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87th Annual Convention

Sponsored by Palm Desert Chapter

... Live and Play like a Star ...
The Desert is Your Playground!



FRIDAY, September 2nd 2016

Convention Check In - 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Lobby of the JW Marriott Desert Springs Hotel
Guests will pick up their Hospitality Bag and Event Tickets

Palm Desert Hospitality Suite - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Chairman's Suite ~ XXX Hospitality Suite for Meza & Drinks

Friday Night Event - 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Welcome to the Desert - Live and Play like a Star!

Music ~ Food Stations ~ Putting Green ~ Photo Booth & Star Photos



SATURDAY, September 3rd, 2016

Men's Golf - 7:30 a.m. Shotgun
18 Hole Championship Desert Springs Golf Course

Desert Jeep Adventure - 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Convention Check In - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Lobby of the JW Marriott Desert Springs Hotel
Guests will pick up their Hospitality Bag and Event Tickets

Poolside & Cabana Party - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Oasis Pool (private reserved area)

Palm Desert Hospitality Suite - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Chairman's Suite ~ XXX Hospitality Suite for Meza & Drinks

Saturday Night Event - 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Star-Studded Dinner & Dancing
The Rat Pack & Dry Martini Orchestra
Oasis Armenian Band



SUNDAY, September 4th, 2016

Men's Breakfast & XXX Convention Meeting - 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Ladies Brunch/Luncheon Event - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Palm Desert Hospitality Suite - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Chairman's Suite ~ XXX Hospitality Suite for Meza & Drinks

Sunday Night Event - 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Sunday Night "Rock 'n Hye" ~ Elvis Show & Oasis Armenian Band





Grand Master's Message

As my term enters its last months, I can look back on great memories. Although our Chapters vary in size and location, I have seen a common focus of involvement in charitable activities within our local communities. In addition to the financial benefits, these events contribute to our positive image in the communities and they serve as an excellent recruitment source for new members.

I am very pleased with the progress that is being made on some of the goals that I have set. We have accumulated a great Editorial Staff for the upcoming Centennial Yearbook and we have begun to obtain historical pictures and information that will make the publication a reminder of the great accomplishments of our Fraternity. The Fresno Chapter, in conjunction with the Selma and Sequoia Chapters, is working to develop plans to stage

a memorable Centennial Convention in 2018. I would like to continue to encourage all Chapters to keep their Grand Chapter web pages current.

I want to thank the Grand Chapter Officers, PGM Advisory Board and the Chapter Masters/Officers for their outstanding work on behalf of our Fraternity.

I am looking forward to a great Convention in Palm Desert and please join me in supporting Bro Greg Safoyan for Grand Master

Fraternally yours
John Casparian, Grand Master

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Fresno

GREETINGS TO ALL.....

Here is the latest word from the cradle of the TRIPLE X, FRESNO Chapter, where all of this wonderful fraternity begun.

Yes indeed, we also have the only brick and mortar building built with the blood, sweat and tears of past and present brothers of this proud brotherhood here in FRESNO. If these walls could talk you would hear countless card games, tavloo and poker being played, you could smell hundreds of cigars and cigarettes burning. THEY say there was so much smoke during the socials, a smoke remover had to be installed in the card room. Yes and the food and drink was the best there was!!!!, cooked right here in the commercial kitchen. In fact it was so busy the brothers had to WAIT to play at the gin card tables and parking was hard to find!!! Now, flash to the present, we have barely 25 people show up to meetings on a good day. The talk of selling is back on the table, due to maintenance cost like roofing, parking lot resurface and old bathrooms. We need fresh ideas from ALL our bright brothers to keep this clubhouse ALIVE and self-sustaining... let's make brother Mooney, who was the contractor that spearheaded the club



Brothers Gary, Richard, Merlin, Steve and Dave raising the flag in front of Club House.



Brother Varoujan, Coach DeRuyter and Master Steve.



Master Steve, Coach, Bros. Jack and Richard.



At ground breaking of California Armenian Home. Denva, Bro. Gary, PGM Eddie with grandson and Mary Ann



PM Richard with long time Triple X supporter Bob Tusan at ground breaking.



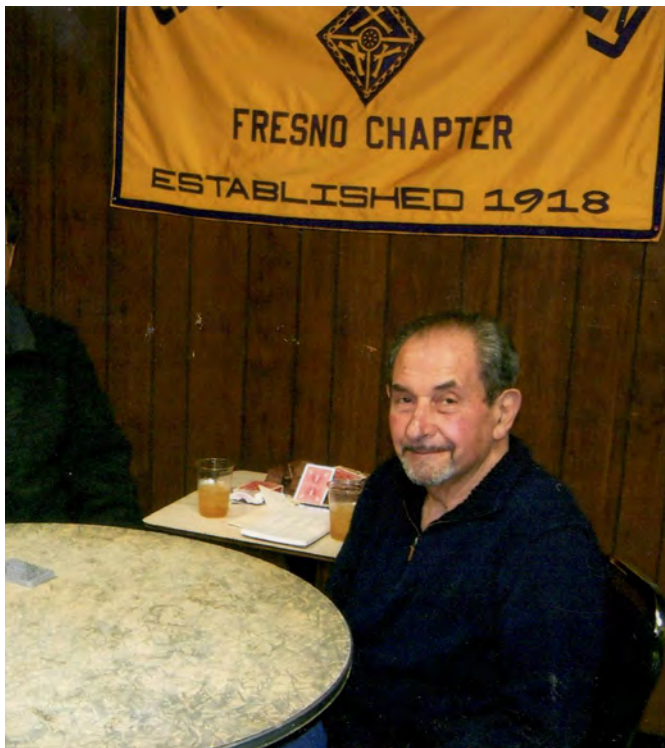
Bro. Jack Gahvejian at enjoying ground breaking Armenian Home.

house PROUD, and to keep this for future brothers to use and enjoy.

In closing, we had a huge fund raiser in May, coach DeRuyter Night that was very successful. Thanks to our Master Steve and PGM Bob and PGM Jack; also want to thank Alberta Bedoian for great appetizers and cooks, salad makers and bartenders and all who donated PRIZES.

On a sad note we must say goodbye to a 50+ year member brother Chuck Adanalian, who joined our chapter in 1957. We give our deepest sympathies to his family, he attended many Triple X functions and he will be greatly MISSED!

Respectfully submitted
Brother MICHAEL BASMAJIAN



Farewell to Bro. Charles "Chuck" Adanalian.



Jan, Alberta, Denise with grandson at Coaches Nite.

Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The LA Chapter is eagerly looking forward to joining the rest of our Brothers in the desert and enjoy the hospitality of the Palm Desert Chapter for this year's convention. We are very proud to have **Grand Master John Casparian** representing our great Fraternity. He regularly attends our meetings as well as many of the other great chapters in our Fraternity. The LA Chapter has been keeping busy with events just about every month. Led by our **Master, PGM Jeff Hazarian** and his top notch executive committee, the LA Chapter has been having fun and enjoying each other's company.

January's Bingo Party was our first event of 2016 chaired by Bro. **Darren Eminian** and his wife Aida. This year we broadcast the NFL playoff game during the Bingo games making it even more exciting. Brothers, wives, friends and families attended the event and **Bro. Darren** and Aida had a great mezza. Lots of kids this year and a lot of new faces. Many of the kids and new comers won jackpots, making the regulars bitter and wanting to eject these winners. It was a very fun afternoon and many thanks **Bro. Darren** and Aida!

In March, 18 LA Brothers played golf and attended Midterm Convention in Visalia, hosted by the Sequoia Chapter. **Grand Master John** ran a great Masters and Business Meeting. It was fun to see our fellow Bros mid-year and enjoy a great dinner! For those of you that were not present, **GM John** introduced the Wheel-O-Fines. Members called out on a fine were invited to spin the Wheel-O-Fines to determine their fate. Most landed on the \$1 slide of the wheel, but a few got hit with bigger numbers. Look for the Wheel-O-Fines at the Business Meeting at this year's Convention in Palm Desert.

In April we had a wonderful joint event with our Orange County Brothers and wives at Santa Anita for a Day at the Races. Great lounge area and outstanding buffet lunch too. A really enjoyable day betting on the horses ended abruptly when **Bro Chris Armen** began threatening the ponies by holding up a can of dog food. DHS quickly took custody of the dog food and also found Elmers Glue on Bro Chris. He was quickly ejected from the track and was later seen hitchhiking back to his house. Looking forward to another event



Bro Mike Kourtjian... ugh... never mind.

with them.

In May, 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. Since I didn't win any of the awards, there is no need to go into the detail of the winners. Congratulations Bro **Zareh** on a great event and me for closest to the pin.



PGM, Master Jeff, far left, golfing with 3 other guys at Partners Best Ball.



Chairman PGM Mel (seated) surrounded by the Armenian Open Golf Committee (L-R) Bros Mike Kourtjian, Tev Eminian, Jimmy Gondjian and George Titizian.

We also held our 61th 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. In addition, there was a special appearance by the USC Football Coach Clay Helton. Tony Gamboa claimed the "A" Flight 1st place, shooting net 66! "B" Flight was won by **Bro Ara Bedros**. Bro Armen Hampar won "C" Flight and Steve Summer won the Blind Bogey Flight. The PGM Aram Poladian Trophy Senior Low Net was won by **Bro Ara Papazian** with 62. The Greg Mikaelian Trophy for overall low net was John Shubin at 59. The Robert Kalfayan Trophy for overall low gross was won by Raffi Basjian with 72 and the Dikran Jebejian Trophy Senior Low Gross by **Bro Paul Abrahamian** at 62. 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 77th Annual Triple X Family picnic chaired by Bro **Guy Injayan**. It was an amazing day with great food and people to share it with. Lots of kids this year with games organized by Karineh Injayan. The LA Juniors, led by Junior Bro Vahe Mikaelian helped serve with other Trex kids. Cooking of course was supervised by none other than Bro **Steve Mikaelian** and the crew of critics. The annual softball game didn't disappoint either. Lots of trash talk and joking around with quite a few great players. There were about 100 in attendance with ages ranging from new-borns to 90+ and everyone had a great time.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the 2016 Convention. We have many more events are planned for the balance of the year including Wives Night Out at the Hollywood Bowl, the Orange County Chapter's Picnic, Gin Tourney, Cigar Night, annual Stagg Outing, Ararat Home Picnic and Christmas parties together.

Faternally,

Bro Michael Surmeian, Associate Editor



LA, OC and Sequoia Brothers at Santa Anita Day at the Races!

Mt Diablo

Hello from Mt Diablo Brothers:

We continue to increase members at our dinner meetings at Alborz Persian Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Our Recording Secretary, Brother Jack Mooradian, periodically calls Brothers who haven't attended meetings in a few months. It has worked! Several members are now carpooling or attending meetings regularly. Brother Ed Hazarabedian, our Treasurer for over 8 years, keeps us current with our banking, IRS filing and bill paying. Master Vic Vasgerdsian has conducted meetings as health permits, and always shares stories of Armenian historic affairs.

Brother Jeff Apkarian and Brother Jerry Tusan attended the Mid-Term Meeting in Visalia hosted by Sequoia Chapter this year in March. As always, there is an abundance of good food and fellowship.

Our Charity committee consisting of Brothers Garo Keadjian, Al Kaljian, and Ray Chiljan, presented our Charity donations for 2016. They were voted and accepted at the April meeting: ANCA Western Division and the Paros Foundation which gives aid to Armenia. We felt giving more money to a fewer charities will make a difference for them.

Eleven Mt Diablo Brothers attended the Oakland Chapter Joint Meeting in May. PGM Jack Bedomian and crew from the Fresno Chapter served up a delicious meal of Lulu Kebab with all the trimmings. I don't know what it is but the food from Fresno always tastes better. Thanks again Brothers Bedomians!

This year Brother Steve Noroian celebrates his 50 Years as a Trex Member. He started as a young man in the Golden Gate in 1966. Brother Steve has been a good active member all these years. Congratulations Brother Steve!

Brother Ray Chiljian is planning our Summer Patio Buffet for July at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. Grand Master John Casparian is planning on attending our business meeting in July.

Looking forward to the Convention in the Desert over Labor Day.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jerry Tusan, Corresponding Secretary



Bro Jeff Apkarian-Jerry Tusan at Sequoia Mid-Term



Bro Steve Noroian 50 year Pin



Mt Diablo Trex Dinner Meeting



*Mt Diablo Brothers at
Oakland Joint Meeting*

San Diego

For the San Diego Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity, the Winter of 2015 and Spring of 2016 included some fun and benevolent events, the initiation of several new members and monthly meetings that were lively and entertaining, as always, under the leadership of Master James Sahagian.

The San Diego Chapter has been fortunate this year to have welcomed several new members. At our February 2016 meeting, we initiated two new brothers, Chris Hokokian and Peter Kevorkian. We are very pleased to welcome Bros. Chris and Peter to our chapter and know that they will become valued members to our fraternity.

In the spring of this year, many of the San Diego Trex brothers donated their time and resources to assist with the renovation of St. Leo's dental clinic in Solana Beach. This is a clinic that helps the underprivileged and financially challenged residents of Solana Beach and surrounding communities to receive dental care from volunteer doctors and hygienists. Our PGM Joe Kellejian and Bro. Dan Tevrizian volunteered their time to both fundraising and to the actual renovation process, which eventually totaled nearly \$10,000. Both the SD Chapter, as well as individual brothers, donated funds to the project. A dedication was held on completion of the project, which garnered media coverage from many local San Diego news outlets. In addition, our San Diego Chapter was recognized as a key contributor and presented with a 'Certificate of Appreciation'.

On May 11, 2016, our chapter held its first ever 'Trex Movie Night', in which many of the brothers, along with the wives, enjoyed an evening out, which included dinner at CPK Restaurant in Carmel Mountain and a movie at the new Angelika Movie theatre. Those members who attended enjoyed seeing "The Meddle" with Susan Sarandon in the comfort of reclining lounge chairs.

Our May 2016 meeting included a visit from Grand Master John Casparian and was held at the Albhorz Persian Restaurant in Del Mar, CA. We enjoyed our time together with GM Bro. John and it was great to have him attend our meeting. It was also a very special treat to have him administer the initiation oath to another new member, Jack Aleksanyan. We are very happy to welcome Bro. Jack into our San Diego Chapter.

On Saturday, July 23, 2016 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 8th Annual Wine & Cheese Tasting event at the beautiful Rancho Bernardo Courtyard, to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016, which raises funds for our Student Scholarship Program.

Steve Hovsepien



Jack Aleksanyan Initiation by GM John Casparian.



*Chris Hokokian and Peter Kevorkian
Initiation by PGM Joe Kellejian*

Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

The Palm Desert Chapter has been very busy planning the upcoming annual Convention for the Triple-X Fraternity. We are so proud to be able to host the many members and their families that will come to our desert from the State of California and Nevada. Those who attend will be able to enjoy and experience the cool environment of the beautiful JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort, and will “Live and Play like Stars” during the long Labor Day weekend. We are looking forward to entertaining you!

The Palm Desert Chapter is proud to support our own PM Greg Safoyan for Grand Master in 2016. Brother Greg is a hard working and dedicated Trexman and is looking forward to meeting all of you at this year’s Convention.

In addition to preparing for the Convention, our Chapter has also held regular monthly meetings, and several charitable and social events.

This year, our annual “FAMILY DAY AT THE FAIR” was held on February 20th, 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 Nigolian** and his wife **Carolyn**, 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 band “KC and the Sunshine Band”.

Our Palm Desert Chapter was very proud to join in with other community members supporting the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4H Clubs. Our Chapter is proud to have again donated a \$2,000 scholarship to deserving junior

livestock exhibitors at the Fair.

The “DESERT GOLF OUTING” was held this year on May 7th. Several Brothers from Los Angeles chapter, 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 party followed golf on Friday evening, where our annual 50/50 reverse raffle drawing was the entertainment for the evening. Thank you to the Golf committee members, **PGM Greg Avedesian**, **Bro. Blaine Carian**, **PM George Kirkjan**, and **PM Bobby Melkesian** who did a great job in coordinating a great weekend and this successful annual event.

We are saddened to report that long-time Trex member, Richard “Dick” Spanjian passed away in March this year. Dick was a Los Angeles Chapter Member and then joined the Palm Desert Chapter after moving to the desert. He will be missed by his family, friends and Trex Brothers.

In June we held a Prospective New Members night, where several young Armenian men enjoyed the evening with Palm Desert members and showed interest in joining



PALM DESERT PROSPECTIVE MEMBER NIGHT 2016. Palm Desert Members with some Prospective Members



PALM DESERT CONVENTION COMMITTEE 2016. PM Greg Safoyan, Janis & PGM Greg Avedesian, Carolyn & PGM Nick Nigolian



PALM DESERT CONVENTION - Sub-Committee Meeting 2016. Ani & PM Chris Markarian, Carolon & PGM Nick Nigosian, Zenda & Master Vic Saraydarian, Judy & PM Gary Funtas, Tracy & PM Gordon Chuchian, Janis & PGM Greg Avedesian, and Dean Martin

the Chapter.

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

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

Fraternally,

PGM Nick Nigosian, Corresponding Secretary



PALM DESERT BROTHERS @ THE DATE FESTIVAL. Palm Desert & LA Brothers with the Date Festival Queen & Princesses



PALM DESERT MEETING - PGM Greg Avedesian & PM Armen Yarijian



TRIPLE-X "DAY AT THE FAIR" – 2016. Grand Master John w/ Date Festival Queen and Princesses

Orange County

Our master brother Brian Melkesian and his team of officers are doing a fabulous job.

We are enjoying our great meeting place JT Schmidts restaurant in Tustin. Food and drink is great.

Our latest member is brother Brent Melkesian.

Every year we enjoy going to Fairview developmental in Costa Mesa to have a party with the disabled people there. They look forward to having cake, ice cream and soft drinks with us, thank you brothers and wives who helped with this wonderful occasion.

Our family potluck was well attended and brother Ara Melazian, chairman put it all together. Thanks to all the members and wives who helped. We have the best variety of Armenian dishes. Thanks again for all those who brought the delicious food.

Bro. Don Kazarian once again did an outstanding job in organizing our Laughlin stag outing. The big event that weekend was the Kentucky Derby and we had over 35 brothers share the weekend with us. The mezza and refreshments in our hospitality room were plentiful, thanks again brother Don you're the best.

Our third annual cigar night was again hosted by brother Mark Hachigian and was over-the-top. We had the best mezza, drinks and Cuban cigars. Thanks brother Mark and your beautiful wife Monique for everything. Your hospitality was wonderful at your beautiful home in Big Canyon, Newport Beach.

Day at the races at Santa Anita Park was a joint venture with the Los Angeles chapter. Thanks to all the brothers and wives who attended we had over 50 of us from orange county. We had a special buffet, special seating and our tables were at the finish line. Some of us fed the horses and some came home with the winnings. They named the seventh race LA and OC Trex race. We will definitely do this again. Thanks to brother Jon Agajanian OC and brother John Saroyan LA for putting this together.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Palm Desert



Cigar night at Bro. Mark Hachigian's home in Newport Beach



Day at the races Santa Anita Park LA and OC Trex Race.



Fairview party brothers Ron, Jon, Haig, Rob, Archie, Steve, Olga



Bros. Chris, Don, Larry



Day at Santa Anita Park Bros. Allen, Don, John, Jeff, Archie.

convention. Our meetings are on the third Wednesday of every month at JT Schmidt restaurant at 2415 Park Ave. Cocktails at 6 PM dinner at 7, meeting at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted
Haig Jamgotchian PGM



Brothers Jack, Archie, Ken, Jon, Allen, and Master Brian



Harold - Rob - Robert - Haig - Brian -Brent



Bros. George, Jack, Wayne, James, John, Jerry, John, Ron.

Las Vegas

Dear Brothers,

“Warm” greetings from the Trex Chapter with the highest “Sizzle-Factor” !!! ... and I’m not referring to the triple-digit heat ! No matter your favorite avocation, Las Vegas has it ready for you ... in Spades ! Over the past 6 months, our brotherhood has shared the full cycle of life. Although we gained new **Bro. Vigen Khachikyian**, we also had a collective loss when our long time **Brother Nick “Nicky” Egoian** completed his earthly journey. **Bro. Nicky** always had a positive outlook and he will be fondly remembered as a devoted brother.

In January, we had a blow-out “Armenian XMAS” Party at **Bro. Ruben Gregorian’s** mansion with an awesome spread of food from his charming wife, Rose. The brothers partied late enjoying poker and kef while the ladies held their own “no limit” game.

In March, we welcomed the esteemed Grand Master, **John Casparian**, to our Meeting. We think his visit was successful, partly because we had our “inside man” at the Casino set his favorite machine to “Automatic Jackpot”. In related news, we have asked Bro. Andy Armenian (Honorary Consul of Armenia) to help us obtain “Consular Status” like him so we can have Diplomatic Immunity in case the Nevada Gaming Board finds out about our local “hospitality”!

And talk about Vegas luck: we were very fortunate

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XMAS Party at Bro. Ruben’s Gregorian’s Palace: Master Peter Boghossian showing our love to our gracious Hostess Rosie



XMAS Dinner with Bros. Hovsep Shadarevian, Zohrab Topalian and Ruben Gregorian, with Cousin Sarkis and the lovely ladies



2016 Mid-Term Convention in Visalia





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Charter Member PGM Chuck Parigian: "43 Years A Trexman" with Master Peter Boghossian at the Shish Kabob House meeting place



Bro. Mark Derderian getting a lesson from Bro. Mark Antranikian, GWM at the Mid-Term



Master Peter's House Party Charity Kef in May: Just another excuse for a good-time get-together !



Brand new Bro. Vigen is given "First Rites" by GM John Casparian at Mid-Term Initiation



XMAS Party "Final Table" at "The XXX World Series of Poker" with Bros. Levon Gulbenkian, Gagik Sekoian, Andy Armenian, Ruben Gregorian and Mesrop Khachikyan



Bros. Daniel Peche and Bobby Bezdikian with photo bomber Vigen



The Extra-Special XMAS Party Ladies that we don't take for "Granite" !



Bros. Mesrop, Arpiar Babigian and son Arthur (prospect)

to have our newest **Bro. Vigen** initiated at the Mid Term in Visalia by the Grand Master himself. (Like they say in Vegas, it's not what you know, it's who you know.) BTW, the Vegas Chapter made a record showing at the Mid-Term with 35% of the Las Vegas brotherhood attending. (and like they also say, "Figures lie and liars figure"). Another bit of Vegas casino lore you may not know: The phrase, "**He was 86'd**" is derived from the old school method of dealing with trouble makers in Vegas ... drive him 80 miles out of town and put him 6 feet under ... just sayin' !!!

In April, **Bro. Mark Derderian** represented the Vegas chapter at the fantastic Santa Anita Race Track event put on jointly by the L.A. and Orange County Chapters. There was great food and super fellowship although some of the Brothers referred to the event as "spring cleaning for your wallet" !

In addition to donating to the Ararat Home of L.A., we were able to raise \$500 for the Armenian families suffering in Aleppo, Syria. A big "Thank You" to our **Master Peter Boghossian** for giving his beautiful home for the fund raiser. Kebab with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all. In addition, we also continued our community "outreach". Last year we supported "Preserving the Rhino" and this year we generously gave to "Save the Cheetah's", quickly raising \$306 ... all in singles ! Not to brag but, our Brothers take great civic pride in their hope and charity. BTW, Hope and Charity can usually be found at Cheetahs' on Fridays & Saturdays !

Upcoming Affair: Although not an official Trex Event, **Bro. "Andy" Armenian** (Honorary Consul) is helping to spearhead a significant public event to be held at the Main Clark County Library on 10-1-16. Several groups within the Las Vegas Armenian-American Community including several fraternity members are sponsoring the celebration to showcase the rich legacy of cultural heritage we so cherish featuring Armenian songs, National dances and musical performances in honor of Armenian Independence Day. Please come and join us ... it's a Sure Bet !

In local Vegas politics, Danny Tarkanian, son of former Trexman Jerry "Tark the Shark", was recently victorious in his Republican Primary bid over 6 other candidates and is now focused on his November attempt to become a U.S. Congressman from Nevada (3rd Congressional District – House of Representatives).

Pro Hockey in Vegas: As you may know, Las Vegas was recently granted a new franchise for Pro Hockey ... and we immediately submitted our suggestion for the new team name ... **The Hye-Lo's !!!**

The initiation of our new Master **Ruben Gregorian** and Jr. Master **Mesrop Khachikyan** will be celebrated at our next meeting with some (ahem) "special entertainment" so hopefully we will get our Diplomatic Immunity in time for that! Please join us the next time you're in Vegas to get in on the action ! We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, typically at the Shish Kabob house on Flamingo.

Fraternally, Bro. Mark Derderian, Editor

Golden Gate

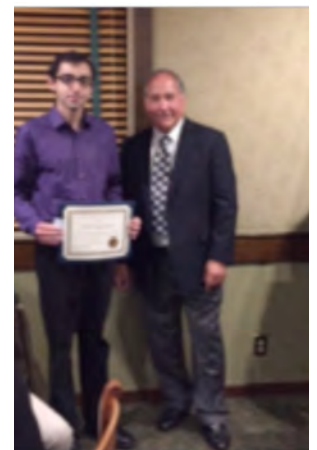
THE GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER rolled in the first half of 2016 performing all the great benevolent events for the Armenian Community like supporting charities, granting scholarships, and attending neighboring TREX fraternity meetings.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

KUDOS to our Scholarships Committee! Under the leadership of PGM Garo Mirigian, once again the committee garnered a fine collection of college-ready Armenian American students from which the brothers granted scholarships. The chapter held a special dinner where the students and their families were presented the scholarships, always a festive event.



*Bro Master Henry Shishmanian & PGM Garo Mirigian
Hosting the Scholarships Dinner*



Bro Master Henry Shishmanian with HYE Scholarship Recipients

AUNTY LOU TURNS 110 !

Preparations are under way for Aunty Lou's 110th Birthday!!!

Golden Gate (cont.)

MEMBERSHIP

The GGC continues to grow. Under the leadership of Bro Hagop Koujakian our roster of venerable brothers continues to expand. We have received two new applications and are in conversation with two more potential brothers.



Brother Hagop looking for potential TREX brothers near the Dead Sea!

THE MIDTERM CONVENTION

Once again we sent a lively contingent down to the Midterm convention...and that's all she wrote. We're looking forward to the annual convention in the Palm Desert with great anticipation (arriving on camels no doubt!).

KEF TIME

Brothers of Different Chapters Skiing



*Dan Riley, Oakland; Russell Pinomaki, Golden Gate; Robert Balian, Golden Gate; Van Kozoujian, friend; Greg Cherezian, Oakland
Mark Dorian, Assoc. Editor*

Sequoia

Hello, to all our brothers living here in California and Las Vegas. We were so blessed to be able to host the **Midterm 2016** meetings here in Visalia. We want to thank our PGM'S Chairmen, Ron Shanoian, Pete Babagian and Jerry Poochigian, for making our Midterm a success. We wish to thank all the brothers who had a chance to play golf. Thanks goes to Gary Gostanian and Tim Aharonian for heading up our **golf tournament** at River Island, in Porterville. We had a wonderful dinner that night thanks to all the brothers who helped. These brothers include, Dean Ametjian, Derrick Boudakian, Bryan Ananian, Tom Babagian, Gerard Garoian, Mark Kazarian, Charles Sarabian, Chuck Simonian, and Richard Tamouzian. We appreciated all the brothers who helped with the meal. Many of these events took place because a lot of the brothers helped, and for that we are grateful.

We hosted our annual **Installation Dinner**. It was a wonderful event, with special guest, our very own Grand Master, Ron Shanoian and his wife Janice. We also invited as our special guests, wives of our deceased brothers.

We celebrated a delicious **Lamb Shank Dinner** at one of our meetings. Thanks to the efforts of brothers' Russ and Archie Zakarian, we enjoyed it so much.

We awarded over \$12,000.00 dollars in **scholarships** this year to six deserving students of Armenian descent. Our winners are...

Ana Minasyan, she attended El Diamante High School in Visalia and is a foreign exchange student from Yerevan, Armenia. She plans to attend University of Armenian and study English and Communication.

Julie Krikorian, graduated from Redwood High School in Visalia and plans on attending Long Beach University. Her parents are brother Rick and Kathryn Krikorian. Her grandfather is the late Brother Harry Krikorian.

Dustan Vartanian, graduated from El Diamante High School in Visalia. He plans to attend College of the Sequoias and major in Business. His parents are Brother David Vartanian, and Sandra Vartanian.

Gregory Nishon Krikorian, graduated from El Diamante High School in Visalia. He plans to attend Fresno State University and become a business major. His parents are Brother Gary and Nancy Krikorian. His grandfather is



Sequoia Lamb Feed



Scholarship Recipients

the late Brother Harry Krikorian.

Molly Grace Gostanian, graduated from Golden West High School in Visalia. She plans to major in Business and attend Fresno State University. Her parents are Brother Russell and Kerrie Gostanian. Her Grandfather is Brother Gary Gostanian.

Noah Kizirian, graduated from Dinuba High School in Dinuba. He plans on becoming a Communication Major. He plans on attending U.C. Santa Barbara. His parent is Stefanne Kizirian.

We said so long to two dear brothers this year.

Harry G. Krikorian, was born on February 7, 1925 in Evanston, Illinois passed away March 1, 2016 in Visalia. He was a WWII Veteran, golfer, and long time Visalia Architect. His parents moved to Tulare, California shortly after the war. He attended college on the G.I. Bill and was accepted as part of the first class in Architectural Engineering at Cal Poly, SLO, graduating in 1952. He met and married Betty Balakian on July 17, 1954. He leaves three sons Gary, Rick and Dean and a wonderful family and grandkids. He opened and owned a private practice in 1964 in Visalia and worked for over 50 years. In total he designed over 300 commercial and residential buildings. In 1980 he received the AIA award for the Most Creative Masonry

Design. If there was anyone who had a captivating smile, a kind heart and a twinkle in his eyes it was our Brother Harry. We will miss you.

Paul Armo Jr., was born on May 8, 1926 in Visalia, California. Paul was called to duty in the United States Army where he served three tours in WWII, and the Korean Conflict. Paul is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Dolores Ashjian Armo and their three children, Darla, Rhonda, Lance and their spouses. Paul also had five grandchildren. Paul was a long time war hero and a member of Sequoia and later Selma Chapter.

We were happy to **donate** to several **charities** in our community including Visalia Emergency Aid thanks to Brian Poochigian, Children's Fund Museum in Tulare, a Porker Night in Selma, Relay for Life, to help cancer research.

We sponsored a **Public Safety Night** and gave scholarships to two deserving students. We invited Public Safety Officials from the Visalia Police Department, the Fire Chief of Tulare County, and a detective from Pipkin Detective Agency. Thanks to PGM Ron Shanoian, Richard Tamouzian, Dean Ametjian and all the brothers who helped.

We hope to see all of you on Labor Day Weekend in Palm Desert. I know the Brothers are planning some special events at our 87th Annual Convention.

Blessings,
P.M. Tom Babagian
Associate Editor



PGM Jerry Poochigian, Alan Moreno, Robert Richardson, PGM Ron Shanoian



Brother Serge Ananian



Public Safety, Bro. Richard Tamouzian Bomb Suite



Taco Night, Richard and Byran.

Oakland

Parev Brothers,

The year started off with our major charity fund raiser, our 20th Annual Charity Crab Feed. This year's chairman Vartkes Avakian did an outstanding job. The gala was sold out and we filled the hall with a great group of friends and supporters. This function is our major charity fund raiser where all the net profits go to various charities. This year was special in that we had the group called Brotherly Love play for the first time at the Crab Feed. The group is made up of Trexmen from the Oakland Chapter and they have a tremendous big band sound. I have been told that they will make an appearance at the 2017 Convention that Oakland will be hosting. A must see and hear group. Between the



Guests at Crab Feed



PGM Jeff & GM John at Crab Feed



Bro. Gregg Master Fisherman



Swearing In of Bro. John Armen.



Oakland Bros at Cigar Night



Bro Jim Taylor and Friend at Crab Feed

smokers and nonsmokers alike. It is really an evening of brotherhood and comradely. Attendees brought all kinds of food both heavy and light and by the time that the evening was done, all of us had a lot to eat. One of the special guests was Garo, from Garo Cigars in Southern California. He brought up some cigars and many prizes for our evening raffle. A few of us nonsmokers burned our cloths after the function. (Just kidding) A really great annual event and one that everybody is looking forward to the next one.

May found the Oakland Brothers hitting the little round white ball (better known as golf) up in Arnold Ca. This annual event is chaired by Brother Craig Bazigian and is a great time. We rent a large home in Arnold with a lot of bedrooms and just kick back. Some of the brothers played 36 holes in one day. As usual the food was plentiful and great. This reporter who is not a golfer enjoyed the company of other brothers trying (I repeat trying) to catch fish. One brother did. Be sure and check out the picture. A fun time for all who attended. Heck, we even had one brother bring up a hair dryer. (His name will stay protected to save his reputation)

In May, the Oakland Chapter hosted the Bay Area Chapters to our meeting when PGM Jack Badoian and crew came up to cook us a Leluh Kabob Dinner. This is a fun night when we get to not only have a great dinner but have the opportunity to break bread with our brothers from the other Bay Area Chapters. With over 40 brothers

in attendance, this event has become an annual happening. Kudos to Bro. Jack and his crew.

Plans for the 2017 Trex Convention hosted by Oakland Chapter are moving along at a furious clip. Lots of new types of events are being planned and the brothers are coming up with creative ideas that will make 2017's Convention one that will be memorable. You will get a lot more details at this year's convention in Palm Desert. Looking forward to seeing all the brothers at, what I am sure will be a great convention, in Palm Desert.

Respectfully Submitted.
Bro Harry Sherinian
Associate Editor



Trex - Brother Helping Brother



Trex Bros. At Cigar Night



Trex's Brotherly Love

Peninsula

Hello, fellow Trex Brethren, Families, and Friends!
Our Peninsula Chapter officers for 2015-16 are:

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

Our standard Peninsula Chapter dinner meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Los Altos Masonic Building, located at 146 Main Street in Los Altos. Don't be a stranger – if you ever find yourself spending some time in the Bay Area during a meeting day, feel free to stop in and say hello! During the months when it's nice and warm outside, you'll often find us in the central outdoor courtyard barbecuing; when the weather's cool or rainy, we'll be in the downstairs banquet room, which has adjacent to it a newly remodeled industrial kitchen where our skilled chefs perform their culinary magic. With great mezza, wine, tavloo, and of course the delicious dinners,



Brothers Mark and Vazgen are ready for dinner!



PGM Garo and Brother Vic make sure the lamb shanks are prepared to perfection



Post-meal pep talk, stand-up comedy, or perhaps even a meeting???



The other four members present at the April meeting: Brothers Kip, Aram, Mark, and Daryl. Out of our 11 total Peninsula members, 8 were at this meeting -- over 70% attendance!



Brothers Vartan, Daryl, Mark, Vic, Aram, and Vazgen pose for a picture after doing some cleanup work at the February joint dinner



Brothers at the February joint Peninsula/Golden Gate dinner meeting load up their plates with delicious food



Brother Vic's apron says what many cooks are surely thinking....



Brothers Vazgen, Ruben, Vic, and Vartan enjoying a great meal at the April Peninsula meeting

everyone always has a fun evening!

In February, we invited the Golden Gate Chapter to join us for a special lamb shank dinner meeting at our Masonic "clubhouse." The turnout from both chapters was great, the dice were tumbling on the tavloo boards, the wine was flowing, and everyone feasted on the delicious food like there was no tomorrow! A huge thank you to all involved in planning and orchestrating that wonderful event.

In July as this goes to print, we are preparing to host Grand Master John Casparian as he makes a journey up to northern California. The Mount Diablo Chapter graciously agreed to move their July meeting to the night before ours so that GM John would be able to visit both of our chapters during the same trip. Then in September, hopefully several of us will again be seeing him and many more Brothers at the Annual Convention at the Desert Springs Resort! Best wishes to the hosting Palm Desert Chapter as they plan for a fun and successful weekend for everyone in attendance!

Fraternally submitted,

Brother Mark Antranikian

Peninsula Jr. Master/Corr. Sec./Assoc. Editor

Grand Webmaster

Selma

Greetings, fellow Trexmen, families, and friends! Under the guidance of our fearless leader, Master Mike Kilijian, the Selma Chapter has been enjoying yet another fine year. Before 2016 was less than a month old, there was some exciting news about one of our members. It was announced that Brother Robert Kandarian had been promoted to Assistant Sheriff in Fresno County. Congratulations – your Trex Chapter is quite proud!

In March, a number of Selma Trexmen made the relatively short drive down Highway 99 to attend the Mid-Term Meeting, which was hosted by the Sequoia Chapter. They did an excellent job as hosts – the place was in great shape; many Brothers enjoyed some tavloo and golf in the morning/early afternoon; both the Masters Meeting and the Mid-Term main event itself went smoothly; and the ample dinner served in between the two meetings was delicious!

At the end of March, we held our tenth annual No-Limit Texas Hold ‘Em poker tournament fundraiser at the relatively new 500 Club Casino in Clovis. Organized once again this year by Brothers Oscar Kasparian and David Shapazian, it was a great success and monies raised benefited our chapter’s charitable trust.

Speaking of money, in May we had our yearly scholarship awards banquet, this time at Toledo’s Mexican Restaurant. Five greatly deserving and appreciative high school seniors of Armenian descent were awarded \$1250 each to help further their education. The awardees were chosen by the Scholarship Committee, chaired by Brothers Martin and Perry Mamigonian, based on their financial need and an evaluation of their accomplishments and letter of recommendation. Congrats to all of the winners and their families, and best wishes in the fall as you begin the next exciting phase of your lives!

Along with all the good news, there is some sad news to report, as former long-time Trexman Paul Herogian passed away in April, and Brother Paul Armo, who joined the Fraternity in 1953, passed away in May. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends – they will be



GM John Casparian, PGM David Maseredjian, Junior Grand Master Michael Mooradian, Bro. Bryan Ananian, GW Mark Antranikian at our June Meeting.

greatly missed by all who knew them.

At our June meeting at Golden Restaurant, we had the honor of being joined by Grand Master John Casparian, as well as Junior GM Michael Mooradian and PGM David Maseredjian, who all made the hours-long trek from Southern California. While the wait for food was longer than usual due to unforeseen short staffing and a packed restaurant, the food was ultimately worth the wait (at least mine was!). GM John briefed us on progress with the upcoming Centennial Convention in 2018, and gave some details about the planned Trexmen yearbook which will include documentation of that milestone event. Sounds like things are on the right track –



Selfie - GW Mark Antranikian, Robert Mangasarian and Jim Markarian.



June Meeting at Golden Chinese Restaurant. Master Mike Kilijian in the center.



Bro. Chuck Jamgotchian and PGM Jack Ouzounian



June Meeting. GM John Casparian giving us information about the approaching 100th Anniversary Celebration of Triple X.

Selma's Scholarship Night - May, 2016



2016 recipients and their families.



2016 scholarship recipients: Lauren Costa, Alexandra Rowland, Scholarship Committee member Grant Bedrosian, Alexandra Garabedian, Simon Nahigian (not pictured: Hayk Kosaian).



2016 recipient Lauren Costa and her parents, Edward and Kristina.



The family of 2016 Scholarship recipient Simon Nahigian (son of former Selma member Eliot Nahigian).



2016 recipient Alexandra Garabedian (daughter of Selma Trex Brother Randy Garabedian) with her mother, Terri.



2016 recipient Alexandra Rowland with her parents.

keep up the good work, everyone!

I'm sure our Selma Chapter will be well-represented at the upcoming Annual Convention being hosted by the Palm Desert Chapter in September. Best wishes for a successful and fun-filled Labor Day weekend!

Fraternally,
 Brother Mark Antranikian
 Selma Chapter Associate Editor
 Grand Webmaster

OBITUARIES

RICHARD "Dick" SARKIS SPANJIAN Palm Desert Chapter 1928 - 2016



Richard Sarkis Spanjian, known as Dick, passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2016, in La Quinta, California. Dick was born February 11, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois. The Spanjian family lived and started their family business on the north side of Chicago before moving to Pasadena, California, in 1944. Dick's

life revolved around his family, his work at Spanjian Sportswear, his love for golf, and fast engines on both land and water.

Spanjian Sportswear began in the basement of the family home in Chicago in 1932. Each day after high school, Dick would spend hours working on the knitting machines that were then making porthole bathing suits and award sweaters. In the late 1930s, the business began making team sportswear and moved west during World War II. Eventually Dick and his brother, Bob, took over the business - Dick managing manufacturing and R&D, Bob running sales and marketing. Spanjian Sportswear's innovations had a significant impact on the sporting goods industry. They included inventing the process to knit Spandex; developing the heat set system for knit material; and introducing stretch into team sports fabrics.

The Spanjian brothers were both members of the Los Angeles Triple-X Fraternity. Dick and Bob made and donated the first Tripe-X banners for every then Chapter of the fraternity throughout California.

In 1986, Dick married Sandra Hanners and settled in La Costa, California. In 1998, Dick and Sandi moved to the desert community of La Quinta surrounded by golf courses, stunning mountains, and cherished friends. When Dick wasn't on the golf course or traveling the world with Sandi, he was tinkering in the garage making golf clubs or custom parts for his high-performance sports cars. Dick joined the Palm Desert Triple-X Chapter in 2003. Life was good.

Dick is survived by his loving wife, Sandi; his four daughters from his first wife: Charlee Smith and her husband Bruce of Boise, Idaho; Kristin Spanjian and her husband Ray Gilbertson of Billings, Montana; Beth Stewart of Union, Oregon; Julie Peha and her husband Larry of Hermosa Beach, California. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren: Sarkis, Michael and Jacqueline Peha; Madeleine Smith; and Kate, Brooke and Chase Stewart. Dick was preceded in death by his son, Sarkis; his brother, Robert Spanjian, this past February; and his parents, Elizabeth and Sarkis Spanjian.

PAUL ARMO Jr. - Sequoia/Selma Chapters



Paul Armo Jr. was born on May 8, 1926, in Visalia, CA on the very site of the Vintage Press Restaurant. He was the son of Paul Armo Sr. and Victoria Armo. Paul had an older brother, Jack Armo of Visalia, previously deceased. Paul was called to duty in the United States Army where he served three tours in World War II, and the Korean Conflict. He often spoke about constructing an airstrip over a cemetery in Korea as a Staff Sergeant and wondered if it still existed. Paul Armo Jr. is survived by his loving wife of 57

years, Dolores Ashjian Armo; and their children, Darla Armo and her dog Coco, Rhonda Merlo and her husband Jim, and Lance Armo and his wife Elaine. Paul had five grandchildren including Brooke Merlo and her fiancé Don Valenzuela, Jace Merlo, Drew Merlo, Natalie Armo and Paulie Armo. Visitation will be held at Clovis Funeral Chapel on Monday, May 23, 2016 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. A Church Service will be held at First Armenian Presbyterian Church, 430 S. 1st Street, Fresno, CA on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Interment Service at Clovis Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be sent to St. Agnes Hospice, 6729 N. Willow, Ste. 103, Fresno, CA 93710.

HARRY KRIKORIAN - Sequoia Chapter



Brother Harry Krikorian joined the Sequoia Chapter Triple X fraternity on August 22, 1956. He was a member in good standing for over 60 years. His passing on March 1, 2016, left a void in our chapter of the brothers who made our chapter is great as it is today. His dedication to the fraternity is shown in his accomplishment and deeds. Brother Harry held all chapter offices accepts one. He was master in 1967, 1986 and 2001.

He severed on the Grand Chapter Treasure in 1975-76 with Grand Master Dick Ekizian and Grand Secretary Ralph Hovnanian. They travel the state together. Brother Harry was instrumental part of the Farm Show Booth, the design of the Church Camp Arbor and the Boathouse, with Brother Sirag Kalfayan. His most heartfelt accomplishment, I feel was the Sequoia Chapter Scholarship program. He collected all the applications and agonized over them to get the most qualified applicant and deliver it to the school awards presentation.

My research of Brother Harry show me the true spirit of Brotherhood. He was a doer. He never said no, I don't have time or let some else do it this time. Brother Harry Krikorian will be missed by all his brothers and especially me. We played a lot of golf together with brothers Dick and Ralph. The only office Brother Harry didn't hold with the Sequoia Trex was Sergeant at Arms. He was volunteering for all the offices and they felt he did not have to hold all of them.

CHARLES ADANALIAN - Fresno Chapter



Charles Ronald Adanaljian was born on March 12, 1939 to Rose and Harry Adanaljian in Los Angeles. The family moved to Fresno when he was in elementary school. He died suddenly and unexpectedly on April 20, 2016 at his home in Fresno. He graduated from Fresno High School, class of 1957. After high school, he entered the world of cabinet making, first as an employee of Inland Showcase, and eventually as a co-owner of that business. His beautiful designs and precise workmanship are seen at many places in the valley,

specifically at Fresno City Hall, many Bank of America offices, The Silver Dollar Hofbrau, 19th Hole at Pebble Beach, and many private homes. At the time of his death, he was working with his brother Bill in property management. Charlie was a great sports fan and loved a good round of golf. He was a member of Triple X Fraternity and San Joaquin Country Club. Survivors include his brother, Bill Adanaljian; niece, Brooke Adanaljian; his former wife, Laurel Van Buskirk; many cousins and friends.

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PGM's present at the 2016 Mid-Term Convention in Visalia. *l to r seated:* Ron Shanoian, Jack Ouzounian, GM John Casparian, Haig Jamgotchian, Jack Bedoian, Charles Parigian, Frank Korkmazian. *Standing:* Pete Cholakian, Nick Nigosian, Bob Juskalian, Sam Bagdasarian, Harold Bazarian, Garo Mirigian, Vaughn Vartanian, Jeff Hazarian, Ed Hokokian, David Maseredjian, Jerry Poochigian.