

**Triple X Fraternity** 

# **57th Mid-Term Convention**

Hosted by the Fresno Chapter

Saturday, March 5, 2011

Fresno Chapter Club House

630 South Argyle

Fresno, California

Mid-Term Golf Tournament

Riverside Golf Course (7492 North Bryan Ave., Fresno - (559) 275-5900) 10:30 A.M. (See back page for entry blank and details)

Fresno Club House Open All Day

10:00 A.M. Doors Open (Tavloo, Gin, Pinochle) RSTDR

- Cocktails & Mezza 5:30 P.M. Dinner 6:30 P.M.
- Business Meeting 7:30 P.M.



# Grand Master's Message

Brothers,

As I visit the various Chapters, I am reminded of the purpose of our great Fraternity. So far, each Chapter I have visited has extended to me their warm welcome and brotherhood. We have such a great Fraternity, with Brothers and their families, promoting the good name of the Triple X Fraternity. I must remind everyone, particularly the current Masters, to continue promoting new membership and find ways to compete for the

Achievement Award. As we get involved in more events, we bring out the best characteristics of each Brother and continue to bond together. Let us pay particular attention to our Juniors, for they are definitely part of the Fraternity's future. They are looking to us for guidance and support. The growth of our Junior membership is our "pipeline" for this Fraternity's destiny.

I am looking forward to seeing my Brothers at our annual Mid-Term Convention in Fresno. I want to express my appreciation for all the Grand Chapter Officers that continue to support the Fraternity. Let us be guided by these 5 words, "Family, Faith, Country, Heritage, and Fraternity".

As we enter 2011, please accept my best wishes for a healthy and prosperous year to all the Brothers and their families. What an honor it is to serve as your Grand Master!

Fraternally, Harold Bazarian, G.M.

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# CAPITOL CHAPTER

2010 was another successful year for the Capitol Chapter. We now have the youngest slate of new executive officers with an average age of less than 40! We have great faith that this new team of young officers has the potential to accomplish all of our ambitious expectations. Important items at the top of the list include: increasing the number of our membership; increasing member attendance and

participation; adding new activities for the year; meeting or exceeding our charitable donations through increased revenues.



The Happy Clan of Capitol Chapter 2010 joined by Grand Chapter guests.

The "Children's Christmas Party" was again a great success with around 90 people attending, 30 of them children, Bro. Art Tatosian was a very generous and graceful Santa!

#### **2010-2011 OFFICERS:**

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The Capitol Chapter members meet first Wednesday of each month. Preceding each meeting we have a gourmet dinner usually hosted by a member, and on occasions, by the Chapter Treasury. Many thanks go to Bro. Art Tatosian who does a great job preparing most dinners.

#### PAST YEAR ACTIVITIES:

As usual, our first activity of the year in February was another enjoyable "Ladies Night Dinner" outing at a local restaurant. The event was chaired by PGM Alan Khatoonian, and son Bro. Master Sam.

Next, our very important annual "Kef Night" in May has become our signature event as our main fund raiser, and is well received by all attendees from the Sacramento community. Revenues from this event allowed us to donate a total of \$3000.00 to four different Armenian organizations. The event was chaired masterfully by PGM Alan Khatoonian and Bro. Art Tatosian with the help of several other brothers.

#### **MEMBER NEWS:**

. Bro. David Richardson became the happy dad-



Bros Bud Ohanesian and Pete Onnigian proudly displaying their plaques



Grand Master Jack Bedoyan and Brothers join in for dinner before meeting



Master Sam Khatoonian giving the welcome speech at the Ladies' Night dinner



New member, Bro Paul Yenovkian being sworn in by Grand Master Nick Nigosian.

dy of a new baby boy, Luke William, on July 22, 2010. Bro. David and wife Mary Beth are also the proud parents of Luke's 2-years old sister.

. Bros Bud Ohanesian and Pete Onnigian received plaques for their 50 and 25-year membership, respectively.

. Bro. George Shahinian and wife, Virginia, took a memorable Trans-Canada train tour in May. The tour started in Toronto and included several overnight stays along the very scenic trip back to Vancouver. Most memorable were: Niagara Falls boat ride under the Falls; Chateau Lake Louise; Banff; Standing on a 1000-ft thick Glacier; and just the majestic snow and glacier-capped mountains, and numerous lakes and rivers along the way.

. Finally, Bro Harry Sweet, who has been our Associate Editor for the last 46 years, has turned the pen over to yours truly. I take this honor very hesitantly since it will be very difficult, if not impossible, to "fill in Harry's shoes". Thank you Brother Harry for your incomparable service and penmanship.

Fraternally, Bro. George Shahinian

# San Diego

Dear Bros.

Our San Diego Chapter had a very successful year. We had a Trex Family Picnic in the Summer, then Trex Wine and Cheese Event in the Fall and the Annual Christmas Party in December.

The Wine and Cheese Event, which was held on October 23rd at the beautiful Rancho Bernardo Courtyard, was fabulous. Over 100 guests and brothers were present, including Grand Master Harold Bazarian. The guests had such great time with the wine, cheese, fruits and appetizers in the beautiful atmosphere and soft Italian music provided by Bro. DJ Steve Hovsepian, that all stayed during the entire three hour period. The event was so successful that our chapter brothers decided to make it an annual event. All the proceeds from the Wine and Cheese will be given as scholarships to qualified college students of Armenian descent.

Bro. Vahan Serpekian Treasurer



Wine and Cheese Event: PGM Joe Kellejian, Treasurer Vahan Serpekian checking the wine and guests.



Bro. Jerry Tashjian serving wine to guests.

### Golden Gate

# GREETINGS FROM THE GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER

We offer our congratulations to our new Grand Master Harold Bazarian and we look forward to working with him this year.

We of the Golden Gate chapter have had a very exciting year. As true trexmen we have supported other chapters. To give an example, fourteen of our members along with wives attended the Orange county convention. The same number without wives attended the Oakland chapters lobster fest. And five of us along with wives supported the Oak-

### San Diego (cont.)



Bro. Jack Hachigian, foreground, and guests.



Guests enjoying wine, cheese, hummus spread.



Master Harry Nalbandian with San Diego Armenian Church Parish Priest Rev. Father Datev Tatoulian.

land chapter's Christmas party.

Janis and Gary Naman hosted our Christmas party at their beautiful appointed and situated home overlooking the SF Bay. There were 34 of us who attended and we were joined by Trexmen and their wives from the Oakland and Mt. Diablo chapters. Prospective members were invited as well. It was a fun party put on by gracious hosts.

# Mark your calendars now for Labor Day weekend in 2012.

It has been a long time since we have held a convention in SF. We are planning a weekend of exciting activities for everyone of all ages. We are offering innovative ways to make it easier for you to come to SF. For instance, we will hold a raffle whereby the winner shall receive a hotel room for double occupancy, two tickets to the Saturday night affair, and two tickets to the Sunday dinner. If you don't win, don't despair. We are also giving away a one-week stay in Maui, Hawaii, plus other amazing prizes.

San Francisco has a lot of things to offer. If you are a Giant or a 49er fan, they will more than likely be playing here that weekend. Take a Bay cruise with your family, and attend our Saturday night dinner/dance aboard the historic San Francisco Belle, a wonderful paddle wheel boat. Ladies, be entertained by something typically San Franciscan – come to the Sunday Ladies Luncheon, a co-ed affair. For the younger crowd, the ACYO and AYF are



Preparing for 2012 Convention in San Francisco: Master Garo Mirigian, Elise Kazanjian and Vartan Hovsepian.



Henry Shismanian, Gary Naman and Hagop Koujakian.

handling the game room, so be sure to bring your kids. For the disco crowd, our town has a variety of great places. And for all of you, we promise you a great weekend. Cable car rides, ferry rides, shopping, sights, Museums, the Farmer's Market at the Ferry Building—There is something for everybody. We guarantee you won't be bored. After all this is San Francisco, one of the destination points of the world.

You can expect over the next year and a half, visitations from our chapter to yours to give you the latest update on our convention.

At present, Brother Master Garo Mirigian is preparing a Valentine's Day party at Ghirardelli Square in the Fisherman Wharf area. We are anticipating well over 50 people to enjoy the festivities on Saturday, February 12 at McCormick Kuletos Restaurant. And Garo always has wonderful gifts for the ladies and entertainment for everyone.

This past year we have had a full complement of activities to keep us busy. We went to San Jose to the Technology Museum to view a fascinating exhibit titled, Genghis Khan. We found out that his invasions covered Van and other areas, so we all might have a little of Genghis Kan in us.

During the year we awarded four \$1,000 scholarships to bright young Armenian women and men planning to attend university. Our members have ventured into all Bay Area Armenian churches and not only helped in the barbecuing but also helped where ever they were needed, in the food line, games, etc. This was done in a true brotherly and cooperative spirit.

Several of our meetings were enhanced by talks from members about their professions. Jerry Vorperian spoke about the furniture business, and Ralph Kazanjian about the pawnshop industry.

It has been great to see Past Grand Master Al Nalbandian return and attend meetings. We miss Robert Arabian who has moved back to Detroit. And we miss seeing Leonard Kaprielian and George Mardikian who have been ill. We are glad to hear that Leonard is getting better and would welcome visits from Brothers—please call first. It is good to see that George Atashkarian is his old self again. He and Mary are heading to Mazatlan for three weeks.

Brother Master Garo Mirigian, our choice for Grand Master for 2011-2012. Let's make our 2012 San Francisco really spectacular with Grand Master Garo Mirigian heading up our stellar list of convention committees.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Las Vegas convention where we will have a hospitality room. All are welcome.

Ralph Kazanjian, Editor

### **Oakland**

Parev and Greetings from your Brothers in the Oakland Chapter! 2010 was another eventful year of fun, fundraising and fraternity here in the other City by the Bay.

Oakland is a vibrant chapter with a great group of participating Brothers. This year we welcomed Brother Nick (Son of Rick) Magarian into the fold. Brother Rick was Master at the time and was proud to swear in his oldest son.

Sadly we recently lost one of our most active members with the passing of Brother Masis Gozurian. For those of you who knew Brother Masis, please dedicate your next hand of Poker or Gin to him.

Brothers got away from it all this year with stag outings to Arnold and Reno where there were plenty of card games, rounds of golf and God knows what else. A Valley stag outing was planned for a



Brother Masis having a final Cigar.



Brother Rick Mickaels presents a check to the Contra Costa/Solano County Food Bank.



Bro. Joe gets the King Lobster from Bro. Steve.



Trexmas with Bro. Ron Mickaels, Mt. Diablo member Jeff Apkarian and wife Jennifer.

Giants / A's game in May. However none of the Valley Brothers could get their wives to let them out. Apparently the only way to get our Valley Brothers up here is to ask them to cook for us! In July we took our annual Family Camping trip into the Sierra. Beautiful Loon Lake was the location where PM Rick Magarian caught a monster Trout; the only fish caught the entire weekend. After serving his term as Master, Rick Magarian hosted a Cigar night at his house. Brothers were treated to four fine Cigars and libations of their choosing.

We raised funds for charity this past year at our annual Crab Feed. It was another resounding success, with over 300 in attendance. Among the charities to benefit from this event were three Bay Area food banks. The demand for services from food banks has been overwhelming in recent years. Helping to feed folks in need is more satisfying than a slab of Prime Rib.

In April our current Master George Kamian and Brother Rick Mickaels rode their bikes 62 miles in the Mt. Charlie Challenge to raise money for local schools. In September, Brother Rick and his wife Sherry rode their Tandem bicycle over 150 miles to raise money and awareness for the treatment of Multiple Sclerocis. Brothers from the chapter were generous in donating to these and many other charities throughout the year.

We hosted several Inter-Chapter dinners in 2010. PGM Jack Bedoian brought his crew up from Fresno to cook a fantastic Luleh Kebab dinner for the Northern California chapters in May. In July Brother George Titizian plied our local chapters with dinner in order to ask for our votes in his bid for Grand Master. November, Brother Craig Bazigian threw his annual fresh Lobster fete. We always have plenty of Brothers from Golden Gate, Mt. Diablo and Peninsula chapters for that event. We even got to cook for some of our Valley Brothers that night.

Finally we celebrated the Holiday Season at our annual Christmas Party with our Brothers from around the Bay. in early December at Il Pescatore Ristorante on the Oakland estuary. In case you haven't figured it out, we eat well in Oaktown.

> Fraternally Submitted Rick Mickaels



Father and Son: Bro's Jim Taylor, Chris Taylor and Oakland Charter Member Al Yeremian enjoy artery clogging Lobster dinner.



Brothers Masis Gozurian, Rick Mickaels and Rick Magarian enjoy the big smoke.



Bros. Harold Koojoolian, Paul Kamian, Alan Melkesian and Craig Bazigian stinkin' up the joint.

# Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

In July we kicked off the summer with our 2nd Hollywood Park Annual LA Trex day at races. Past Master John Saroyan put together a great event. We were given our own VIP seating area (next to the bar), enjoyed a beautiful brunch and even had a race named after The Los Angeles Triple X Fraternity. Bro Master Shant was new to horse racing as demonstrated by his terrible picks. In one race, the horse he picked to win was so bad, it had to be "put-down" in the home stretch. On the other hand, Bro. Carl Marderosian demonstrated his seasoned experience by picking winners and schooling some of our other Brothers. Another great time for LA TREX. Thanks Past Master Bro John.

Over Labor Day, most of the LA Brothers drove south for the Annual Convention hosted by the Orange County Chapter. There was strong campaigning done by both candidates for Grand Master and the Los Angeles Chapter proudly supported our very own Bro. George Titizian. It was a very close vote with at least one recount. In the end, Bro George showed grace and class by congratulating our new Grand Master Harold Bazarian on his victory. Bro George serves as an example to us all on how to conduct ourselves as Brothers.

In September, the Los Angeles Chapter hosted the Annual Ararat Home Picnic chaired by a great committee made up of Bros William Kevorkian, Steve Hampar, Shant Dergazarian, Joe Ouzounian, Matt Matoesian, John Casparian, PGM David Maseredjian, Galen Petoyan, Richard Jebejian and Michael Surmeian. With the help of almost all our members, wives and many of their kids, we served well over 1200 hearty meals. 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 and Bro Martin Titizian co-chaired our Annual Stagg Outing at the Westin Resort in Palm Desert. This year stands out as one of the best ever. Not sure if it was the great food, golf or the eight on eight gin game lasting 17 hours over 2 days. Bro Chuck Simonian from the Sequoia Chapter didn't disappoint us and brought the spicy pickled eggs again. Saturday night Bro Tev organized a great dinner out at Babe's Steakhouse in a private room. Some of the guys stayed back to watch Bro Mike Shakar have a complete melt-down as his play-by-play predictions come true while watching the USC football game. Thank you again Bro Tev, PGM Mel and Bro Martin!

Later in October Bro Gary Zakarian and Wil-

liam Kevorkian chaired our annual Installation Banquet at the beautiful Porter Valley Country Club to honor our outgoing Master, Bro John Saroyan and his executive board. These Brothers' wives Aline Zakarian and Diana Kevorkian sacrificed to make this such a top notch event. It was a full house that night with over 100 guests. Everyone enjoyed the cocktail hour, buffet dinner, raffle and program. Bro Irv Nishkian was honored for his 50 yrs in the Triple X as well as number of other brothers honored for their 25 yrs of service. Our new officers were also sworn in led by Master Shant Dergazarian, Jr. Master Armen Titizian, Recording Secretary Greg Shanoian, Treasurer Bro Ron Roopenian, Corresponding Secretary Robert Momjian and Sgt at Arms Garo Papazian. Superb work Bro's Gary and William with special thanks to their wonderful wives.

In November Bros John Casparian and Stan Roopenian chaired the Annual Gin Tournament. The players battled until about midnight when the winners were determined. Bro Carl Mardirosian and Bro Armen Hampar went undefeated in a double elimination format, being crowned the 1st place winners. Taking 2nd place were PGM David Maseredjian and Gregg Kludjian. Bro Stan Roopenian and his partner Paul Gedigian took 3rd place. All players were treated to an unbelievable dinner and drinks. Thank you for the great event Bros John and Stan.

In November the Los Angeles Jr's celebrated their 75th Anniversary with an amazing event held in the Grand Ball Room of the Ararat Home. The place was filled to capacity with former Jr's and families dating as far back as the Chapter's inception in 1935! Guests were treated to a hosted cocktail hour, appetizers and gallery of pictures



PGM David Maseredjian presents Bro Oshyn Casparian with a limited edition 75 year TREX Pin during the 75 Year Anniversary of the Los Angeles Jr. Triple X Fraternity. Bro Oshyn is the only surviving member of the original Los Angeles Jr. Triple X Chapter which was established in 1935.

from all generations as well as a constant loop of projected photos from all years past. Guests dined on a delicious dinner and were treated to program where a former Junior brother from each decade delivered a message about their time in the LA Jrs. Bro. Oshyn Kasparian and his bride Helen rescheduled a cruise to attend the event. Bro Oshyn, the only remaining original LA Jr. from 1935, was also honored and given a special gift and a 75 yr pin specially made by Bro Steve and Mark Mikaelian for the event. The Jr's also held a silent auction with beautiful pieces to bid on and provided a commemorative booklet and lapel pins for the even. The Master of the LA Jr.'s, Bro Adam Mikaelian gave the closing remarks where he thanked the current Jr. Bro's for their hard work to have the event with a special recognition to Bro. Dave Maseredjian Jr. for spearheading the leadership of the event, helping to make it such a great night. Dancing and exchanging of stories capped off the event making it a truly memorable evening. See the pictures from this great evening at www.tinyurl.com/trex75th.

In December several of the wives co-chair our Family Christmas Party. Candice Titizian, Lara Titizian, Lucy Nalbandian, Sonja Mikaelian, and Laura Surmeian have been putting this event on for a number of years. About 50 Brothers, families and grandchildren enjoyed the event complete with a great meal prepared by the amazing Sharon Shanoian, incredible desserts by Lara Titizian, crafts for the kids and a visit from Santa himself. Our old Santa suit had seen better days. Bro Steve Mikaelian held a one-man strike, refusing to expose himself any longer in the old suit. A new Santa suit was donated and the strike was promptly called off. Santa sashayed into the room,

took his seat and began handing out presents to the kids as their names were called. Things were going too smooth - like the calm before the storm. Then it happened. One of the bigger kids heard his name called to sit on Santa's lap. In his excitement, he leaped from a few feet away and landed square on Santa's "butcher shop". Santa let out an ear piercing girlish shriek causing many of the kids to instantly burst into tears while some of the more sensitive kids passed out. Disaster had once again struck the party. Special thanks to Sharon Shanoian for all her hard work, to the girls that organized the party and to Bro Steve Mikaelian for again sacrificing his body.

2011 will be another great year for the LA Chapter and we look forward to the upcoming events.

Regards, Bro Michael Surmeian Associate Editor



L to R – Bros Carl, John and Jimmy watched with mixed emotions as Bro Master Shant's favorite horse had to be shot mid-race at Hollywood Park Race Track for LA Trex Day at the Races. Better luck next year.



Bro Steve turning on the charm with little Joey (son of Bro Armen and Lara Titizian). Bro Steve really has a way with kids. Nothing says "Merry Christmas" like little Joey's fingers digging into his Mom's arm. Great work Bro Steve!



While taking yet another break during the Ararat Home Picnic, Bros Rob, Sam, Sammy, PGM Mel and Bro Galen sat around a trash can singing the blues in acappella.

# Los Angeles Juniors

Brothers:

The Los Angeles Junior Triple X Fraternity has been busy in 2010!

From our 75th Anniversary Celebration to our infamous Halloween Party to our annual Ugly Sweater Social, we have found more and more ways to spend time together.

Since Mid-term, the Juniors have hosted a few poker tournaments to bond together and bring new prospective members around the fraternity.

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

We celebrated 75 years of Junior Trex history when we hosted an anniversary banquet to commemorate the accomplishment. There were many memories that were shared and created. We'd like to take this moment to thank everyone who attended or supported the event!

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

Fraternally,

Bro. Adam Mikaelian Junior Master of the Los Angeles Juniors



Past Grand Masters and Current Grand Master Harold Bazarian (center).



LA Jr. Brothers before the Ceremony



Jr. Brothers after the Anniversary.

### Fresno

Greatings from Fresno Chapter, we hope everyone had a great Christmas and a good new year to all our families and friends.

Our officers for 2011 are: P.M. Gary Kazarian, MASTER, Bill Kandarian, Jr. Master, Tarjan Bedoian, Co-Jr Master, P.M. Richard Shirin, Treasurer, P.M. Richard Bedoian, Recording Sec., Tarjian Bedoian, Corresponding Sec., and Michael Basmajian, Assoc. Editor.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our 50 year members from the last few years. They are: PGM Ed Hokoian, PGM Bob Juskalian, PGM Mike Chakalozian, PGM Jack Bedoian, PM Gary Kazarian, Pete Chilpigian, Bill Adanalian, Carl Hosepian, John Bandelian Sr., Bob Sarkisian, Rick Daloyan, Chuck Adanalian, Naz Chaderjian, and Mose Mooradian. What a group, over 700 years of service to Triple X Fraternity. This is what the club is about: SERVICE and GIVING!

After the September convention where Harold Bazarian was voted in as Grand Master, we say congratulations and the Fresno Chapter was off and running.

In September we had a great dinner done by Jr. Master Bill Kandarian with a business meeting the same night. Master Gary Kazarian presented Naz Chaderjian his 50 year plaque.

In October the Fraternity had a dinner for prospective members, hoping to get some new members!

In November the club went out to eat at REPS Cafe, which is managed by PM Paul Najimian.



Gary Kazarian, P.M., presenting 50-year plaque to Bro. Naz Chaderjian.



Brothers enjoying Christmas dinner at Yosemite Falls.



Dave Kandarian, Naz Chaderjian, Mardy Marderosian



GM Harold Bazarian and wife, PGM Jack Bedoian and wife.



Ed Hokokian, PGM, Gary Kazarian, PM, Mary Ann Hokokian and Denva Kazarian.

Also in Nov. a large group of members went to the Calif. Armenian Home to visit Carl Hovsepian to present his 50 year plaque.

In December was our Christmas dinner at Yosemite Falls Cafe attended by over 50 people including our Grand Master!! A job well done by Jr. Master Bill Kandarian.

In January the fraternity is going to Reps Cafe to have dinner and then to a Fresno City basketball game. The FCC coach has been at our club house for a fund raiser so we will pay him back by going to one of his games.

Future events include a February sweetheart night. In the spring the fraternity is going to a Grizzlies game. Also coming up is our annual Pat Hill night and our LAST car show!

In a sad note we lost two great long time members: Hagop "Jack" Kismetian and P.M. Sam Simonian a.k.a. the *Candyman*. May God rest their souls....

In closing, we will see all of you in Fresno for the mid-term, March 5th. At the mid-term come and see our NEW donation board sign made and donated by Jeff Tanielian in memory of his father P.M. Harry Tanielian.

> Respectfully submitted, Richard Bedoian PM Michael Basmajian, Assoc. Editor

### **NOTICE**

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the next issue of Trex News is <u>July</u> 8, 2011.

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# **Orange County**

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Board of Directors: Bros. John Cholakian, Brian Hovey, Fred Cartozian, Dave Berberian, Ron Sarouhan, Larry Kaprielian.

Our Chapter has the Honor of having the New Grand Master Bro. Harold Bazarian who has been busy going to other Chapters activities and helping to encourage the growth and prosperity of the Trex Fraternity. Bro G.M. Harold and his wife Kathy are enjoying their travels.

Bro. Master Ken is doing a great job directing his officers and making the meetings both business like and fun. We are bringing in young new members; Bro. Shant Dakessian, David Hekimian, Eric Simonoff, and more to come. Our Jr. Chapter is starting to come alive again too and we thank all the Brothers who helped to make this happen.

Our 35th Annual Picnic which is better every year and at a beautiful location Mason Regional Park in Irvine. Chairman Bro. Wayne Najarian



2011 Officers: Henry, Steve, Simon, Master Ken, Larry, Terry, Eric.



Trexmen of the Year Awards: Bros. Larry, P.M. George, Rob, Steve, Don, Wayne, and G.M. Harold.



 $50 ext{-}Year$  Members Bros. Malcolm and Haig with G.M. Harold.



2010 Convention - Brothers Having Fun.



2010 Convention

and Bro. Art Kazarian do a fabulous job in organizing this event. All the Brothers and wives do a wonderful job in helping out. The Shish Kabob and Pilaf and all the extra's are delicious. There was Armenian music by Guy Chookoorian Band and games for the kids. Come join us next year on July 24, 2011.

Bro. Mark Hachigian again did a great job at our Stag Angels Baseball night out for our Brothers and guests. This time we had really good seats where we could see the whole ball field. Thanks Bro. Mark we had a great time with over 30 brothers and friends attending.

This year was our opportunity to have the Trex Convention. Co Chairmen Bro. Rob Tusan and Bro. Larry Kaprielian did an outstanding job of putting together all the sub committees and the



2010 Convention - Looks like Marcia is winning and Jerry and Jack just lost their hands.



Bros. John, Larry, Don, and G.M. Harold cooking the best Shish Kabob in the U.S.A.



Kids having fun at picnic.



Jr. Grand Master Richard Jebejian and wife Barbara and Grand Master Bro. Harold Bazarian and wife Kathy.

activities to make this a great event. Thanks to all the Chapters for their support. Friday night's Casino Night had over 300 in attendance, Saturday had 60 golfers for the tournament, gin and tavloo had 40, Saturday night dinner dance over 600, Sunday Breakfast for the men over 150 members, Ladies Luncheon over 100 and the Grand Ball had 150 in attendance. Thanks again to all the Brothers and wives who helped and a special thanks goes to Jon and Jackie Agajanian for putting on the O.C. Hospitality Room for 3 days. The food and drinks never stopped. Also thanks to my wife Marcia Jamgotchian who was the Convention Booklet Chairman with a little help from me.

Our Installation was at Zov's Armenian Bistro where we have our meetings. Grand Master Harold Bazarian and wife Kathy were our Honored Guests as was the Grand Treasurer Bro. Rob Tusan and Grand Secy. Bro. George Ampagoomian. G.M. Harold swore in the new officers and we had honored 5 brothers for Trexman of the Year who were Bros. Larry Kaprielian, Rob Tusan, Steve Sahagian, Don Kazarian, and Wayne Najarian.

Chairman Bro. Ron Sarouhan put on our Annual Christmas Party at the T Room in Newport Beach. Our Santa Claus was Bro. George Banerian from the San Diego Chapter. He is the best Santa. Thanks to all who brought Toys to give to needy children.

We have lost one of our truly beloved Brothers Paul Moses Hachigian who was a dedicated Trexman who supported all of our activities. He held office of Treasurer for 2 years. Our Condolences to his family especially his wife Rose and son Bro. Mark. We will sure miss you Bro. Hach.

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

See you at the Mid Term.

Respectfully, P.G.M. Haig Jamgotchian



2010 Convention.

### Mt. Diablo

Greetings Brothers. Our officers for 2010-2011 are as follows:

Our thanks to returning Master Jeff and Treasurer Ed, for volunteering to continue as officers for another year. In July, we held our Annual Family Picnic held at Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga. There were over 30 Brothers, wives and guests who enjoyed delicious lulu kebab lunch, pilaf and



Brother Garo and Pat Keadjian, Jerry Tusan, Dickie and Seno Garabedian at Convention



Bros Ara Apkarian, Garo Keadjian, Master Jeff Apkarian, Jerry Tusan, Ray Chiljan



Brother Ed and Bonnie Hazarabedian watching the



Brother Jerry Tusan and George Rustigian at Convention Breakfast

all the trimmings. Thanks again to Brothers Jerry Tusan, Jeff Apkarian and of course the famous head BBQ chef, Ed Hazarabedian and crew.

We congratulate the Orange County Brothers on the success of the Orange County Convention. The Brothers and Families who attended included Garo Keadjian, George Rustigian, Seno Garabedian, Jeff Apkarian and Jerry Tusan.

On September 18, Brother Richard Asadoorian organized three hours of community service at the Contra Costa Food Bank. Thanks to Brothers Richard Asadoorian, Jeff Apkarian, Shavarsh and Ed Hazarabedian for representing our Chapter.

Our Speaker for the October meeting was Brother Richard Asadoorian who gave an informative presentation on his decision to seek office on the Contra Costa County Board of Education. It



Brother Kevork and Grace Hagopian with his 1957 Fairlane and 1955 Crown Victoria



Mt Diablo Family Picnic.

was very informative and uplifting.

We want to offer a special thanks to PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian who is always available to conduct the installation tradition to incoming officers and new members.

On December 4 we were to have our Christmas Party at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. Sadly, we received news Brother Ray Chiljan's wife, Anita, passed away just days before. As per Brother Ray's wishes, the Memorial Dinner was combined into one event, which also offered a nice tribute to Anita.

See you at the Mid Term in March. Respectfully Submitted Jerry Tusan, Associate Editor



Master Jeff and Jennifer Apkarian



Brother Richard Asadoorian dedicating a song at Anita Chiljan's memorial dinner



Carol and Brothers George Rustigian, Garo Keadjian, Vic Vasgerdsian and Al Kaljian.

### Palm Desert

Dear Brothers.

The year 2010 was a great year for the Palm Desert Chapter of Triple X Fraternity. We hosted several successful events and continue to be known in the community for our social and charitable contributions. Thank you to Past Master, Gary Funtas for a job well done and to all of our brothers for a great year!

Palm Desert brothers and their families enjoyed the 2010 Convention in Costa Mesa. Thank you to our Orange County brothers for hosting a fun filled convention! Our chapter is very excited and proud to have been awarded the annual Triple-X Achievement Award during this past convention and thank Past Master Gary Funtas for leading us towards this accomplishment. This is the fourth time to be awarded this honor in the past ten years.

In October, we held our Installation and Awards Banquet at Vicky's of Santa Fe restaurant in Indian Wells. We installed our newly elected officers for the year 2010-2011 and enjoyed the evening with members and their wives. We were hon-



INSTALLATION DINNER: PGM Nick Nigosian, Master Gordon Chuchian, Grand Master Harold Bazarian and PGM Greg Avedesian



INSTALLATION DINNER: Bro. Greg Der Kevorkian, PGM Nick Nigosian, Jennifer Huether, PM Neil Huether, Carolon Nigosian, Master Gordon Chuchian, Tracy Chuchian, Kathy Bazarian and Grand Master Harold Bazarian

ored that our new Grand Master, Harold Bazarian and his wife Kathy were able to attend this year's Installation Banquet.

Our Palm Desert Chapter's 2010 - 2011 Officers are:

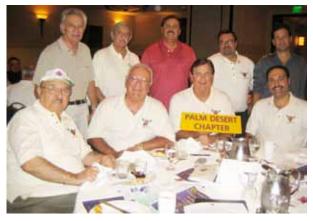
Master	Bro. Gordon Chuchian
Jr. Master	PM Greg Kirkjan
Rec. Secretary	Bro. Steve Afetian
Treasurer	Bro. Koko Mazmanian
Corres. Secretary	Bro. Robert Carian
Sergeant At Arms	Bro. Dikran Torian

Our annual Christmas Kef was held on December 10, 2010, at The IW Club in Indian Wells. It was an evening filled with delicious food, dancing, and great live music. The evening was a great start to the holiday season and was enjoyed by our brothers, their wives, friends and families. Thank you to Master Gordon and wife Tracy for organizing this very successful holiday event.

Our annual "Family Day at the Fair" at the Riverside County Date Festival is set for February 26, 2011. Come and enjoy our desert hospitality at this annual event. Also, be sure to watch for more information on this year's "Desert Golf Outing".



INSTALLATION DINNER: Bro. Steve Afetian and sister Marion Afetian, Tammy Kirkjan and PM George Kirkjan



ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION 2010: Top Row: PM Armen Yarijian, PGM Nick Nigosian, Bro. Gordon Chuchian, PM VJ Mkrtchian, PM Greg Kirkjan, PM George Kirkjan. Seated: Bro. Norman Matossian, PGM Greg Avedesian, Master Gary Funtas, PM Greg Safoyan



INSTALLATION DINNER: Master Gordon Chuchian and wife Tracy Chuchian



CHRISTMAS KEF: PM Howard Chuchian and wife Beverly Chuchian



ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION 2010: PM George Kirkjan and PGM Nick Nigosian Displaying the Achievement Trophy for the Palm Desert Chapter



CHRISTMAS KEF: Bro. Abe Baghbodourian, Tammy Kirkjan, Yvonne Kandarian and Bro. Eugene Kandarian



INSTALLATION DINNER: Master Gordon Chuchian presenting PM Gary Funtas with the Appreciation Gavel and Plaque

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

Happy New Year 2011.

Fraternally, Master, Gordon Chuchian

# In Memoriam (as of Sept. 2010)

#### **Fresno**

Joe Agopian Sam Simone Simonian

### Los Angeles

Ken Khteian Earl Paul

### Palm Desert

Dick Odabashian

#### Selma

Nubert Baker Steve Matoian Gerald Surabian Jake Mooradian Vahe Simonian

#### Sequoia Harry Davidian

Our heartfelt sympathies to the immediate family and loved ones.

### PENINSULA

Hello Brothers, Families, and Friends! Peninsula Chapter officers for 2010-11 are:

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

We hold our Chapter meetings on the third Thursday of each month at the Los Altos Masonic Lodge, 146 Main Street in Los Altos. We meet either downstairs in a large banquet room where there is an industrial-size kitchen, or when the weather's nice we'll often be outside in the recently-renovated courtyard patio, most likely with a few of the Brothers gathered around the barbecue! Our hardworking team of chefs has built a well-deserved reputation for preparing delicious meals, so if you're ever in the area, please feel free to stop by and pay us a visit to enjoy the food and fellowship, and perhaps even play a game or two of tav-loo as well!

In July we held a family barbecue event, hosted by Vic and Linda Khachooni at their beautiful home. There was a very nice turnout of about 25



Brother Joe Keshishian (center, in hat) entertains guests at the July BBQ with some of his amazing war stories.



Everyone at the July BBQ had a great time eating and socializing!



Bros. Mark Antranikian, Vartan Berberian, Joe Keshishian, Vic Khachooni, and Vazgen Babayan pose by the flags and banner at the July BBQ party.



Brothers Joe Keshishian, Vazgen Babayan, and Earl Saroyan preparing the barbecue for our kebab booth at the Mountain View Art & Wine Festival.



A crowd begins to gather around our food booth at the Mountain View Art & Wine Festival!



A rowdy group from the September monthly meeting! Seated: Joe Keshishian, Vic Khachooni, Earl Saroyan, Daryl Jamgotchian, Mike Kachatourian. Standing: Mark Antranikian, Kip Garabedian, Ruben Kazarian, Aram Salmassian, Vazgen Babayan, Vartan Berberian.

people or so, and everyone had a great time! There was plenty of delicious food and fun games to be had, and it was lots of fun to see and socialize with the Brothers and their family members in such a wonderful setting.

In September, several members attended the Annual Convention in Orange County. We had a very nice time at all the events, including the casino night and the dinner/dance banquet. On a personal note, I entered the tavloo and poker tournaments – we won't mention how the poker went, but I was fortunate enough to place 2nd in tavloo! It was also interesting to be involved in an election where there were actually two candidates running for Grand Master (for the first time in many, many years)!

The weekend after the Convention, we held our 11th annual fundraiser at the Mountain View Art and Wine Festival. We have a booth there where we sell delicious homemade lamb and beef kebabs. We use the funds raised there to make donations to various organizations and charities throughout the year. The great majority of our membership gets involved with at least some part of the preparation, setup, cooking, and selling during the event. It's a lot of work but also a lot of fun, and we actually set a new record for profits this year as well! Thanks to everyone for helping to make this annual event a great success!

On a solemn note, the Peninsula Chapter lost a longtime member in November with the passing of Brother Mike Michaelian at the age of 87. He had been a Trex member since 1971 and had served the Chapter well in numerous capacities throughout the years, including that of Master. He will be missed; may God rest his soul.

The Peninsula Brothers look forward to seeing many old friends and fellow Trexmen at the upcoming Mid-Term Convention in the great San Joaquin Valley.

Fraternally submitted, Brother Mark Antranikian Junior Master/Corresponding Secretary



Peninsula Delegates had a great time at the Annual Convention in Costa Mesa: Bros. Mark Antranikian, Vic Khachooni, Larry Karabian, Kip Garabedian, and Vazgen Babayan.

### Selma

Parev Brothers.

A new year has started and we all look forward to great times, and those great events that bring us all together. Orange Co.unty,that was an exciting and fun convention. Thanks for all your hard work and preparations. You set the standard for hospitality.

Brother Grand Master Harold Bazarian and his wife started his journey around the chapters with us at our installation dinner. Our new Grand Master and several past GM's were there to help incoming Master Bro. Bob Kandarian and his new officers team started on the right foot. Good Luck to all.

November found us having our Turkey Bingo. Bros. Aaron Krikorian and Harry Kutumian put on a great event. More food and prizes than ever, way to go Bros. Once again we borrowed a theme from some of the other chapters and had Christmas Dinner with wives and significant others also a few Bros. flew in solo.

Many thanks to our Webmaster, Bro. Chuck



Turkey Bingo - Grant Bedrosian and Joey Sahagian serving refreshments.



Turkey Bingo

Jamgotchian, for keeping our site current. Besides the last few issues of the Trex-News you will find a treasure, dug up by Bro. Perry Mamigonian. Bro. Perry found an issue of the Trex-News from 1933. Bro. Chuck has posted it on our site, we encourage you to read it.

By the time you read this will be getting things in motion for or annual Law Enforcement Dinner (3/17) as well as our 3rd Annual Poker tournament.

Sadly, we lost five Brothers last year. Bros. Nubert Baker, Steve Matoian, Gerald Surabian, Vahe Simonian and Jake Mooradian. Bro. Jake had been a member of the Selma Chapter since 1956. Our sympathies and prayers go to their families.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Mid-Term in a few weeks.

> Fraternally, Bro. Peter Cholakian,PGM Associate Editor



Bro. Milton Torigian, 50-yr. Membership award recipient, with Randy Garabedian (25-yr) and Haig Aivazian 100% attendance.



Bros. David Sarabian, Michael Sarabian and John Tufenkjian with 25-yr. membership awards.



Master Robert Kandarian presenting 25-year pin to Fred Venlarcik, who was also the winner of the capsule drawing that night.



Matt Cholakian and family at our Christmas dinner.



Servers and brothers singing Happy birthday to Bro. Aaron Krikorian.



Master Robert Kandarian and Junior Master Dan Boyajian.



A fast game of tavloo before the meeting. Bros. Harry Kutumian and Jim Tikijian, Grand Marshal.

# Sequoia

Happy New Year belatedly to everyone, and warm greetings from the Central Valley of California. It seems hard to believe that another year has come and gone so quickly. We are now enjoying the view of those beautiful, snow-capped Sierra Nevada Mountains just to the east of us which is one of the benefits of living here in the Central Valley.

Our 2010-2011 year began with the election of new officers. Starting with our Master, Bryan Yahnian, Junior Master, Charlie Amasalian, Treasurer, Ron Shanoian, Recording Secretary, Chuck Simonian, Corresponding Secretary, Charlie Amasalian, Sergeant at Arms, Brian Poochigian, Historian, Thomas Babagian and Webmaster Master, Peter H. Babagian, P.G.M..

We would like to say a big THANK YOU, to all the brothers of the Orange County Chapter, and the hard work of their committees that hosted the Triple X 81th Annual Convention in Costa Mesa last September, 2010. What an outstanding time we all had. We danced all night to the wonderful band of the Oasis Middle Eastern Ensemble, and enjoyed the wonderful food and fellowship you all provided. It was an exciting time for all.

We have had an exciting year so far, and good participation by our members. We are looking forward to our Ladies Night/Installation Dinner coming up January 14, 2011 at one of our favorite restaurants, the Vintage Press Restaurant here in Visalia. Chef David Vartanian, part owner and Trex brother, will be putting on a special cooking demonstration for us, and then a wonderful dinner followed by installation of officers.

We were honored to have four Past Grand Masters join us for dinner last summer at the Canton Chinese Restaurant in Visalia, including Jack Bedoian from the Fresno Chapter, Pete Cholakian from the Selma Chapter, and Jerry Poochigian and Peter H. Babagian from the Sequoia Chapter. Also attending the dinner was Harold Bazarian from the Orange County Chapter who was at that time a candidate for Grand Master.

We had the opportunity to dedicate a Boat House and Arbor for the Armenian Camp in Dunlap, CA, for which we raised funds and had built for the campers. We would like to thank Sirag (Si) Kalfayan and Harry Krikorian for their hard work seeing this project through to the finish line.

We would like to welcome a new member, Richard Nunes to our Fraternity. Richard has been a long time resident in our area, and is the outstanding grandson of Abe Kazarian. This is Abe's second grandson to become a Trexmen. We are so pleased to have him as a brother Trexmen. WELCOME

#### RICHARD!!!

We are honored to continue our financial support of the Etchmiadzin Children's Fund. This fund brings comfort, joy and hope to the children of Armenia.

This year our community project was a great success and a double blessing. The Sequoia Trex purchased a lamb through Redwood High School's Future Farmers of America. Our lamb did really well at the Tulare County Fair, and on December 8, 2010, we had the opportunity to share in a delicious lamb dinner. Thank you to all the brothers on the committee who helped to prepare this delicious meal. They included Jerry Poochigian, P.G.M., Bryan Yahnian, P.M., Richard Tomouzian, P.M., Bryan Ananian, P.M. and Jack Barsamian. It was a great night of fellowship.

We were blessed with a recent visit from our



George Margosian, Serge Ananian, Sark Yahnian



Chuck Simonian, and Charlie Dividian



Harry Krikorian and John (Vars) Hovannisian



Abe Kazarian, son Mark Kazarian, grandson, and newest member Richard Nunes



Jack Barsamian, Master, Bryan Yahnian, Gary Tomouzian, Sark Jr. Davidian

Grand Master, Harold Bazarian. He spent time with our Junior Trexmen, and gave words of encouragement to them all.

On a rather sad note, we said good-bye to one of our great Past Grand Masters, Dick Ekizian. Dick first joined Sequoia Trex in 1952, and passed away on December 17, 2010 at the young age of 85. He was born on June 18, 1921 in Racine, Wisconsin and his family moved to the Central Valley in 1926. His college student days were interrupted by military service in WW II. He was wounded in battle, earning the Purple Heart, and returned home. He returned to college and to an outstanding athletic career which included football, track and mostly basketball for which he was inducted to the Tiger Hall of Fame. Other accomplishments included attaining the highest rank of Eagle Scout, Past Grand Master of Triple X fraternity, past president of the Kings River golf and country club. Dick and his wife, Gladys, traveled extensively with family and friends throughout the U.S. and abroad. He started many businesses and loved being an entrepreneur. He loved to cook and opened the "Sheik of Bagdad" restaurant in Fresno. He also loved farming and investing in costal properties. We sure will miss PGM Dick and his wonderful, warm and friendly personality. He was truly a gentleman from that "Greatest Generation."

On a final note, we would like to say congratu-

# Sequoia Juniors

Dear Trex Brethren,

The Sequoia Jr. Triple X would like to express pleasure in being members of such a prestigious fraternal order. We enter the New Year with a bright outlook and new zest towards making great strides in brotherhood. We cherish the great academic accomplishments our brothers have made away at school. While our brothers may be scattered geographically, our connections have not been weakened in the slightest. In the last few months we have stood by our creed and held our brotherhood above all other commitments. We look to the coming months as a golden opportunity to restructure our chapter. The attempt to accumulate new quality members has inadvertently affected our current members in a positive way, bringing joy to our existing brothers. Plans to begin fund raising for local charities are in motion, and we have put together various committees to accomplish these future goals. We have set our sights on the goal of Fund raising during the year, with hopes of hosting a new year's party with our Fraternal Brothers.

Love Sequoia Juniors



GM Harold Bazarian meets with Sequoia Juniors.

lations to, Chuck Simonian, a thirty-five year member, who was the recent recipient of an encyclical of blessing (*Gontag*) award from His Holiness Karekin II. Chuck was active on the committee which oversaw the building of the new St. Leon Cathedral in Burbank, California. He did all of the iron work on the inside of the church except for the main chandelier. He also designed and helped install the nine foot cross at the top of the main cathedral over looking Highway 5 in Southern California. Chuck also did a great deal of metal work for the Rancho Mirage Parish in Rancho Mirage, CA as it was being built. We are so blessed to have such a talented Trexmen among us.

Associate Editor, Tom Babagian, P.M.

# Las Vegas

Greetings to all our Brothers, Las Vegas is busy preparing for the next convention under the leadership of Brother Shavarsh Papazian. This will be our second convention and we promise an even more spectacular one than last time.

#### Friday September 2nd, 2011

Registration: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Hotel Lobby Hospitality Suites open till late

Ballroom Dancing 7:00 till you drop.

#### Saturday September, 3rd

Registration

Golf Outing 7:00 pm

Hospitality suite all day

Poker Tournament 12:00 noon

Dinner/Dance Armenian Music with John Bilezikjian 6:30 till you drop

#### Sunday September 4th

Men's Breakfast 8:00 am

Business meeting 9:15 am

Ladies outing to Springs preserve and lunch at Woolfgang Puck Bistro

Final Table Poker at 2:00

Hospitality suites all day

Dinner Dance 6:30 till you drop dancing with the John Bilezikijian Band.

We had a very active and productive year this past year. Besides raising money for several charities, we hosted an Ice Cream Party for the local Armenian School students where the brothers prepared and served ice cream sundaes to over fifty people. Our own PGM Chuck was featured on CNN Heroes where he single handedly stopped a bank Robbery and arrested the bank robber, unfortunately he got hurt in the process and he is recovering nicely at home. Our own Brother Gary Setian conducted a seminar on rare Armenian coins and showed a few of the coins in his collection. We started off 2011 by contributing \$500 to the Armenian Saturday school of Las Vegas during their Christmas party on January 9th.

Hope to see everybody at the next convention and we promise an exciting Labor Day weekend in Las Vegas, and Good Luck to all the poker players.



Servers at Ice Cream Party



Dinner-meeting



Bros. Ara, Arthur, VJ



Christmas party



**Brother Gary Setian** 



Brothers visit PGM Chuck in Hospital

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