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60th Annual Mid-Term Convention

Hosted by Fresno Chapter

Saturday, March 1, 2014

Fresno Chapter Club House
630 South Argyle, Fresno, California

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9:00 A.M. Clubhouse Opens ... Coffee And Donuts
(Tavloo, Gin, Pinochle, And More)

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Grand Master's Message

This first four months serving as Grand Master of our great fraternity has been an absolute pleasure! Jr. Grand Master Larry Avedisian and I have been traveling and attending many Chapter events. Your hospitality has been immeasurable. I can clearly see that the Triple X Fraternity is strong and thriving. Keep up the great work! Again, thank you for letting me serve you.

Fraternally Yours,

Sam Bagdasarian
Grand Master
2013-14

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Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The LA Chapter's back half of the year was a busy one. Our annual Hollywood Park Day at the Races took place in July and chaired by Past Master John Saroyan. It was a great turnout and a beautiful day. Among the highlights were a race named after the LA Trex and a wonderful lunch in the reserved pavilion. The only dark cloud was when Master Chris ejected from the stables visiting his picks. He snuck in posing as jockey with an empty glue bottle and was threatening the horses. Saving the day, Bro Steve Hampar swooshed into the stables brandishing the starter's gun and freed Bro Master Chris from his captors.

Many of the LA Brothers attended the Annual Convention hosted by the Selma Chapter. The Selma Brothers did a superb job and we all had a wonderful time. The LA Chapter Convention Committee lead by Chairman Bro Mike Mooradian is planning the 2015 Convention at the beautiful and historic Biltmore Hotel. Lots of great events are planned with this iconic hotel as the backdrop. "Downtown LA has been totally revitalized and is a real destination for nightlife" said Bro Mike. He continued "It's already been spruced up with lots of great venues like LA Live, museums, Disney Concert Hall and of course the Jewelry Mart – It will be even better in 2 more years". Mark your calendars for this upcoming convention and a chance to stay at this historic hotel.

Bro Jimmy Melikian generously donates his beautiful Palos Verdes house every year in September for our Cigar Night. Bro Jimmy puts together a nice spread of hors d'oeuvre, brandy and other liquors – and Brothers are allowed to smoke inside the house while the wives enjoy the view outside. Thank you Bro Jimmy!

Also in September, the Los Angeles Chapter hosted the Annual Ararat Home Picnic chaired by a great committee made up of Bros William Kevorkian, John Casparian, Shant Dergazarian, Joe Ouzounian, PGM David Maseredjian, Galen Petoyan, Richard Jebejian & Michael Surmeian. With the help of almost all our members, wives and many of their kids, we served well over 1200 hearty meals. This is the Home's biggest event of the year and our Chapter is proud to make such a significant contribution of our time and talents to the Home.

In October Bro Tev Eminian & PGM Mel Shanoian co-chaired our Annual Stag Outing at the Westin Resort in Palm Desert. Two days of golf, great food, drink, great food & fraternalism. Winners of Friday's golf Calcutta bet were Bro's Mark



Bro Chris Armen brimming with pride with a real jockey moments after Bro Steve Hampar rescued him from the stables using the starter's gun.



Bro Jimmy Gondjian and Bro Carl Marderosian sitting at the "Godfather" table during the LA Trex Day at the Races.

Mikaelian and Mike Shakar. PGM Jeff Hazarian and Bro Joe Ouzounian won Saturday's golf Calcutta. Lots of gin was played too – with Bro Lev Nalbandian happily surrendering his slow play title to Bro Ray Asher, who took slow play to an all new level. Outstanding work Bro Tev and PGM Mel.

Later in October Bro Gary Zakarian & William Kevorkian chaired our annual Installation Banquet at the beautiful Porter Valley Country Club to honor our outgoing Master, Chris Armen and his executive board as well as welcome our new Master Mike Surmeian. We were honored to have the newest PGM, Bro Garo Mirigian attend, honoring us with the Achievement Award and beautiful new trophy – thank you PGM Garo. This year's program included a hilariously brilliant video about our outgoing Master Chris Armen crafted by Bro Steve Hampar and his crew. The night also included other shenanigans aimed at roasting Master Chris. Bro Hovig Antabian & Matt Matoesian were honored for 25 years of service. Also receiving an award was Bro Greg Barsum who won the Club Golf Championship and the coveted Ken Khteian Award was



Bro Chris Armen getting presented the Past Master's Plaque by the most unnatural looking UCLA Bruin Bear (Bro Mark Mikaelian). Several Bro's can be seen in the background displaying their USC T-Shirts as the Award is presented.

won by Bro Mike Surmeian. Outstanding work by Bro's Gary & William with special thanks to their wonderful wives.

In November Bros John Casparian and Stan Roopenian chaired the Annual Gin Tournament. The players battled past midnight when the winners were determined. Bro Steve Hampar and Bro Mark Mikaelian won that night in a double elimination format, being crowned the 1st place winners. Taking 2nd place were Bro's Carl Mardirosian and Stan Roopenian. All players were treated to an un-

believable dinner and drinks. Thank you for the great event Bros John and Stan.

In December Candice and Lara Titizian co-chaired our Family Christmas Party. About 60 Brothers, families, Children & grandchildren enjoyed the event complete with a great meal and incredible desserts by Lara Titizian. The prepare crafts for the kids, gifts and a visit from Santa himself. The Santa baton was passed this year from Bro Steve Mikaelian to his son, LA Jr. Bro Adam Mikaelian. We made every effort to prohibit any knowledge transfer from father to son, but it was clear some bad habits were handed down. Bro Adam walked into the room waiving his hands like he was Armenian dancing, putting off more adults than kids. For the most part, Santa's visit was absent of any disasters. There were a number of hysterical adults and children crying, many refusing to leave their mother's arms. Most of the children and all the adults were sedated enough to pose for a picture. Great Job Jr. Bro Adam and of course, Candice and Lara Titizian.

2014 will be another great year for the LA Chapter and we look forward to the upcoming events and this year's Mid-Term Convention.

Regards,
Bro Michael Surmeian
Associate Editor & Master



To keep them from crying, children of all ages were sedated just before this picture was taken. LA Jr. Bro Adam Mikaelian did a great job as Santa this year.

Mt Diablo

Hello again from Mt Diablo:

Our officers for 2013-2014:

Master-Tanil Matosian

Jr. Master-Ray Chiljan

Treasurer-Ed Hazarabedian

Recording Secretary/Sunshine-

Jack Mooradian

Corresponding Secretary-Jerry Tusan

Brother Jack Mooradian chaired an informative visit to Travis Air Museum on July 20th. Over 15 Brothers and guests attended and viewed over 25 aircraft of historical interest. Lunch was also enjoyed after the tour. On July 27th, Brother Jerry Tusan chaired the annual Family Picnic in Moraga. This year the menu included Lamb Shish Kebab, pilaf and all the trimmings. Several Brothers also assisted in shishing the lamb and BBQ. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed the home cooking.

Incoming Master Tan Matosian and Brother Jerry Tusan represented the Chapter at the Labor Day Convention Business Meeting and Breakfast in addition to being sworn in by Grand Master Sam Bagdasarian. Every event at the convention was sold out. Great job Selma Chapter!

On August 18th, Brother Ray Chiljan was able to secure the entire upper deck of the patio at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo for the Annual Summer Buffet and BBQ. Oakland and Golden Gate members also were invited. It was a great event to so-



Holiday Party at Round Hill.



Chef Ed Hazarabedian, Marilyn Matosian, Ray Chiljan at Family Picnic.



Brother and Wives enjoying wine at Holiday Party.



Bro Garo Keadjian, Myron Konjoyan, Ray Chiljan and Kevork Hagopian.



Grand Master Sam at Mt Diablo Meeting.

cialize and enjoy the outdoor setting at Round Hill.

Grand Master Sam Bagdasarian and Jr Grand Master Larry Avedisian attended our November meeting in Walnut Creek. Grand Master shared his optimism about the future of the Trex Fraternity and his vision of attending as many meetings and events as possible.

The Annual Christmas Party this year was again at Round Hill Country Club. Brother Ray got us a private room and Brother Jerry supplied all the wine. The bountiful buffet, holiday decor and attendance over 35 was our best event yet. Thank

you Brother Ray for all you do!

Master Tanil has promoted several new ideas during meetings, such as sharing Armenian stories of interest, raffle of a mystery wrapped item, and new charity work. We look forward to your leadership Master Tanil.

We thank Brother Jeff Apkarian for representing our Chapter during 2013 as Grand Marshal!

On a sad note, we lost Brother Garo Sedrakian in December. Brother Garo held several offices and was a Trex member since 1961, over 50 years! Our sympathy to his wife Sonia and Family.

In January 2014, our meeting location will be at the Pasta Primavera Restaurant in Walnut Creek, second Thursday of the month. We welcome a change in a new year.

Respectfully Submitted;
Brother Jerry Tusan, Associate Editor



Incoming Master Tan Matosian, Bro Jeff Apkarian, Bro Jerry Tusan at Selma Convention.



Master Kevork receiving 2 year Master appreciation from Jr Master Tan Matosian.



Travis Air Museum tour in July.

Sequoia Jr.

Good evening our brothers of Armenian fellowship. It is with great pleasure and vigor that we present you with our yearly tidings. We have gained two members this year Colin-Ross Kapigian and David Vartanian. Both members are stand up men you can get behind. They are a sign that Armenian youth are still interested in Armenian youth.

Our brothers have spent the year in personal, existential, and communal endeavors. While we have faced technical difficulty in the past, this year has been smooth sailing. Most of our brothers are leading successful life's both on earth and on internet dating sights. We are proud of the personal accomplishments our brothers have made both near and far.

In all seriousness we have made some serious accomplishments. Our fundraising has blessed us with the ability to make charitable donations. Most notably, we brought joy to Valley Children's Hospital in Fresno by donating teddy bears to sick children. We personally brought 20 high quality Build-a-Bears directly to the hospital. Santa joined us for the delivery and we would like to believe that the children were feeling a little better during the holidays. We hope to make this an annual event, and spread Christmas cheer to those less fortunate.

Convention is creeping up slowly behind us and we couldn't be more excited. We hope to see you in the best (and finest) of spirits next time our paths cross. When California starts to feel lonely, just remember the Sequoia Jr XXX is only a whisper away.



Golden Gate

This was another exciting finish to the year for the Golden Gate Chapter TREX . It started with our Grand Master Brother Garo Mirigian passing the baton as it were at the annual convention in Fresno; turning over the reins of power to Brother (and kh-nami) Sam Bagdasarian of the Selma chapter.



(P) Grand Master Bro. Garo Mirigian giving his final address at the men's breakfast.

Once again the Golden Gate Chapter's kebab crews have taken up helping our neighboring Hye churches by manning the BBQs at their picnics and bazaars.



Golden Gate Chapter's brothers at the St. John's bazaar



...and St. Vartan's in Oakland

New GM & Brother Sammy B. visited the Golden Gate Chapter in November.



GM Sammy getting schooled in tavloo at Auntie Lou's lodge.

Our Chapter held its Christmas Party at St. John's Hall. Santa made an appearance and sang too!



Proving that you're never too old to make Christmas wishes, Great Auntie Lou tells Santa a thing or two!



Celebrating Brother Ralph Kazanjian's 80th birthday!!

The Golden Gate Chapter wishes all Trexmen a Happy New Year and looks forward to a record year of giving to the community.

Orange County

Incoming Officers for 2013-2014

- Master Bro. Steve Sahagian
- Jr. Master Bro. Jon Agajanian
- Treasurer Bro. George Ampagoomian
- Corres Secy Bro. Brian Melkesian
- Record Secy Bro. Shant Dakessian
- Sgt. of Arms Bros. Terry and Larry Hanoian
- Webmaster Bro. Ron Sarouhan

Board of Directors:

- 2 year term Bros. John Cholakian, Brian Hovey & Wayne Najarian
- 1 year term Bros. Harold Bazarian, John Gulugian & Mark Hachigian

Bro. Master Steve Sahagian has a great term and will be having great activities, fundraisers, etc. Thanks Bro. Steve for your well oiled team.

In July we had our 38th Annual Picnic - Past Master Bro. Wayne Najarian chairman and Bro.



P.M. Pat Ruzgerian, P.G.M. Haig, Naz Horasanian, P.G.M. Archie



Bro. Art with the cigar and his Picnic Helpers



G.M. Sam, P.M. Ara, Trexman of the Year Bro. Steve, Jr. G.M. Larry



New Bro. Jonathan Chortanian, P.M. Ara Malazian

Art Kazarian as well as all the Brothers and Wives did a great job of putting it all together. We had another fabulous Picnic. The Shish Kabob was great as well as the Veggies, Pilaf, String Cheese, Peda Bread, Grapes, Watermelon, Desserts and cold drinks. Nothing was left out. The kids had fun with water balloons and a Piñata full of candy. Save the date of July 20, 2014 at Mason Park, Irvine for next years picnic.

Thanks to the Selma Chapter for a great Convention.

P.M. Bro. Mark Hachigian does an outstanding job of putting together our night out at the Angel's Game. We all enjoyed being with Family and Friends.

Our Installation was at the Embassy Suites. We had the Honor of having our Grand Master Bro. Sam Bagdasarian and Jr. Grand Master Larry Avedisian with us.

Our Trexmen of the Year went to Jr. Master Steve Sahagian who



Bros. Jon, Billy, Rob, Brian, Don, David, Shant



Christms Dinner



Bros. Harold, John, Fred, Richard, Leo, Wayne



Christms Dinner



Picnic Pinata with all the kids



Picnic Brothers wives, Jackie, Tracy and Sister Marge

did an outstanding job on many of our events this past years. We also honored Bro. Naz Horasanian as a dedicated Trexman for over 35 years. Naz is our number one meat cutter for the picnic. We also honored P.M. Patrick Ruzgerian who has been a member for over 38 years. Pat is a Charter Member and has one of the best attendance records and has always helped out whenever he can. Thanks again to our True Trexmen.

O.C. Trex Night at Irwindale Speedway was spearheaded by Bro. Jr. Master Jon Agajanian. It was the Nascar All American Series and was a great fundraiser for our Chapter. Thanks Bro. Jon for a great job.

Our Annual Christmas Party was once again lead by Co-chairman P.M. Bro. Ron Sarouhan and P.M. Bro. George Ampagoomian and their wives. Again our Santa was Bro. George Banerian from the San Diego Chapter. The kids had a ball with Santa who had toys for all the kids and we also were honored to donate gifts to Toys for Tots.

We meet at Gulliver's Restaurant, 18482 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine. Cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:15. Meeting at 8:30, 3rd Wednesday of the month. Come join us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Haig Jamgotchian, P.G.M.

Fresno

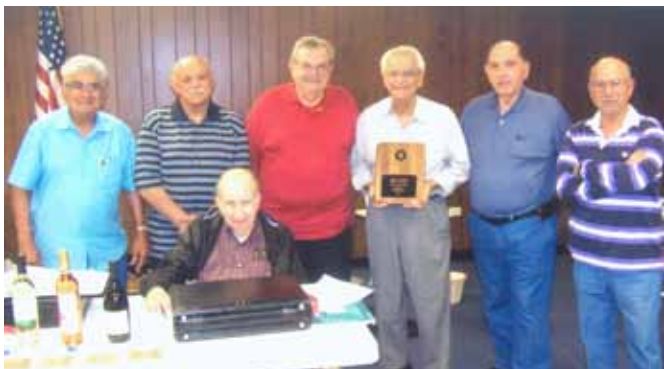
Greetings from the only Club House that is owned by a Triple X chapter.....FRESNO. Yes we are still open for all our events, meetings, dances, retirement parties and anything else you like to celebrate, we give generous discounts to fellow brothers! For more information please call our MASTER Steve Bedoian 559-917-2807. The club house represents the work, time and personal donations of members both past and present. The club house in it's day was THE place for card games, tavloo, good food, cigars and socializing with fellow brothers in a very relaxed and familiar surrounding. We have had several reclining chairs donated to bring back that warm atmosphere in the past several weeks and still are looking for more [hint hint]. The FULL potential of the club house has not been reached, so any ideas or suggestions will be welcomed. For example maybe TRIPLE X could produce a product or assemble gift baskets or dried fruit bowls, the skies the limit if we don't try something radical we might loose this wonderful asset.

The Chapter has had several good dinners spearheaded by our JR Master PGM BOB Juskaian one of which was cooked by David Gaston. The pasta and sausage and onion relish was delicious....

Our Christmas Party also put together by Master Steve Bedoian and PGM Bob Juskaian was



Christmas Party. PGM Ed Hokoian, Master Steve Bedoian and PGM Bob Juskaian.



Dinner-Meeting. Brother Jack Gahvejian 50-year plaque presentation.



"The Three Amigos": PGM Jack Bedoian with brothers Richard and Steve with a very large Trophy.



Good times at the Club House. with Brothers Paul Najimian, PM Gary Kazarian and PGM Ed Hokokian.



"Farewell" to Brother Paul Najimian.



Cards at the Club House.



The "Cooks" with chef Brother David Gaston and helpers.



Brothers Richard, David and Joe.

great, about twenty couples attended at the old 500 CLUB in Clovis.....

The big surge of new members has not quite hit Fresno yet but we are waiting!!!! We have put the word out in Calwa, Rolinda, Biola and Dunlap that FRESNO CHAPTER is looking for a few good people!!!!!!!!!!!!

On a very sad note I have to say we lost a very dear Brother, PM Paul Najimian. He gave the fraternity his all, he had a positive outlook, helped when he could became recording sec. when nobody wanted to, and did so with a smile. We say farewell to Brother Paul and all our sympathies to Barbara and family.

Respectfully
Michael Basmajian

Las Vegas

The Las Vegas Chapter has had a very good year in 2013. We have recruited several new members and in 2014 we have three more members joining our group.

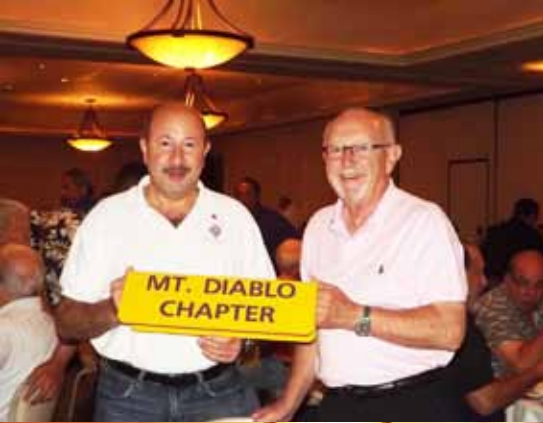
We gave two \$500 scholarships to two students going to UNLV. Our Christmas Dinner Dance was held at the Shish Kebob House here in Las Vegas. At least 80 people attended; members and their families and guests. Brother Gary Setian donated a valuable Armenian coin to our chapter so we had a raffle at this affair and the lucky winner was Charles Parigian PGM and who donated it back to the chapter that evening and it sold for \$450.

We will see you at mid-term
Fraternally
PGM Charles Parigian.



Left To Right standing: Arakel Tacvorian, Jerry Guederian, Gary Setian, Dr. Ara Gueyikian, Master Mesrop Khachikyan, Shavarsh Papazian, Avetis Davidaryan, Ruben Gregorian, Levon Gulbenkian, Arthur Kasarjian, Arpiar Babigian, Andy Armenian, (Sitting) PGM Charles Parigian, Garik Sekoian. Not In The Photo members: Gil Surabian, Robert M. Bezidikian, Armen Anooshian, Sam Artinian, Peter Boghossian, And Vj Taslakian.





2013 Convention in Fresno, Hosted by Selma Chapter



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2013 Convention in Fresno, Hosted by Selma Chapter



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and Mark Antranikian

Oakland

2013 was a great year! Our chapter has been very busy and we spent the year focusing on activities, philanthropy and fellowship with our Brothers. Activities included hockey night with the SF Bulls in march, spring and fall cigar nights, golf weekend in Arnold, High Sierra camping, a joint chapter Lobster dinner and our largest fundraiser, the January crab feed.

In May, the Fresno Chapter sent a fine delegation, headed by PGM Jack Bedoian, to prepare a terrific Barbeque feast for our joint meeting. We send a major thank you to PGM Jack!

Our yearly summer trek included a long weekend in the High Sierras camping along the shores of Loon Lake, kabobs with the Shish Master 3000 hand crafted by our Brothers, cake and ice cream for dessert (way to go Brother Rick!) and swimming and boating in the lake for those brave enough to get into the cold water.

In November Oakland Chapter hosted the Annual Trex Lobster Dinner. Brother Craig Bazigian returned from a lengthy and dangerous excursion to the east coast to capture the live Maine lobsters that were served at the annual joint bay area chapter meeting and lobster feed.

The Oakland Chapter was proud to host this year's Inter-Chapter "Trexmas Party" at the ever popular Trader Vic's in Emeryville. We drank great wine, ate great food and really rang in the Holiday season.

Most recently Oakland Trex held the 2014 20th Annual Crab Feed! A CHARITY FUND RAISER at MARINA COMMUNITY CENTER featuring Outstanding CRAB - COCKTAILS- MUSIC - Door-prizes – Raffle – FUN - LOTS OF FOOD Our most gratifying event is a regular sell out.

Along with our Armenian Heritage, a core part of our brotherhood is giving. This past year, many become generous towards those less fortunate, but as a group, Oakland Trex donated to many different groups that support a wide variety of efforts. Our largest fundraiser, the Oakland Trex Annual

Crab Feed, provided funds to donate to the American Cancer Society and the Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano County foodbanks among others.

Bro. Chuck Paskerian (GG Chapter) attended our July meeting to answer questions regarding the Mt. Davidson Cross permanent power and lighting project. As you may know, The cross sits at the highest peak in San Francisco. The Council of Armenian-American Organizations of Northern California owns and maintains the Mt. Davidson Cross as a memorial. The cross honors not only those who perished in the Armenian Genocide, but all victims of injustice and cruelty. The project will provide permanent lighting and power for the cross. We have pledged funds to this project and are happy to see it so close to completion.

We look forward to an exciting new year with our new 2013-14 Trex year officers: Master - Bro. Joe Dermenjian, Jr. Master - Bro. Ron Mickaels, Treasurer - Bro. Rob Tashjian, Recording Secretary - Bro. Harry Sherinian, Corresponding Secretary – Bro. Rick Magarian, Sgt@Arms - Bro. Rick Mickaels, Associate Editor – Bro. Armen Boyd, Custodian – Bro. Craig Bazigian, Historian – Bro. Jim Taylor. We also elected 3 new Board members: Bro. Rick Mickaels, Bro. Harold Koojoolian and Bro. Harry Sherinian.

Respectfully submitted by
Bro. Armen Boyd Jr.



Happy Campers



Crab Feed



Business Meeting

Sequoia

Greetings once again from the snow capped Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, located just east of our beautiful City of Visalia. We have had a lot of cool weather over the past couple of months. The patio thermometer in our back yard read 21 degrees at one point. This may not be good for many of our producers. The whole state of California seems to be under a cold spell. We hope and pray it will rain soon.

This past August was a fun month for our Trex Chapter. Thanks to Master Brian Poochigian and PGM Jerry Poochigian for setting up Sequoia Trex (all you can eat) Lobster and Crab night dinner at the Tachi Casino Palace, in Lemoore. We had 21 brothers in attendance on a Thursday night. I think PGM Pete Babagian dazzled everyone with his huge plates of crabs and overflowing lobster tails, what a cousin I have. The month of August continued with a Tri Chapter Kheyma dinner put on by the Selma Chapter. We had several brothers attend including, Bryan Ananian, Tom Babagian, Sark Dividian Jr., Mark Karzarian, and Ron Shanoian who was suppose to join us but was needed back home. The Kheyma and garnish was delicious. A "BIG THANK YOU" goes to the GM Master Sammy Bagdasarian and Larry Avedisian, and all the brothers who helped put on this annual summer dinner.

Past Master Chuck Simonian's daughter, Lisa Simonian Lemus rejoined the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Team in training for raising funds to fight blood cancer. She joined in the Nike Women's Half Marathon in San Francisco. Her goal was to raise \$3,000.00 and she was half way of reaching her goal by the time she came to us. The Sequoia Trex sponsored her efforts with a donation of \$500.00. This was a real significant event for Lisa and family. Her Aunt, Betty Farsakian (past Master Chuck's sister) was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma several years ago. The LLS Mission works hard to find a CURE for blood cancers, and improve the lives of patients and their families while in treatment. Since its founding in 1949, the Society has invested more than \$483 million to cancer research. May God's special blessing be upon Lisa, and the Simonian's family.

The fall season continued with several brothers and their wives attending a Fresno State Football Game and Tailgate. Thank you goes to brothers, BJ Perch, and Mike Markarian, who set up the great tailgate party, and made available the tickets to the game. Fresno State played the Nevada Wolf Pack, and had a great victory over them that night. It was a great outing for our Sequoia Chapter.

The month of November marked our annual "Sequoia Chapter Armenian Community Lamb Feed".



Adrienne Julia and PGM Jerry at Tailgate.



PGM Jerry and Pete 6 layer cake Christmas Party.



Bryan Yahnian Keshkeg.



Sequoia Chapter Brothers and family Christmas Party.

This is a special annual event where we invite Armenian men from our community to come and see what we are all about, and have an all you can eat lamb dinner. A BIG THANK YOU goes to our Master Brian Poochigian, PGM Jerry Poochigian, and all their committees for the wonderful meal, the opportunity to sit down together, and meet Armenians from our community who are not members of Sequoia Trex.

The month of December found us having a Christmas Party with Santa Clause showing up all

the way from the North Pole. Thanks to PM Richard Tamouzian and his committee for heading up this event. Sequoia Trex supplied the main course and families brought side dishes or desserts. We also had Trex Brother's and their families donating toy gifts to Kaweah Delta Pediatric Medical Center, as a big part of our Toy Drive, Christmas Party. We had great participation, and a fun evening, thanks to all who attended and donated toys.

January we will welcome in a New Year, and our Installation Dinner. Thanks again to all the brothers who helped make the year 2013 a great one. We would like to especially thank our good brother Archie Zakarian. When our signups for dinner sponsors run a little low Archie always steps in and offers to make a Costco run for either pizza, chicken, ribs, polish hot dogs, salads and some wonderful killer desserts.

In closing we look forward to the year 2014 as we are scheduled to host our state convention here in Visalia, and hope to see many of your smiling faces.

Blessings to all of you in 2014, and as a quote from one of my favorite authors, "I love Armenian people — all of them. I love them because they are a part of the enormous human race, which of course I find simultaneously beautiful and vulnerable". William Saroyan

Associate Editor, P.M. Tom Babagian

San Diego

For the San Diego Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity, the Summer and Fall of 2013 were filled with some great events, including our 4th Annual Family Picnic, our 5th Annual Wine & Cheese Tasting and our Annual Christmas Party. All of the events were a great success and fun for all who attended. We were also very pleased to add two new members to our fraternity.

On Sunday, August 4th, on a gorgeous San Diego summer's day, we held our 4th Annual Family Picnic. Bro. Steve Hovsepian and his wife, Claudette, coordinated the event at the Westwood Club in Rancho Bernardo. About 30 adults and kids were in attendance. The food included hamburgers & hot dogs, salad, chips & dips, cookies, sodas and, of course, watermelon. For the adults, the activities included sharing in fun conversations around the picnic tables, participating in some very competitive tavloo matches and, in general, enjoying each other's company under the sun in beautiful San Diego. The kids enjoyed the club's playground facilities and some even took a dip in the 12" wading pool.

On Saturday, October 5th, our chapter held its 5th Annual Wine & Cheese Tasting event at the beautiful Rancho Bernardo Courtyard. Over 100 guests were in attendance, including Armenians, as well as many non-Armenians, from the San Diego



PGM Jerry with toys and gifts.



Bro. Michael Tusan, assisted by Erin Tashjian, select raffle prize winners.



Guests enjoy the delicious food.



Master Dan Tervrizian pours a sample.



Guests enjoying the beautiful day

community. The event is our primary fundraiser and provides funds for our Student Scholarship Program, which offers scholarships to college students of Armenian descent. All of the San Diego brothers, led by PGM Joe Kellejian, worked hard at making the event a success, both socially and financially. We also want to thank many of the wives - Jeanette Tashjian, Mary Kellejian and Jane Sahagian for their hard work and efforts in preparing the food and creating the elegant table settings and design.

On Sunday, December 15th, we held our annual Christmas Party, which was organized by Master Danny Tervrizian and took place at the 067 Eatery restaurant in beautiful Rancho Santa Fe. Brothers and their families enjoyed the fabulous home style meal and spent much of the evening “catching up” and enjoying each other’s company during the Christmas season. As always, the evening included our annual gift exchange, which resulted in a fun time for all.

We were excited to add a two new brother to the San Diego chapter. Paul and JD Esajian (real brothers before they were Trex brothers) were welcomed as new members into the San Diego Chapter in July 2013. Grand Master Garo Mirigian, who was in attendance at our chapter’s meeting that evening, administered the initiation oath and welcomed Bros. Paul and JD into the Fraternity.

Peninsula

Hello Fellow Brothers, Families, and Friends!
Peninsula Chapter officers for 2013-14 are:

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

On the third Thursday evening of each month, you’ll find our Chapter Brothers gathering for a fun dinner meeting at the Los Altos Masonic Building, 146 Main Street in Los Altos, California. If you happen to be in the Bay Area on one of our meeting nights, be sure to stop by! There is a nice banquet room and adjacent kitchen in the lower floor of the building which we use for dinner meetings during the fall and winter when the weather’s cooler, and we also have access to a good-sized courtyard patio which is put to good use for barbecues during the warmer months. Our Chapter is well-known for putting on great meals each month, thanks to our talented and hardworking chefs!

During the Labor Day weekend this past year, a few of our Peninsula members had a great time attending the various functions during the Annual Convention hosted by the Selma Chapter at Pardini’s Restaurant and the Piccadilly Inn in Fresno (convenient for me since I had recently moved to the area). All of the events, from the Friday Night Feast to Saturday’s Arabian Nights dinner dance and Sunday evening’s “Cher the Experience” banquet, were very well attended and everyone enjoyed all of



The Sunday crew at the Mountain View Art & Wine Festival kebab booth (l-r): Vazgen Babayan, Zareh Salmassian, Bud Kalafian, Ruben Kazarian, Daryl Jamgotchian, Earl Saroyan, Vic Khachooni, Kip Garabedian, Mark Antranikian, and Vartan Berberian.



The sun shines down through the trees onto Peninsula Brothers getting the kebabs ready for sale at the Mountain View Art & Wine Festival.



Brother Brothers Aram and Zareh Salmassian take a break from the barbecue heat (has their area been sealed off as a crime scene?!?)



Brothers Vazgen Babayan and Ruben Kazarian working hard at the grill to feed the masses gathered at our popular kebab booth. Are those lamb or beef???

the great food and entertainment; I even won a tavloo board in the Saturday tournament! As outgoing Grand Secretary that weekend, I had a wonderful time both at the Convention and indeed throughout the year, meeting many new people, visiting a few other Chapters, gaining valuable experience, and learning much about our great Fraternity during my time serving on the Grand Chapter. I thank PGM Garo Mirigian very much for the opportunity!

As has become tradition, on the weekend following the Convention, our Chapter once again had our famous kebab booth at the Mountain View Art & Wine Festival. Money raised there goes towards donations throughout the year, such as recent ones made to the Mt. Davidson Cross and St. Gregory's Church Bazaar. Spearheaded by Bro. Vic Khachoni, many of our members put in a lot of work in preparation for this annual fundraiser, not to mention all of the work that needs to be done at the booth itself in barbecuing and selling the very tasty lamb and beef kebabs. It is a labor of love though, and a great bonding experience! Unfortunately, due to what may have been a weather-related reason (how else to explain it?!?), attendance at the festival was down from previous years, so we didn't sell quite as many as we normally do during the two-day event, but that just meant more delicious leftover kebabs for us! Best wishes to long-time member Earl Saroyan, who announced at the kebab booth that he would be moving to the East Bay soon thereafter and would no longer be able to attend Peninsula meetings. You will be missed – keep in touch!

As we move forward in this new year of 2014, the Brothers of the Peninsula Chapter look forward to renewing old friendships and seeing our fellow Brother Trexmen at the upcoming Mid-Term Convention in the wonderful San Joaquin Valley! See you there soon!

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



Peninsula Brother Mark Antranikian (center) enjoys his final day as Grand Secretary with PGM Grand Editor Jack Ouzounian (on left).

Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

The year 2013 was a great year for the Palm Desert Chapter of Triple X Fraternity. Our brothers participated in meetings and events throughout the year and continue to be known in the community for their social and charitable contributions. The Palm Desert Chapter is growing stronger with the addition of several new members. We welcome new brothers, **Bro. Luigi Kyurkchyan, Bro. Sarkis Bedrosian, Bro. Harry Kaladjian, and Bro. Robert Minassian.**

Thank you to **Past Master, Bobby Melkessian** for a job well done and to all of our brothers for a great year!

After some brothers and their families attended the 2013 Convention in Fresno, hosted by our Selma brothers, the Palm Desert Chapter held their Installation and Awards Banquet in October, at Vicky's Restaurant in Indian Wells. Several members and their wives enjoyed a nice evening and delicious food. The newly elected Palm Desert officers for the year 2012-2013 were installed as follows:

Our Palm Desert Chapter's 2013 – 2014 Officers are:

- MasterBro. Christopher Markarian**
- Jr. MasterBro. Steve Afetian**
- Rec. Sec.....Bro. Harold Berghoudian**
- Treasurer.....PM Rob Carian**
- Cor. Secretary ..PGM Nick Nigosian**
- Sgt. At ArmsPM Luigi Kyurkchyan**

The Palm Desert brothers kicked off the new Trex year by hosting a Poker Tournament in September. Professional dealers and delicious meza added to the fun evening. The big winner was our own **PGM Greg Avedesian**, who showed off his poker face and skills for an exciting finish. This event was such a success that our brothers have scheduled another Poker Tournament for Saturday, January 25, 2014. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun in Palm Desert. Please contact **PM Rob Carian** and Chairman of this event, for more information.

Master Chris Markarian organized a Palm Desert Triple-X Chapter Christmas Party at the new Clementine's Mediterranean Restaurant in Palm Desert. **PGM Vaughn Vartanian** and his wife Lynette also attended the party. Everyone enjoyed an evening filled with dancing to live music and delicious food. It was the perfect start to the holiday season.



Installation Dinner 2013. Top: Bro. Jimmy Surabian, Bro. Ron Krajian and Guest, PM Gordon Chuchian, PM Rob Carian; Bottom: Joanne Ohanesian, Tracy Chuchian and Paula Yeager



Installation Dinner 2013. Top: PM Bobby Melkessian, PM Greg Safoyan, Kim Safoyan, PGM Nick Nigosian Bottom: Wendy, Carolon Nigosian, Alice Safoyan and Elise Alchian



Installation Dinner 2013. Jacci and Bro. Garo Tutunjian, Sonia Matossian, Tammy and PM George Kirkjan



Installation Dinner 2013. Past Master Bobby Melkessian receives Past Master plaque from New Master Chris Markarian



Master Chris Markarian with Grand Master Sam Bagdassarian



Installation of Officers



PALM DESERT CHAPTER POKER TOURNAMENT - PGM Greg Avedesian and daughter Joy, PM Bobby Melkessian, PGM Nick Nigosian, Nolan, and PM Rob Carian

Our annual "Family Day at the Fair" at the Riverside County Date Festival is set for the three-day holiday weekend and will be held this year on February 15, 2014. We hope that you can all come and enjoy our desert hospitality, at this annual event.

The popular Palm Desert XXX Golf Outing and Reverse Raffle will be held again this year and is scheduled for April 26, 2014. The weather in the desert in April is perfect for golf and could also be your "lucky" month for winning the cash prize raffle. Be sure to contact a Palm Desert brother for more information on how you can enter the golf tournament and get your raffle ticket. Good luck!

Mark your calendars for all these upcoming Palm Desert events and watch for more information on other upcoming events throughout the year. Everyone is invited to come down and enjoy our Desert and participate in these events. Our brothers look forward to your visits and also to seeing everyone at the annual Midterm Convention and Labor Day Convention in Fresno. As always, we welcome all visiting brothers to our meetings, which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Happy New Year 2014.
Fraternally, **PGM Nick Nigosian**,
Corresponding Secretary



NEW MEMBERS - Bro. Sarkis Bedrosian, Bro. Harry Kaladjian, and Bro. Robert Minassian with Master Chris Markarian

Selma

Greetings Brothers, Friends, and Family Members of Triple X Fraternity,

First and foremost, thank you to everyone that was a part of the 84th Annual Triple X Convention. We had an absolute blast hosting Convention this past year, and we look forward to seeing everyone again at the 85th Annual Triple X Convention in Visalia, California.

Following Convention, we have been active in many events that have benefited the community at-large. To start, we held our 2nd Annual Sports Social with special guest Coach Rodney Terry of the Fresno State men's basketball team. Guests were able to interact with Coach Rodney Terry and his staff over a delicious kebob dinner. A BIG thanks to Grand Master Sam Bagdasarian and his infamous kitchen crew! Proceeds from the event were contributed towards the Bulldog Foundation. Soon afterwards, we held our annual Turkey Bingo at the California Armenian Home in Fresno, California. Over 200 guests were in attendance – our biggest turn out in history! Once again, another BIG thanks to Grand Master Sam Bagdasarian and his



PGM Harold Bazarian trying to decide which car to purchase.



Brothers from far and wide receiving a private tour of Dodge Vipers for Sale in Fresno, California during the 84th Annual Triple X Convention.



PGM Nick Nigolian (Sonny Bono) and Cher at the Sunday Installation Dinner during the 84th Annual Triple X Convention.



Bro. George Bedrosian Jr. with long-time friend Marv Rose – owner of Dodge Vipers for Sale.



Grand Master Sam Bagdasarian and his wife, Debbie, with Selma Chapter Brothers and their lovely dates for the CKACS New Year's Eve Party.

infamous kitchen crew – your hard work is always appreciated!

Our Installation Dinner was held in October at the Elbow Room Restaurant with over forty members and guests present. The new Grand Chapter Officers were present. At this time we honored Bro. Jack Ouzounian, PGM with a trophy for his many contributions to our chapter and the Grand Chapter.

Then, we held our Christmas Party at John's Incredible Pizza for the children and grandchildren of our chapter. Each child received a stocking, gaming credits, and of course – plenty of pizza to enjoy. Also, the children received a special visit from Santa Claus to tell him in-person what they would like for Christmas. Thank you Bro. Oscar Kasparian for organizing this fun event!

Lastly, to end the year, brothers attended the New Year's Eve Party to benefit the Charlie Keyan Armenian Community School in Clovis, California. All of us in attendance had a wonderful evening as we welcomed 2014 in the spirit of brotherhood!

To conclude, we look forward to all upcoming events for 2014. More importantly, we wish everyone the very best throughout this year and beyond!

Fraternally,
Bro. Master Grant Bedrosian



Installation Night.



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LA Juniors

Dear Brothers,

I would like to thank our outgoing Master of the Los Angeles Junior Triple-X chapter, Brother, Michael Nigosian, for doing a great job in leading our chapter last year. In the months following our annual Convention, the LA Juniors have been very busy. All our brothers have been very active in participating at various events and also with contributing great new ideas for future events. As the new Master for the coming year, we are excited to strengthen our presence within the Triple-X and contribute to the growth of our fraternity.

It was exciting to see that so many of the LA Junior brothers were able to attend the 2013 Convention in Fresno. The Juniors enjoyed the wonderful weekend together with brothers, family and friends.

The LA Juniors were a strong presence at the Los Angeles Installation Dinner in October. Several awards from previous years were presented to many of our members for well-deserved recognition of service. The LA Seniors always have an "interesting" program planned, as well as a large amount of great raffle prizes to lend excitement to the evening.

In keeping with our party traditions, this year's annual Ugly Sweater Party was held at Brother Paul Boranian's new home. Each year, this party gets more popular and is the perfect way to start the holiday season, and we're already looking forward to next year's "ugly sweater party"!

Several of the Juniors are planning to attend the Palm Desert Chapter's "Family Day at the Fair" at the Riverside County Date on February 15, 2014. We are looking forward to spending some time with the Festival Queen and Princesses (of course we are!).

The LA Juniors are looking forward to seeing everyone at the annual Midterm Convention in Visalia. We wish you all a prosperous and Happy New Year 2014!

Fraternally,
Master Patrick Kevorkian

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Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the next issue of Trex News is **July 1, 2014.**

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OBITUARIES

Garo Sedrakian - Mt Diablo Chapter

Garo was born in 1928 and died at the age of 85 on December 21, 2013.

He lived a short time in Tabriz and grew up in Tehran, Iran. In 1946, his family moved to Oakland, California where he ran his family's corner grocery store until 1959 except for his 2 years in the US Army from 1951 to 1953. In 1960, he started working in Sacramento for the California Department of Transportation as an electrical engineer. He tested such items as the now common reflective lane dividers and the street light that a driver can see only from certain angles.

In 1976, he moved back to the Bay Area to work for the Port Authority of Oakland. For the Port of Oakland, he helped oversee the purchase of numerous cranes. For the Oakland Airport, he oversaw the construction of Terminal 2.

As a young man in the US, he was involved with the AYF and ACYO of Oakland. He was a lifelong member of the ARF and the Triple X Armenian Fraternity since 1961. He served as a board member of the Finance Committee of the KZV Armenian School. He served the church both as a member of the Board of Trustees and as a delegate to the Prelacy. He regularly worked at the Thursday Bingo until his health failed him.

In 1957, he married Sonia Hagopian and raised three children: Armen, Ani and Lisa. He is survived by them as well as their spouses: Ruth, Shahe and Viken as well as 5 grandchildren: Sevan, Lori, Meg, Karin and David.



Paul Najimian - Fresno Chapter

Bro. Paul Najimian died Nov. 2013. He had joined Triple X in 1955 and was a very active member who served as secretary for two terms and was master for two terms. Paul was full of enthusiasm and was always willing to help our fraternity whenever needed. He was a great bartender at our events -- always with his winning smile and good humor. Also, Paul was a very important member of our Trex "Special" golf team. What a spark plug for all of us. He will be truly missed.

He is survived by Barbara, his wife of 51 years and daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Charley Newman, and grandsons Josh and Jake.

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Past Grandmasters at the 2013 Annual Convention held in Fresno. Front row, left to right: Garo Mirigian, Frank Korkmazian, Kay Cloud, Bob Juskalian, GM Sam Bagdasarian, Ed Hokokian, Chuck Parigian, Jack Bedoian. Second row: Jack Ouzounian, Pete Cholakian, Jeff Hazarian, Mel Shanoian, Greg Avedesian, Haig Jamgotchian, Nick Nigosian, Vaug Vartanian and Harold Bazarian.