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68TH KERAKOYUN ZHOHOV
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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We welcome you to San Diego, July 2-6, 2008! As the youngest chapters in the Knights and Daughters of Vartan, Gomidas Tahlj #43 and Talar Otyag #31 are excited to host the 90th Avak Tahlj and the 68th Kerakouyn Zhoghov.

This year's Convocation will be held at one of San Diego's finest hotels: the Manchester Grand Hyatt. Located in downtown San Diego, just five minutes from the airport, this magnificent hotel is on San Diego Bay, with Seaport Village and other downtown shopping and restaurants within walking distance. Our special rate of \$159 per night is truly a bargain for this grand hotel (call 800-233-1234 for reservations).

Make this a 'destination' experience - arrive early and/or stay late to enjoy many of San Diego's great attractions, including our world famous Zoo, the USS Midway museum, Sea World, Legoland, Wild Animal Park, Balboa Park with its many museums, and of course, the beaches.

We are also making this a family-friendly Convocation, with the first-ever kids registration, kids' welcome bag, and professional childcare services. Children are welcome at all events (except the AS/AD Reception and Daughters Luncheon on Friday), and a field trip to the San Diego Zoo on Wednesday, July 2nd will be an event the kids will enjoy (parents, too!)

The Convocation will officially begin at 8:00pm Wednesday night, July 2nd, with the *Avak Sbarabed and Avak Dirouhie Welcome Reception*, with cocktails and dessert. Thursday morning provides an optional tour of the USS Midway, and Convocation workshops are Thursday afternoon.

On Thursday evening's *Big Bay Dinner Cruise*, we will cruise San Diego Bay and enjoy a delicious buffet dinner - complete with fireworks along the bayfront! Entertainment aboard ship will be provided by Magic Mike as well as dancing the night away with our favorite Armenian and American music.

Friday evening's *Freedom Banquet* at the hotel will be a memorable evening for all. At 5:30pm, a very special Armenian Cultural Program will be presented, followed by a wonderful sit-down dinner. Following dinner, we will view spectacular fireworks shows on the bayfront ballroom terrace and top the evening off with dancing to the music of John Bilezikjian.

The 2008 Convocation will culminate with the *Grand Banquet* on Saturday evening to honor the Avak Tivan and Avak Khorhourt, as well as the Man of the Year.

Please strongly consider sending a sponsorship for the 2008 Grand Convocation, so we can ensure an unforgettable experience for everyone. The donation form is enclosed and also on www.knightsofvartan.org.

We thank you in advance for attending this year's Grand Convocation and for the support all of you have given to Gomidas Tahlj and Talar Otyag. See you soon!

Sincerely,

Armen Gostanian, General Chairman

Steven Kradjian, Co-Chairman

Sonia Serpekian, Co-Chairman

Lisa Kradjian, Co-Chairman

"Hye Times" will be great in 2008!