-mas Party.

Of course, the joint Christmas party with Oakland, Golden Gate and Peninsula on December 11 was really special. It was opportunities to enjoy each other's company while at the prestigious Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. We were provided with some great Christmas music by Brother Garo Mirigian on the piano with Bonnie Hazarabedian and several other Brothers and wives singing Christmas carols. The event provides us an opportunity to support orphaned and needy children in Armenia by providing cash and/or clothing which Oakland Brother Greg and Seta Tcherkoyan collect, purchase and distribute each year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at mid-term.

Fraternally, Jerry Tusan

ORANGE COUNTY

2005-06 OFFICERS

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|--------------|-----------------------------|
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| Corres. Sec. | Bro. Tom Kalajian |
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Board of Directors: Bros. Robert Ohanesian, Jeff Kalunian, Rob Tusan, George Ekizian, Dan Kazarian and Nick Paboojian.

Web Master, Past Master Bro. Ron Sarouhan

Master John Gulugian has one of the best slate of officers we have had. We have many activities planned for the upcoming year.

Our 30th Annual Picnic was back at our original picnic area where we had a great turnout. Plenty of Shish Kabob for everyone. We had games for the kids, Armenian music and dancing, meeting old friends and making new ones. Thanks to Past Master Wayne Najarian and Bro. Art Kazarian and all the Brothers and Wives



Bro. Kurk, Master John, GM Pete, Mark, Brian. Tom, Larry & Terry - New Officers



Over 600 in attendance - Kef time for all.

who made this great event a success once again.

San Diego put on a great convention. We had one party after the other. Even the OC. Jr's had fun at the parties. San Diego is a great vacation city. It's wonderful to see Brothers and their Wives from all the other chapters. One Big Family.

The Installation was fantastic. We honored the incoming officers and had the honor of having our new Grand Master Pete Cholakian and his wife Cathy with us. Our Master of Ceremonies was Past Master Bro. John Garakian who did an outstanding job. Our Trexmen of the year award went to Past Master Wayne Najarian a true Trexmen at heart. Our Humanitarian Award went to Bro. Roger Ohanesian for his work with the Armenian Eye Project. It is a wonderful blessing the work he does for the Armenians in



San Diego Convention. How did PGM Mooney get in this picture?



P.M. Ron Sarouhan presenting Trexman of the Year P.M. Bro. Wayne Najarian.



PGM Archie, Danny, Nairi, Jeff, PM Don, PM Larry, PM Kelly.



Master John, Nishan, Roger, GM Pete, Humanitarian Award to Bro. Roger.



Honorary Master Bro. Pete Bedourian, PM Ron, wife Henrietta

Armenia. Thanks to Marge and Stella who put on a wonderful mazza before dinner.

We had our Family Christmas Celebration with 70+ in attendance. Bro Past Master Ron Sarouhan and his wife Olga and Bro. Gabriel Klanian were in charge. The food and the fellowship were great and everyone brought a gift for a kid in need. That's one thing we should do – it's better to give than to receive. We had the honor to see Past Master Bro. John Cholakian and his wife Lisa who brought their new daughter Jaelyn. She is a beautiful baby.

We will be having more events this year, January, Fairview Party; February, Sports Night; March, Burger Bash; April, Pot Luck; May, Laughlin Stag; June, Las Vegas Night; July, Annual Picnic; August, Golf Tournament; September, Convention and Angels Baseball.

We have had 2 new members this past year, Bro. Tom Kalajian and Bro. Robert Hartunian who are enjoying the Brotherhood.

We will dearly miss our P.M. Bro John Poochian who passed away this year. John had been a member for 30 years and always helped at every event. We try to include the wives of our deceased Brothers at our events.

Our Chapter has the honor of having the Grand Treasurer P.M. Bro Harold Bazarian on

the Grand Chapter.

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

See you at the Mid- Term.

Respectfully Submitted,
P.G.M. Haig Jamgotchian



Kids having fun at our picnic

L.A. Juniors

The Los Angeles Junior Triple X Fraternity is on its way up after a fall from a lack of members in 2005. In September of 2005 most of the junior Trexmen had been initiated into the senior group, which left the juniors with a total of about nine members. The outstanding members have been working hard together to build the L.A. Junior chapter to high strengths. The main goal in 2006 is to build the Junior memberships, create better communication amongst members and organize events which will raise proceeds at record highs.

The L.A. Trex Juniors have already been achieving these goals. We organized our incredible Halloween Party, which resulted the all time record turn out at approximately 600 guests and raising approximately \$6,000.00. The party was a blast and a complete success.

As far as memberships are coming, we are on a roll. Since September of 2005, there have been two new members initiated and approximately fifteen more arriving in 2006. Every month this year will involve multiple initiations.

The L.A. Junior Triple X is on the rise. Our brotherhood members are working hard to build life long friendships and a successful organization. We look forward to a great year and an awesome convention.

O.C. Junior Triple X

Dear Brothers,

The last six months have proven to be quite memorable for the Orange County Juniors. In July, we added a new Brother to our ranks, John Kazarian. John was able to pass our grueling interview with flying colors. In the short time John has been a member of the group, he 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.

Speaking of Kebab-Palooza, the fifth annual installment of this party occurred in September and there appears to be no limit to the success that this party can have. I want to first thank Brother Levon for 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, John, and Jack the food was second to none and there are still people talking about how tender the meat was. 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. As one member of the Los Angeles Juniors noted, "this is what an Armenian party should be like." 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 September, Erik Pulatian became the new Master of the Orange County Juniors. Erik has been my junior master for the last three years and he has the leadership, knowledge, and skill to guide this group. Erik began his term as Master by throwing the first annual "Gobble This" party at the SideBar in November. It is safe to say that all in attendance had a great time and we look forward to having the party again within the next couple of months. For those interested in future events, please e-mail us at ocjrx@hotmail.com. It was great to see all the Brothers in beautiful San Diego for the Annual Convention. My congratulations go out to the Brothers of the San Diego Chapter and all those that helped in making Convention a memorable weekend.

Fraternally Yours, Simon Hovakimian

Sequoia

Dear Brothers:

Greetings from the Sequoia Chapter which is located in the lush agricultural San Joaquin Valley. This past year has been a busy one for our club members who have been involved in a variety of activities. The year began with the election of our new slate of officers. The following individuals will lead us in 2006: Master: Bryan Yahnian, Junior Master, Archie Zakarian; Corresponding Secretary: Sarkis Enfiadjian Treasurer: Richard Tamouzian Sergeant-at-Arms; Peter Babagian Custodian: Abe Kazarian Associate Editor Archie Zakarian Recording Secretary Mike Tamouzian

Our chapter is a philanthropic one, donating to various organizations throughout the valley. One of the ways we earn money for charity is through our annual fund raiser at the International Ag Expo Farm Show held each February in Tulare, California. Each year our brothers work together for three intense days, cooking up succulent shish kebob and pilaf for thousands of world travelers to enjoy. We have varied our menu from year to year, sometimes offering a sandwich, sometimes a plate. We have even answered the call of those with special dietary needs by offering a delicious chicken kebob on a stick. Our esteemed supervisor who oversees the entire event is Brother Abe Kazarian who has been an active, dedicated member for thirty-eight years. Assisting Brother Abe this year will be Brothers Bryan Ananian, Bryan Yahnian, and Jack Barsamian.

Five months later, we hold our second major fund raising event — a fireworks booth in Visalia from July 1-4. Rick Krikorian and his family managed the sales of this profitable event. Brothers were treated to an ice cream feast to cool down in the sweltering summer heat. You rock, Hannah!

In spring, our scholarship committee has its work cut out for it, going over several applications. We have seen an increase in applicants who are extremely qualified and talented.

The highlight of our otherwise miserably hot summer is our picnic meeting schedule. We conduct our meetings in the different towns where our brothers live. We travel to such towns as Dinuba, Kingsburg, Tulare, and Visalia where we are treated to delicious food, fun and brotherhood. We began this a few years ago to see how it would work, and now it is a tradition of summer which extends into the fall.

Peninsula

GREETINGS Brothers, Families and Friends!
Peninsula Chapter officers for 2006 are:

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

Meetings are scheduled on the third Thursdays in the ground floor rear kitchen/conference complex at the Los Altos Masonic Lodge, 146 Main Street, Los Altos. The downstairs kitchen and patio areas are used for special occasions and summer barbeques. BoD meetings are on the first Wednesday or Thursday. All Brothers are welcome to attend. The Peninsula Chapter finally had a change in leadership and is doing well. Bro. Grand Master Jerry Poochigian made another visit on his second try with some good natured ribbing in the process. Getz Tsez Bro. PGM Jerry!! We appreciate the brotherly dedication, the fellowship and fun meetings. We participated in a second annual BBQ, this time with cowboy hats and scarves, hosted by Golden Gate Chapter Bro. Master Garo and Aida Mirigian in July at their beautiful home in Fremont. The

Sequoia (cont.)

With fall, students are back to school, days shorten and we are pretty much in our daily routines. December finds us taking a break from holiday madness to get together for our children's Christmas party. Over the years, we've seen our group change and grow. Several members, who once brought their children, now bring grandchildren. It provides an opportunity for students who are home from college to see and visit with family friends. One thing that hasn't changed though is the menu - it's been pizza as long as I can remember!

An important goal of Triple X is to build for the future and in honoring that tradition we welcomed three new brothers: Mark Avedian, Tom Babagian and Darrel Peters.

On behalf of my brothers of Sequoia Triple X. I would like to wish each and every brother throughout the state good health and happiness through 2006.

Fraternally Yours,
Bro. Archie Zakarian, Associate Editor



Bro. Joe Keshishian and Master Vasken Babayan.

generous hospitality extended to our chapters is the true TREX spirit. It was a special surprise to meet and converse with Garo's alert 99 year old mother, Lucy and discover common relatives.

Bro. Mark organized tavloo games at our July meeting with prizes to the winners. Another one is planned this year. Bro. Mark is doing quite well in U.S. Tavloo Tournaments.

The 6th annual fund raiser at the Mountain View Art and Wine Festival September 10 and 11 was held. Thanks to Bros. Vic Khachooni, Vazgen Babayan and all the Brothers for another tasty event to raise funds for our charitable contributions. Additional community services were provided by Bros. Vic Khachooni and Vazgen Babayan, who volunteered their cooking expertise for the NORCAL Armenian Seniors near Napa.

The Peninsula Chapter hosted another "Picnic at Vic's" in Oct, courtesy of Bro. Vic and Linda Khachooni. We enjoyed having Bros. Master Garo Mirigian from Golden Gate and PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian from Mt. Diablo and Wives attend in a weekend that had many other competing Hye functions. Thanks for the support and the gracious hospitality.

Bros. Larry Karabian and wife Dian, Kip



Chef Bro. Vasken, host Bro. Vic, and Bro. Ruben at Peninsula Triple X Picnic at Bro. Vic and Linda Khachooni's home.



A great time was had by all; wonderful food, brotherly love, and enjoyment with the wives.



Bro. Norris Gregory and Golden Gate Master Garo Mirigian.



Lala Hazarabedian, Bro. Vic Khachooni, Aida Mirigian, Bro. Ruben Kazarian, Evelyn Kazarian, and Anne Keshishian.

Garabedian and wife Caro, Master Andy Nalbandian and daughter Cathy and family from La Jolla, attended the San Diego Convention. Thanks to San Diego Brothers for the hospitality and a great convention.

Bro. Joe Keshishian and wife Anne attended the Mt. Diablo joint chapter Christmas party in Alamo, had an excellent dinner and sang Christmas music with Bro. Garo at the piano.

Best wishes to Bro. PM Mike (Moose) Michaelian, who is doing well after surgery.

Bro. PM Andy Nalbandian

San Diego

The San Diego Chapter would like to thank all who attended our convention^oand made it a rousing success. It is wonderful to attend the Triple X conventions to see old friends and to make new ones. We might only see each other once a year, but because of or heritage and camaraderie we become life long friends. We would also like to extent a special thanks to all of our sponsors who have always been there to lend a helping hand.

We would like to congratulate two families for their new arrivals. Steve and Lisa Kradjian had a baby girl, Ani Valorie, and Armen and Sevan Derderian welcomed a baby boy, Kevin Kevork. May 2006 bring all the best in health and happiness to the families.

Our Christmas party was sensational with the participation of 38 members and guests. Santa Clause was the star of the party bringing one of our best gift exchanges yet with gifts ranging from a giant frying pan to make an omelet for the Green Giant himself to alcoholic beverages to stock some of the well known bars in the Gas Lamp District. All kidding aside, the party was well hosted by the Kradjian and Kellejian families. We thank them for their hospitality.

The students from the Junior Achievements of Armenia visited the Southland in August, and we had the honor of giving them a taste of San Diego at the Del Mar race track "where the surf meets the turf". They were treated as VIP's and invited to the turf. Impressive, huh? We would also like to thank Jim & Beth Broussalian and Vahan & Arus Serpekian who were kind enough to have the students in their homes as their guests of honor.

Fraternally,

The ever smiling Greg Vartanian

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Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

The Triple X Fraternity of Palm Desert had another great year. In the year 2005, our chapter grew with the addition of five new members. We hosted several successful events and have become know in the community for our social and charitable contributions. Thank you to Past Master, Howard Chuchian for a job well done and to all of our brothers for a great year!

Palm Desert was well represented at the 2005 San Diego Convention by the ten delegates that attended the annual Sunday meeting. Thank you to our San Diego brothers for hosting a fun filled convention.

In November, we held our Installation and Awards Banquet at The Lodge in Rancho Mirage. We installed our newly elected officers for the year 2005-2006 and enjoyed the evening with members and their wives. We were honored that our new **Grand Master, Pete Cholakian**, and wife Cathy, were able to attend this year's Installation Banquet.

Our Palm Desert Chapter's 2005 – 2006 Officers are:

- Master Bro. Varoujan Mkrtrchian
- Jr. Master Bro. Greg Kirkjan
- Rec. Secretary Bro. Tom Durian
- Treasurer Bro. Greg Safoyan
- Corres. Secretary ... Bro. Nick Nigosian
- Sergeant At Arms .. Bro. Gary Funtas

Our annual Holiday Kef was held on December 10, 2005, at the new and exciting Hotel Zoso in Palm Springs. It was an evening of delicious food, dancing and cheer enjoyed by our brothers and their wives. Thank you to **Master V.J.** and wife, Mary, for organizing this very successful holiday event.

Our annual "Family Day at the Fair" at the Riverside County Date Festival is set for Febru-



Palm Desert Christmas Kef



Master V.J. and wife, Mary Mkrtrchian



Palm Desert Christmas Kef

ary 25, 2006, and the annual "Desert Golf Outing", will be held on April 28th and 29th. Mark your calendars and watch for more information on other upcoming events throughout the year. Everyone is invited to come down and enjoy our Desert and participate in these events. Our



Palm Desert Chapter Delegates at the San Diego Convention.

brothers look forward to your visits and also to seeing everyone at the annual Midterm in Fresno, and back again to Fresno for this year's Convention, hosted by the Sequoia Chapter.

As always, we welcome all visiting brothers to our meetings, which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Happy New Year 2006.

Fraternally,
Master, V.J. Mkrtchian



Master, V.J. Mkrtchian presents Past master plaque to PM Howard Chuchian.

Selma

Greetings to all Brothers.

Another great year for our chapter is upon us. Congratulations to Selma Brother Grand Master Pete Cholakian enjoy your term and visits to all the chapters.

In August, we elected a vary ambitious and active slate of officers with Brother Larry Avedisian as our Master and Brother Eugene Kandarian as our Junior Master. This slate of officers has planned at least one event for every month of their term "Whew".

At the September meeting, 25 Year Awards were presented to Harry Donabedian, Vaughn Hotzagorian, and PGM Abby Mamigonian. In October, we held an installation dinner at the Elbow Room. At this event Brother Mike Misakian was awarded Selma Trexman of the year. For a second year member, he was part of every facet of the year and chaired our very successful Crab Feed. We had four brothers receive 100% attendance awards. They were Haig Aivazian, Eugene Kandarian, Patrick Balakian, and Tim Kuckenbaker. Brother Haig has not missed a



Steve Matoian and Milton Torigian



Palm Desert Christmas Kef



Business-Dinner Meeting



Ken Melokonian Jr. doing his thing in the kitchen



Bros. Newton Krikorian, Frank Korkmazian, PGM Jack Ouzounian with GM Pete Cholakian.



2005-06 Officers being Installed



Business-Dinner Meeting

meeting, since joining, almost 50 years ago.

In November, we held our annual Turkey Bingo. This saw nearly 300 in attendance and record earnings. Thanks to tireless guidance from Brothers Sam Esraelian and Oscar Kasparian.

In December, what else, our Master chaired a Christmas Party that made the kids either smile at sitting with Santa or scream with fright.

In January, we will hold our annual Law Enforcement Night. In February, we will see the return of a Valentine Dinner.

Selma is proud to host this years Mid-Term and as you know by now, it will have something for every Brother, Wife, or guest.

This year's calendar includes a trip to Reno, Crab Feed, Scholarship Awards, Tri-Chapter Golf Social (Come One, Come All), Moonlight Picnic-KEF Night, and Keyma Dinner. All in all a very busy year.

So far this year, we have elected one new member Brother Matthew Garabedian. Sadly, we have lost a very dear member, Brother Nick Dokoozlian.

Respectfully Submitted
Brother Jim Tikijan



Bros. Jerry Najarian, RayMaranian, Chuck jamgotchian and Fred Venglarcik.



Bingo Night

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