



# **TREX NEWS**

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF TRIPLE X FRATERNITY OF CALIFOR-

**Triple X Fraternity**

## **45th Mid-Term Convention**

**Saturday, March 6, 1999**

**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

Brothers, thank you for the hospitality you have shown in the first few months of my position as Grand Master, and I look forward to continuing my chapter visitations in the coming months. There are those that feel that this fraternity needs to find new ways to remain vital. Many feel that society and the world have passed the fraternity by. Change is their slogan.

I too recognize that there needs to be changes in order for this fraternity to survive another 80 years ... But rather than look to change the fundamentals that this fraternity was founded upon... I look to see what traditions in the past that made the Triple X so strong we need to remind ourselves of,

and we need to rekindle.

Ask yourselves ... What efforts has my chapter made to go out of its way to help or work with another chapter. What sacrifices has my chapter made to help a sister chapter that perhaps ... is not as strong. On a personal level, ask yourselves these same questions.

There are some chapters that are in need of help to grow... perhaps to survive. The Grand Chapter should be looked to for assistance ... But in the end, it is not the Grand Chapter or the Grand Chapter officers that will build your chapters and supply strength. It is a combination of the dedication and sacrifice that that chapter's members are willing to make that will make the difference. It is the sincere helping hand of a sister chapter that will be crucial. And it is the guidance and counsel of the Grand Chapter that will help bring these things about.

Make no mistake, this Fraternity is strong. It is vital. It is well respected. But it can be better, and that is my goal, a goal that I hope you share.

David G. Maseredjian

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New Brothers from Palm Desert,

## PALM DESERT “Chapter off and running”

It was a great day for the Armenian community of the Coachella Valley as the Palm Desert Triple-X Fraternity chapter was formally chartered by Brother Grandmaster David Maseredjian on Wednesday, November 18, 1998.

The Grand Chapter now has 25 new brothers and we're all thrilled to be a part of this wonderful fraternal order. It has taken organizers about a year to put the chapter in place. From that first shish kebob dinner way back in June to our recent chartering, we have experienced great unity and camaraderie. This new chapter is thoroughly indebted to Past Grandmaster Bob Juskalian and the brothers of the Fresno chapter. Brother Bob took us step by step from an idea to reality while the Fresno chapter acted as the sponsoring organization. Planning is well under way for a number of exciting chapter activities.



New Charter: GM David Maseredjian, PGM Bob Juskalian, Master Doug Yavanian.

The Palm Desert brothers had a spectacular holiday dinner-kef time hosted at the beautiful home of Brother Norm and Virginia Matossian. Some twenty brothers and guests (over seventy people) were on hand for great food — more shish, dancing and meeting new friends including Past Grand Master Greg Avedesian and his wife Janice.

**On the business side of things, we are finalizing our Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and annual budget. We all have a great deal to learn but with the guidance from veteran Trexmen and Brothers Mike**



# Las Vegas Chapter

Since the convention we have voted in a new executive body.

Master.....Ralph Barzekoff  
 Jr. Master .....Kirk Bazoian  
 Secretary.....Karney Ovian  
 Treasurer.....Shavarsh Papazian

Corres.

Secretary.....Berge Tookman  
 Sgt. At Arms...Carl Baxter

Assoc.

Editor .....P.M. Charles Parigian

Our October affair "Playtime in Las Vegas" is finally over and we are now looking forward to our Playtime in the year 2000 and we're going back to the Orleans Hotel and Casino. We are going to change the date to June. As we get



Bro. Kay Hovsepian (right), Karen Hovsepian (daughter) and Bro. Mike Manoogian.

closer to the new year our board is planning a good year for our Chapter. As the past Master of our Chapter I would like to thank my outgoing executive body: Gil Surabian was my Jr. Master and the Chairman of our Playtime affair, the past 2 years; Arpiar Babigian Treasurer;

## PALM DESERT (cont. from p. 3)



Palm Desert Dinner Meeting

Ekizian, Chic Kandarian, George Kirkjan and Oscar Donoian, the future looks bright. We are also counting on the other Date Baron Nick Nigosian to give us counsel and advice.

Everyone of our charter brothers have contributed in some way to this chapter's formation and a number of individuals should be singled out for their leadership. These include Junior Master Omar Kanadjian; keeper of the "money" VJ Mkrtchian and Brother Norman Matossian, our designated chapter "head chef."

Again, we are thrilled to be a part of the TRIPLE-X Fraternity of California and we hope to

see all of our new brothers visit their new chapter in the Coachella Valley. The chapter meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Bash's Restaurant in Palm Desert

Doug Yavanian, Master



Junior Master Omar Knadjian and Master Doug

Mike Manoogian Secretary. Thanks to all my brothers for their time and effort. The brothers meet every Wednesday at the Orleans for lunch we sometimes have enough brothers to hold a meeting. Thanks to Kay Hovsepian and Ray Donney they are the ones who got us started and getting together other than meeting days. Bro. Kay and Ray are 65 year plus in the Fraternity, Los Angeles Brothers and Las Vegas Brothers. We are proud to have such brothers involved in our Chapter.

Fraternally Yours  
 Past Master Charles Parigian  
 Associate Editor



PM George Parigian and Wife Mary (Los Angeles Chapter), and PM Charles Parigian and wife Katherine Las Vegas Chapter (on right)



Bros. Robert Bezdikian, cooking the morning breakfast for Sunday, and Bro. Sam Artinian supervising.

# Peninsula

GREETINGS and HAPPY NEW YEAR Brothers and Families! Master Mike Michaelian and Peninsula Brothers had a full program last year. We thank Past Master Bro. Mike for his leadership, unselfish service to our Chapter and the many fine dinners prepared throughout the year! Also many thanks to Bro. Kip Garabedian for his able assistance.

It is with much sadness that we note the untimely passing of PGM Bro. George Solakian from a brain tumor in September following our Trex Convention. Bro. George was the Chapter treasurer for many years and bravely served until his final days. He was an avid Trexman, 49ers fan, golfer and family man in the old tradition. His friendly presence at our meetings and events will be missed. We express our deep sympathies to his wife Mary and their family. May God bless the souls of our departed Brothers.

At our Oct. 15 meeting, the Brothers unanimously renamed the annual Peninsula Chapter golf event, "The Ed Sarouhan-George Solakian Memorial Golf Tournament" to honor our departed PGM Brother Golfers.

The 5th Annual "Picnic at Vic's" took place on September 19, with gracious hosts Vic and Linda Khachooni at their beautiful Los Altos Hills Home. Brother Vic Papparigian and wife Marion provided the delicious teriyaki beef for



Bro. Luther Izmirian, Kip Garabedian, Mike Michaelian, PGM George Solakian.



Bro's. Andy, Vic K., Vic P.; Back row, Bro's Bud, Ken, Kip, Vazgen

the barbecue along with the special marinated chicken barbecue by our Brothers. Bro. Andy Nalbandian and guest Peter Dorian provided oud music and jammed with Bro. Bud Kalafian on his keyboard for some poolside dancing. There was the usual spirited tavloo games as well. TREX families and 14 guests had a fine time.

Earlier in the year, with PGM Bro. George Solakian and his son George Jr. the Brothers enjoyed camaraderie, drinks and a great buffet dinner at the Los Altos Country Club, as guests of Bro. Larry Karabian. Thanks again Bro. Larry for hosting the memorable event.

At our November 19 meeting, we initiated two new members, Ruben Kazarian and Jacques Avedissian. Welcome brothers! We look forward to additional brothers joining us this year.

Our Dec. 17 Christmas Party was a big success. Master Chef Mike Michaelian and his crew prepared a delicious prime rib dinner with all the trimmings. There was Armenian dancing to the music provided by old friends Ronnie and Aram Henesian with Andy Nalbandian and Bud Kalafian joining in. Thanks to all for a great evening.

Officers for the coming year are: Master - Bro. Andy Nalbandian; Junior Master - Bro. Ken Masegian; Cor. Secretary - Bro. Larry Karabian; Recording Secretary - Bro. Kip Garabedian; Treasurer - Bro. Vic Khachooni; Custodian/Sergeant at Arms - Bro. Mike Michaelian; Editor - Bro. Vic Khachooni.

The 1st Ed Sarouhan-George Solakian Memorial Golf Tournament will be at the Shore Line Golf Links in Mountain View May 22nd. Watch for the invitational flyer to be sent to Chapters to participate in this special event in memory of PGM's Ed and George.

Unless otherwise notified, meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at the Los Altos Masonic Lodge, 146 Main Street in downtown Los Altos. We are looking forward to participating with our Brothers in TREX events.



Annual Party at Bro Vic Khachooni's home.

# Capitol

Capitol Chapter's newly elected officer's are: (Master) Todd Odabashian, Junior Master Richard Fathy, Secretary George Kapanagian, Treasurer Buddy Ohanesian, Custodian Sam Khatoonian, Grand Editor/Photographer, Harry Sweet, Historian Vernon Shahbazian, Critic Leon Hagopian, Sunshine Harry Artinian.

Our Chapter brothers have a great time in business meetings, monthly affairs, etc. Our Kef Night is our biggest affair of the year. And we do well on it for Charity.

Vacations: Bro. Vernon Shahbazian and Grand Editor Harry Sweet, this past year, both went to East Coast for their play time. Bro. Vern and his wife Sylvia visited his former comrades at a 3 day Military Reunion in Boston, Massachusetts. It was here at Plymouth, Mass. Bro. Vern and wife Sylvia saw the granite boulder many persons believe that some of the Pilgrims from the Mayflower first set foot in the New World somewhere near this rock on the shores of Plymouth Bay, December 21, 1620. A touch of History here



Bros. John Dorian, George Kapanagian, PGM Alan Khatoonian, and George Shahinian.

indeed. Brother Vern and Sylvia toured the four providence Islands of Canada, encompassing Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and a 5 hour trip by Ferry to Newfoundland. Also the Canadian Province of New Brunswick, and Halifax.

Grand Editor Harry Sweet and his wife Mauvis went SWAPPIN & SHOPPIN in York, Pennsylvania. Every year 43,000 people converge in Hershey, York, and Stratsburg for a walking tour of Automobile parts for your old clunker cars at home you're a working on. The Ford Auto Museum in Sacramento, CA. hosted the tour.



25-year Plaque to Bro. George Shahinian.



Ernest Arkadi, Scholarship Recipient.



Gregory Dwanyan, Scholarship Recipient.

The seven day Hershey meet covers 43 acres of covered stalls of millions of car parts, that anyone can imagine to buy for the older type jewels of yesteryear.

PROFILE: Master Todd Odabashian. Capitol Chapter brothers are very fortunate to have such a fine Master like Bro. Todd. When he sits at the head table at our monthly meetings, Bro. Todd is all business. He drapes our Capitol chapter flag over the table, takes his gavel, Rap,

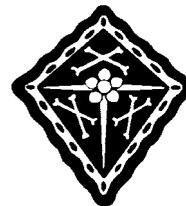


Rap, brings the meeting to order, we pledge allegiance to our flag, and here he goes with a gentle smile and expects attention from his fellow brothers. He is diligent, powerful in his assigned duties as master. Bro. Todd was re-elected our Master for the last two years in a row. He expects a lot of support from the Capitol Brothers. When his goals are not met by the membership he takes his gavel and puts a couple of more dents in the furniture. The dents are quickly sanded, re-stained, and polished before Father Yeghia sees it, by Bro's. Richard Nahigian, John Dorian and John Malkasian.

Bro. Todd loves to have brotherhood involvement. He schedules monthly meetings with his board of directors. He plans monthly events and

carries them to fulfillment. Affathem!! Brother Todd. We love You. Bro. Todd also set up our Picnics, Wine Tours, and Christmas Parties Chaired by Buddy Ohanesian for the children.

Fraternally,  
Grand Editor Harry Sweet



## CONGRATULATIONS

### Palm Desert Chapter

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome Master Doug Yavanian and 25 new brothers into the Triple X Fraternity of Palm Desert. Let this day of November 18, 1998 be a founding day in our chapter's historical files. Celebrate with the Best Wishes of our entire membership of Brotherhood in California and Nevada.

Harry Sweet  
Grand Editor

# Los Angeles

We kicked our summer off with our second annual Summer Family Desert Weekend in Rancho Mirage. While most people in Southern California try to avoid the desert heat in the middle of July, nearly 20 brothers and family members braved the 115+ degree weather we encountered (remember its dry heat!). As several of us pulled up to the hotel at 5:30 p.m. the thermometer on our cars read 118 degrees. Fortunately things cooled down to a brisk 110 by 10 pm that night. We spent Saturday golfing and then swimming in the pool. The highlight of the weekend, however, was watching a beautiful woman effectively straddle Bro. Koumy in the middle of the dance floor of the restaurant where we had dinner, and shave off his mustache in front of nearly 50 people. That was the best shave he's ever had and we've ever watched!! We're working on Bro. Koumy to see if he'd be willing to have his head shaved when we go back this summer.

“Bro. Kenny Gorvetzian, event chair”

Labor Day Weekend was our Annual Convention. This year's, convention proved to be one of the highlights of the year. The setting at the beautiful Universal Sheraton, provided attendees with both first class accommodations and plenty for members and their families to do. Highlights of the weekend started Friday with our spectacular Monte Carlo Night complete with Armenian mezza, swing dancing, and of course plenty of gambling. Many members were not



“Hallelujah”! Armenian dancing at Convention.

disappointed when they ran out of chips, with our very own “chip girl” close by providing not only more chips, but a warm smile and plenty more. The convention golf tournament was held at Brookside Country Club, the home of our annual Armenian Open, with great results. All who played were treated to good weather, good food and good scores. Many members and their families took advantage of the Hotels location and spent the day at Universal Studios. This proved to be one of the highlights of the weekend. Later that night, we hosted the Kef Night Extravaganza with the sounds of the John Bilezikjian Orchestra. Over 500 people danced, enjoyed an all night mezza, and socialized well into the morning hours. The Men's Breakfast was held Sunday morning with over 150 members in attendance, including all the LA Jr. members. We elected our very own Bro. David Maseredjian as Grand Master. Dave we are very proud of you and we all know you will do a great job. Capping off



PGM's at the '98 Convention: l to r.: seated: Herb Elmasian, Mike Chakalozian, Kay Cloud, Charles Hazarian, Haig Jamgotchian; standing: Joe Kelejian, Dick Ekizian, Z. Harry Astor, Aram Poladian, Jack Ouzounian, George Solakian and Bob Juskalian.

the weekend was the spectacular Grand Installation Ball. 25 and 50 year members were honored with commemorative plaques, incoming officers were installed, and our new Grand Master was sworn in. The evening provided all in attendance with a great meal, entertaining program and a 7 piece swing band playing favorites from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's. Overall it was one of the best conventions the fraternity has had in a very long time. Thanks go out to all of the LA Brothers who helped make this a memorable convention for all who attended. Best wishes and luck go out to the Oakland Chapter for their 1999 convention.

“Bro. Mike Shakar, Convention Chair”

September brought us our annual Ararat Home Picnic. As always the picnic was very successful, and a lot of money was raised for the Home. It is always nice to see our Brothers working side by side like a well oiled machine.

After a busy and rewarding weekend working at our annual Ararat Home Picnic, many Brothers were looking forward to our Stag Weekend. The event was held at the Quail's Inn Resort in beautiful Lake San Marcos. We especially enjoyed playing a round of golf at the newly opened Encinatas Ranch Golf Coarse. The weather was perfect and we could see the ocean from almost every green. On Friday night we enjoyed a traditional Armenian style dinner. Saturday night we feasted on a delicious barbecue with all the trimmings. We were especially pleased to have several Brothers from the San Diego Chapter join us for the weekend. We thank them and all the Brothers from the LA Chapter who continue to support this event. And a special thanks goes



(l t r) Bros. Steve Hampar, Gregg Kludjian, prospective “Slinko” Hagopian, Kenny Gorvetzian, and Steve Mikaelian at Ararat Picnic.

to Brothers Mel, Russell, Mike, Doug, Earl and George for their continued generosity and help! PS- inquiring minds want to know: Bro. Chaz (AKA Chaz Versace) ... where can golfers get a shirt like yours?

“Bro. Tev Eminian, event chair”

In December the Chapter hosted its tenth annual Christmas Kef (it was actually titled Christmas Kef VIII, but several years ago what should have been Christmas Kef VI was advertised as Christmas Kef IV). Nearly 500 people attended this holiday event and danced to the musical interludes of Richard Hagopian and his orchestra. When the music finally ended at 1:45 in the morning, there were still about 30



“Look, Borscht”. Bros. Mike Geragos and Chris Armen serving it up at the Ararat Home Picnic.



Bro. Steve Mikaelian contemplates “splitting a pair” at the Monte Carlo Night.



Bro. George Titizian gets chip girl confused with Monica Lewenski.

die-hards deftly moving around the dance floor. This event invites the community to celebrate the Christmas season with their friends, meet new friends and enjoy themselves before the hustle and bustle of Christmas wears everyone down. As in past years, the net proceeds from this event go directly to the Ararat Home of Los Angeles. Rumor has it that the Christmas Kef Committee, which has been together since the original Christmas Kef and includes Bros. Kenny Gorvetzian, Mark Mikaelian, Stephen Mikaelian, Gary Kouyoumdjian and Mike Shakar, is calling it quits this year and will form a band with Bro. Chaz "Versache" Partamian handling the costume designs.

"Bro. Kenny Gorvetzian, event chair"

Our LA Chapter is saddened by the passing of Brother Leo Avazian. Brother Leo was a member of our Chapter for 50 years and was very active in the Fraternity, rarely missing a meeting or outing. Brother Leo brought a lot of humor into



50 year Plaque - Leo Avazian.

the Fraternity. His one liners and timing were impeccable. Sometimes you couldn't even understand what he said and he would bring the whole house down. We will miss him dearly.

Our wishes to all the Chapters for an exciting and prosperous 1999!

Fraternally submitted,  
Steve Hampar, editor.



## Los Angeles Juniors

Ooor Es?? Happy New Year everyone. The LA Juniors are doing great. And yes, we are still growing. We just added a new brother, Alex Kouyoumdjian. Alex had recently been our victim in a brutal game of poker. Oh good, someone new to destroy at poker on a regular basis.

We had a great 1998. Brother Mampre Pomakian got married to Justine Garakian (granddaughter of a Trexman) and passed the bar. Brother Robert Zaratsian is now running the operations (hot-dog counting) at Dodger Stadium. Brothers Jacob Maseredjian, Garo Adomian, Vartan Tashjian, and Will Maseredjian were really busy studying. Brother Ardem Tabakian started a new job, 50 miles away from his house, nice commute, and Brother Ara Soghomonian officially retired. Thanks Ara for being our goodwill ambassador to all the other Trex chapters in the state. Brother Tom Adishian is our newest TV star. Check him out on the financial channel in the mornings. We also elected a new master, Jimmy Arakelian. Please join me in congratulating Jimmy on his new position. Somebody please teach this guy how to fine.

We are very active. We hosted a party at the LA Trex Convention over Labor Day weekend and threw a Halloween Party at Brother Jimmy "Stone Cold" Arakelian's home in West Covina. For those of you who don't know where that is, just head east from downtown LA, when you get there, just keep going. Just kidding, if your car can get there, he's got a nice pad. Thank you Jim and Jim's parents. Best costume to Bro. Ara S. for the Mexican Mariachi Pimp outfit Pimpin ain't easy. For Christmas, we had a group sit down dinner at C & O's Restaurant and then played foos ball at Yankee Doodles.

We have several prospects currently interested in our group and we expect to bring several new brothers in over the next six months, If you are available and are in LA. please look us up. We would love to have you at one of our meetings.

Fraternally,  
The Los Angeles Juniors

# Fresno

## OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS - 98-99

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Shunavor Soorp Zunoont Yev Nor Daree To all Trex members and their families from the Fresno Chapter. Hope that all went well with you during the Holiday Season just past (November -December, 1998 and January 1, 1999). Happy Easter forthcoming, April, 1999.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER** - July 16, 1998 - Chairman: Brother Naz Chaderjian. The Scholarship Awards Dinner was held at the Fresno Chapter clubhouse honoring four outstanding high school students as follows:

Kevin Karabian	Clovis West High School
Lucy Keroglian	Fresno High School
Leanne Peters	Fowler High School
Susanna Zadourian	Fowler High School

This event was well attended by brothers, wives and guests who enjoyed a chicken kebab dinner.

### MYSTERY TRIP - July 25, 1998

Chairman: Jr. Master Gary Kazarian

This event is always enjoyed every year by the brothers and their guests. As evidenced by a sellout bus; the evening started off by meeting at the clubhouse, enjoying mezza and drinks, competing at

- miniature putting green for prizes. By this time, we all were in
- jovial (giddy?) mood and boarded the bus towards our destination. We arrived at China Alley, Hanford and there was the Imperial Dynasty, world-famous for the restaurant and the owner-chef - Richard Wing.

We enjoyed the unforgettable main-course dinner. We were also taken on a tour of his famous wine cellar. Gary and the brothers who helped should be commended for an outstanding evening.



50 year plaques: Jack Selvian, PGM Charles Chitchian, Ed Shirin, Leo Krikorian, Harry Pazeian.



25 year plaques: Bob Hanoian, Vernon Hovannisian, Gary Garabedian, Richard Atamian, Harry Tanielian .

**JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION - FRESNO CHAPTER**, August 1, 1998 Chairman: Mike Emerzian. The Junior Diabetes Foundation was hosted again at the Triple X Clubhouse. Live music, chicken kebab dinner, bingo and bake sale were featured for this charitable event. The evening was most enjoyable and all proceeds benefitted this great charity.

**DINNER BUSINESS MEETING - PLAQUE NIGHT-** September 10, 1998 PGM Bob Jus- kalian, PGM Ed Hokokian, PM- Jr. Master Gary Kazarian, PM Jack Bedoian, Pete Chilpigian, Naz Chaderjian, and others, helped put on a kufta dinner for the presentation of 25 and 50 year member plaques.

25 year plaques: Bob Hanoian, Gary Garabedian, Vernon Hovannisian, Harry Tanielian; Richard Atamian.

50 year plaques: Jack Selvian, Leo Krikorian, PGM Charles Chitchian, Harry Pazeian, Ed Shirin.

Congratulations to all these brothers. It was so good to see you. We hope you will continue on as supporting and active members.

**JERRY TARKANIAN APPRECIATION NIGHT**, October 15, 1998 Chairman: Mike



Jerry Tarkanian Night: Back row PGM Bob Juskalian, Master Bob Markus. Front row: Harry Markus and Jerry Tarkanian.



Fresno Brothers at L.A. Conventioin.

Emerzian. Once again, our honored guest was Jerry Tarkanian who enjoyed Armenian mezza and shish kebab dinner. The clubhouse was filled with enthusiastic basketball fans, brothers, wives, children and guests). Several official basketballs signed by Jerry Tarkanian were raffled off as main prizes. Thank you to Mike Emerzian and his committee for a successful open social.

**FRESNO TRIPLE X FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY-DINNER- December 6, 1998**

Chairman - Jr. Masters Gary Kazarian and Asst. Jr. Master Paul Najimian.

Joyous sounds of Christmas echoed in the clubhouse as families and extended families came to celebrate this blessed event. Clown (Steve Bedoian) made balloon animals for the children and as anticipation ran high, Santa Claus (Ed Hokokian) appeared as the children screamed with deafening sounds of joy. Master Bob Markus called out each child's name to receive a present from Santa and most times a

photo shot. The children's gifts were again purchased and wrapped by Stella Chaderjian and Mary Hokokian. Thank you Stella and Mary for a labor or love. All the brothers pitched in and helped.

Donation of the Christmas trees was an act of love by John Kojigian whose grandson is now in his teens, but Virginia and John still support this cause. Donations by brothers included money toward goodies, lights and ornaments to dress the trees - were held for the two trees and all the lights and ornaments on them were also held for the decorations on the tables, which were beautifully decorated by Barbara Najimian and Denva Kazarian. Thanks ever so much.

**IN MEMORIAM:** It was indeed a very sad day July 8, 1998 when the Fresno brothers attended two funerals. Brother Dick Kuljian's services were in the morning and Brother Aram Kakli-gian's services in the afternoon.

Brother Dick Kuljian was an active member



Grandson afraid of Santa (Ed Hokokian)



Christmas Party



Christmas Party - Merry Christmas

since 1987 and Brother Aram Kakligian was an active member since 1956. Our sincere condolences to the Dick Kuljian Family and the Aram Kakligian Family.

Sarkis Takakjian passed away October 7, 1998 at the age of 87. He had been a Trex member since 1929 and served the fraternity in many offices of the chapter, including Master. Our sincere condolences to Sirarpy, his wife of 68 years and the Takakjian Family.

The brothers are sorely missed. Rest in peace.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS- END OF AN ERA AND LEGEND:** Dinkey Creek has been canceled for 1999 due to the following reasons:

1. Low attendance; therefore-
2. High cost of rent for only three nights (Thurs, Fri., Sat.)
3. Poor management, maintenance of camp (new roof now being installed, but other problems still remain).
4. Firewood not supplied and less sanitary services by camp personnel.
5. Need of more volunteers, workers from our brothers. Past Co-Chairmen Bob Juskalian, Mooney Najarian, and Naz Chaderjian can no longer do it alone.

**FRESNO TRIPLE X CLUB HOUSE RENTAL**

The Fresno club house has been rented out throughout the years, for many different functions to our fraternal brothers and non-members. We are surprised to hear that many of our fraternal brothers are not aware that the club house is available for rent. To our Selma Brothers, our club house is available for your monthly meetings, parties, private engagements, weddings or graduation parties (200 to 250 persons and any other private uses at a discount rental to a Trexman. Any brother interested in the use of our facility please contact our JR Master Gary Kazarian, (559) 251-0340.

Fraternally, Naz Chaderjian

## Oakland

Hello once again brothers. Things are great here at the Oakland chapter or as we call it the "Trex Lounge " Where the 11 Brothers 11 come to play. " Old Blue eyes is back " as Master Paul Kamian is at the helm. He's got the right attitude and the firepower to lead us to our 1999 convention, in the beautiful coastal town of Monterey.

The past year has given us some great memories to reflect upon. For example we made our annual visit to picturesque Arnold. The weekend consisted of the normal brotherly items. Bible studies were led by Brother Bill Nalbandian, and brother John Mickaels led the troupe in Armenian Folk singing. Boy, can John hit those high notes, if you closed your eyes and listened to him you'd think Mario Lanza was back! But I must say that the highlight of the weekend was master chef Craig Bazigian's gourmet classes on the art of "making perfect pilaf every time". He must be credited with taking the time and having the patience to work with each brother individually. The trip also consisted of a wonderful afternoon of golf, KEF and big eating (Shocking! ).

The Chapter is also coming off one of **our favorite events of the year. Our annual**





Christmas party. The party again this year was at the wonderful San Francisco Presidio Country Club, This has to be one of the prime locations in the Bay Area for any gathering, let alone the Trex Christmas party. All had a wonderful time. I think brother John Alexanian got the "Salami" this year during our gift exchange. Way to go Ohaness !!

Coming up this March 20th we once again have our Crab Fundraiser. It will once again be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. If you like crab... I mean lots of crab; this is the place to be. It really is a lot of fun and food. You can come for the food, but it's worth it just to come and see brother Bob Nalbandian clean crab for his lovely wife Renee. Also we're hoping to get brothers Masis, Charley & Archie together again for their terrific brand of old world folk songs.

The big news this year of course is that Oakland chapter will be hosting the "Convention". This year's convention will be the first to be, hosted outside of the city that is hosting the convention. This year it will be in beautiful Monterey. Right on the beautiful coast, you'll find great seafood, the Monterey Aquarium, and some of the prettiest sites you'll ever see. If you've never been there before this would be a great opportunity to see one of the greatest spots in California. We are planning some great events, something for everyone. If you are interested in more info on the convention you can contact brother Jim Taylor at 510-569-6566 or via E-Mail at [taylor@globeplbg.com](mailto:taylor@globeplbg.com) Also if you are planning to go to the convention and spend extra days please call the hotel and make plans now as the city is booking up fast. Our host hotel will be the Monterey Double Tree and you can reach them at 831-649-4511. Be sure to tell them that you are with the Triple X group.

1999 looks like it will be a great Year for the Oakland chapter! We look to seeing everyone at the 1999 Convention. Stay Well....

Associate Editor  
Steven Donikian

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# Orange County

Orange County's newly elected officers for 1998/99 are:

Judge (Master)	Bro. Kelly Astor
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Court Clerk (Cor. Sec.)	Bro. Billy Eordekian
Court Reporter (Recording Sec.)	Bro. Ara Papazian
Bailiff (Sgt. at Arms)	Bro. Richard Dudukian

Board of Directors: Bro. Kelly Astor, Larry Kaprielian, Ara Papazian, John Poochigian, Louie Akoboff, Nishan Derderian, Art Kazarian, Roger Pechuls, and Larry Sherman. "What a Team".

Our 23rd Annual Picnic was a wonderful success. Every year it gets better. New people came and enjoyed the food, dancing, music and games. Bro. Roger Pechuls, Art Kazarian and Kelly Astor all worked to put it together. All the Brothers and wives did so much to make it a success. This year we put extra security around the Shish Kabob as it was cooking, it didn't help, the security Brothers ate just as much as the cooks.

In August we went Deep Sea Fishing and Bro. Nishan Derderian did a great job in putting it together. No one got sea sick or lied about how big their fish were. Or the fish that got away. We will do it again next year.

Thanks to the L.A. Chapter for a FUN Convention. We had a great turn out from our chapter. Convention brings old and new friends together. This year we will see all of you in Monterey, CA.

Our Installation was a night to remember. Past Jr. Master Larry Sherman did a roast on our new Master Bro. Kelly Astor. Bro. Larry was the Master of Ceremonies and was assisted by Bro. Kris Kazarian and Bro. Kurk Kazarian. We enjoyed the food, program plus casino games. It's a night no one should miss. Thanks to the wives who helped with the mazza. Bro. Grand Master David Maseredjian and his wife Jenny enjoyed the evening with us and he swore in the new officers. Bro. Z. Harry Astor had a few words to say about his son being master, he was very kind because he doesn't want to be fined at the meetings. He thinks like an attorney. The Trexman of the year was Bro. John Poochigian. He has done everything. Bro. John WE LOVE YOU. If all the **Brothers statewide were like Bro.**



Master Kelly Astor and his new officers: Bro. Billy, Richard, Kelly, David, Kirk and Ara.



Bro. Master Kelly, Elizabeth, PM Larry, Denise, Grandmaster David and Jenny.



Bro's Billy, Mark, John, Danny, women. Looking Good.



Bro's Pat, Master Kelly, Ken, Harry. Best chefs in Trex. They think so.



PGM Z. Harry Astor (Z. is for Zaven) and PGM J. Dick Ekizian (J. is for Jim).

**John** our Fraternity would be in the Thousand Memberships. One Big Brotherhood.

Once again the Las Vegas Chapter put on a 1st class Kef Time. To all the Brothers and wives you did a wonderful job. Yours Truly did not make any money but it sure was worth the trip.

Our Arrowhead Stag was great. Bro. Art Kazarian and Bro. Malcolm Boghosian opened up their homes to the Brothers. We ate and ate and ate. Shish Kabob, steaks, etc. The food never stopped. We watched football, fed the squirrels, took walks, played cards, told stories some of which I don't think were true. Like Z. Harry Astor would say - "We had FUN". Thanks for your hospitality Brothers. P.S. I can tell you who snores - Ask me.

Coming events. 'Our 13th Annual Armenian-American Sports Hall of Fame will be having Tommy Lasorda, Rafer Johnson and many celebrities. Plus Armenian Amateur Athlete will be Greg Hanoian who played first string Baseball at U.S.C. They were National Champions in 1998.

We had another sad time in our chapter, Past Master Carlo Hazarian passed away. He held many officers and supported the Fraternity. He will be greatly missed.

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

P.G.M. Haig Jamgotchian



Bro's having fun - LA Convention.



PM Larry presents to Bro. John as "Trexman of the Year" Plaque.



Bro's never got sick and caught lots of fish.



Brso. John, John, Art, Don, Archie, Pat, Larry.

# SELMA

Greetings:

The Selma Chapter held its annual election of officers in August. The following officers were elected to serve for 1998-99.

- Master ..... Matthew L. Peters
- Jr. Master ..... Newton Krikorian
- Secretary ..... Jim Markarian
- Treasurer –
- Charitable Trust Abby Mamigonian, PGM
- Treasurer –
- General Account. Frank Korkmazian, Jr.
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- Associate Editor ..... Jack Ouzounian, PGM
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- Custodian ..... Sam Esraelian
- Sergeant At Arms .. Dan Boyajian

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Matthew Peters	Jack Bedrosian
Oscar Kasparian	Jim Kaprielian
Dan Boyajian	

Our August Dinner meeting, traditionally reserved for Keyma, took place as usual. Over 60 brothers came to partake of the keyma and lama-joon. We also enjoyed a very interesting program about Armenia by Barlow Der Mugrdichian, Prof. of Armenian Studies at California State University in Fresno. He talked about recent political and social improvements in Armenia. He mentioned that Las Vegas Financier Kirk



Selma Bro's at LA Convention. l to r: Phil Manoogian, Master Matt Peters, PGM Jack Ouzounian, Newton Krikorian, PGM Kay Cloud, Brent (with son) Simonian and Kenny Melkonian.

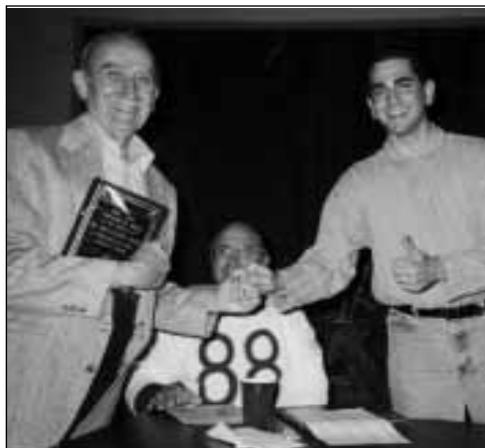
Kerkorian was making his visit there. Brothers who were in charge of this great event deserve a big pat on their backs for a job well done.

September was Fraternity's annual convention hosted by the Los Angeles Chapter at the Sheraton Universal. Congratulations to the L.A. Chapter brothers for an outstanding and memorable convention. It is sad to note that more of our chapter members were not in attendance. Congratulations also to Frank Korkmazian who was elected to serve a two-year term as Grand Historian-Custodian for 1998-2000. Food, drinks, camaraderie, entertainment and hospitality by the L.A. Chapter brothers were enjoyed by all who were in attendance.

October was our annual Reno Trip where some brothers return year after year to try out their luck, with some paying their **annual**



Master Matt Peters, Bro's Oscar Kasparian and Dan Boyajian (with Trexman of the year plaque)



Bro. Haig Aivazian receives yet another 100% attendance Plaque from Master Matt Peters.



Master Matt Peters presenting 100% Attendance Plaque to Kay Paboojian.

“Reno Dues” and some coming back with a few extra dollars. PGM’s Jack Kazanjian and Jack Bedrosian were in charge of this annual trip and deserve a big thank you. Brothers, wives and guests who were on this trip still talk about the fun and fellowship they enjoyed. Brother Harry Moordigian who had a twenty-year losing streak, finally came back a big winner!

At our November Dinner-Meeting, which was held at the California Armenian Home, Awards were presented to brothers who had not missed a meeting throughout the year. One was Brother Haig Aivazian who, I’m sure, holds the longest 100% attendance record in this Fraternity. He received his 33rd 100% Attendance Award. Congratulations Brother Haig! Others were Brothers Kay Paboojian, Abby Mamigonian, and Master Matt Peters.

Over 200 members and guests enjoyed our Annual Turkey Bingo just before the Thanksgiving weekend. Co-Chairmen PGM Jack Bedrosian and Phil Manoogian with the support of many brothers made this annual event a success. Bro. Oscar Kasparian did a beautiful job calling the Bingo numbers.

Our Christmas Party for our members and their children was held in December. Brother Michael Sarabian with the help of his family and brothers spread the season’s cheer by organizing a most successful Christmas Party. Santa, as usual, was there to give stockings to children and grandchildren of our members. Thank you Virginia (Michael’s mom) and Bro. Sark (dad) for your help.

On January 14 our Grand Master, David Maseredjian, paid his official visit to Selma Chapter. Unfortunately, the attendance at this meeting was very low because of a Fresno State basketball game.

One of our long time members Bro. Bill Meka-

lian has been ill since September. Our thoughts and prayers are with him for a full and early recovery.

As of this writing Selma Chapter is planning on its All Star Sports Night Dinner. Bro’s Marty, Perry Mamigonian and their committee have worked very hard to put on this main fund raising affair together and deserve our encouragement and support. More details next time.

Jack Ouzounian, PGM



Seven of nine PGM’s, l to r: Jack Bedrosian, Jack Ouzounian, Jack Kazanjian, Abby Mamigonian, Haig Kasparian, Joe Garabedian, and John Barigian.



Dinner meeting at Javiers Restaurant



Preparing the Keyma. Bro’s. Marty Mamigonian, Dan Boyajian and Robert Kandarian.



Master Matt and Grand Master David Maseredjian at our January meeting.

# San Diego

Congratulations to the Los Angeles Chapter and L.A. Junior Trex for a fantastic 1998 Convention. It was a wonderful time and we are very happy to work together with brother Grand Master David Maseredjian and the Grand Chapter this year.

We were honored to receive the 1998 Achievement Award which was a first for the San Diego Chapter. All the brothers helped make the last year an outstanding one, and we especially recognize Past Masters Dick Semerdjian and Jack Hachigian who inspired participation and enthusiasm, and PGM brother Joe Kellejian who seemed always to have a good idea at the right time.

We are happy to announce the 25 year plaque awarded to brother Doug Avazian, and to welcome two new members, brothers Armen Derderian and Garo Hachigian, son of Past Master Jack. This dynamic duo already has begun to make an impact, as brother Garo is managing the Trex websites, and brother Armen is coordinating Kef Nite 1999.

Last year the San Diego Chapter adopted Children's Hospital and Junior Achievement of Armenia for charitable support in addition to annual Scholarships for Armenian students in San Diego. This year, in addition to charitable support, the San Diego Chapter will coordinate a lunch reception for JAA teachers visiting the U.S. for training. Our brother Chapters are invited to this interesting event. Brothers Joe Kellejian and Greg Babikian are themselves former Junior Achievers. With community participation in this event, we anticipate an interesting program and a great deal of sharing experience with the JA Armenia teachers.

To honor the memory of our cherished brother Vartan Khosharian, founder of Triple X San Diego, the Khosharian Memorial Scholarship was established this year. Scholarship Chairman brother Harry Guzelimian will announce the student scholarships to be awarded later this year.

Christmas brought a happy celebration with brother Joe and Rosie Zakarian who generously opened their home again this year to all the Trex brothers and wives. **A full course Armenian mezza and dinner was catered by Sam's Ship Ahoy of Solana Beach, and magnificent desserts were prepared by Maida (Bro. Noubar Markarian's wife). The magic of Santa Claus was personified by bearded brother**



Bro. PGM Joe Kellejian accepting Achievement Award on behalf of San Diego Chapter with PGM Bob Juskalian & GM David Maseredjian.



San Diego Chapter delegates at the 1998 Convention.



Our gracious hostess Rosie Zakarian with Santa Bro. George Banerian.



New San Diego Chapter Master Steve Kradjian with Santa George Banerian.

George Banerian who delivered gifts to all. A truly memorable time was enjoyed by everyone.

On a note for good and welfare, our brother Ardem Kiledjian has started his own stock brokerage, working hard and smart as he always does. Since Ardem and wife Kimberly added to their young family a fourth bundle of joy this year, we have even more reasons to wish them blessings, success and good fortune.

We wish you all a wonderful year, and look forward to seeing you all at the Mid-Term Convention!

Respectfully  
Steve Kradjian, Master

## Golden Gate

Having failed with conventional methods such as the lure of home cooked barbecues a la Sark, the Trex chapter by the Bay has focused its search for wayward Trexman by displaying them on local milk cartons. Dairies from Danville, Newark, Atherton, San Mateo & San Carlos have joined in the search for our Brothers missing in action. Any sightings should be reported immediately.

Those members accounted for turned out in force for the annual Christmas gala held this year at the Basque Cultural Center. Bro. Chuck Paskerian's masterly touch was evident throughout the gala evening as the Brothers and their guests shared the holiday spirit.

And while some of us were enjoying the comforts of home this holiday season Bro. Ara



Left to right: Hostess of x-mas party Rosie Zakarian, Santa's helper Arpi Banerian, host Joe Zakarian, new members Garo Hachigian and Armen Derderian.



"Beanie Baby" Bros. left to right: PGM Joe Kellejian, Jack Hachigian and Arden Keledjian.

Top left: Bros. Stephan Hovsepian, Armen Derderian, Garo Hachigian, Master Steve Kradjian, Harry Guzelimian, Greg Babikian, Nubar Makarian, and Jerry Tashjian.

Bottom left: Joe Zakarian, Jack Hachigian, George Banerian, Dick Semerdjian, Vahan Serpekian.





Ara & Ursula



Anoushavan & Sylvia

and Ulla Kaprielian ventured to Jerusalem and stepped into one of the Middle East's great maelstroms, the Walled City's unique arrangement of shared responsibility for Christendom's sacred shrines.

Generating great excitement stateside, Bro. Ralph and Elise Kazanjian have established a home away from home in the pastoral Sonoma Valley. Anxious to emulate Bro. Ralph's inner peace, I know the brothers are eagerly anticipating the yoga retreats that are sure to follow.

Searching for some inner sleep, yours truly is adjusting to the November 20th arrival of baby Noah Zovickian. Mom and dad are doing well, treasuring all those bonding opportunities throughout the night.

Fraternally,  
Bro. David Zovickian



Jerry & Knar



Elise, Ralph & George



Bro. David Zovickian with Son Noah



Anna Marie & Robert



Sark & Ann



Bob & Lorraine



Chuck and Diane



New Master Kevork and Jr. Master Varouj



Richard, Armen and their wives.

# Mt. Diablo

## 1998-99 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Officers for 1998-99 are: Kevork Hagopian, Master; Varouj Koroyan, Junior Master and Corresponding Secretary; Ed Hazarabedian, Recording Secretary; Garo Keadjian, Treasurer; Myron Konjoyan, Sgt-At-Arms; Armen Boyd, Historian; Raffi Kachadourian, Advisor; and Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Parliamentarian.

## ARMENIAN SUMMER GAMES

On Saturday, July 18, 1998 the Armenian Summer Games (Olympics) was held at the campus of Chabot College in Hayward, California. It was a beautiful day as the contestants competed. This was the first time for the summer games after a several year absence. Mt. Diablo past master Armen Boyd is executive vice-president of the organization and was very busy throughout the day organizing contestants to their events. It was good to see our young people participating and especially enjoyable to see those in the Master's category for participants over age

forty. Mt. Diablo members in attendance were Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Vartan Torosian, Seno Garabedian, John Gulbenkian, Bob Arabian, Jack Mooradian, and Raffi Kachadourian.

## JOHN DICHIAN 25-YEAR AWARD

At the October meeting longtime Mt. Diablo Chapter member John Dichian received a twenty-five year membership plaque from Grand Chapter (see photo). John is also a past master of Mt. Diablo Chapter.

## SHAVARSH HAZARABEDIAN AWARD

During the October 8th meeting Past Master, Past Grand Master, and Past Everything Else, Shavarsh Hazarabedian received a plaque (see photo) from the fraternity that was awarded at the last convention. The plaque is presented to all Past Grand Masters to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Triple X Fraternity.

## SHISH KEBOB FUND RAISER

On a beautiful September evening Mt. Diablo



Sharvash receives plaque from Raffi



Chef Dee



Dichian receives plaque from Kevork



Armen Donian, Aram and Armen Boyd



Mt. Diablo Tennis Team

Chapter held a Shish Kebob dinner at Dee Kassarbian's "California Classics Showroom" in Dublin, California. Dee and his son Brad own California Classics. They recently moved into their newly designed 22,000 square foot showroom where they have many classic cars and muscle cars on display.

Nearly seventy Trexmen and guests enjoyed a tremendous shish kebob dinner prepared by Dee and assisted by son Brad, Raffi Kachadourian, Jerry Tusan, and Vartan Torosian. It was a wonderful sight to have dinner among those classic cars. A drawing was held after dinner with proceeds going to the Charity Committee.

Fraternally,  
Jack Mooradian  
Associate Editor



Vaughn, Rusty, Aram at auto showroom



Attendees at Christmas Party



Aram, Raffi, Kevork planning Convention



Christmas revelers

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