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Triple X Fraternity

59th Annual Mid-Term Convention

Hosted by Sequoia Chapter

Saturday, March 2, 2013

Masonic Hall

12346 W. Mineral King, Visalia, CA
(parking north of building in parking structure)

Mid-Term Golf Tournament - 8:30am (information on back page)

Masters Meeting - 3:30 Dinner - 5:00 Business Meeting 6:30

Hotel Information:

Marriott: 300 S Court St., Visalia, CA 93274
(across the street from the Masonic Hall)

Phone (559) 636-1111

Rooms available March 1-2

Rate - \$99.00

Reservations Group - Triple X Fraternity

Game Room available on 8th floor

Any questions to Master Chuck Simonian

559-799-3949



Grand Master's Message

My Dear TREX Brothers;

It's hard to believe that half of my term as Grand Master is about over. My, but that time does fly right by. I have to say that I'm having an awesome time, and I'm getting to meet so many truly wonderful brothers throughout our organization.

Among my highlights as Grand Master has been the chance for me to develop even closer bonds with the other brothers of the Grand Chapter. Furthermore, I've had the good fortune of meeting many TREX brothers throughout our several chapters – every one a great guy and someone who makes me proud to be a TREXman.

Certainly high on my list of honors thus far was my being afforded the opportunity to represent our Triple X Fraternity as an attendee at the 5th Annual International ArmTech Conference – held this December at Stanford University in Palo Alto. Although I didn't attend the conference itself, I did manage to attend the evening Gala Banquet where I met and chatted with a number of dignitaries. The Honorable John Heffern – U.S. Ambassador to Armenia – and I are now simply Garo and John. In addition, I had the most interesting encounter and conversation with the Armenian Prime Minister – Dickron Sarkysyan. I'll tell you my "Dickron" story at mid-term. *(See pictures on p. 21)*

If all goes well, I should have visited every chapter at least once before mid-term. Yikes. I'm racking up those frequent-flier miles. Thank you to each chapter for making me feel both welcomed and important.

The Grand Chapter and I are working on a few things that will hopefully benefit our TREX fraternity and will contribute to the continued smooth operation of our order. I'll be able to share more details about this during mid-term and during my chapter visits in the second half of my term.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at mid-term which will be hosted by our Visalia brothers in the Sequoia Chapter.

Happy New Year, and my warm, fraternal regards –

Garo Mirigian – Grand Master

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1 year term Bros. Jon Agaganian, John Garakian, David Kelegian

2 year term Bros. Harold Bazarian, John Gulugian, Mark Hachigian

In July we had our 37th Annual Picnic. We served over 500 dinners and want to thank our Chairmen, Past Master Bro. Wayne Najarian and Bro. Art Kazarian. The Shish Kabob was great and loved the Pilaf with lots of butter. In addition to the wonderful dinner we had fresh fruit and watermelon. The music was great and the kids loved the Piñata and other fun games. Lots of candy went flying. Thanks to all the Brothers and wives who helped. Our Picnic was a great place to meet old and new friends and keep the Armenian Spirit Alive.

We had another great night at the Angel's Game with our families. Past Master Bro. Mark Hachigian does an outstanding job getting the tickets.

Thanks to the Golden Gate Chapter for putting on a 1st Class Convention where the Oldest Living Past Grand Master Al Nalbanian was honored.

We had a late Stagg Outing this year in Laughlin, Nevada. A great time was had by all. Thanks to Past Master, Bro. Don Kazarian for putting it all together. All the Brothers had a fabulous time.



New Officers - Ron, Brian, Steve, Eric, Master Ara, Terry and Larry



Installation



*Trexman of the Year -
 P.M. Bro. Jack Kayajanian
 and P.M. Rob*



P.M. Rob with Bro. Arnold 98 years young



Bros. Larry, Kelly, Ed, Wayne, Ken, Jeff, Art, Dave, Don & Archie



Trex Picnic - Line for delicious Shish Kabob Dinner



P.G.M. Bro. Archie, Malcolm and Joyce

Our Installation was at Scotts Restaurant in Costa Mesa. Bro. John Garakian was our Master of Ceremonies and did an outstanding job. New Master Bro. Ara Malazian has an awesome team. Over 80 Brothers and wives attended. We honored the outgoing Master, Bro. Rob Tusan and incoming Master, Bro. Ara Malazian and his officers. Our Trexman of the year went to P.M. Bro. Jack Kayajanian. Thanks Jack for doing a great job for our fraternity. It was Jack who put on our Sports Banquet. Also we honored Bros. Arnold Abajian, Malcolm Boghosian and Nishan Derderian. We have lots of fun at our meetings FRATERNALISM is alive and well.

Our Annual Christmas Party was lead by Co. Chairmen P.M. Bro. Ron Sarouhan and P.M. Bro. George Ampagoomian and their wives. Thanks for the outstanding job you all did. We had Santa Clause (Bro. George Banerian from San Diego Chapter) There were over 26 kids receiving presents and we also donated gifts to Toys for Tots.



Bros. Leo, Naz and Wayne - Poker night Mazza

Our Poker night was held at P.M. Wayne Najarian's company's board room. There was plenty of Armenian mazza and drinks. Bro. Wayne is Mr. Hospitality. If you want a good laugh and a new card game to play with some unusual wild cards you have to be there next time.

We meet at Gullivers 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.



Brothers with Santa



Christmas Party - Kids having fun

PENINSULA

Hello Fellow Brothers, Families, and Friends! Peninsula Chapter officers for 2012-13 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.

Our monthly Chapter meetings are held on the evenings of the third Thursday of each month at the Los Altos Masonic Building, 146 Main Street in Los Altos. We have 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 there is also a good-sized courtyard patio which we put to good use for barbecues during the warmer months. We may be one of the smaller Chapters in the Fraternity, but we're well-known for putting on a great meal each time, thanks to our talented and hardworking chefs! Please don't hesitate to stop by and visit if you ever happen to be in the area.

During the Labor Day weekend in September, many of our Peninsula members had a great time attending the various functions during the Annual Convention hosted by the Golden Gate Chapter in San Francisco. There were nothing but good reviews for the Kef Night, Bay Cruise, Ladies Luncheon, and the Evening with the Stars banquet. I'm not sure if it's a record, but over half of our membership showed up at the business meeting as well! Additionally, on a personal note, I was honored at the meeting to be appointed Grand Secretary by our new Grand Master Garo Mirigian -- I hope to serve the Fraternity well and



The Peninsula Chapter was well represented at the SF Annual Convention. Seated clockwise from the 7 o'clock position: Earl Saroyan, Larry Karabian, Vic Khachooni, Mark Antranikian, Kip Garabedian, Vartan Berberian, Ruben Kazarian, and Vazgen Babayan; unseen due to taking this photo is our 9th attendee Zareh Salmassian.



The Peninsula Convention Delegation poses in front of our banner after the meeting. Brothers from L-R: left ear and shoulder of Earl, then Zareh, Ruben, Vazgen, Kip, Vic, Larry, Vartan, and Mark.

gain valuable experience during my time on the Grand Chapter.

The weekend after the Convention, our Chapter had our annual fundraising food booth at the Mountain View Art & Wine Festival. There is a lot of work involved with preparing for the event beforehand, as well as cooking and selling the delicious lamb and beef kebabs during the festival itself, but our great members participate wholeheartedly, and everything went very well as we had yet another successful event! Everyone enjoyed the tasty food, and we even got several repeat customers that come to the festival specifically to buy our kebabs. A special thanks goes to Bro. Vic Khachooni for coordinating the efforts



GM Garo Mirigian, Kip Garabedian, PGM Chuck Paskerian, and Vazgen Babayan pose in front of the barbeque during our kebab fundraiser. We were honored to hear that the GM chose to make this his first official function after taking office the prior weekend!



GM Garo poses with Peninsula Brothers Zareh and Kip during a break from their duties at the kebab booth.



Hamming it up for the camera at the Mountain View Art & Wine Festival are (L-R): Daryl Jamgotchian, Zareh Salmassian, Kip Garabedian, Mark Antranikian, Vic Khachooni, Aram Salmassian, Vazgen Babayan, Earl Saroyan, Ruben Kazarian, and Aram Darmanian.

required to make this fundraiser happen year after year!

On a sad note, I'm sorry to have to report that our beloved Historian and long-term member, Brother Joe Keshishian, passed away in late October at the age of 95. He was a founding Charter Member of our Peninsula Chapter, and was a member of the Triple X Fraternity for over 66 years, having joined in 1946. He was an enthusiastic member who enjoyed spending time with his fellow Brethren, held several offices over the many years including that of Master, and attended nearly every monthly meeting before his health prevented him from doing so during the past couple of years. He will be deeply missed by all; may God rest his soul.

In December, we decided to have a special Christmas dinner, with family and prospective members invited to attend the lavish feast. The meal featured prime rib as the main entree, with plenty of other dishes to go along with it. The Brothers who organized the festivities, including our Master Ruben Kazarian, did an excellent job, as the food was outstanding and everyone had a great time! GM Garo Mirigian and his wife Aida were able to attend as well, and he let everyone know that he enjoyed the evening immensely, and was excited about the new year ahead.

I'm sure I speak for all Brothers of the Peninsula Chapter when I say we're looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at the upcoming Mid-Term Convention hosted by the Sequoia Chapter in Visalia. Happy New Year!

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



Bro. Zareh carves up the prime rib as Bro. Daryl looks on with eager anticipation of the great Christmas feast ahead, with Master Ruben and Bro. Vazgen nearby.



Peninsula Brothers and self-professed experts Earl and Mark compete in a friendly game of tavloo prior to our October dinner meeting.

San Diego

For the San Diego Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity, the Summer and Fall of 2012 were filled with some fantastic events, including our 3rd Annual Family Picnic, our 4th Annual Wine & Cheese Tasting and, of course, our Annual Christmas Party. All of the events were a great success and fun for all in attendance.

On Sunday, August 26th, on a gorgeous San Diego summer's day, we held our 3rd Annual Family Picnic at the Westwood Club in Rancho Bernardo. About 30 adults and kids were in attendance. The food included hamburgers and hot dogs, prepared by our master chef, Greg Vartanian, as well as salad, chips & dips, cookies, sodas and, of course, watermelon. The adults participated in fun conversations around the picnic tables, some fierce games of tavloo and most importantly, supervising the cook. The kids enjoyed games available at the club, which included bean bag toss, ladder ball, miniature golf, shuffleboard and others. There was also a 12" wading pool that got a lot of splishes and splashes from the toddlers (and their parents).

On Saturday, October 27th, our chapter held its 3rd 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 community. Master Michael Tusan emceed the event, along with his wife, Taleen, who assisted with the raffle. The event is our primary fundraiser and provides funds for our Student Scholarship Program, which offers scholarships to college students of Armenian descent. This year, we were able to hand out scholarships to four students, all of whom were in attendance. The scholarships were handed out by John Ohannian, Jr., one of our previous scholarship recipients and son of our newest member, John Ohannian, Sr. John, Jr. is now the CEO of 211, a successful



San Diego Trex Picnic-Good Food



San Diego Trex Picnic-Trex Brothers

emergency resources company in San Diego. All of the San Diego brothers, led by PGM Joe Kellejian, worked hard at making the event a success. We also want to thank many of the wives - Jeanette Tashjian, Mary Kellejian, Claudette Hovsepien and Xrista Ohannian (also known as the "Trexettes"), for their hard work and efforts in preparing the food and creating the elegant table settings and design.

On Sunday, December 16th, we held our annual Christmas Party at Bucca Di Beppo restaurant in Carlsbad. Brothers, wives and kids enjoyed the delicious Italian food and spent much of the evening "catching up" and enjoying each other's company during the Christmas season. The kids were also thrilled with a surprise visit from Santa Claus (also known as Bro. George Banerian). They were able to sit on Santa's lap for pictures and each child was presented with a beautiful Nutcracker toy from Santa himself. Thanks to George Banerian for his many years of dedication to making Christmas a fun and memorable time for all of us.

After 20 years of public service, PGM Joe Kellejian retired from his seat on the city council of Solana Beach, where he served five 4-year terms as City Councilman and five terms as the city's mayor. On December 12, 2012, at a meeting of the city council, an award ceremony was held and Brother Joe was recognized by his staff and an overflow crowd for his 20 years of service, not only to the City of Solana Beach, but to the entire San Diego region. Brother Joe also served, and will continue to serve, as chairman of LOSSAN Rail Corridor, which extends



Wine & Cheese 2012 Scholarship Recipients



San Diego Trex Picnic-Cooks

Sequoia Chapter

Hello everyone from the Central Valley of California. Hope all of you had a nice Christmas and a great New Years. It nice that it started raining early this year, our valley has been so dry. Our snow-capped Sierra Nevada Mountain's look stunning, wishing you were here to see them.

Our 2012-2013 year began with a great start, and very well attended meetings. Our brotherhood loves to get together and fellowship. We have dinner meetings twice a month, on the second and fourth Wednesdays. If any Trex Brothers are in the area please join us at the Masonic Temple in Visalia at 6:30 p.m. We would all love to see you.

We had election of new officers last fall. Starting with our **Master**, Brother Chuck Simonian, (for a second term) **Junior Master**, Rick Krikorian, **Treasurer**, Ron Shanoian, **Recording Secretary**, Gerard Garoian, **Corresponding Secretary**, Charlie Amasalian, **Historian**, Thomas Babagian, **Custodian**, B.J Perch, **Sergeant-at-Arms**, Archie Zakarian and **Webmaster Master/ Auditor**, Richard Tamouzian. These guys all do a great job, and are very much appreciated.

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU**, to all the

San Diego - cont.

351 miles from San Diego to San Luis Obispo.

Congratulations to Bro. Onnik Tchulluian and his wife, Laura, as they welcomed their third child (first boy and future Trexman) into the world. Edward Ronald Tchulluian was born on March 26th, 2012, measuring in at 7 lbs., 13 ounces and 19 inches tall. Baby Edward joins his two sisters, Alexa Jean, 3 years old and Emma Jean, 20 months old on the date of his birth.



Trex Christmas Party & Santa



Trex Christmas Party 2012, Trexmen



brothers of the **Golden Gate Chapter** for the hard work their committees did in hosting the **Triple X 83th Annual Convention in San Francisco last September, 2012**. What a grand event and a beautiful city. **A BIG THANK YOU** again for all your efforts.

We wanted to thank all the brothers from the **Selma Chapter Triple X** for putting on a wonderful Kheyma and Lahmajoon Dinner last August. I was able to attend the Tri Chapter meeting, and we all had a wonderful time together. Thanks again to Sam Bagdasarian Jr. and his wonderful Kheyma committee.

Our **Sequoia Chapter** also hosted several Tri Chapter meetings. We had brothers come for San Francisco, Los Angeles, Selma, and Fresno. We also had a nice delegation of **Grand Masters**. They included, Garo Mirigian, G.M., Vaughn Vartanian, PGM., Jack Ouzounian, PGM, Bob Juskalian, PGM., Abby Mamigonian, PGM, and our very own, Jerry Poochigian, PGM. We had fifty brothers in attendance and a chance to share a delicious dinner, and visit with one another.

We wanted to thank Rick Krikorian for setting up a **Night of Baseball and Dinner** outing last July. This event took place over the summer and was catered by The Restaurant 225, located in downtown Visalia. Rick was able to reserve a box for us and all that attended enjoyed watching our very own semi-pro team, the **Visalia Rawhide**, play ball. Thanks again Rick.

We donated money once again to **Relay for Life** which works very hard in trying to find a cure for cancer.

This year for a second time, we donated money to the **Wish Upon A Star Foundation** and were able to send a child and his family to Disneyland. This family was from our local area and had a spectacular time in the Magic Kingdom.

Thanks to B.J. Berch and his family we were able to meet at **Fresno State University** to watch a **Bulldog Football** game against Colorado. We were also able to tailgate and had a wonderful dinner before the game. It was a lot of fun for the brothers and their wives. We are looking forward to attending this event again next year.

We were thankful for the opportunity to have **Professor**



Barlow Der Megrdechian from **Fresno State University** as our guest come and share about an orphanage In Armenia. **House of Hope (Mer Hooys Inc.)** helps young girls learn life skills and find direction that will help them become productive citizens. These gals are between ages sixteen-eighteen and have lost one or more parent. This orphanage also provides a home for fifty teenage girls. We were blessed to be able to make a donation to this wonderful home for young Armenian girls. Professor Barlow Der Megrdechian is a board member of this orphanage.

We continue to give back to our community by supporting two local high schools. Dinuba and Redwood High Schools, both have **Future Farmers of America Clubs**. Students raise lambs and then sell them at the Tulare County Fair. This year Sequoia Trex purchased two lambs. We then stored the lambs at Sark and Charlie Davidian ranch for over a month. We then invited members from other Trex Chapters to come to our annual **"Feed the Armenian Night"**. We had an outstanding night together, and the lamb's we purchased were delicious. There were over fifty Trex brothers in attendance, and we invited potential new Armenians to join us for a great time. Thanks to Dean Ametjian for preparing and cooking the lamb. Thanks also goes to our Treasurer, Ron Shanoian for making perfect pilaf, and all of the Trex brothers who helped cook two whole lambs. What an excellent job you all did in serving our Hye brothers and prospective new members.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the mid-term this year here in Visalia on Saturday, March 2, 2013, more information forth coming.

We hope that this New Year God will continue to bring you blessings, good health and great family get-togethers.

"It is simply in the nature of Armenian to study, to learn, to question, to speculate, to discover, to invent, to revise, to restore, to preserve, to make, and to give." William Saroyan

Tom Babagian, P.M.
Associate Editor

Sequoia Juniors

This past year has been a great success for the Sequoia Juniors. Between biamscuit orders from KFC and 40oz bottles of the finest malt liquor the central valley has to offer. We have really come to enjoy the finer things in life.

In Brotherhood we trust, Amen.

-Kevin Skaffb



Fresno Chapter

Greetings from the Fresno Chapter, the birthplace of our fraternity, 95 years old on this May 18th. Fresno Chapter has the honors of the following brothers to hold office in 2013. Steve Bedoian is our Master, PGM Bob Juskalian is our Jr Master, PM Bob Bedoian is Assistant Jr. Master, PM Richard Bedoian is still Rec. Sec., PM Richard Shirin is also still Treasurer, our new Sargeant of Arms is Richard Bagdasarian, Corr. Sec. is Tarjian Bedoian and Assoc. Editor/photographer is Michael Basmajian.

On a sunny September day some of our brothers went to a Grizzly baseball game and had a grand ole time in an air-conditioned sky box. They also had a buffet that was to say less than desirable. Maybe next year it will be better!!!!

October's social was put on by PGM Bob Juskalian and PM Bob Bedoian provided delicious sliced tri-tip beef and baked potatoes, vegies and a Super Salad. All was very tasty.

November's great dinner/meeting was spear-headed by PM Bob Bedoian and PGM Jack Bedoian who served chile dogs with all the trimmings. Good job to both.

December brought brother Bob Emerzians 90th birthday!!!!!! We celebrated at a dinner/meeting at the club house. Our Christmas party was at Andiamos Italian Restaurant, about 30 people showed and we all had a great time. Master Steve Bedoian wished everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a happy New Year at the party.

In coming months Fresno Chapter is planning several exciting events, be sure to read your monthly mailer.

At this time I like to say fairwell to Brother Leo Krikorian, who was a member for over sixty years and we also would like to send our condolences to his wife and family.

Respectfully
Michael Basmajian



Master Steve Bedoian presenting PM Gary Kazarian plaque for 2 terms as Master



Master Steve Bedoian at Bob Emerzian's 90th Birthday.



Bill Kandarian, PM Gary Kazarian, PM Richard Bedoian & Varoujan Der Simonian.



Bill, Gary, Jack, Richard and Steve



Bro. Jack Gahvejian, Joe Stepanyan, & John Shanoian



PM Paul Najimian, Jerry Baxter, Pete Chilpigian



Meeting at the Club House

Las Vegas

Greetings from the brothers in Las Vegas. 2013 came to Las Vegas with a big bang, we had a phenomenal year in 2012, we have a new Master, Bro Mesrop, also Brothers Jerry and Avo joined in 2012. We had many events in the past year, the most memorable was the Dancing with the Stars of XXX, it was an event to raise money for our Kirk Bazoian Scholarship. Bro Gary Setian with his wife won the overall Ballroom event, they dazzled the crowd with their moves on the dance floor, and raised lots of money for the fund. We also gave out scholarships to 2 deserving students, Christine Krikorian and Talar Darakjian. To date our Scholarship fund has given out \$7,000.00, and we plan on keeping this tradition for the years to come.

Las Vegas Chapter has its dinner meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month, if you are in town please give us a call, we would love to have you as a guest. See you all at Midterm.



Selma

Dear Brothers,

On September 20th, 2012, the Selma Triple X Fraternity hosted Rodney Terry Night at the Fresno Triple X Fraternity Club House. He is the newly hired head coach of the Fresno State men's basketball team. During the event, Coach Terry and his staff interacted with many brothers, friends, family, and guests of our beloved fraternity. In addition, he spoke about the upcoming basketball season for the Bulldogs, and answered questions over a delicious rib-eye steak dinner – which was cooked by Bro. Sam Bagdasarian and his infamous kitchen crew. *Don't forget to vote for him for Grand Master at the Annual Triple X Convention in Selma during Labor Day Weekend!

Moving forward, we hosted another spectacular event at St. Paul Armenian Apostolic Church – the infamous Turkey Bingo. Friends and family of Selma Triple X Fraternity enjoyed an evening of bingo with an amazing dinner. Plus, guests that attended the event had the opportunity of winning numerous gifts, prizes, and turkeys to enjoy during the upcoming holiday season.

To end, we would like to express how grateful we are to be hosting the Annual Triple X Convention this year. We have been busy

planning fun events for all to enjoy during Labor Day Weekend. Until then, take care and look forward to seeing everybody soon!

Fraternally, Bro. Grant Bedrosian



Bros. George H. Bedrosian Jr. and Grant Bedrosian with Coach Rodney Terry and his wife.



Selma/Fresno Dinner - Master Aaron, Arlen, Mark, PM Harry.



Selma/Fresno Dinner - Kay, PGM Pete, Jim, Ron, Roger.



PGM Kay Cloud with daughter and grand-daughter at Sports Night.



Selma/Fresno Dinner - Dennis, Haig, Oscar, PGM Frank.



Oscar Kasparian's table at Sports Night.



Selma/Fresno Dinner - Master Chuck (Sequoia), Sammy, Marcus.



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Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The LA Chapter keeps quite a busy calendar during the year, with many months containing 2 events. In July we kicked off the summer with our Hollywood Park LA Trex day at races. Past Master John Saroyan put together a great event, complete with VIP seating, brunch and a race named after The Los Angeles Triple X Fraternity.

Another great event we look forward to is Wives Night Out, Chaired by Art Avazian, Zareh Mitilian, John Casparian, Steve Hampar, Matt Matoesian and all of their wives. The committee meetings were Trex Events themselves. Bro Armen and Nora Hampar offered their beautiful house and yard for the event on a warm summer night. We enjoyed an amazing catered dinner and were entertained by Lory Tatoulian, the well-known Armenian actress, producer and comedian. Bro Jimmy Gondjian was quick to volunteer for a comedy bit and ended up stealing the show. Special thanks to all the Brothers and wives on the committee as well as Armen and Nora Hampar for offering their home for the event!

In September over 35 Los Angeles Brothers made the trip to San Francisco to support our Fraternity's Annual Convention hosted by the Golden Gate Chapter. Our Golden Gate Brothers did a superb job and we all had a wonderful time. Among all of the great events, one stood out the most – the full Military Color Guard at the Business Meeting to lead us in the Pledge. The video is on Golden Gate's website and is a must-see. Congratulations to our new Grand Master Garo Mirigian with the gavel being passed to him by PGM Vaughn Vartanian.

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



Count-them... Five PGM's with the Grand Master at the Los Angeles Chapter Installation Banquet. Grand Master Garo Mirigian, flanked by PGM Nick Nigosian & PGM Vaughn Vartanian. Standing behind them are PGM Jeff Hazarian, PGM David Maseredjian and PGM

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 Stag Outing at the Westin Resort in Palm Desert. Two days of golf, 15 hours of gin (over 2 nights), great food, drink and fraternalism. Bro Chuck Simonian from the Sequoia Chapter didn't disappoint us and brought the spicy pickled eggs to test the resilience of our digestive systems. Saturday night Bro Tev organized a great dinner out at Babe's Steakhouse in a private room. Thank you again Bro Tev, PGM Mel and Bro Martin – this is one of our favorite events.

Later in October Bro Gary Zakarian & William Kevorkian



Bro Jimmy assuming his role as the Godfather at Wives Night out at Bro Armen and Nora Hampar's house for Gypsy Nights.



Outgoing Master Ara Papazian being presented the Master's Plaque by incoming Master Chris Armen.



PGM Mel and Bro Tev enjoy a tasty beverage toasting to their co-chair, Bro Martin who was back at the hospitality suite setting up the room for the Annual Stag Outing

chaired our annual Installation Banquet at the beautiful Porter Valley Country Club to honor our outgoing Master, Ara Papazian and his executive board as well as welcome our new Master Chris Armen. Bro's Gary and William and their wives Aline and Diana sacrificed to make this such a top notch event. It was a full house that night with over 120 guests – including Grand Master Garo. Everyone enjoyed the cocktail hour, buffet dinner, raffle and program. Bro George Parigian was honored for his 50 yrs in the Triple X. Also receiving an award was Bro Mark Mikaelian who won the Club Golf Championship and the coveted Ken Khteian Award was won by Bro Tev Eminian. 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 until about midnight when the winners were determined. Bro George Parigian and Bro Tev Eminian went undefeated in a double elimination format, being crowned the 1st place winners. Taking 2nd place were Bro's Steve Mikaelian and Steve Hampar. All players were treated to an unbelievable dinner and drinks. Thank you for the great event Bros John and Stan.

In December several of the wives co-chair our Family Christmas Party. Laura Surmeian, Candice Titizian & Lara Titizian have been putting this event on for a number of years. About 60 Brothers, families and grandchildren enjoyed the event complete with a great meal and incredible desserts by Lara Titizian. The girls arrange for crafts for the kids and a visit from Santa himself. Bro Steve Mikaelian agreed to play Santa one last time. Those of you familiar with the event or our previous Trex News articles know of Bro Steve's track record for disaster in this role. Miraculously, there were no wardrobe malfunctions. Unfortunately, Bro Steve frightened all the children and they began screaming uncontrollably. Concerned there was an emergency, Ararat Home personnel burst into the room with a defibrillator. In spite of there being no medical emergency, the Ararat staffed shocked Bro Steve just so he would stop scaring the kids. The screaming subsided almost immediately and Bro Steve was carried from the room. Special thanks to the wives that organized the party and to Bro Steve Mikaelian for again sacrificing his body.

2013 will be another great year for the LA Chapter and we look forward to the upcoming events.

Regards,
Bro Michael Surmeian
Associate Editor & Jr. Master



Bro Steve was unable to entice a single child to sit with him. Instead, kids were screaming uncontrollably. Shortly after this picture was taken, Bro Steve was shocked with a defibrillator and removed from the room. Man Down!

Mt. Diablo

Hello Brothers, Family and Friends.

Our Board this year is as follows:

MasterKevork Hagopian
Junior MasterTanil Matosian
TreasurerEd Hazarabedian
Recording Sec Jack Mooradian
Corresponding SecJerry Tusan
SunshineJack Mooradian
Charity Committee:

Al Kaljian, Ray Chiljan, Garo Keadjian

We wish to congratulate our Brother Jeff Apkarian on his new office of Grand Marshal for 2012-2013!

In July, Brother Jack Mooradian arranged for a 3 hour cruise on the Oakland Bay aboard the historic USS POTOMAC. Over 40 Brothers, wives and guests enjoyed a lunch and tour of the ship which was President Roosevelt's private "floating White House".

Our August Family picnic was held at Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga. Brother Garo Keadjian arranged for a delicious Mediterranean catered lunch for 30 people on a picture perfect day. Master Kevork brought one of his vintage cars for display and wife Grace baked her famous homemade cookies.



Bro Charlie Kezerian, Jeff & Jen Apkarian.



Bro Ed Hazarabedian 25 year pin Master Kevork.



Mt Diablo Trex Picnic, Kevork's Toy.



Convention 2012-SF



Grand Master Garo and Jerry Tusan.



PGM Shavarsh swearing in Rec Sec Jack Mooradian.



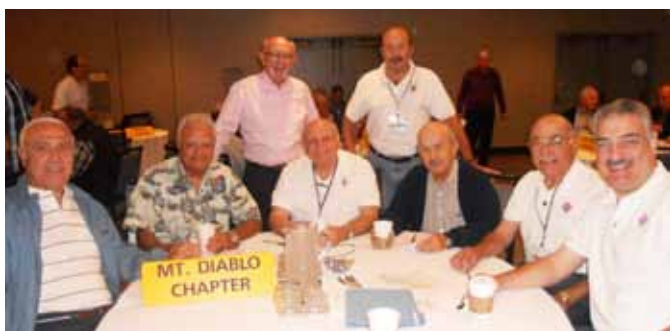
Pat & Garol Keadjian, Fran Kassabian.



Marilyn & Tan Matosian, Myron Konjoyan



Mt Diablo USS Potomac



Brothers at Convention Breakfast, Ray Chiljan, Master Kevork, Garo Keadjian, George Rustigian, Shavarsh & Ed Hazarabedian, Tan Matosian, Jerry Tusan

The Labor Day Convention in San Francisco was outstanding! Every event was well planned, organized and much fun! Mt Diablo had 10 delegates at the breakfast meeting. Brother George Rustigian won a \$1000 Best Buy gift card on the raffle. Congratulations Brother George.

The November joint Oakland meeting and lobster dinner with fellow Bay Area Chapters was again a great success. We had 9 Brothers from Mt Diablo attending. I don't know how you guys manage to be such good cooks, but thank you!

Our Holiday Christmas dinner was again chaired by Brother Ray Chiljan at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. We had a private room this year in which we were able to enjoy the holiday décor, bountiful buffet and never ending wines provided by Brother Jerry Tusan. Grand Master Garo Mirigian was in attendance along with 42 Brothers, wives and family.

We look forward to seeing all of our Brothers at the upcoming Mid-Term in March.

Respectfully submitted:
Jerry Tusan, Associate Editor

Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

The Palm Desert Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity had a very successful year in 2012. Our brothers hosted and participated in several events and continue to be known in the community for their social and charitable contributions. Thank you to Past Master, Armen Karimyan for a job well done and to all of our brothers for a great year! At the September meeting, we elected Bro. Bobby Melkessian as our new Master for 2012-2013.

Several of the Palm Desert brothers and their families attended the 2012 Convention in San Francisco. It was an exciting location for our annual Convention and the Golden Gate Chapter did a great job in planning several interesting and enjoyable events. Convention Chairman, Bro. Garo Mirigian, was elected as our new Grand Master, and is sure to improve our fraternity to greater levels.

We held our Installation and Awards Banquet in October, at the Pacifica Restaurant's outdoor patio on El Paseo in Palm Desert. Several members and their wives enjoyed the beautiful evening. Palm Desert's first Chapter Master, PM Doug Yavanian, was in attendance, and administered the oath of office to install the newly elected Palm Desert officers for the year 2012-2013.

Our Palm Desert Chapter's 2012 – 2013 Officers are:

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| Master | Bro. Bobby Melkessian |
| Jr. Master..... | Bro. Chris Markarian |
| Rec. Secretary..... | Bro. Harold Berghoudian |
| Treasurer..... | PGM Greg Avedesian |
| Corresponding Secretary | PGM Nick Nigosian |
| Sergeant At Arms..... | PM Gordon Chuchian |



INSTALLATION October 2012 - PM Doug Yavanian installs new Officers, PGM Nick Nigosian, Bro. Harold Berghoudian, PGM Greg Avedesian, Bro. Chris Markarian, PM Bobby Melkessian, PM Gordon Chuchian



MEETING December 2012 - PM Greg Kirkjan, PM George Kirkjan, PM Rob Carian, Bro. Blaine Carian, PM Gordon Chuchian



CONVENTION 2012 - Palm Desert Chapter Representatives - Bro. Bob Haig, PGM Greg Avedesian, PGM Nick Nigosian, Bro. Greg Der Kevorkian, PM Armen Yarijian, Bro. Dikran Torian



INSTALLATION October 2012 - Past Master Armen Karimyan receives plaque from new Master Bobby Melkessian



MEETING December 2012 - Master Bobby Melkessian, Bro. Ron Krajian, PM Harry Bozigian



MEETING December 2012 - Bro. Larry Johnson, PM Greg Safoyan, Bro. Chris Markarian, PM VJ Mkrtchian

Past Master Armen Karimyan and his wife Larissa graciously invited all of the Palm Desert Trex brothers and their wives for a Christmas Party and celebration in their lovely home in La Quinta. Everyone enjoyed an evening filled with dancing to live music and delicious food. It was the perfect start to the holiday season and we thank PM Armen for organizing this very successful holiday event.

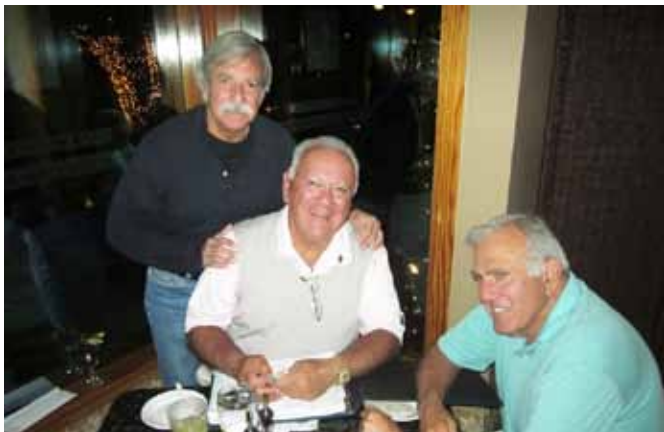
Our annual "Family Day at the Fair" at the Riverside County Date Festival is set for the three-day holiday weekend and will be held this year on February 16, 2013. We hope that you can all come and enjoy our desert hospitality at this annual event.

The popular Palm Desert XXX Golf Outing and Reverse Raffle will be held again this year and is scheduled for May 4, 2013. The weather in the desert in May 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 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 Visalia. As always, we welcome all visiting brothers to our meetings, which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Happy New Year 2013.

Fraternally, PGM Nick Nigosian,
Corresponding Secretary



MEETING December 2012 - PGM Nick Nigosian, PGM Greg Avedesian, Bro. Buddy Melkesian



Brothers Volunteer at Church Fundraiser - A Prospective new member, PM VJ Mkrтчian, Bro. Koko Mazmanian, PM Greg Safoyan, PM Bobby Melkesian, PM Howard Chuchian, PM Rob Carian, PGM Nick Nigosian

Oakland

Parev and Happy New Year from your Brothers in the Oakland Chapter!

2012 was yet another eventful year of fun, fundraising and fraternity here in the Bay Area. Oakland is an energetic chapter with a great group of Brothers.

A new slate of officers was elected for 2013. Congratulations to all of the new Officers!

Master: Bro. Armen Phelps
Jr. Master: Bro. Joe Dermenjian
Treasurer Bro. Robert Tashjian (also Web Master)
Rec. Sect. Bro. Rick Mickaels
Corr. Sect. Bro. Rick Magarian
Sgt-at-Arms Bro Ed Mirzian
Custodian Bro. Craig Bazigian
Historian Bro. Jim Taylor
Assoc. Editor Bro. Vartkes Avakian

We had three new Brothers join the Oakland Trex. Congratulations to Bro. Hratch Avakian, Bro. Dan Avakian, and Bro. Armen Boyd Jr.



Our Annual Fall Cigar Night was held in October at Bro. Rick Mickael's beautiful home in Martinez, CA. 12 brothers showed up for Cigars, Drinks and Desserts.

We raised funds for charity this past year at our 18th annual Crab Feed. It was another resounding success, with over 300 in attendance. The 2013 Crab feed will be Jan 26th 2013 Come join us!

We hosted several Inter-Chapter dinners in 2012 including our annual Lobster Feed Bash in November, hosted by our very own Brother Master Craig Bazigian. We always have plenty of Brothers from Golden Gate, Mt. Diablo and Peninsula chapters for that event.

Finally we celebrated the Holiday Season at our annual Trexmas Christmas Party with our Brothers from around the Bay in early December at the famous Trader Vic's in Emeryville.

Fraternally Submitted,
Bro. Vartkes Avakian



Los Angeles Juniors

Dear Brothers,

This year has been an exciting year for the Los Angeles Juniors. I would like to thank our outgoing Master of the Los Angeles Junior Triple-X chapter, Brother, Vaughn Vartanian, Jr., 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, I am excited to continue to strengthen our presence within the Triple-X and contribute to the growth of our fraternity.

We hosted a first-time event at the end of summer that proved to be very successful. Since the event was held in October, it was themed as a "Beer Fest". Brother Varoujan Movsesian shared his home-brewed private stock and beer fest festivities ensued.

It was exciting to see that so many of the LA Junior brothers were able to attend the 2012 Convention in San Francisco. The Juniors especially enjoyed the dinner cruise under the Golden Gate Bridge and all the excitement that San Francisco had to offer for a 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 great 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 the Vartanian home. Each year, this party gets more popular and is the perfect way to start the holiday season. It is never too soon to start looking for next year's "ugly sweater"!

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 16, 2013. We are looking forward to spending some time with the Festival Queen and Princesses (of course we are!).

We hope that you will "Save the Date" for a future event we have planned for all Los Angeles Juniors past and present. We invite you to attend "Junior Families Sunday Dinner", sometime in the spring (Date to come soon) This will be a great opportunity for brothers and their families to reminisce the old days and

also to create new traditions for the future. Come have an old fashioned Sunday family dinner with us!

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 2013!

Fraternally, Master Michael Nigosian



Master, Michael Nigosian with the Queens of the Fair at Palm Desert's Day at the Fair



The Juniors on the Convention Cruise



The Juniors on the Convention Cruise



New Years Eve 2012, Triple X Brothers, with family and friends.



Brothers and wives from Los Angeles and Palm Desert Chapters enjoying Fisherman's Wharf at the San Francisco XXX Convention.

Golden Gate

This was an extremely exciting last half of the year for the TREX Golden Gate Chapter. Two years in the planning, the Chapter hosted the Annual TREX convention over the Labor Day weekend, August 31 through September 3, 2012. It was by all accounts a tremendous success, wonderful parties, lots of kef, and dancing. A highpoint for the Golden Gate Chapter was the election of Brother Dr. Garo Mirigian to the post of Trex Grand Master (pictured below). We know that Grand Master Garo will



Grand Master Dr. Garo Mirigian (top right) standing with Past Grand Masters including our very own Al Nalbandian (front left)



Brother George Atashkarian is helping the Golden Gate Chapter ladies at the convention registration desk (helping or cruising?)



U. S. Ambassador to Armenia, the Honorable John Heffern and Grand Master Garo Mirigian.

be an excellent champion for the cause.

Another event in the Chapter's territory was the St. John's Church Bazaar held in October. Below are Brothers Ara Kaprielian, Hartley Appleton and Richard Surabian caught in the act...

Our chapter has taken up helping our neighboring Hye communities by manning their BBQs and cooking kebab your grandfathers would be proud of; for the Peninsula, Oakland (St. Vartan), and Diablo chapters, and at St. Gregory's and Calvary Baptist church bazaars in San Francisco.

Also captured at the St. John's Bazaar was our very own and very famous centenarian and hostess- supreme of chapter meetings "Auntie Lou" and family (pictured) with son-in-law Bro Hagop Koujakian [stripes], great nephew Bro Mark Dorian [Go Giants!], Marian Dorian [niece] and Jenna Dorian [great grand niece]



Golden Gate Chapter's Centenarian Auntie Lou.



"Slinging kebabs at the St. John's Church Bazaar"



Grand Master Garo Mirigian and Prime Minister of Armenia, His Excellency Dickron Sarkysyan.



PGM's present at the 2012 Convention in San Francisco. 1 to r standing: Mel Shanoian, Charles Paskerian, Pete Cholakian, Jeff Hazarian, Bob Juskalian, Greg Avedesian, Harold Bazarian, Nick Nigosian, Vaughn Vartanian. Seated front row: Jack Ouzounian, Jack Bedoian, Grand Master Garo Mirigian, Al Nalbandian, Haig Jamgotchian, Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Archie Cholakian.

Triple X Fraternity Holds 2012 Convention in San Francisco

Triple X Fraternity of California/Nevada held its Annual Convention in San Francisco. The convention was hosted by Golden Gate Chapter over the Labor Day weekend August 31 to September 3. The activities were held at the spacious and beautiful parc55 Wyndham Hotel near Union Square. Delegates, members and families came from throughout California and Las Vegas to participate in the activities and meetings. On Sunday morning was the main business meeting where Mr. Garo Mirigian who resides in the Bay area with his wife, was elected Grand Master to lead the fraternity for the coming year. Serving with Mr. Mirigian are the following Officers; George Kamian, Jr. Grand Master; Ara Kaprielian, Grand Treasurer; Mark Antranikian, Grand Secretary; Jeff Apkarian, Grand Marshal; Shant DerGazarian, Grand Historian; Jack Ouzounian, Grand Editor.

Mr. Mirigian is a retired public school educator, with over 40 years as a classroom teacher and a school principal. He has 7 college degrees, including a doctorate in Leadership and Educational Renewal. Currently he is the Regional Director of Student Teaching for National University (San Jose Center).

In addition to the business meeting the host chapter had many activities planned for the guests. Friday night was the welcoming "kef" night where more than 200 enjoyed visiting and dancing with friends and families. Saturday night's Bay Cruise was an unforgettable evening enjoyed by over 300 guests, families and friends. And Sunday Night's Convention Ball saw entertainment and music for dancing by Dean Martin impersonator. Also, the Golden Gate chapter had arranged for mini tours of Chinatown, Mt. Davidson Armenian Cross, Fisherman's Wharf.

This year's convention set a new milestone in Triple X's activities. Under the leadership of last year's Grand Master Vaughn Vartanian the Fraternity finally made a big leap forward

by adopting new tools for communication. Under his guidance and efforts communication within 14 chapters were done electronically and by heavy use of the internet. The fraternity's website was developed whereby each chapter was able to access or post their chapter's activities with ease (trefraternity.com).

TRIPLE X FRATERNITY was founded by eight young men of Armenian heritage in the year 1918 in Fresno, California. The name "Triple X" was adopted for the organization and was to represent three times the Roman numeral ten, added up, summed thirty which was the total number of members they hoped to acquire and limit the group's size. Now the membership is over eight hundred.

The purpose and objectives of this Fraternity is to promote charity, benevolence, mental improvement, social culture, and strengthening of the bonds of friendship among its members; to observe and adhere to the principles of truth, justice and loyalty. Each chapter operates independently in raising funds for local charities or events.

Jack Ouzounian, PGM

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the next issue of Trex News is **July 8, 2013.**

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OBITUARIES

Haig Harootenian — Mt Diablo Chapter



Bro. Haig (Harrison) Harootenian passed away July 31, 2012, at the age of 85. He was a member of Triple X Fraternity since 1947.

He was preceded in death by his wife Irene. Surviving him are daughters Karen Harootenian and Gail Kezerian, son-in-law Bob Kezerian, granddaughters Lauren, Alysia, Candice and Courtney and his dear Grace Jenner.

Ed Kalunian — Orange County Chapter

Bro. Ed Kalunian passed away at the age of 91 on December 31, 2012. Born on November 29, 1921 in Roxbury, Massachusetts he moved to Los Angeles in 1941. Ed was a decorated WWII hero having served in the 104th Timberwolves Infantry and earned the Silver Star for valor. In 1947, he married the love of his life, Virginia (Verge) Kazanjian. Together they enjoyed 56 wonderful years before her death in 2003.

Ed was a devoted member of the Orange County Chapter of the Triple XXX Armenian fraternity for over 30 years. Ed loved people and enjoyed life. His warm and friendly nature allowed him to see the best in everyone. Edward is survived by his two sons, Robert (Denice) and Jeffrey (Shannon); his three adoring grandchildren, Cameron, Collyn and Casey; his brother, Alfred Kalunian; sister-in-law, Victoria Kazanjian; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Ed Bedrosian — Selma Chapter



Ed was born Vruyr Bedrosian on February 17, 1920, in Fresno, CA to Mihran and Arshalous Bedrosian. He passed away with a smile on his face at the age of 92, on Thursday, November 29, 2012. Ed married Alice Michigian on January 3, 1948, and together they founded Bedrosians Tile & Stone. Ed enjoyed going to work, he went every day until the end of his life, but his greatest enjoyment was being with his family. He lived a life full of love and happiness.

He got joy out of asking, "Do you want a Kiss?", then handing out a Hershey's Kiss. His legacy will always live on in his family. Ed's strong values and work ethic that he instilled in his family will be remembered always. For those who knew him, it wasn't nice to know you...it was a pleasure. Ed is preceded in death by his loving wife, Alice; his sisters, Barbara Ishkanian, Helen Bassian, and Lillian Emershad. Ed is survived by his four devoted children: sons, Larry Bedrosian and his wife Joan, Gary Bedrosian and his wife Joyce; his daughters, Janice Bedrosian and Linda Hovannisian and her husband David; his 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his sister, Gertrude Kazarian; and his brother-in-law, Aram Michigian and his wife Alice. A Church Service was held at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church, on Wednesday, December 5, 2012.

Joseph Harry Keshishian -- Peninsula Chapter

Joseph Keshishian passed away on October 27, 2012 at the age of 95. He was a Brother of the Triple X Fraternity for over 66 years, having joined in 1946, and was also a founding Charter Member of the Peninsula Chapter when it was established in 1950. He was an enthusiastic member who loved taking photos at events and truly enjoyed spending time with his fellow Trex Brethren. He will be deeply missed by all.

Joe was born in Troy, New York on February 19, 1917. His parents were Selim Keshishian and Prapian Balakian who emigrated to the United States from Amasia, Turkish Armenia. Joe was one of four children, an older brother Vincent, sister Susan and younger brother Harry. His parents moved to Detroit, MI when Joe was very young and he attended Central High School there, graduating in 1935. During the height of the depression, Joe worked at odd jobs, and he and his family



moved to San Francisco in 1937.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1941 and served from 1941 until 1945. He saw active duty in the South Pacific on Fanning Island in the middle of the Pacific, and received amphibious training in Brisbane, Australia followed by active combat duty in Hollandia, New Guinea and the Philippines. He was the recipient of the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and Combat Infantryman Badge. He was discharged in 1945 with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He was a plumbing contractor for over 35 years before retirement. Though retired, Joe always kept busy doing volunteer work at the Fremont Senior Center and at St. Vartan Armenian Church in Oakland. He married the former Anne Parisi in 1967 and they made their home in Fremont, CA.

Sarkis V. Sarabian (1933-2012) — Selma Chapter

Brother Sarkis V. Sarabian passed away on November 30, 2012 after a long battle with a neuro-degenerative disease. He was a member of the Selma Triple X Fraternity for more than 25 years.

He was born in Sanger, CA, and spent his entire life working in agriculture. He enjoyed helping others solve varying problems related to a wide variety of crops. He also traveled extensively throughout the world where he helped bring solutions to specific problems that were at hand. He was especially proud of having been a founding member of the Agricultural Technology Group which helped bring direct agricultural assistance to the suffering in Armenia after the earthquake of 1988.

Sarkis was involved with many local groups and provided leadership within each one of them. He was a lifelong member of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church in Fresno. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Virginia, and their sons Michael, David, and Charles Sarabian, their wives and 7 grandchildren.



Leo S. Krikorian — Fresno Chapter



Leo was born in Fresno December 7, 1912 to Sarkis and Elizabeth Krikorian. He passed away on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 24 days prior to his 100th birthday, to which he was so proudly looking forward to.

Other than the four years of military service in World War II, Leo spent his entire life in Fresno. He went to Madison "Grammar" School and Central Union High School. He co-owned West Coast Draperies and Interiors. Leo was a member of the Triple X Fraternity for over 60 years.

Leo was a friend to all. He loved conversation, especially telling stories of old time Fresno, of his experiences in the Army while in Italy and of all his many acquaintances in Fresno. He cherished his grandson, Matthew, and their times spent together. Leo was an animal lover. He was preceded in death by his companion, his dog, Chesca, but later enjoyed being "papa" to his new "step-puppy", Jayda.

The Family wishes to extend a special thanks to Leo's physician, Dr. Leo was predeceased by his parents, his sister, Roxie Krikorian of Fresno and his sister, Dovey Savoian of Woodland Hills.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Margaret, of 63 years; his daughter and son-in-law, Sue Krikorian and Ron Dalitian of Fresno; grandson Mathew, B. Dalitian of Fresno; his sister, Rose Savoian of Woodland; nephews and nieces.

Norman Matossian — Palm Desert Chapter

Norman was born in 1927. Joined the Palm Desert Chapter - 1998 as a charter member. He was a retired jeweler. He is survived by his wife Virginia Matossian, daughters Sandra & Donna, and grandchildren.



Our heartfelt sympathies to their families and loved ones.

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Golf
Tournament**

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1800 S Plaza Drive
Visalia (559) 651-1441
(10 min from meeting hall)

Tee-Off 8:30am

\$75.00 fee includes:

Cart - Green Fees - Box Lunch - Prizes

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