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SATURDAY MARCH 7th, 2020**

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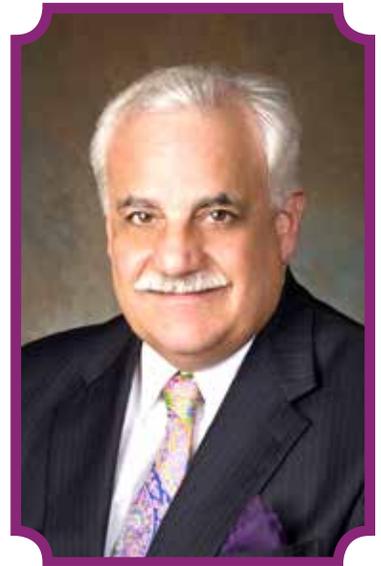
# FROM THE GRAND MASTER...

Dear Brothers:

On behalf of my wife , Joy and I, a huge thank you to all of the Trex Brothers and their families for the gracious hospitality we have received during the initial six month of our term. By the mid-term convention, I will have attended a business meeting at each chapter in addition to many social events. I can report that the Trex Fraternity is thriving! I have had the honor of initiating several new members and I look forward to assisting the chapters in membership growth during the second half of my term.

I am extremely pleased with the reception that I have received regarding my proposal for financial aid toward building houses in Armenian through the Fuller Center of Housing in Armenia. As all of you should know by now, this is a significant cause which the Grand Chapter is supporting providing housing to Armenian families who are living in domiks (metal containers). I am hopeful that all of the chapters and individual brothers will arrive at the convention in San Diego with their Check books and hearts open towards this cause.

I am looking forward to the second half of my term. Hopefully, you will leave the mid-term convention with ideas regarding improving you membership and a better understanding of the future of the Trex Fraternity of California and Nevada. As the third legacy Grand Master who is serving the Trex Fraternity 56 years after my father, (PGM Haig Kayajanian). I am humbled and honored to serve you.



Fraternally,  
Grand Master Jack J. Kayajanian  
2019-2020 Triple X Fraternity of California



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# Las Vegas

Dear Brothers,

Hello again from fabulous Las Vegas! Among other developments, we are making good progress on the new Raiders Stadium, or as we prefer to call it ... The Trex Dome ! ... and by the way, we extend an especially warm welcome to any of our beloved Oakland Trex Brothers who may wish to visit here to see “their” team ... rest assured, the same Raider spirit still applies ... Just Win Baby !

We take this opportunity to applaud the outstanding leadership provided by our outgoing Grand Master Steve Bedoian. His enthusiasm for carrying on our fine Trex traditions as well as his fresh thinking for creative charitable endeavors will serve as great examples for the years to come ... and this appears to be an inviting opportunity for me to slip in a quick shout-out to the unstoppable PGM Jack Bedoian and their brother, Bro. Richard Bedoian, who give new meaning to the phrase ...”It’s all in Da Family !”

Here’s a big congrats to our Orange County brothers who put on a fabulous Labor Day convention. The hospitality room was really hoppin’ with a terrific spread of mezza ... and the crowd went wild. All of the events were carried out to perfection with fantastic food and live music ... and as in the song ... “They could have danced all night !” Among many other notables, it was great to see PGM Greg Avedesian and the other heavily sun-tanned brothers from the desert. BTW, we are proud to share that our esteemed PGM Chuck Parigian maintained his title as the reigning champ of the Orange County 500 Motorized Scooter Race ... 3 laps around the dance floor !

We would be remiss if we did not extend our heartfelt thanks and admiration to the entire Centennial Trexman Committee for the amazing job they did on the legendary and impressive album celebrating our first 100 years ! ... it is truly a masterpiece and a keepsake that we will long cherish.

We congratulate our new Grand Master Jack Kayajanian and his impressive roster of Grand Chapter Officers ... we feel confident that our fraternity is in good and very capable hands. In addition, we recently had the opportunity to

welcome Grand Master Jack when he visited the Las Vegas chapter and had a chance to spend some quality time with our brotherhood at the Shish Kabob House. This is also a good chance for us to acknowledge the skillful talents of our Master Ruben Grigorian, our new Jr. Master, Bro. Bobby Bezdikian, our new Treasurer, Bro. Ara Gueyikian, MD and our new Recording Secretary, Bro. Armen Anooshian. They all do a great job.

Over the past few months, the Las Vegas Brothers did their best to support local charitable causes and various events put on by our fellow chapters. We also will be supporting Grand Master Jack’s inspiring initiative to provide financial aid to Armenia.

We are now organizing the details for our family style Armenian Christmas party. It will be a perfect way to start off the New Year. Planning ahead, suffice it to say that, we look forward to the Mid Term Convention and as usual ... we will bring our own “pre-shuffled” deck of cards ! ... see you there !

In closing, may I wish each of you a continued year of good health, good luck and prosperity. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month so come see us if you’re in town to visit your money or cash in your winnings.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Mark Derderian, Assoc. Editor



Vegas brothers take over the Shish Kabob House: L to R, Arthur Kasarjian, Armen Anooshian, PGM Chuck Parigian, Master Ruben Grigorian, Bobby Bezdikian, Ara Gueyikian, MD, & Andy Armenian



The new Raiders Stadium, a.k.a. "The Trex Dome"



Vegas Brothers: Standing L to R, Bobby Bezdikian, Ara Gueyikian, MD, Armen Anoshian, Master Ruben Grigorian, & Arthur Kasarjian. Seated: Joseph Nakkashian & PGM Chuck Parigian



Master Ruben Grigorian, PGM Chuck Parigian & Bro. Mark Derderian get down to business in the OC



Bro. Mark Derderian & PGM Chuck Parigian enjoying front row seats at the OC Convention



Grand Master Jack Kayajanian enjoying some Las Vegas hospitality

# Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,  
Happy New Year!

2019 was another successful year for the Palm Desert Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity. Thank you to PM Bro. Chris Markarian, who served as our Master for a second time, for a job well done and to all our Palm Desert Brothers for yet another great year!

Our Palm Desert Chapter's  
2019 – 2020 Officers are:

MasterPM Bro..... Bobby Melkesian  
Jr. MasterPM ..... Bro.Chris Markarian  
Rec. Secretary..... Bro. Edmund Shadman  
Treasurer ..... Bro. Rob Carian, PM  
Corresp. Secretary ..... Bro. Jim Towery, PM  
Sergeant at Arms ..... Bro. Howard Chuchian, PM

Several of our Palm Desert Brothers attended the Convention in Orange County over this past Labor Day weekend. The Orange County Chapter did an outstanding job hosting this fun and successful weekend. PGM Greg Avedesian was in attendance and was one of the recipients of this year's "Al Nalbandian Memorial Award" which was presented to him by PGM Garo Mirigian. Also, at the convention, Palm Desert & Oakland Chapter Brother Earl Saroyan was awarded his 75 Year Membership Plaque which was presented to him by his son Brother Wayne Saroyan of the Oakland Chapter.

In November, many of our Brothers once again volunteered their time at the annual Armenian Church Cultural Festival in Rancho Mirage. Helping with cooking and serving of the delicious Armenian foods for two fun days or brotherhood and charitable contributions. Also, in November, we were very happy to have Grand Master Jack Kayajanian visit us for our monthly business meeting. The Grand Master was accompanied by several Grand Chapter members and Orange County and Los Angeles Chapter Brothers.

Hosted once again by PGM Nick Nigosian and Carolon Nigosian, our annual Trex "Family Day at the Fair" at the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival is set for the three-day holiday weekend and will be held on February 15, 2020. We

hope that you can all come and enjoy this annual event. Many thanks to PGM Nick and Carolon for always making this a wonderful day filled with food, friendship and family fun.

The 22nd annual Palm Desert XXX Golf Outing and 50/50 Reverse Raffle is scheduled for May 2, 2020. It is being held again this year at The Classic Club in Palm Desert and will be followed that evening by a cocktail party where the raffle will take place. Last year we were very happy to be joined by many of our Los Angeles and Orange County Brothers. Even if you don't golf, be sure to get your raffle tickets soon and come enjoy an evening of fun and excitement!

Mark your calendars for our annual events and watch for more information on other upcoming events throughout the year. Everyone is invited to come down and enjoy our beautiful Desert and participate in these events.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming annual Midterm hosted by the Fresno Chapter, and later this year at the annual Triple-X Convention, hosted by the San Diego Chapter.

As always, we welcome all visiting Brothers to our meetings, which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Greg Safoyan, PGM  
Associate Editor



PGM Garo Mirigian presenting PGM Greg Avedesian with the Al Nalbandian Memorial Award



2019 - 2020 Palm Desert Chapter Officers being sworn in by PGM Greg Safoyan with PGM Greg Avedesian looking on



Brother Earl Saroyan receiving his 75 Year Membership plaque from his son Brother Wayne Saroyan



Brothers Blaine & PM Rob Carian receiving their Perfect Attendance Certificates with Brother PM George Kirkjan looking on



Brothers Koko Mazmanian, Harold Berghoudian, PGM Greg Safoyan, PM VJ Mkrтчian, PM Chris Markarian, PM Howard Chuchian and Sarkis Bedrosian helping out at the 2019 Armenian Cultural Festival



GM Jack Kayajanian attending the Palm Desert Chapter for our November business meeting



Palm Desert Chapter Brothers attending the Orange County Convention

# Orange County

Master.....Bro. Simon Hovakimian  
 Junior master.....Bro. Brent Melkesian  
 Treasure.....Bro. Harold Bazarian  
 Corr. Secretary .....Bro. Al Adams  
 Rec. Secretary.....Bro. Robert Petrosyan  
 Sergeant of arms .....Bro. Terry Hanoian

## Board of directors

Brothers Robert Hartunian, Don Kazarian, Brian Melkesian, Larry Kaprelian, Rob Tusan and Mark Hachigian

Donations this year were made to Armenian Eye Care, Children's Hospital of Orange county, Armenian Rose Parade float, Ararat home, and Challenger baseball.

Brother master Simon Hovakimian took on a second year to be master. He is an outstanding leader brings laughter and great leadership making our chapter great. He could not do it without his officers and board of directors.

Our annual picnic was fantastic over 350 were in attendance. Past master John Cholakian was the chairman. We had a great time being with family and friends. We had Armenian food, music, dancing and games for the kids keep this date open July 19, 2020 see you there .

Our convention at the Renaissance Hotel in Newport Beach was well attended. All the chapters were represented. Past master brother John Garakian was the chairman we had many members and their wives that help put it together. Thanks again for a fantastic job. We elected for grandmaster brother Jack Kayajanian, Junior grandmaster Brother Brian Melkesian, pass master John Gulugian grand historian pass master Steven Sahagian grand editor. Brother Ralph Dergazarian grand secretary, pass master brother Ara Malazian grand treasure. The grand chapter has one of the best slate of officers. At the convention dinner dance we honored our past governor of California George Deukmejian. Brother Kenneth Khachigian gave a review of his accomplishments. We are so proud of George Deukmejian. brother Kenneth Khachigian was the speech writer for President Ronald Reagan. All the events were jam packed seeing new friends, lots of eating, and dancing. We would like to thank all the sponsors who sponsored the convention booklet. See you all this year at the San Diego convention.

Our insulation was at Bayside restaurant. We honored the new officers and Board of Directors. The Trexman of the year award went to pass master brother John Garakian and brother Sarven Tomaskesis, they really deserve the award, the lifetime

achievement award went to Passed Grandmaster Brother Harold Bazarian, he's a real true Trex man. Our Christmas party was another great success brother pass master George Ampagoomian and his wife Barbara and Olga Sarouhan made the party a success. Thanks for all the hard work, we all enjoyed it. Mr. and Mrs. Santa was there to give the kids some joy. Also collected toys that went to toys for tots. We also had entertainment by our famous magician we had over 40 in attendance .

We had a new brother who just joined our fraternity. Brother Justin Matosian Good news is we have more new brothers joining.

Our meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month. Cocktails at 6 PM dinner at 7 PM and 8:30 the meeting come and join us.

Respectfully submitted  
 Brother Haig Jamgotchian PGM



OC Brothers Kenneth Khachigian & Grand Master Jack Kayajanian



Brother Steven Bedoian PGM, Oath of Office to new Grand Master Jack Kayajanian



Brothers Art, Billy, John and Master Simon



OC Brothers at OC Convention



Brothers are preparing Geragour at OC Picnic



Brothers Al, Jon, Robert, GE Steven & John



Brother Grand Master Jack Initiating New Bro. Stephan Artun



New Orange County Bro. Stephan Artun with his cousin Bro. Kev Zoryan of the Los Angeles Chapter joining us at his interview.

# Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The LA Brothers would like to congratulate the Orange County Chapter on the 2019 Convention as well as our new Grand Master Jack Kayajianian and all the Grand Officers on their election. The LA Chapter was in full force at the convention with over 150 Brothers and their families in attendance and over 50 LA Brothers at the Sunday Business Meeting. We are looking forward to heading to San Diego for the 2020 Convention. Your LA Bros. will be there in full force.

In June Bro. Guy Injayan and Derik Ghookasian chaired the 80th Annual Family picnic. Lots of Brothers and their families and lots of kids. We had a great shish kebab in the shade, tavloo, gin and catching up. Thank you Bro. Guy and Karineh for putting on a wonderful event.

Wives Night Out was a fun Murder Mystery Night, chaired by Bro. Ara Ishkhanian and his wife Charlene. After a kebab dinner the antics started. The performers were great and the Brothers with key roles in the Murder Mystery were excellent too. We almost had to arrest Ara Papazian, Lev Nalbandian and Gladys Saroyan for over acting. Thank you, Bro Ara and Charlene, for all your hard work. It truly paid off.

The Chapter's Golf Club Championship is chaired by Bro. Zareh Mitilian, with the matches scheduled for Saturday's, which he also organizes for Brothers and friends. It was a grueling competition with players having matches every week. Bro. Matt Matoesian was this year's Club Champion, which was announced at our Annual Installation Banquet. Rounding out the top 3 spots were Bro. Mike Kourtjian in 2nd Place and Bro. John Casparian, PGM taking 3rd. Congratulations Bro. Matt and many thanks to Bro. Zareh for chairing this important event.

In September Bro. Sam Donabedian and his two sons Bros Sammy and Adam co-chaired our Annual Stagg Outing, this year at the Sycuan resort near San Diego. A weekend of two days of golf, great food, drink & fraternalism. Cash prizes were awarded for the golf winners both days. Lots of gin and tavloo was played too. The highlight of the weekend was when Bro. John Casparian, PGM beat Bro. Shant Dergazarian in tavloo with a marz in game 4. Leaving Bro. Shant totally distraught, PGM John C sashayed from the table declaring he was MORE ARMENIAN than Bro Shant. OUCH! Outstanding work Bros. Sam, Sammy and Adam.

Also, in September the LA Chapter hosted the Annual Ararat Home Picnic chaired by a great committee made up of Bros. William Kevorkian,

John Casparian, Shant Dergazarian, Galen Petoyan & Michael Surmeian. With the help of almost all our members, Jr. Chapter Bros. wives and many of their kids, we served well over 1200 hearty meals. This is the Home's biggest event of the year and our Chapter is proud to make such a significant contribution of our time and talents to the Home.

Later in October Bro. Stephen Arakelian and his wife Nicki & Bro. Varoujan Movsesian and his wife Lauren chaired our annual Installation Banquet at the beautiful Porter Valley Country Club to honor our outgoing Master Gary Zakarian. This year's program included another prank video chronicling Bro. Gary's life story. Outstanding work by Bro. Varoujan and Bro. Stephen with special thanks to their wonderful wives too. That night we also awarded Bro Mark Estepanian this year's winner of the Ken Khteian Trexman of the Year Award. Bro. Mark did an amazing amount of work on the TREXMAN 100 Yearbook. He crafted the layouts, typing and photo spread for every page of the book. Without Bro. Mark, this book would have cost a fortune to prepare while maintaining such excellent quality. All Trexman who enjoy this 100-Anniversary yearbook owe a heartfelt thank you to Bro Mark and his wife Laura for all her support.

In November Bros. John Casparian, PGM and Stan Roopenian chaired the Annual Gin Tournament. The players battled until 3:21 am when the winners were determined. The winners this year were the pair of Bro. David Maseredjian, PGM and Bro. Stan Roopenian, who will split possession of the coveted Gin Tournament Trophy during the year. All players were treated to a great dinner of Kufta, Lamajoon and drinks. Thank you for the great event Bros. Passed Grand Master John and Stan.

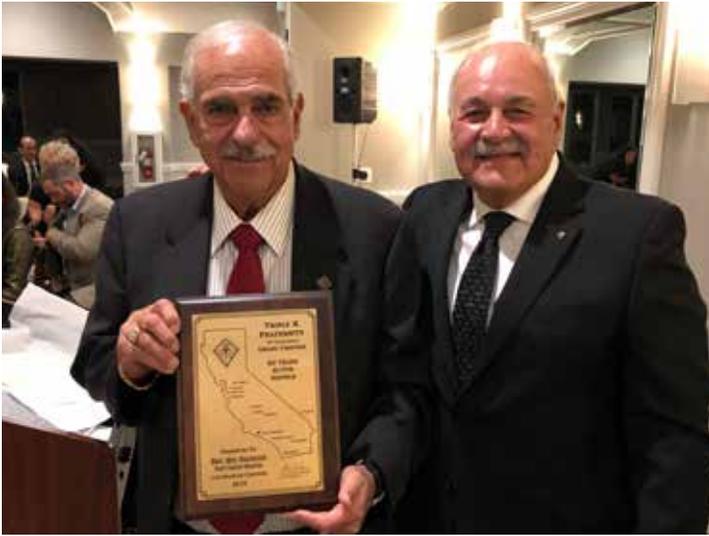
In December Bros Martin Titizian and his beautiful wife Candice chaired our Family Christmas Party. We had over 75 families, children & grandchildren enjoy the event. There were crafts for the kids, gifts and a visit from Santa himself. Bro. Kirk Shanoian served as Santa again and emotionally scarred most of the children and some of the adults. Thank you Bro. Martin and Kirk and to Candice for another great event.

Regards,

Bro. Michael Surmeian  
Associate Editor



Brothers, wives and cast from the 2019 Wives Night Out Murder Mystery Night chaired by Bro Ara Ishkhanian.



PGM Mel Shanoian receiving his 50-year plaque with a tribute delivered by Bro Tev Eminian at the 2019 Installation Banquet



Jimmy Arakelian, Kev Zoryan and Mampre Pomakian at the 2019 Installation Banquet. All 3 of them are former LA Jr's with Bros Jimmy & Mampre receiving their 25-year plaques, presented by Bro Kev.



Bros. David, Luke, John and Mike won a 4-way tie for least productive workers at the 67th Ararat Home Picnic Sponsored by the LA Trex.



Bro. Tev Eminian made a hole-in-one on 17 at Simi Hills Trex Golf. PGM Mel Shanoian in the background witnessing the pickup for the record, then later extorted lunch from Bro. Tev before attesting to the accomplishment.



Bro. Mark Estepanian hamming it up at the 2019 Wives Night Out Murder Mystery Night



Bro. Shant at Stag caught weeping uncontrollably after losing to PGM John C and realizing he is less Armenian than PGM.

# Sequoia

Greetings, to all our Trex Brothers in California and Nevada. We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and ready for a great New Year. It's so hard to believe the year 2020 has arrived.

I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU, to PGM John Casparian, the Editor of the One Hundred Year Centennial Trexmen Year Book, finish product that turned out so well. A BIG THANK YOU is also in order to PGM David G. Maseredjian, Centennial Trexmen Historical Editor, Mike Estephanian, Centennial Trexmen Chief Technical Advisor, and Mike Surmeian, Centennial Trexmen Coordination Advisor. We would also like to thank the work and hundreds of hours that each of the committees from the chapters did. My son Paul commented, now we have the ability to put names and faces together and see the variety of activities of the different chapters. Back in September we elected a group of new Sequoia Chapter Officers to serve 2019-2020 Master Mark Avedian, Junior Master- Brian Pochigian, Treasure- Archie Zakarian, Recording Secretary Gerard Garoian, Web Master- Richard Tamouzian, Corr. Secretary- Richard Sheklian, Custodian- Kevin Skaff, Sgt.of Arms- Alex Hovannisian, Editor- Tom Babagian, and Hospitality-PGM Ron Shanoian. We would like to thank all these brothers for serving our chapter this year in a leadership position.

The Orange County Chapter did an outstanding job of hosting our 90th Annual Convention. The Tribute to George Deukmejian presented by Ken Khachigian was a very special remembrance. The dancing, hospitality room, were very enjoyable. What a great place to hold a convention in beautiful Newport Beach. Thank you all for making our convention such a success.

We were thrilled and excited to welcome four Sequoia Junior Members to our Senior Chapter. These members included Brothers Alax Hovannisian, Ryan Surabian, Jordan Yahnian, and Kevin Skaff. We also welcomed one new member to our senior Chapter, Brother Andrew Melkonian, and Kenny Melkonian was his sponsor.

We give thanks to all our brothers who took a turn of putting on a dinner at one of our monthly meetings. A special thanks to Brother Kenny Melkonian and Master Mark Avedian for providing a smoked turkey dinner for all our Brothers during November. You both blessed us all.

We were all sad to say so long to one of our long time member, Brother Mike Mikaelian . Mike joined

Triple X in 1955 which made him a member for sixty four years. Mike was born on May 25, 1933 and passed away September 10, 2019. Mike grew up in a home rich with Armenian Cultural. His parents Hatcher and Talouhi Mikaelian both survived the Armenian Genocide and instilled in him, that with hard work the American Dream can be yours. Mike was a very successful farmer who lived in Dinuba California, and worked hard at producing beautiful fruits and vegetables. Mike served in the U.S. Army and did a tour during the Korean War. After returning from the war in 1955 he met the very talented (the late) Carolyn Kachadoorian from Tulare. They were married and raised three wonderful children, Michael, Debra, and Kevin. Mike was very active in the Armenian Community. He was a member of the Saint Mary Apostolic Church, parish counsel, Triple X Fraternity, Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU), and the Chomaklou Compatriotic society. We were all so blessed to call Mike our brother and friend. We will sure miss your smiling face.

Sequoia Chapter Triple X Fraternity on April 25, 2020 will celebrate its 70 Year Anniversary as a Chapter. We will be having a dinner, dance, and a great celebration at Dean Ametjian's Barn in Exeter, California. This is an open event and you don't want to miss it. We were chartered and sponsored by Selma Chapter on April 22,1950. Reservations and more information contact PGM Ron Shanoian.

We ended the year with a wonderful Family & Friends Christmas Party and Dinner. We were so blessed as a chapter to provide everyone with a catered dinner and beverages for this exciting event. Santa Clause even showed up and gave each of the nineteen children a gift. We also asked everyone who participated to bring an unwrapped Christmas gift that Sequoia Chapter will donate to a local children's charity. We had ninety plus folks participate in this event.

Special thanks to PGM Ron Shanoian for taking and adding the colorful pictures to our Trex News Articles. Hope everyone has a great new year and looking forward to seeing you all at the March Mid-Term in Fresno.

“Yes Kez Sirumen”  
Bro. Tom Babagian P.M.  
Associate Editor



Hospital Donations Master Mark and Brian



Picture with Santa



Santa posing with Sequoia Children



Sequoia Christmas Party how to have fun.



Santa giving wishes



New Brother Andrew Melkonian & PGM Ron

# Golden Gate

The Golden Gate Chapter had a fine Summer and Fall including a few accomplishments, good times, and a lot of volunteering from the Golden Gate TREX Chapter brothers.

We had a few changes in leadership as well. Brothers Master Richard Surabian and Jr. Master Mark Dorian remained in their respective positions, as did and Corresponding Secretary Bro. Gary Naman and Custodian Past Master Bro Henry Shishmanian. However, we did experience the retirement of longtime Treasurer and venerable brother Ara Kaprielian. And PGM Garo Mirigian is now the Secretary with Pro note-taker Bro Robert Balian assisting in recording the minutes as needed.

In terms of community participation, the infamous Golden Gate Chapter's KEBAB CREW took up helping our neighboring HYE churches by manning the BBQs and food lines at their bazaars including St. Vartan's in Oakland in May, St. Gregory's food festival in S.F. in September, and St. John's food festival S.F. in October, and Calvary Armenian Church in SF in November.



The GGC Chapter Brothers J. Gaule, G. Naman, M. Dorian, PGM G. Mirigian, Mstr. R. Surabian, A. Saroyan (future Grand Master)



PGM Garo M. issuing the Al Nalbandian Memorial Award to PGM Greg Avedisian

A few of us had a great time at the convention in Orange County. Always good to see our So. Cal brothers! We got our officers sworn in and away we went.

Immediately after the convention, PGM Garo Mirigian led a small squad of Brothers to Armenia, including yours truly, for a fabulous sojourn to the motherland. The trip to Armenia was the fulfillment of a childhood dream. We flew first to Vienna, and had a wonderful time experiencing their very diverse and open society and learning of Austria's 700-year reign of Europe. Then on to Yerevan! I really wasn't certain what to expect but leave it to PGM Garo; he had every day planned out from school visits to historic sites, and fabulous dining and entertainment experiences in between. PGM Garo and family, including Bro Hagop Koujakian, are strong supporters of the Armenian Education Foundation. So, the first stop, after a 5-hour drive, was a K-12 school in a remote village in Lori next to the Azeri border. We were greeted like royalty. Then toured the school, viewed the facilities & decided on prospective improvements.

Then back to Yerevan to rock the nightlife! And what delicious cuisine, all organic too!



Brothers Henry and Hartley (GGC) and Bro. Stuart (Oak) at the St. Vartan's Church festival in Oakland



Brothers Henry, Vartan Hovsepian, Hartley, Master Richard Surabian, and Hagop Koujakian at the Calvary Armenian Church Food Festival

A few of us Golden Gaters sneak over to the Oakland Chapter for their lobster dinner and crab feed events, as well as their infamous cigar night, where Brother Dr. Garo Bouldoukian flies in from Glendale and brings a full panoply of the Dominican delights!

Matron Saint of the Golden Gate Chapter Aunty Lou had another birthday! And we were all glad to be there to celebrate it with her.

From the Golden Gate Chapter to all our brothers... Happy New Year!

That's a wrap for 2019!

(p.s. we have made a resolution to plan more combined events with our brother chapters in the Bay Area, so stay tuned!)

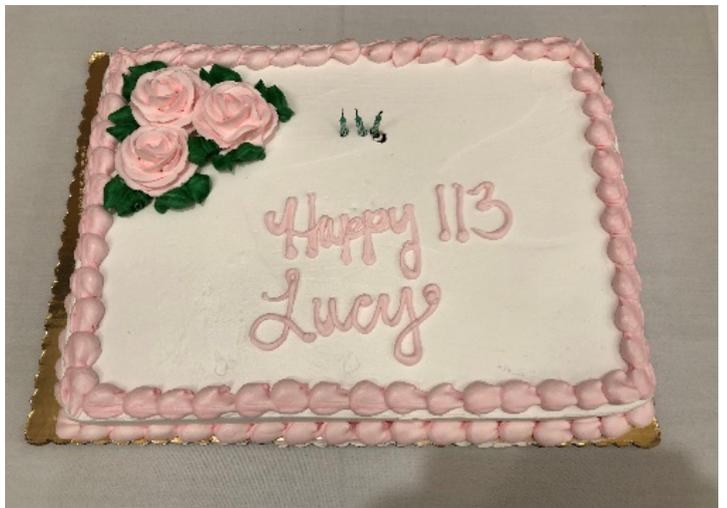
Fraternally Yours,  
Bro. Jr. Master Mark Dorian,  
from the GGC Christmas Party



Bro. Peter Kaprielian (Great Nephew) with Aunty Lou



Our view from the room at the Ani Hotel



Check out the cake!!!@#%\$



Armenian Church



Bro. Ralph Kazanjian Blowin' 94 candles baby!

# Fresno

DEAR BROTHERS,

After a Spectacular Orange County Trex Convention and bringing back the Achievement Trophy to Fresno, we took some time off and celebrated.

Our newly elected officers for 2019-2020

MASTER.....Bro. Kenny Melkonian Jr.  
JR. MASTER .....Bro. David Kandarian  
SECRETARY .....Bro. Richard Bedoian  
TREASURER .....Bro. Michael Harutinian  
CORRES. SEC.....Bro. Arlen Tanielian  
SGT. ARMS.....Bro. Michael Basmajian  
PHOTOGRAPHER.....Bro. Raffi Mooradian

Fresno Chapter hosted, for a first time this past August, FSU Wrestling Coach Steiner Nite. It was a welcoming back of the Wrestling Program to Fresno State and introduction of Coach Steiner & his staff. The night was very informative and entertaining with a great raffle & live auction. Fresno Chapter was able to raise over \$2,800 that night to donate to the Wrestling Program. Hats off to Bro. Michael Harutinian for organizing this event. Thank You for all our local chapters and guests for supporting us. After a few low key Dinner Meetings at the Club House, we planned our calendar for 2020. Our main focus till March will be planning the 2020 Mid Term Convention, making sure it is successful and memorable for all Brothers and The Grand Chapter.

In January we will be taking a retreat to the Yosemite Falls Café for our first dinner meeting in 2020. Then we will have our annual Teppanyaki Dinner organized by our own Bro. Nishan Soghomonian. On Thursday, March 5th, we will have a workshop meeting with a visit from our Grand Master Jack Kayajanian.

Fresno Chapter will continue our Fresno State Coaches Nites with the new Football Coach & Wrestling Program. We will plan on a 13 Hour Golf & Social in the Spring. Bro. Nishan S. will also be treating us to his Famous Kheyma Nite.

We will have our Moussaka Dinner as soon as eggplants are in season.

Go Dinkey Creek Outing & San Diego Chapter 2020 Convention!!!

We look forward to seeing all the Brothers in March at the MidTerm.

Fraternally Submitted:  
Bro. Master Kenny Melkonian Jr.



FRESNO BROTHERS CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY WHERE IT ALL BEGAN FRESNO HIGH SCHOOL



BRO. BILL & GUESTS AT COACHES NITE



BROS. WITH WRESTLING COACH STIENER & STAFF



MASTER KEN & JR. MASTER DAVID WITH FRIENDS  
BBQ FOR COACHES NITE



BROS. PETE, RICHARD, MICHAEL, & TARJIAN  
CEELEBRATING CHRISTMAS



MASTER KENNY JR. & WIFE LISA HAVING A MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



FRESNO BROTHERS AND FAMILIES CELEBRATING  
CHRISTMAS AT THE 500 CLUB

## San Diego

For the San Diego Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity, the Summer and Fall of 2019 were filled with a number of exciting happenings, including the addition of a new member, our 11th Annual Wine & Cheese Event, a visit from our newly elected Grand Master, our Yearly Christmas Party, and planning for the upcoming 2020 Convention which will be held here in sunny San Diego.

We feel blessed that the San Diego Chapter continues to thrive and grow its membership. We recently welcomed Brother Mitchell Maseredjian to our group who is the son of PGM David Maseredjian. Mitch was formerly a member of the Los Angeles Chapter but recently relocated to the Cardiff area. We are pleased to have Mitch as a part of our family.

On Saturday, October 12th, our chapter held its 11th Annual Wine & Cheese Event at the beautiful Rancho Bernardo Courtyard. We were fortunate to have lots of sunshine and perfectly blue skies as we hosted more than 200 guests, which included TREX Grand Master Jack Kayajanian. This event was undoubtedly the most well-attended to date.

This year's affair was very special as we presented nine very deserving Armenian college students with scholarships of \$1,000 each. Six students received general scholarships, while the other three were recipients of the Candyce Kellejian Bickers scholarship. The Candyce Kellejian Bickers scholarship was formed to honor the memory of PGM Joe Kellejian's sister who was a beloved educator. The three students who received these scholarships are working hard toward becoming educators themselves. Additionally, we were able to raise over \$20,000 through this important event. All who attended the event enjoyed some delicious wine along with some incredible eats. A massive thank you goes out to our resident chef Brother Greg Khosharian, who was responsible for planning, preparing, and presenting this tasty feast. Moreover, thank you to all of the wives and mothers who contributed in making this Wine & Cheese Event a huge success. We could not have done it without you! Lastly, a very special thank you goes out to Alan Yaghjian. For more than a decade now, Alan has generously allowed us to use

the Rancho Bernardo Courtyard to hold this fantastic event.

We were also honored to host the newest Grand Master of the TREX Fraternity Brother Jack Kayajianian at our monthly meeting in October 2019. Grand Master Jack shared his Grand Chapter Report, as we enjoyed dinner together at Alborz Restaurant in Del Mar. The San Diego brothers were pleased to hear about Brother Jack’s goals for the coming year which include raising funds for the Fuller Center for Housing, revitalizing and growing all TREX Chapters, and considering a change in the format of the 2021 Convention.

On Saturday, December 7th, we held our annual Christmas Party at the Aladdin Restaurant in Hillcrest. We had a full house this year! Brothers, together with their wives and families, loved the Mediterranean feast and spent much of the evening “catching up” with one another. As per tradition, the evening included our lively gift exchange as well as a visit from Santa Claus (thanks to Brother Harry Nalbandian) who handed out gifts to all the youngsters.

Finally, we have begun the undertaking of planning for the 2020 Convention which will be held on Labor Day weekend right here in “America’s Finest City.” We are doing everything in our power to ensure that all attending brothers and their families will have an absolutely wonderful experience while visiting our splendid city. We are eager to share a presentation of all that we have planned for our honored guests at the midterm convention in March of next year.

Bro. Jesse T. Shamshoian



New Member Bro. Mitchell Maseredjian



Gary Bickers Congratulates the Candyce Kellejian Bickers Scholarship Winners



The Gift Exchange at Our Annual Christmas Party



The San Diego Chapter Prepares for the 11th Annual Wine and Cheese Event



## Los Angeles Jr.'s

The Los Angeles Jr's attended the Annual Convention this year in Orange County where Jr. Bro Nishan Mikaelian was awarded the Lee Terzian Jr. Trexman of the Year Award. The Jr's also helped at the LA Chapter's Family Picnic as well as at the Ararat Picnic. Several of the LA Jr's recently made the move up to the LA Sr. Chapter and are now participating on the Executive Board. In addition, there is a relaunch planned for 2020 for new young men interested in joining our group. The Junior Chapters have been a very important part of our Fraternity, with many of our PGM's being former Junior Chapter Brothers. Further, the LA Jr's have moved up many members who have also become active members of other Triple X Chapters. The LA Chapter is proud of its legacy and you will be hearing more about our activities in the coming months.

Fraternally,  
 Bro Vahe Michaelian  
 Los Angeles Jr. Triple X



Demonstrating the deep the significance and reach the L.A. Jr.'s have had in our Fraternity. Those pictured were all L.A. Jr.'s, and now are members of three different chapters. Back row: PGM Haig Jamgotchian (OC), PGM Joe Kellegian (SD), Bro Randy Avazian (LA), Bro Doug Avazian (SD), Bro Richard Jebejian (LA), Bro Charles Maseredjian (LA), Bro Jerry Tashjian (SD), PGM David Maseredjian (LA), Bro William Maseredjian (LA).

# Oakland

Parev, Brothers!

It's been a very busy few months since the fall Trex Convention back in 2019 (which now seems so very long ago). Time to get caught up!

August kicked off with our third annual Charity Dinner/Dance, featuring a Italian family-style dinner and a night of dancing to our very own 13-piece Brotherly Love & the Really Hye Horns. The evening was highlighted by donations presented to three worthy organizations: the Bay Area-based Today's Youth Matters, Houshamadyan (preserving the memory of Armenian life in the Ottoman Empire), and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Oakland.

Our August activities also included an annual summertime trip to beautiful Loon Lake for several brothers (some of whom, it seems, didn't get their fill of the Great Outdoors at Dinkey Creek). Camping, swimming, boating, fishing, and long naps in the summer sun are highlights of this popular excursion. Tans or sunburns still fresh, we then headed south to Orange County and our 90th convention. In addition to fun and festivities throughout the entire weekend (including a very popular cigar store "pop-up" hosted by Bro. Garo Bouldoukian on Friday night), one of the standout moments of our Sunday morning business meeting was the recognition of Bro. Earl Saroyan for 75 years as a Trexman. Brother Earl was presented with plaques from the Oakland chapter's incoming Master (and son) Wayne Saroyan and (now) PGM Steve Bedoian.

In September, the entire slate of 2019-2020 Oakland officers -- Jr. Master Aram Boyd, Sgt. At Arms Robert Balian, and returning officers Jim Taylor (Treasurer), Craig "Bazig Bucks" Bazigian (Recording Secretary), Robert Tashjian (Corresponding Secretary), Brian Pinomaki (Custodian), and BMW -- were sworn in by PGM Gregg Chorbajian; at the October meeting, our outgoing Master, Bro. Don Manoogian, was presented with a plaque honoring his leadership over the previous term.

Also in October: the early arrival of our Lobster Dinner. PGM Gregg, who often laments that he never wins anything, bagged the big prize of the night: a monster three-pound lobster! The rest of us somehow managed to get through the evening with our more modest 1.5 pound crustaceans.

December is Trexmas time here in Oakland as a happy holiday crowd of brothers, wives, family and friends gathered for drinks, mezza, dinner and dessert. The evening was hosted by Bro. Master Wayne and his lovely wife, Shavonne (who designed the equally lovely table decorations), with a fine assortment of wines provided by Bro. Rick Mickaels. Bro. DJ Ronnie

Mickaels provided the tunes, and the peak moment of the evening was a solo flugelhorn performance by Bro. JM Aram, which inspired a joyous, impromptu singalong to "Silver Bells"!

Finally, the chapter hosted our annual Crab Feed community fund-raiser. This is the big event of our year, serving up almost 900 pounds of fresh off the boat Dungeness crab to a sell-out crowd. Along with a silent auction and prize-filled raffle, this is our "tentpole" fundraiser for the year. This year, we were honored to be joined by Bro. GM Jack Kayajanian and his wife, Joy, along with brothers from around the Bay Area.

Be sure to follow us on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/OaklandChapteroftheTripleXFraternityofCalifornia-170659646887555](https://www.facebook.com/OaklandChapteroftheTripleXFraternityofCalifornia-170659646887555)

For more Oakland chapter events to come as the year progresses, including Cigar Night and our New Members Night (both in April), our fourth annual Charity Dinner/Dance in May, and more fun at Dinkey Creek.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Master Wayne Saroyan



Oakland Crab Feed 2020 Master Wayne GM Jack and wives



Oakland OC Convention Bros. Wayne Saroyan, Earl Saroyan & Steve Bedoian, PGM Convention Honors September 2019



OC Convention, Group photo September 2019



Oakland Charity Dinner Dance Chapter photo August 2019



Oakland Lobster Dinner Chorbajian, PGM October 2019



Oakland Crab Feed 2020 Brotherly Love



Oakland's Ed Hazarabedian Celebration of life June 2019



Trexmas Rick Mickaels Tanos Mitosian, Barry Barsamian & Jerry Tusan December 2019



Oakland Trexmas Peggy Magarian, Wayne Saroyan & Shavonne Saroyan December 2019



Trexmas Armen Phelps, Donna Marie Ferro & Aram Boyd December 2019

# Selma

Happy New Year, Brothers! Selma Chapter has been busy the last six months. We held our annual Kheyra Dinner in August, chaired by PGM Sam Bagdasarian and Brother Ed Nikssarian. A large crowd of brothers and guests came together to enjoy great food and fellowship, and the event continues to grow each year. We had a number of brothers attend the most recent Annual Convention in Orange County during Labor Day weekend, and everybody was impressed with how nice every event was. We enjoyed the golf and tavloo, with our own Brother Mark Antranikian winning the tavloo tournament. During the meeting, Bro. Sam Bagdasarian, PGM was awarded the Al Nalbandian award, along with PGM Greg Avedesian. Later in September, we held our popular Sports Social with Fresno State basketball coach Justin Hutson. With an amazing kebab dinner plus all drinks included, everyone had a great time!

Prior to our October meeting, we took a guided tour of the recently constructed Valley Children's/Adventist Health medical clinic in Fowler. Our chapter made a substantial donation to sponsor two rooms there, and it was great to see the pristine facility open and able to serve the local community. Also in October, we had our annual Installation & Awards Dinner, chaired by Brother Marcus Marootian, where we installed our new officers for the year and honored many of our brothers with perfect attendance certificates and 25- and 50-year service awards. We truly appreciate their commitment all of these years. Brother David Shapazian was presented with the Selma Trexman of the Year award – congrats and well done!

In November we held our big event, Turkey Bingo. This is chaired by Brother Aaron Krikorian, and is a local favorite. A delicious dinner is served, full bar provided, and lots of prizes and turkeys given away for all of the bingo winners. It was also the debut of our new state-of-the-art bingo board and equipment and it all worked beautifully!

Besides all of our events, we have been busy living up to GM Jack Kayajanian's wishes for the year. We recently approved a \$10,000 donation for the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia, and will donate another \$2,000 at the end of the fiscal year with the rest of the chapters. Also, our membership is increasing! Thankfully, we have not lost any members recently, and we have initiated five new ones since last spring: Brothers Leon Alchian (June), Dustin Vartanian (June), Aaron Avedian (September), Nathan Avedian (October), and Arlen Pilavian (December). We look

forward to the second half of our GM's term, and we will continue to make him proud. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Mid-Term in Fresno!

Fraternally,  
Brother Master Mark Pryor  
Brother Mark Antranikian, Associate Editor



PGM Garo Mirigian (center) presents the Al Nalbandian award to PGM Sam Bagdasarian and PGM Greg Avedesian



Bro. David Shapazian, Selma Trexman of the Year!



Selma members and PGM Harold Bazarian enjoyed a tour of the new Fowler medical facility in October, led by our genial tour guide Hannah



GM Jack Kayajanian giving the oath to new member Nathan Avedian in October at Popsie's as Master Mark Pryor looks on



PGM Jack Ouzounian swears in Aaron Avedian at our September meeting at PGM Pete Cholakian's place



PGM Jack Ouzounian initiating Selma's newest member Arlen Pilavian at our December meeting at DiCicco's



Assisted by Oscar Kasparian, Turkey Bingo chairman Aaron Krikorian calls out the first number ever (B8) from our brand new bingo equipment!



Grant Bedrosian conducts the raffle at our Sports Social, assisted by Fresno State cheerleaders



Brothers enjoying our annual Kheyma Dinner!



Fresno State basketball head coach Justin Hutson addresses the crowd. Sports Social in September

# Peninsula

Greetings from the wonderful Bay Area, fellow Brothers, families, and friends! Our 2019-2020 Peninsula Chapter officers are as follows:

Master.....Vartan Berberian  
Jr. Master .....Ruben Kazarian  
Treasurer .....Vic Khachooni  
Corresponding Secretary .....Mark Antranikian  
Recording Secretary .....Kip Garabedian  
Associate Editor .....Mark Antranikian  
Sergeant at Arms .....Aram Darmanian  
Historian.....Kip Garabedian  
Custodian .....Vic Khachooni  
Webmaster.....Mark Antranikian

Our chapter has dinner meetings scheduled for the third Thursday of each month. Barring a special event, we meet at the Los Altos Masonic Building, located at 146 Main Street in Los Altos, California (enter from the back of the building on the parking lot side). With the recently renovated industrial kitchen, our talented chefs are equipped better than ever to prepare their amazing meals, which have a superb and well-earned reputation throughout the Fraternity! Please feel free to stop by if you're ever in the area on a meeting night we love to have guests!

In September, we had several Brothers in attendance at the Annual Convention in Newport Beach. The Orange County Chapter did a wonderful job hosting numerous sold-out events and everyone in attendance had a fantastic time. Yours truly assisted Brother Shant Dergazarian in organizing the tavloo tournament, and I managed to emerge victorious, concluding the afternoon with a win in the championship match against longtime friend and fellow Peninsula member Bro. Vic Khachooni! The evening events were a lot of fun, the hospitality room was great, and the meeting itself was quite productive (including making the Grand Webmaster position official!). Congratulations and best wishes to our newly elected Grand Master Jack Kayajanian, and hats off to all the Annual Convention event organizers – well done!

Also, a special shout out to everyone involved in putting together the Centennial Trexmen yearbook that was distributed at the Convention. I'm sure it took a ton of work during the preceding months and years to compile, edit, design, organize, lay out, write, and proofread all the material included in the book. The final product exceeded expectations and is something the Trexmen editorial staff, and indeed every Brother, should be very proud of – it is a very worthy addition to (and documentation of) our history!

A bit of not-so-great news... the chapter has been struggling a bit lately to get enough meeting attendees the dinner meetings for October, December, and January were all canceled due to a lack of sufficient Brothers able to make it, and we had no representatives at a January joint meeting with Golden Gate. Hopefully it's just a phase, and we do have several potential new members, the addition of whom would greatly help alleviate this issue. Also, it wasn't a problem every month; indeed, several monthly meetings were well-attended during the past six months. Most notably amongst those was the November meeting, at which was served a special Thanksgiving-themed dinner, with several guests also able to join us. Everyone there had a wonderful evening with all the fantastic food and fellowship.

On behalf of the Peninsula Chapter, best wishes to all Brothers and their families for a very happy, healthy, and successful 2020! We look forward to seeing everyone again soon at the upcoming Mid-Term Meeting in Fresno!

Fraternally submitted,  
Brother Mark Antranikian  
Peninsula Chapter Assoc. Editor/Corr. Sec./  
Webmaster/Grand Webmaster



November Peninsula meeting  
Bro. Vazgen & friends



Peninsula Bros. Daryl, Vic, Aram, and Mihran  
enjoying the Thanksgiving feast



Fun tournament matchup as Bro. Vic plays longtime friend and former Peninsula member Bro. Earl Saroyan a 75-year member!



Bro. Vic playing his semifinal match with his wife Linda and Bro. Shant looking on



GM Steve presents GW Mark with the Tavloo Trophy!



The Convention Tavloo Tournament final match between Bros. Mark Antranikian (Peninsula & Selma) and Vic Khachooni (Peninsula)



Bros. Vazgen, Vic, and Vartan preparing to eat the November feast!



Oakland Bros. George, Craig, and Brian at our November meeting

## IN MEMORIAM



### **Bro. George Margosian - Sequoia**

Bro. George Margosian passed away on May 18, 2019 at the age of 82 after a strong fight against kidney disease. George loved his life and his family. He held on and wouldn't give up because he didn't want to leave us. Our lives will never be the same without him. George was born in Visalia, California on May

27, 1936 to Setrag and Annig Margosian. He was the youngest of 3 children and graduated from Dinuba High School with the Class of 1954. He was a diversified farmer for most of his life, with ranches in Exeter, Monson, Dinuba, Cutler and Visalia. His love for the soil was evident in all the crops he grew and he was respectfully known as the "King of Pomegranates" by the farming community. He continued farming up until to the day he passed. George met the love of his life, Rose Marie Kevorkian, at an Armenian Youth Group spaghetti dinner at St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church in Yetttem. They married on December 8, 1962 in Yetttem, and have spent the last 56 years raising their family together. George was a member of the St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church in Yetttem, Triple X Fraternity Sequoia Chapter, and the Tulare County AGBU. Brother George was a Sequoia Trexman for over 62 years. He held many offices including Master in 1974. He left us with many memories that



### **Bro. Albert Kaljian - Mt. Diablo**

October 25, 1924-July 30, 2019

Bro. Moraga Albert "Al" Kaljian passed away at home on July 30th. Albert was the son of Harry Kaljian and Rose Latchinian Kaljian. He was born in Fresno, California. The family moved to San Francisco but he

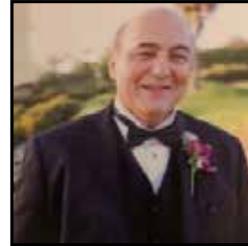
still spent summers on his uncle's farm in Fowler. Brother Al was a TREX member since 1943 and just received his 75 year plaque. Al was very active in Mt Diablo and a Charter Member when Mt Diablo was formed in 1975. He held several offices including Master, Treasurer and was on the Finance Committee for over 10 years. Al donated several hand made carving out of wood to our raffles which raised money for our charities. Even as health issues developed, he did his best to get a ride to the meetings as he enjoyed the Company of his fellow Brothers. Brother Al will be sorely missed for his smile, sense of humor and easy going demeanor.



### **Bro. Baruyr "Buddy" Poladian Los Angeles**

November 9, 1917 - April 17, 2019 Bro. Baruyr "Buddy" Avedick Poladian passed away April 17th at the age of 101. Buddy was born Nov. 9, 1917 in Watertown, MA. His family

moved to California in 1921 opening a family textile dyeing business named the National Dye House in Culver City, CA. Buddy grew up working alongside his father and studied Mechanical Engineering at Cal State Los Angeles. Buddy eventually took ownership of the family business, becoming a leader in the industry and was invited to teach in Japan. In 1940 at the age of 22, Buddy signed up to be an Army Aviator and was a navigator to a B24 crew patrolling the English Channel, rising to the rank of Lieutenant. In 1942 he married Canary Asadurian whom he cherished and together they raised a beautiful family over their 74-year marriage until her passing in 2016. He was a well-respected resident of Culver City, and a member of The Triple X fraternity, Shriners, United Armenian Congregational Church, and The Ararat Home of Los Angeles.



### **Bro. Greg Der Kevorkian Palm Desert**

Bro. Gregory Ronald Der Kevorkian was born January 1, 1948, in Glendale, California.

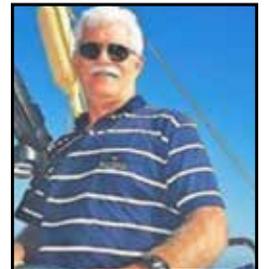
He passed away peacefully, at his home, on Thursday, January 16, 2020, in Mission Viejo, California.

Gregory was lovingly known as Greg to his friends and wife dad or daddy to his children and Papá to his grandkids.

Greg was born to George and Mariam Kevorkian and grew up in the San Fernando Valley, with his parents and two siblings, Marilyn and Larry.

Greg was known to be very social and had many friends but his closest friends were Harold Bazarian, Nick Nigosian, Jerry Ohannesian, Vaughn Vartanian, Pete Cholakian and the Perillo brothers. Greg enjoyed many hobbies which included: traveling, eating, BBQ, vintage cars, working on his own cars, woodworking, architectural design, boating, riding motorcycles and absolutely loved being a member of the Armenian Triple-X Fraternity.

### **Bro. Bruce Edward Kandarian Palm Desert**



Bro. Bruce Edward Kandarian, 74, passed away at his home in Indio on October 21, 2019, surrounded by his family. Bruce was born on July 23, 1945 in Los Angeles, CA. Bruce attended Coachella Schools and graduated from Coachella Valley High School, Class of 1963. He especially enjoyed playing QB position on the Football Team for his High School. During that time, he was also a member of DeMolay, serving a term in the Coachella Chapter as Master Councilor. Bruce was a member of Triple X Armenian Fraternity in Palm Desert, CA. While his greatest love was farming, he enjoyed many adventures in his lifetime such as, Backpacking through Europe, Scuba Diving and traveling through Viet Nam and Cambodia. Piloting his own plane was a dream come true. He also loved building and flying model planes as well. He enjoyed history and was knowledgeable on World War events. Bruce was a very unique and outgoing personality and will certainly be remembered as such. He was known best by his dry wit and unusual humor. His family and longtime friends will miss him.

## IN MEMORIAM



**Bro. Harry L. Guzelimian  
San Diego**

Harry L. Guzelimian was born on October 4, 1930 in Cairo, Egypt to Lucine and Ludere Guzelimian. He was raised in the Armenian Evangelical Congregational Protestant Church and attended the Kaloustian and

Mekhitarian Armenian Elementary Schools, the Junior High Coptic Egyptian School, the American Lincoln High School followed by Freshman and Sophomore years at the American University of Cairo. He arrived in the United States in the fall of 1952 to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, NY, studying Engineering and majoring in Building Construction. He graduated with a BS Degree in 1955. He then attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), on a Research Assistant Internship Program, in Cambridge, MA, majoring in Building Engineering and Construction. He graduated with an MS degree in 1958. During his college years he was active in various sports, track and field, and the theater, as well as being a member of the Armenian Students Association (ASA). Harry was an active member of the San Diego Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity since 1977 and served as the Grand Master from 1995-1996.



**Bro. Mike Mikaelian - Sequoia**

May 23, 1933 - September 10, 2019

Mike Mikaelian passed away on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at the age of 86 in Visalia, California. Mike was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend and beloved son. We are blessed

to have received his mentorship and love. Mike was born on May 25, 1933 in Visalia, California to parents, Hatcher and Takouhi Mikaelian. As the son of Armenian Genocide survivors, Mike grew up in a home rich with Armenian culture and appreciation for the American Dream. After graduating from Dinuba High School in 1953, Mike joined the U.S. Army to serve his beloved country in the Korean War. Upon returning home to Orosi in 1955, friends, Laura and Harry Davidian insisted Mike meet a local girl from Tulare, Carolyn Kachadoorian. "Big Mike" and Michael founded Mikaelian & Sons in 1981 and worked on the family farm together up until Mike's passing. Triple X Fraternity Brother for 64 years, Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU), and the Chomaklou Compatriotic society. Mike lost his beloved wife less than a year before his passing.



**Bro. Richard Gregory Mirigian  
Fresno**

October 20, 1939 - June 22, 2019

Bro. Richard Mirigian, a resident of Fowler, passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at the age of 79. He was a pharmacist. And a member

of the Fresno Chapter since 2008. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arakel and Margaret Mirigian; and brothers, Robert & Russell Mirigian. He is survived by his son, Richard Mirigian, Jr. of Fresno daughters, Michelle Halgren of Fowler and Christine Mirigian of Los Angeles; and sister in law, Lorraine Mirigian of Millbrae. He is survived by his son, Richard Mirigian, Jr. of Fresno; daughters, Michelle Halgren of Fowler and Christine Mirigian of Los Angeles; and sister-in-law, Lorraine Mirigian of Millbrae. He will truly be missed.



**Bro. Steve Noroian - Mt. Diablo**

August 14, 1939 - July 31, 2019

Brother Steven Noroian raised in San Francisco, California. He attended public schools in San Francisco, graduating from Mission High School in 1957. During his last year he was elected to serve as Student Body President, which was an honor for him. Steve received a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Francisco State University (SFSU), majoring in economics and insurance. He served in the Army reserves for 8 years as a medic. After graduating from SFSU, he obtained a position as a trainee at Crocker International Bank's Trust Department, beginning his career as an Investment Advisor. TREX member since 1966 and received his 50 year pin 2 years ago. Bro. Steve was also a Charter Member of Mt Diablo when it was formed in 1975. Steve held several offices including Master, Treasurer and Convention co-chair in 2001. Bro. Steve continued to attend meetings until the end of 2018 when his health permitted his driving. Due to health reason, he decided not to pursue a transfer to another TREX Chapter. Bro. Steve will be missed by all.



**Bro. Dr. Harold Krajian  
Orange County**

October 13, 1927 - January 5, 2020 Bro. Harold beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather. The eldest of three children. After graduating from L.A. High School he was drafted into the Army. Served in Japan until the end of WW II in 1945. Bro. Harold loved Cars, Boats and rebuilding engines. Bro. Dr. Harold Krajian, OD Inc. retired Optometrist. Bro. Harold was a Founding

Brother of the Orange County Chapter Trex in 1975. Bro. Harold was a very active brother in Trex for 35+ years. He will truly be missed.

# MID-TERM MEETING 2020

**Saturday, March 7th, 2020**

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