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Host Orange County Chapter
90th Annual Convention
August 30 - September 1, 2019
Renaissance Hotel, Newport Beach

Grand Master

My year as your Grand Master on the 100th Anniversary has quickly come and gone. It has been one of the best years of my tenure in the Trex Fraternity. I have immensely enjoyed meeting new brothers and veterans that truly care about the Armenian community and their individual chapters. As I traveled from one chapter to another, it was evident from the community involvement and the funds that are donated to various organizations that each chapter exhibits a strong commitment to service. (Please keep up this good work.)

I would like to thank all my Grand Chapter Officers for their help in making my job so effortless. I appreciate their hard work, time, dedication and support. The welcome and respect I received from each Brother and their chapter as Grand Master, was amazing and something I will always cherish. I would also like to thank the Master from each Chapter for giving me the opportunity to have an auction at their meeting to raise money for a charitable raffle at the 2019 convention. I was unsure of the reaction to having a raffle at the annual convention, but I was positively overwhelmed with the many Brothers who embraced the idea. I look forward to seeing which charitable organization receives the funds that were raised in this effort.

I would also like to take this time to recall how our great fraternity began. In 1918, there were 8 Armenian students that were informed that they would not be permitted to join any of the clubs at Fresno High School. Rather than let this form of bigotry derail them, these 8 individuals had the tenacity to start their own Fraternity. Today we are called the Triple XXX Fraternity of California. The 3 X's represent the 30 brothers these 8 students hoped to have within their fraternity in the coming years. Today the Fraternity is approximately 700 Brothers strong, something I am positive the original eight would be very proud of. It is evident by these numbers that our fraternity lives up to the quote of the great Armenian writer, William Saroyan, of which, I would like to share with you now. "I would like to see any power in this world destroy this race, this small tribe of unimportant people whose history is ended, whose wars have been fought and lost, whose structures have crumbled, whose literature is unread, whose music is unheard and whose prayers are no more answered. Go ahead destroy this race! Destroy Armenia! See if you can do it. Send them from their homes into the desert. Let them have neither bread nor water. Burn their homes and churches. Then, see if they will not laugh again, see if they will not sing and pray again. For, when two of them meet anywhere in the world, see if they will not create a New Armenia."

It has been a true honor to serve as your Grand Master this year. I am proud to be a brother of this great Fraternity and all that it stands for.

Fraternally,
Brother Steven Bedoian
Grand Master 2018-2019
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Schedule of Events

Friday August 30

- Registration 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Hotel Lobby
- Hospitality Suite Open 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Welcome to Orange County Patio Party 6:00 p.m.
  - Bamboo Garden
  - Food, Drink, Music & Cigars

Saturday August 31

- Registration 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Hotel Lobby
- Golf Outing 8:00 a.m. warm up, 9:00 Shotgun start Oak Creek Golf Club, Irvine
- Poolside Cabanas Reserved 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 3rd Floor
- Cards & Tavloo 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Elm Meeting room, 3rd Floor (adjacent to pool)
  - Poker & Tavloo Tournaments
- Hospitality Suite Open 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Convention Dinner Dance 6:30 p.m. Bay Laurel Ballroom
  - "A Tribute to Governor George Deukmejian" presented by Bro. Ken Khachigian
  - Armenian and American music by the Hosharian Brothers Band

Sunday September 1

- Men's Breakfast and Business Meeting Bay Laurel Ballroom
  - Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
  - Business Meeting 9:15 a.m.
- Ladies Outing to Sherman Gardens, Corona Del Mar
  - Docent tour of Sherman Garden, Lunch, Fashion Show
  - The bus leaves the Hotel at 10:15 a.m., returns 2:30 p.m. (approximately)
- Grand Officer Reception 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Garden Gazebo
  - Hors d'oeuvres and Wine
- Dine-Around on-your-own at nearby premier Newport Beach Restaurants
  - Reserve a space on the Registration Form
  - Select desired restaurant & reservation time during registration check-in
  - After dinner Dessert & Coffee provided in the Hospitality Suite Sunday evening 8:30-10:00

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Las Vegas

Dear Brothers,

Greetings from Las Vegas, the entertainment capital of the world. Recently, due to a record-setting snow storm in Vegas, we had a real good chance to chill out … and we even briefly considered a potential new member going by the name of "Frosty Snowman-ian" who was hanging out at the iconic "Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas" sign on the strip ... photo below.

The Las Vegas Chapter had a lot of fun at the recent Mid-Term in Visalia. Hearty congrats to the Sequoia Brothers for hosting such an outstanding event where our Master Ruben Grigorian was one of the Tavloo finalists and our esteemed PGM Chuck Parigian won the Sequoia 500 Motorized Scooter race … 3 laps around the hospitality room!

Over the past few months, the Las Vegas Brothers did their best to support various events put on by our fellow chapters such as the impressive Oakland Chapter Crab Feed, the noteworthy Date Festival championed by the renowned Palm Desert Brothers and the Annual Charity Golf Tournaments hosted by the highly accomplished Los Angeles and Palm Desert Brothers … and that's not even counting the heavy fines levied upon yours truly at the recent Mid Term in Visalia !

In other news … Last month for a well deserved change of pace, our brothers decided to take a vicarious trip to Australia when they met for dinner … at the Outback Steakhouse … and the name of their waitress was actually … you guessed it … "Barbie" !.

Looking ahead, suffice it to say that, we are looking forward to a fun-filled Labor Day weekend at the upcoming Convention hosted by our distinguished Orange County brothers … and we will bring our own "lucky" 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 pick up your winnings.

Fraternally, Bro. Mark Derderian, Assoc. Editor

Quality time with Bro. Armen Anooshian and PGM Chuck Parigian

Longtime Vegas Brothers Shavarsh Papazian and Ara Gueyikian, MD

Record snow storm brings out prospective new member … going by the name "Frosty Snowman-ian"

Mid-Term party action with_ PGM Chuck Parigian, Master Ruben Grigorian and Bro. Mark Derderian

Our Master Ruben Grigorian being congratulated as one of the Tavloo finalists by well traveled Grand Master Steve Bedoian

Mid-Term fellowship with Bro. Mark and Bro. Gary Zakarian (LA Master)

Vegas Brothers_ Standing L to R_ Armen Anooshian, Bobby Bezdikian, Ara Gueyikian MD, Master Ruben Grigorian; Seated_ PGM Chuck Parigian and Shavarsh Papazian

Mid-Term Hospitality Room fun with Bros.Mark Derderian, Michael Nigosian (LA) with legndary PGM Greg Safoyan (PD)

Sequoia

Warm greetings and wishes to all our Armenian Trex Brothers across the State of California and Nevada. We wish to thank all of you who attended our 2019 Mid-Term Convention held at the Wyndham Hotel here in Visalia last March. It was another exciting weekend as we shared some Sequoia Style Hospitality, great fellowship around the mazza table, a great steak dinner and meeting in the evening. We loved hosting all our out of town brothers here in Visalia. Thanks to all of you who attended.

We want to say a special thanks to Brother Mark Avedian for bringing in a second new member this year. Brother Dr.Vahig Manugian who is doing a residency in Psychiatry here in town and he is formerly from Los Altos, California. We welcome our new Hye Brother.

It was exciting to hear that Trex is headed up to Dinkey Creek this year for some fun camping in the mountains, hiking, tavloo, fishing, and some great card games. The mountains are beautiful this time of the year with plenty of water rushing in the creek. This is a great opportunity to get out of your comfort zone and breathe some sweet mountain air.

We were excited to hear that our current Master, Gary Gostanian and his entire family and grandkids will all be heading to Armenia this June to join with the Fuller Center for Housing and help build a house in Spitak City, Lori Region. Master Gary's family will help build a home for Hrachya, Tamar and son Marutyan who have been living in a temporary shelter since 1988 after the earthquake.

The Seqouia Chapter was happy to donate $5,300.00 dollars to the Fuller Center for Housing to help complete this project. What a great experience for the entire Gostanian family. They will also spend some time experiencing the beautiful sights in Armenia. Blessings on your journey as you go to help one of the many families in need.

We were all sad to say so long Brother George Margosian. Brother George left us on May 18, 2019 at the age of 82 years young. He was born in Visalia on May 27, 1936. George was one of the outstanding diversified farmers in our area. He farmed in the cities of Exeter, Monson, Dinuba, Cutler, and Visalia. His love for the soil was evident in all the crops he grew and he was respectfully known by his peers as the "King of Pomegranates". George was married to Rose Marie Kevorkian for 56 years and had two beautiful daughters and many grandchildren. George was a member of St. Mary's Armenian Church, Triple X Fraternity for 62 years, and Tulare County AGBU. George loved life, his family and continued farming until the last days of his life. He always carried around a sweet disposition and never gave up on things. The Lord blessed him many times over for the kindness he showed those who had the privilege of knowing George, and his wonderful family. He will be sorely missed.

Last week we had our annual Scholarship Night Dinner. Sequoia Chapter gave out eight thousand dollars in scholarships. We awarded four deserving students of Armenian Heritage two thousand dollar scholarships each. The Scholarship winners were…

Makayla Rose Margosian, who graduated from Redwood High School and is planning to go to Fresno State University and major in Nursing. Her Parents are Bruce and Janelle Margosian.

Melina Peters, who graduated from Mt Whitney High School and planning to go to Fresno State University and major in Food and Nutrition , Registered Dietitian. Her parents are Darrell and Tina Peters. Grandparents are Gerorge and Rosemary Margosian.

Lillian Candice Moos, who graduated from Dinuba High School and planning to go to College of the Sequoias and major in Journalism. Her parents are Angelina Ogata and Eric Moos.

Victoria Sarkisian, who graduated from Golden West High School and planning to go to California State University Long Beach and major in Chemistry. Her parents are Armine Stepanyan and Lernik Sarkisian. We wish all our graduates success as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

We will finish out our year with our Public Safety Night. We will be awarding scholarships to students who are planning to go into Law Enforcement, or the serve in the Fire Department, or as an EMT.

It's hard to believe it's time to start our big fundraiser at our Fourth of July Firework's Booth. Thanks to Brother Rick Kirkorian and the many brothers who help with set up and sales of the fireworks.

We do wish to say a big "Thank You" to our current Master Brother Gary Gostanian for serving as our master for the past two years. This is not always an easy job. We appreciate you.

Hope to see all of you in Orange County for this year's Trex Convention. The Brothers have some very special events planned for all of us.

Brother, Tom Babagian P.M.
Rejoice and Give Thanks

2019 HS Scholars Makayla Margosian,Melina Peters
Victoria Sarkisian, Lillian Moos

Betty, Gary, Rick and Nancy Krikorian
Public Safety Event

Bro. Geard and Sliva Garoian Public Safety Event

PGM Ron and Mel Shanoian Dinkey Creek

PGM Ron Shanoian Sign Footbal by Coach Tedford

PGM Ron, Bob, Gregg, Jack and Mel at Dinkey Creek

Officer
Bill Hansen
and Roto
Public Safety
Event

PGM Ron and
Kevin Skaff
Outstanding
Jr. Award

Golden Gate

Ever since our mid-term convention, the brothers of the Golden Gate Chapter have been busy bees representing all that is good about our Triple X Fraternity. However, not in the usual way one might think.

Oh, we've had our typical monthly dinner meetings, but we've also been a true brotherhood. We had two deaths among our fraternity families, and our chapter brothers were out in force attending memorial services and supporting their fellow brothers in their time of loss.

In addition, one of our Bay Area Armenian churches had their annual church festival but not when they are typically held. This one was in May, and again our chapter brothers organized a volunteer group to help our Armenian community have yet another successful community function. Our brothers helped serve food, do set up and clean up, etc. Those who didn't actively participate still attended in order to support one of our community churches. End result the whole Armenian community witnessed the Triple X Fraternity serving our fellow Armenians.

What's more, our chapter continued our tradition of giving by substantially donating to no less than 8 charities that are either in Armenia or that support our Armenian people. We also established a system for continued giving, so that we can more systematically screen worthwhile organizations and give where it will do the most good.

And, there's always our upcoming 2022 convention sponsored by our Golden Gate Chapter. When last we spoke about the convention, which was at the mid-term, there was a surprise drawing or sorts, with attending brothers getting plastic cups that changed colors when filled with cold beverages... of your choice. We're happy to announce that 5 brothers found cups with colored dots (and NOT the fake kind). Those five brothers will be treated to free drinks at our Friday Night event at our convention in 2022. Congratulations to the winners Brothers Joe Kellejian, Charles Jamgochian, Ron Shanoian, Guy Injayan, and Sam Bagdasarian.

Speaking of the Golden Gate Convention, our brothers are already hard at work with first things, first. We're actively searching for the perfect location, but don't be surprised if it's NOT in San Francisco. We're looking for something completely different but still exciting and full of fun for our brothers and their entire families.

Bottom line, stay tuned. We'll see you in Orange County at the upcoming convention.

Hopefully, more details at that time.

Gang of Barbreque Guys in the Bay Area

44,000 Fans singing Happy Birthday to Aunty Lou at Giants Home Game

PGM with California Governer

San Diego

The San Diego Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity has had quite an eventful and meaningful Winter and Spring of 2019. This time has been filled with regular monthly meetings, memorable goings on, the welcoming of new and former members as well as the planning of some exciting events that lay on the horizon.

We are pleased to announce that the past six months have marked continued growth in our chapter. First, we welcomed new member Brother Todd Sarouhan from Pacific Beach. Todd's father Ron Sarouhan was a Los Angeles Trexman for over 30 years. Next, we were fortunate enough to bring Brother John Mardikian into the fold. John presently resides in Rancho Santa Fe. Finally, Brother Mitchell Maseredjian from Cardiff has come aboard as a transfer from the Los Angeles Chapter. You may recognize Mitchell's name, as his father is a past Grand Master from the same chapter. We are thrilled to welcome our new brothers, and we are certain that they will be esteemed members of our fraternity.

We continue to prepare for our most important happening of the year – the 11th Annual San Diego TREX Wine and Cheese event which will take place on October 1th, 2019 at the Rancho Bernardo Courtyard. Everyone, both near and far, is cordially invited to this lively and special event. It is here that we will be awarding a total of eight scholarships to students of Armenian descent who are pursuing higher education at the university/college level. First, we will be presenting six $1,000 scholarships for study in any field. Additionally, our Scholarship Committee will award two $1,000 scholarships in the name of Candyce Kellejian Bickers. A fund has been set up through the San Diego TREX Chapter by Mr. Gary Bickers and the Kellejian family to honor Candy's passion for education and teaching. The Candyce Kellejian Bickers Scholarships will be awarded to those students pursuing a degree in the field of education, including, but not limited to, teaching, administration, and school counseling. For tickets or more information on this event, please contact Steve Hovsepian at (858) 229-4182.

We are also gearing up for a fun-and-sun-filled convention here in San Diego in 2020. We have slated the event for Labor Day weekend next year and it will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Mission Valley. All of us in the San Diego Chapter of TREX are looking forward to the opportunity of hosting our brothers here in "America's Finest City" at the 2020 convention.

Lastly, on a more solemn note, it is with great sadness that we report the passing of our cherished brother – Harry Guzelimian. Brother Harry passed away on the evening of July 9th after facing a variety of health issues over the last few months. Many of us looked at Brother Harry as a father or even grandfather figure. He was unique, loving, witty, and truly had a zest for life. While we are saddened that Brother Harry is no longer with us, we are heartened by the fact that his indelible memory will live on in each of us. If each of us can strive to be at least half as loyal, generous, warm, and caring as Brother Harry in our own lives, we will have succeeded. Brother Harry will be missed by all, and we collectively send our most sincere condolences and heartfelt prayers to his family during this difficult time.

Bro. Jesse T. Shamshoian

Harry Guzelimian and Fellow San Diego TREX Brothers Enjoyng the 10th Annual WIne and Cheese Event

New Member
John Mardikian

New Member
Todd Sarouhan

San Diego Trex Brothers at the 10th Annual Wine & Cheese Tasting Event

Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

Greetings from the Palm Desert Chapter of the Triple-X. It may be a little warmer here now, but as always, we continue to be active with monthly meetings, charitable and social events.

The Palm Desert Chapter recently added two new Brothers to our chapter as we welcomed Brother Eddie Melkonian and Brother Don Torigian. Our chapter also had the honor of giving Brother Larry Johnson his 50-year pin, which was presented to him by none other than PGM Greg Avedesian.

We held our annual "FAMILY DAY AT THE FAIR" on February 16th, at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. Grand Master Steve Bedoian attended, along with several PGM's, Palm Desert members, and visiting Los Angeles and Orange County Chapter members. We were also joined by baseball legend Tommy John! Everyone enjoyed Armenian Mezza and drinks at this event, which was once again hosted by PGM. Nick Nigosian and his wife Carolon, and held in the comforts of the hospitality suite and VIP tent provided by the Fair Board. Later, in the evening, everyone enjoyed the nightly musical pageant, which was followed by a VIP reception at the concert stadium where we enjoyed the music of Randy Houser.

Our Palm Desert Chapter was very proud to join in with other community members supporting the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4H Clubs. Our Chapter is proud to have again donated a $2,000 scholarship to deserving junior livestock exhibitors at the Fair.

The annual "DESERT GOLF OUTING" was held this year on May 4th. Brothers from the Los Angeles and Orange County chapters joined in on a great weekend of golf, lunch and socializing. Once again, the golfers enjoyed a day of golf on the popular Classic Club Golf Course. A cocktail party followed golf on Saturday evening, where our annual 50/50 reverse raffle drawing was the entertainment for the evening. Thank you to Co-Chairman, PM Bobby Melkesian and Bro. Blaine Carian, who worked very hard and once again did a fantastic job in coordinating a great tournament and raffle for this annual event.

Everyone is looking forward to attending the upcoming 2019 Triple-X Convention in Orange County this upcoming Labor Day weekend.

Thank you to PM/Master, Chris Markarian, who did a great job in leading our chapter over this past year. The successes, accomplishments and growth of our Chapter are a direct result of the great leadership of our Master and officers, and the support of our brothers.

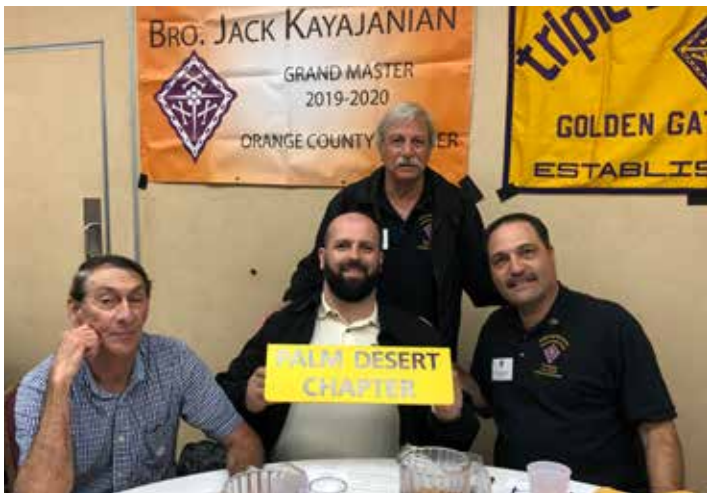
We welcome all visiting brothers to attend our meetings, which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and hope that you will also visit the desert with you families for our many social events throughout the year.

Fraternally,
PGM Greg Safoyan
Jr. Master / Associate Editor

PD Golf Outing. PGM Nick Nigosian with Brothers Eddie Melkonian and Sarkis Bedrosian

PD Golf Outing. PGM Greg Safoyan, Brother Gary Funtas and Grand Editor Steven Sahagian

PD Golf Outing Co-Chairman Brothers Bobby & Blaine

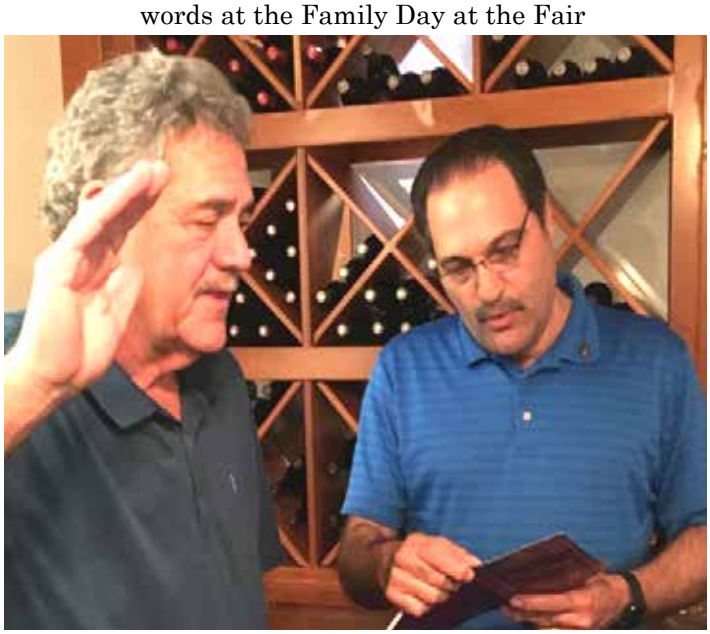


2019 Mid-Term Meeting. Brother Sarkis Bedrosian, Master Chris Markarian and PGM's Nick Nigosian and Greg Safoyan

Trex PGM's, and Brothers at the Fair along with the Queen, the Princesses and baseball legend Tommy John

GM Steve Bedoian and PGM Nick Nigosian saying a few words at the Family Day at the Fair

New PD Brother Eddie Melkonian and Master Chris Markarian



New PD Brother Don Torigian getting sworn in By PGM Greg Safoyan

Brother Larry Johnson receiving his 50-Year Pin from PGM Greg Avedesian

Orange County

Brothers,

Our master Bro.Simon Hovakimian and his officers plus the Board of Directors have done an outstanding job. What a well oiled team.

We had our annual Fairview developmental party for the disabled. We serve them ice cream and cake plus drinks and gifts for all of them. It is a blessing to treat the disabled people, the brothers and wives that help put it on thanks.

Our family potluck was another great success with leader ship Ara Malazian, using brother John Gulugian's clubhouse we had over 45 in attendance . We had the best variety of delicious foods especially the Armenian dishes, thanks to all who brought food to share. Thanks to all who helped put it on especially the Gulugian family.

Are stag was in Laughlin Nevada, brother Don Ka zarian put on a fun filled weekend, we had a charter bus with all the mazza and drinks, a free dinner on Saturday night plus watching the Kentucky derby in a hotel suite. Looking forward to next year's stag outing.

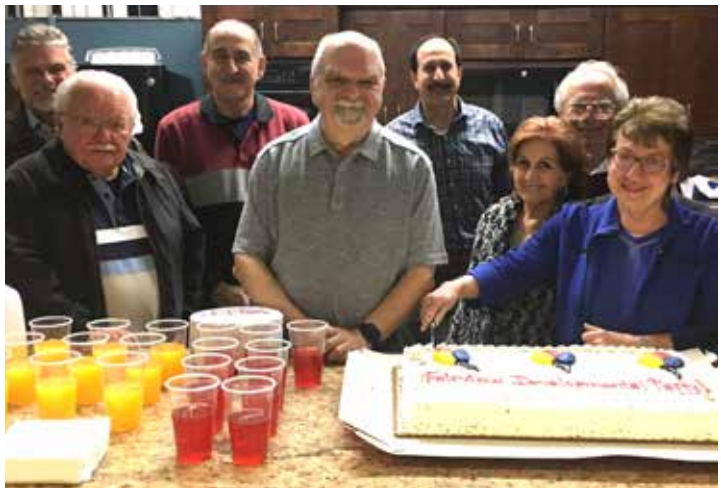
Cigar night was held at brother Mark Hachigian's home in Big Canyon Newport Beach. Thanks to his family especially his wife Monique who provided all the Armenian Mazza drinks and dessert. There were 25 Trexmen in attendance, we had true Fraternalism with our brotherhood .

The last six months we brought in a new member brother Ari Gulugian son of brother John Gulugian. It's refreshing bringing in the youth to our fraternity. Brother Larry Hanoian passed away ,he was a member for 24 years, he held the position of Sargent of arms for the last 20 years, he was one of our very loyal Trexman and he will be truly missed.

We are proposing to run for grandmaster past master and grand officer brother Jack Kayajanian. Also past master brother John Gulugian for grand historian. Looking for support from all the chapters and looking forward to having you all with us at our convention in September in Newport Beach.

Our meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at JT Schmid's restaurant 2415 Park Ave., Tustin cocktails at 6 PM, dinner at 7 PM, meeting at 8:30 come and enjoy.

Respectfully submitted
Brother Haig Jamgotchian PGM



Fairview Social Cake Cutting

OC Chapter Bros. at Midterm

OC Bros. enjoying cigar night

Bros. Leo and Harold PGM

PGM Greg, Bros. John, David and Billy

Bros. Don, George and Chuck JGM

Bro Master and Family

OC Bros. at OC Potluck

Potluck with Bro. Ara enjoying

New Bro. Ari Getting Sworn In By PGM Bro. Harold

Fresno

DEAR BROTHERS,

The Fresno Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity is building on the excitement created from the 100th Year Anniversary and Mid Term. We want to thank all The Brothers and their families who have attended and supported our recent events. Hats off to our Sequoia Brothers for putting on a Great Mid Term.

Our 2019 Chapter Officers Are:

MASTER..... Bro. Ken Melkonian Jr. G.C/H
JR. MASTER ..... Bro. David Kandarian
SECRETARY ..... Bro. Richard Bedoian
TREASURER ..... Bro. Michael Harutinian
SERG. ARMS..... Bro. Michael Basmajian
CORRES. SEC. ..... Bro. Michael Basmajian

We were saddened with the recent loss of our Brother, Richard Mirigian. The Fresno Chapter has implemented some changes that we feel are taking us on to a Hye'r Plain for the Next Decade.

In February we had a very lavish dinner graciously sponsored by our Bro. Nishan Soghomonian at Yoshino's Japanese Restaurant.

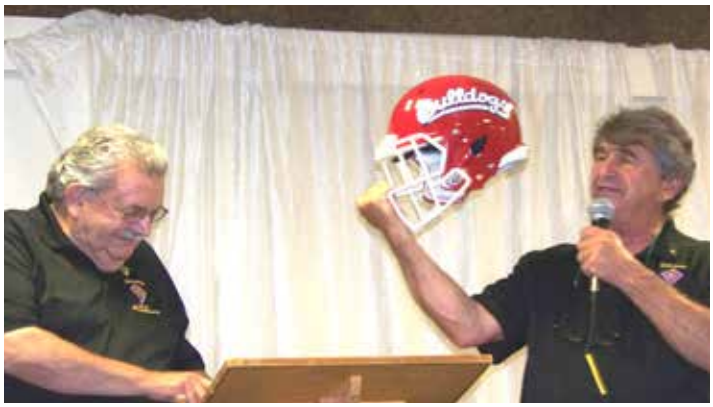
In March, we had a Great Italian Dinner put on by Jr. Master Dave Kandarian & Bro. Master Kenny with his Famous Bolognese Meat Sause.

At our April Meeting, Jr. Master David BBQ'd Tri Tip & Chicken. You can't say we don't eat well. At our May Meeting we honored and donated $500 to the Scouts whom helped out at the 100th Year Anniversary & volunteered at our Coaches Nite. May 23rd we hosted our Annual Fresno State Coaches Night and celebrated Fresno State &Football Coach Jeff Tedford. The Bulldogs are coming off a record breaking 12 wins and a win at the Las Vegas Bowl, taking out Arizona State. There was a delicious Shish & Chicken Kabob dinner, extensive mezza table, & great bar. We were able to donate over $8,400 to the Fresno State Football Program. Thank You Bro. Richard Bedoian, who rallied and chaired the event. Thanks to the Brothers who helped pitch in and worked and sold tables. And especially Thank You to the wives who helped: Denise Bedoian, Alberta Bedoian, Diana Shirin, & Lisa Melkonian.

In June we had a LuLu Burger Feed and voted in a new Brother, Haig Der Boghossian.In July we are planning a Special Dinner & Business Meeting with Initiation of our newest member. Also between July & August we plan on bringing back The 13 Hour Golf & Social Chaired by Jr. Master David & Master Kenny Jr.

Since our Coach Tedford Night was a Great Success, on August 22nd Bro. Michael Harutinian Treasurer/G.S. will be chairing Fresno State Wrestling Coach Steiner Night. Looking forward to making this a special event. Be There!!! We look forward to seeing all the Brothers at the Great OC Convention.

Respectfully Submitted;
Bro. Master Kenny Melkonian Jr. Grand Historian/ Custodian



PGM BOB JUSKALIAN & GRAND MASTER STEVE BEDOIAN

BRO. RICHARD BEDOIAN, MASTER KENNY MELKONIAN JR. & FRESNO STATE FOOTBAL COACH JEFF TEDFORD

CROUD AT FRESNO STATE FOOTBALL COACH TEDFORD NIGHT

DINNER MEETING AT YOSHINO'S HOSTED BY BRO. NISHAN SOGHOMONIAN WITH BROS. VAROUJAN DER SIMONIAN, HARRY MARCUS, BILL SAHATDJIAN, & MASTER KENNY MELKONIAN JR.

PAST MASTER GARY KAZARIAN & MASTER KENNY MELKONIAN GETTING DESSERT READY

BRO. MERLIN KAZARIAN WITH RECENTLY DEPARTED BRO. RICHARD MIRIGIAN

BRO.S CHRIS DISYAN, JR MASTER DAVID KANDARIAN, & PGM JERRY POOCHIGIAN BBQing FOR COACH TEDFORD NIGHT

GM STEVEN, PGM BOB & PGM JACK

TREASURER & G. SEC. BRO. MICHAEL HARUTINIAN & FATHER BRO. ARAM

JR. MASTER BRO. DAVID KANDARIAN PRESENTING A CHECK TO BRO. YIRJANIK OHANIAN &THE SCOUTS

Oakland

Parav Brothers,

Since the last article in the Trex News Oakland has been busy with many activities. We started the year off with our Annual Charity Crab Feed. This event is sold out every year and repeat guests seem to be the rule of the night. This year, again, we had our band Brotherly Love playing for the entertainment of our attendees. If you have not heard this band, you have missed a great sound. They play that big band sound that most of us love. A special thank you to Aram Boyd who headed up the committee and to Brother Brian Penomaki who ran the kitchen with the help of volunteer Trexmen's kids. This is a huge under taking and Brian did a great job. As usual all the net proceeds from this function are donated to worthy charities that are local, national and international. All the brothers in the chapter work and get involved in the presentation of this event.

Our Chapter was well represented at the Mid-Term Convention in Visalia. A special thanks to the Brothers from the Sequoia for putting on such a nice event. Brother Craig Bazigian carried the Chapter banner in the Tavloo Tournament. We were proud that Bro. Bazig came in second and he looks forward when he can unseat the Brother who won the event.
Brothers Vartkes and Harry Avakian hosted our Spring Cigar Night. This event has grown to be one of the most popular inter Chapter events in the Northern part of the State. Both smokers and nonsmokers enjoy the event. It a great venue (Bro. Vartkes Back Yard) and all the brothers eat, drink, smoke and play Tavloo or just sit around and enjoy the brotherhood.
Longtime member and Brother Dick Demirjian was honored at a banquet for his work organizing and directing an athletic program at St. Vartan Church in Oakland. Many of the kids that Dick worked with 30 and 40 years ago were in attendance. Many of the attendees were from out of state and from all over the U.S.A. Some of the attendees stated that the program that Brother Dick ran affected their lives and sent them down a road to success. Well done Brother Dick.

A group of about 6 Trexmen from Oakland attended the reviving of the Dinky Creek Outing. All said they had a great time and enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow Trexmen from all over the state. Fishing reports from the outing were great and a lot of fish were caught and eaten. Let's see if we can increase the attendance next year. A special thanks to the Brothers who put the event together.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Harry Sherinian
Associate Editor, Oakland Chapter

2019 Trex Crab Feed. Brotherly Love

Bro. Rick Michaels and Bro. Brian Penomaki at The Crab Feed

Dinners at the 2019 Trex Crab Feed

PGM Chorbajian and Bro. Drew Michaels

Bro. Jim Taylor looking for Pigeons

Oakland Brothers at Cigar Night

Oakland Bro. at Dinky Creek

Bro. Brian Penomaki Food Chairman for Crab Feed

Master Don Manoogian and Bro. Steve Shartzer

Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The LA Chapter Brothers are excited about attending the Annual Convention this year hosted by our Orange County Brothers and are looking forward to the great events and seeing our fellow Brothers from all chapters. We are winding down the year with Bro Gary Zakarian as our Master. Gary has done a terrific job of making sure meeting attendance was even more than before with special dinners and fun meetings. Our treasury is has been filled thanks to the many fines contributed by the back row. Our Sgt. Of Arms Bro Steve Chelebian has lost 17lbs from walking to the back row to collect these fines.

We have had lots of events this year so far. Here is a list of them with a few highlights.

- Bingo February Bro Darren Eminian and his wife Aida hosted the event. The big winner this year was our very own Bro Shant Dergazarian, who won a $100 jackpot. This was the first time Bro Shant has ever seen a bill more than $5 and examined it carefully to be sure it wasn't counterfeit. Thank you Bro Darren and Aida & Congrats bro Shant!
- Stagette March All of us enjoy the annual stag outing so much, that one of us, Bro Sam Donabedian, decided to chair a new event the Stagette with wives included. We had a wonderful weekend of golf, wine tasting, shopping, great food and fun. Thank you, Bro Sam and Linda, for a great weekend.
- Partner's Best Ball May Bro Matt Matoesian and his committee chaired this annual event. The highlight is the celebration BBQ at the beautiful home of Bro Matt and Audrey Matoesian. This year's overall winner was Bro Steve Chelebian. Many thanks to Bro Matt & Audrey for a great event.
- Armenian Open in June, Bro Zareh Mitilian and his committee chaired the 64th Annual Armenian Open at the Calabasas Country Club. It was a wonderful even with lunch afterward. Winners were:

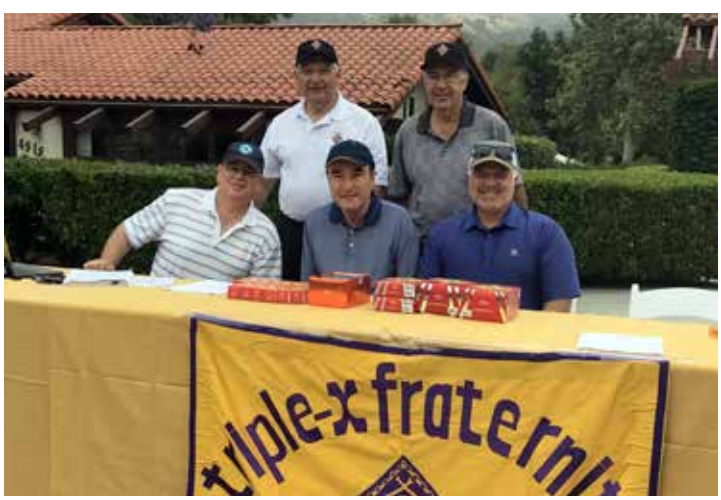
Award	Winner
LA TREXMAN Low Gross	Bro Steve Chelebian
Bro Robert Kalfayan Low Gross	Vincent Bedros
Bro Greg Mikaelian Low Net	Bro Joe Ouzounian
Bro Dikran Jebejian Sr. Low Gross	Bro Doug Avazian
Bro Jimmy Gondjian Sr. Low Net	Bro Steve Papazian
Putting Contest	Tie: John Demirjian & Raffi Hussenjian
A Flight Winner	Michael Tilkian
B Flight Winner	Randy Ebersberger
C Flight Winner	Eddie Zohrabian
Blind Bogie Net	Bro Randy Avazian
Ladies Net	Debbie Meymarian

Thanks to Bro Zareh and his committee of PGM Jeff Hazarian, PGM John Casparian, Bro Art Avazian and Bro Steve Chelebian for a great job. Also, a special thanks to Bro Mark Goshgarian for hooking up the Calabasas Country Club for the event.

- Dinky Creek in June, Bro Gary Dergazarian and other Brothers from different Chapters revived the Dinky Creek camping trip. Many of the LA Brothers made the trip from Los Angeles. Lots of great fishing and fun. Thanks Bro Gary and Bro Shant for making this happen.
- Family Picnic in June, Bro Guy Injayan and Bro Derik Ghookasian CoChaired the Annual Family Picnic this year. This old school picnic was a blast for the families of Trex complete with kebab, tavloo, cards and games for the kids. Thanks again Brothers and Derik.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the 2019 Convention. We have many more events are planned for the balance of the year including a Murder Mystery Night, Gin Tourney, Cigar Night, annual Stagg Outing, Ararat Home Picnic, Installation Banquet and Family Christmas Party!

Fraternally,
Bro Michael Surmeian
Associate Editor
Los Angeles Chapter, Triple X Fraternity



Armenian Open Golf Committee lead by Bro Zareh

Bro Matt with Golfers at Partners Best Ball

LA Bros at Dinky Creek with jihadist Boghos

LA Bros at Dinky Creek. No fish for Bro Chris.

Bro Chris finally caught some fish playing poker at Dinky Creek

Bro Mark, John & Steve mountain biking at Dinky Creek

Bro Guy with Master Gary setting up for the Family Picnic

Bros Hagop and Mike enjoying the LA Family Picnic

Bro Darren and his Wife Aida Chair the Family Bingo Event

Bro Shant wins $100 at Bingo, Immediately surrenders it to his wife.

Selma

Wow, Mid-Term is behind us and now we make plans for convention. Thanks Sequoia for great hospitality, no one does it better.

Thanks to Bro. Patrick Balakian for chairing a great night with Pres. Joseph Castro. Dr. Castro is the President of Cal State Fresno. He brought along the new Athletic Director and some of the staff. (The six cheerleaders were a nice touch too.) Bro. Ed Nikssarian headed up the kitchen crew, PGM Sam Bagdasarian directed the outside cooking crew. Bro Eddy has discovered that an extra ½ pound of butter makes an awesome pilav.

Bro. Master Mark Antranikian went to Texas to defend his Tavloo title, not so good dice this time. Prior to our February meeting, we were treated to a private tour of the new Valley Children's Hospital clinic in Fowler, still under construction at the time. Our chapter made a substantial donation to sponsor two rooms there, and it was clear to see that the money will be put to good use at this impressive facility in helping the local community.

Before Mid-Term but after the Trex News article was sent we lost Bro. Jim Tikijian. Bro. Jimmy had been a Selma member since 1971. Always with the great smile and sense of humor.

Thanks to our Scholarship committee, chaired by Bro. Perry Mamigonian, we were able to once again give 5 scholarships to well deserving high school graduates.

We have been fortunate to bring in 2 more new members to the Selma Chapter. New Brothers Leon Alchian (nephew to founding father Arsen Alchian), and Dustin Vartanian (son of Sequoia Chap. David Vartanian). Looking forward to them contributing and becoming part of the fraternity.

Brother Joe Sahakian hosted a couple of dinner meetings at his hangar at Chandler Airport. He and a friend treated us to a fly over with their vintage planes as we saluted to the music of our national anthem.

Bro. PGM Sam Bagdasarian and his crew are planning our famous Keyma feed. Hope to have it in August. We should have it digested by the time we pass Magic Mt. on our way to convention.

Hope by the time you read this you've made reservations and sent in your ads to the Orange County Chapter. If you've never been to convention before, this would be a good time to start. They do it special in OC. Not to be confused with AOC.

Fraternally,
PGM Peter Cholakian
Associate Editor

Bro. Joey prepares for a flyover at the May meeting

Hosting the June meeting at his hangar, Bro. Joey heats up some tasty lahmajoun for the Brothers

Brother Patrick conducts a Q&A session with President Joe Castro and the rest of the panel at the Fresno State Meet & Greet banquet in February

Sponsor Brothers Danny and Rodney look on as new members Dustin Vartanian and Leon Alchian are sworn in by PGM Jack at the June meeting

A table of mischievous Selma Brothers at the March Mid-Term

Brothers Patrick and David enjoy some friendly competition at the Visalia Mid-Term

Bro. Marty ran a smooth ship at the annual Scholarship Awards banquet in May

Master Mark is joined by scholarship winners and proud parents

Selma Brothers enjoyed a tour of the Fowler Valley Children's clinic under construction

Devoted Bulldog supporter Bro. Harry poses with Time Out and AD Terry Tumey at the Fresno State Meet & Greet night

Peninsula

Hello to all of our fellow Trex Brethren, Families, and Friends! Despite our relatively small numbers, the Peninsula Chapter and our renowned monthly dinner meetings live on, and are normally held at the Los Altos Masonic Building on the third Thursday of each month, at 146 Main Street in downtown Los Altos. We have several very talented Brothers in our chapter that prepare fantastic meals every month, and the food has been enjoyed by visitors far and wide! Barbecue is often the choice in the outdoor courtyard when the weather is nice, and we also have access to a full industrial kitchen downstairs adjacent to our dining and meeting room. Come on by and see for yourself if you're ever in the area during one of our meeting days!

The January and February meetings had the usual amazing fare, but for March, our chefs decided to go Irish and prepare a special St. Patrick's Day menu featuring corned beef and cabbage! It was a hit, of course! The first weekend in March was time for the Mid-Term meeting, hosted by the Sequoia Chapter in Visalia, and I'm glad to report that over half of our membership (7 of 13) attended, led by our Master Vartan Berberian! The Sequoia Brothers did a great job in organizing it, and everyone there had a great time.

Unfortunately, our April and June meetings had to be cancelled due to busy schedules of several of our Brothers. However, in May we had quite the turnout, as our Grand Master Steve Bedoian made the trip from Fresno! He also happened to be accompanied by the Grand Webmaster and Peninsula (and Selma) member, yours truly – my first trip back to the Bay Area since my bypass surgery last year. There were also several other guests from other Bay Area chapters, as well as a prospective member. After dinner, GM Steve addressed the membership and then auctioned off a bag of Fraternity goodies; myself and Bro. Daryl Jamgotchian teamed up to buy it and split up the prizes. It was a great evening, with lots of fun tavloo games and plenty of delicious food, as always!

On a sad note, it was learned that one of our former members, Mike Kachatourian, passed away from a heart attack in July. During the years when he was a member, he was always very active and helped out in any way he could. He was hard working, friendly, and well-liked by everyone – he will be missed by all who knew him.

As the Annual Convention time once again approaches, we look forward to heading down to Newport Beach this coming Labor Day weekend! Congrats and best wishes to our Brothers from Orange County for a fun and successful slate of events! We're looking forward to seeing many of our fellow Trexmen there!

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

Peninsula Brothers at the Mid-Term -- Vic, Vazgen, Vartan (Master), Ruben, Mark, and Mihran (Larry not pictured)

May meeting - Dinner time!

GM Steve is surrounded by fellow Brothers

Vazgen and Craig look yonder as Mark takes a selfie

Tavloo boards taking a break during dinner

As usual, tons of delicious food!

IN MEMORIAM

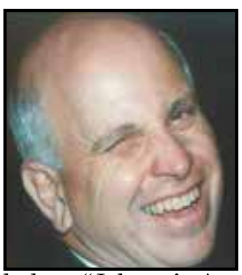
Brother Ed Hazarabedian
Mt Diablo/Oakland

Age 60, passed away suddenly on February 23 after a very short illness. Brother Ed grew up in Lafayette, Ca, attending Acalanes High School and graduated from UC Berkeley. Ed was a Sales Professional in Computer Software. Brother Ed was a Mt Diablo member since 1987 and had just transferred to the Oakland Chapter in January 2019. He held several offices with Mt Diablo including Master 3 times and treasurer for 6 years. Ed was a dedicated Family man and always quick with a joke, including never-ending ridiculous puns. He had a wonderful sense of irony and mischief and a laughing grin to match. Ed is survived by his loving wife Bonnie, son Zach and daughter Callie, his Brother Greg and his Father, PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian. We truly lost a good Brother. Rest in Peace Brother Ed!

Myron Seamone Konjoyan
Oakland

passed on Sept. 13, 2018 after a short illness. Konjoyan was born May 7, 1931 in Oakland, California and grew up in Glendale Nicknamed "Rocky," he was a basketball star at Hoover High School and attended Glendale College. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. After his discharge, he married Arax Tulanian in 1955. He would go on to start two successful businesses: The Rheem Patio in Moraga, California and later Konjoyan's Oriental Rugs in Lafayette, California. Konjoyan was an active member of the Armenian Triple X Fraternity, in which he held leadership positions in his chapter. He was also a faithful member of St. Vartan's Apostolic Church in Oakland and a former chairman of its trustees. He was a passionate University of Southern California (USC) football fan and never missed a televised game. But his number-one focus was always his family;during his illness, he considered his family "shots of penicillin."

Konjoyan is survived by his wife, Arax, sons Jon and David, daughter Nancy Kurkjian, daughter-in-law Pamela Madieros, son-in-law Rick Kurkjian, grandchildren, Karly and Adam Kurkjian and brother, Norman Konjoyan. Though Konjoyan will be greatly missed, he now has the best seat in the house for every USC game.



John James Tikijian
Selma Chapter

Bro. Jim Tikijian was born on January 24, 1948, in Fowler, CA to Johnny and Gladys Tikijian. Jim passed away on Sunday, January 20, 2019, at 70. Jim graduated from Fowler High School in 1966 and continued his education at Reedley College. Jim worked with his dad at "Johnny's Automotive Service" in Fowler, and eventually he bought the business. Later, he was employed as a Program Representative for the Bureau of Automotive Repair for the State of California. Jim is survived by his wife of 44 years, Linda; his daughter, Jaime Tikijian; daughter, Julie Bogosian and husband, Chad; son, Jason Tikijian and wife, Gina; mother, Gladys Tikijian (who sadly passed on March 22); and sisters, Carol and Debra Tikijian. He is also survived by 4 grandchildren, Andrew and Lily Bogosian, Jeffrey and newly born, Blair Tikijian and many nieces, nephews, and a large loving extended family.Jim was an active and beloved member of the Triple X, and had been a member since 1971. He held several Selma Chapter offices during his long tenure, and had also served as Grand Marshal. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

Bro. Larry Hanoian
Orange County

Larry was born on January 23, 1040 in Fresno, California 7 minutes before his identical twin brother, Terry. They were the closest identical twins you will ever meet. Through the school years from preschool to college, they were side by side. The highlight while in high school at San Joaquin Memorial, besides playing baseball as pitcher and catcher, was playing basketball for Hall of Fame Coach Jerry Tarkanian. Larry played semi-pro baseball in the Canadian League before attending Fresno State for 2 years. Entered the Army and spent 2 years of deployment in Germany. Moved to Southern California in 1966 and began working for McDonald Douglas before starting a landscape maintenance business in 1972. In 1995 joined the Orange County Chapter Triple X Fraternity and served on the board several years. Larry passed away on April 25, 2019. Survived by his wife, Bonnie, son Steven and grandson Anthony. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

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