

TREX NEWS

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Triple X Fraternity

46th Mid-Term Convention

Saturday, March 4, 2000

A.A.C.L. Hall

CALIFORNIA ARMENIAN HOME

6720 E. Kings Canyon Road, Fresno, CA

- Mid-Term Golf Tournament**

RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE, 7672 N. Josephine, Fresno, California
10:00 a.m. Sharp! (See particulars and entry blank on back page.)

- A.A.C.L. Hall 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.**

CALIFORNIA ARMENIAN HOME, 6720 E. Kings Canyon Road, Fresno

- Business Meeting - 8:00 p.m.**
Members Only



Grand Master's Message

Our Fraternity is Rich in Traditions

Dear Brothers:

Great News ... the Fraternity made it through the Y2K crisis unscathed and without spending any of the estimated \$100 billion on compliance preparation! But then the strength of this Fraternity lies in its roots and traditions, not in software codes,

Growth of the Fraternity from its roots in 8 Armenian boys in Fresno 81 years ago made it possible for today's 13 Chapters in two states, 1 Junior Chapter and Grand Chapter.

Three generations of my family have had the opportunity to participate in the traditions of several of our Fraternity's Chapters. My late-grandfather, George Hazarian, was a longtime active member of the Fresno Chapter. My dad entered the Fraternity as a charter member of the Selma Jr. Chapter. As a senior member he joined the Golden Gate Chapter, transferred to Peninsula and then Oakland Chapters. It was my privilege to join the Fraternity as a charter member of the reconstituted Oakland Jr. Chapter alongside the sons of several other Oakland Trexmen, then move on into the senior Chapter.

I still recall the fun as a child attending Chapter picnics and family functions, as well as many of the Conventions held throughout the state. The memories of my pre-Trex years are strong and we should not underestimate the opportunities to continue to build Trex upon such foundations.

I have also been fortunate enough to hear the stories of the "Good Old Days" of Triple X from its Founding Fathers, Arsen Alchian and Lee Dederian, many P.G.M.s, and the charter members of several chapters. Although the Fraternity's initial growth was fostered upon the traditions of which they spoke, its best years have not been confined to those early days.

Oakland Chapter has a reputation as a risk taker. Upholding that image, its youngest members routinely were allowed to take the reins of leadership and adopt new traditions. Taking these risks resulted in today's vibrant and close group of brothers, from diverse age levels and backgrounds working together in pursuit of the Chapter's various endeavors. These are some of the rewards for giving now members the chance to make their mark on the Fraternity.

There is no doubt that the Fraternity will look different 25 years from now, but its foundation will be built on the activities of today's Chapters. Our Fraternity's traditions are the direct result of each of our efforts, and it is our responsibility to take an active role in shaping them. If you actively engage in being a Trexman, you will be pleasantly surprised by the rewarding experiences that will stay with you forever. I have.

It has been my privilege to visit several of the Chapters in Northern California and have enjoyed their magnificent hospitality. Once law school is out in mid-May, I intend to expand my visitation schedule to include all of the other Chapters before Convention. In the meantime, I can most easily be reached by email at Hyegolfer@msn.com.

Fraternal regards,
Jeff Hazarian, GM

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Scholarship recipients



John Malkasian and Jack Najarian

CAPITOL

Spring 2000 WELCOME BROTHERS INTO A NEW CENTURY. How lucky we all are to be able to celebrate a new millennium. Once again throughout the year, our brothers continue to have a good time with our meetings, picnics, tours of the valley and our big event of the year is KEF NIGHT. Bro. Richard Fathy is chairman of this affair. The money is raised for charitable organizations such as: Sacramento Children's Home \$400.00, Public Television Station Channel 6 The Harry Sweet Film Collection at Sacramento State College \$200.00, plus our Scholarship program. Last October we offered \$600.00 each to Gegam Manasyan, and Agasi Oganyan who emigrated from Armenia. \$600 was presented to Emily Mansoorian from Iran. Presenting Scholarships are: Master Todd Odabashian, Fr. Yeghia Hairabedian, Agasi, Emily and Saro Mansoorian accepting for Gegam (not present).

A Museum tour included a trip to Woodland, Ca. to visit historical general farm equipment. Brothers helped celebrate a 70th birthday party for Bro. Leon "Jake" Bajakian. About 160 people attended the Surprise Party in Winters, CA.

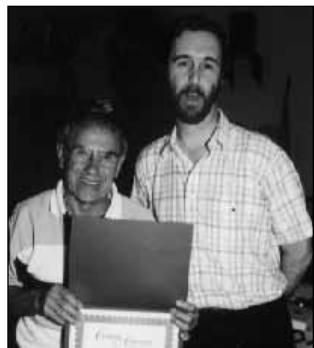
My Brother Ruben Sweet Passed away last October due to a lingering illness with Diabetes. Brother

Ruben lived in Sparks, Nevada for the past 8 years, with son Dennis.

A long-time member of the Chapter summarized his feelings about Ruben Sweet as followed: "When I joined the Capitol Chapter in 1957, I was impressed with Ruben's enthusiasm and positive "can-do" attitude. He had so many ideas for Triple X activities, and was willing to lead the way and was chairman for many of them. I learned in December 1936, Ruben was a Charter member who helped form the Capitol Chapter when he was barely old enough to become a member. He was also Chairman of the best Convention ever held in Sacramento, in 1969. I think if he had stayed in Sacramento, we'd have run him for Grand Master if he agreed, since members from sister chapters supported the idea. But his job of selling shoes caused him to leave Sacramento, for the Bay Area, was our loss and the gain of the Mount Diablo Chapter and community". By: Bro. Vernon Shahbazian.

"My twin sister Alice Kazanjian, our families and I will miss Bro. Ruben, Our Spark Plug".

The Capitol Chapter lost one of its more than 60 year charter members January 8, 2000. Bro. Harold Soligan was so well liked among the brothers. Bro. Harold wished he could see the new millennium appear before his eyes. His wish



Richard Nahigian(Perfect Attendance) & Master Todd Odabashian



Emily Mansoorian Scholarship Award.



Agasi Oganyan Scholarship Award.

FRESNO

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ONE YEAR TERM

PM Mark Kazanjian
John Chilpigian
Mike Lulejian
Mike Ekizian

Y2K IS HERE

Despite all of the HYPE, if you are reading this, you have made it into the year 2000. Congratulations. The Fresno Chapter wishes you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR and hope your holidays of November and December were blessed.

LADIES NIGHT - July 15, 1999 Jr. Master Paul Najimian and crew prepared an enjoyable dinner at the clubhouse for a get-together with our ladies.

BUS TRIP to OAKHURST - August 21, 1999 Asst. Jr. Master Gary Kazarian chaired a bus run into the Sierras for dinner at Shari Ail guests enjoyed an "off the menu" dinner of their choice.

September - 1999 - LAST CONVENTION OF THE 1900s OAKLAND CHAPTER feted an excellent convention in Monterey. Everything was planned in good taste for the enjoyment of all. An added plus was the three-day Greek Festival a hundred yards from the convention hotel. Hospitality rooms put on by Oakland and Orange County chapters were superb. Thanks brothers.

LADIES NIGHT - September 30, 1999 A great "clubhouse dinner" chaired by Jr. Master Paul Najimian and his usual crew. Steak, chicken, pilav, salad, drinks and dessert. Thanks

was granted. His wife Rose said, "He watched TV as the world turned around the world into the New Year" He was so happy to see it. He was 87 years, a native of Fowler, CA. A Eulogy will be read at mid term. Survived by wife Rose, Son Greg and wife Carol, Daughter Linda Sprecher (husband Roger).

Fraternally,
Harry Sweet,
Grand Editor

again, Paul.

JERRY TARKANIAN APPRECIATION NIGHT

NIGHT - October 14, 1999 Fresno State basketball coach, Jerry Tarkanian, was greeted by a full audience of members, wives, children and guests. Jerry enjoys shish kebab dinners and especially Armenian mazza.. He regaled us with stories from his Armenian childhood and encounters with Armenians in his travels. Mike Emerzian chairs our open socials throughout the year and a backbone of this chapter. Congratulations to Mike and Judy on the birth of their daughter Ava born 12-5-99.

TABLE MOUNTAIN CASINO DINNER

- November 18, 1999 A group of brothers drove to Table Mountain Casino for a night out, dinner and gambling. No one mentioned losses or wins; but the fact that the brothers joined to go out with one another made them all winners.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER and PARTY - December 5, 1999 This event was our last celebration event to be held in our clubhouse in the 1900s. What a joyous time for all who attended. The tri-tip dinner, wine, and delectable goodies were excellent. Again thanks to Paul Najimian, Jr. Master. Special thanks to Barbara Najimian and Denva Kazarian who selected the gifts and wrapped them, decorated the hall, tables, etc . Kudos to Michael Najimian who played Santa Claus. As usual, our Christmas clown delighted the children with animals made out of balloons. Really a great act. Thanks Steve Bedoian. Brother and Mrs. John Kojigan, as they have done in the past, donated a large Christmas tree complete with all decorations even though their grandson is a grown young man now.

25 and 50 YEAR MEMBERS HONORED

During Jerry Tarkanian night, the following brothers were presented with plaques for achievement of membership:



Santa and the Kids.



Carl Chooljian, 25 Years; Mike Chooljian 50 Years.



Bob Emerzian receives 25 year plaque.



Master Bob Markus presents Jack Gahvejian 25 yr. plaque.



When Coach Tarkanian talks, people listen.



Jerry Tarkanian Night.

Mike Chooljian - 50 years.

25 Year Plaques - Carl Chooljian, Jack Gahvejian Robert Emerzian, Allen Hovsepian; Brother Mike Gulian was not present.

IN MEMORIAM – Charles Sarkis Ama-salian - “Charlie Brother Charles passed away September 12, 1999, at the age of 87. He was a trexman for 52 years. He held many offices in the Fresno Chapter, notably treasurer until he was unable to because of an eye disability. He was loved by all and a delight at our meetings. Brother Charles and Hoomar, his wife, had a tradition of providing boxes of See’s candies to every child during our Christmas festivities. He is survived by his wife Hoomar, son Charles and his wife Sandy and granddaughter Candis, several nieces and nephews. Our sincere condolences to his family.

MICHAEL KERSHAW PGM – Michael Kershaw passed away October 10, 1999 at the age of 76. He was a trexman for 44 years. Michael served as PM and PGM and gave many years of service to the Fresno Chapter. He was a generous donator financially for many years during the children’s Christmas parties and always ready to do so if we had a charitable endeavor, this in addition to chairing events. He took special note of commemorative books and milestones of Trex news. He is survived by his wife Rosellen, daughter, Julie Marsoobian and Bryan, her husband, two granddaughters, Taylor and Morgan. Brother Henry Keshishian and wife Leona and niece, Luann Sochor. Our sincere condolences to them all. Both brothers are dearly missed . . . rest in peace.

THE NEW MILLENNIUM- ONWARD AND UPWARD - TRIPLE - X - FRATERNITY

See you at the Mid-Term in Fresno, the first Grand Chapter meeting in the YEAR 2000.

Las Vegas

In April of 1999 we took a bus trip to Laughlin, Nevada for a day trip, sorry no big winners. We had about 40 guests and members; every one had a great time.

We have been having our monthly meetings at different brothers homes and all of our meetings are dinner meetings. In August we had a pool party at brother Gil Surabians home and all the proceeds went to the Fraternity. Thanks brother Gil & Bro. Naz Hoursanian for all their help in making this affair a success. All the brothers helped.

We lost one of our brothers early in November, Bro. Donald Samarge. Bro. Don was very active in our group. He was our Corresponding Secretary in 1998. Bro. Don is survived by his Daughter Jeannine. He will be missed by all of his friends and brothers.

Fraternally Yours
Associated Editor
P.M. Charles Parigian



PM Charles Parigian, Jeannine Samarge Receiving a check from Master Ralph Barzekoff.



Laughlin Bus Trip. Master Ralph Barzekoff, Bro. Kay Hovsepian, PGM Mooney and Irene.



Laughlin Trip, April 20, 1999. Bro. Steve, Gil, Charles, and Sam.



Bro. Mike Manoogian, Bro. Ralph taking hook out of Bro. Kay's fish.



Look who's cleaning the trout? Bro. Chuck Parigian and Bro. Kay's fish he caught.

Golden Gate

Winter 2000

Plunging into the third millennium, Brother Master Chuck Paskerian is laying the groundwork to lead his Golden Gate brethren to greater heights. The promise of a resurgent chapter is foremost for Bro. Master Chuck as he strives to unlock the secrets of renewed member participation and growth. Our Y2K schedule of events ambitiously points the way.

Certainly, the Golden Gaters closed out the second millennium in high style with a swank soiree at the Basque Cultural Center. Several dozen members, spouses, and guests enjoyed fine company and dining to celebrate the birth of Christ in the season of hope and promise. Bro. Ralph and Elise Kazanjian set festive tables (Martha Stewart's got nothing on them) while DJs Bro. Vic and Anna Azizian spun festive tunes.

In October, Bro. Armen and Rita Bagdasarian opened their home, serving camaraderie, a hearty meal and free flowing wine. The highlight of the evening was Dr. John Poochigian's report on his recent trip to Armenia, reflecting on the current socioeconomic state of the people and the state of the country.

It's with open arms we welcome our newest Brothers, Father Sarkis Petoyan and Bro. Art Muncheryan, while wishing Bro. Onig Tutundjian well in his relocation to Inferior (oops!) Southern California. It saddens me to report on the passing of Bro. Bob Mirigian. Friends and family alike will miss him.

Fraternally yours,
Brother David Zovickian



Future Trexman
Noa Zovickian
and Mom Laura.



PGM Sark Sarkisian and
Grand Master Jeff Hazarian



Anna Azizian, Diane Paskerian, Master Chuck Paskerian, and Talline Petoyan.



Bro. Ara and Ulla Kaprielian, Bro. Vartan and Arlene Hovsepian.



Bro. Leonard & Agnes Kaprielian



Bro. Ralph & Elise Kazanjian



Bro. Armen & Rita Bagdasarian



Charlie Menzigian being inducted



Future Cooks of America

MT. DIABLO FIESTA NIGHT

On a perfect evening in Alamo on August 14, 1999 Mt. Diablo Chapter held a Mexican theme party at the home of Ray and Anita Chiljan. The "Fiesta Night" party drew nearly fifty brothers and spouses.

Following dinner prepared by a local Mexican restaurant the group was entertained by a unique, heretofore unknown, famous band led by Armando Mariachi (alias Armen Boyd on the accordion) and the Cucaracha Chorale made up of Aram Boyd, Ed Hazarabedian, and Tanil Matosian. In addition to singing traditional Mexican songs with audience participation there was a dance contest followed by Dee Kassabian conducting a raffle.

It was a terrific, fun-filled night with major credit to Aram ("get-the-job-done") Boyd who created and organized the entire affair; with support from Ray and Anita, Dee, Armando, and the Chorale. Ray made super Margaritas when

the Margarita machine wouldn't work.

NEW MEMBER CHARLIE MENZIGIAN

At the June 10, 1999 meeting Charlie Menzigian was inducted into the chapter. Charlie was born in Massachusetts and moved to Los Angeles in 1981. In 1984 he relocated to Northern California. He is a retired engineer. He is married and has two daughters.

CIGAR AND POKER NIGHT

On July 17, 1999 Brother Jerry Tusan hosted brothers and guests at his home in Pleasanton for an early evening of food, poker, beer, and cigars. Delicious Caspers hotdogs and all the trimmings were available. Brother Master Kevork Hagopian did his best to win all the money in the house, but in the end, broke even. Brother Raffi Kachadourian provided some excellent cigars. Even two year old Avedis, son of Raffi, was having fun with the poker chips and cards. It was a very friendly, low stakes, poker game



Mt. Diablo tennis team



Ray Chiljan



Tanil looking for his tennis ball



The poker & cigar guys

and everyone had fun.

ARMENIAN SUMMER GAMES

The "Armenian Summer Games" were held on Saturday, August 7, 1999 at Chabot College in Hayward, California. As an official of the Summer Games Committee past master Armen Boyd played an important role in conducting the games. One of the restored events was tennis. Five Mt. Diablo members competed in the Masters event, over forty (way over forty) . They were: Ray Chiljan, Armen Boyd, Vic Vasgerdsian, Tanil Matosian, and Shavarsh Hazarabedian. Ray Chiljan won gold in men's singles with Tanil Matosian second for a silver medal. In men's doubles Armen Boyd and Tanil won gold and Ray and Shavarsh came in second with silver.

Fraternally,
Jack Mooradian
Associate Editor



Mt. Diablo convention delegates



Some of the drinkers at Fiesta Night



More drinkers at Fiesta Night



Ray & Anita Chiljan



Fiesta man: Aram Boyd



Armando Mariachi and the Cucaracha Chorale

Selma

A Big Hello to Everyone!

We held our election of officers at our August dinner meeting. A very enthusiastic corps of officers were elected headed by Pete Cholakian as Master. We also elected delegates for our annual convention. The following are the brothers who will serve Selma chapter for 1999-2000 period.

Master Pete Cholakian
Jr. Master Harry Kutumian
Rec. Secretary Matt Peters
Treasurer –
Charitable Trust..Abby Mamigonian,
PGM

Treasurer –
General Account.. Frank Korkmazian, Jr.
Corr. Secretary..... Perry Mamigonian
Sergeant At Arms ... Dan Boyajian
Historian Kenny Melkonian, Jr.
Associate Editor Jack Ouzounian, PGM
Auditor..... Kay Paboojian, Jr.
Critic..... Matt Peters
Custodian Bob Kandarian

Board of Directors

| 2 Yrs. | 1 Yr. |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Patrick Balakian | Dick Boyajian |
| Pete Esraelian | Oscar Kasparian |
| Jack Ouzounian | Kay Paboojian |

The month of August is usually saved for our Annual Keyma Dinner. This August was not any different. We enjoyed the drinks and mezza followed by the fantastic keyma, salad, and bread. A very nice program followed. New city councilman Tom Boyajian was our guest speaker. He is the youngest brother of longtime Selma Chapter member Dick Boyajian. The councilman gave informative reports on Fresno City happenings and answered many questions from the membership. Co-chairmen for this event were Newton Krikorian and Matt Peters who should



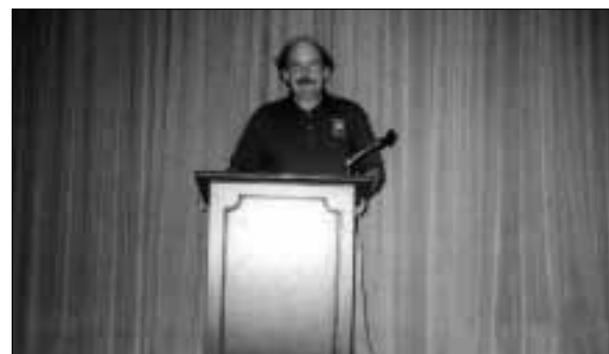
Pete Cholakian receives Master's gavel from PM Matt Peters.



Portrait of Selma's Officers: Treasurer Frank Korkmazian, Master Pete Cholakian, Secretary Matt Peters PM, and Jr. Master Harry Kutumian.



Food line at Keyma Night



Fresno City Councilman Tom Boyajian.

be congratulated for a job well done.

The 1999 Annual convention was held in the beautiful city of Monterey hosted by Oakland Chapter during the Labor Day weekend. Congratulations are in place for an excellent convention. Brothers from throughout the state and Las Vegas had come for good time, fellowship and fraternal business.

Our Installation of Officers was held at the Daily Planet on September 25. Close to 75 members and wives were present as the 1999-2000 officers were installed. This elegant affair was chaired by Oscar Kasparian. A repeat for even a bigger Installation evening is planned for next



Selma Brothers at the Monterey Convention. PGM Jack Ouzounian, Pete Esraelian, PGM Jack Bedrosian, Brent Simonian, Ken melkonian, and Matt Peters.



Officers being sworn in year.

In October PGM Jack Kazanjian put together a great trip to Reno for about 40 brothers, wives and friends. It was an outstanding weekend for those who were winning and a relaxing days for those who did not know how to win.

Our Fall Bingo (Turkey Bingo) was held on November 19, 1999 at the California Armenian Home and was chaired by PGM Jack Bedrosian. This great annual event was attended and enjoyed by close to 200 guests. The committee should be congratulated on doing such a marvelous job on such a short notice.

At our December Business Meeting we had the honor of having Grand Master Jeff Hazarian and Grand Marshal Jack Bedoyan making their official visit. At this night we inducted a new member. Tony Kalanjian was sworn in by visiting GM Jeff. Tony is a sales representative for Valley Yellow Pages. Welcome aboard Tony!

Selma Chapter's last affair on the closing days of the Twentieth Century was its Christmas Party well attended by members, children and guests. Chairman PM Matt Peters and his committee did an outstanding job.

As of this writing our chapter is planning its first affair of the new year - Law Enforcement



Preparing for the Chrismas Party .



Business-Dinner meeting.



A fast tavloo game after Bingo Night. Bros. Jack Ouzounian and Harry Kumtumian.

Night to be held on Thursday, January 27th. Fresno area Law enforcement officials are invited and will take part at this annual program.

The second affair which is planned for the immediate few weeks is the Valentine's Day Dinner Dance at Pardini's. Both of these affairs are promising to be a success.

Selma Chapter also has committed itself to participate at the Raisin Days Festival to be held in June at California State University, Fresno.

Wishing all of you a happy and healthy new century.

Fraternally
Jack Ouzounian, PGM





Photos and Layout
Harry Sweet, Gr. Editor

Oakland

Well, it's time to look to the future and the past. The Oakland chapter marches into the next century. It looks like the whole chapter is Y2K compliant, well, except for Brother Charles Alexanian who, we had to send out for service.

The new century brings a new Master: Drew Mickaels; Junior Master Rick Mickaels, our treasurer is still, the one and only Gary (rumors still persist that he will be moving on to Price Waterhouse when his term is up). The corresponding secretary is Rob Tashjian; Recording secretary is David Leyman. All in all a solid group, ready to take on any task at hand.

The past year was one "Brothers" would remember for years to come. The Fantastic convention we had in Monterey still has people talking. The Golf, the Monterey aquarium, the food, aaaahhhhhh the absolute gorgeous weather. Oh I almost, forgot all the kef and mezza. We would like to once again thank all those who helped and participated. Special kudos goes to Ryan Rustigian for winning the golf tournament. Aside from the convention we had our annual trips so "Brothers" can get in touch with their feelings of brotherhood. There were the informative meetings, the community service and the non-stop hours of Kef! A new feature we've added to our meetings is a song by Masis Gozurian. Believe it or not brother Masis is one of the great Irish Tenors of the Bay Area... At our last, meeting he sang his version on Cockles & Mussels, well it goes without saying that there was not a dry eye in the place! We also close our meeting with a rousing doombeg solo by Brother Charles Alexanian. We really have a talented bunch, there is even talk of the Oakland Chapter putting on a performance of "The King & I" with Brother Bill Nalbandian as the King of Siam. We closed out the year with another fabulous Christmas Party at the Prestigious Presidio Golf Club.

What a night!!! We really know how to have a great time.

The coming year really looks great. The "Brothers" are ready to rally for another bang up year. Our big event again this year is our 6th Annual Crab Feed & Dance. It will be Saturday, March 18, 2000. It is open to all Brothers. For more information you can e-mail Gary Alexanian at GBG4WCSC@cs.com or call Master Drew Mickaels at 510-538-5961. See you all there!

I would like to dedicate this article to a Past Master who passed away: Antranik. "Scoop" Avakian. On a personal note he was one of the reasons I joined Trex; always smiling, joking, caring and loving. I know my life has been enriched for having known him. Remembering



Peninsula

GREETINGS Brothers and Families! The Peninsula Chapter continues the tradition of brotherhood, good food and good times. We have late gourmet meals with Master Chefs Bros. Mike Michaelian, Kip Garabedian and, Ken Masegian at our Thursday meetings in downtown Los Altos.

We had 8 out of our 19 brothers attend the Labor Day TREX Monterey Convention and delivered on our agreement with Bro. Grand Master David Maseredjian for double or nothing fines upon our poor showing at the midterm. Thanks PGM David and Brothers for the Chapter support. It was a classy convention and we had a great time. The hospitality suites were first rate. Thanks for the arrangements and excellent mezza served by PGM Bro. Maseredjian and the LA Chapter at their hospitality suite. Aferum!

The Peninsula TREX Food Booth at the Mountain View Food Festival September 11 and 12 was a success. We applied lessons learned from the July Wine and Food Festival in Los Altos. Many compliments were received on the lulu kebab (without cumin) prepared under the direction of Bro. Ken Masegian, who again organized the event. Thanks to Bro. Ken and all the brothers who worked hard and had fun doing it. Looks like it will be another Peninsula Chapter annual fundraiser.

The 6th Annual "Picnic at Vic's" took place Oct 10 at Bro. Vic and Linda Khachooni's Los Altos

Oakland (cont.)



Antranik should bring a smile to everyone's face he touched.

Fraternally,
Steven Donikian



Bros. Vic Khachooni and Mike Michaelian with presents, while Bro. Kip Garabedian cleans the kitchen as usual.



Fifty plus years Bro. Joe Keshishian congratulated Bros. Larry Karabian, Andy Nalbandian and Mike Michaelian upon presenting 25-year Trex plaques.

Hills Home. Bro. Vic Paparigian and wife Marion again provided the teryaki beef to go with the chicken on the grill and the other brothers and ladies provided delicious specialties and deserts. Bro. Andy played oud and jammed with Bro. Bud Kalafian on his keyboard at poolside. (Bro. Bud also plays some mean blues.) There was tavloo and games as always. Thanks to Bro. Vic and

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Santa affirms the Christmas message by Joan

Peninsula (cont.)

Linda Khachooni and all for a kef time.

Our Dec. 16 Christmas party was well attended. The Peninsula Chapter had as honored guests, Ms. Grace Izmirian (Bro. Luther), Florence Garabedian (Bro. Via) and Mary Solakian (Bro. PGM George). Christmas table settings were by Bro. Larry and Diane Karabian. Beautiful poinsettia plants on each table were provided by Bro. Ken and Joan Masegian, who are expecting a future TREX member in February. Master Chef Mike Michaelian prepared a delicious prime rib dinner with trimmings, including a terrific mezza table with lots of cheap wine. Bro. Santa (Vic Paparigian) Claus made a surprise visit with gift stockings for the youngsters. (He does a professional HO-HO! and could work in any department store if he ever needs any extra Christmas cash.) Bro. Joe Keshishian presented the 25-year TREX plaques to Bros. Larry Karabian, Mike Michaelian and Andy Nalbandian. After dinner, there was a spirited (some claimed fixed) raffle held with Linda Khachooni winning the new St. Andrews Ladies Society Armenian Cookbook. (What the heck! It was her birthday and she guessed the right number, 16.). The flower centerpieces were offered at bargain rate for first buyers and raised a few dollars for the Chapter. Again thanks to all our Brothers, Families and Friends for making this another memorable annual year-end event.

Peninsula Chapter officers are Master - Bro. Andy Nalbandian; Junior Master - Bro. Ken Masegian; Corresponding secretary - Bro. Larry Karabian; Recording Secretary - Bro. Kip Garabedian; Treasurer - Bro. Vic Khachooni; Custodian/Sergeant at Arms - Bro. Mike Michaelian; Editor - Bro. Vic Khachooni.

We are sad to report that long time Bro. Greg Masegian from Reno, Nev. has resigned his inactive membership. We have been fortunate to enjoy his fellowship through the years. We wish him continued health and happiness.

Unless otherwise notified our meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at the Los Altos Masonic Lodge, on 146 Main Street. Brothers are always welcome, even with little notice. We wish our brothers, families, and friends health and happiness in the new Millennium.

Fraternally,
Andy Nalbandian



Santa lands towering over Mrs. Claus (Marion Paparigian).



Santa with happy recipients (Masegian boys).



Santa's helpers, Bros. Vic and Mike greet Santa.

Orange County

Orange County's newly elected officers for 1999-2000 are:

Master: Bro. Larry Sherman

Jr. Master: Bro. Billy Eordekian

Rec. Sec: Bro. Ron Sarouhan

Corr. Sec: Bro. John Poochigian

Treasurer: Bro. Ara Ishkhanian

Sgt. at Arms: Bro. Naz Horesanian

Board of Directors: Bros. Kelly Astor, John Poochigian, Art Kazarian, Roger Pechuls, Louie Akoboff, Archie Cholakian, Leo Depoian and Ron Sarouhan. "This Team can out do any Chapter".

Our 24th Annual Picnic was wonderful - plenty of Shish Kabob, Games for he Kids and Dancing for All, Thanks to Bro. Art Kazarian and Marge Kazarian and all the members and wives who helped. What a great time to bring the entire family together to meet new friends and see old friends. Thanks again,

The Convention in Monterey was wonderful. Our chapter had a great time thanks to the Oakland chapter. It was nice being next to the



Pot Luck at the Kazarians. Bro. Master Larry calling out the Bing.



The best kebob in California or U.S.A. Bro. Naz, Bro. Art "the Boss", Bro. Kelly, Louie and Pat.

ocean and at a resort with great weather and lots of fun.

Our Installation was a fun time for all the incoming officers. Bro. Master Larry Sherman and his slate of officers were sworn in. We had Casino Games and a wonderful Mazza, We celebrated Anniversaries, Birthdays and told Stories, etc. Thanks to Bro. Danny and Bro. Ara who did a great job.

Our Arrowhead Stag was fantastic. We ate and drank and ate and drank for two days, Some did it for 3 days. Thanks to Bro. Art Kazarian and Bro. Malcolm Boghosian for letting us use their homes.

In December we brought gifts for the kids at Orangewood Home for Children. Past Master Jack Kayajanian delivered them. It's always wonderful to give to those less fortunate.

OUR BIG? UPCOMING EVENT WILL BE OUR NEW MILLENNIUM CONVENTION AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL IN ORANGE. THE DOUBLETREE IS NEXT TO THE BLOCK OF ORANGE, AN OUTDOOR MALL FEATURING GAMEWORKS, DAVE A BUSTERS, VAN'S



Convention in Monterey.



1999-2000 Officers. Bro. Ara, Billy, Ron, Naz, John. Sitting Bro. Master Larry.

SKATE PARK, HILO HATTIE'S, A.M.C. THEATERS, ALCATRAZ BREWING CO. AND THE NEW KRISPY KREAM DONUTS AND MANY MANY MORE FUN RESTAURANTS AND SHOPS. WE WILL ALSO BE ONLY 10 MINUTES FROM DISNEYLAND AND KNOTTS BERRY FARM.

KEEP THE DATE OPEN FOR YOUR NEXT VACATION, SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 5 AND 6. WHERE YOU WILL HAVE "FUN".

We are proud to announce our Candidate for Grand Master for 2000-2001 Bro. Post Master Archie Cholakian. He has served as Master, Jr. Master, Sgt. at Arms, Jr. Grand Master, Grand Treasurer. Archie loves Triple X and is ready to lead this great Fraternity into the next millennium. He never says no to any Trex activity. His family is behind him in leading our Great Fraternity. Where can you have an extended family of over 900 members. That's what life is all about, having fun and enjoying one another.

See you at the Mid Term. We meet at the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. and Meeting at 8:30. Come join us.

Respectfully submitted,
P.G.M. Haig Jamgotchian



Las Vegas Picnic Crew Bro. Chuck, Bro. Sam and Bro. Gil. Orange Co. Bro. Johnny & Harry.

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Summer issue of Trex News is July 1, 2000.

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"Trexman of the Year" Bro. Kurken Kazarian. Bro. PGM Astor congratulating Kurken.



Bro. Dan, Bro. Ara. Great job on the Installation, Dan.



Bro. Leo pot luck chairman and sister Marge Kazarian.
"They work great together."



PGM Haig, Z. Harry and the new Grand Master to be for 2000-2001 Bro. Past Master Archie Cholakian.

LA Juniors

1999 was a great year for the Junior Chapter of the Los Angeles Triple X headed by Bro. Jimmy Arakelian with Senior Brother Steve Mikaelian as our advisor, membership grew to a grand (no pun intended) total of twenty-five, before a healthy amount of our Junior Brothers moved up to the Senior ranks. 1999 included many memorable events, and as every year, the Juniors were thrilled to do their part and help out the Seniors at The Ararat Home Picnic at the end of September. With a spectacular turnout in the thousands, the day included fun filled game booths along with wonderful prizes to keep the children preoccupied, while their parents and family danced the afternoon away to the exciting sound of Armenian music. And of course, who could forget the food!

Sad to see them go, but Bro's Greg Boyajian, Darrin Eminian, Hagop Jibilian, Mampre Pomakian, Ardem Tabakian and Robert Zaratsian left us and moved up this year. These Brothers are at the bottom of the totem pole now with the Seniors, and I'm sure we'll all be enjoying their kebab serving at every Triple X picnic for the next few years. Brothers, thank you for everything, and your presence at our monthly meeting will be missed. Don't let the big boys mess with your heads, and remember, second hand cigar smoke takes weeks to get out of your shirts!

A tradition in recent years, the LA Juniors once again threw a Halloween party. Hosted by Bro. Michael Amerian, over 130 people packed into his back yard to enjoy the last Halloween Night of the century. With an assortment of ghouls, witches, vampires and lawyers (you might have confused the last two as the same thing), the party went on until 1:30 a.m., before



Jr. Master Ara Soghomonian, Sam ("Armenian Comedian"), Harout Diramerjarian, Bro. Mike Markarian.

San Diego

As 1999 draws to a close, the San Diego Triple X chapter has been busy ramping up for a year that is promising to be challenging, busy and filled with adventure. In order to be sure to meet these challenges, we're continuing to boost our membership. The membership roster continues to increase in San Diego. In the fall, we welcomed Dr. Ara Klijian as the newest member of the chapter. Additionally, we've received several inquiries about membership and anticipate further growth in the coming months.

In December we had our annual Christmas party, which almost turned into an April fools party. The Christmas party was planned at the



Christmas party '99: Jack Hachigian, Dick Semerdjian, Joe Kellejian, Nubar Markarian.

it came to a close with the help of some neighborhood police. Can't wait 'til next year!

Respectfully,
Bro. Ara Soghomonian Master
LA Junior's Triple X



Alex Kouyoumdjian (far left), Ardem Tabakian, Hagop Jibilian, Mampre Pomakian, Greg Boyajian at the 1999 Halloween Party!



Clockwise from top: Joe Kelejian, Steve Hosepian, wife Claudette, and Santa.

home of Bro. Ardem Kiledjian, who mistakenly drew up a map that included an exit which does not exist. Thankfully, this small oversight, produced a great deal of amusement for the rest of the brothers driving up and down the freeways looking for a fictitious exit. Nevertheless, everyone eventually made it to the party. Once the Christmas party got under way, it was a merry time to be had by all.

In January, we are once again planning to host our third annual benefit dinner for Junior Achievement of Armenia. Bro. Greg Babikian & Bro. Joe Kellejian have a long history dating back with Junior Achievement, as well as Bro. Steve Kradjian who is on the board of directors for Junior Achievement of Armenia. The dinner will honor a group of visiting teachers from Armenia in the Junior Achievement program, as well as raise awareness about the free market economics taught by the Junior Achievement program. Proceeds from the benefit will be used to continue sponsoring a Junior Achievement class in Armenia for the third straight year by the San Diego chapter.



Far right: Executive Director of Junior Achievement of Armenia, Mrs. Armine Hovanessian; center: International Economics Professor Margaret Bailey of Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, and left, Bro. Steven Kradjian, President of Junior achievement.



Junior Achievement of Armenia Teachers, Trexmen and their wives listen to Bro. Greg Babikian, himself a Junior Achievement graduate, greeting teachers in Armenia.

Finally plans are also being made in preparation for our annual kef night this upcoming spring. Kef Night is the major fund-raiser and college scholarship event of our year.



Christmas Party '99. Seta Khosharian, Mayda Markarian, Lisa (Steve's Fiancee), Steve Kradjian, Greg Babikian.



Mr. Grisha Yerevanian of Armenia, teacher for Junior Achievement of Armenia and Bro. George Banerian.



Second Annual Christmas party

Palm Desert

Saturday December 12, 1999 we held our 2nd Annual Xmas Party at the home of Bro. Norman and Mrs. Matossian in Palm Desert, CA. It was a great evening to end the year with some outstanding brother trexmen in attendance. The evening menu consisted of filet mignon, shish Kabob and the best Armenian cuisine the desert could offer. We raised \$2600.00 for our chapter. To share in the spirit of Christmas, at our affair were, PGM Bob Juskalian and Dorothy, PGM Greg Avedesian and Janis, PGM Haig Jamgotchian and Marcia, plus several other guests. What a way to celebrate the coming of a new year with so many great Hye's. Thanks to Hosts the Matossians, and current Palm Desert Master Omar Kanadjian.



PGM Bob Juskalian, Bro's Doug Yavanian, PGM Haig Jamgotchian, PGM Greg Avedesian, Norman Matossian, Omar Kanadjian.



Los Angeles

Your Los Angeles Chapter is geared up for Y2K! Just as with our Junior Chapter, we are also "strong and growing". We have 2 new members in Bros. Yervant Nahabedian and Raffy Astvasadoorian. In addition, an unprecedented 8 junior members have moved up ... they are Bros. Greg Boyajian, Darren Eminian, Hagop Jibilian, Mampre Pomakian, Kevork Zorian, Ardem Tabakian, Robert Zaratsian and John Norian.

We are also pleased to announce our new hard working and dedicated slate of officers for the upcoming year:

Master- Bro. Mike Kourtjian

Jr. Master - Bro. Tev Eminian

Treasurer- Bro. Chris "Al Pacino" Armen

Recording Secretary - Bro. Gary Dergazarian

Corresponding Secretary- Bro. Steve Indjeyan

Sergeant of Arms - Bro. Shant Dergazarian

We are especially proud to win the coveted **Triple X Achievement Award!** Under the tutelage of Past Master Ken Khteian and his team, we hosted inter-chapter events, hosted the Convention and continued to heavily support the Ararat Home of LA. These are important points that helped us with the award. Now if we could only get the trophy from the San Diego Chapter! (Bro. Bruno from Karabough will be paying you a visit very soon!)

As always we've been busy each month with our events. In the last six months we have had the annual **Stag at Lake San Marcos**, chaired for many years by Bro. Tev Eminian, the Annual **Family Desert Weekend**, chaired by Bro. Mike



Bros. Mark "Perry Como" Mikaelian and Gabe Kaprelian with the "Girls in Black."



PGM Harry Astor, Bro. Armen Hampar, Bro. Kurken Kazarian, Late Bro. Leo Avazian, and Bro. Jimmy "Happy Shoes" Gondjian.

Shakar, the Annual **Family Christmas Party** chaired by Bro. William Kevorkian, the Annual **Armenian Open** (we had 117 golfers this year!) chaired by Bro. Mike Kourtjian, **Ararat Home of LA Picnic**, led by Gabe Kaprelian, but with the overwhelming support of the entire chapter. We rounded off the year with our **Trexmas Kef Night** at the Ararat Home, chaired by Bros. Gary Dergazarian and Mike "one B" Surmeian. We exceeded our expectations with a mammoth crowd



Pictured from left to right - A whole lotta golfers at the Lake San Marcos Stag Outing.



Bros. John Casparian, Mike Kourtjian, Mel Shanoian, and Tev Eminian.

Sequoia

When all the farmers get busy during the summer, Sequoia Chapter gets busy as well. Four picnic meetings, all hosted by a different area (Visalia, Tulare, Dinuba and Kingsburg) and all as good as the others. PGM Dick Ekizian wins the prize for delicious lamb shank with corn on the cob that is cooked with the "losh".

It was time for the older and more experienced brothers to dust themselves off and offer to serve as officers for the year 2000. This commitment was to help our new Master Bryan Ananian and to show how the commitment to Triple X never ends. The lost of officers include:

MasterBryan Ananian
Junior MasterHarry Krikorian
Recording SecretarySirag Kalfayan
Corrs. SecretaryPete Zerounian
TreasurerGirard Garoian
Sgt. of ArmsRichard Sheklian
Assoc. EditorRandy Tellalian

Five of these officers listed above are past Masters of Sequoia Chapter, still serving and not sitting on the sidelines complaining about how nobody does anything anymore.

September brought Grand Master Jeff Hazzarian to Visalia for the annual Installation Banquet. Over 45 brothers and guests attended a great dinner and were entertained by Oudist Russet Ketenjian. Master Bryan Ananian presented Immediate Past Master Pete Babagian with a plaque, commemoration the chapter's appreciation for a great year. If you want a good turnout for an Installation Dinner, elect a Master with a big family. Thanks to all the Ananians for their showing!

Santa Claus visited in December at Shakey's

of 650 people! Bros., this one will be difficult to outdo next year! Hats off to all the brothers who worked so hard in the last year carrying on the traditions of the LA chapter!

We look forward to the new millennium... As the times change we look forward to watching our fraternity change to meet the needs of the members and communities, but while embracing, the traditions from the early beginnings... Armenian Fellowship!

Fraternally Yours,
Bro. Steve Hampar, editor

Pizza during the annual Christmas Party for the families. Attendance was over 70 for the "eat all you can pizza that was available. The children and grand children of our brothers always enjoy this event and the numbers of these kids continues to grow. Maybe Santa Kay Hagopian Claus will bring the adults shish kebab next year!

Our chapter got lucky last year when the City of Visalia awarded 16 additional permits for fireworks stand and since our name had been on the waiting list, we finally were able to begin a new fund raising event. For the days preceding New Years, we got our feet wet and made a few dollars and will be well prepared for the Fourth of July fireworks season. Brothers Rick Krikorian and Pete Babagian stepped in a took control of the booth. By Thursday night, it was the happening place to hang out for our brothers.

Last October, we lost a quite, gentle man who always had great words of wisdom for the younger brothers. Brother John Gimian passed away in October and will be sorely missed. John was the greatest for entering a meeting just as it was about to end and never get fined. He would simply walk in as if it was his right to be late and nobody dared to encounter him. His onion and parsley chopping at the Farm Show will be hard to replace. Trex Service was held at the cemetery following church services. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Evelyn Gimian,

We look forward to meeting with our Brothers again in March at the Mid-Term Meeting in Fresno. See you all there!

Brother Randy Tellalian
Assistant Editor

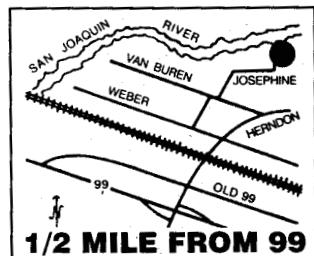
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