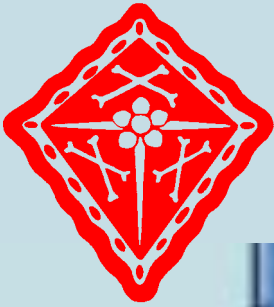


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WELCOME
TO *Fabulous*
LAS VEGAS

82nd Annual Triple X Fraternity Convention

Hosted by **Las Vegas Chapter**

September 2-4, 2011

Gold Coast Hotel and Casino

4000 W. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89103

Saturday September 3, 2011

- Golf Tournament, Tee Time 7 a.m., Price: \$45
Angel Park Golf Course, 100 South Rampart Blvd., Las Vegas
- Poker Tournament, 1 p.m.
Orleans Hotel & Casino, 4500 W. Tropicana, Las Vegas
Unlimited Re-buys for 2 hrs.: \$100
- Dinner/Dance — Gold Coast Hotel Banquet Rooms
7-8 p.m. Cocktails; 8 p.m. Dinner/Dance
John Bilezikjian Ensemble, Price: \$55

Sunday September 4, 2011

- Breakfast Meeting — Gold Coast Hotel Banquet Rooms
8 a.m. Breakfast, Meeting to Follow
Price: \$25; Installation of Officers 1 p.m.
- Ladies Event, Brunch 10 a.m., Shish Kebob House
Transportation provided; Price \$40
- Dinner/Dance — Gold Coast Hotel Banquet Rooms
7-8 p.m. Cocktails; 8 p.m. Dinner/Dance
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Grand Master's Message

Brothers,

Soon my term as Grand Master will be ending and a new Grand Master will take the reins. It has been such a pleasure and honor to travel around the State and Las Vegas, NV., attending Chapter meetings or events. One thing for sure, it has been a "learning experience". Each Chapter has its own "character and formality", however the Brotherhood that is displayed and the qualities that make this Fraternity great are always present. Yes, there may be disagreements among the Brothers on certain issues, but at the end of the day it somehow "works" and it "comes together". Imagine all the different backgrounds and places our Brothers come from, yet they contribute and bring to the Fraternity their Armenian heritage and pledge to serve not only the Fraternity, but their community. I am pleased to report that I had the pleasure of initiating a number of new members at various Chapters. We must continue to grow the Triple X Fraternity.

I have always received the support and friendship of all my Brothers during my travels, with several of the Brothers joining me on my trips. I wish to give special thanks to PGM Peter Cholakian and family for putting me up at their home numerous occasions, "The Hotel Fowler", great accommodations complete with ranch guard dogs for my protection. The Grand Chapter Officers truly gave it their "all" in supporting me as their Grand Master and servicing the Chapters. Their loyalty to this Fraternity never ceases. My wife Kathy, and daughters, Julie and Jaclyn, always gave me their love and support. Brothers, I look forward to seeing you and your families at the Las Vegas Convention. The Las Vegas Chapter has been working diligently to make this Convention a huge success. Thank you Brothers for allowing me to serve this Fraternity as Grand Master. Our tradition lives on!

Fraternally,

Harold H. Bazarian, G.M.

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Las Vegas

Greetings Brothers,

Are you ready for Las Vegas? Well Las Vegas is ready for you! Brother Master Ara Gueyikian MD. Has been very busy this past year, and what an outstanding job he has done (Baby girl on the way). Brother Shavarsh Papazian was appointed Convention Committee Chairman, and Bro. Shavarsh has assembled a team of professionals to assist him. PGM Bro. Chuck Parigian was instrumental in advising all aspects of the convention from his long experience. All the Brothers in the chapter brought their unique talents to the table to make the Convention wholesome. Brother Arthur Kasarjian (of Tom Jones fame) with entertainment, Brother Mesrop Khachikyan with gastronomical expertise, Bro. Gil Surabian with Talent, Bro. Sam Artinian with 90 years of experience in T/A, Bro. Arakel was away in Australia but helped via facebook, Bro. Vaughn Vartanian (Incoming Grand Master Candidate) with finances and all the rest of the brothers did a lot but did not want to take credit for it. Bro. Grand Master Harold Bazarian checked in often for updates. The cover of the newsletter says it all, it will be a great Convention. See you all in Las Vegas.

Fraternally,

VJ Taslakian (PM)



Gold Coast Casino



Gold Coast Amenities



Gold Coast Swimming Pool

Fresno

Well, another year has zipped by and the heat is here in triple digits. Just over a year ago our very own Jack Bedoian was the Grand Master who performed very well at the job! Today we thank Harold Bazarian for continuing the good work as the GM.

Fresno did the mid-term convention at our Club House in March. Over one hundred members attended. We thank that one of a kind vegetable growing farmer Jr. Master Bill Kandarian and his hard working committee for doing a superb job!!

In April we had a joint dinner business meeting with Selma chapter and the food was made by the FRESNO chapter. Also in April we had our 15th Annual Pat Hill night headed by the versatile PM Richard Bedoian and his committee of dedicated brothers. As usual Coach Hill and the people attending had a great time with plenty of Armenian food. Also at the April meeting we had a guest from the Capitol Chapter, Ed Odabashian, who is moving to Fresno. Hope his stay is a long one.

June was a busy month for our club as we had our annual Bass Lake family picnic, headed by Bob Emerzian. Over 40 happy souls attended. Also in June we had the 6th Annual Car Show headed

by Pete Chilpigian. Pete and his band of merry men did a beautiful job of the food and bringing out some fantastic machines. Over 50 cars came and almost 200 people ate a meal fit for a king. Way to go PETE!!! As a note the club is going to



Pete Chilpigian, Bill Kandarian, Jr. Master, Bob Emerzian, Jack Gahvejian and Richard Bedoian



Pat Hill Night. Richard Shirin, Bob Bedoian, and Tarjan Bedoian.



Pat Hill Night. Bo. Richard Bedoian



Pete Chilpigian, Dave Kandarian and Bob Emerzian



Mid Term in Fresno.



Jack Gahvejian, Bob Juskalian, PGM, and Bill Kandarian

Golden Gate

Fellow Brothers,

This year our choice for Grand Master for 2012 is our Brother Master Garo Mirigian. He's the reason for a resurgence of interest in the GG Chapter with his wonderful ideas, creative thinking outside of the box, and his ability to bring in new members, and keep the old ones very active. That takes a special talent.

He would be an excellent representative of our fraternity to the Armenian Community.

The Golden Gate Chapter will be hosting the 2012 SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION to be held at the **PARC 55 HOTEL** in the heart of downtown San Francisco.

WE HAVE A NEW WEB PAGE at: www.goldengatetrex.org where you can surf all the information on our 2012 convention.

Thanks to Brother Hagop Koujakian and Master Garo Mirigian for making this page possible. They had the able help of computer programmer Phil Donian, the son of our new member Leo Donian.

When you access this web-site on the internet

Fresno (cont. from previous page)

purchase aprons for all the members who work at most of ALL our functions.

On a sad note we lost 3 members: PGM Mooney Najarian, 50 year members Bob Sarkisian and Richard Shirinian. We extend our heart-felt sympathies to their families.

In closing; enjoy everyday, be happy, be lucky, be nice to your fellow brothers and see you in Las Vegas!!!!!!

Respectfully
PM Richard Bedoian and
Michael Basmajian



Gary Kazarian, PGM Jack Bedoian, Merlin Kazarian

you will be overwhelmed, and proud that you're a member of such an impressive fraternity.

Things you can do on this web page:

It will allow you to register, select, and reserve the convention events. Prices will soon be available on the net. You will soon be able to charge all events via shopping cart.

The Golden Gate Chapter has four new members. We are happy to welcome Hagop Dakessian, Leo Donian, Haig Mekhdjian and Hagop Ohanesian.

There will be a large contingent from The Golden Gate Chapter at the 2011 Las Vegas Convention, and we wish them great success.

Make sure you visit our Hospitality Room #1012 at the Gold Coast Hotel in Vegas.

***Buy our raffle tickets, because here's what you can win:

- Tickets to all the 2012 San Francisco Convention Events for you, and your wife/girlfriend. --- and If you don't win this prize **DON'T THROW YOUR TICKETS AWAY.**

There will be a 2nd drawing and your ticket will still be valid. This prize is

- 6 nights in Maui at a fabulous condo.

If you don't win this prize **DON'T THROW YOUR TICKETS AWAY.**

- There are many other prizes. To name a few: A beautiful hand stitched wall hanging of the Monastery, "SONAHIN in LORI" done by Ursula Kaprielian.

DON'T THROW YOUR TICKETS AWAY. WHY, BECAUSE THESE TICKETS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. That's right, your ticket purchases are Tax Deductible. **TICKETS SELL FOR \$20.00 EACH OR 6 FOR \$100.00.**

MAKE YOUR CHECKS TO: TRIPLE X FRATERNITY OF CALIFORNIA GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER, another method of having a record of your purchase.

We had the great pleasure of giving scholarships to three deserving students that will be attending colleges this fall. The recipients were Brianna Pinomaki, Aram Nahabedian and Nathan K. Pitt.

Brianna is the daughter of our member Brian Pinomaki, and the great niece of the late Leo Neshanian of the Los Angeles Chapter.

This is a momentous time for three Golden



Brianna Pinomaki & Aram Nahabedian



Brianna Pinomaki, Aram Nahabedian with Master Garo Mirigian

Gate chapter members----Past Grand Master Sark Sarkisian and his wife Ann are celebrating 55 wonderful years together; Vartan Hovsepien and his wife Arlene are celebrating their 50th, as is Ralph and his wife Elise.

Congratulations to Bro. Greg Ovanessian who is retiring after 37 years in the San Francisco Police Department as an Inspector in the Fraud Detail.

We wish the best to Jack Bousian and Barbara for becoming grandparents for the first time. Their daughter Adrienne and her husband Alex had Sophia Rose. Jack is 91 years young! We also welcome Bella, another grandchild for Garo and Aida, born to Lara and Armen Titizian.

We are delighted that Leonard Kaprielian and George Mardikian are feeling better. We think about them all the time and miss seeing them.

Ralph Kazanjian, Editor

Mt. Diablo

Greetings Brothers;

We welcome our newest member, Sevak Tsaturyan to our Chapter! Also wish to congratulate Brother Garo Sedrakian for his 50 years milestone with Trex and Brother Harvey Kamian for 25 years!

Master Jeff Apkarian has done an excellent job in soliciting guest speakers from our membership to speak at our business meetings. In February, our newest member Sevak shared some great insight from our homeland with a very informative discussion about life, politics and religion. Brother Jerry Tusan gave a talk on the wine industry in April and offered some tastings of unusual blends and varietals. In June, Brothers Jack Mooradian and Brother Kevork Hagopian shared stories from their recent cruise to Alaska.

We had a good turnout of delegates at the Mid-Term meeting in Fresno this past March. In attendance were Master Jeff, PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Brothers Raffi Kachadourian, Lou Aronian, Jack Mooradian and Jerry Tusan.



Bro Clifford Melikian celebrating 90th birthday at a Trex Meeting



Master Jeff, Jennifer, Brother Tan Matosian & Marilyn assisting the Contra Costa Food bank



Mt Diablo Brothers enjoying dinner at a Trex Meeting



Mt Diablo Crab Feed

Our Charity Committee consisting of Brothers Garo Keadjian, George Rustigian and Ray Chilian recommended and the membership approved the following charities for 2011: NorCal Armenian Services, UC Berkeley Armenian Studies, KZB Armenian School, Armenian Technology Group, Contra Costa Food Bank, and Contra Costa Crisis Center.

During June, Brother Tan Matosian and Marilyn, Master Jeff and Jennifer and Brother Sevak and Christina assisted in the packing and sorting of food items for the Contra Costa Food Bank in Concord. The food was then delivered to hundreds of needy families. It was a great community service project for our Chapter which was started by Brother Richard Asadoorian. We also wish to



Brothers at Mt Diablo Crab Feed



PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Charles Paskarian, GM Harold Bazarian, PGM Pete Cholakian



Mid-Term delegates PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Jack Mooradian, Raffi Kachadourian, Jerry Tusan, Lou Aronian and Master Jeff

thank PGM Shavarsh for representing our Chapter at the annual meeting of the Mount Davidson Cross Committee.

During February, over 40 Brothers, families and guests dined on crab, pasta and plenty of wine at our first Crab Feast. In attendance were our current Grand Master Harold Bazarian, PGM Chuck Paskarian, PGM Pete Cholakian and Brother Sam Bagdasarian from Selma Chapter. The event was held at the Alameda Air Museum banquet hall in Alameda. Everyone was allowed to view the memorabilia and tour the museum. It was all very interesting. During July, Brother Jerry will be hosting the family Picnic in Moraga.

Looking forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!

Jerry Tusan,

Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

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

This year's "FAMILY DAY AT THE FAIR" was held on February 26th, at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. We enjoyed the nightly musical pageant and were later entertained by the rock band "Switch Foot". Our desert members, along with visiting Los Angeles Seniors and Juniors, Fresno, Selma and Orange County Chapter members enjoyed Armenian Mezza and drinks hosted by PGM. Nick Nigosian and his wife Carolon, in the comforts of the hospitality suite and VIP tent provided by the Fair Board.

Our Palm Desert Chapter was again proud to join in with other community members supporting the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4H Clubs by presenting four scholarships of \$250 each, to deserving junior livestock exhibitors at the Fair.

Our annual "DESERT GOLF OUTING" was held on April 30th. Grand Master, Harold Bazarian, along with Brothers from several other chapters, joined in on a great weekend of golf, dining and socializing with desert brothers and

friends. Our thanks to PM, V.J. Mkrтчian, who hosted and chaired a wonderful cocktail mezza party on Friday evening, where our annual 60/40 reverse raffle drawing was the entertainment for the evening. Golfers enjoyed a great day golf on the popular Classic Golf Course. Master Gordon Chuchian chaired this year's event, with the help of committee members Bro. Blaine Carian, PM, Neil Huether, PGM, Greg Avedesian and PM George Kirkjan, who all did a great job in coordinating a great weekend and this successful annual event.

The Palm Desert Chapter would like to wel-



***RIVERSIDE COUNTY FAIR & DATE FESTIVAL 2011.
PM Vaughn Vartanian and PGM Nick Nigosian***



RIVERSIDE COUNTY FAIR & DATE FESTIVAL 2011. Palm Desert Chapter and visiting chapter members with Date Festival Queen's Court



PALM DESERT GOLF TOURNAMENT - 60/40 RAFFLE 2011. PGM Greg Avedesian calling numbers at 60/40 Raffle.



PALM DESERT GOLF TOURNAMENT 2011. PGM Mel Shanoian, Joe Elias, PGM Greg Avedesian and Barry Goldstein



PALM DESERT GOLF TOURNAMENT 2011. Brothers George Ampagoomian, Sam Boghosian, Joe Ouzounian and Sam Donabedian

come new member Brother Dick Hodge, who has reactivated his Trex membership after some years of inactivity.

We are very saddened by the passing of one of Palm Desert's Charter brothers. Bro. Norman Matossian was an active and supportive member of our fraternity and always devoted to his brothers. His vibrant personality will be remembered and missed. Our deepest condolences to his family and many friends.

Our fraternity family and desert community also recently mourned the loss of Past Master Howard Chuchian's wife, Beverly Chuchian. Beverly was a devoted and loving wife, mother and friend and always supported the fraternity. Everyone will miss her never-ending smile and positive nature. Our deepest sympathy to PM Howard and his family.

I have enjoyed my year as Master, and thank all my brothers for helping to make this past year so successful. We welcome you all to visit the desert for any of our events. Our business meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Our desert brothers and their families are looking forward to attending the 2011 Convention in Las Vegas.

Fraternally,
Master, Gordon Chuchian



PALM DESERT GOLF TOURNAMENT 2011. Golf Chairman, Brother Blain Carian. Are we playing Golf or going Skiing??

Orange County

Our New Master Bro. Ken Hekimian has brought new life to our Chapter. He and his officers have done an outstanding job. Also we have 5 new members during the last 6 months. Bro. Eric Simonoff, Bro. David Hekimian, Bro. Shant Dakessian, Bro. Bryan Melkesian and Bro. Paul Simonoff with more to come.

Past Master Bro. Ron Sarouhan was chairman of our Christmas Party. Members and friends and families saw Santa Clause and gave presents to the Marines to pass out to the needy. We will have a new location this year at Mile Square Park Golf Course Club House. Thanks Bro. Ron and wife Olga.

We always enjoy going to Fairview Developmental Center for the disabled and throwing a party. The Ice Cream, Cake and Punch give them the feeling of a Birthday Party. Thanks so much to our Brothers and their wives who come to help out. It's sure fun to give.



Bro. Steve, PGM Archie, Bro. Bryan, Bro. Danny



Pot-Luck Dinner Chairman Ara with Sister Marge.



Bro. Leo checking out Sister Marge's Keyma.



Laughlin Stag Outing

Our Pizza Bash was again Chaired by Bro. Rob Tusan and was a great fellowship with the Bro's families. We all love Pizza. Thanks Bro. Rob for a great job.

Our Pot Luck dinner at Kirk and Marge Kazarian's Club House was Chaired by Bro. Ara Malazian and all the Bros. and wives brought their favorite dishes. But the thing we always look forward to is Marge's Keyma which is to die for. We pack the Club House every year.

Our Stag Outing was like a well oiled machine. We had over 50 Bros. Some from Las Vegas, Fresno, and Los Angeles. Bro. Don Kazarian and his committee did a fabulous job. We started Friday with a full mazza on the bus. Friday night a B.B.Q. dinner at the Hotel. Saturday checked out the Kentucky Derby. You had to be there - 50 in the Hotel Suite watching the race. Yelling when the race was on - win or lose we had fun with a full mazza and drinks. Saturday night we had a dinner cruise on the Colorado River with Prime Rib dinner "How Sweet is That". We can't wait until next years Stag. Thanks Bro. Don for an Outstanding Weekend.

We all look forward to the Convention in Las Vegas Labor Day Weekend. See you there (LET'S HAVE FUN).

Respectfully Submitted,
P.G.M. Haig Jamgotchian



Fairview Developmental Party



Past Master Don Kazarian, Bro. Kurk Kazarian



Bro. Peter, PGM Haig, Bro. Mike, PGM Archie. They look great with mustache.



Bro. Mike Harutunian (True Trexman)



Grand Master Harold, Bro. Harry, Master Ken, Bro Bryan.



Trexmen of the past: PGM Z Harry Astor, Bro. Leo Avazian, Bro. Lee Nishanian.



MID-TERM 2011, FRESNO, CA





MID-TERM 2011, FRESNO, CA



San Diego

Greetings Brothers,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. At our meeting on April 19th we honored our beloved Mooney. We had dinner with all the members and the wives. Mooney's wife Irene and their daughter Diane were present. We honored Mooney by giving his wife Irene his 50 year plaque for being a member of Triple X for 50-plus years. Many people including myself got up and had wonderful things to say about Mooney. He will surely be missed by all of us.

We have some upcoming events. On August 7th we have our chapter and family picnic we are hosting in Rancho Bernardo CA. On October 8th we will be having our annual wine and cheese tasting. The proceeds will go to our scholarship fund. The proceeds from last year's event will be distributed to selected students at this year's event.

I am looking forward to see you and having a great convention.

Sincerely yours,
Harry Nalbandian
Master San Diego Chapter

In Memoriam

(as of March 2011)

Fresno Chapter

Bob Sarkisian
Hagop Jack Kismetian

Las Vegas Chapter

Mourad "Mooney" Najarian, PGM

Los Angeles Chapter

Earl Paul

Oakland Chapter

Masis Gozurian

Orange County Chapter

Moses Hachigian

Palm Desert Chapter

Norman Matossian

Peninsula Chapter

Arsen Michael (Mickey) Michaelian

Sequoia Chapter

George Enoch Ananian
Dick Ekizian, PGM

*Our heartfelt sympathies to
the immediate family and
loved ones.*

Oakland

Greetings Brothers from the Big O –

As always the Oakland Chapter has been busy, busy, busy.

We've added two new Brothers recently; Paul Dermenjian and Stephen Shartzter are stepping right into active roles.

After throwing our annual charity Crab Feed in February, we followed through on our commitment to Habitat for Humanity and finished another house in Armenia. We also recently made a donation to Our Hope organization. This organization educates and trains young children in Armenia in transition from orphanages to society. It's nice to see our organization helping other people with greater needs than us! To that same end, in March several of our Brothers gave up one their Saturday's to help prepare and serve lunch for the less fortunate at St. Vincent DePaul in Oakland. There's more donations and community service to come this year from the Oakland Chapter. We're rather proud of that!

The month of May saw several Brothers off to a stag weekend in the Sierras. The town of Arnold is the annual host for this bit of golf and debauchery. We also were treated to dinner that month by PGM Jack Bedoian and his crew. Brothers from all the Bay Area Chapters were in attendance. We really enjoy these opportunities to get together.

In June the Arakelian and Chorbajian families hosted the Oakland Trex Summer Gala. It was a spectacular evening of great food and great company.

Our annual family camping trip in July had to be canceled because the group campground at Loon Lake was still closed due to SNOW! Several brothers took the opportunity to go camping on their own in smaller groups. We're not sure, but we think brother Craig Bazigian is still waiting for the rest of us to arrive at Loon Lake.

Lastly, we lost one of most beloved members this year. Brother Masis Gozurian's smile, wit and fraternity will be deeply missed by all of us.

Fraternally submitted –
Brother Rick Mickaels

Selma

Since mid-term our brothers have been busy, Poker, Scholarship, Law Enforcement Dinner, Keyma feed, and we had a couple of joint dinners with the Fresno Chapter Brothers.

Soon after Mid-Term, Bros. Dan Boyajian and Master Bob Kandarian chaired our annual Law Enforcement Night at the Fresno Club House. Bro Sam Bagdasarian and his cooking crew treated us to our traditional Lamb Shank dinner. Bro. Master Bob arranged to have Tom Knowles a retired FBI supervisor, our speaker, to share with us his experience with the FBI and Counter Terrorism. The talk was great and Bro Sam out-did himself again with the meal.

A couple weeks later Bro. Oscar Kasparian chaired our annual Poker tournament at Club One. Thirty-four players had a great time and like all Armenian events there was plenty of food to go around. Thanks to our many sponsors and players, we raised several thousand dollars to be used for our scholarships and other charities. The winners didn't do too badly either, they took home some cash for their efforts.

Have to thank the Fresno Chapter Bros. for sharing the Club House with us for meetings and



Robert Kandarian, Master with Fresno Police Chief Dyer at Law Enforcement Night.



Kitchen help at Law Enforcement Night, Bro. Harry Kutmian.



Selma Chapter Officers at a Bus Meeting - Fresno Club House



Law Enforcement Night



Kay Cloud, PGM and Charles Missakian, at a joint Selma-Fresno Dinner meeting.



Bros. Mike Mohamadi, Grant Bedrosian and Marcus Marootian



Bro. Eugene "Chic" Kandarian and wife and guests at Law Enforcement Night.



Business Meeting: Bros. Robert, Ron, Bob, and Kay



Bro. Sam Bagdasarian, wife, and Bro. Dan Boyajian at Scholarship Night



Bro. Pete Esraelian and wife at Scholarship Night.

dinners. We would have dinner in the main hall, then break out to different rooms for our meetings, then get back together for desserts and Tavloo cards. Thanks Bros.

The end of May we held our annual Scholarship Dinner and Awards. Bros. Dick Boyajian and Matt Cholakian coordinated the night. Bro. Dick always has a guest speaker whose topics connect with these sharp high school grads getting the awards. Bro. Matt notifies the area high schools to get applications in, and the committee selects the award winners. We are very proud to be able to award 5 very great students, \$1000 scholarships each year. These kids are amazing.

In June we lost one of our long time members, John Sahakian who was in the Fraternity since 1964. Our sincere sympathies to the family and loved ones.

By the time you read this we will have finished up the year with our annual Keyma Dinner. Bro. Sam Bagdasarian and his crew make the best Keyma this side of Kharpert. This affair is probably the best attended meeting of the year. No surprise to see Brothers from Fresno and Sequoia chapters also there.

Hope to see you at convention.

Fraternally,

PGM Pete Cholakian, Associate Editor



Scholarship Night: PGM Pete Cholakian, Matt Cholakian, John Kalashian and Robert Mangasarian.



Bro. Oscar Kasparian and guests at Scholarship Night

Sequoia

A BIG HELLO to everyone from the beautiful Central Valley of California. We have really had a wet and rainy season this last spring. It seems like summer is almost one month late in starting. We have been loaded with a lot of water in all are rivers and lakes. They just announced at the end of June that they were closing the King's River for two weeks, because of so much water and the danger to people it may cause. Everything here has turned so green because of all the rain. We were so happy to have had such a wet season.

It was a real treat to see everyone at our last Mid- Term Convention. We would like to thank all the brothers from the Fresno Triple X Chapter for hosting the 57th Mid-Term Convention. The Fresno Club House is such a great place for all of us to meet and fellowship. We enjoyed the Tavloo, Gin, Pinochle, Business Meeting, Brunch, and the Golf Tournament.

We had some great dinner meetings out and around our town. We returned once again to Canton Chinese Restaurant. Then we tried our luck at the Sizzler. Everyone enjoyed the all you can eat Salad Bar, and Steaks.

We also had several brothers join in a Poker Tournament put on by the Selma Trex Chapter. It was a great event and fundraiser.

The last dinner meeting we had this spring was at PGM Pete Babagian's home. Pete is a highly skilled craftsmen. In his backyard he designed and built a Tiki Bar and Grill. It looks like it came right out of New Orleans. Pete invited all of the Sequoia Chapter to his home for a delicious Lula Kabob dinner. We also had perfect pilaf made by Ron Shanoian, super summer Armenian Salad made by Jerry Poochigian, Unbelievable Peta



Sequoia Trex Picnic Barbecue

Bread made by David Vartanian. Brian Poochigian, Richard Tamouzian along with our Master, Bryan Yahnian handled the barbeque. Gary Tamouzian brought some delicious peaches and nectarines. We all had a great time at PGM Pete's home.

We were so happy to Welcome Back one of our former members, Steve Yahnian. Steve and his wife had moved to Sacramento for a few years and then returned back to Visalia. While he was in Sacramento he transferred to the Sacramento Trex Chapter. We are pleased you are back in Visalia.

We sponsored a Tulare Union High School Team in a Mock Trial. Our donation of \$500.00 gave an opportunity for students to present a mock criminal trial. Students played the roles of pre-trial and trial attorneys, witnesses, bailiff, and clerk. Each team, with the help of a sponsoring teacher, a volunteer attorney coach, prepares and presents the trial from the perspectives of the prosecution and defense. Our team did so well they entered the state championship round in Riverside, California. We would like to thank our Brother Trexmen, Archie Zakarian for bringing this opportunity our way. Archie's daughter, Sara Zakarian did an outstanding job as the team's coach during this mock trial. Yea Sara!!!

Thanks again to Rick and his dad Harry Kriko-



PGMs Jerry, Pete and Bro. Ron and Charlie



Bro. Tom Babagian



Mikelle Yahnian and Paige Ainley

rian for heading up our Scholarship Committee this year. We were able to give out four, one thousand dollar scholarships to deserving young students of Armenian Heritage. Congratulations, to these outstanding winners...

Paige Ainley, from Golden West High School, Visalia, granddaughter of late brother Harry Davidian, Mikelle Yahnian, from Golden West High School, Visalia, daughter of Bryan Yahnian, and granddaughter of Sark Yahnian; Jack Sarabian, Clovis East High School, Clovis, grandson of past brother Ralph Hovannisian; Alikzandria Palavian, Buchanan High School, Clovis, granddaughter of Brother George Margosian.

We are looking forward to the Fourth of July Fireworks Booth fund raiser this year. Rick Krikorian and his committee have been working most of the year to get ready for this BIG fund raiser event.

On a final note, we were all saddened with the sudden loss of our dear brother George Enoch Ananian. George joined Triple X in 1973 and was a member for thirty-eight years. George was born on May 13, 1932 and passed away January 17, 2011. George lived his entire life in the Cutler area, farming and building a successful trucking business. Ananian Trucking specialized in hauling fresh fruit all over California. George started



Pete's Tiki Bar & Grill



Fourth of July Booth



Jerry Poochigian at our Fourth of July Booth

farming at an early age, working beside his father and brothers, Vaughn, Charlie, and Serge. He also learned to drive commercial trucks early in life, and for many years did both farming and driving for others. In 1979, he formed his own company that still carries his family name today. Over the years, the company grew in size and stature as a local produce hauler taking fruits and vegetables to local markets. As his children grew of age, they joined him in the business. Working side by side with their father was an honor for them. George never shied away from a day of hard work in his life. He was well known for his work ethic and lived life in the work-hard-play hard model. George is survived by his wife, of 53 years Stella Kaprielian, his children, Lisa Krause and husband, David, Bryan Ananian and his wife, Terry, Renee Ananian, and Michelle Ananian. I will miss George and the many afternoon get togethers we used to have out on the ranch, with the family. God bless the George Ananian family.

Blessings,
Tom Babagian P.M.

Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The Los Angeles Chapter is being led this year by Bro. Master Shant Dergazarian and his crew, including Jr. Master Armen Titizian, Treasurer Ron Roopenian, Recording Secretary Greg Shanoian, Corresponding Secretary Robert Momdjian and Sgt at Arms Garo Papazian. Bro. Shant runs a tight meeting with fines flying all over the room. He is doing a great job leading our chapter.

February's Bingo Party was our first event of 2011 chaired by Bro. Darren Eminian with lots of help from his wife. The big jackpot winner this time was an 8 yr. old girl, oddly with the same last name as the Associate Editor. The cloud of suspicion and mischief lives on with this event. Lots of Brothers, wives, friends and families attended the event making it a big success. Bro. Darren and his wife Aida put out a great spread of mezza and it is an event we look forward to each year. Many thanks Bro. Darren and your team!

Also in March, Bro. Zareh Mitilian and his committee did another outstanding job chairing our Annual Partner's Best Ball Golf Tourney. The Tourney was held at Brookside County Club at the Rose Bowl. This year, Bro. George Barsom and Bro Greg Barsom took 1st Place; followed by Bro Zareh Mitilian and his partner Sako Demirdjian taking 2nd Place. Congratulations on another sell out and a great event.

April, a number of LA Brothers participated in the Desert Chapter's 13th Annual 2-man scramble. It was a great event and we love spending time with our Desert Chapter Brothers.

Also in April, Past Master Gabe Kaprelian organized a trip to see the Big Bad Armo Show in Glendale. All I can say is if you have a chance to see this live show, don't miss it. Thanks Bro Gabe for putting it all together.

In early May, Bro. Art Avazian and Bro. George Barsom organized our Wives Night Out at the famous Magic Castle. It was a sold out show for us, where Brothers and wives got to enjoy a number of magic shows and a great dinner. Some of the performers were amazing – especially those in the close up room. Thank you Brothers for such a nice event – it was a real treat.

Our Father and Son/Daughter camp out at Lake Cachuma was a success. We had about 20 campers this year for a great weekend of fishing, horseshoes, cards, food and drink. Bro. Tev Eminian and PGM Master Mel Shanoian reserve a choice campground area for us and load up the mo-



Bro's Gary Z and Mark A were hoping for a romantic gondola ride, but PGM Bro Mel and Past Master Tev had other plans for the speed boat on Lake Cachuma.



PGM Mel slinging hash at the Lake Cachuma Father & Son / Daughter camp out.



Another great day at Hollywood Park for the LA Trex day at the races, chaired by Bro John Saroyan. This was the picture after the races named after our Chapter. Great job Bro John!

tor home and boats. Special thanks to PGM Mel and Bro. Greg Shanoian for both bring their boats up for the weekend. Thank you Brothers Tev and PGM Mel for the great effort in helping us all get together!

June was packed with events too. We held our 56th Annual Armenian Open at the Los Angeles Country Club chaired by PGM Bro. Mel Shanoian. PGM thanks all the golfers that attended this year and also a special thanks to tee sponsors and our Brothers that attended from the Desert Chapter. Like previous years, golfers were treated to a great BBQ lunch before the event and prime rib dinner afterwards. Bro Mel assembled a great crew to help him this year including Bro's Tev Eminian, George Titizian, William Kevorkian, Shant Dergazarian, Mike Kourtjian, and others. A raffle and award ceremony took place just before dinner where winners in 3 flights were presented trophies. All in all this was another great event thanks to the hard work of Bro. PGM Mel and his team.

Also in June we held the 73rd Annual Triple X Family picnic chaired by Bro Ron Day and Gary Kouyoumjian. This is an event we all look forward to because it is done the old fashioned way – great kebab, games for the kids, cool drinks and lots of fun. The LA Juniors did a great job preparing and serving us all. The softball game at the park was one of the best in LA Trex history. Ages ranged from 14 to 65+ and everyone had a great time rolling around the in dirt.

The Los Angeles Chapter is very proud of our L.A. Juniors and they are often invited to our dinner meetings to mingle with the rest of us. They are being led this year by Bro. Adam Mikaelian as Master and he is doing a great job. In November of last year they held a 75th Anniversary of the Los Angeles Jr. Triple X and it was a truly superb event. If you missed it, ask anyone that attended – it was top-notch. Great job by Bro. Dave Maseredjian Jr. and his fine.

Quite a few more events are planned for the balance of the year including Day at the Races, our annual Stag Outing – this year in Palm Desert, the Ararat Home Picnic in September and Christmas parties together. We are looking forward to the Annual Convention this year hosted by the Las Vegas Chapter and we know they are going to do a great job. The Los Angeles Chapter will be there in full force and ask all of our Fraternity's chapters to come out and support our sister Chapter.

See you all in Las Vegas!

Fraternally,
Bro. Michael Surmeian 0005

Los Angeles Junior

Brothers:

The Los Angeles Junior Triple X Fraternity has been busy in 2011!

From our 75th Anniversary Celebration to our infamous Halloween Party to our annual Ugly Sweater Social, to our 3rd Annual Summer Luau we have been finding more and more ways to spend time together.

Since Midterm, the Juniors have hosted a few poker tournaments to bond together and bring new prospectives around the fraternity. We have brought in new members Vahe Michaelian, Alex Arzouman, and Varoujan Movsesian. All have been great additions to the Fraternity.

The Juniors turned out in large numbers to support our Senior brothers at the Annual Trex Family Picnic at Glendale Park. We helped set up the event, prepare and serve food.

We are currently looking forward to our 3rd Annual Summer Luau in which we roast a pig and enjoy the company of our friends. We are also looking forward to our 2nd Annual Wake Boarding/Boating trip.

I can speak for the rest of my brothers when I say that we are all very excited about convention in Vegas. The Juniors plan on having a great time in 2011, and look forward to hosting parties, planning several entertainment outings, and supporting our Senior Chapter in 2011!

Fraternally,
Bro. Adam Mikaelian
Master of the Los Angeles Juniors



Brothers at the Trex Family Picnic in Glendale

Peninsula

Hello Brothers, Families, and Friends! Peninsula Chapter officers for 2010-11 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	Cor. Sec.
Vic Khachooni	Custodian

On the third Thursday of every month, you will find the majority of our members gathering at the Los Altos Masonic Lodge, 146 Main Street in Los Altos for our monthly dinner meetings. When the weather is nice, we will have our meetings outside in the courtyard patio, usually enjoying a nice barbecued meal in the process. We also have access to a large banquet room complete with an industrial-sized kitchen for special occasions or when the weather's cold or rainy. No matter where the meeting's held, you're sure to find the Brothers enjoying each other's company as they prepare the food or while they play tavloo and taste the delicious mezza and wine. If you ever find yourself in the Bay Area during our meeting time, be sure to stop in – the games are fun, and the food's always delicious!

We had good representation at the Mid-Term in March at the Fresno Clubhouse, with our Master and four delegates present at the meeting (that's nearly 30% of our membership!). We all enjoyed



Peninsula delegates Bud Kalafian, Master Ruben Kazarian, Vazgen Babayan, and Vic Khachooni enjoying the Mid-Term mezza.



Seated and passing the time while awaiting their Mid-Term Convention dinner are Peninsula delegates Bud Kalafian, Mark Antranikian, and Vazgen Babayan



We had a great turnout at our May dinner meeting! Back row: guest Vicken Balian, Vazgen Babayan, Mike Kachatourian, Rudy Cazanjan, Zareh Salmassian, Aram Salmassian, Vic Khachooni, Vartan Berberian. Front row: Aram Darmanian, Kip Garabedian, Master Ruben Kazarian, GM Harold Bazarian, PGM Pete Cholakian, Mark Antranikian, Earl Saroyan.



Peninsula members busily preparing yet another delicious dinner for our May monthly meeting.

the mezza and dinner, as well as catching up with our fellow Brothers from all of the other Chapters. Several of the Brothers tried their luck in a nearby Indian casino before the meeting, but alas, their dreams of untold riches went unfulfilled.

At our May monthly meeting, we had the honor of hosting our Grand Master Harold Bazarian and PGM Pete Cholakian for an enjoyable evening of fellowship and dining. GM Harold thanked us for the hospitality and delicious dinner we had prepared that evening – everyone had a great time! We appreciate our special guests making the trip out to see us; we always enjoy having visitors!

Preparations are also coming along nicely for our upcoming annual fundraiser at the Mountain View Art & Wine Festival. We work tirelessly in order to make awesome lamb and beef kebabs, which are grilled on site and sold to hundreds of hungry patrons as they peruse the streets filled with live music and a wide variety of objects for sale. The money raised during the weekend event is used throughout the year to help fund our donations to numerous charitable organizations. This year it will be held on the weekend of September 10th and 11th, and they are celebrating their 40th anniversary of the festival, so if possible, try to plan a trip that weekend to pay us a visit and enjoy some great Armenian kebab!

On behalf of the Peninsula Chapter, I wish the Las Vegas Chapter much success during their hosting of the upcoming Annual Convention. It is sure to be a great event in a city unlike any other!

Fraternally submitted,
 Brother Mark Antranikian
 Junior Master/
 Corresponding Secretary



Peninsula Master Ruben Kazarian shows off the finished product – kebab grilled to perfection!



With Grand Master Harold Bazarian at the head of the table, Peninsula Brothers stop eating long enough to pose for a picture.... well, at least most of them did!



PGM's at Mid-Term Convention in Fresno, March 2011: (seated) Jack Ouzounian, Jerry Poochigian, GM Harold Bazarian, Bob Juskalian, Charles Parigian, Jack Bedoian, Ed Hokokian, Greg Avedesian. (Standing) Frank Korkmazian, Pete Cholakian, Mel Shanoian, Jeff Hazarian, Alan Khatoonian, Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Abby Mamigonian, and Nick Nigosian.



Triple X Grand Chapter officers meeting June 6, 2011: (seated) Bros. George Ampagoomian, Grand Secretary; Grand Master Harold Bazarian; Grand Treasurer Rob Tusan; Bro. Vaughn Vartanian; (Standing) Grand Editor Jack Ouzounian, PGM; and Junior Grand Master Richard Jebejian.



Triple X brothers find time for a picture at a wedding.

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