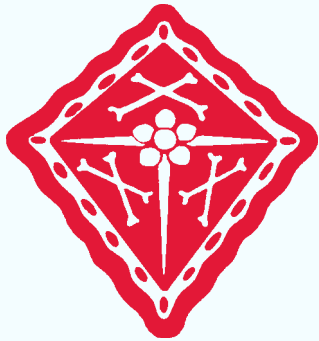


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84th Annual Triple X Fraternity Convention

Hosted by Selma Chapter

August 30 - Sept. 1, 2013

Piccadilly Inn

2305 W. Shaw Ave, Fresno, CA

Friday – August 30

- **Registration – 12 Noon to 6 PM**
- **Friday Night Feast Trex Style; Live Entertainment by “World Famous Magician” Tim Mannix - 7:00 to 11 PM**

Saturday – August 31

- **Registration - 8 AM to 3 PM**
- **Convention Golf Tournament 10:45 A.M. Tee Time, Fig Garden Golf Course, 7700 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno**
- **“Arabian Nights” 6:00 P.M. No-Host Bar; 7:00 P.M. Dinner; Music provided by Khatchig, Belly Dancers and more!**
- **“Keep Calm & Party On”, 11:30 P.M.**

Sunday – September 1

- **Men’s Breakfast Meeting – 8 AM to 12:30 PM**
- **Ladies “Martinis and Mini Auction” Luncheon, 11:00 - 2:00**
- **“Cher the Experience”, Awards & Installation Banquet – 6 PM**



Grand Master's Message

My Dear TREX Brothers;

As I am writing this brief article, it's slowly dawning on me that my term as your Grand Master is nearly over. Boy, but this time really did fly right by.

I have been working hard – as has our whole Grand Chapter – in order to live up to your expectations and trust in us as Grand Officers. We have been able to accomplish a few things – among them the new TREX web site, a cleaner budgeting process, reduced costs for various items (which you'll hear more about at the convention), and a greater presence among our TREX chapters.

I'm so proud of my fellow Grand Chapter officers, and I wish to thank them for both their dedicated hard work and for their unfaltering support during my term as Grand Master. I also want to sincerely thank our Chapter Masters for their kindnesses and invaluable assistance during my/our chapter visits. The airport pick-ups, and rides to meetings were appreciated.

A real highlight of my term was those various chapter visits. We really have an AWESOME fraternity and wonderful brotherhood, and every member treated me with such warmth and friendship. That was worth everything to me. Speaking of chapter visits, I'm proud to say that I was able to complete 43 visits, as well as representing Triple X at 3 public events. Those visits are something I will miss most, so don't be surprised if I show up at your meeting one day. Of course, I'll pay my own way this time.

As for those events where I represented TREX, they afforded me the chance to meet some impressive people – such as the U.S. Ambassador to Armenia and the Prime Minister of Armenia. During the last part of my term, I was supposed to meet the ever-popular Willie Brown. Although he never showed up, I was able to meet and chat with Ms. Gasia Mikaelian (pictured p. 16) – TV News Anchor for Channel 2 News in the Bay Area. All things considered, she is much better looking and she's Armenian, so I wasn't all that upset.

Looking forward, I profoundly thank each of you for giving me this opportunity and an experience of a lifetime. Something I'll never forget. I wish our Brother (soon to be Grand Master) Sammy Bagdasarian and next year's Grand Chapter officers continued success, and I stand ready to support your efforts in any way I can.

I hope to see you all at our Labor Day Convention in Fresno – hosted by the Selma Chapter. They've been working hard, and their plans sound like a fun time is in store.

With warm affection and fraternal spirit,
Garo Mirigian – Grand Master

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Selma

On behalf of all members of Selma Triple X Fraternity, we are truly excited to be hosting the 84th Annual Triple X Convention this year! Before I discuss about the planned activities and events, please ensure that you have made your room reservation to the following hotel: **Piccadilly Inn**, 2305 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93711, (559) 348-5520.

The room rate is \$85.00 + tax per night. Also, the cut-off date to reserve hotel rooms at this price is August 2nd, 2013. Please call ASAP to receive this special Triple X Fraternity offer. If you are planning to submit an advertisement for the Convention Booklet, please email them to www.selmatrex.org or the following mailing address: **Selma Triple X**, P.O. Box 8580, Fresno, CA 93747

To start the festivities for Convention, we will be having a “Friday Night Feast” from 7-11 p.m. – which will consist of an open buffet dinner and no-host bar. As you are visiting with friends over delicious food and drinks, enjoy the live entertainment of magician Tim Mannix.

The following day will consist of multiple activities for all to enjoy. On Saturday morning, we will host a golf tournament at Fig Garden Golf Course. Tee time will start @ 10:45 a.m., and the cost to participate is \$80.00 – which includes lunch, range balls, cart, and fees. If you have any questions, please contact Bro. Vernon Avakian at (559) 431-5747 or Bro. Larry Avedisian at (559) 252-9359. Afterwards, we will be having an “Arabian Nights” themed dinner. No-host bar will start @ 6:00 p.m., and dinner will start @ 7:00 p.m. Musical sensation Khatchig and belly dancers will be the highlight of our entertainment. Also, there will be a trolley car outside the venue for those that are 21 years of age or older to visit some of Fresno’s finest establishments. The trolley car will leave @ 11:30 p.m. and arrive back @ 2:00 p.m. There is no admission to ride the trolley car; however, seating is very limited. Please contact Bro. Grant Bedrosian at grant.bedrosian@gmail.com to reserve your spot on the trolley car.

As the men will be having their breakfast meeting on Sunday morning, the ladies will get to enjoy “Martini and Mini Auction” at the Manhattan Steakhouse &



Business meeting at Fresno Club House. Selma brothers Dennis Surabian, Haig Aivazian, Oscar Kasparian and PGM Frank Korkmazian.

Bar. This event is a luncheon that will consist of entertainment, fun, and surprises - which will start @ 11:00 a.m. Lastly, we will end Convention with the Sunday Installation Banquet titled “Cher the Experience”. As the name implies, we will be having a Cher look-alike as our entertainment for the evening. Dinner will start @ 6:00 p.m. and “Cher” will perform @ 7 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Jelladian at (559) 270-9756. Also, view Cher’s (Laura Steele) past performances at www.chertheexperience.com.

Look forward to seeing everybody soon,
Bro. Grant Bedrosian
Associate Editor



Brothers Kay Paboojian, PGM Pete Cholakian, Jim Tiki-jian, Ron Shapazian and Roger Simonian.



Grand Master Garo Mirigian (center back) at our Business meeting.



GM Garo Mirigian, PGM Frank Korkmazian, Grand Secretary Mark Antranikian, Junior Master Harry Kutumian, Jim Tikijian and Grand Editor PGM Jack Ouzounian.

Orange County

Bro. Master Ara Malazian is having a great year with his team of officers.

Our yearly event at the Fairview Developmental Center is an honor to be part of. We are able to have gifts, ice cream, cake and punch for the mentally disabled and the love that it brings to these people is amazing. Thanks so much to the Brothers and Wives that come every year to help.

Midterm at the Sequoia Chapter was great. Great food and fun and meeting other Brothers throughout the State and Las Vegas was terrific.

Our Family Pot Luck was fun and it was held at Marge Kazarian's Club House. Over 60 were in attendance. Bro. John Cholakian cooked Shish Kabob. Our kids and Grandkids had such fun. Thanks to the wives and Brothers who put it together.



Steve, Fred, Olga, Haig, Ron, Master Ara, Bryan, Jon, Rob, Fairview Party



Ron, Haig, Wayne, Rob, Harold, Archie, Master Ara, Steve Mid Term



Brian, Henry, Steve, Master Ara, Larry, Garo, Eric and Terry, Grand Master Garo with Chapter Officers



Steve, Art, Master Ara, Haig Car Show



Louise, Marge, Margie, Flo, Trex Wives



Art Astor with his Car Collection



Pat, Archie, Kelly, John

Our First Car Show, Wine Tasting and Hors D'oeuvres was chaired by Master Ara and Bro. Steve. Many Brothers helped put this event on. Thanks to Bro. Art Astor who gave us access to his Museum of antique cars, radios, telephones, TV's, slot machines, old record players and other memorabilia. There was a great turnout and the proceeds will be given to Armenian Eye Care Project, Choc Hospital, and Ararat Home of Los Angeles. We want to thank Bro. Art for his generosity.

See you all in Fresno at the Selma Chapter Convention.

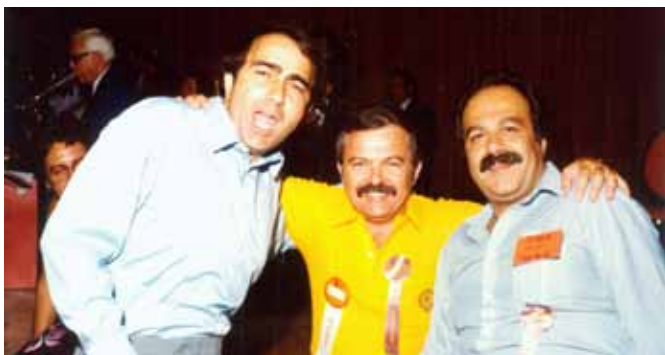
Respectfully Submitted
P.G.M. Haig Jamgotchian



A few of Art's Collection of over 50 cars



Rob, Steve, Jon Car Show Committee



Ralph, Haig, Harry, Memories of the Past

Fresno

Greetings from the hottest chapter of TRIPLE X - Fresno. Many things are happening in our humble chapter. Master Steve Bedoian is doing a fantastic job of guiding us through the loss of our tenant, the day care center that rented our club house for many years. We now have to rely on only the hall rentals to pay the on-going expenses of having such a nice CLUB HOUSE. We are very fortunate to have this building, it is a blessing and a curse. The blessing is obvious the curse comes when we get the treasurer's financial report each general meeting. Some months we spend more than we take in and that's with the day care rent. Now we need to keep the hall rented as much as possible. So bring all your parties and meetings to FRESNO CHAPTER HALL.....!!!!!!

We must thank our Jr Master PGM Bob Juskaian for all the great socials and dinner meetings he has put together with the help PGM Jack Bedoian, PM Gary Kazarian, Bill Kandarian, PGM Ed Hokoian and M&M salad makers and PM Bob and Targian Bedoian

Fresno Chapter has lost two Brothers in recent months, John Bandelian who joined the Fraternity in 1958 and Bob Emerzian who joined in 1974. I never had the pleasure of meeting Brother John but Brother Bob was at almost every meeting seated front right, he always had a smile on his face and seemed to have a joke ready to tell when the time was right. Brother Bob also started the annual Bass Lake outing trip.



Coach Terry Dinner: Bill, David, Pete, David K.



Lamb Shank Dinner: Stanley Emerzian, Jack Gahvejian

This year will be our 4th trip to Bass Lake and the first without Brother Bob. PM Gray Kazarian is heading up the picnic at Bass Lake, like Brother Bob he will have coffee and donuts in his honor. Farewell to both TREXMEN.

The 28th of June brought Taco Nite to Fresno Chapter. PGM Bob Juskalian had some good food and delicious summer salad but only 18 Brothers showed up to eat the feast and it was open to at least three Chapters. During this dinner a Trex magazine the very first one published in 1930 was passed around. I read some of the articles and found it was very interesting and similar to today's in content. To be a Triple X member means to come to meetings and dinners to get to know your fellow brothers and discuss stuff and play. WE have a great tradition going. I hope we can grow in numbers and have more participators and doers in the months to come.

Respectfully
Michael Basmajian



Farewell Bob Emerzian



Lamb Shank Dinner: PM Gary and Aram



David Kandarian, PGM Ed Hokokian



Lamb Shank Dinner: Merlin and Jimmy



Bill Kandarian, Pete Chilpigian



PGM Bob Juskalian, Coach Terry



PALM DESERT XXX "DAY AT THE FAIR" 2013 - Brothers Getting Together: Bro. Stanley Roopenian, PGM Nick Nigosian, PM John Casparian, PGM Pete Cholakian, PGM Harold Bazarian, Bro. Greg DerKevorkian, and PGM Vaughn Vartanian

CAPITOL CHAPTER

2012-2013 OFFICERS:

MasterBro. Sam Khatoonian
Jr. Master.....Bro. PGM Alan Khatoonian
SecretaryBro. Scott Khatoonian
TreasurerBro. Joe Vitullo
Associate Editor.....Bro. George Shahinian

The Capitol Chapter meets at the St. James Armenian Church hall in Sacramento first Wednesday of each month. A delicious dinner sponsored by members always precedes the meeting. The Chapter will occasionally contribute the dinner to fill the gaps. Many thanks go to PGM Bro. Alan Khatoonian and Brother Master Sam Khatoonian who provide plenty of drinks and cookies. No wonder my little grandkids always ask me when I'm going to the (Trex) meeting again for more cookies!

Past Events:

Together with the St. James Armenian Church, our joint Children's Christmas Party was again a big success with around 50 kids attending at the St. James Armenian Church Hall. PGM Alan Khatoonian's younger son, Michael made a very convincing and generous Santa Clause. The Chapter provided the Christmas tree and the Church Ladies decorated it beautifully. The Chapter also provided free Pizza, ice cream and cake for all parents and kids. The enclosed pictures show everyone had a great time. Thanks to the Khatoonian gang for chairing this successful event.

Our Ladies Night took place in March instead of the usual Valentines week in February. With a delicious dinner at an Italian restaurant, this yearly event shows our appreciation and love to our Ladies who have helped us in many of the past Chapter functions.

Unfortunately, we again this year failed to have a Kef Night, our main money-making event in May. Again because of our dwindling membership and lack



Our typical meetings



Bro. Guy Hagopian (left) in happier days

of able-bodied members to take on the difficult task, interest and enthusiasm for this great event has diminished.

Member News

I wish I could report the addition of new members this past year; instead, unfortunately, we have suffered the loss of several members due to resignations for hardships, or passing away. Even with the reduced number of only 6 members present for a quorum we barely qualify for a meeting.

Sadly, we lost two members who passed away: Bros. Kayzak (Guy) Hagopian and Ed Odabashinan. Our sincere condolences go to both families for their loss. Condolences also to Bro. Vern Shahbazian who lost his wife recently. May they rest in peace.

Bro. Guy passed away last August at the age of 76 after struggling with cancer the past few years. Guy, a 22 year Trex member, was also well known in Sacramento for the numerous establishments he owned over the years: Feenjan Armenian Restaurant, Galactica 2000, and Annabelle's in Old Sacramento. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing, boating, and spending time with



Busy Santa



GM Garo among us



Ladies Night 2013



Surrounded by friends and neighbors, Ed Odabashian (center) shows off his new bike purchased with funds donated by generous Galt community members.

family and friends at his ranch, the Hacienda.

Bro. Ed passed a few months ago at the age of 95. He joined the Capitol Chapter in 2007, and always greeted everyone with a happy smile. He was a retired cabinet craftsman. He recently became famous in his local newspaper in Galt when it reported the theft of his 3-wheeled Torker Tristar bike, and the donations of the local community which later replaced it with a new one in December of 2012. It is a shame he only enjoyed its use for just a short time.

We will miss you Bros. Guy and Ed.

Fraternally,
Bro. George Shahinian
Associate Editor

Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The Los Angeles Chapter is being led this year by Bro. Master Chris Armen and his crew, including Jr. Master Mike Surmeian, Treasurer Ron Roopenian, Recording Secretary Mark Agajanian, Corresponding Secretary Steve Arakelian and Sgt at Arms Guy Injejian. Bro. Chris is still trying to get laughs out of every meeting with props and other attempts at humor, mostly falling on deaf ears.

These last 6 months have hit the LA Chapter hard with the passing of 4 of our Trexman. Brothers Aram Avazian, Mike Derderian, Oshyn Kasparian and James Zorigian all recently passed and their eulogies are included in this issue.

January's Bingo Party was our first event of 2013 chaired by Bro. Darren Eminian with lots of help from his wife. Brothers, wives, friends and families attended the event and Bro. Darren and his wife Aida put out a nice spread of mezza and it is an event we look forward to each year. Many thanks Bro. Darren and your team!

In March 10 LA Brothers attended Midterm Convention in Visalia put together by the Sequoia Chapter. We all had a great time at hotel bar and golfing with our Trex Brothers was a real treat. The dinner spread put out by Sequoia was fantastic and those Bros really deserve a hand. The meeting was well run by GM Garo where our new website was revealed along with other Fraternity business. Great job Grand Chapter and Sequoia Chapter.

In April, 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. Armen Hampar and Joe Elias took 1st Place, with Bro Paul Abrahamian wining the mystery award hole. Congratulations on another sell out and a great event.

In May we had the best event any of us can remember in a long time. Bro Gabe Kaprelian and his crew chaired our Annual Wives Night Out – Live & Swingin' at the Sands. The event was held at the picturesque Porter Valley Country Club where guests were greeted by our own Vegas showgirl. The room was fully decorated to look like a Las Vegas Casino complete with lighting, music and entertainers. Guest enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and drinks while playing black jack, roulette and craps. After the gaming, guests dined on a succulent buffet dinner. After dinner we were all entertained by Marv Robinson and his band, who took us back to the era of the Rat Pack, Motown and hits from the 70's. Every touch point of this event was top notch thanks to the creativity and excellence of Bro Gabe's committee, primarily his wife Kip Kaprelian, Galen and Joanne Petoyan (more Joanne than Galen) and others. Valuable raffle prizes were donated by several of the Bros making the all evening raffle a nice break from all the action.

June was packed with events too. We held our 58th Annual Armenian Open at Brookside 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 & guests that attended. Like previous years, golfers were treated to an awards ceremony, raffle and prime rib dinner. The New Gregory Mikaelian Trophy was given this year to Bro Joe Ouzounian for the low net. The trophy and award are in the memory of our dear Brother Greg Mikaelian and has been sponsored by Bro George Titizian. Bro Mel assembled a great crew to help him this year including Bro's Tev Eminian, George Titizian, Mike Kurkjian, Jimmy Gondjian and Shant Dergazarian. Other winners were Hovig Antabian, George Titizian and Ron Avazian from the Fresno Chapter. 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 75rd Annual Triple X Family picnic chaired by Bro Ron Day. 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 serving us all and cooking this year was handled by



Kip Kaprelian, Joanne Petoyan, Bro Gabe Kaprelian and their committee did an amazing job putting on Wives Night Out – Live & Swingin' at the Sands. Bro Galen was just in the picture and did very little to help.



Bros Jimmy & Carl giving Armen and John C gin playing lessons at the Annual Family Picnic chaired by Bro Ron Day.



You select the caption: While at Wives Night Out, Master Chris: a) thought the showgirl was a priest; b) is smelling her glove; c) collecting evidence for one of his cases.



LA Trexmen at the Midterm hosted by Sequoia Chapter. GM Garo fined us all for no reason wiping away all these smiles.

Steve Mikaelian and William Kevorkian. In spite of the heat, a softball game broke out and we are happy to report no injuries. Ages ranged from new borns to 90+ and everyone had a great time.

The Los Angeles Chapter is very proud of our L.A. Juniors. They are being led this year by Bro. Mike Nigolian as Master and he is doing a great job. This year 2 Jr. Bros moved to the Sr. Chapter – Steve Roopenian & David Maseredjian Jr. will be hard at work for us and enjoying the privileges of membership.

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 Selma 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.

Fraternally,
Bro. Michael "Pilaki" Surmeian
Associate Editor

Mt. Diablo

Greetings Brothers and Friends:

Master Kevork Hagopian and Jr. Master Tan Matosian have worked together to assist each other with ideas, events, and leadership. The brainstorming with the Brothers in January and February helped stimulate some new ideas for events and meeting attendance. Auction items donated by Brothers gave a fun twist to bidding while winners sometimes walked away with a treasure or a white elephant.

Our Grand Master Garo Mirigian attended the May meeting and shared his vision of Chapter visits and the energy of the future of Triple X Fraternity. Thank you Grand Master!

We thank Brother Jeff Apkarian for representing our Chapter and doing a fine job as the Grand Marshal for 2012-2013 at the Mid-Term Meeting and Convention

The Charity Committee this year consisting of Brothers Ray Chiljan, Garo Keadjian and Al Kaljian presented the following charities for donations in 2013 and were approved by the Brothers in April: NorCal Senior Services, Armenian National Committee, Armenian Technology Group, KEV Armenian School, Bay Area Friends of Armenia, and Milk Fund for St Vartan Church in Oakland.

On May 11, Brother Jack Mooradian chaired a tour and lunch of the USS Hornet in Alameda. Brother Jack set up a special guided tour for us from a very knowledgeable veteran who gave us all the inside information on this historic ship. He is in the process of setting up another tour this year at a different venue.

The joint Oakland meeting in May was well attended by 9 Mt Diablo Trex Brothers. We were all treated to a traditional Armenian dinner consisting of LuLu Kebab, pilaf, salad, mezza and dessert by the famous Bedoian Trex Brothers of Fresno! Thank you again.



Grand Marshal Jeff Apkarian, Brother Jerry Tusan



Brother Jeff Apkarian at the USS Hornet



Mt Diablo aboard USS Hornet in Alameda



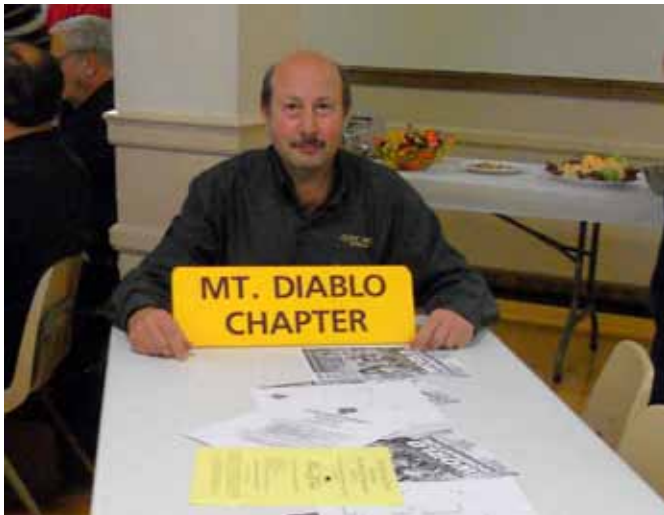
Master Kevork presenting Bro. Jerry with a Trex Appreciation Award.

During June we welcomed a new Brother, Aram Dermardirosian. Hope to see a lot of you in the coming months.

During 2013, we lost 2 dear Brothers, Brother Armen Boyd on January 12 and Brother George Rustigian on April 23. Brother Armen was a Charter member of Mt Diablo since 1975 and held several offices and served on many committees. Brother George was a member since 1943 in the Golden Gate Chapter and Charter member of Mt Diablo in 1975. George held several offices and was a member of the Charity committee for 18 years. Both will be deeply missed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brother Jerry Tusan, Associate Editor



Mid Term Delegate, Jerry Tusan



Mt Diablo Brothers enjoying Lulu at Oakland Joint Meeting

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the next issue of Trex News is **January 8, 2014.**

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Los Angeles Juniors

Dear Brothers,

The Los Angeles Junior Triple-X Fraternity has been active in 2013!

Past Master Vaughn Vartanian and myself, represented the LA Junior Chapter at Midterm Convention, hosted by the Sequoia Chapter in Visalia. It was an enjoyable time socializing with the many Senior Brothers from all over California and Nevada.

The Juniors turned out in large numbers to help and support our Senior brothers at the annual Family Picnic at Verdugo Park in Glendale. We helped to set up and serve food to everyone who attended. It was a record hot day.....but that didn't stop us from playing ball and getting in some batting practice in the park!

With the summer party months in full swing, we are planning to get together as much as possible. Look for the LA Juniors to be hosting lots of beach parties, boat outings, and poker nights. Another Luau or Beer Olympics may also be worth repeating!

Of course, we are all looking forward to attending our Annual Convention this Labor Day Weekend. The Juniors are planning on having a great time in Fresno, as we support the Fraternity and our Senior Chapter going into the 2013-2014 year.

I have enjoyed being the Master of the LA Juniors this past year. Thank you to my fellow brothers for all their support. The LA Junior Triple-X Fraternity is strong and growing. It is a great group of guys that have a deep fraternal bond with each other forever!

Fraternally, Master Michael Nigosian



LA Juniors at 2013 Family Picnic



Mid-Term 2013, Visalia, CA





Peninsula

Greetings Fellow Trex Brothers, Families, and Friends! Our Peninsula Chapter officers for 2012-13 are:

Ruben Kazarian, Master; Vic Khachooni, Treasurer; Mark Antranikian, Junior Master; Kip Garabedian, Recording Sec.; Aram Salmassian, Sgt. at Arms; Mark Antranikian, Corr. Sec./ Assoc. Editor; Vic Khachooni, Custodian.

If you're ever in the Bay Area during the third Thursday of the month, be sure to stop by and say hello at one of our monthly meetings! We meet for dinner & brotherly fellowship at the Los Altos Masonic Building, 146 Main Street in Los Altos. You'll find us outside in the central courtyard barbecuing something great when the weather's nice out, or indoors in our large downstairs banquet room when the weather isn't as cooperative. Either way, there's sure to be plenty of wine, mezza, tavloo, and great food!

Early in the year, we had a couple of themed dinner meetings. In February, it was time for Mardi Gras! In addition to the delicious dinner, there were also decorations on each table, complete with bead necklaces -- fortunately for everyone's eyesight and appetite, none of the Brothers at the meeting felt compelled to earn them the traditional way!

In March, we had nice representation at the Mid-Term Convention in Visalia, which was wonderfully hosted by the Sequoia Chapter. Our Master Ruben Kazarian was there along with delegates Vic Khachooni, Vazgen Babayan, Kip Garabedian, and Bud Kalafian; in addition, yours truly was proud to also represent our Chapter at the head table as Grand Secretary. Everyone had a great time there! Then later in the month, our next Peninsula meeting had a St. Patrick's Day theme, complete with corned beef and cab-



Mid-Term 2013, Visalia, CA





Grand Secretary Mark Antranikian serves some ice cream desserts to Grand Master Garo Mirigian and Peninsula Master Ruben Kazarian.

bage. We had some honored guests in attendance, as GM Garo Mirigian and Jr. GM George Kamian were able to join us for the delicious feast.

On a personal note, I was honored this year to be appointed by GM Garo to serve on the Grand Chapter, and I've enjoyed getting to be even more involved in the Fraternity as a whole, and being able to attend a few of the meetings of different Chapters as well. In April alone, I had the pleasure of being a guest at a Sequoia Chapter meeting, a Selma Chapter meeting, and a Fresno Chapter dinner featuring Fresno State Head Coach Tim DeRuyter. Great food and fellowship were in abundance at every event -- truly a blessing. A big thanks to all the organizers who make the meetings and special events happen every single month!

The next big event for our Peninsula Chapter is our annual fundraiser at the huge Mountain View Art & Wine Festival. We prepare perfectly-seasoned lamb and beef kebabs which are grilled on site, topped with garnish, and rolled in a flat bread. Everyone loves them, and some even come back for seconds or thirds! We use the money raised during this two-day event to fund donations to various organizations throughout the year (St. Gregory Armenian Church, CAAONC Mount Davidson Cross, Armenian Relief Society, and NorCal Armenian Senior Services are among the recipients so far this year). The festival is being held on September 7th & 8th, from 10am to 6pm both Saturday and Sunday. (See <http://www.miramarevents.com/mountain-view/> for more information on the festival.) Our kebab booth will be located on the corner of Dana and Castro streets in Mountain View, so if you're in the area (or just feel like taking a drive), be sure to stop by!

Our Chapter is very much looking forward to seeing friends both old and new at the upcoming Annual Convention in Fresno on Labor Day weekend, hosted by the Brothers of the Selma Chapter. Best wishes to them, and to all who attend for a fun and successful event! Hope to see you there!

Fraternally submitted,
 Brother Mark Antranikian
 Jr. Master/Corr. Sec./Associate Editor



Brothers Vazgen, Kip, Vic, and Master Ruben scare away fellow guests at the Mid-Term in Visalia.



Vic Khachooni, Ruben Kazarian, Bud Kalafian, Vazgen Babayan, and Kip Garabedian.



Peninsula Brothers enjoying the great feast! Clockwise from bottom left: Daryl Jamgotchian, Vazgen Babayan, GM Garo Mirigian, Master Ruben Kazarian, Aram Darmanian, Vartan Berberian, Vic Khachooni, Zareh Salmassian, Jr. GM George Kamian, and Aram Salmassian.



GM Garo entertains the crowd after a delicious meal as Master Ruben and others look on.

Oakland

Parev from your Brothers in the Oakland Chapter!

2013 has been a terrific year of fun, fundraising and fraternal brotherhood here in the Bay Area. Oakland Trex is a lively chapter with a tremendous



group of participating Brothers. We've added a new brother recently; Brother Armen Boyd, Jr. We're excited to have him join and participate in our Fraternity. Welcome Brother Armen !

Oakland Brothers "decompressed" this year with several outings, including our annual May outing to Arnold, CA for some Golf, Cards, Food and Fun. This year we played 3 courses in the valley and up in foothills: La Contenta, Saddle

Ridge, and Greenhorn. Here (below) is a picture of our beautiful cabin.

Brother PM Craig Bazigian hosted our Annual Lobster Feed. We had a huge turnout from several



chapters ... it was a fantastic evening:

In April we had a Spring Cigar Night hosted by Bro. Vartkes Avakian. 24 brothers showed up on a warm and beautiful spring evening for Cigars, Cocktails and Appetizers ... not necessarily in that order !

Our annual family camping trip is slated for August up at Loon Lake in the Sierra's. Brothers and their families always enjoy fun in the water, BBQ's and campfire festivities. We also had a group outing to go watch the SF Bulls Pro Ice Hockey Club. It was a fun evening.

We raised funds for several charities this past year



Golden Gate

After hosting the successful annual convention last September it was difficult to imagine that the Golden Gate Chapter could keep its momentum rolling...but Grand Master Dr. Garo Mirigian did just that! He set a new standard for Grand Masters by visiting all the chapters; not 4 or 5 times. Grand Master Dr. Garo will have visited other chapters 45 times by the time of the annual convention. Has not currently reached that number of visits.



Grand Master Dr. Garo Mirigian

The Golden Gate Chapter is proud to note that we are gaining members constantly under the Chapter's membership coordinator Brother Hagop Koujakian. New brothers Joe Bezdjian and Petros Minasi joined us recently. Below, Brothers John Gaule (left, sponsor) and PGM Sark Sarkisian (right) are swearing-in new Brother Joe Bezdjian.

Oakland (cont.)

with our major fundraiser being the Annual Oakland Trex Crab Feed. It was another resounding success, with over 300 in attendance. And finally, we hosted several Inter-Chapter dinners in 2013. Brothers from Fresno, Golden Gate, Mt. Diablo and Peninsula chapters always seem to find their way, to the club house, for a nice dinner and fraternal fun.

Fraternally Submitted,
Bro. Vartkes Avakian



New Brother Induction Ceremony in Auntie Lou's man-cave



Scholarship Award Winners



GM Garo and Ms Gasia Mikaelian

Another proud tradition of the Golden Gate Chapter is providing scholarships to excellent Armenian students. In June of this year the chapter presented \$1,000 scholarships to three outstanding graduating high school students; Deanna Pinomaki (grand daughter of PGM Sark Sarkisian), Rosie Aristakessian and Armen Samurkashian, both graduates of the KZV Armenian School in San Francisco. (Armen not shown-reported to school- MIT. Wants to be the 1st Armenian astronaut- We're Going Galactic!)

At the end of our report, sadly, our chapter lost a long-standing Brother, George Mardikian. At our February meeting, Bro. Ralph Kazanjian read a moving eulogy to us about our departed Brother. He will be missed.

See you all at the Annual Convention in Fresno!!!!
Brother Mark Dorian
Golden Gate Chapter Editor

San Diego

For the San Diego Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity, the Winter and Spring of 2013 were filled with some very fun events, the addition of one new member and the return of a former member. But, it also included the very sad passing of one of our dearest brothers, Dr. Jack Hachigian.

On Thursday, May 9th, the brothers and their wives hit the town for a fun night at the Lyceum Theatre in Downtown San Diego to watch the play Big Bad Armo. The show was hilarious and everyone really enjoyed their time together. The creator, Lory Tatoulian, daughter of Archpriest Fr. Datev Tatoulian of San Diego's St. John Garabed Armenian Church, did an amazing job with the satire on the Armenian culture. It was a memorable night for all those that attended.

On Saturday, June 15th, in a joint outing with members from the San Diego Chapter of the Knights of Vartan, many of our Trex brothers enjoyed a ½ day fishing trip in the waters off Point Loma in San Diego. It was a beautiful, sunny day, that included some very memorable moments and a good day of fishing for all. Our thanks and appreciation goes out to Bro. Harry Guzelimian for all his hard work and efforts in coordinating the event.

The San Diego brothers are also looking forward and preparing for our 4th Annual Family Picnic on August 4, 2013, as well as our 5th Annual Wine & Cheese Tasting event at the beautiful Rancho Bernardo Courtyard on October 5, 2013, which raises funds for our Student Scholarship Program.

We were excited to add a new brother to the San Diego chapter. Bro. Nick Gaplanyan was welcomed in as a new member in January 2013. Grand Master Garo Mirigian, who was in attendance at our chapter's meeting that evening, administered the initiation oath and welcomed Bro. Nick into the Fraternity.

Bro. Jim Sahagian moved back to San Diego and is now an active member with San Diego after being out of town for many years.

Finally, we sadly mourn the loss of our brother, Dr. Jack Hachigian, who passed away in April 2013. Jack became a member of the San Diego Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity in 1991. He remained an active and involved member throughout his membership. Brother Jack is survived by his children, Garo Hachigian and

Nina Hachigian (Joe Deegan-Day), his two grandchildren, four nephews, many grand nieces and nephews and cousins. Our hearts and prayers go out to them for their loss.



Group Picture



Steve and Jared



Harry, Michael and Nick



Steve Hovsepian



Steve Kradjian



Harry

Las Vegas

Las Vegas Spring is in full swing, Brother Master Mesrop is on a trip to Moscow for consultations, in the meantime the military has installed a new Master, Bro. Ara G. PM as the interim Master. On a recent visit to Las Vegas, Grand Master Bro. Garo M. presented Las Vegas with a check for \$10,000.00 towards the purchase of our lodge, negotiations are ongoing for the purchase of the huge compound, you can make your tax deductible donation to Trex Las Vegas and send it to 800 Copper Flat Court, Henderson, NV 89001. We have several events scheduled for the summer please follow us on Twitter and Facebook, and if you are in Las Vegas, please give us a call, we would love to buy you dinner, our meetings are every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm, see you at convention.



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Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

The last several months have been busy for the Palm Desert Chapter. In addition to our monthly meetings, members and guest have enjoyed getting together for several charitable and social events.

This year, our annual “FAMILY DAY AT THE FAIR” was held on February 16th, at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. Several desert members, along with visiting Los Angeles Seniors and Juniors, and Orange County Chapter members enjoyed Armenian Mezza and drinks, which were hosted by PGM. Nick Nigosian and his wife Carolon, in the comforts of the hospitality suite and VIP tent provided by the Fair Board. Later, in the evening, everyone enjoyed the nightly musical pageant, which was followed by the musical rock band “Lifehouse”.

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.

In April, Master Bobby Melkesian hosted a Spring Picnic for members and family, at his home in La Quinta. Everyone enjoyed a delicious shish kebab dinner with all the trimmings. He provided a bounce house for the kids (young and old!) as well as several competitive games of volleyball.

The “DESERT GOLF OUTING” was held this year on May 5th. Grand Master, Garo Mirigian, along with Brothers from Los Angeles, Selma, Oakland and San Diego chapters, joined in on a great weekend of golf, dining and socializing with desert brothers and friends. Golfers enjoyed a day of golf on a popular desert course, followed by a wonderful cocktail/dinner party on Friday evening, where our annual 50/50 reverse raffle drawing was the entertainment for the evening. Thank you to committee members, Bro. Blaine Carian, PGM, Greg Avedesian, PM George Kirkjan, and Master, Bobby Melkesian who did a great job in coordinating a great weekend and this successful event.



“DAY AT THE FAIR” 2013. Past Grand Masters, Masters and Triple X Brothers from Southern California, with Date Festival Queen and Princesses



GOLF TOURNAMENT May 2013. Bro. Bruce Kandarian, Bro. Chris Marcarian, Bro. Harold Berghoudian, and Master Bobby Melkesian



GOLF TOURNAMENT May 2013. Master Bobby Melkesian, PM Greg Safoyan, and PM Gary Funtas



MEETING 2-20-13. Grand Master Visits - PALM DESERT XXX Meeting



MEETING June 2013. PM Neil Huether, PGM Greg Avedasian, PM Rob Carian, Master Bobby Melkesian, and PM Howard Chuchian



MEETING June 2013. Bro. Avo Zakarian, Bro. Chris Marcarian, Bro. Steve Afetian, PM Greg Safoyan, PM Varoujan Mkrtchian, Bro. Harold Berghoudian, and Bro. Arjuna Saraydarian



MEETING June 2013. Palm Desert Chapter Brothers

Everyone is looking forward to attending the upcoming 2013 XXX Convention in Fresno, where brothers and their families can enjoy the many exciting events that have been scheduled by the Selma Chapter.

Thank you to Master, Bobby Melkesian, who did a great job in leading our chapter. The successes, accomplishments and growth of our Chapter are a direct result of the great leadership of our Master and officers, and the support of our brothers.

We welcome all visiting brothers to attend our meetings, which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and hope that you will also visit the desert with you families for our many social events through the year.

Fraternally,
PGM Nick Nigosian
Corresponding Secretary

Sequoia Chapter

Greetings, to everyone in California, and Las Vegas from the Central Valley of California. Hope this spring and summer (2013) has been a good one for everyone so far, and you will continue having good times with your family. It sure seems that time is going by much faster now than it did before. The Sequoia Chapter has been enjoying our times together, increasing our memberships, and enjoying the twice a month dinner meetings.

We have had a great time the last two years under the direction and leadership of our Brother Master, Chuck Simonian. Brother Master Chuck is in his final few months as our Master. He has really guided and supported us and we appreciated all his efforts. Brother Master Chuck was interviewed on T.V. recently by our local newscaster, Stefani Booroajian about his work of over thirty years as an outstanding Blacksmith, and all of the great work he has accomplished. A very talented Master Brother.

The meeting in January started out with a wonderful dinner with Lula Kabob that Brother David Vartanian (Master Chef) prepared for us, delicious Pilaf by Brother Ron Shanoian and a great Salad and Ice Cream Sundaes that helped top of this wonderful dinner. After our dinner Brother Gary Gostanian did a magnificent presentation with pictures of his latest trip to Armenia. He and his two grandkids toured and were able to work and help build a house sponsored by the Fuller Center for Housing. This organization makes interest free loans to families and folks in Armenia. Interested folks come from the U.S. to help with construction of these projects. A "BIG THANK YOU" to Brother Gary for your presentation and your willingness to go to Armenia and help the Armenian people. What a fantastic opportunity for your two grandkids. We took a great interest in the Fuller Center for Housing projects, and donated \$2900.00 for a remodel of a home in Armenia.

We welcomed three new Members, Brothers Paul Babagian, Mitch Chaboian and George Kuchukian. Paul is the son of P.M. Tom Babagian and a cousin of P.G.M. Pete Babagian. Mitch is a former Trex member who left us for awhile and now has returned. George who grew up in the valley and was also a former Trex member has returned to our Sequoia Chapter. We welcome our new brothers, and delighted you have returned.

We wanted to thank all the brothers from all the Triple X Chapters for attending the 59th Mid-Term Convention hosted right here in beautiful downtown Visalia, California by the Sequoia Chapter. We had a great turnout of ninety three plus brothers in attendance. We appreciated all the brothers who attended and those who even came all the way from Las Vegas, Nevada. A BIG THANK YOU goes to the brothers who hosted our mouth-watering dinner of Lula Kabob, Pilaf, Salad, Pita Bread, and Ice Cream for dessert. Din-

ner Committee Chairs were Master, Chuck Simonian, Ron Shanoian, Dean Ametjian. Thanks also to Tim Ahronian who headed up our Golf Tournament and to all the brothers who helped set up and take down our banquet and meeting room.

It was nice to see brothers' George Margosian and Buck Sarabian at some of our meetings last spring. Hope to see more of you guys. Speaking of special guest we were excited during our April meeting to welcome our Grand Master, Garo Mirigian (second visit) and past P.G.M.'s' Bob Juskalian, Jack Ouzounian and Grand Secretary Mark Antranikian. We were happy to have brothers P.G.M. Jack Bedoian, and brothers Steve, Richard Bedoian and Sammy Bagdasarian over for a visit. Our very own P.G.M. Pete Babagian and Jerry Poochigian also were in attendance. Thanks again for Master Chef and Caterer Dean Ametjian for preparing a delicious bacon wrapped steak dinner with all the wonderful side dishes. We had a wonderful Trex dinner and meeting.

We are thankful to have as guest speaker Ms. Carmen Perez from the Wish Upon a Star organization. She shared another need about a local boy in our county who has leukemia and would like to go to Disneyland with his family and was hoping we would sponsor him. During our meeting a motion was made and passed. He and his family will attend Disneyland.

We were excited to host Armenian Comedy Night. This group was from L.A. area and was held on May 18, 2013. We will be celebrating Ladies Night Out and inviting our widows, spouses and public for the evening of fun and laughter.

We are so proud to award four scholarships to students of Armenian heritage. This year our Sequoia Chapter decided to double our award totals giving from \$4000.00 last year, to \$9000.00 total this year. The four winners are:

Jessica Julia Babagian, Redwood High School Graduate, attending Louisiana State University. Parents are PGM Pete and Mary Babagian.

Carly Gostanian, Redwood High School Graduate, attending Oregon State University. Parents are Greg and Rhonda Gostanian.

Kaci Roxane Boyajian, Redwood High School Graduate, attending Cal State University Fullerton. Parents are Scott and Sharon Boyajian.

Joy E. Rubio, Golden West High School, attending either Cal. State University Fresno, or Fresno Pacific University. Parents are Fernando and Elaine Rubio.

We are very proud of our scholarship winners and wish them special blessings as they pursue their academic field of study.

The summer seems to be slipping away as we sell fireworks and our annual fundraiser at the fireworks booth this month. This has been a great fundraiser for us and we are looking forward to the Fourth of July. Thanks again for all the brothers and juniors who helped make this event so successful. Thank you also goes to brother Rick Krikorian for his administrated

gift of organization. Without him and all our brothers and Junior Trexmen our annual fundraiser would not be such a great success.

Blessings to All,
Tom Babagian, P.M.



Sequoia Chapter Fireworks Booth. Left to Right are: Brother Richard Tamouzian, Brother Rick Krikorian, Samantha Tamouzian Brother Jack Barsamian and Colette Tamouzian. Richard is the Money Man!!!



Scholarship winners: left to right: Jessica Julia Babagian, Carly Gostanian and Kayla Marie Saroyan.



Smiling Mid-Term Brothers who were a great help from left to right, Jack Barsamian, Charlie Amasalian, Chad Borba, Dean Ametjian

OBITUARIES

Aram Avazian - Los Angeles Chapter



Bro Aram became a member of the Los Angeles Jr. Triple X in 1936 when he was 19 years old. He was among its earliest members and was active for 77 years, earning his 75 year pin just 2 years ago. Bro Aram was the oldest amongst his 2 brothers and one sister, Bro Leo Avazian, Rev. Paul Avazian and Pearl Avazian Elmastian. Everyone loved Bro Aram. He loved his family, friends and all his Trex Brothers. He was known for always being upbeat; helping his friends and family put things in perspective and thought most things were "Beautiful!" He was a staple of the LA Chapter and will be missed.

Beginning with the LA Juniors, members were all connected with each other's families. They worked together at fund raisers & played together at picnics and conventions. Golf, gin and tavloo were among his favorite pastimes with his Trex Bros.

Bro Aram leaves behind his loving wife Hazel, two sons – Bro's Randy and Doug Avazian as well as too many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews to mention.

James Zorigian - Los Angeles Chapter



Bro Jim was born in 1947 and attended 54th St. Elementary School, Audubon Jr. High, Dorsey High School and on to UCLA where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. He completed his formal education with a law degree from USC where he was elected as the Law School's President in his 2nd year. He began a very successful law career and spent 41 years helping and bringing justice to people of all backgrounds.

Bro Jim lived for many years in Playa del Rey, CA where he coached Little League baseball and Pop Warner football. He also enjoyed gardening and fishing. What Bro Jim loved most was spending time with his family and friends and supporting them in any way he could.

Bro Jim was a 50-year member of the Los Angeles Jr. and Sr. Triple X where he served the Armenian community and created some of his closest friendships. He was also a congregant at Brentwood Presbyterian Church where he volunteered in many positions and contributed much to the church and its community.

Bro Jim is survived by his son Garrett and 3 wonderful grandchildren Sienna, Colin and Zoe. Bro Jim also leaves his twin brother John, sister-in-law Ronnie, nephews Jason & Christopher, niece Jamie Infante and countless friends.

Michael Derderian - Los Angeles Chapter



Brother Mike Derderian joined the Los Angeles Triple X Fraternity in 1956 and was a 50-year member. He was born in Detroit, MI and was a proud Navy veteran of WWII. Bro Mike started his sales career at age 12, selling Saturday Evening Post magazines. He sold more magazines than anyone in the state of Michigan. His introduction to the carpet industry came in 1959 when he took a sales position with Wm. H. Green Company, a small distributor from Georgia. In 1963, he was offered a position with Purvis Wade Carpet Mills of Dalton, Georgia as their west coast sales agent. With this opportunity, Bro Mike formed MD Sales Agency. In 1969, Derderian purchased a tufting machine to enter the manufacturing business. His venture into carpet manufacturing began under the corporate name of Royalty Carpet Mills, Inc. which still exists today. Bro Mike

was considered a mogul in the industry.

Bro Mike left this world to join his predeceased wife, parents and youngest brother. He is survived by three daughters, four grandchildren, four great grandchildren, three sisters and two brothers.

Oshyn Kasparian - Los Angeles Chapter



Bro Oshyn Kasparian was a member of the Triple X Fraternity for 78 years at the time of his passing. He was the last of the surviving charter members of the Los Angeles Jr. Triple X formed in 1935. Bro Oshyn held all positions in the Los Angeles Chapter and is a Past Grand Chapter Officer.

He served in the military in WWII along with most of this fellow Los Angeles Jr. Trexman, including his brother Mihran Kasparian who died during his service in the war. The 48-star flag that was draped over his brother's coffin 70 years earlier covered Bro Oshyn's casket at his funeral service.

Bro Oshyn was relied on by his Los Angeles Trex Brothers for guidance regarding the history and traditions of our Fraternity and he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife Helen and daughter Diane.

Robert Nishan Emerzian - Fresno Chapter



Robert was born on December 7, 1922, in San Francisco, Ca. to his parents Nishan and Nevert Emerzian. Robert passed on to be with his Lord on Friday, March 15, 2013. At an early age, his family moved to Fresno, Ca. on a farm. He attended local schools and graduated from Fresno Technical High School in 1941. In 1945, he met the love of his life Dorothy Florence Emerzian, while home on leave from the U.S. Navy. They were married on March 9, 1946, raised two beautiful children, son Stan and daughter Nancy.

He worked for Burgermeister Brewing Co. and Hanoian's Market. He loved to take trips with Dorothy, especially to his ship's reunions. Robert was a very caring and loving person. He never knew a stranger. He always showed compassion toward others and always had something nice to say about everyone. He was a member of the Fresno Chapter XXX Fraternity, American Legion Post 509 and SIRS. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Robert was preceded in death by his parents; Dorothy, his loving wife of 63 years; brother, Lee Emerzian; and sister, Doris Fleming. He is survived by his son, Stan; daughter, Nancy and her husband, John Suglian; brother, George; and several nieces and nephews.

Ernest "Ernie" Jay Dadigan - Fresno Chapter

Ernie was born on February 7, 1926, in Fresno, and passed away at age 86 on Saturday, February 2, 2013. He graduated from Washington Union High School in Easton, Ca. and attended Fresno State College. He proudly served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was an employee of Longs Drug stores for forty years, beginning in the downtown Fresno store. He also worked in the original Bakersfield store, San Diego and National City stores. In 1955 he opened the first shopping center store at Manchester Center and managed that store for 20 years, and spent his last 12 years at the First and Shaw store where he retired in 1985.

While in Bakersfield he met and married his wonderful wife, Norma Detina, and had two sons, Michael of San Francisco and Patrick of Bakersfield. He belonged to the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church and more recently to Northwest Church, where he served as head usher for five years. He also was a diehard Fresno State Bulldog fan, serving as a member of the Fresno State Bulldog Foundation for many years and a life member of the Quarterback Club, and the Dugout Club, serving on their board of directors

for many years. He was a member of the Fresno Triple X Fraternity, and the Knights of Vartan. He was predeceased by his loving wife Norma, in 1988.

Ernie is survived by his two sons, Mike Dadigan and Patrick Dadigan; Patrick's wife Sabrina; and his three grandchildren, Meaghan, Tiffany, and Anthony.

John Bandelian - Fresno Chapter

Johnnie was born on June 23, 1925, in Buffalo, New York. He went to be with the Lord on May 9, 2013.



Johnnie attended Fresno Technical High School and served in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII. He sold shoes and worked at A&M Carpet. Opened his own business in 1954, Allied Linoleum & Carpet. He married Carmella Russo on January 24, 1948. Johnnie was a Member of Fort Washington Golf Course since 1957, and Fresno Triple X Fraternity.

He is survived by Carmella, his beloved wife of 65 years; his sister, Dovie Kazarian; his three sons, Chuck and his wife Lisa, Richard and his wife Shauna, and Johnnie Jr.; three grandchildren, Julie Zuego, Dena Amador, and Michael Bandelian; six great grandchildren, and his faithful and loving caregiver, Mina Martinez.

Abby Mamigonian - Selma Chapter



Bro. PGM Abby Mamigonian passed away on January 28, 2013 at age 80. He was born on January 7, 1933 to Yervant and Prapion Mamigonian and raised on a farm in Sanger, California during the Great Depression. He graduated from Sanger High School in 1950 and attended Reedley College for one year before leaving school to run the family farm.

In the early 1950's he met and courted Barbara DerMatoian and they were married for 53 wonderful years, raising two sons, Martin and Perry, and a daughter, Janice. In 1958 Abby began working for the Bank of America, advancing through various positions in the Central Valley before he retired in 1986.

Abby joined the Triple X Fraternity in 1980, and was well known in the Armenian community for his famous pilaf, lamb shank and short rib dinners, which he prepared for many events over the years. But Abby was more than a chef to his fellow Brothers, as he served on many committees and events and held many offices in the fraternity, including Grand Master in 1988.

He was also well known for his home garden, where he grew his famous tomatoes, eggplants, gutah and Armenian peppers, and for many years he could be seen on his bicycle delivering bags of his vegetables to his friends throughout the Sunnyside area.

Abby is survived by his son Martin Mamigonian of Sanger; son Perry Mamigonian of Fresno; daughter Janice Edwards and her husband Ed of Fresno; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Raymond Maranian - Selma Chapter



Raymond Krikor Herbert Maranian went to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 7, 2013, after a twenty-three year battle with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. Ray was born to Garabed "Charles" and Aroysey "Agnes" Maranian in Fresno, on March 28, 1938. He graduated from Fresno High School in 1956, and attended Fresno State, majoring in viticulture. He served in the United States Air National Guard. Ray began his fifty three year career as a crop advisor in

1960. He loved his job, his co-workers and his growers. He considered them his second family. Ray was still working at the time his illness progressed, two months ago. Over the years, he had been employed by Best Fertilizer, Occidental petroleum, J.R.Simplot and Britz Fertilizer. He was known for his

strong work ethic, loyalty, honesty, and his sparkling clean work truck. Ray was a member of the Selma chapter of Triple X Fraternity. Ray is survived by his daughter and son-in law, Michele and Greg Curth of Chesapeake, Va.; his beloved and adored granddaughters, Margaux Amelia Curth, Charlotte Noelle Curth and Greyson Paige Curth; Ray's brother and sister in-law, Jack and MaryLou Maranian, of Torrance, Ca.; sister and brother-in law, Charlotte and Charlie Fanucchi of Bakersfield, Ca.; sister-in-law Carol Maranian, of Visalia, Ca.; brother and sister-in-law, Harry and Sharen Maranian of Clovis, Ca.; and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

Dr. Jack Hachigian - San Diego Chapter



Dr. Jack Hachigian was born in Paterson, N.J. in 1929, where he received his early education and served as an altar boy and later a deacon in the Armenian Apostolic Church. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in 1950 and took his first job as a Research Assistant at the Manhattan Project at Columbia University.

Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, Jack attended electronics school in Biloxi, Mississippi. After receiving his Ravens Wings, he worked on the design of electronic warfare and reconnaissance equipment, as well as serving as the Unit Chief responsible for developing the first spy satellites and electronic data processing using computers.

After leaving the Air Force, he completed his Ph.D. at Indiana University. He published 26 research papers in leading journals and taught advanced mathematics as a professor at such institutions as Indiana University, Cornell University and CUNY. He also served as the president of the American Statistical Association.

Jack retired to San Diego in 1990. In retirement, his interest turned to creating ceramic crosses based on miniatures found in ancient Armenian manuscripts. Keenly aware of his heritage and the history of the Armenian people, Jack designed a monument to commemorate their tragic past and his passionate efforts drove the building of several pieces of the monument, which is scheduled to be installed in 2015 for the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. He also authored his Musa Dagh-themed cookbook, *Secrets of an Armenian Kitchen*.

Jack was an active member of St. John Garabed Armenian Church and served as Parish Council Chairman. He also served the San Diego community as an advisor for to Junior Achievement of Armenia and organized several Armenian Opera Nights for the San Diego Opera. He was a member of the Knights of Vartan and the Trex Fraternity's San Diego chapter. In 2006, he received an Encyclical ("Guntag") from His Holiness Catholicos Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch of the Armenian Apostolic Church, honoring him for his years of dedicated service to the Armenian church and community.

Dr. Hachigian is survived by his children, Garo Hachigian and Nina Hachigian (Joe Deegan-Day), his two grandchildren, four nephews, many grand nieces and nephews and cousins.

George Rustigian - Mt. Diablo Chapter



Bro. George Rustigian, age 87, passed away on April 17, 2013. He was a Triple X member since 1943. Very active in both Golden Gate and Charter Member of Mt Diablo in 1975, serving on several committees over 70 years.

George is survived by wife Carol of 52 years, daughter Beth Broussalian (Jim) and Caroline Bruderer (Marc) and son Paul (Chelsea) as well as grandchildren Melanie and Michael Broussalian, Nate, Luke and Mason Bruderer, Julian and Skylar Rustigian.

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PGM's present at Mid-Term 2013



PGM's present at the 2013 Mid Term Convention in Visalia, California. Front row, l to r: Bob Juskalian, Sark Sarkisian, Grand Master Garo Mirigian, Chuck Parigian, Ed Hokokian, Jack Bedoian. Standing: Jack Ouzounian, Nick Nigosian, Vaughn Vartanian, Jerry Poochigian, Archie Cholakian, Mel Shanoian, Harold Bazarian, Frank Korkmazian, Greg Avedesian, and Haig Jamgotchian.