



TREX NEWS

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Triple X Fraternity

47th Mid-Term Convention

Saturday, March 3, 2001

A.A.C.L. Hall

CALIFORNIA ARMENIAN HOME

6720 E. Kings Canyon Road, Fresno, CA

◆ Mid-Term Golf Tournament

SHERWOOD FOREST GOLF CLUB, 79 North Frankwood
Sanger, California, 11:00 a.m. Sharp!

(See particulars and entry blank on back page.)

◆ A.A.C.L. Hall Open All Day

(11:00 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

Brother Trexmen:

We survived the year 2000 and look forward to 2001 with great anticipation and enthusiasm. The Triple X Fraternity is alive and well and thriving.

I've enjoyed the Chapter visitations I have had the opportunity to make to this point in my term of office.

I look forward to meeting each of my Fraternity Brothers on a one to one basis on your home turf, either at a chapter meeting or chapter function.

I Hope that we will build on the proud traditions that have carried our Fraternity for over eighty years, and expand our basic philosophies to guide us forward from this point.

It's encouraging and exciting to see the newer chapters growing and expanding with the enthusiasm that they show. The new Orange County Juniors have been an energetic group that has a lot to offer our fraternity now and in the future.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage each of you to participate in your chapter activities, get your brothers to join you and have a "lot of fun" doing it.

I'm looking forward to our annual mid term convention. I hope you will attend and participate. This is our first business meeting of the year and it is important that each chapter and junior chapter is well represented and have their views heard.

Fraternally

Archie Cholakian, Grand Master

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Golden Gate

The new Millennium is upon us and the G.G. Chapter is going to meet it head on.

Wait a minute! What about our great Christmas Party at the Basque Cultural Center. More than thirty people attended and it was great to see Geny Levon looking like a million dollars. Another good surprise appearance was Avedis and Rosalie Tehlerian who joined in sharing the Christmas cheer.

Al and Aida Nalbandian brought their daughter Louise who has received a full scholarship at U.C. Santa Barbara in the music department. Another Van Cliburn. I hope this doesn't date me too much.

Anooshavan and Sylvia Kasparian's daughter, Maral, another full scholarship recipient, was home from Oklahoma University for the holidays. She is finishing up her Masters on Wild Life Biology.

Vartan and Arlene Hovsepian were uncharacteristically late. He came with Reindeer horns and Rudolph's red nose. Can you imagine and Armenian with an appendage on his nose and red in color yet. It must be that retirement in last year. He is busier now than when he was working.

Officers:

- Master David Zovikian
- Jr. Master Ara Kaprielian
- Treasurer Vince Levon
- Recording Secretary Sark Sarkisian
- Corr. Secretary Anooshavan Kasparian
- Sergeant At Arms Vic Azizian
- Historian Vince Levon
- Editor Ralph Kazanjian
- Advisor Charles Paskerian

Mark & Teni Sarkisian are the proud parents of Danielle Nicole, born October 9, 2000, a whopping 7 lbs and 8 oz beautiful girl. Sark and Ann, the proud grand parents, are celebrating by flying off to Hawaii to play tennis. Hmmm. I just found out that poor Sark has been in court as an expert witness for 5 full days on a huge construction dispute. Ann is exhibiting her water colors in a gallery in Burlingame. I'm not sure that a tennis game will relieve the stress.

Laura & David Zovikian are expecting their second child in April. The baby will be either a Dentist or a Channel swimmer.

Now, here's what is in store for the future:

At the Mid Term Golf Tournament—be aware of the FEARSOME FOURSOME. We are coming down to challenge all those who have walked away with trophies. Our game is at its pinnacle. Ara Kaprielian, Ralph Kazanjian, Sark Sarkisian and Vartan Hovsepian are coming to take it all. You should be quaking in your spiked shoes.

G. G. Trexmen will be attending a Giant's game in Pac Bell Park in August to cheer on another pennant winning season.



Bro's. Richard, Leonard, Anoush, PGM Al



Master David and wife Laura



Bros. Robert, Ara, Vince

Hidden talents will out. The Sears Point Raceway, in their magazine, features none others than Art Muncherian, a G.G. Trexman, on their cover. An outing is planned to watch Art speed around Sears Point to another checkered flag win.

Our former mighty leader Chuck Paskerian is planning bigger and better things for our fraternity when he becomes Grand Master in 2001-2002.

We're hoping that this year will be a healthy one for Knar and Jerry Vorperian. And congratulations to Ara Sahakian whose son Greg just got married.

Ralph Kazanjian
G.G. Chapter Editor



Bro's Ara, GM Archie Cholakian, Master Charles, Ara.

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Summer issue of Trex News is July 7, 2001.

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Los Angeles

It is with great honor that I take over the position of Associate Editor for the Los Angeles Chapter, having replaced Brother Stephen Hampar after his decision to move to Kenya and pursue a career in animal husbandry. Brother Steve had a unique ability to fill the pages of the Trex News with many paragraphs, which made its readers laugh. We will all certainly miss his contributions - Thank you Brother Steve!

Since the last edition of the Trex News, the L.A. Chapter has held many events. In July, our Chapter normally holds its Annual Family Swim Party, hosted by Brother Galen Petoyan and his committee.

At the June Business Meeting, Brother Galen was able to propose the event in new business and then later during old business, give a post event report on the party. This was the first year we broke even on the event. Great job Bro. Galen.

In August, we held the annual family desert outing in Palm Desert. Brother Kenny Gorvetzian organizes this event where anywhere from 5 to 10 families block out a building of rooms at a resort and fill the weekend with golf, swimming, eating, and shopping. This year we had 8 families with a total of 15 kids - what a crowd! One evening after the wives and kids were in bed, we held a bachelor party for Bro. William Kevorkian, even though he is already married. Congratulations Bro. William.

The Orange County Chapter hosted this year's convention in September and did a fantastic job! Not only was this a great convention, but since so many Brothers from all chapters attended, it was a great opportunity for us to see Brothers we have not seen for several years. It was great to see both the Los Angeles Jr. Chapter and the newly reborn Orange County Jr. Chapter. As a former Jr. myself, I was very pleased to see both Chapters in attendance and in full force.

In September, the L.A. Chapter held its Annual Stag Outing at Lake San Marcos. 30 LA Brothers, 2 from Orange County, 1 from Selma and 1 from Las Vegas, attended. On the first day of the event we played individual play golf at Twin Oaks Golf Course. The BIG winners were Bro Doug Avazian - 1st place and Bro. Chuck Parigian - 2nd place. The second day we enjoyed basterma and eggs breakfast thanks to Bro. Chuck Partamian. After Breakfast, we played partner's best ball at the Encinitas Ranch Golf



While on a double date, couples Jr. Master. Mel and PM Mike and Bro Vaughn and PM John hot-wired this truck and brought it back to the hotel during stag weekend.



Grand Master Jeff Hazarian presents 50 year plaques to Bro's Suren Avazian, Charles Partamian, and Dee Hovsepian (posthumously, his son Bro. Ron accepted the plaque for him)



Grand Master Jeff Hazarian presents Bro. Jack Elmassian with a plaque

Course. 1st place went to Bro.'s Doug Avazian and Russell Roupenian and second place to Bro's Mel Shanoian and Don Attoian. Dinner that night was at the Quails Inn Restaurant. The weekend would not have been possible without the support of all the Brothers and a special thanks to Bro's Tev, Mel, Earl Russell and Chuck.

September is also the month for the annual Ararat Home Picnic. Bros. Gabe Kaprelian, Gregg Kludjian and Richard Jebedjian organize this Herculean event into a smooth operation. Over 1,500 people attend the picnic. We prepare over 1000 shish kebab dinners and other fantastic foods. In addition to the food and drink, there is live Armenian music, a raffle, carnival games for the children and a combination tattoo and body-piercing booth. The L.A. Jr. Chapter assists with

the parking and run a number of carnival games for the kids - headed up by Bro. Shant "Shemp" Dergazarian. Through this event, we are able to raise a significant amount of money for the Home. Brothers work side-by-side in harmony for the good of the cause.

We were all honored to have our Grand Master Archie Cholakian attend our October dinner/business meeting. During that meeting, we agreed to hold a joint meeting between the L.A. Chapter and the Orange County Chapter at the Ararat Home to dedicate the new plaque honoring the names of our Brothers who have passed. The plaque was the brainchild of Bro. George Parigian and became a reality thanks to his help as well as the help of Bro. Herb Elmassian and George Titizian.

In November, PGM David Masseredjian organized the Annual Gin Tournament. It is designed for 24 players and includes a night of cards, food, and wagering. This year's winners were Bro. Earl Paul and partner.

In December Bro Gary Dergazarian and Bro Michael Surmeian co-chaired the Annual Trex Xmas Eve Kef Night at the Ararat Home. This year almost 500 people attended and enjoyed the remarkable Richard Hagopian Band, American pop music, great Armenian food and drink. A belly dancer performed for the crowd and was joined by several Brothers. A slightly inebriated Bro. Master Tev Eminian joined the belly dancer during her performance and employed dance steps never seen before in North America. His moves were so aggressive and provocative; the belly dancer began to perspire uncontrollably

and lost consciousness. She was later revived by Orange County Bro. Larry Sherman and immediately began dancing again. Although Bro Gary D. was suffering from a debilitating back spasms. He completely failed at duplicating Bro Tev's dance moves. Bro William arrived thinking it was a Halloween Party and came dressed as the Armenian "Shaft". Proceeds from this event are donated to the Ararat Home of Los Angeles.

Also in December is the Family Christmas Party, chaired by Bro William "Shaft" Kevorkian. This year approx. 60 Brothers and families attended and enjoyed a traditional spaghetti dinner; followed by games for children, moon bounce and a cookie decorating contest. The afternoon was capped off by a special visit from Santa and gifts for all the kids. This event would not be possible were it not for the work of Bro. William and more importantly, his wife Diana. Thank you both for this great time.

That brings us to the end of the year. We look forward to seeing you all at Midterm where I can update you with the number and amount of the fines I received as a result of this article.

Warmest fraternal regards,

Bro. Michael Surmeian
Associate Editor



Bro's Koumy, Mark, Ken, Steve and Martin pose for a shot at our Trexmas Eve Kef Night.

L.A. Juniors

Dear Brothers:

2000 was a great year for the Junior Chapter of the Los Angeles Triple X. Headed by Bro. Ara Soghomonian with Senior Brother Steve Mikaelian as our advisor, membership grew to a grand (no pun intended) total of twenty-five. 2000 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!

The Los Angeles Juniors are happy to see the re-emergence of the Orange County Juniors. We already shared a fun evening together during a joint meeting in July and we look forward to many times we can spend together with our new brothers. We would like to take the opportunity to challenge our Orange County Junior brothers to a friendly game of basketball (prospectives welcome). We feel our front line is unstoppable and there is no chapter that can compete. After the game we invite our new brothers to save some face by joining us for some good old Armenian Kebab.

On June 5th, the Juniors were invited to help and participate in the Family Picnic held annually in the beautiful Verdugo Park of Glendale. The park overflowed with Trex events as Brothers' families enjoyed a summer day filled with shish kebab and "volleyball" tournaments. The highlight of the day was unmistakably the attempt to retrieve a lost football in a gigantic oak tree. Junior Brother Michael Hollis had thrown a football high above reach, and after about 45 minutes, it took the strong arm of Senior Brother Gabe Kaprielian's son Nick to get it back to Earth. The crowd cheered with every missed attempt, bringing drama that mirrored only a Lakers game. It was definitely a memorable event. Can't wait 'til next year!

Respectfully Brothers,

Bro. Papken Pakhchanian
Master - LA Junior Triple X

Fresno

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Happy holidays and best wishes to all trexmen



I just can't believe I have been elected Grand Master.

and their families for the year 2001! Where did 2000 go? Zarmanally pan!

What a great and memorable convention Orange County put on for us last September! Best wishes to our new Grand Master Archie Cholakian whose picture I was able to snap immediately after he was elected.

2000 Year Book Pictures September 7. Brothers Mike Ekizian and Nazareth Chaderjian, Co-chairmen of Fresno Chapter's Trexman 2000 Year Book, called the shots for this night. Thanks to Brother Paul Najimian and his helpers who did a great job serving dinner to members after pictures were taken. Invitations were extended to Selma and Sequoia Chapter brothers who had missed their chapter's picture taking night to come and have their pictures taken.



Year book 2000 - Life members over 50 years.

Club One Casino Dinner, September 21. We enjoyed "dinner out" at Fresno's Club One Casino. Harry Tanielian was in charge of arrangements and all was done well. Thanks, Harry. Reports of winners or losers were not provided.

Jerry Tarkanian Appreciation Night, October 19. Due to Tark's popularity in Fresno, we had a large crowd on hand. As usual, Tark really enjoyed his mezza and shish kebab dinner (as we all did). He regaled us with stories of "his boys" and the hilarious tales of same. Mike Emerzian did an outstanding job as chairman.

Brother's Night Out at Koko's November 16. Krikor Kohayan, proprietor of Koko's Armenian Restaurant in Fresno served his famous family-style shish and chicken kebab dinner, including mezza, that was delectable. HAMOV!

Christmas Dinner at George's December 7. Our two Co-Jr. Masters Harry Tanielian and Jack Bedoian took charge of our Christmas Dinner. The menu was outstanding; lamb shanks, shish kebab, or chicken kebab. Each lady was presented with a long stem rose - MERRY CHRISTMAS. Thanks Harry and Jack.



Sam Krikorian and wife Rose.



Sam and Virginia Simonian, Christmas Greetings.



Harry and Flora Tanielian - a loving couple.

In Memoriam

In sadness, we report the passing of two brothers, Mose Hachigan and Nate Hagopian.

MOSE HACHIGAN: Mose was a member of the Fresno Triple X Chapter since 1936 (64 years). He was a Past Grand Master and left for his eternal rest September 8, 2000. He owned and operated Fresno Sheet and Metal Works and retired in 1962. He was an avid and accomplished fisherman and this took him to many favorite fishing spots in California and as far away as Alaska. He always enjoyed "Dinkey Creek." Our condolences to his wife Minnie and all his immediate family.

NATE NISHAN HAGOPIAN: Nate joined the Fresno Triple X in 1939 (61 years). He passed away on October 29, 2000 at the age of 92. Nate and his brothers started a business which flourished and became the Commercial Manufacturing and Supply Company on an international scale. Nate was an inventor with patents, including custom machinery designed to process raisins, fruits, vegetables, nuts. Our condolences to his wife Harriet and all his immediate family.

To lose a member of our chapter is indeed sad; but to see the old guard leaving us and remembering all that they gave, it is most difficult.

On a happier note, Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year, from our Fresno Chapter to all your chapters.

And what better way to start the New Year than a surprise complimentary dinner at our first business meeting of the year, January 4, 2001, at the Triple X-Clubhouse.

Fraternally,
Nazareth Chaderjian



Fresno Chapter delegates to Orange County.



Merry Christmas from Jerry and Aroos Jabagchourian.



Seasons Greetings - Pete, Arky, Rose, Ed and Mary Ann.



The Hokokians (Sam and Mary),
The Markuses (Bob and Lena).
Ho! Ho Ho!

Orange County

The Newly Elected Orange County officers for 2000-2001 are:

Master Bro. Billy Eordekian
Jr. Master Bro. Danny Cholakian
Cor. Secy..... Bro. John Garakian
Treasurer..... Bro. Kris Kazarian
Rec. Secy..... Bro. Paul Hagopian
Sgt. at Arms Bro. Robert Oganesian

Our 25th Annual Picnic was fantastic. It gets better every year. We had games for the kids, dancing and plenty of Kabob. Thanks to all the Brothers and their wives who helped and also to Bro. Art Kazarian who is the Master Mind. We do what he tells us to do — most of the time. Thanks Brother Art.

We put on a First Class convention. For three days we ate, danced and had our Las Vegas Night. Bro. Master Larry Sherman had our chapter working. All the chairmen did an outstanding job. All we have heard was good things like perfect location for a convention.

Our Installation dinner was an adventure. We took a bus to Los Angeles to an Armenian Night Club. We Installed Bro. Billy Eordekian as Master and all of his fellow officers. It was announced that Bros. Ron Sarouhan and Bro. Kris Kazarian were Trexman of the Year. One thing about the O.C. Chapter is we know how to have fun.

Our Arrowhead Stag was great. Bro. Malcolm Boghosian and Bro. Art Kazarian opened their home to the brothers to stay for 2 days of great



New Gr. Master Archie Cholakian being congratulated by PGM Jeff Hazarian.



Officers: Kris, Danny, Paul, Master Billy, Robert, John. What a team - doing a great job.



Ed, Nick, Kelly, Johnny, Larry, Harry. Kebab was great!



O.C. Seniors and Juniors having fun. What a wonderful extended family.



Convention Bus. Meeting. Brothers enjoying the fellowship, food and fellowship. Sometimes you hear the same story 2 or 3 times. Sound familiar????

Our Bro. Grand Master Archie Cholakian is having fun traveling to many of the chapters. He is giving excellent encouragement to them. The Fraternity is alive and well.

We had a loss in our Chapter, Bro. Louie Akaboff passed away recently and we will miss him. We send our condolences to his family.

See you at the Mid-Term. Meeting at the B.B.C. Newport Beach, 3rd Wednesday of each month. Dinner at 7:30 and meeting at 8:30. Come join us.

Respectfully Submitted
P.G.M. Haig Jamgotchian



Past Master Larry; Co-winners for Trexman of the Year Award. Bro. Ron and Bro. Kris.



25-Year Members. A happy bunch.

Las Vegas

Well Brothers since our Playtime has passed us by and the New Year is upon us we here in Las Vegas are looking for a better 2001. We are still holding our meetings in brothers homes but in the near future we will be holding our monthly meetings at the new Armenian-American Center. Bro. Gil Surabian is the building Chairman and it won't be much longer until we have our ribbon cutting for the opening. Bros. Arpiar Babigian, Peter Balgochian and Master Kirk Bazoian are all working very hard to see to it we have a place to hang our hat. My Co. Chairman Karney Ovian and I have been working very hard getting ready for our Convention in 2003. All the Las Vegas brothers send their regards.

Fraternally Yours
P.M. Charles Parigian,
Associate Editor.



Peter Balgochian, Ralph Barzekoff and Kay Hovsepien.



Karney Ovian, Robert Takhalian, Chuck Parigian, Gil Surabian., Ralph Barzekoff, George Kechejian, Peter Balgochian, Shavarsh Papazian.

Capitol

It is an incredible feeling, sitting in front of my computer and looking at this date of January 2001. FUTURE ENDEAVOUR OF TREX: How many of us brothers of this fine Trex Fraternity we belong to would ever imagine any one of us living into this century of 2000 plus. We are watching Space Stations being built 235 mile above earth. Now, they're sending up Space Shuttles like the Endeavour, with astronauts able to space walk, perform like mechanics to unfold 240' long gold-colored solar panels for electrical power for livable homes in space. This reporter used to read about Buck Rogers, circa 1930's traveling through space when I was ten years old. Rockets to the moon. Space Walkers. A dream finally is here today.

It just goes to show how our own Trex Fraternity has progressed through the years, and with the addition of new Junior Chapters forming every year, we can further achieve our own goals.

2000-2001 OFFICERS:

Leon Hagopian Master
Gregory Soligan Jr. Master
Todd Odabashian Secretary
John Malkasian Treasurer
Harry Sweet Grand Editor
Sam Khatoonian Marshal /Custodian
Todd Odabashian Advisor/Critic
Harry Artinian Sunshine

JANUARY: SUPER BOWL SUNDAY Bro. Todd plans a brunch for the brothers at Marie Calendars so we watch Super Bowl Games with our wives. It's just a good chance to entertain each other for good times, a good meal, and hope we do not have another Monsoon Rainy day like last year.

FEBRUARY: LADIES NIGHT: Buckhorn Restaurant in Willows, CA is a beautiful restaurant to take the ladies for dinner. The Buckhorn Hotel goes back to the turn of the century with Gas Lamps and pictures of the Ladies of the Night still adorn the red colored wallpaper throughout the historic Victorian. Our PGM Alan Khatoonian and Bro. Jake Bajakian do the honors.

KEF NIGHT: Bro. Richard Fathy does an outstanding job in assigning key positions to members in performing duties to make it a successful night. Bro's Jake Bajakian, Jack Najarian, Sergay Ivazian, and former member Harold "BAGGY" Bagdasarian assisted by Bro. Buddy Ohanesian take turns in turning the Shish's. Our sincere Thank You goes to Flora Nahigian, Bro.

Richard's wife. She makes the best Pilaf ever. Over 150 people were in attendance. Prizes and Dancing was the entertainment for all. We round out the Summer with Picnics, and Patio Parties. Bro. Harry Artinian hosted the Capitol group at his home on Balmoral Drive in Sacramento. Harry had a beautiful vegetable garden before any one arrived at his home. His garden was stripped by nightfall.

The Capitol brothers hope Bro. Nubar Hachigian regains his health soon. We miss you. Two prospective brothers are coming in soon. David Richardson from Los Angeles, and Bro. Ken Masegian, a transfer from Peninsula Chapter.

Fraternally,
Bro. Harry Sweet, Grand Editor



25-yr. Plaque to Bro. Jack Najarian w/Bro. Todd & Leon



Bros. PGM Alan Khatoonian, Geo. Kapanagian, Art Tatosian, and Scott Khatoonian.



Officers John Malkasian, Leon Hagopian and Todd Odabashian.



PGM Hoyt presents NATAS Governor's Citation Award to Harry Sweet, Co Editor



PGM Jeff Mazzarian and 92 yr old Jack Elmestran receiving 75-yr Plaque



Leslie Sebastian & Kerina Injayan



Fresno Chapter Brothers



MC Nick Devedian



Bro. Charles Padervian & GM Jeff

Candid photos from Our Council Convention Sept. 2



25-yr members receiving honors



Grand Officers 2000-2001



Bro. Jerry Tamm receives Plaque.



Lux Mega Chapter Brothers



Palm Desert Chapter Brothers

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Exchanging pin/ GM Jeff to new GM Archie Chelation.



GM Archie Chelation & Wife Stella



50+ members receiving honors from GM Jeff Wozniak.

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Members of Mt. Diablo Chapter

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MT. DIABLO OFFICERS

The 2000-2001 officers are: Garo Keadjian, Master; Raffi Kachadourian, Jr. Master; Ray Chiljan, Treasurer; Raffi Kachadourian, Corresponding Secretary; and Jerry Tusan, Recording Secretary. Past Master Aram Boyd will be the general chairman of the 2001 Trex Convention.

PHOTO SHOOT

On Saturday, July 13, 2000 the Mt. Diablo brothers donned suits and ties for the Trex Yearbook photographer. Steven Hazarabedian looked dashing in his double-breasted suit coat and tie, although all he had on below was a pair of white shorts; good thing the camera didn't show below the waist. The guys looked great, all thirty-six, which was an attendance record.

The final shot was a group picture outside the Buttercup Restaurant.

ARMENIAN SUMMER GAMES

On Saturday, August 5, 2000 the Armenian Summer Games were held in Northern California. The track and field events were conducted at Compolino High School in Moraga, while basketball and volleyball were held at Tice Valley Community Gymnasium in Walnut Creek.

Past Master Armen Boyd was co-director of track and field events. And, as usual, the events were well organized. Bob Arabian worked at the registration table, Jack Mooradian was a running event timer, and Mike Aaronian, Jr. was the high jump scorer. There was a large field of contestants, an increase from last year, with participants in the six-year old and younger category through senior men.

Mt. Diablo contestants were Steven Hazarabedian in 100 meter dash, Sharvash Hazarabedian



Shavarsh and Ray



Armen Boyd



Mike Aaronian, Jr



John Dichian



Garo and Aram



Mt. Diablo delegates



Ed and Shavarsh Hazarabedian

and Ray Chiljan in tennis. Chapter observers were Haig Harootenian, Seno Garabedian, Mark Hazarabedian, and Art Hazarabedian who was clocked as the fastest spectator.

FATHER AND SONS

It is with pride the chapter has four father-son members (see photos)

They are: Sharvarsh and Edward Hazarabedian, Art and Steven Hazarabedian, Armen and Aram Boyd, and Mike and Mike, Jr. Aaronian. Three of the fathers are past Mt. Diablo masters and one (Shavarsh) a past grand master. Like their fathers the sons have played an important role in the chapter's vitality and success.



Art and Steven Hazarabedian

Fraternally,
Jack Mooradian
Associate Editor



Armen and Aram Boyd



Three sons: Steven, Ed, and Mike



Mike Jr. and Mike Aaronian

Selma

Happy New Year brothers. Like most of you, our chapter has been very active. Bro. Harry Kutumian has taken command of the ship and has it heading forward and gaining speed. Bro. Sam Bagdasarian has become Bro. Harry's first officer (Jr. Master for those of you who couldn't figure it out).

Congratulations to our new Grand Master and his officers, especially our very own, Bro. Ken Melkonian the new Jr. Grand Master. This past September we were honored to have Bro. Grand Master Archie and his wife Stella be present at our installation dinner.

My Selma brothers wanted to make sure I thanked the brothers from Orange Co. for the spectacular convention. Those of you who couldn't or wouldn't make it, missed a good one!

The Selma chapter has been active since convention. October took us to Reno as only Trexmen and their significant others can. November was interesting we also had our Turkey Bingo just before Thanksgiving. Plenty of turkeys and cash to go around. December took us to our Christmas party, sang carols and shared gifts with the kids. January is one of our slower months, hangovers



Another 100 percent attendance plaque for Haig



Barbecue Committee

notwithstanding. February has us dancing the night away with our favorite Valentine. We also have our annual Law Enforcement Dinner. A night that we thank those out there, doing the things that we sometimes take for granted. That brings us to March. We can't wait to see you brothers again at Mid-term.

2000 was an exciting year, in many ways. The end of the century, the elections, and all the cardiac work done on our Selma brothers. We have a new division called the zipper club (those guys with great big scars running down the front of their hairy chests). Seriously, we are glad they



Chick Kandarian, son new member Eugene A. Kandarian, PGM Kay Cloud, and Master Harry Kutumian.



PM Pete Cholakian and GM Archie Cholakian.



Children and our Christmas party.

Peninsula

GREETINGS Brothers and Families!
Peninsula Chapter officers for 2000 - 2001 are:

Master - Andy Nalbandian, Junior Master - Vazgen Babayan, Corresponding Secretary - Larry Karabian, Recording Secretary Kip Garabedian, Treasurer - Vic Khachooni, Custodian/Sergeant at Arms (and Head Chef) - Mike Michaelian, Editor - Zareh Salmassian, TREX 2000 Committee Chapter Rep. Joe Keshishian.

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 rave about Bro. Mike Michaelian's cooking, share many laughs and ideas, and enjoy great fellowship. Almost all help Bro. Kip Garabedian with the clean up chores. A nice joint dinner meeting was held in October with a good turnout of the Golden Gate brothers with Master Chuck Paskerian. Several



Peninsula Brothers at Los Altos Country Club

of the Peninsula Chapter brothers attended an informative dinner meeting with the Golden Gate brothers. Bro. Andy Nalbandian joined in the Capitol Chapter tour of the Castle AFB Airplane Museum ending with a delicious luncheon. Airplanes on display were outstanding! The B36 inside/outside was awesome!

Our chapter is still facing the challenge of recruiting new members. Peninsula Chapter members recognize that they are not alone in this situation. Studies/statistics presented by the recent book, "Bowling Alone" discusses this phenomenon that all club memberships across the Nation are struggling with the same problems of attendance and replacing attrition with new members. Several insightful reasons are offered. If only we could advertise ourselves as a pre-IPO company.

Los Altos Country Club On Aug. 23rd, ten Peninsula Trex brothers gathered at the Los Altos Country Club, courtesy of Bro. Larry Karabian, for an evening of fellowship, drinks and good food. An enjoyable time was spent sharing Hye traditions and stories. A few of the brothers stayed after dinner to enjoy cigars and conversations about home building, philosophies, satellite technology and the Zen of wood working. Bro. Larry Karabian and wife Dian have nearly finished building their spacious log home in Shaver Lake. When finished, they plan on spending their time in the car between Sea Scape and Shaver Lake. We hope to squeeze in the annual Los Altos Club gathering when they are not traveling. Anaheim TREX Convention Bros. Mike Michaelian, Joe Keshishian and Andy Nalbandian car-pooled from San Jose to Anaheim where they were met by Bro. Kip who drove up from San Diego. It was great to see the brothers,

Selma (cont)

are well and back in the grove.

On a sad note, after convention, we lost Bro. Vern Bohigian. Bro. Vern will be missed and remembered for his infectious smile, ready handshake and positive attitude. Our sympathies and well wishes go to his family and many close friends.

Hope to see you at Mid-term.

Fraternally
Bro. P. Cholakian



Robert Kandarian sitting on Santa's lap.

but Bros. Andy and Mike are still miffed about being kicked out of the bridal suite by the hotel. Being artoon Hyes, punitive compensation was negotiated in the process.

Mountain View Art and Wine Festival. The Mountain View Art and Wine Festival on September 11 and 12 was more fun than profit. If only we had sold an "Armenian Wrap" for every time we had to explain what it was, we would have done very well. There were nine brothers in the booth at any time - which is more than the number of customers in front of the booth. It was a grand time cooking, selling, visiting, and complaining in the grand Hye tradition. There was a tremendous show of support and pulling together at the last minute, literally. Although Bro. Ken Masegian had moved to El Dorado Hills, he coolly managed the confusion. We made a modest profit and may offer a more acceptable food item like Shish Kabob and include drinks next year. Thanks to Co-chairs Bros. Vic Khachooni, Ken Masegian and all the brothers who worked so hard.

The annual picnic at Vic and Linda Khachooni's was cancelled due to the sudden illness of Bro. Vic. We are thankful for his speedy recovery and are looking forward to next year. Ish allah!

The December 21st Christmas Party was a modest success with a late start, but much joy in visiting with the brothers and families who could attend. Several families hit with the cold and flu could not attend. Head Chef Bro. Mike Michaelian prepared a sumptuous prime rib dinner with all the trimmings. Bro. Vic Khachooni and crew ably provided the mezza and drinks. Table decorations were by Dian Karabian. Bro. Bud Kalafian played Armenian music and blues/jazz on his keyboard. After dinner, Bros. Rudy Cazanjan and Earl Saroyan were honored with their 25 and 50 year plaques, respectively. Shad Abric! Bro. Todd Odabashian, Capitol Chapter Junior Past Master, came from Sacramento to be present on this special occasion of 50 years recognition for Uncle Earl as well as to enjoy fellowship with his former chapter brothers. The 50 year anniversary of the Peninsula Chapter and the past brothers were remembered and the celebration deferred to when the Grand Master visits. Enough for one night!

We wish all the brothers and families a Shanafor Nor Dari.

Respectfully submitted
Bros. Zareh Salmassian
Andy Nalbandian

Oakland

Hello once again Brothers from the Oakland chapter. Home of the 1st Place Oakland Raiders. The Silver & Black is back !!! By the way in my last article I did predict that the A's were going to finish in first place. We sincerely hope all is well throughout the fraternity. Brother Master Drew Mickaels is still at the helm. You can now be seated...

In the past few months we've had some great events and exciting meetings. The Brothers paid Mother N another visit at Grae Eagle. The outing was attended by 14 brothers. The days were filled with singing, dancing & Armenian poetry. Check that golfing, eating, fishing, eating, hikes, eating & cards... I think the game of choice was fish... Yea right! We had a fantastic Christmas party. The venue changed, but a great time was still had by all. Excuse me but did you have the





Salmon or the Roast Beef (Meese) ?? Coming up in 2001 we have our highly successful 7th annual Crab Feed night on March 17, 2001. All are invited; tickets are \$30, for more info please contact Drew Mickaels at 510-538-5961. It is a highly successful event and sells out quickly.

The new millennium looks like it's going to be a great for us, as well as the Oakland sport teams. I hope it will be for the rest of you. Take care and remember to go easy on the Basterma and eggs.

Now brothers It's time to play "Did you Know":

Did you know that Robin Williams turned down the chance to play Liberace and the director's next choice was non other than Masis Gozurian!

Did you know that the role of James Bond was originally going to go to Brother John Chorbajian, but he turned down the role refusing to do his own stunts. Plus he couldn't get the British accent down.

And finally.

Did you know that on the show "All the Family" the roles of "Archie Bunker" & "Meat-head" were originally offered to brothers Archie Kamian and John Alexanian. Amazing stuff!!

Associate Editor,
Brother Steven Donikian

San Diego

The Triple X Fraternity San Diego Chapter had a stellar year, concluding our celebration of 25 years in San Diego with a variety of milestone events.

Dr. James Ajemian, Professor Emeritus of Social Work at San Diego State University, visited the chapter in July, 2000. He spoke to the brothers about his campus newspaper defense of the historical facts of the Armenian Genocide, contradicted by several academic members of the San Diego Turkish community.

As one of two showcase events, Trex San Diego brothers hosted a dinner reception with thirteen insightful, conversational and motivated teachers from Armenia - heroic men and women who, through Junior Achievement of Armenia (JAA), are educating the young people of Armenia in free market economics, free enterprise and self-sufficiency in a global economy. Past Masters Jack Hachigian and Steve Kradjian, and PGM Joe Kellejian are members of the Board of Directors of JAA. Bro. PGM Joe Kellejian, Mayor of the City of Solana Beach, surprised JAA Executive Director, Mrs. Armine Hovannisian, with an official City proclamation declaring January 29, 2000 Junior Achievement of Armenia Day. The event took place at the Fermanian Armenian Center at Point Loma Nazarene University and attracted a sell-out attendance.

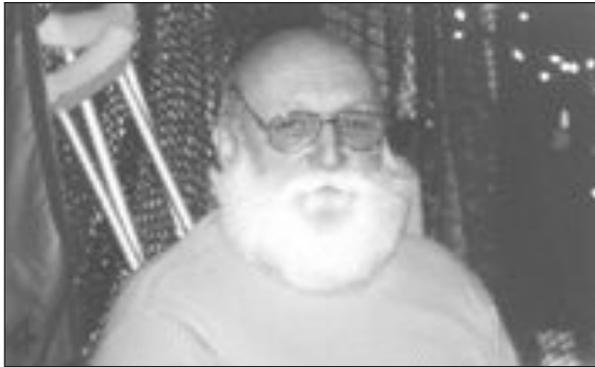
Bro. PGM Joe Kellejian and his wife Mary hosted the fabulous 2000 Christmas Party at their beautifully remodeled home. Following an awesome whole lamb roast, our perennial Santa Claus, Bro. George Banerian, made an appearance with his beard in seasonal bloom and presents in tow. The two newlywed couples, Bro. Armen Derderian and wife Sevan, and Bro. PM Steve Kradjian and wife Lisa, made their first



Bro. Master Hovsep Geragosian (2nd row right) with San Diego brothers.



"New Groom" Bro. Armen is honored .



Bro. George Banerian, founding bro. on the mend.

Christmas appearances.

Bro. PM Harry Guzelimian, Scholarship Committee Chairman, for the second year organized a multiple-award scholarship program, including the Vartan Khosharian Memorial Scholarship, presented in recognition of our late Bro. Vartan's many years of devotion to Trex scholarship programs. Three students received scholarships on a competitive basis. Our beloved Mrs. Seta Khosharian presented the scholarship awards, together with Bro. Harry and scholarship committee members Bros. Joe Zakarian and Vahan Serpekian.

As a special venue for the scholarship awards ceremony, Trex San Diego held its showcase Hye Ball 2000 in May, at the luxurious Oceans II Casino Restaurant in Oceanside. This event, including a first class filet mignon dinner and entertainment, was made possible by the generous sponsorship of Oceans II owner, Mr. Haig Kellegian. Mr. Kellegian also made a significant donation to next year's scholarship program, for which Trex San Diego is very grateful. The inimitable Bro. PGM Joe Kellejian served as auction announcer and promoter extraordinaire.

The Hye Ball Committee - Bros. Garo Hachigian, Armen Derderian and Master Ardem Kiledjian - capped a successful 25th anniversary year for San Diego Trex led by Bro. Master Ardem.

In September, we proudly announced that our newest Bro. Hovsep Geragosian, bowing to considerable popular encouragement, accepted the mantle of Master for 2000-2001. An expert in wireless telecommunications software, Bro. Master Hovsep reinforced our chapter's place in the Internet realm by conveying all meeting notices and fliers by email to member brothers. In November, Bro. Hovsep announced to the San Diego brothers that 2001 marks the third anniversary of the founding of the Triple X Fraternity web site at www.trexfraternity.org established May 26, 1998 in memory of our beloved late Bro. Vartan Khosharian, who first introduced the idea at the 1997 Annual Convention.

Kudos to all Trex brothers and see you at the Mid-Term 2001!

Steve Kradjian, PM



Bro's.Noubar, Greg and Steve celebrate 3rd anniversary Trex web site.



Bro's. Jack, Hovsep help celebrate Bro'.Steve bachelor send-off to wedding.

Palm Desert

After surviving the "history making" events of the year 2000, we are pleased to report that the Palm Desert Chapter has successfully held elections and voted on the new officers for the year 2000-2001. The following brothers have been elected, installed, and are serving as follows:

Master Bro. Nick Nigosian
 Jr. Master..... Bro. George Kirkjan
 Rec. Secretary ... Bro. Greg Avedesian, PGM
 Treasurer..... Bro. V. J. Mkrtchian
 Sergeant At Arms Bro. Norman Matossian
 Cor. Secretary ... "Still in the process of re-
 counting our hanging Chads!"
 (Currently being held by Master Nick)

The 2000 Millennium Convention, was well attended by our Palm Desert Brothers. Thank you to our Orange County brothers for hosting a first rate weekend.

In September, we kicked off our new year with

a family picnic held at Garner Ranch in Lake Hemet. The cooler temperatures were enjoyed by all, along with delicious Meza, Shish Kebob dinner, tavloo tournaments, fishing and dancing.

October's Prospective Member night was held at the Shamilar Sports Center. It was a fun filled night for our members and several prospectives that enjoyed the participation with our chapter brothers. Grand Master, Archie Cholakian, along with Selma Past Master, Pete Cholakian added to the success of the evening with their presence. PGM Greg Avedesian's experience is always greatly appreciated.

At the December meeting, this chapter held it's first Initiation of new members. We are proud to welcome our newest Brothers, Robert Carian, Ken Surabian and Jim Surabian.

On January 7th, 2001, we held our 3rd Annual Christmas Party at Bro. George Dadanian's home in La Quinta.

Last year our Palm Desert Chapter donated \$500 to the Boys & Girls Club of Coachella Valley and \$500 to the Home for Abandoned Children



Bro. Doug Yavarian and Bro. Master Nick Nigosian skewer shish kebab at the family picnic at Lake Hemet.



Master Nick Nigosian, Bro. Vaourjan Mkrtchian, Bro. Garo Tutunjian, Bro. Norman Matossian and PM Omar Kanadjian



PM Pete Cholakian, GM Archie Cholakian, PGM Greg Avedesian and Master Nick Nigosian, Jr.,



XXX Brothers at the family picnic in Lake Hemet

Sequoia

Welcome to our fruit and produce capital of the world of San Joaquin Valley.

Once again a lot of positive energy for the new year. Working for you is your team. Let's make time to recognize these vital volunteers. They do make the difference! So hats off to the participants in the work force.



Palm Desert (cont.)

in Vanadzor, Armenia.

Your Palm Desert brothers are busy planning many exciting events and meetings to promote and enjoy the fellowship and growth of a strong fraternal chapter in the desert's "playground under the sun". Our meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, and we welcome visiting Brothers to join us. We wish our brothers, families and friends health and happiness in this New Year 2001.

Fraternally,

Bro. Nick Nigosian, Master

Officers 2000-2001

Master	Bryan Ananian
Jr. Master	Pete Babagian
Treasurer	Gerard Garoian
Corr. Sec.	Alan Torosian
Sgt. at arms	Bryan Yahnian
Rec. Sec.	George Avedesian
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Scholarship	Harry Krikorian, Basil Perch
Assoc. Editor	Vern Hagopian
Historian	John Bazarian

Board of Directors

Bryan Ananian, Peter Babagian, Jerry Poochi-



XXX Brothers at the family picnic in Lake Hemet



gian, George Avedesian, John Bazarian, Jack Barsamian.

1. In our up coming events we had four picnic outings some with other chapters.
2. Five \$1500.00 scholarships.
3. Many Charities.
4. The 4th of July was a tremendous fire cracker sale. It provided new baseball equipment.
5. Ladies Night given by Basil Perch.
6. In memory of deceased brothers wives. We had a dinner event at "Yettem" church in their honor.
7. California Farm Equipment Show, with our new building with architectural design by Harry Krikorian.

Fraternally
Bro. Vern Hagopian, Editor



OC Juniors

The OC Juniors are on a roll! With three new members joining the ranks in November, we are looking for 2001 to be better than ever! Our Halloween Party, which was held at the Ararat Home, which was also the recipient of the proceeds, saw 650 guests come through its doors. You had to be there. It was a great way to get our name out and people are still recovering.

The convention was attended by all of our members and the after parties in our suite were held in the tradition of the original Orange County Junior Triple X, which was established in 1970. Some of the Original members were also invited to the party. They along side with all the new members and friends partied the night away. We all had a blast but unfortunately the police didn't, they liked it so much they came back twice!

We are currently working on throwing another Party as soon as possible and hope to blow our first one out of the water.

See you at Mid-term

A Sweet Odyssey...

HARRY'S
SWEET VISION.

Bro. Harry hails from the pioneer days of television news. Among Local/State television news folk, Sweet is a legend.

Tom Goodwin from Central Valley Press in Sacramento, honored our GRAND EDITOR by printing a 2001 Calendar honoring his 47 years in TV. Bro. Harry has filmed 760 movie stars, Kings, Queens and personalities. Featured month by month are: Shirley Temple, Jackie Cooper, Johnny Weissmuller, Babe Ruth, Bob Hope, Jane Mansfield, Bing Crosby, Fess Parker, Pres. R. Reagan, and past Governors. Bro. Harry has traveled to more than 30 countries, has traveled around the world 14 times, and survived 5 plane crashes.

Bro. Harry is donating the \$20 for the Calendar to the St. James Armenian Church, if anyone is interested please contact him.

Jack Ouzounian, PGM



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