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Trex News

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Triple X Fraternity 86th Annual Convention Hosted by Los Angeles Chapter Sept. 4 – 6, 2015

Friday, Sept. 4

Welcome and Registration	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Hospitality Room	3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Speakeasy & Casino Night	
Bernard's & Rendezvous Court	6 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 5

Welcome and Registration	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
TREX-Style Hospitality	11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Golf Tournament at Wilson Park	8:30 a.m.; Tee Off at 10 a.m.
Dress to the Nines Dinner Dance & Silent Auction	
Crystal Room, Biltmore Hotel	6 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 6

Men's Breakfast and Meeting	
Emerald Room, Biltmore Hotel	8 a.m. breakfast; 9 a.m. meeting
Ladies' Warner Brothers VIP Studio Tour	9:15 a.m. buses depart; 10 a.m. tour
TREX-style Hospitality	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Skyline Cocktails and Meet the Grand Board*	
Rooftop, Hilton Checkers Hotel	6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

***Space is extremely limited at this event—only 150 tickets will be sold.**



Grand Master's Message

As your Grand Master, I have visited many Chapter meetings and events. We have an awesome fraternity and wonderful brotherhood, and every member treated me with such warmth and friendship. That was worth everything to me.

Our fraternity is alive and very enthusiastic and continues to reach out to their Armenian community promoting the values of the Triple X Fraternity. Our goal as a fraternity is to grow but we need to remember that our fraternity is based on brotherhood. I would like to see us continue to emphasize this and make it a goal of each chapter.

I am looking forward to seeing our Brothers at our Annual Convention by the Los Angeles Chapter, at the Biltmore Hotel. I encourage all the Brothers to attend as I am looking forward to meeting each Brother of our great Fraternity.

It was a pleasure attending Mt. Diablo Chapter 40th anniversary in June 2015. They had all founding brothers and three widows of founding brothers in attendance.

I would like to thank my Grand Chapter Officers, my brothers of the Sequoia Chapter Triple X and my family, for allowing me to serve you and for all of your hard work.

Fraternally yours,

Ron Shanoian, Grand Master

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Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The LA Chapter is putting the final touches on the 2015 Convention at the Historic and opulent Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel. You all should have received your convention packets by now & everything you need for the convention can be found at www.2015trexconvention.com. Tickets can be purchased for Friday's Speakeasy Casino Night, Saturday's Golf and Dress to the Nines dinner dance featuring the 12 piece Angel City Band & Oasis Armenian band, Sunday's Business Meeting, Ladies Warner Bros Tour and Lunch as well as Sunday evening's rooftop cocktail party (limited seating to first \$150 paid tickets). As you all know, the booklet helps offset the costs of the other events, so please help support the Convention effort with your booklet ad. The website has booklet information too, or call Steve Hampar at 818 687-4915 (steve@hamparproperties.com). Hotel links are also available on the convention website or call the Los Angeles Millennium Biltmore 213-624-1011 and use reservation code 1509TriplX to get our low \$159 per night rate.

January's Bingo Party was our first event of 2015 chaired by Bro. Darren Eminian and his wife Aida. Brothers, wives, friends and families attended the event and Bro. Darren and Aida had a great mezza. Seems like some of the biggest jackpots were won by the kids with no trickle-up to the parents who purchased the cards. Many thanks Bro. Darren and Aida!

In March 10 LA Brothers attended Midterm Convention in Fresno at the Clubhouse. Grand Master Ron ran a great meeting and it was good to see our fellow Bros mid-year and enjoy a great steak dinner! We held the Convention Raffle during the meeting and it was won by Bro Gary Zarkarian, who generously donated the convention package back to the Fraternity. Thank you Bro Gary. Be sure to visit the website and reserve your hotel room, event tickets and booklet ads. We rely heavily on attendance and booklet

ads to make it a successful convention.

In April, Bro. Zareh Mitilian and his committee did another outstanding job chairing our Annual Partner's Best Ball Golf Tourney. The Tourney was held at Brookside County Club at the Rose Bowl. Before getting to the Tourney winners, note that the coveted and most prestigious closest to the pin holes were won by Bro Mike Surmeian and Bro Garo Papzian. Now for those "other" awards... This year, Bro Paul Abrahamian and his son David took 1st Place. 2nd went to Bro Dale and Dennis Vaznaian. 3rd place went to Bro Ara & Bro Garo Papazian. Congratulations Bro Zareh on a great event and me for closest to the pin.

We also held our 60th Annual Armenian Open at Brookside Country Club chaired by PGM Bro. Mel Shanoian and his co-chairs. PGM thanked all the golfers that attended this year and also a special thanks to tee sponsors, raffle prize donors and our Brothers & guests that attended. Like previous years, golfers were treated to an awards ceremony, raffle and prime rib dinner. Bro Matt Matoesian claimed the "A" Flight 1st place, shooting net 69! "B" Flight was won by Zee Petrosian. Bro Ken Melkonian won "C" Flight and Bro Tim Aronian won the Blind Bogey Flight. Senior Low Net was won by Bro Tev Eminian with 70. Overall low net was Bro Garo Papazian at 69. Overall low gross was won by Troy Basmajian with 73 and Senior Low Gross by Mike Kourtjian at 89. This event is open to the public and consequently, all the other awards and trophies were won by guests of our Brothers and we congratulate them. PGM Mel assembled a great crew to help him this year including Bro's Tev Eminian, George Titizian, Mike Kourtjian, Jimmy Gondjian and Shant Dergazarian. Great job as always Brothers.

June was busy too with the 76th Annual Triple X Family picnic chaired by Bro Guy Injeyan and Bro Ron Day. This is an event we all look forward to because it is done the old fashioned way – great kebab, games for the kids, cool drinks and lots of fun. The LA Juniors, led by Junior Bro Patrick Kevorkian were in full force and served



Bro Darren Eminian shaking the BINGO tumbler in an attempt to draw a certain number. Much to his surprise, Darren's father, Bro Tev Eminian won the next jackpot. Great job Bro Darren on a great event.



Bro Chris Armen making his own obstacles on the putting green at the Partner's Best Ball Tourney. Bro Ara Bedros was able to thread the needle and sink the put, much to the chagrin of Bro Chris.

us as well as participated in the cooking. Cooking of course was supervised by none other than Bro Steve Mikaelian. There were about 100 in attendance with ages ranging from new-borns to 90+ and everyone had a great time.

The Los Angeles Chapter is very proud of our L.A. Juniors. A special thanks to Bro Mark Mikaelian who is stepping down as the Jr's Advisor after quite a few years. They are a strong group and will be participating at our upcoming convention with their own after-hours event Saturday evening.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the 2015 Convention as well as reading your convention booklet ads. You can also "Like" our facebook page at Triple X Fraternity – Los Angeles. We have many more events are planned for the balance of the year including Bro and Wives Date Nite, Cigar Night, our annual Stag Outing, the Ararat Home Picnic in September and Christmas parties together.

Fraternally,
Bro Michael Surmeian
Associate Editor



Grand Master Ron Shanoian holding court during the cigar debriefing meeting after the 60th Annual Armenian Open. Event chairmen PGM Mel Shanoian, Bro Tev Eminian and Bro George Titizian pretend to be listening the entire time.



Bro Master John Yaldezian at the 60th Annual Armenian Open – posing with the Tee Prize – a deluxe Trex umbrella.

Orange County

The Orange County Trex is getting in some new younger Trexmen. Under the leadership of Master, Jon Agajanian and his team of officers and board members. New members are Bro. Sarven Tomaskesis and Bro. James Chortanian with more to come.

Fairview Developmental Party was great with over 80 men and women in attendance. These mentally disabled people look forward to this party. Thanks to all the Brothers and wives who come out to help each year.

Our Family Pot-Luck was well attended. Thanks to Sister Marge Kazarian for letting us again use their Clubhouse. We had Kema and all the wonderful Armenian dishes. Kids went swimming and we were able to catch up with old and new friends. Thanks Bro Ara Malazian



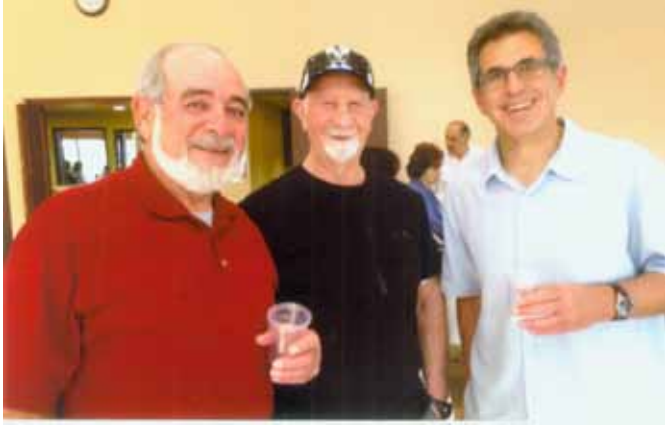
Bros. Pete, Harold, Master Jon, Steve, Archie, Rob and Haig.



Bros. Mike, Herb, Jon, Simon, James, Henry and Wayne (Laughlin Stag having fun)



Bros. Archie, Peter, Bob, Harry, Ice, Harold, and Mark



Bros. George, Ron and Larry.



OC Trex Wives – Barbara, Olga, Louise and Marcia



Bro. Master and wife Jackie at Potluck

for chairing this event.

Bro. Don Kazarian again did an excellent job on our yearly Laughlin Stag outing. Friday we had a wonderful buffet dinner, Saturday watched the Kentucky Derby with over 40 Brothers and friends. I even made money this year on the race. Then we were treated to watch the Light Heavy Weight Fight next door at the Edgewater Hotel. Front row seats – it doesn't get any better than this. There was Mazza and refreshments for us all weekend. Thanks so much Bro. Don.

Our Second Annual Cigar Night at Bro. Mark Hachigian's was fabulous. We had Grand Master Ron Shanoian and PGM. Mel Shanoian there with us. Thanks to Bro. Mark and his wife Monique for putting on a great mazza spread and refreshments. It's great to have Brothers enjoy their time together.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the L.A. Trex Convention. Our meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at J.T. Schmidt Restaurant at 2415 Park Ave., Tustin. With cocktails at 6 PM. and dinner at 7 PM, meeting at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
PGM Bro. Haig Jamgotchian



Bros. Jon, Archie, Jeff, Robert, Mike and Mark (Cigar Night)



Bros enjoying Cigar Night

Fresno

Hello fellow brothers from a rather HOT and DRY Fresno Chapter... since we last talked in March a lot has happen; exactly what is down right knee slapping, you might even say mind blowing....what you say is this rare twist of fate that has befallen on our most humble chapter... WE HAVE GROWN, EXPANDED yes increased in numbers, multiplied our membership by three live bodies under the age of FORTY...THIS is not a joke, this is real. Today three members took the oath and we have pictures to prove it. With this new infusion many ideas are being kicked around so watch OUR chapter for fresh exciting events, speakers, dinners and much more!!!

Once again we hosted coach DeRuyter, it was a huge success and all that attended had a supper time coupled with delicious food and a killer salad. What was especially exciting was that you got to pick your prize if your number



Master Steve Bedoian, 2 new members Minas and Chris.



At one of our lively meetings. Brother Jerry, Brother Steve, and Brother Dennis.



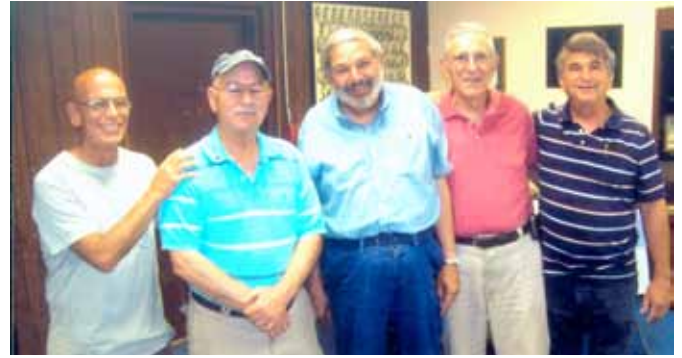
In the kitchen Frank and Bro. Merlin & Michael.



PGM Bob Juskalian, and Bro. Bill Kandarian and friend at Coaches Nite.



Coaches Nite bartenders: Bro. Arlen, Bro. Richard and PM Gary.



Brothers Richard, Gary, Richard, Tarjian and M. Steve

was drawn in the raffle. Of course the neon beer signs were among the first to go along with many fine prizes donated by local companies... thanks again. Our Master Steve Bedoian, PGM Bob Juskalian, PM Richard Bedoian and many more played a huge role in putting this event together, things just don't happen a lot of effort went into this production.....

The club house is holding its own in that it generates enough to pay most of the overhead. I think we should be doing three times the volume and donate surplus monies to good causes... after all that is why I have put eleven years in this fine chapter.... I am really surprised that more of the other chapters do not use the hall ... where are the pancake breakfast, beer tasting and ice cream socials?????? Now that you got me started WHERE ARE ALL our members some of my own cousins have not stepped foot in the club house in eight years!!!! I guess we have to get MORE exiting events, but that takes people, you come to the meeting to do something not just sit... SAY YOUR PIECE !!! we have to get involved, that takes effort. The same people always do the work...let's change that Come to the meetings with ideas and what you want to see happen... anyone can sit at home ... real TREXMAN get up and drive to the hall and hang out with the boys.

Respectfully,

Michael Basmajian

Golden Gate

THE GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER brothers continue to ROLL in 2015 performing all the usual great benevolent events for the Armenian Community like supporting charities, granting scholarships, and crewing the great kebab spits at the church picnics but, ADD in the extra special activities of the mid-term convention and supporting the cause of the GENOCIDE memorial, and it's truly been an exceptional half a year.

KUDOS to our PGM Charles Paskerian who as chairman of the Council of Armenian American Organizations of Northern California (CAAONC) headed the Genocide Centennial Memorial Committee. As a show of support for the Committee and its purpose the Golden Gate TREX chapter donated five thousand dollars to the Genocide Committee, that's \$5,000!



The Cross on Mt. Davidson SF - Maintained by CAAONC



PGM Garo Mirigian, the four students and Bro Master Henry Shishmanian

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Under the leadership of PGM Garo Mirigian the GGC brothers continued their wonderful tradition of furnishing scholarships to Armenian – American students. This year we awarded \$1,000 scholarships to four high-achieving future leaders.

GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

The GGC continued to expand! Under the leadership of Bro Hagop Koujakian our roster of venerable brothers continues to grow. The latest brother to be accepted into the fold is Panos Aristakesian, "Tailor to the Stars".

THE MIDTERM CONVENTION

Our lively contingent down at the Midterm convention included several brothers.



PGM Sark Sarkisian Swearing in New Brother



Bro Master Henry "No-Nonsense" Shishmanian & Bro Vartan "The Tax" Hovsepian



GGC Treasurer Ara Kaprielian with Bro Ralphie Kazanjian and Hartley Appleton(ian) ... aka "The Wild Bunch"... Is that a walker behind Ralph?

Our Own Auntie Lou - all of 109 years old!

And it wouldn't be an update without showing off our dearest Aunty Lou, matron of the GGC TREX Clubhouse, with Bro Hagop Koujakian and wife Sonia (the Clubhouse Manager) knocking them down on a cruise ship.

Go Auntie Lou!!!



Las Vegas

Our January meeting was held at Past Master Mesrop's home. He put out a delicious dinner with all the trimmings. Grand master Ron Shanoian and Past Grand Master Jerry Poochigian were our guests of honor.

At one of our unscheduled dinner meetings our master Peter Boghossian put on a dinner at his home in Sun City. The dinner was outstanding and we had a very short meeting that evening.

As all our meetings are dinner meetings our March meeting was held at the Shish Kebob House; fine dinning and good food.

In April we changed our meeting place. We need a private room for our dinner meetings and we found another place. It is called Angelinas Pizzeria.

In April we donated \$1000.00 to the Armenian Genocide monument.

As of this date we have an honorary consul of the Republic of Armenia here in Las Vegas. Bro. Andy Armenian was the promoter of this event.

Our May meeting was held at Angelinas Pizzeria and so was our June meeting. July meeting the brothers are talking about Los Angeles Convention. And we have a potential new member coming in that evening.

Fraternally,
Chuck Parigian, PGM

Mt Diablo

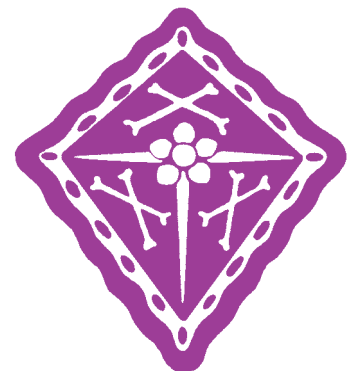
Greetings Brothers and Friends.

This year we moved our meeting location to Alborz Persian Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Although not typical Armenian cuisine, Alborz serves the purpose for good food and a good location.

Brother Jeff Apkarian and Jerry Tusan represented the Chapter at the Mid-Term dinner and meeting at the Fresno Clubhouse in March. As always, the Selma Brothers put on an extraordinary meal. It's worth the trip to Fresno just for the food!

Our Charity committee consisting of Brother Garo Keadjian, Ray Chiljan and Al Kaljian decided to donate to the Armenian Genocide Centennial Committee this year as our only charity as the event marked an important year. The members voted and agreed.

This year Mt Diablo celebrated its 40th Anniversary. On May 24th, 1975, Brother Ed Minasian formed the Chapter for the newly growing Contra Costa County. Although there were 3 rejections from Grand Chapter previously, then Master Charles Hazarian of Oakland agreed to sponsor the Chapter. There were 25 members. The following Brothers were Charter members of Mt Diablo and still active today: Brother Charlie Kezerian, Myron Konjoyan, Tanil Matosian, Vic Vasgerdsian (current Master), Steven Noroian and Al Kaljian. We celebrated with a beautiful dinner at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant in Pleasant Hill on June 28th with over 30 in





Bro. Jeff Apkarian & Jerry Tusan at Mid-Term in Fresno



Mt Diablo 40th Memories



Mt Diablo 40th-Bro Ray Chiljan, Ann, GM Ron & Janice Shanoian, Garo & Pat Keadjian, Kevork & Grace Hagopian



Mt Diablo 40th, Bro Ed & Bonnie Hazarabedian, PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Myron & Arax Konjoyan, Margit Hazarabedian, Carol Rustigian

attendance. Widows of the charter members were also invited. In attendance were Mrs. Margit Hazarabedian (Brother Art), Mrs. Carol Rustigian (Brother George) and Mrs. Evelyn Boyd (Brother Armen). Unfortunately due to health concerns Brother Ed Minasian nor his wife Goldie were able to attend.

Looking forward to the Los Angeles Convention in a few months.

Respectfully Submitted;

Brother Jerry Tusan, Associate Editor



Mt Diablo 40th, Bro Jeff & Jen Apkarian, Jerry Tusan



Mt Diablo 40th, Bro Lou Aronian & Susan, Jack & Armik Mooradian, Al & Mae Kaljian, Master Vic & Hasmig Vasgerdsian



Mt Diablo 40th, Bro Steve & Louise Noroian, Tan & Marilyn Matosian, Seno & Dickie Garabedian, Evelyn Boyd

Oakland

Parev Brothers,

Greetings from Oakland. It's been a busy and productive six months since we last wrote an article for the Trex News. Oakland Chapter is alive and doing well. We continue to grow in membership with the addition of two new members and one more in the investigation period. In March we swore in Bro. Tyler Pinomaki, son of Brian Pinomaki and in April we swore in Darren Michaels who joins an old and long line of Michaels in the Oakland Chapter.

In April the Oakland brothers got together at Brother Vartkes Avakian's home for an evening of cigars, food and liquid refreshment. This is an event that is held twice a year and is growing in popularity. Over 30 members and guests were in attendance. A selection of three cigars was provided for those members who had signed up for the smoking part of the evening. (Some of us burned our clothes when we got home to get rid of the smell.) A selection of food was provided by our host and several brothers supplied heavy hors d'oeuvres. It was really a great evening with a lot of comradely and fellowship. A special thanks to Bro. Vartkes for the use of his beautiful home and back yard where we all gathered.

In May a good group of brothers took off for golf and fishing weekend in the Sierra's near the town of Arnold, Ca. Bro. Craig Bazigian chaired the event. Many of the participants played golf three days in a row and a few of us fished. The food was great and the accommodations were special. We watched the championship welter weight fight on Saturday night. Bro. Craig has chaired this event a couple of times in the past. He always steps up when needed. A special thanks to Brother Craig for a job well done.

At our May meeting PGM Jack Bedoian and his crew came up to Oakland and put on a gourmet dinner for our



Bro. Avakian & Koojoolian at Cigar Night



Oakland Bro's at Crab Feed



Trex Bros. At Oakland Joint Meeting



Oakland Bro's in Arnold.



Three Generations of Kaljians



Oakland Bro. Enjoying Life



Oakland Bros at Cigar Night.

chapter. We had also invited our sister chapters Golden Gate, Mt. Diablo and Peninsula. We had an excellent turnout and all the brothers ate and drank well. PGM Bro. Jack has done this for a few years and it is one of the hi-lights of our year's activities. Good fellowship, good food, lots of talking, mixed with some gin rummy and tavloo playing make for a fun evening.

In July Bro. Dan Riley organized a day at the ball park to watch the Oakland "A's" play a game. About 30 members and guests attended the outing which started off with a great tailgate party where everybody ate and drank their fill. The weather was great but the A's were not. Hopefully next year will be a better season. A special thanks to Bro. Dan for his efforts in getting the tickets, organizing the event and putting together a great tail gate party. These coed and family functions are always a lot of fun.

Our committee for the 2017 Trex Convention is hard at work putting together a convention that will not be forgotten for a lot of years. Under the leadership of Bros. Gregg Chorbajain, Stuart Arakelian and James Taylor Jr., the group is planning a memorable and exciting venue for the event. You will hear a lot more about this event at the convention. Stay tuned for more info to follow in the Trex News in future articles.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro Harry Sherinian

Associate Editor, Oakland Chapter



Oakland Bro. at Arnold Outing





Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

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

This year, our annual “FAMILY DAY AT THE FAIR” was held on February 21st, at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. Several desert members, along with visiting Los Angeles Seniors and Juniors, and Orange County Chapter members enjoyed Armenian Mezza and drinks, which were hosted by PGM. Nick Nigosian and his wife Carolon, in the comforts of the hospitality suite and VIP tent provided by the Fair Board. Later, in the evening, everyone enjoyed the nightly musical pageant, which was followed by the musical rock band “The Commodores”.

Our Palm Desert Chapter was very proud to join in with other community members to increase our donation by presenting \$2,000 in scholarship money to deserving junior livestock exhibitors at the Fair.

The “DESERT GOLF OUTING” was held this year on May 2nd. Several Brothers from Los Angeles and Peninsula chapters, joined in on a great weekend of golf, dining and socializing. Golfers enjoyed a day of golf on a popular desert course, the Classic Golf Course. A wonderful cocktail/dinner party followed golf on Friday evening, where our annual 50/50 reverse raffle drawing was the entertainment for the evening. Thank you to Chairman PM Gordon Chuchian and committee members, Bro. Blaine Carian, PGM Greg Avedesian, PM George Kirkjan, PM Rob Carian and PM Bobby Melkesian who did a great job in coordinating a great weekend and this successful annual event.

The Palm Desert Chapter would like to welcome new member Brother James Atamian Towery, who passed his interview at our May meeting.

Everyone is looking forward to attending the upcoming



Golf Tournament. PGM Greg Avedesian



Golf Tournament - Brother Larry Johnson and PM Neil Huether



Day at the Fair. The Palm Desert Brothers with the Date Festival Queen and Princesses



Golf Tournament - PM Greg Safoyan and Guests



Golf Tournament - Golf Chairman, PM Gordon Chuchian and Guests



Meeting - PGM Greg Avedesian and Sponsor PM Greg Kirkjan, congratulating new member Bro. James Towery

2015 XXX Convention in Los Angeles, where brothers and their families can enjoy the many exciting events that have been scheduled by the Los Angeles Chapter.

The Palm Desert Chapter has secured the five star JW Marriott Desert Springs in Palm Desert for the 2016 Convention, and plans are in the works for another fantastic desert convention. We are proud to support our own PM Greg Safoyan for Grand Master in 2016. Brother Greg is a hard working and dedicated Trexman.

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

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

Faternally,
PGM Nick Nigosian
Corresponding Secretary



Meeting - PGM Nick Nigosian swears in new member Bro. James Towery



Golf Tournament - PM George Kirkjan with William DeVane and Guests

San Diego

For the San Diego Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity, the Winter of 2014 and Spring of 2015 included some fun events and our monthly meetings were lively and entertaining, as always, under the leadership of our new Master, Bro. James Sahagian.

On Saturday, December 6th, we held our annual Christmas Party, which was organized by Master Jim Sahagian and took place at The Grenadine Restaurant in Poway, CA. Brothers and their families enjoyed great Middle Eastern food and spent much of the evening “catching up” and enjoying each other’s company during the Christmas season. As always, the evening included our annual gift exchange, which resulted in a fun time for all, as well as a visit from Santa Claus (thanks Bro. George Banerian for arranging his visit).

Our March meeting included a visit from Grand Master Ron Shanoian and was held at the Albhorz Persian Restaurant in Del Mar, CA. We enjoyed our time together with Bro. Ron and it was great to have him attend our meeting. It was also a very special treat to have him administer the oath of office to our new Master and Treasurer/Secretary as well as the initiation oath to our new member, Jack Deuzjian. We are very happy to welcome Bro. Jack into our San Diego Chapter.

The brotherhood recently recognized Vahan Serpekian for his many years of membership and service as an officer in our Chapter. We bestowed lifetime membership on Vahan in recognition for all that he has contributed over the years. Recently, Vahan’s wife and daughter have been ill, which has made him unable to attend our monthly meetings.



Jack Deuzjian Initiation by GM Ron Shanoian

In April, our Chapter supported the Armenian students at UCSD in their organization of a 100 year Genocide Memorial event. Many of our Brothers also attended the Genocide Memorial Services at the Armenian Church. PGM Bro. Joe Kellejian was one of the guest speakers at the event.

On Sunday, July 26, 2015 the San Diego brothers are looking forward to our Summer Picnic, which will be held at the picnic grounds in Fairbanks Ranch and should be a lot of fun under the sun. We are also preparing for our 7th Annual Wine & Cheese Tasting event at the beautiful Rancho Bernardo Courtyard, to be held on Saturday, October 10, 2015, which raises funds for our Student Scholarship Program.



PGM Joe Kellejian and Master Jim Sahagian with Mayor of Glendale

Los Angeles Juniors

Brothers:

The LA Juniors are excited to attend Convention 2015 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel hosted by the Los Angeles Seniors.

2015 has been a very exciting year and for the first time ever the LA Juniors will be hosting a special private event at convention. The event will take place Saturday night, September 5th at 10:30pm, at The SPiN Lounge at the Standard Hotel. The event will be 21+ and will be held at a Sleek Downtown Lounge complete with Ping Pong, Beer Pong, Open Bar, and a Lounge Area perfect for a late night rendezvous with old and new friends. For more information please email the Los Angeles Juniors at LAJuniorTrex@Gmail.com.

The Juniors look forward to hosting a few parties, planning several entertainment outings, and supporting



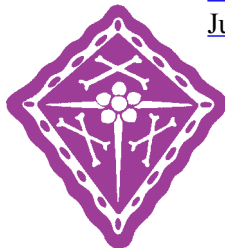
L.A. Juniors – Verdugo Park Family Picnic 2015

our Senior Chapter in the coming year!

Fraternally,

Bro. Patrick Kevorkian

Junior Master of the Los Angeles Juniors



Sequoia Juniors

Good evening brothers, tonight we celebrate. We celebrate the many accomplishments and acts of philanthropy by the Sequoia Jrs. And celebrate o'plenty. We had a hoot hosting last year's convention in our stomping grounds of Visalia, CA. We gained two more brothers that weekend: Stephen Babagian, and Garabed Kalanjan. Last October, we successfully hosted our first annual Steaks and Cigars Under the Stars dinner in benefit for Orran in Armenia. Come Christmas time, we picked up a jolly sack of build-a-bears and presented them to the children at Valley Children's Hospital for the second consecutive year. In June, we helped the students at the

Creative Center in Visalia celebrate their birthdays by serving them root beer floats. The Creative Center is a school for mentally challenged adults. We are currently planning our second annual Steaks and Cigars Under the Stars this October. The event was a huge success last year and we anticipate tickets will sell out fast this year so stay tuned for details. Our chapter has two brothers serving in the US Navy in an effort to kill ISIS. When we aren't rolling our sleeves up and getting our hands dirty in our everyday work, we take the time to celebrate our accomplishments. So raise your glasses brothers, and raise 'em high. For tonight we celebrate! Love, the Sequoia Jrs.



Selma

Selma Chapter has gone through a roller coaster year. We have been around for many years and have learned to cope with all kinds of bumps in the road. We have had sadness and happiness.

Along the way we have lost our Bro. Past Grand Master Jack Kazanjian, a member for over 67 years. Jack's legacy was that he served his country in the USCG, his state as President of the State Board of Accountancy, his church, and his fraternity. His dedication should inspire our younger brothers in giving of their service.

Our Treasurer, Jim Tikijian, has been battling a life threatening illness, and has placed himself on the sidelines.

April 24, 2015 was the unveiling of the Armenian Genocide Memorial on the campus of California State University Fresno. Selma Chapter was a major donor and supporter of this memorial. Our name is listed as a Pillar Donor for the Dikranagerd Province of Ancient Armenia.

We initiated three new members. Welcome Yerjanjik Ohanian, John Chookasezian, and Jason Tikijian.

The month of May was scholarship month. We were pleased to award \$1,250 to five very much deserving recipients for their accomplishments and need.

As for fun, we over indulged in eating Mexican Food. The last three dinner meetings, for some insane reason, were at eateries featuring the Mexican Cuisine. I am happy that I am Armenian, and think our food is greatly appreciated. That brings us to our annual Keyma Night. If you are around on August 27th, join us at the Fresno County Deputy Sheriff's Association Bldg. Past Grand Master Sam Bagdasarian will shahel the meat. (Is it ok to say shahel?)

Bother Oscar Kasparian and David Shapazian took charge of our annual Poker Night. Another successful night. Oscar also has been moving around on a 75 year old knee that has been reconditioned. Not enough to stop



Master Bob Srabian, Brett and Melanie Mosekian.



2015 Scholarship Dinner, George Bedrosian, Bryan Ananian, Alexander Jaramishian



2015 Scholarship Dinner, Sam Bagdasarian, Marcus Marootian



Marty Mamigonian and 2015 Scholarship Recipients (left to right): Brett and Melanie Mosekian (parents of Briel); Avedis Kachadourian; Alexa Bell; Raegan Melfe; Jessica Chilingirian.



2015 Scholarship Dinner - Harry Moordigian, Jack Ouzounian PGM and Dick Boyajian



2015 Scholarship Recipient Alexa Bell and parents



2015 Sholarship recipient Raegan Melfe and parents



Janet and Jessica Chilingirian

him from making more money for the Chapter.

The Mid-Term Triple X Meeting, we hosted in March, was well attended, and from your comments enjoyed by all. We appreciate your support and time taken to travel to Fresno. Grand Master Ron Shanoian, Past Grand Masters Jack Ouzounian and Ed Hokokian were interviewed by Valley Public Television at the meeting for a presentation on April 16th and 24th about Armenians of Fresno in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of the 1915 Genocide, by commenting on the Trex Fraternity history.

Our perfect attendance champion Haig Aivazian has ended his run of perfection this year. Time and health has taken its toll.

Fraternally,
Robert Srabian, Master



Armenian Cultural Day at Art Museum (February) - Jason & Jim Tikijian in finals of tavloo tourney



July Business Meeting



DeRuyter Sports Night (April)

Peninsula

Salutations, Fellow Trex Brethren, Families, and Friends! Our Peninsula Chapter officers for 2014-15 are:

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

Our regular Peninsula Chapter dinner meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at the Los Altos Masonic Building, 146 Main Street in Los Altos. If you're ever passing through the Bay Area during that time, please stop in and say hello! During the months when it's nice and warm outside, you'll usually find us in the central outdoor courtyard barbecuing; when the weather's not so nice, you can find us in the downstairs banquet room, which has adjacent to it a full industrial kitchen where our master chefs perform their culinary magic. With great mezza, wine, tavloo, and of course the delicious dinners, a good time is had by all!

We do have lots of fun, great food, and wonderful fellowship on meeting nights. Unfortunately, I do have some rather troublesome news to report. Due to many of our members not being able to attend some meetings for a variety of reasons, the monthly Peninsula Chapter meetings were cancelled for the months of December, March, May, and June. With a very small chapter such as ours, now with only 11 members in the Bay Area and another two living in the Central Valley, getting more than a handful of members to attend can understandably be a challenge at times. Master Ruben recently stated that he has some suggestions that he would like to discuss with the Peninsula Brothers at an upcoming meeting, so hopefully his ideas will help things to improve for the future.

We are hopeful (I've heard rumors) that we'll have more delegates at the upcoming Convention in Los Angeles than we did for the Mid-Term this past March, and we look forward to seeing old friends, meeting new people, and partaking in all that the Convention and Southern California has to offer! We wish all the best to the hosting Los Angeles Chapter and all attendees for a fun-filled and successful weekend!

Fraternally submitted,

Brother Mark Antranikian
Peninsula Jr. Master/Corr. Sec./Assoc. Editor
Grand Webmaster



Everyone's ready to eat! (L-R): Guest Mihran Kassabian, Bro. Vic Khachooni, guest Nazaret Berberian, Bro. George Kamian, and Bro. Vartan Berberian.



Peninsula Brothers and distinguished guests enjoy another great dinner! (L-R): Bro. Daryl Jamgotchian, GM Ron Shanoian, PGM Jerry Poochigian, Bro. Vazgen Babayan, and Bro. Mark Antranikian.



GM Ron Shanoian (3rd from right) is joined by Peninsula members and guests at the July meeting (also present was PGM Jerry Poochigian, who served as the photographer).



Bro. Vic Khachooni displays the makeshift banner that he had crafted from a pillowcase a few years ago in an attempt to avoid a big fine when the official banner wasn't available.

Sequoia

A Warm greetings to all of Triple X brothers and families. The summer season is upon us. Sitting down to write this article at the beginning of June 2015 it's hard to believe the season of rest (summer) is finally here. We Hyes are so blessed in many ways; we can give thanks to God for each new day.

We would like to send our appreciation to the **Selma Chapter Brother's** for the wonderful, **Annual Mid-Term Convention** held at the Fresno Club House. Thanks to all the brothers who helped. The all day Mezza was unbelievable, along with the mouth watering steaks for dinner. If you missed the mid-term you really missed something. We appreciate all the bothers, for this wonderful event.

The year started with our **Installation Dinner in January**. We installed new officers and had a fantastic dinner. Many thanks go out to Brother Mike Markarian for organizing this event. Thanks also to our very own special guest, **Grand Master, Ron Shanoian** and wife Janice. A special thanks also to our Brothers PGM. Jerry Poochigian, Dean Ametjian and the wonderful group of servers, who put together a spectacular dinner.

We wanted to congratulate our **Brother Archie Zarkarian** on becoming a **grandpa** of a new baby boy. A **great grandpa** of the same family **Brother Abe Karzarian, and Great Uncle, Brother Mark Karzarian**. Archie's son Matthew and daughter-in-law are the proud parents.

Sequoia Chapter Triple X Fraternity hosted a **Tri-Chapter Steak dinner** with guests from Selma and Fresno. It was a wonderful evening for all.

We welcomed **two new members** to our fraternity, Dr. Grigor Momjyan who works for the District Attorneys here in Tulare County, and George Simonoff who lives and works in Bakersfield. We are always thankful to greet new brothers.

We were blessed once again to serve our community at the St. Mary Church of Yettem at the **Armenian Food Festival** held in Visalia. This is an exciting event that happens in May each year. We would like to thank all the brothers who helped and gave up their time for this fundraiser. The Cooking Chairmen was Brother Dean Ametjian, and Trex Brothers' included, PGM. Jerry Poochigian, Brian Poochigian, Master, Jack Barsamian, Sark Dividian Jr., Charlie Davidian, Brian Ananian, Mark Kazarian, Richard Yahnian, and Tom Babagian.

We were pleased once again to award three, two thousand dollar **scholarships** to outstanding students of Armenian ancestry, our winners were, **Stephen H. Babagian**, graduated from El Diamante High School. His parents are PGM. Peter and Mary Babagian. Stephen



GM Ron presenting Past Master Brian Achievement Trophy



Grand Master Ron at Mt Diablo Chapter Meeting



GM Ron and John Casparian Armenian Open

was on the honor roll all four years, involved in ASB, was elected Senior Vice President, participated in football all four years, and was selected to play in the County All Star Football game this summer. He will attend University of California at Fresno State, participate in football and major in Sports Media and Marketing.

Annie Rubio, graduated from Golden West High School. Her parents are Fernando and Elaine Tavlian Rubio. Annie was Valedictorian of her class and ranked number one in her class of 343, participated in Varsity Tennis, Track, Key Club President, CFS four years as Secretary, and Marching Band all four years. Her great Uncle, Kay Paul was a fifty year Trex member from



Sequoia Chapter Police and Fire Academy Scholarship Winners



Sequoia Chapter new member George Simonoff and GM Ron



Sequoia Chapter new member Grigor Momjyan and GM Ron



Sherry Babagian Janice and GM Ron Shanoian Sequoia Installation

Fresno 1927-1977. She plans to attend California State University, Fresno with a major in International Business.

Mitchell Wainwright, graduated from Redwood High School. His parents are Daniel and Tiffany Wainwright. Tiffany, mother of Mitchell is also the daughter of long time Trex member Brother Basil Perch, and son Brother B.J. Perch, is the Uncle of Mitchell. Mitchell is a AP Scholar with Honor Awards, was ranked 10 in his class out of 494, CFS four years, Academic Letter and Lantern, Future Business Leaders of America, and states that Soccer is his passion.

He plans to attend University of California at Los Angeles. His plans are to major in Mathematics and attend Medical School.

The Sequoia Chapter would like to **congratulate all our scholarship** winners and their parents. We are all so proud of you and pray that the next chapter in your life will be as fulfilling.

We lost a former brother Marvin Aharonian. His son Tim Aharonian is a current member since 1976. We wanted to say a Big Thank You to Laura Davidian for her donation to Sequoia Trex in Marvin's behalf.

We donated money to a new group in our area called **Thanking Veterans**. This group provides fishing and other outdoor adventures for Disabled Veterans. Thank you Charlie Davidian for your service with this group, and bringing it to our attention.

We were honored for the second year to host **Public Safety Appreciation Night in June**. A presentation of **scholarships** for two outstanding Cadets in the Police Academy from College of the Sequoias, we also honored and pay tribute to a retiring judge from our own community. The evening began with an **outstanding dinner put on by Brother David Vartanian from the Vintage Press Restaurant**. We had over seventy brothers and guests in attendance. Special guest included the **Captain of the Visalia Police Department**, the **Fire Chief of Tulare County**, and the **Sheriff of Tulare County**. We gave a special award to **Retiring Judge, the Honorable Joseph Kalashian** for the many years of service to our community. A big thank you goes to Brother Richard Tamouzian and Chuck Simonian and the many brothers on the committee who helped with this special event.

We are look forward to our annual fund raiser of selling fireworks starting this July. Hope all of you have a safe, enjoyable summer, and hope to see you all in Los Angeles over Labor Day.

"Rejoice Always",

P.M. Tom Babagian

OBITUARIES



JACK KAZANJIAN, PGM — Selma Chapter

Jack Kazanjian passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday, May 2, 2015, at the age of 92, after a lengthy illness. He was born on June 2, 1922, at his parents' home in the farming community of Bowles, CA, the second of four children. As a young boy, Jack joined the Boy Scouts and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from Fowler High School in 1940, then attended

Fresno City College. He served in the United States Coast Guard from 1942 through 1946, was honorably discharged, then returned home to Fowler where he attended Fresno State College from 1946 to 1949. Jack opened his own bookkeeping service in 1946, and was licensed as a Public Accountant in 1951. He served his clients honestly and faithfully until his retirement in 2006. Jack was very active in the community. His service includes Past President and Board Member of the California State Board of Accountancy, the first Public Accountant to serve as Board President; Past Board Member of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy; Past President of the Society of California Accountants; Past member of the Fresno City Planning Commission; Past Chairman of the Fresno Redevelopment Agency and the Fresno City Housing and Community Development Commission; Past President and 50 year Board Member of the California Armenian Home; Past State President of the Triple X Fraternity; and Past Member and Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Armenian Church of North America, Western Diocese Endowment Fund. He was also a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge in Seattle, WA and the Sacramento Scottish Rite Bodies. He married Isabelle Simonian on August 27, 1949, and they had three children, Debra, Sandra, and Susan. Jack was a doting and devoted husband and father, always encouraging his children, and instilling in them the importance of hard work, service to others, and leading a life of integrity. He and Isabelle traveled extensively. Jack loved gardening and was well-known for his sago palms and his vegetable garden. After Isabelle's death, he enjoyed a special friendship and travel with Eleanor Yazjian. The family would like to thank Jack's caregivers at home, and at Somerford Place for their loving care. He was preceded in death by his wife Isabelle; his parents, Ardashes and Agnes Kazanjian; and his sisters, Anita, Gloria, and Gladys Kazanjian. He is survived by his children, Debra Kazanjian, Sandra Kazanjian and Susan Kazanjian; his grandchildren, Ani Stoecker and her husband Reed, Jaclyn Gostanian, Matthew Gostanian, and Tamar Gostanian; and his great-grandson, Jacob Stoecker. He is also survived by his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Rosalie and Joe Garabedian, PGM.



GEORGE SHAHINIAN — Capitol Chapter

George Levon Shahinian, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully on September 6th, 2014 after a one year battle with Multiple Myeloma. He was 80 years old, just 6 days shy of his 81st birthday.

George was born on the day of the Khatch, September 12, 1933, in Aleppo, Syria to parents Levon and Haygouhy Shahinian. He was the youngest of 6 siblings. He came to the United States (San Francisco) in 1959 at the age of 25 to pursue his educational dreams of becoming an engineer. He attended the College of San Mateo and later Heald Engineering College where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1965. In 1970, George earned his registration as a Professional Engineer by the State of California.

Also during this time, George met Virginia Kazandjian. They had their first official date on New Year's Eve, 1964; they would marry later that year in

San Francisco on August 8th, surrounded by family and close friends. They lived in Daly City and had 3 children, Leon, Haig and Tina during 1966-1972.

George initially worked with the Department of Transportation, Division of Bay Toll Crossing, as a Mechanical and Electrical Engineer; he performed various projects on bridges and tunnel ventilation throughout California. In 1972, he moved his young family and mother to Sacramento where he worked for the State of California Air Resources Board for 25 years.

George was an active member of the Triple X Fraternity since 1973 and a Steward of the St. James Armenian Church in Sacramento.

George retired in October, 1995. He enjoyed his retirement years by doing what he loved most, spending time with his family. He and Virginia also took this time to travel throughout the United States and also internationally with trips to Armenia, Syria, Europe and Canada.

George and Virginia and just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 8th, 2014, surrounded by their family at home.

George is survived by his loving wife, Virginia, son Leon and daughter-in-law Leslie, son Haig, daughter Tina and son-in-law Chad, 5 beautiful grandchildren, his sister Adrienne, his brother-in-law Vahe (who he always called his brother), sister-in-law Anna and many nieces and nephews and numerous cousins.

George shared a close relationship with many and his happy-go-lucky and truly caring personality will be greatly missed. We will cherish our memories and always keep him closer to our hearts.



RAY J. HOVEY — Los Angeles Chapter

He was truly the "Man For All Seasons". Our beloved Raymond, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, and uncle to many nieces and nephews, answered the call from Heaven, after 92 years of a full and productive life. In addition to his large and loving family, he will be missed by a legion of friends who were so much a part of his long life. Ray was born in Fresno to the late Armen and Almas Hovey, and raised in Los Angeles, CA, where his enterprising spirit saw great success in the automobile business. Along with thriving dealerships in Gardena, CA, and Corona, CA, he served as President of the LOSOR Chevrolet Dealers' Association. Following military service in World War II as a Military Police Corps in the European theater, Ray returned to Los Angeles to marry Alice Thomasian, the one and only love of his life. An avid golfer, Ray was a 51 year member of Bel Air Country Club, and a 70 year member of Triple X Fraternity, in which he served as a Grand Master. The Hovey family deeply appreciates and thanks the Companion Hospice, for the excellent care and comfort provided to Ray in his final days. Ray is survived by his wife Alice; grateful children, Christine Rae Hallaian and her husband Frank, and Gary Allen Hovey and his wife Sandra; grandchildren, Christian Jon Hallaian and his wife Lauren, Chelsea Bleue Gallucci and her husband Nick, and Kash and Nevada Hovey; great-grandson, Harrison Jon Hallaian; sister, MaryJane Franklin; and sister-in-law, Flo Snyder Speck. A Private Funeral Service was held.

NOTICE

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PGM's present at the 2015 Mid-Term Convention in Fresno. 1 to r seated: Jerry Poochigian, Charles Parigian, Greg Avedesian, GM Ron Shanoian, Jack Bedoian, Ed Hokokian, Mel Shanoian. Standing, 1 to r: Pete Cholakian, Nick Nigosian, Vaughn Vartanian, Garo Mirigian, Harold Bazarian, Frank Korkmazian, Sam Bagdasarian, Bob Juskalian, Jeff Hazarian, Jack Ouzounian.