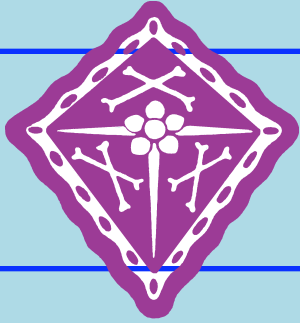


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Triple X Fraternity

56th Mid-Term Convention

Hosted by Sequoia Chapter

March 5-6, 2010

Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino
17225 Jersey Ave · Lemoore, CA 93245
866 4 PALACE
www.tachipalace.com

Rooms \$95.00/night

For room reservations call toll free 800 615-8030 (*rooms are under Sequoia Trex*)
Room reservations must be made by February, 13, 2010

Friday March 5th

- 6:00PM Hosted Cocktails

Saturday March 6th

- 9:00AM Mid-Term Golf Tournament
Ridge Creek Golf Club
3018 Ridge Creek Drive · Dinuba, CA 93618
(559) 591-7060
- 11:00AM Hospitality Room Hosted by the Sequoia Chapter
Mezza, Tavloo, Cards, and Fun...
- 12:00PM Hosted Cocktails
- 6:00PM Dinner - Open to wives and all else \$25/person
Choice of Steak or Salmon
Reservations must be made by February 13, 2010 (559) 627-8643
- 8:00PM Business Meeting



Grand Master's Message

As your Grand Master I appreciate the great hospitality that the Grand Chapter Officers, especially my wife Alberta and myself, have received throughout our travels to each chapter these past months. Everyone has warmly welcomed us and each meeting, visit, and event has been memorable.

As I visited each chapter I could feel the brotherhood and fraternal pride shared by Triple X Brothers. Even though our Fraternity is alive, enthusiastic and each chapter continues to reach out to their communities promoting the values of Triple X in their own unique ways, I realized that our Fraternity could and should grow in size. As chapters we need to reach out in our Armenian communities to promote what the formation of our Fraternity was based on, brotherhood. I know this is a goal of most of our chapters and I would like to see us to continue to emphasize this and make this a goal of each of our chapters.

Sequoia chapter is planning a great Mid Term convention at Tachi Casino in Lemoore California in March with a Trexman style hospitality room. Tachi has a beautiful hotel and I would like to invite the wives to join us for the weekend, dinner, and hospitality rooms. I would like to encourage all the Brothers to attend as I am looking forward to meeting each Brother of our great Fraternity.

Fraternally yours,
Jack Bedoian, Grand Master

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CAPITOL

Brothers of our fine Fraternity State wide, here we are in another year joining each others hands to progress our fraternity and keeping it alive with the addition of new member prospects in each chapter's memberships. Good Luck to all chapters.

2009-2010 Officers:

- Master Bro. Sam Khatoonian
- Jr. Master..... PGM Alan Khatoonian
- Secretary Bro. Joe Vitullo
- Treasurer Bro. Bill Derderian
- Marshal/Custodian.. Bro. Art Tatosian
- Associate Editor..... Bro. Harry Sweet
- Sunshine Bro. Paul Yenovkian



Ed Odabashian.



PGM Alan Khatoonian is presenting 25 year plaque to Bro. Sergay Ivazian.

ANNUAL EVENTS 2009:

Picnics at McKinley Park, chaired by PGM Alan Khatoonian/Bro. Art Tatosian and a pair of fantastic cooks were Bro.'s Joe Vitullo and Bro. Bill Derderian.

Bro. Sweet hosted one of the annual Dinner meetings last year as well as Bro. Sam Khatoonian/ Bro. Paul Yenovkian all sponsored monthly meetings with the chapter. Each member takes turns in dinner sponsorships. Thank You brothers.

PGM Alan Khatoonian presented the 25 year plaque to Bro. Sergay Ivazian for his 25 years as a Triple X brother. Brother Bill Derderian also received his 25 year award. Congratulations to them.

Santa Claus sends his Santa suit for Bro. Art Tatosian to play Santa Claus for the Capitol Chap-

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About to have dinner is Bro. Peter Onnigian.

In Memoriam
(March 2009-Sept. 2009)

Los Angeles Chapter
Henry Shishmanian
James Durkin

Mt. Diablo Chapter
John Dichian

Selma Chapter
Jake Kevorkian
Haig Kasparian, PGM

Sequoia Chapter
Arthur Ekizian

Oakland

As the year 2009 closes, the Oakland Chapter can look back and reflect on our successful past year. Even though our economy is not doing well our chapter still managed to contribute to many community projects and charities including the building of another home in Armenia via Habitat for Humanity.

We also took time out to have some fun. June 19, 20 and 21 we had our 9th annual camping trip organized by our current master, Rick Magarian. This great event was held at Calaveras Big Trees State Park in Arnold. There were nine Trexmen and their wives and children plus a member from the Mt. Diablo Chapter who attended to find out what gentlemanly camping is all about. The menu reminded me of the extravagant food served by the Fresno Chapter at their Dinkey Creek outings -- we certainly miss those days. The food was fantastic and included shish kebab cooked on an open wood fire (two legs!) with salad and dessert baked in a dutch oven -- very nice. Some of the members had motor homes and trailers while others had old



Capitol (cont.)

ter's children's Christmas Party every year.

Bro. Harry Artinian passed away very peacefully September 9, 2009 at his home. A member of the Capitol Chapter Triple X Fraternity since 1975. He volunteered and served the Capitol Chapter over many years. He hardly ever missed a meeting night. Born in Visalia, CA. Raised in Sacramento. Harry and wife Perry of 47 years had three sons. Harry did not talk about his war years. But he did take his later lady friend back to Germany where he served his time. Awarded the Purple Heart in the battle of the Bulge. He will be missed at our monthly meetings. Condolences to the Artinian family from the brothers. Harry lived to 83 years. Harry was preceded in death by his lovely wife Perry who passed away in 1997.

This reporter, Harry Sweet has been associate editor for 46 years. I would wish a Capitol Chapter member would speak up and volunteer to task over my duties. It would be appreciated very much.

I feel that I have lost the initiative to do a decent job writing articles every year. I type with my left index finger @30 words a minute due to my stroke. I'm 89 years old now and I am looking for a replacement. Please help me out on this request.

Fraternally,
Harry Sweet



fashioned tents. Then there was the tent that Bro. Gregg Chorbajian bought for his wife, Lisa and their two sons. From what I hear it took up three whole camp sites, had separate bedrooms and Bill Russell could stand up in it. Great fun to be in the mountains and really "roughing" it.

On August 29, PM Stuart Arakelian and his wife Caroline opened their home to the Oakland Chapter in order to hold what is hoped to be an annual social dinner party. The event was a huge success. There were approximately 30 people who attended and all had a great time. It was an absolutely beautiful evening and setting, with plenty of delicious Armenian delicacies and brotherly socializing and camaraderie.

Special thanks must be extended to Caroline and PM Gregg Chorbajian's wife, Lisa for their significant efforts in making this extravaganza the success it was. The Oakland Chapter already has a date on the calendar in 2010 for next year's dinner party.

On October 17 we held our cigar night for those members who are cigar aficionados but are limited as to what they can inhale at home. Members gathered around the fire pit in the back yard of Bro. Rick Magarian and sampled three select cigars and four different desserts. The weather was great and the brotherhood was even finer -- good stuff.

In November we had our annual lobster dinner with guests from the Mt. Diablo and San Francisco Chapters in attendance. This function was and is always chaired by PM Craig Bazigian who, along with Steve Donikian, served up the New England style live Maine lobsters (that were just flown in that day) along with potatoes, salad, dessert, etc.

Our meeting hall was full to capacity with Trex members and even our Grand Master Jack Bedoian in attendance. This function is always well attended, even by members of our sister chapters, Mt. Diablo and San Francisco. Great food and great fellowship. This is what Triple X is all about.



In December we held our Trex Christmas dinner party. This event was brought to fruition by PM Rick Mickaels and held at Pescatore Restaurant on beautiful Jack London Square. A bonus was the parade of festively lighted boats. A very pret-

ty sight as they sailed by. The dinner was very well attended and again, we had some guests from the San Francisco and Mt. Diablo Chapters. Also in attendance was Grand Master Jack Bedoian. If he keeps this up we will have to make him an honorary member of the Oakland Chapter.

In closing, the Oakland Chapter wishes all our brothers up and down the State a wonderful and successful new year.

Fraternally,
Bro. Harry "Archie" Kamian
Associate Editor



Fresno

Greetings to all Trex brothers from the Fresno Chapter. We look forward to a new year and endeavor to be productive and successful.

JULY 16 - 2009 FUN GAME NIGHT:

This event was a real crowd pleaser. The mezza was great and we all had fun with tavloo, cards, and great fellowship.

August 20 - 2009: Selma Chapter Invites Fresno for Kheyma:

This event brought both chapters together for Kheyma and good fellowship. It was a very good time and well-attended. The kheyma was excellent. Thanks Selma.

September 4-5-6 Labor Day Convention Fresno, 2009:

The 80th convention was a great success. Our convention chairman was Jack Bedoian and all his help, wives included, did an enormous job. Hospitality room was mezza all the time. Jack Bedoian was installed as Grand Master. He is dedicated to the Fraternity and we know he will do his utmost for us. The success of the 80th convention was due to the participation of all families from all chapters who attended and we thank you...it was a true Triple X Convention --- brothers all.

October 15 - 2009 CLUB HOUSE SPECIAL

We enjoyed a tri-tip dinner at our clubhouse. It was a good time and relaxed because the convention was so great.

November 16, Monday Night Football.

Pizza at the club house and football. We truly enjoy Monday Night Football. As the evening progressed, our cheers grew louder and so did the comments. Need I say more?

December 6, 2009 Christmas Party

Brothers, wives, guests, enjoyed a holiday dinner out at George's Restaurant. We were honored

to have at this affair our own Grand Master Jack Bedoian and his lovely wife Alberta. Not only was the food good but everyone was holiday-inspired. It was a very good time.

Now for some incidents that have serious



Grand Master Jack and wife Alberta and Friends



Jack and Lucille Gahvejian, Christmas Party



The Sam Simonians



Elmer and Irma Noroian



Master Bob Bedoian and wife Diana.



Gr. Treasurer Steve Bedoian and wife Diana.



Pete and Isabel Chilpighian with GM Jack Bedoian and wife Alberta.



Richard, Marty, Naz, Mike

thoughts: Our Master Bagdasar (Bob) Bedoian, recently underwent by-pass surgery. He is recovering and our prayers are with him. He is a hard working Trex brother.

IN MEMORIAM

We are deeply saddened by the loss of the following Brothers:

MICHAEL NAJIMIAN, November 5, 2009

Michael was a Trex member since 1993 and was the son of PM. Paul Najimian. Michael was a financial advisor, founder and principal of MDN Financial Services. Our hearts go out to his family.

DERAN CHOOLJIAN, December 27, 2009

PM Deran Chooljian was a member of Fresno Chapter for 71-years. He was in the Air Force in World War II as an aircraft crew chief on attack bombers. After his discharge from the Service he became a watchmaker and farmer. Seventy one years in this fraternity, quite a record. We will miss the years he was with us.

ROBERT HANOIAN, December 20, 2009

Brother Bob passed away at the age of 67, and a Trexman for 36 years. He was the last of the Hanoian dynasty to manage and operate Hanoian's Market. He was a devout Forty Niner fan. He loved fishing and hunting with his father. He supported the fraternity at sports event in particular. Condolences to his family.

The Fraternity expresses its condolences to the

Orange County

Officers for 2009-2010

- MasterBro. George Ampagoomian
- Jr. Master.....Bro. Ken Hekimian
- TreasurerBro. Ron Sarouhan
- Corres. SecyBro. Jon Agajanian
- Record. SecyBro. Steve Sahakian
- Sgt. of ArmsBros. Terry and Larry Hanoian
- WebmasterBro. Ron Sarouhan

Board of Directors: Bros. Bob Tusan, Mark Hachigian, Harold Bazarian, John Cholakian, Brian Hovey and Fred Cartozian.

Our new Bro. Master George has an awesome team. Great things will be happening this coming year. New activities and getting new members and helping with our Junior Chapter are on his agenda.

Our Annual Picnic is getting better each year. Bro. Wayne Najarian and Bro. Art Kazarian are



Kids games at our Picnic.



Brothers enjoying the Fresno Chapter Convention.

Paul Najimian family, the Deran Chooljian family, the Bob Hanoian family. God rest their souls.

A happy and blessed New Year to all and hope to see you at Mid-Term convention at Lemoore, the Tachi Palace.

Fraternally
Nazareth M. Chaderjian

true leaders in making it happen but it couldn't happen without our members and their wives. The Shish Kebab and Pilaf and all the trimmings were delicious. The kids had fun with their games and the music was great for dancing and listening. We had over 600 in attendance.



Past Master, Grand Treasurer, For Grand Master Bro. Harold Bazarian. He speaks with authority.



Past Master David, Past Master John is Trexman of the Year with GM Jack Bedomian.



New Master George Ampagoomian, PGM Haig, George Jr. O.C. Trex Golf Tournament.



Bro. Art Kazarian, Future Grand Master Bro. Harold Bazarian, having fun at our picnic.

Thanks to the Fresno Chapter who put on a great Convention. Orange County Chapter will host the 2010 Convention at the Hilton Hotel in Costa Mesa. See you all there. More details to follow.

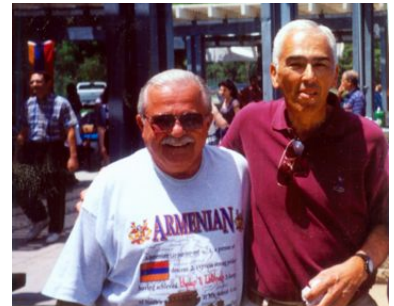
Bro. Mark Hachigian again did a great job at our Stag Angels Baseball Night Out for our Brothers and guests. Bro. Mark made sure we kept our eyes on the Game!

Our Installation this year was at Zov's Bistro a great ARMENIAN Restaurant which is the same place we have our meetings. All our new officers were installed by our New Grand Master Bro. Jack Bedomian. We were honored to have Jack's wife Alberta as well as Junior Grand Master Bro. Ron Sarouhan and his wife Olga. Our Trexman of the year was Past Master Bro. John Cholakian who is a True Trexman. We were treated to the best Armenian Dinner. Makes me hungry just thinking about it.

We had our Golf Outing at Aliso Creek Golf Course in Laguna Beach. We had coyotes, deer and squirrel's on the course with us. It was set up by our Master Bro. George Ampagoomian and the 3 of us had a great time. We all got a prize, Bro. George was 1st with Low Gross, George Junior was 1st with Low Net and I came in the 1st in Callaway. We didn't break the course record but we had fun. Next time we need some competition.

We lost Past Master Bro. Ed Karagozian one of our Charter Members who was a member of L.A. Chapter since 1958. A 50 year member. He was my Grand Secretary in 1986 and will be greatly missed. Our condolences to his family.

Our Christmas Party chaired by Bro. Ron Sarouhan and took place at the



PGM Haig, Past Master Bro. Ed Karagozian.



Picture from the past: Bros. Archie, Art, Larry, Nick, Ed.



Newest member, Bro. Steve Sahakian, birthday.

Tee Room in Newport Beach. Over 60 people were in attendance and the kids enjoyed gifts from Santa. Presents were brought in by our members and guests for the Marines from Camp Pendleton who were at the party to take and deliver the gifts to needy children. A wonderful time was had by all.

We will hope to see all of you at our Convention in Orange County this September 3,4 and 5, 2010.

Come join us at our meetings the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Zov's Armenian Bistro, 17440 17th Street, Tustin, CA. Cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:15.

Respectfully
P.G.M. Haig Jamgotchian

San Diego

We have now sponsored a family in Armenia through the Armenian Humanitarian Relief Organization. On November 5th, 2009 our past Grand Master, Joe Kellejian was honored for the "2009 Pacific Coast Distinguished Citizen of the Year" from the San Diego Imperial Counsel of the Boy Scouts. Many of our members were on hand to see him receive this special honor.

On December 6th, 2009 we celebrated our annual Christmas party with family and friends and there were 28 people in attendance. A good time was shared by all and Bro. George Banerian did a great job playing Santa Claus as usual.

Shanoravor Nor Dari,
Brother Harry Nalbandian
Master of the San Diego Chapter

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the next issue of Trex News is **July 8, 2010.**

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Mt. Diablo

Our 2010 Officers are as follows:

MasterJeff Apkarian
Jr. Master.....Kevork Hagopian
TreasurerEd Hazarabedian
Rec. Sec.PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian
Corres. Sec.Seno Garabedian

Our July Family picnic at Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga was another success. Brother Jerry Tusan (lulu kebab/pilaf) Jeff Apkarian (salad) and Ed Hazarabedian (BBQ) all made for a beautiful day of socializing for over 35 Brothers, wives and families.

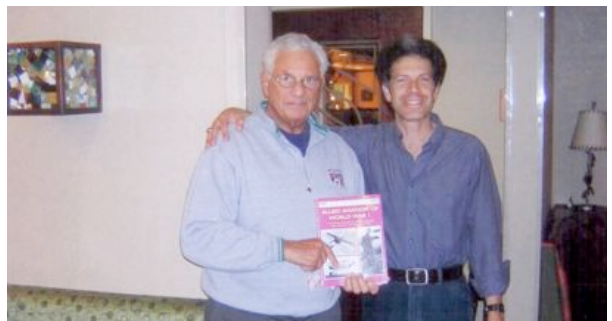
On August 16th, Brother Ray Chiljan chaired our summer Patio Party at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. 28 Brothers, wives, and friends enjoyed an outdoor buffet of BBQ steaks, salmon, ribs, salads and wine.

The Fresno Convention was enjoyed by several Brothers, especially the Saturday night gala at the Holy Trinity Church, what a party! Prior the men's breakfast meeting, our Brother Richard Asadoorian sang the Star Spangled banner. Thanks Brother Richard! Our incoming Master, Jeff Apkarian, was there to be installed and speak for the Chapter. Brothers PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Ed Hazarabedian and Myron Konjoyan received certificates for "Perfect Attendance" this year.

At our September meeting, outgoing Master Jack Mooradian was presented with a book of the Allied Aviation of WWI, from the chapter for serving 2 continuous great years. Thanks Brother Jack!

New Grand Master, Jack Bedoian attended our October meeting and enlightened us on the honor of serving the Triple X Fraternity. Master Jeff Apkarian has kept the excitement of the monthly cash raffle prize alive by making the winners be present to win. We have averaged over 70% attendance at the meetings.

Twelve Mt Diablo Brothers enjoyed a delicious



Outgoing Master Jack Mooradian (left) receiving a thank you award from current Master Jeff Apkarian for 2 great years as Master.

WHOLE lobster at the Oakland meeting and social in Alameda in November. This was a joint social hosted by Oakland and attended by Brothers

from bay chapters. Thanks Oakland for hosting this each year. It was great to see Grand Master Jack Bedoian in attendance.

In December, once again Brother Ray Chiljan chaired the Christmas Party at a private room at Round Hill Country Club. It was well attended by over 34 Brothers and attended by our Grand Master, Jack Bedoian and his wife Alberta. We were honored to have Brother Richard Asadoorian sing for us after dinner.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Fresno at the Mid Term meeting and Annual Convention in Orange County this year.

Fraternally yours
Jerry Tusan,
Associate Editor



Brother Richard Asadoorian, (left), Dee Kassabian and Frances Tusan at the Fresno Convention.



Grace Hagopian, Pat Keadjian, Frances Kassabian and Brother Garo Keadjian at the Christmas Party at Round Hill Country Club.



Brothers and Families enjoying themselves at the Family Picnic at Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga.



Grand Master Jack Becloian, wife Alberta, Master Jeff and Jennifer Apkarian at the Christmas social.



Brothers and Families enjoying themselves at the Family Picnic at Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga.



BBQ experts Brothers Ed Hazarabedian and Jerry Tusan cooking Lulu kebabs at the Family Picnic in July.



Chairman Ray Chiljan and Master Jack Mooradian reserving our tables at the Patio Party in August.



Brother Richard Asadoorian singing Christmas carols at the Christmas party. What a voice!

Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

As many of you already know, the Los Angeles Chapter is proud to announce the candidacy of our Bro. George Titizian for Grand Master 2010! Since becoming a member many years ago, Bro. George has served our Chapter in a number of capacities – including Master event chairman multiple times, convention chairman for the 2007 Los Angeles Convention and Bro George spearheaded our membership efforts many years ago. Bro George's vision as Grand Master is built on 3 inter-related pillars: Membership, increase the Fraternity's name recognition in the communities where we reside and to promote inter-chapter activities.

Membership – Our Founding Fathers clearly knew it – Solid members are the backbone of this Fraternity. Each of our Chapters have lost excellent and dearly loved members over the years. Unfortunately, many Chapters have been unable to attract and bring in qualified new members to replenish our ranks. If we as a Fraternity are unable to attract more new members, our ranks will continue to shrink. Bro George is committed to implementing activities geared to attract new and solid members that will be tested in certain chapters, fine tuned and rolled out to the entire Fraternity for implementation.

Promote name recognition of the Triple X Fraternity in the Community – Collectively, our Fraternity donates meaningful and life-changing dollars and services to the individual communities where we live. However, often times an adequate job isn't done communicating to the local and Armenian communities about our hard work and gifts! By better and aggressively promoting the activities of our Fraternity in community charity events, the Triple X Fraternity will regain its once wider known name recognition and attract more interest from potential members.

Promote Inter-chapter activities – Many of our chapters are clumped – only a stones-throw apart. A few Chapters have regularly participated in inter-chapter activities, but only a few. Inter-Chapter activities benefit all Chapters participating with additional interaction, increased participation, promoting of ideas and other benefits.

We are excited to support Bro George in his candidacy and even more excited for the Fraternity's growth under his future leadership. Please join us in support of Bro George for Grand Master 2010.

In July we kicked off the summer with a great day at Hollywood Park. Bro Master John Saroyan put together a great event with a great brunch, choice seating and passes to the infield and winners

circle. Bro Sam D looked like a retired diamond dealer in his cool sunglasses and was approached by onlookers who repeatedly kissed his ring.

Over Labor Day, about 40 LA Brothers happily made the trip to the Mother Land for the Annual Convention hosted by the Fresno Chapter. Our Bros really enjoyed themselves at the events and with our fellow Trexmen from across CA and Nevada. We proudly hosted a hospitality suite for our Brother George in his bid to win the honored position of Grand Master. We were so pleased to congratulate our New Grand Master Jack Bedoian that weekend. Grand Master has been to a number of our events and a dinner meeting too. We love to see him. Congratulations Fresno Chapter on a great job hosting the convention!

In September, the Los Angeles Chapter hosted the Annual Ararat Home Picnic chaired by a great committee made up of Bros William Kevorkian, Steve Hampar, Shant Dergazarian, Joe Ouzounian, Matt Matoesian, John Casparian, PGM David Maseredjian, Galen Petoyan, Richard Jebejian and Michael Surmeian. With the help of almost all our members, wives and many of their kids, we served well over 1200 hearty meals. We were also very happy to see GM Jack Bedoian at the picnic. This is

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From under the table, Bro Gabe magically appeared in Bro Mark's lap surprising us all at the LA Chapter's Christmas Party. Magic's secrets were truly revealed that night!



L to R – The team of 5 – Sonja Mikaelian, Laura Surmeian, Candice Titizian, Lucy Nalbandian and Lara Titizian hosted the LA Chapter's Family Christmas Party. Thank you Ladies for your hard work!



l to r: 2008-2009 Grand Chapter Officers: Larry Kaprielian, Gr. Secretary; Vaughn Vartanian, Junior Gr. Master; Nick Nigosian, Gr. Master; John Casparian, Gr. Treasurer; Varoujan "VJ" Mkrtchian, Gr. Marshal; Shant Dergazarian; Gr. Historian, Jack Ouzounian, Gr. Editor.



2009 Convention Highlights





Past Grand Masters attending 2009 Convention Business Meeting in Fresno. 1 to r front row: Charles Parigian, Allan Khatoonian, Haig Jamgotchian, Ed Hokokian, Kay Cloud, Sark Sarkisian, Jack Ouzounian; standing, Frank Korkmazian, Jerry Poochigian, Greg Avedesian, Bob Juskalian, Mel Shanoian, Jeff Hazarian, Pete Cholokian, Archie Cholokian, Shavarsh Hazarabedian, GM Nick Nigosian.



2009 Convention Highlights



Photos by Jack Ouzounian, PGM Grand Editor

Los Angeles (cont)

the Home's biggest event of the year and our Chapter is proud to make such a significant contribution of our time and talents to the Home.

In October Bro Tev Eminian, PGM Mel Shanoian and Bro Martin Titizian co-chaired our Annual Stagg Outing at the Westin Resort in Palm Desert (thanks PGM J. Gregory Avedisian for the help securing the hotel). About 40 Bros and guests (some as from far away as Canada!) attended this really fun event. In addition to 2 days of golf and great food, cards and tavloo, we were treated to an encore performance of Sharagans performed by Bros Mark Mikaelian and Ken Gorvetzian. But the hands down hit for the weekend was Bro Chuck Simonian's pickled eggs. Just like a scene from Cool Hand Luke, pickled eggs were being eaten one after the other. Bro Lev Nalbandian won the contest when he wrapped a pickled egg in basturma and ate it whole. Oddly, Bro Lev was not seen after the ill-fated food combination. Thank you again Bro Tev, PGM Mel and Bro Martin!

Later in October Bro Greg Shanoian and Gary Zakarian chaired our annual Installation Banquet



Productivity at the Ararat Home Picnic came to a halt when the BBQ team went on strike demanding more time off of cigars breaks. Bro George Titizian negotiated a compromise just before this photo was taken and the cooking continued.



A nice collection of Brothers, wives and guest were treated to 1st class treatment at Hollywood Park to watch the ponies.

to honor our outgoing Master, Bro Gary Kouyoumjian and his executive board. Bro Master Gary grew up in the LA Jr. Trex and is a true Trexman. 50 year member Bro Richard Jebejian was honored that night too. Grand Master Jack Bedoian swore in the officers led by Master John Saroyan, Jr. Master Shant Dergazarian (former LA Jr.), Recording Secretary Mike Hollis (former LA Jr.), Treasurer Bro Ron Roopenian (former LA Jr), Corresponding Secretary Johnny Yaldezian and Sgt at Arms Mark Agajanian. Great work Bros Greg and Gary.

In November Bro John Casparian chaired the Annual Gin Tournament. The players battled until 2 am when the winners were determined. Bro Richard Jebejian took 1st place with his partner Haig Goshgarian, 2nd place went to Bro Jimmy "knock early" Gondjian and Stan Roopenian and 3rd place went to Bro John Casparian and his partner Harry Gedigian. Thank you for the great event Bro John.

In December Bro Garo Papazian chaired the Chapter's Christmas Party at the Mirage Restaurant in Encino where about 50 Brothers and wives had an absolutely great time. What a fantastic event – the Middle Eastern food just kept coming along with a great floor show of skilled dancers. Table 1 at the event was treated to a special magic show where somehow Bro Gabe Kaprelian appeared in Bro Mark Mikaelian's lap. Magic's greatest secrets were truly revealed that night! Thank you Bro Garo for an outstanding job!

Also in December several of the wives co-chair our Family Christmas Party. Lucy Nalbandian, Sonja Mikaelian and Laura Surmeian have been putting this event on for a number of years, but this year received some great reinforcement help from Candice Titizian and Lara Titizian. The team of 5 hosted about 80 Brothers, families and grandchildren at the event complete with a great meal, amazing desserts, crafts for the kids and a visit from Santa himself. After last year's parole violation, Bro Steve Mikaelian playing Santa wanted to keep things "low key". Our Santa suit is showing its age, but things were going smooth all the way through the gift distribution. However, when Santa got up, a deafening tearing sound was heard. Most kids began pointing while others began to weep uncontrollably. Apparently a critical seam blew out on the suit pants, exposing Santa's true identity – if you know what I mean. Bro Steve scurried out of the room in complete and utter shame as the Santa suit disintegrated off of him.

We welcome 2010 as another great year for our Fraternity and the LA Chapter. Don't forget to support Bro George Titizian for Grand Master and we look forward to seeing you all at Mid-Term.

Regards, Bro Michael Surmeian, Assoc. Editor



Los Angeles Juniors

Brothers:

The Los Angeles Junior Triple X Fraternity has been active and growing throughout 2009!

The L.A. Juniors were lucky enough to have Senior L.A. brother and the last original member of the 1935 Jr. Trex charter members, Oshyn Kasparian, come visit for one of our meetings. His knowledge of the fraternity and stories from past decades are truly inspirational and we thank him for sharing them with us.

In October, the Juniors joined with other Armenian organizations and had the largest Halloween Party yet. The party was a success, and more importantly got the Fraternity name out in positive way to the young Armenian community. The week before Christmas, we got together for an "Ugly Sweater Christmas Party."

The Juniors turned out in large numbers to support our Senior brothers at the Annual Picnic at the Ararat Home Park in Los Angeles. We helped set up the event, prepare and serve food, and host games for kids.

The Juniors would like to thank Senior Brother Dave Maseredjian Sr. for being instrumental in our growth and leading us in the right direction to improve the Fraternity.

The Juniors look forward to hosting a few parties, planning several outings, and supporting our Senior Chapter throughout 2010!

We will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Los Angeles Jr. Triple X Fraternity in the Fall of 2010, and we hope to have your support and attendance.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Convention!

Fraternally,

Bro. Steven Roopenian.

Master of the Los Angeles Juniors

Sequoia

Greetings, to all our brothers, family members and friends throughout California and Las Vegas. Happy New Year to everyone. It seems hard to believe the year is 2010, and we are in the start of a new decade. It is always such a beautiful time of the year here in the Central Valley of California. We have the most beautiful snow capped Sierra Nevada Mountains looming above us to the east.

Our 2009-2010 year began with the election of new officers. Starting with our new Master, Charlie Amasalian, Junior Master, Jerry Poochigian P.G.M., Treasurer, Ron Shanoian, Recording Secretary, Chuck Simonian, Corresponding Secretary, Sarkis Enfiedjian, Sergeant at Arms, Jack Barsamian, Historian, Thomas Babagian, Webmaster Master, Peter H. Babagian, P.G.M..

We have had an exciting year so far, and good participation by our members. We were so blessed to have our Installation Dinner, once again at the Vintage Press Restaurant here in Visalia. A big thank you goes to our Trex brother, and part owner David Vartanian for putting on such a great dinner for all who attended. We would also like to thank our two co-chairmen Jerry Poochigian and Ron Shanoian for an outstanding evening. We were honored to have our new Grand Master, Jack Bedoian and his wife Alberta attend our banquet. Grand Master Jack also brought two members from the Grand Counsel, Richard, and Bob Bedoian and their wives. I think they are related.

We also want to say a big THANK YOU, to Chairmen Richard Bedoian, and the hard work of all the committees that put on the Triple X 80th Annual Convention, in Fresno. What an outstanding time we all had. We danced the night away with the wonderful band of Richard Hagopian, and enjoyed so much the wonderful food and fellowship you all provided. It was an exciting time for all.

We were all saddened to hear about the loss of our brother, Aram (Arthur) Ekizian. Art joined our Trex Fraternity back in 1959, and was get-



Bro. Tom and Gerard enjoying picnic.

ting ready for his fifty year award. He was born in Visalia on June 3, 1927. He was an outstanding farmer, and took great pride in growing cotton, corn, hay, tomatoes, and oranges. I remember one time talking to him in a parking lot, and he asked me if I liked oranges. My answer of course was yes, and he gave me so many I could hardly carry them to my car. We will miss Art, and the kind person he was. We send our love and prayers to the family, and his wife Jeanette of 57 plus years.

We were happy to help Las Vegas Triple X Fraternity raise funds for their future convention (2011), by purchasing twenty tickets for their raffle painting called "The Finer Things in Life". This fine painting by Yuroz, was valued at \$8000.00

We wanted to also welcome a new member Luther Khachian Jr. to our Fraternity. Luther has been a long time resident of Visalia, and we are so pleased that he wanted to become a Trexmen. WELCOME LUTHER!!!

We hope to see everyone this year as we, the Sequoia Chapter, host the Mid-Term Convention in March 2010 at the Tachi Hotel and Casino in Lemoore. The Sequoia Chapter was also honored at the last convention with the Achievement Award Trophy. We continue to enjoy one another, thankful for our heritage, and how God has blessed us.

We ended our year with our Annual Christmas Party for the kids and their families at Adventure Park. We had a good turnout, enjoyed the buffet pizza dinner with salad and dessert bar, laser tag and many other fun attractions. A BIG THANK YOU goes to Rick Krikorian for chairing this great event

In closing I would like to say a BIG "THANK YOU", to Bryan Ananian who was the winner of our last raffle in December, and decided to treat many of us (after our meeting,) to ice cream at Denny's. I really believe this is what true brotherhood is all about.

Associate Editor,
Tom Babagian P.M.



Br. Richard and Hagop



Br. Jerry and Bryan selling fireworks



Br. Ron honoring Past members



Our new Master Charlie Amasalian, and junior trexmen, Josh Fernandes working our fourth of July booth.



Brother Chuck Simonian dancing with his sister Janet Gomes.



Sherry Babagian and Janice Shanoian, enjoying an outing at the Grand Chapter Convention.



Bryan Ananian working our shish kabob booth.



Las Vegas Chapter brothers.

Las Vegas

Greetings brothers,

What a year it has been. Brother Master Ara Gueyikian challenged us to raise money for Charities and we met the challenge and went beyond our goal. We launched “The Finer Things in Life” Raffle 2009, and it ended with the drawing at our Christmas Party December 11th, 2009. Thank you for all the sponsors who donated the prizes. Bro. Yuri Grigoryan for the beautiful Yuroz painting, Bro. Gary Setian for the Antique Armenian coins, Mr. Sarkis Martirosyan for the Marble tables, Mr. Fred Shahzadeh for the Persian Rug and thank you for all the brothers who participated in the Raffle. We have an ongoing scholarship program where a number of students attending University and Armenian School will receive scholarships. Bro. Peter Boghossian coordinated that we host an ice cream sundae party for the Foster parents association and thanks to the efforts of Bro. Gil Surabian we fed ice cream to 75 foster kids and 150 of the foster parents, the brothers who helped in preparing and serving the ice cream sundaes were Brothers, Bobby, VJ, Gil and Peter. It was a pleasure when Grand Master Brother Jack Bedoian visited our Chapter, we had the traditional roast dinner in his honor and the Grand Master surprised us with singing one of his wife’s favorite songs, and the Las Vegas chapter unanimously voted to make that song our fight song, pending the Grand Master giving us a copy of the lyrics. Brother Mesrop Khachikyan was voted “Party Animal of 2009” and given an appropriate plaque, concurrently he was voted as worst poker player of 2009. Brother Arthur Kassarian was nominated to be our Ambassador to Denmark, pending official



Christmas Party



Christmas Party



Christmas Party

confirmation.

We are happy to announce that our own Brother Danny Tarkanian is running to be the Republican nominee for the Senate from Nevada. For more information on his campaign please go to <www.tark2010.org> Good Luck Brother Danny.

Look forward to the convention 2011 in Las Vegas, the brothers in Las Vegas are hard at work preparing yet another fabulous weekend convention in September 2011, we will have more information at the next midterm and convention.

Fraternally,
Bro. VJ Taslakian,
Jr. Master.



Ice Cream Sundae crew.



Winner, winner, chicken dinner.



Jr. Master VJ Taslakian and GM Jack Bedoian.



Sarkis, Danny, Arthur, Shavarsh enjoying the musical program.

Peninsula

Greetings Brothers, Families, and Friends!
Peninsula Chapter officers for 2009-10 are:

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

Our chapter meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Los Altos Masonic Lodge, 146 Main Street, Los Altos. Lately we've been meeting in either the large lower-level banquet room, or outside in the spacious courtyard patio if the weather's nice. There is also a large industrial kitchen downstairs where our famed chefs prepare delicious dinners every month, if we're not outside cooking up some meat on the barbeque. If you're ever in the Bay Area on one of our meeting days, don't hesitate to stop by – guests are always welcome!

At the Mountain View Art & Wine Festival in September, we had our 10th annual fundraising food booth. Funds raised during this festival weekend are used throughout the year for donations that our Chapter makes to various charitable organizations, both in the area and abroad. A large portion of our membership gets involved every year to help prepare and sell delicious homemade lamb and beef kebabs, which are expertly barbequed on-site by Brother Aram Salmassian and his capable staff of brethren. Everyone loves our food – without fail, each year a few customers will even ask us if we operate a restaurant in the area that they can get our kebabs at! Many thanks to Brother Vic Khachooni who braved it through a painful back injury to help organize the event,



Peninsula members enjoying dinner outside on a nice July 2009 evening.



August Peninsula meeting attendees. Back row: Vartan Berberian, Mike Kachatourian, Aram Salmassian, Zareh Salmassian, Ruben Kazarian, Mark Antranikian. Front row: Joe Keshishian, Kip Garabedian, Vazgen Babayan, Mike Michaelian, Daryl Jamgotchian.



Brothers Vartan Berberian, Joe Keshishian, Aram Salmassian, Aram Darmanian, Mark Antranikian, Kip Garabedian, Zareh Salmassian, Vic Khachooni, and Ruben Kazarian take a break from setting up the booth at the Mountain View Art & Wine Festival in order to pose for a family picture.



Master Ruben Kazarian enjoying some after-dinner coffee with Brothers Joe Keshishian and Kip Garabedian.



New member Bro. Vartan Berberian being inducted into the Fraternity in by officers Kip Garabedian, Mark Antranikian, and Ruben Kazarian.



Brother Daryl Jamgotchian (center) was among the many who filled their plates with turkey and ham at our delicious Thanksgiving Dinner family evening.

and to each and every Peninsula Brother who helped with all the food buying, preparation, booth setup (and cleanup afterwards), and selling of the final product at the festival! The fundraiser was a complete success thanks to everyone's hard work and dedication.

At our August meeting we had the distinct honor and pleasure of inducting a new member into our Chapter. Welcome to our fraternity,

Brother Vartan Berberian! He has already proven to be a great addition to our brotherhood.

In November we held a special Thanksgiving Dinner which was open to all Brothers and their families and guests. We had a very nice turnout and everyone enjoyed the delicious mezza and the huge holiday feast which followed! We also had several brothers involved in some fun and competitive tavloo games before the meal, as is usually the case in our club. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped out that night, and a special thank you to Brother Master Ruben Kazarian for doing much of the preparation to help make the evening a rousing success.

We look forward to seeing many of our fellow Trexmen at the upcoming annual Mid-Term Convention in the Central Valley!

Fraternally submitted,
 Brother Mark Antranikian
 Junior Master/Corresponding Secretary

Palm Desert

Greetings, to all of our Brothers, their family members and friends, we hope that your holidays were filled with health and happiness.

The new 2009 – 2010 year began with the election of new officers, starting with the new Master, Gary Funtas, Junior Master, Armand Karimyan, Treasurer, Koko Mazmanian, Recording Secretary, Chris Markarian, Corresponding Secretary, Rob Carian Jr., and Sergeant of Arms, Larry Johnson.

On October 30, 2009 we held our installation dinner at Vicky's of Santa Fe restaurant in Indian Wells. We were honored by the attendance of two Past Grand Masters and their wives Greg and Janice Avedesian, Nick and Carolon Nigosian and the current Grand Master Jack and Alberta Bedoian. We also recognized the most recent Past Master of the Palm Desert Chapter Greg Kirkjan for his leadership and dedication in chairing the Fraternity the past year. I would like to wish these new officers good luck and much success for continued service to our chapter.

As our hot summer was coming to an end in October and many of our Brothers returned to the desert where we had a productive meeting at the



PGM, Greg Avedesian, PM George Kirkjan, PM, V.J. Mkrтчian, PM, Howard Chuchian, PGM, Nick Nigosian, Master, Gary Funtas, seated GM Jack Bedoian



Palm Desert Trex Installation Dinner



Judi Funtas, Rose Funtas, and Master Gary Funtas

Desert Willows Golf Resort. A special visitor Harold Bazarian who is running for Grand Master came with a message and gifts which endeared him to all the Brothers.

In Novem-



PGM, Greg Avedesian, Janis Avedesian and friend.



PM V.J. Mkrтчian and Mary Mkrтчian)



PM, Greg Safoyan and Kim Safoyan



Dr.Dikron Torian and Irina Torian



Palm Desert Trex Installation Dinner

ber we enjoyed a Prospective New Member Social Night with a good turnout of potential new members. We also held our first ever Trex Poker Night Tournament held at the Kirkjan Family Hall all organized by Past Master Rob Carian. Brother Carian did a first class job by hiring a professional organization that provided dealers and equipment making it fun for all participants. The first place winner was our own Brother Parsegh Barsamian he played like one of the Maverick Brothers.

We celebrated the Holidays with Brothers, wives and friends with a Christmas Kef on December 19 at the Hyatt Grand Champion. The evening kicked off with champagne and hors d'oeuvres while being serenaded by Christmas music as the guests where checking in. Once inside the ballroom a delicious dinner was served and shortly after there was dancing to American and Armenian music. This year a request went out with the invitation to bring a gift for a less fortunate child. The toys were donated to the Salvation Army on behalf of the Trex Fraternity. As a volunteer representative of the Salvation Army Past Master Greg Safoyan's wife Kim accepted the toys on behalf of that fine organization. Special out of town guests included Grand Master Jack and Alberta Bedoian, Grand Treasurer Steve and Denise Bedoian. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed visiting with new and old friends. Many thanks to Master Gary and Judi Funtas for organizing this fun event which was a great way to end the year!

Trex Day at the Fair at the Riverside County Date Festival in Indio is set for February 20, 2010 this event is sponsored by PGM Nick and Carolon Nigosian. We encourage you to come and enjoy the beautiful weather and desert hospitality. Many more events are planned so stay tuned and watch for more information on other upcoming happenings throughout the year.

Everyone is invited to come down to attend our meetings which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. "Happy New Year"

Fraternally,
Master, Gary Funtas

Selma

Parev Brothers,

I know, as you read this Trex News, you're making plans to attend this year's Mid-Term. Those of us that attended this past years convention want to thank the Bros. from the Fresno Chapter for a great time. Congrats to Grand Master Jack Bedoian, he's been everywhere since being elected. Thanks to the convention we've brought in 3 new members into our chapter.

We welcome our new member Bro. David Yengoyan, son of Bro. Allan. New Bros. George and Grant Bedrosian (father and son), and Bro. Marcus Marootian joined after attending the convention events.

Congrats and thanks to Bro. Sam Bagdasarian for a return as our chapter Master, as well as Bro. Ed Nikssarian our new Jr. Master.

By the time you read this we will have had our Poker tournament headed by Bro. Oscar Kasparian, our annual Law Enforcement dinner headed by Bros. Dan Boyajian and Bob Kandarian. These events are successes because our neighboring chapters support us.

Just before Thanksgiving we held our annual Turkey Bingo headed by Bros. Aaron Krikorian



GM Jack Bedoian at our Installation Dinner. Incoming Master Sam Bagdasarian presenting a plaque to outgoing Master Danny Boyajian. Outgoing Jr. Master Robert Kandarian.



Installation of 2009-2010 Officers by PGM Kay Cloud.



GM Jack Bedoian and Alberta with PGM Jack Ouzoulian and wife, Melene at Our Installation Dinner.



New member, Marcus Marootian, right, being sworn in by PGM Kay Cloud. Sam Bagdasarian, Master, center.

and Harry Kutumian. Turnout was down because Bro. Roger Simonian's daughter finally got her man to man-up.

As I write this we are saddened by the passing of Bro. Suren Hamparzoomian, a 50 yr. member of the Selma Chapter. Our sympathies go to his family and friends.

See you at Mid-Term,
Bro. Peter Cholakian, PGM

Associate Editor, (when you miss a meeting they give you a job anyway)



Bedoian Brothers at one of our Business meetings



Business meeting



Business meeting



Business meeting



Danny Boyajian and Robert Kandarian.



Robert Mangasarian, left, receives his 25-yr plaque from our Jr. master.



Harry Kutumian receives his 25-yr plaque from GM Jack Bedoian, right.



56th Mid-Term Convention

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Please fill out registration form below and mail with payment by February 13, 2010 to:
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Mid-Term Golf Tournament Registration

Name _____
Chapter _____
Phone _____
Handicap _____

Names in Foursome:

Golfer 1 _____
Golfer 2 _____
Golfer 3 _____
Golfer 4 _____

Dinner Reservations

Names in Party:	Dinner Selection
1. _____	___Steak ___Salmon
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Event	No of Persons	\$/Person	Item Total
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Mid-Term Golf Tournament

Saturday March 6

Ridge Creek Golf Club

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(559) 591-7060

Green Fees \$70.00/person
Registration 8:00AM
T-Time 9:00AM

Applications and payment must be received by February 13, 2010
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