



# TREX NEWS

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**Triple X Fraternity**



## 44th Mid-Term Convention

**Saturday, March 7, 1998  
Fresno, California**

◆ **Mid-Term Golf Tournament**

SHERWOOD FOREST GOLF COURSE, 79 North Frankwood, Sanger  
11:00 a.m. Sharp! (See particulars and entry blank on back page.)

◆ **Fresno Club House Open All Day**

(9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) for Tavloo, Gin, Pinochle, etc.  
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch available.

◆ **Cocktails & Mezza 6:00 p.m. - Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

Fresno Club House - 630 S. Argyle, Fresno

◆ **Business Meeting - 8:00 p.m.**

Members Only



# Grand Master's Message

Dear Brother Trexman

It has been an honor and pleasure as your Grand Master, to lead our great Fraternity for the past six months. In each visit I have felt the warmth and fraternalism of our great Brotherhood.

It is with great pleasure and gratification for me to experience this Brotherhood and fraternalism in action while visiting the various Chapter meetings and social functions. It is extremely gratifying to personally see the fine work each of the Brothers are doing to keep our Fraternity alive and strong. I would like to congratulate all of the Brothers on a job well done

and keep up the good work.

On behalf of all of the Grand Chapter officers, our wives and myself, we thank you for the warm reception and hospitality all of the Chapters and Brothers have shown to us. It has been with great pleasure and enjoyment for my wife Dorothy and I to travel and visit with all of the Chapters and to meet with all of the Brothers and their wives. I am looking forward to my further travels and visits.

I am looking forward to seeing all of the Brothers at the Mid-Term Convention on Saturday, March 7, 1998 at the Fresno Chapter Club House.

I would like to wish every Chapter of our great Fraternity continued success as we celebrate our 80th Anniversary of this great Brotherhood. Also I wish each Brother, their wives and families a happy and healthy New Year.

Fraternally,  
Bob Juskalian  
Grand Master

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# Capitol Chapter

January 1998 Congratulations Brothers, we won the Achievement Trophy for 1997-98. With our great Kef-Night, Ladies Affair, Picnics, Masters Dinners, Charitable Donations of \$10,000 and outings we did OK. Thank You. Our annual gathering of Trexmen and their ladies, dined at the Buckhorn Restaurant



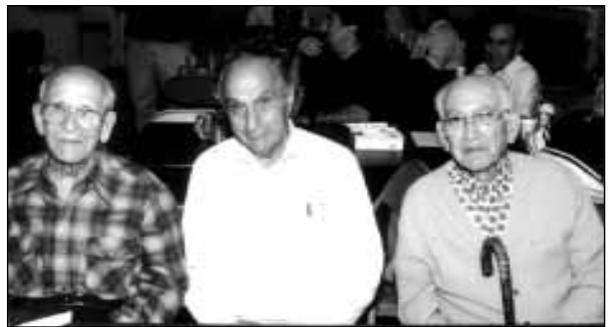
Capitol Chapter, 1997 Achievement Trophy Winner with 25 and 50 year plaque recipients.

in Winters, CA. A Historic Hotel built in 1889; it still has the charm of gas chandeliers and paintings. Attendance and food were excellent. Thanks to Master Todd Odabashian and PGM Alan Khatoonian for the arrangements. Junior Master Richard Fathy cracked his whip again, and produced another successful Kef Night. GM Jack Ouzounian and his wife Melene attended our affair. Master Leon Hagopian had a wonderful picnic for the fraternity and guests. Bro. Sam Khatoonian is now the chairman for our scenic Lake Tahoe outings at the 10th wonder of the world. We rented a home for the weekend, close enough to the casinos. Bro's PGM Alan, Master Todd, Leon Hagopian, Sergay Ivazian, Jake Bajakian, and Art Tatosian attended. Bro. Sam is also the new Custodian.

Master Todd organized an outing in Old Sacramento. Lunch was held at Bro. Kaizak Hagopian's "Annabelles Restaurant". We enjoyed a Fantastic River Cruise on the Sacramento River, even saw a huge salmon being caught. We took a short ride on the excursion train, and toured the World's greatest Railroad Museum.

Grand Editor Harry Sweet and his wife Mauvis drove to Las Vegas last October to attend "PLAYTIME IN LAS VEGAS". Let me tell you brothers, this was an outstanding affair. People from seven states came. They danced. They dined. The Armenian dancing was worth the trip to see. Bro. Gil Srabian hosted over 140 people for breakfast at his home. Plans by Master Charles Parigian and the brothers have been made for a repeat in 1998.

The Master's dinner was held for Bro. Leon Hagopian on November 16, 1997. The Children's



3 - 60 yr. members: Bro. Frank Ohanesian, PGM Joe Hagopian, Bro. Harold Soligan.



PGM Joe Hagopian receiving 50-yr. Plaque from Master Todd Odabashian and nephew Leon Hagopian. (above)



Master Todd Odabashian presents 25-yr. plaque to Bro. Ron Chapanian.



Master Todd Odabashian presents 25-yr. plaque to Bro. George Kapanagian.



Lake Tahoe Outing

Christmas party was handled by Bro. Buddy Ohanesian our faithful Santa Claus, who is a caring person of good faith toward our children. Elizabeth Onnigian, wife of Bro. Philip Onnigian, departed us on December 17, 1997. Due to cancer for 3 1/2 years. Beth was loved by all of us. She was a caring Mother to Heather Marie, Alicia Kay, and Jordan Kaspar. We all share and regret her loss.

Fraternally,  
Bro. George Kapanagian,  
Associate Editor.

New Officers for 97-98:

Master—Todd Odabashian  
Jr. Master—Richard Fathy  
Secretary—Mike Arkelian  
Treasurer—Edward Ohanesian  
Associate Editor—George Kapanagian  
Photographer—Harry Sweet  
Historian—Vernon Shahbazian  
Critic—Leon Hagopian  
Sunshine—Joe Hagopian, PGM

## San Diego

We have had a tremendous fall. The Convention, "Heaven in '97" was by any measure a grand success. We followed that with a family picnic at the San Dieguito County Park celebrating the success of the Convention and as well as giving ourselves a well deserved break from the rigors of making sure of the details that go on with a convention. We, once again thank all the brothers for supporting us, and we are happy to receive the feedback from many Chapters and brothers that it was a good and memorable affair.

Getting back to the picnic - we had shish kebob a la Armenia style (horovadz) which was made with pork. It was prepared by our new Master, Jack Hachigian who demonstrated that he understands what it means to be Master - to prepare and serve food to the brothers. The brothers and their families are all clamoring for more of these family events and we mean to carry through to provide such activities this whole year.

Bro. Joe Zakarian (a 25 year plaque man!) and his lovely wife Rosie were gracious to host our Christmas party this year. And true to custom Santa Claus, in the person of Bro. George Banerian, brought presents to one and all. Believe it or not, not one of the brothers got "coal" since we were all "good" boys last year. The food was catered by Sam's Ship Ahoy of Solana Beach and was truly an Armenian feast. To top it off magnificent desserts were prepared by Mary (Bro. Joe Kelejian's wife), Maida (Bro. Noubar Markarian's wife), Peggy (Bro. Dick Semerdjian's wife), and Rosie (Bro. Joe Zakarian's wife. It can honestly be said that virtually nothing was left of the mountain of food.

We all got a little concerned for Bro. Harry Guzelimian when we learned of his being hospitalized with an infection, but thank the Lord everything seems fine and Harry is back functioning as his usual self.

We have a trio of younger members who are dynamic and a pleasure to have as brothers: Steve Kradjian, Steve Hovsepien and Ardem Kiledjian. We plan to add to that trio by getting three to five new members in the same vigorous age group. If they are the match of these three then watch out for San Diego!

Some of our plans for the future are: to have a Kef Night on May 2, 1998; to select a charity for the Chapter to support - A children's hospital, a local old age home, Junior Achievement in Armenia. We haven't as yet settled on one but we will tell all the brothers when we do. The best to all

# Los Angeles

Can't Wait For '98

## Convention Plans underway in LA!

The LA chapter will be hosting the 1998 convention to be held at the Universal Sheraton in Universal City. Plans are underway, under the guidance of the convention chairman Bro. Mike Shakar, to make it an exciting vacation for all brothers and their families. In addition to the planned Trex events, which includes a Friday "Monte Carlo Night", the hotel is located on the grounds of the world renowned **City Walk** and **Universal Studios**. We hope to see all brothers attend statewide to show what a great fraternity we have.

Since the last Trex News, LA has been busy raising money for charity and having a good time. We have had a **FAMILY POOL PARTY**, hosted by the Petoyans. Brothers and their families enjoyed finger licking BBQ while watching their



PGM Greg Avedesian says "Bring on the kebob!" Pictured from left to right are Bros. Carl Marderosian, PGM Greg Avedesian and Leo Avazian.



LA Armenian Open at Brookside Country Club. Bro. Tev is searching for his golf balls.

## San Diego (cont.)

of you for the New Year. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Mid-term.

children frolic in the pool. We had our annual **STAG AT LAKE SAN MARCOS** which has been graciously chaired by Bro. Tev Eminian for many years. This is a classic long on going LA event in which we enjoy each others company, play golf, cards and tavloo in a beautiful outdoor setting. Many thanks to our Bros. from the south, Oscar, Russell and Doug, for their help and support in this event. We hosted the annual **ARARAT HOME PICNIC** which attracts many Armenians from the Los Angeles area. In addition to raising money for the home, this gives



The meat "shishers" at the Ararat Home Picnic pictured from l. to l. to r are Bros. Dickran Devian, Ed Tashjian, Dewey Deovlet, Greg Mikaelian, Jimmy Durkin and PGM Aram Poladian.



Bro. "Show me the Money" Gorvetzian demonstrating how to run a successful x-mas kef. Pictured from left to right is master John Casparian, George Titizian and Kenny Gorvetzian.



Brothers and their wives having a smashing time a the Christmas Kef. Pictured from left to right are Bros. Mike Arzouman, Mark Mikaelian, Gregg Kludjian, Karina Kludjian and Cynthia Arzouman.



Brothers working at the Ararat Home Picnic, putting their best face forward. Pictured from l to r are Bros. Gabe Kaprelian, unknown, Wally Hekimian and Mark Mikaelian



Some of the "boys" working at the Ararat Home Picnic.



Bro. Tev "Dance Commissioner" doing what he does



Bro. Chuck Partamian says get me some competition! us an opportunity to introduce and showcase the home to the community. It is also amazing to watch our brothers work together like a fine tuned machine to make this event come together. We had over 70 brothers working at this event. **50/50 NIGHT** (or shall I say 24/24 night) is the brainchild of Bro. David Maseredjian, which is our annual gin tournament. An interesting observation was that Bro. Richard Jebedjian was the only non-Mikaelian or Avazian to place first second or third in the tournament this year (there were 3 Mikaelian's and 2 Avazian's that won!). Luckily the winnings from this tourney helped subsidize Bro. Richard's fines, otherwise he may have had to take out a second mortgage on his home! In addition to cash prizes, winners had their names engraved on the prestigious, newly refurbished, gin trophy. Bro. Dave, thank



you for doing so much for the fraternity. Bro. Dave is involved in some capacity on many of our events. He is always there to help or offer his seasoned advice. (no this is not a plug for Bro. Dave who happens to be in the running for Grand Master in 1998). This brings us to December, when we recently had our **CHRISTMAS KEF VII**. Delectable Armenian cuisine and music by Richard Hagopian set this up for an exciting evening. Proceeds ben-

efited the LA Ararat Home, and in the words of its chair Bro. Kenny Gorvetzian, X-mas Kef VII was a **SUCCESS!** The recently appointed board has the ball rolling for an exciting year planned in 1998.

Our board is as follows:

- Bro. Steve Hampar—Associate Editor (pictured to the right)
- Bro. John Casparian—Master
- Bro. Ken Khetian—Jr. Master
- Bro. Bob "BS" Simonian—Treas
- Bro. Stan Roopenian—Corresponding Secretary
- Bro. Ara Bedros—Recording Secretary
- Bro. Randy Avazian—Sergeant at Arms



Like our Junior Chapter we are also "strong and growing". In 1997 we brought in Chris Armen, Gerald Ohannesian, William Kevorkian and George Halburian as new members.

On a sad note, we lost one of the backbones to



## 1918-1998 80th Anniversary

This year of January 1, 1998, has been set aside for congratulatory accolades to the Triple X Fraternity of California and Nevada. Our founding fathers 80 years ago in 1918, brought about eight young men of Armenian descent to join together as a fraternal group. They were: Charles Ashjian, Lee Rustigian, Arsen Alchian, Lee Dederian, Goorken Bacon, John Kasparian, Richard Dederian, and Armen Nishkian. These men were pioneers in those days in preserving our Armenian faith. Their contribution to our brothers of today will live into generations of tomorrow.

Congratulations

Grand Editor  
Harry Sweet.

### Los Angeles (cont.)

our chapter, Bro Lee Neshanian. Bro. Lee was a devout Trexman, who put TRIPLE X on the same plateau as family and work. He had been a member of the fraternity for 56 years, starting out as a Golden Gate Chapter Junior. He had held many of the offices at least once. One of the positions most cherished by Bro. Lee was as liaison to our Junior Chapter. There he provided guidance to our younger members and was like a father to many of them. Bro. Lee's presence will be missed sorely by all brothers alike.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Steve Hampar, A.E.

## Fresno

Officers and Board Members, 1997-1998

Master—Ed Hokokian

Jr. Master—Gary Kazarian

Treasurer—Richard Shirin

Recording—Secretary Bob Markus

Corresponding Secretary—Richard Bedoian

Sergeant at Arms—Harry Tanielian

Associate editor and

Board Member Nazareth Chaderjian

Board Members: Mike Ekizian, Pete Chilpigian, Sam Hokokian, Harry Tanielian, Aaron Aaronian, Jack Bedoian

GREETINGS to ALL TREXMEN, WIVES and FAMILIES from the Fresno Triple X Fraternity Chapter. In September we installed our new chapter officers and board members.

MYSTERY TRIP JULY 12 , 1997 Co-Chairmen Jon Chilpigian, Mark Kazanjian and Mike Lulejian. What a great trip they planned for us! Our bus headed south on State Route 41 and stopped for lunch at the beautiful grounds of the Arciero Winery. An impressive tour of the winery followed with, "but of course," wine tasting as an added highlight. Traveling on Route 46, we were guests of the Eberle Winery and were taken on tour of their famous wine caves and again had the enjoyment of wine tasting. Feeling no pain, we arrived at the Madonna Inn and browsed awhile before sitting down to a lovely dinner at the Inn; dancing followed to the strains of a Big Band (50 era vintage). After a full, awesome, lovely day we headed for Fresno and got to the clubhouse by midnight. What a great day!

SAN DIEGO CONVENTION August 29, 30, 31 - 1997 Congratulations to the San Diego Chapter on its convention. I am sure their associate editor will be writing about this. Fresno's Bob Juskalian was installed Grand Master for 1997-1998. Mark Kazanjian, Grand Treasurer and Mike Lulejian, Grand Secretary, both of Fresno chapter, were also installed.

CASINO NIGHT - September 13, 1997 Mike Lulejian and Mark Kazanjian - Co-Chairmen. This was our second annual casino night event and we are getting the hang of it. The Armenian School of Fresno was one of the recipients of the proceeds of the event. For such a worthwhile



50/50 Club Sam and Virginia Simonian



Christmas Dinner Santa and kids



50/50 Club Mardy and Muriel Marderosian



Casino Night



Tarkanian Night



Ashod Simonian 50 years

charity event, the absence of our valley chapter's members was disappointing and we thank all members who participated and the many persons (non-members) who attended. A lot of hard work went into this event and it was a lot of fun.

**JERRY TARKANIAN NIGHT - October 16, 1997** This event was well attended. Tark was gracious to autograph several basketballs which were raffled off. He talked about his Armenian background; the fact that wherever he travels, everyone in the area makes sure he partakes of Armenian cuisine especially since he lost his mother many years ago. He related excerpts of incidents between his mother and himself that were familiar to all of us with Armenian mothers. Thanks go to Grand Master Bob Juskalian, PGM Master and now Master Ed Hokokian, Gary Kazarian, Jack Bedomian, Richard Bedomian, Bob Markus, Pete Chilpighian, Richard Shirin,

and countless others for all the work efforts of this event.

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY - December 7, 1997** Once again the joyous sounds of Christmas filled the clubhouse and a wonderful sight seeing all the Triple-X- families and extended families. A great dinner of tri-tip, pilav, fasoulia, salad, cakes and ice cream were enjoyed. Santa Clause (Master and PGM Ed Hokokian resplendent in his own beautiful Santa Claus outfit) came and handed presents to all the children. Thank you to Stella Chaderjian and Mary Hokokian for buying all the presents and wrapping them. Steve Bedoian, our clown, always entertains the children with special-made animal balloons. The usual committee members mentioned in previous events also worked on this event. Jr. Master Gary Kazarian chaired this event, MCd the event and called out all the names of the children for Santa Claus.

**IN MEMORIAM**

A grand old trexman, Brother Michael Sohigian (1933) passed on. Michael was GRAND MASTER of the fraternity two times, a feat no one else has done. We will miss his eloquent speeches and his historian abilities. We were additionally saddened by the death of Fresno's Gaspar Magarian old-time lawyer still practicing at the age of 98. He was well respected in the Armenian community and a member of Triple-X-Fraternity, Fresno chapter since 1925. We are saddened by the loss of Brother Al Sanoian a member since 1955. He and his wife attended our affairs and enjoyed them. A shock to us all was the untimely death of Brother Cache Gavroian in the prime of his life. Cache was a member since 1977. He was a supporter of the fraternity and enjoyed coming to Dinkey Creek. Our sincere sympathies to their families and extended families in their loss.

**50-50 CLUB - 50 Year Members**

Brothers Ashod Simonian (1944), Charles Amasalian (1947), Ed Shirin, (1947). They recently received their 50-year membership plaques. Congratulations brothers ,

**50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

On November 1, 1997 two 50th anniversary parties took place. The celebration of a 50th anniversary is quite an accomplishment. Sam and Virginia Simonian and Mardy and Muriel Marderosian have accomplished this. Congratulations to both couples. "TIS the SEASON"



Casino Night



Mystery Trip Luncheon Arciero Winery



50/50 Club Charles Amasalian receives 50th plaque

In closing, Christmas and New Years are fast approaching at this writing. Please accept a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Trex Brothers and their families from the Fresno Triple X Chapter.

SHNOORAVOR SOORP DZNOUNT YEV  
NOR DAREE .

Fraternally,  
NAZ CHADERJIAN

# Las Vegas Chapter

As the year passes, we notice things here in Las Vegas are the same as everywhere else, time waits for no one. In April, we took a bus trip to Laughlin with our wives and guests. We had a great trip and made many new friends. On a sad note, after a lengthy illness, we lost one of our Charter Members, Charles Merlian. Also, Bro. Gil Surabian's wife, Rita passed, away during the Christmas Holidays. Condolences to Bro. Gil and the family from the Triple X.

The Chapter is still holding meetings in the homes of the members with an occasional meeting at local restaurants. Our meetings have been informative and fun, so I have been told.

Our first affair in October "Playtime in Las Vegas" was a huge success and everyone had a great time. Thanks to all the Brothers and their wives from many of the Chapters, especially the bus load from Orange County and our Los Angeles Brothers. We had guests from all over the United States, Florida, Michigan, New York, Rhode Island, Illinois, and Arizona. Thanks for all your support. The Playtime committee: Gil Surabian, Mike Manoogian, Carl and Ann Baxter, Arpiar Babigian, Kirk Bazoian, Don Samarge, Ralph Barzekoff, Sam Artinian, Shavarsh Papazian and Mooney Najarian did a great job. Thanks to Gil and Rita Surabian for opening their home for the Sunday Breakfast and thanks to Bro. Bob Bezdikian for taking charge of the breakfast and Orange County Bro. Naz Horesanian for all his help. Last but not least, thanks to our wives for their help and support. You never hear what the Master of the Chapter does but when you have a successful affair he must be doing something right.

In closing, I would like to thank our Brother Grand Master Bob Juskalian and his wife for honoring us. A special thanks to Bro. Harry Sweet for all of the pictures he took.

Fraternally,

Charles Parigian  
Master



At Gil Surabian's



Grace & Carney Ovian & Jeni Papazian



Charles Parigian, Carl Baxter, Ann Baxter, Arpiar Babigian, & Mooney Najarian.

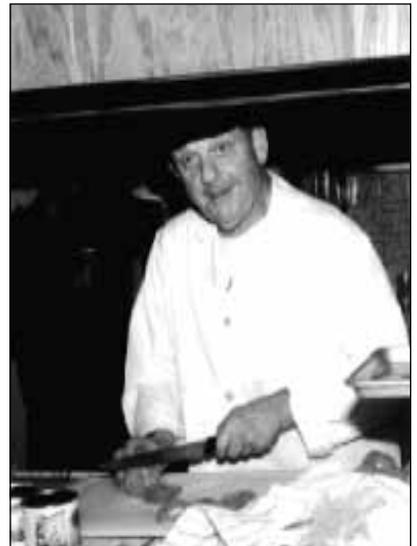


Lorraine & Charlie Keligian, Marcie & Leon Leonian

# “Playtime in Las Vegas”



Kef Time in Las Vegas



Gil Surabian preparing breakfast for 150 guests



Margaret, Harry Sweet, Earl Paul, & Ed Tashjian



PGM Mooney selling tickets



Kef Time in Las Vegas



Sark Sahagian, Carl Varadian, Ida Varadian, Virginia Sahagian.



Bro. Charles Alexanian



Orchestra



The Women of Trex



Breakfast F



Dance Group



PGM Joe Kellejian  
Convention Chairman



Gr. Treasurer Robert and Arlene Srabian.



Bro. George Band  
new member.



Business meeting



Los Angeles Delegates



Food Line



New GM Bob Juskalian accepts gavel from PGM Jack Ouzounian



Leo Avazian with his 50-yr. plaque



GM Jack Ouzounian



Doug and Barbara Avazian — Steve and Lillian Saroyan



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The whole gang is cooking



New officers being sworn in

# Mt. Diablo

## 1997-98 CHAPTER OFFICERS

At the September meeting outgoing Master Jerry Tusan inducted the new officers: they are; Raffi Kachadourian, Master; Kevork Hagopian, Jr. Master; Varouj Koroyan, Treasurer; Bob Shahoian, Recording Secretary; and Greg Haroutinian, Corresponding Secretary.

## NEW MEMBER

At the September meeting Vartan Tosian was initiated into the chapter. Dee Kassabian is his sponsor. Born in Dinuba, California Vartan's parents were from the old country. He graduated from Reedley High School. He served in the Army in WWII in the 11th Airborne Parachute Infantry. While he lived for a short time in San Francisco, he did go to Fresno and later returned to San Francisco to own an auto repair shop. He has a daughter and two grand children and now is semi-retired and living in Pleasant Hill. Welcome Vartan.

## NEW MASTER IS A FATHER

Master Raffi Kachadourian and wife Clarice recently became parents. Their son Avedis Raffi was born on June 29, 1997. Raffi, previously from Fresno, joined the Mt. Diablo Chapter and has played a vital role in the health of the chapter by serving in several positions and becoming master for 1997-98. Further congratulations are in order as he became the city planner for the city of Milbrae (south of San Francisco).

## SUMMER PICNIC

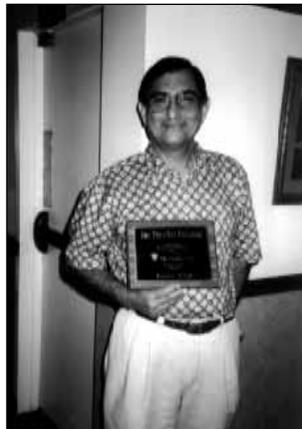
On a beautiful July day at Pleasant Hill Park the chapter held its annual family picnic. Picnic chairman and cook Ed Hazarabedian did a great job of preparing and cooking the food. It was a pleasant time to sit and visit with members and spouses. It was a great pleasure to have Grand Master Jack Ouzounian attend. After lunch Jack and PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian played an intense game of tavloo.

## MEETING AT CALIFORNIA CLASSICS

At the August meeting Brother Dee Kassabian and his son Brad hosted a dinner meeting at their



Jerry welcomes



Dee Kassabian



Shavarsh Hazarabedian



Raffi and Kevork



Convention delegates



At California Classics

classic car showroom in Dublin; consignment cars featuring hot rods and high performance cars. As a former chef in Fresno Dee cooked an outstanding shish kebob dinner for over forty people. It was a great dinner and a fun night to look at the classic cars. Grand Master Jack Ouzounian and Grand Secretary Phil Manoojian were in attendance. Thanks to all who participated.

**CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY**

On Thursday, December 11, 1997 forty brothers and their guests attended a Christmas party at the popular “Father Nature’s Shed” restaurant in Danville (proprietor is Ed Godosian). Following invocation by Master Raffi Kachadourian a wonderful dinner was served. During the raffle Garo Keadjian won a prize and when he picked the next winning ticket, he selected his wife’s ticket. Garo, how did you do that? Many thanks to Jerry Tusan for making all the arrangements.

Fraternally,  
Jack Mooradian, Associate Editor



Brothers at the picnic



Attendees at Christmas Party



GM Jack, Phil (Gr. Sec.), and Jerry



Kevork and Archie on July 4th



Christmas revelers

# Oakland

Hello once again brothers. We here at the Oakland chapter are riding the Nalbandian train of success. Where wine, women and song is the motto... OOPS !!! That's a song. We look forward to the coming year with excitement!

We've already enjoyed our return visit to Arnold, CA to commune with nature. Ahhh yes the simple life among the hill people. Fishing, hunting, golf and singing old Armenian folk songs under the stars. The highlight of the weekend was a traditional sacrifice, in accordance with our by laws. (Did anybody really buy that ??????)

One of the highlights of the weekend was Master Bob Nalbandian and Brother Bill Nalbandian singing the songs of the great Charles Aznavour!

We also had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas at the historic Presidio country club



We're hungry, let's eat!



We're having a great time!



Incoming Master Bob Nalbandian and outgoing Craig Bazigian.



Oakland Chapter members enjoying each other's company.



Oakland Chapter members in full force at the San Diego Convention.



Oakland Chapter poses for a group picture.



Swearing in a great new Oakland Chapter member

in San Francisco. We would like to once again thank new brother Paul Koojoolian for arranging the event. In the past year we also made contributions to A.T.G. (Armenian technology group) and our own Armenian summer camp.

We are really excited about our upcoming events this year. We are once again going to have our crab feed fund-raiser and a cigar night. We are also honored to join celebrity Sean Connery on a cruise of the British Isles. Yes cruising with the 007!!! Also we will be spending an evening with Don Rickles, the original hockey puck!!!! So you can see why we are excited about the coming year.

We would also like to welcome new members Paul Koojoolian and Stuart Arakelian. Two fine gentlemen, and great additions to our already fine roster of members.

I'd like to wish everyone success in the coming year. Stay well and sleep warm!

Fraternally,  
Brother Steven Donikian  
Associate Editor



Say Cheese!

## NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Summer issue of Trex News is July 8, 1998.

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# Sequoia

Hello to all our sister chapters from the mighty Sequoias.

Hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Although you will be getting this article later in the year. I am writing on 12/28/97.

As with all other chapters, we had our nomination and election of officers with the following results.

Master Bro. Jack Barsamian  
Jr. Master Bro. Bryan Ananian  
Rec. Sec. Bro. Charley Davidian  
Treasurer Bro. Gerard Garoian  
Corres. Sec. Bro. Jerry Poochigian  
Sgt. at Arms Bro. Harry Krikorian  
Critic Bro. Ron Shanoian

So far, the year has started out really good and Master Jack Barsamian is doing a fine job of conducting the meetings and keeps all of us "virenees" in line.

We had our annual Halloween Party at an amusement park in Hanford. The event was chaired by Bro. Harry Krikorian who did a great job of handling all the work involved. The 35-40 people who attended all said they had a fun party.

We also had our annual Christmas Party, chaired by Bro. Bryan Ananian, at Shakeys Pizza in Visalia. Approximately 70 persons showed up and of course Santa was there to pass out goodies to all of the children present.

We have had several dinner meetings, which are always well attended, and had the pleasure of having Bro. Grand Master Bob Juskalian present. Grand Master Bob gave us the usual eloquent speech about the other chapters and what a great chapter Sequoia Chapter is. Of course we already knew that. Also I should not fail to mention that Grand Master Bob and Dorothy were at our Installation Banquet, which was held at the Visalia Radisson, to install the incoming officers. It is always a pleasure to have Grand Master Bob at our meetings and events.

It is almost February and the Tulare County Farm Equipment show will soon be upon us. As some of you may know, Sequoia Chapter has a Shish Kebab Booth at the fair and this is our big money maker for the year. This is one of the events when all of the brothers pitch in and help. Bro. John Gimian slices tomatoes and onions all day - non stop. Bro. Abe Kazarian selling tickets. Bro. Harry Majarian slicing bread and Bro. Sark Yahnian in charge of cooking. If you get there on time, you'll find PGM Dick Ekizian slicing



Jack & Pete Barsamian at Convention



Installation Banquet



Grand Master swearing in Officers



Past Master who received pins at Banquet



Master Jack Barsamian (R) presenting plaque to Past Master Ron Shanoian

meat off the shishes. The brothers in charge are gearing up the event and everything is under control (I'm told).

Later on this year, probably in October, the Sequoia Chapter will be sponsoring a Kef Night with Richard Hagopian and his band. We are all looking forward to this event and invite all our fellow Trexman to be present. Bro. Chuck Simonian came up with the idea so naturally he is the man in charge. It appears that plans are going well and it will be a great event to attend for kef, dancing and fellowship.

It's the end of the year and all the crops are in, the money is counted, a years supply of cigars are bought and everyone has a smile on their face. I haven't seen or heard any of our farmers crying so I am assuming that most of the brothers did OK. Also heard through the grapevine that Bro. George Zarounian sold his car agency. Since we are cousins, everyone is asking me why and what is he going to do now? My response is "I don't know because George didn't check with me, and he will probably spend more time with his race car." But if you really want to know, go ask George.

We were all saddened by the loss of Bro. Cache Gavroian of the Fresno Chapter. Cache had many friends in the Sequoia Chapter, and would attend many of our functions. Cache's son-in-law David Vartanian is a member of our Chapter. We will also miss the hotel he put up at Dinkey Creek every year.

Well brothers, I guess that's about all for this issue. If I forgot to mention something I'm sure I'll hear of it soon and be sure to include it next time.

I did forget something. At our Installation Banquet, Past Master Ron Shanoian presented a Past Master pin to those of us that were present. Those who were not at the banquet, received their pins at the following meetings. Very much appreciated by those of us who received a pin.

Stay healthy, keep smiling, hope to see you all at Mid-Term.

Fraternally yours,



Sequoia Bros. at Picnic Meeting Visalia

# Orange County

Orange County's newly elected officers for 1997-98 are:

Master	Bro. Larry Kaprielian
Jr. Master	Bro. Larry Sherman
Treasurer	Bro. Kurk Kazarian
Corres. Sec.	Bro. Billy Eordekian
Rec. Sec.	Bro. John Cholakian
Sgt. Of Arms	Bro. Ron Sarouhan

Board of Directors: Bros. Larry Kaprielian, John Cholakian, Archie Cholakian, Art Kazarian, Leo Depoian, John Poochigian, Roger Pechuls, Harold Bazarian.

Our 22nd Annual Picnic was very successful. Over 950 dinners were served. Bro. Art Kazarian is a master at putting together the Picnic. Bro. Roger Pechuls did an outstanding job as Chairman. To all the Brothers and wives who helped "thanks for a job well done".

Thanks to the San Diego Chapter for a wonderful convention. We had over 30 Bro.'s and wives attend. Thanks to all the Bros. and their families who attended our Hospitality Room. We enjoy the Trex Family from all the Chapters.

Our Arrowhead Stag was great - we enjoyed the fresh air and eating and eating some more. Bro. Art Kazarian and Bro. Malcom Boghosian gave us their homes for sleeping, breakfast, lunch dinner. What great hosts. It is a must for next year.

Our Installation was first class. Past Master Archie Cholakian was the Master of Ceremonies. Bro. Jr. Master Pete Bodourian was Chairman and he did an outstanding job. Also Bro. Art Kazarian and Sister Marge Kazarian set-up the best mazza. Thanks again to all those who helped. We had a table set up of Old Pictures from the Past. Past Grand Master Haig Jamgotchian swore in the New Officers. Past Master Bro. Harold Bazarian thanked his outgoing officers and Master Larry Kaprielian introduced the new officers and Board of Directors. The Trexman of the year award went to our Past Treasurer, Bro. Paul Hachigian who is a True Trexman.

The Las Vegas Chapter put on a fantastic party at which all our Brothers and wives had a great time. Thanks also for the wonderful Breakfast at the home of Bro. Gil Surabian. When they have a Convention we will all be there!

At the Mid Term Convention we will be announcing that for the year 2000 we are running for Grand Master - Past Master, Past Jr. Grand Master, Past Grand Treasurer, Bro. Archie Cholakian. He is certainly a qualified member.



Bro's John, Karlo, Bill - enjoy the Trex meeting.



Bro's Dave, Ken, Z. Harry



INSTALLATION



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Installation: 1997-1998 Officers

“See you SOON in Fresno.”

We had a sad moment in our chapter when our Bro. Mike Hartunian’s wife Viola passed away. Our love is always there for the family.

We have many Brothers and families who have had surgeries this past 6 months and we pray for their speedy recovery.

We meet at the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach the 3rd Wednesday of each month for Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Come join us!

PGM Haig Jamgotian



Master Larry Kaprielian and wife Denise



New Officers: 1997-1998 Bro’s Ron, Master Larry K, Larry S, John, Kurk, Billy, “What a Team”.



Bro’s & Wives, San Diego Convention



Bro’s Nick - David - Larry



Bro. Kurk Kazarian Surprise Birthday Cake



Bro’s Harry, Karlo, Haig, Larry, Harold, Z. Harry, Archie, Arnold, Ed.



M Harold, sister Marge Kazarian, Master Larry & wife



Bro’s Z. Harry, PGM Jack, GM Bob, PGM Shavarsh, &

# Peninsula

This has been a busy year with several activities and events. We attended the Oakland Chapter's Annual Crab Feed; annual picnic at Vic's; lamb shank dinner with the Oakland Chapter, the annual Ed Sarouhan Golf Tournament.

We have the pleasure of holding our Board of Director's meeting at Brother Master Mike Michaelian's residence the first Thursday of every month. On the third Thursday of each month our business meetings which always includes a complete three course sit down dinner professionally prepared by Brothers Mike, Kip, Andy, Ken, Vic and others.

In October we held an Armenian Folk Dancing Dinner and Dance Lessons led by Mike Solakian. He really had everyone on their feet. What a well attending event with live music and lots of fun. Brothers Ken Masegian and Bud Kalafian manned the barbecues for a delicious Kebob dinner. December 20th we held our Christmas Social attended by families and friends. Brother Andy Nalbandian and fellow musicians provided the live music for the evening. Master Mike outdid himself by preparing a prime rib dinner. The Chapter and their families enjoyed Armenian dancing and one of the highlights of the evening was a surprise Belly Dancer which several Brothers enjoyed taking turns dancing with her (see pictures).

On a somber note, with sorrow we lost Brother Via Garabedian one of our Charter Members of the Peninsula Chapter. It was a few years ago in which he received his 50 year membership plaque and he has been a Master of our Chapter for several of these years. He enjoyed challenging Brothers to a stone slamming game of Tavloo and he usually won!!! He will be greatly missed by all.

Looking forward to see you at the Midterm.

Fraternally,  
Vic Khachooni, Editor



# SELMA

The brothers of our chapter experienced both highs and lows during the past half of 1997. We were saddened by the passing of PGM Freddie Markarian and Brother York Boyajian. This was followed by the passing of PGM Jack Kazanjian's wife, Isabelle, in late November. Our hearts go out to their families and close ones. They will be missed.

On the lighter side, our chapter enjoyed some good times and great events: our Charity Garden Party in September, co-chaired by PGM Abby Mamigonian, Brother Frank Korkmazian, and PGM Jack Bedrosian; the Annual Football Tailgate, chaired by Brother Ken Melkonian; our annual Reno Trip ("lost our butts"), chaired by PGM Jack Kazanjian and Brother Jake Kevorkian; the fall Charity Turkey Bingo, co-chaired by Brother Phil Manoogian and PGM Jack Bedrosian; and our family Christmas Party, chaired by Brother Michael Sarabian. As one can imagine, these events kept us all busy, but they were all well worth it.

It doesn't let up as the functions keep coming in 1998. In January, we have our annual Law Enforcement Night, with lamb shanks being served by our own chefs, led by PGM Abby Mamigonian. The top law enforcement officers in Fresno County are guests of the fraternity.

On February 6, we will have our 2nd Annual Sports Charity Night, with several sports celebrities as guests. Up to 400 people are expected to attend this year. Brothers Marty & Perry Mamigonian co-chair this event, which should be a good one.

In the spring, other scheduled events include our annual Scholarship Dinner, attended by wives and guests, where 4 \$1,000 student scholarships are awarded to 4 outstanding graduating high school students. Also upcoming is our Annual Spring Outing scheduled in late May, where Trexmen and their families enjoy a bar-be-que and games. All in all, it will be another busy year.

Our new officers for the 1997-98 fiscal year are:

Master Matthew Peters  
Jr. Master Newton Krikorian  
Secretary Frank Korkmazian  
Treasurer, General - Matthew Peters  
Treasurer, Charitable Trust - Abby Mamigonian  
Corres. Sec. - Perry Mamigonian  
Auditor - Kay Paboojian  
Custodian - Sam Esraelian  
Sergeant-at-Arms - Richard Garabedian



Selma Chapter Scholarship Dinner



Lamb Shanks - Chefs at Work



Selma Chapter Kitchen Crew



Tailgate Bar-b-que

Critic - Jim Kaprielian

Board of Directors: Patrick Balakian, Jim Markarian, Dick Boyajian, Oscar Kasparian, Dan Boyajian, Jack Bedrosian

Looking forward to seeing everybody at the Mid-Term Convention in March.

Fraternally submitted,  
Bro. Don Bedrosian

# Golden Gate

Our chapter notes with sadness the passing of Bro. Lee Neshanian. Bro. Lee began his lifelong affiliation with Trex as a Golden Gate Junior, staying with the Senior Chapter many years before relocating to the Southland. His spirit will be missed.

Bro. Vartan and Arlene Hovsepian celebrated the birth of their first grandchild this past August. Instead of cigars, Vartan, an agent with a certain governmental revenue enhancement agency, was rumored to be handing out “Get out of jail” free cards to all his Golden Gate Brothers.

Just a few weeks before the blessed event, Bro. Dave Zovickian and his wife Laura ventured east to New York for a well-earned vacation. Not known for conventional travel (for instance, vacationing in Dover, while Laura swam across the English Channel), this trip witnessed Laura competing in the annual Race Around Manhattan, placing sixth out of 17 swimmers. Laura’s 7’47” adventure/time in the “interesting” waters surrounding the Big Apple was matched only by her dutiful husband’s 10 hours stuffed into a kayak while accompanying her. Fortunately, “Seinfeld’s” Kramer was nowhere to be seen.

Celebrating the holiday season, Bro. Master Ara and Ulla Kaprielian hosted the annual Golden Gate Christmas Party in their Orinda Home. Dignitaries from as far away as Toledo were treated to a party of unparalleled vision and sophistication. The quality and diversity of the gourmet meal was matched only by the “A” list of guest. Clearly, Ulla and Ara spared no effort in preparing the evening’s menu, evidenced by the recurring line at the buffet table.

Kicking off the New Year, PGM Bro. Sark Sarkisian invited the Brothers into his home for fraternity, brotherhood and barbecue. Clearly, the highlight of the evening was Bro. Sark’s virtual video presentation of the future 49er football stadium whose construction he is personally directing. Of course it was complete with virtual fans, virtual teams and virtual San Francisco voters. So far, the season tickets destined for Golden Gaters seem a virtual pipe dream.

David Zovickian



(l. to r) Bros. Armen, Anoosh, Ralph and Art



Bros. Dick, Onnig, & Vartan



Bros. Leonard & Bob



Bro. Master Ara & “First Lady” Ursula



Bro. Leonard and David.

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