



# TREX NEWS

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF TRIPLE X FRATERNITY OF CALIFORNIA

**Triple X Fraternity**

## **43rd Mid-Term Convention**

**Saturday, March 15, 1997**

**Fresno, California**

◆ **Mid-Term Golf Tournament**

SHERWOOD FOREST GOLF COURSE, 79 North Frankwood, Sanger  
11:00 a.m. Sharp! (See particulars and entry blank on back page.)

◆ **Fresno Club House Open All Day**

(9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) for Tavloo, Gin, Pinochle, etc.  
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch available.

◆ **Cocktails & Mezza 6:00 p.m. - Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

Fresno Club House - 630 S. Argyle, Fresno

◆ **Business Meeting - 8:00 p.m.**

Members Only



# Grand Master's Message

My Brothers:

I would like to commend the Capitol chapter brothers for the outstanding convention they put on in September 1996. I would like to thank all the brothers for their support and encouragement in electing me to the highest office of Triple X Fraternity. I will cherish this honor and privilege the rest of my life.

I have attended many business and social functions of different chapters. Everywhere I visited, I have stressed the importance of membership and involvement for the future growth of our Fraternity. Triple X Fraternity is only as successful as You, the members, make it. If each and every Trexman would choose to take part in the activities offered by his chapter we would be successful in all our endeavors. We need YOU to get involved, be active and participate in the challenges that lie ahead. You are the key to the future of the Triple X Fraternity.

On behalf of the Grand Chapter Officers my best wishes to you all. Hope to see you at Mid-Term in Fresno.

Fraternally yours,  
Jack Ouzounian  
Grand Master

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# Capitol

Happy New Year to our brothers in California and Nevada.

Accolades and High Fives were well received from many of the brothers from across the state and Nevada, with congratulations for a nice convention in Sacramento by the Capitol Chapter. Bro's Rod Jorjorian and Ed Tatosian co-chairmen, deserve a lot of credit.

At last September's convention business meeting, we discussed the possibility of changing the Triple X Name. Grand Editor Harry Sweet and PGM Alan Khatoonian chaired the convention book and had many problems getting business support for ads when we introduced ourselves as Triple X Fraternity members. Business owners took our name as XXX members. We need more meetings and a committee to correct this issue.

The Capitol Chapter had to suspend many of our monthly functions due to the convention workload.

The 67th Annual Convention was the highlight for the Capitol Chapter brothers as this was our 60th Anniversary as Triple X Fraternity mem-



Post Convention Patio Party



Bro. Jason Minniger, Jim Cardin, Mike Chakerian, Don Chakerian, Sam Khatoonian, PGM Alan Khatoonian, GM Jack Ouzounian and Master Leon Hagopian.



Masters Dinner



Grand Officers (96-97). Jr. G.M. Bob Juskalian, Gr. Secretary Phil Manoogian, G.M. Jack Ouzounian, Grand Historian-Custodian Frank Korkmazian, Grand Editor Harry Sweet. Not pictured Gr. Treasurer Bob Srabian, Gr. Marshal Gabe Kaprelian.

bers. We were Chartered December 1, 1936.

Kef Night was our big fund raiser for last year. Bro. Richard Fathy handles the affair every year and does a grand job. We had about 160 people attend, had a great drawing for prizes, and made a few dollars for our charities.

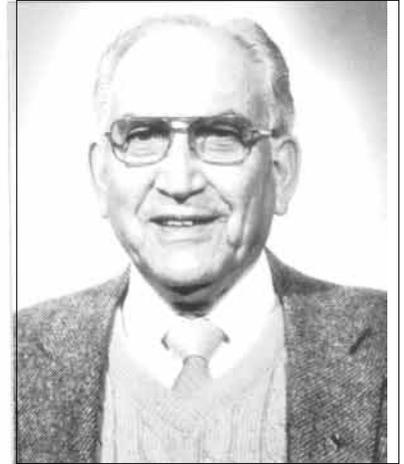
Bro. Master Leon Hagopian hosted The Patio Party at his home as a "Thank You" for the Capitol Bro's hard work on the convention. Grand Master Jack Ouzounian even drove nearly 400 miles to attend.

GM Jack Ouzounian helped swear in our 5 new members into our fraternity. They are: Bro. Donald Chakerian, Bro. Donald is a Professor at University of Davis, CA. Bro. Michael Chakerian is an Airline (Pilot Captain) with Horizon Airlines. We were honored by another pair of real brothers joining Jason Minniger with Dean Witter Reynolds and Jim Cardin who has his own construction business. Welcome Brothers. Sam Khatoonian, son of PGM Alan was accepted and became a new member.

Master Leon Hagopian presented outgoing



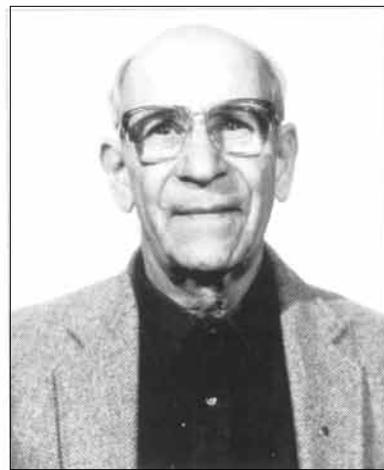
Master Leon Hagopian presents plaque to outgoing Master Greg Soligan.



Bro. Harold Soligan 60 yr. Charter Member.



Bro. Harry Sweet and lunchmate Shirley Temple Black in S.F.



Bro. Frank Ohanesian, 60 yr. Charter Member.

Master Greg Soligan with his plaque for his services this past year. We had a dinner for him at the Golden Tee Restaurant in Sacramento.

Bro. Bud Ohanesian finished the 1996 year with his great Children's Christmas Party at the church hall.

### 1996-1997 Chapter Officers

- Leon Hagopian ..... Master
- Richard Fathy ..... Jr. Master
- Mike Arkelian ..... Secretary
- PGM Alan Khatoonian ..... Treasurer
- Harry Sweet ..... Grand Editor,  
Photographer
- Charles Esraelian ..... Custodian
- Greg Soligan ..... Critic

Fraternally

Bro. Ron Krikorian  
Associate Editor

## NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Summer issue of Trex News is July 8, 1997.

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# Fresno

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Jr. Master .....Mike Lulejian  
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Editor.....Nazareth Chaderjian  
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lian, Harry Tanielian, Gary Kazarian, Mike  
Ekizian, Nazareth Chaderjian.

**HEY SACRAMENTO:** Thank you again for the great time you gave us at your convention and thank you, ORANGE COUNTY for your ongoing hospitality throughout the convention.

The convention could have been better with more attendance. As I have said before, the convention is the **LIFELINE** of OUR FRATERNITY (for brothers, wives, children, etc.) Let us support our Grand Master Jack Ouzounian and his Grand Chapter officers this coming Mid-Term in Fresno and convention in San Diego this coming Labor Day Weekend.

**MYSTERY TRIP - JULY 13, 1996:** Brothers, wives and friends enjoyed a great meal at Justo's in Hanford. The bus trip, of course, was continuous merriment, drinks, singing and joking. Co-Chairman, Jr. Master Mark Kazanjian and Master Gary Kazarian.

**JERRY TARKANIAN NIGHT - JULY 18, 1996:** Although this event was a sellout, it was not televised locally. The guest of honor gave us an enjoyable evening, speaking of Jerry Tarkanian the man, coach, humorist and what Fresno State Basketball can expect in the future. Jr. Master Mark Kazanjian and his committee did an excellent job on the dinner. Pictures of this event were in the last Trex News.

**SCHOLARSHIP DINNER and AWARDS, AUGUST 15, 1996:** As usual, our scholarship dinner and awards night was well attended. Five recipients received our congratulations and awards. Their names were included in the last Trex News prior to the convention. Co-chaired by Jr. Master Mark Kazanjian and Scholarship Chairman Nazareth Chaderjian. As usual, Treasurer Richard Shirin took a big load off our backs by handling the tough job of reservations and tickets at the door. We had a great committee



50 Years and Over Night



Fresno Chapter Delegates at Sacramento



Sacramento Convention Grand Ball faithful attendees.



Fresno Chapter Group at Sacramento Convention.

of 10 to 12 brothers who work hard at all of our events. We are grateful for their support.

**CASINO NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 14, 1996:** Our first Casino Night was a great success due to the efforts of our Master Gary Kazanjian and especially Jr. Master Mike Lulejian. The committee brothers pitched in as croupiers, “wheelers and dealers”. However, next time, we will need more help because now that everyone who attended knows it is such a “fun night”, our next Casino Night will be a sellout, and you won’t want to miss it.

**BUSINESS MEETING OCTOBER 3, 1996:** We were honored by the presence of Grand Chapter Members, Grand Master Jack Ouzounian, Jr. Grand Master Robert Juskalian, Grand Treasurer Robert Srabian, Grand Secretary and Grand Historian Frank Korkmazian. (Grand Master Jack Ouzounian also attended our December and January business meetings).

**FIFTY YEARS -OVER-MEMBERSHIP NIGHT, OCTOBER 17, 1996:** Five brothers who achieved their fifty (50) years as trexmen were our guests of honor at a shish kebab dinner at our clubhouse. The five brothers are: Leo Chooljian (1946), Harry “Huss” Hagopian (1946), Harry Hagopian (1946), Mickey Parvianian (1946), and Martin Torigian (1946). Guests of Honor also included brothers who had previously achieved the fifty years: Art Rustigian (1925), to Lousander Markarian (1929), Barg Rustigian (1935), Deran Chooljian (1938), Nate Hagopian (1938), Nish Torigian (1943) and Arsen Chooljian (1943).

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY -December 8, 1996:** “Jingle All the Way” was the theme for our Family Christmas Party, Co-Chaired by Jr. Master Mike Lulejian and Master Mark Kazanjian. Fun-filled, exciting evening for the parents as well as the children. PGM Ed Hokokian again played an excellent Santa Claus. Pete Chilpigan, Jr. led the Christmas songs for the children. A labor of love: Lori Chilpigan bought all the gifts and wrapped them for the Fraternity to give to the children.

**DONATIONS:** A beautiful Christmas Tree for the clubhouse See’s Candy boxes for the Children Cakes Candy Canes. John Kojigian, Charlie Amasalian, PGM Aaron Aaronian, Sam Simonian. Thanks to the committee for working together

to make this event a pleasure for the parents as well as the children.

**IN MEMORIAM:**

We were saddened by the loss of brothers, PAST Grand Master Johnny Simonian (1947 - Life Member) Past Mqaster Charles Maroot (1932).



Mystery Trip



Bob Juskalian



Grand Master Jack Ouzounian, Santa (PGM Ed Hokokian), Mike Lulejian, and helper Sam Hokokian.

Brother Peter Kossian (1956) and Brother Peter Gamoian (1995).

Our sincere condolences to Louise Simonian and family, Prudy Maroot and family, Rose Kossian and family and the Gamoian Family.

**CLOSING ON A GOOD NOTE:** It is Christmas and New Year's approaching at the time of this writing, when you read this article, please accept our belated wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our brothers and their families from the Fresno Triple X Chapter.

**SHNOR HAVOR SOORP DZNOUNT YEV NOR DAREE !!!!!**

Fraternally,  
Brother Naz Chaderjian



Santa and Children



Christmas Party. Jack Bedoian's future Trexmen.

# Oakland

Parev Brothers,

Life is good here at the Oakland Chapter! With a new Executive Board, things are moving at a brisk pace. **Craig Bazigian** has tackled the role of Master. He has a unique approach to the office. His approach is nice and easy and he pulls it off with that devil-may-care smile. The Junior Master, who is recently engaged, **Robert Nalbandian**, who serves a dual role as the custodian and stocks a mean bar, (one that the Rat Pack could even be proud of!) **Gary Alexanian** is once again our Treasurer and is doing an excellent job! The books have never looked better, by the way thanks for the big tip! Glad you can afford it. **Jeff Hazarian** is our Recording Secretary, keeping track of all that's said at the meetings and then reading them back to us. He reads the minutes so well that I often find myself so relaxed that I doze off. **Rick Michaels** is our Corresponding Secretary. He makes sure our mailings go out on time. Now for the anchor that holds this group together, **Paul Kamian**, as Sergeant of Arms. He maintains law and order at all of the functions.

In the past few months we've had some great



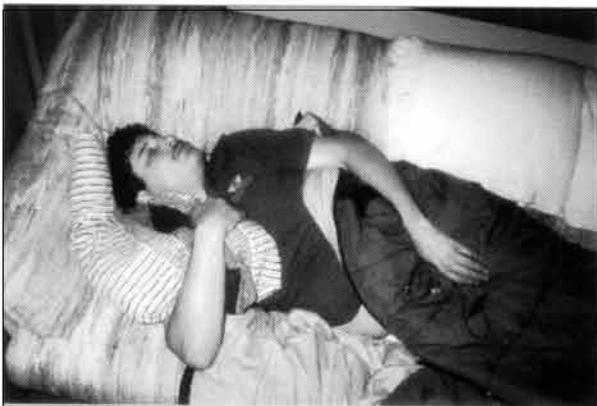
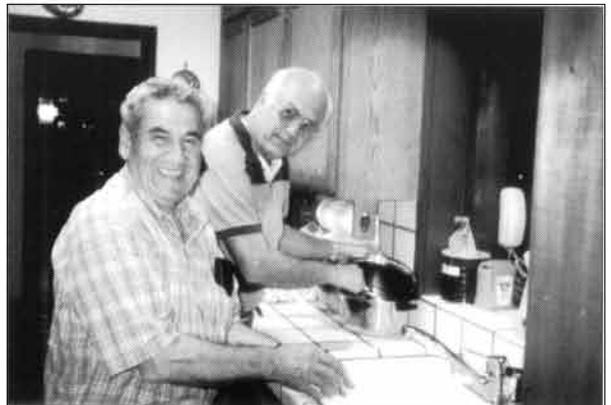
events and exciting meetings. We had Mike Reynolds, the Executive Director of the Chabot Observatory & Science Center speak at one of our meetings. It was both interesting and informative. The Observatory is one of the many organizations we sponsor.

In December, we had our Christmas party, which was great fun for everyone! Excuse me but did you have the sole or the veal? Also in December, we also went to St. Vincent DePaul to serve those who are less fortunate than us. This really was a great event. All brothers who served came away with a feeling of the Christmas Spirit. If you haven't done something like this before, you really should try it.

Coming in 97, we have our highly successful Crab Feed Night in March. We'll be going back to Gray Eagle in April, and in May the brothers will be getting together for a Golf Outing in Monterey, the site of the 1999 Convention hosted by the Oakland Chapter. Also upcoming is another Cigar Night, Bay Cruise, (you know I could use a CPR refresher I'm beginning to forget) and the much awaited reunion tour of the 4 Freshman. It's taken a great deal of work, but we've managed to reunite Brothers Harry Sherinian, Bill Nalbandian, Antranik Avakian and Masis Gozurian. Brothers, I can't begin to tell the work that went into this project. It started as a dream and now there's even a talk of a new album. I don't know about you, but I get chills just thinking about seeing the four of them together on stage again.

1997 looks like it's going to be a great year for us, I hope it will be for the rest of you. Take care and remember to go easy on the Basterma and Eggs.

Fraternally,  
Steve "Dino" Donikian  
Associate Editor



# Selma

Greetings Brothers from the Raisin Capitol of the World! We have been very active since the annual convention, where Selma Chapter was honored to see our own Brother Jack Ouzounian elected Grand Master. We are all looking forward to another exciting year in the Trex Fraternity.

In September we installed our new officers for the 1996-97 year:

- Master .....Jim Kaprielian
- Jr. Master .....Dan Boyajian
- Secretary .....Randy Garabedian
- Treasurer .....Matt Peters
- Associate Editor .....Perry Mamigonian
- Historian .....Marty Mamigonian
- Custodian .....Robert Kandarian
- Sergeant-at-Arms .....Don Bedrosian

Here is a brief look at some of our recent functions: In September over 70 brothers turned out for a night of fun and fellowship at our Pizza Night Social. Jr. Master Dan Boyajian and his crew did an outstanding job preparing a feast of spaghetti and pizza for the brothers.

October was a busy month as we held our annual Installation and Awards Dinner at Pardini's. It's always a pleasure to have the wives and families in attendance and on this evening we were proud to honor our latest 25-Year members; Bros. Frank Korkmazian, Darrell Peters, Dennis Rustigian, and Jim Tikijian. We were also proud to honor our Trexman of the Year for 1996, Ken Melkonian. Bro. Ken has been a hard-working and dedicated member for many years. His efforts and friendship are appreciated by everyone in the fraternity.

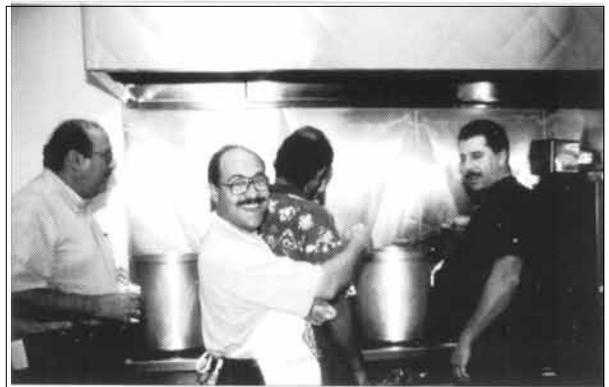
In October we also held our annual Reno Trip, organized by Bros. Jack Kazanjian and Jake Kevorkian. There were no reports of any big winners, but as usual the brothers and their wives enjoyed a fun weekend in Reno.

Finally in October we held our annual Tailgate Party at the Fresno St. vs. San Jose St. football game. Bro. Ken Melkonian chaired this always-popular event, and his crew did not disappoint. The delicious shish kebab dinner was prepared by master chefs Harry Kutumian and Brent Simonian; Bros. Matt Peters, Marty Mamigonian, Oscar Kasparian, Greg Eritzian, Dan Boyajian and Master Jim Kaprielian worked hard to serve over 120 hungry Red Wavers. Special thanks go to Bro. Bob Soligian for providing his picnic spot at the stadium to the chapter every year.

November saw the return of our annual Turkey



Pizza Night: PGM John Barigian and Vern Bohigian.



Pizza Night: Bros. Dan and Bob want to know who put tabasco in the sauce.



Tailgate Party: Gayanne and Bro. Frank Korkmazian.



Installation dinner: The Bedrosians, Jack, Elsie & Don.

Bingo night. Chaired by Bros. Phil Manogian and Jack Bedrosian, Turkey Bingo was a big success. A deluxe shish kebab dinner was enjoyed by over 250 people, followed by a spirited round of Bingo games. Thanks to all the brothers who worked so hard to make this night a success.

Bros. Mike Chardukian and Jeff Esraelian prepared our annual Christmas Party on December 15. The brothers and their families enjoyed a festive night and the children received a special visit from Santa, who brought gifts for all. Congratulations to the Christmas committee for a wonderful evening.

At this writing the Selma Chapter is preparing one of our biggest events of the year. The "All-Star Charity Sports Night" will be held on January 22 at Pardini's. An "All-Star" line-up of local sports stars will be honored, including former Oakland Raiders QB Daryle Lamonica, former Raiders coach Sam Boghosian, and major league baseball stars Mark Gardner, Tom Goodwin and Bobby Jones. We are looking forward to an outstanding evening and the opportunity to show the public what the Triple X Fraternity is all about.

It is difficult to end this article on a sad note, but with great regret we report the passing of our brothers Suren Melkonian, Greg Ekizian, and PGM Vaughn Poochigian. Our sincere condolences are extended to the families of our deceased brothers. They will be missed.

Fraternally,  
 Bro. Perry Mamigonian  
 Associate Editor



Tailgate Party.



Tailgate Party: Hard-working crew.



Installation Dinner: Haig Aivazian, Jr., with Master Jim Kaprielian and his wife Mary Jean.



Pizza Night: Bro. Harry Kutumian and PGM Abby Mamigonian.



Bingo: "Hey Bro. Vahe, no sampling the meat."

# San Diego Chapter

## CONVENTION '97

"You'll be in heaven in '97." It's not too early to start planning to attend the Trex Convention in San Diego. We are making plans to make this an event to remember! It will be at the Red Lion Hotel at the intersection of I-8 and CA 163. A great location, with easy access to everything of interest in San Diego: The Gaslamp District with all its fine restaurants; Horton Plaza and Fashion Valley for great shopping; the beaches; the Armenian Church; golf; etc. etc. And, best of all we've got a commitment from the Red Lion Hotel to hold a number of rooms at \$79/night. So reserve early to get that rate. See you at the Convention.

1996 has been a transition year for our Chapter and thanks must be given to Bros. Harry Guzelimian and Joe Zakarian who single handedly carried us through to a new and brighter beginning. And now we celebrate a new year with the election of Bro. Dickran Semerjian, Esq. as our Master, and fearless leader.

We are starting to gain new brothers and that is revitalizing our Chapter by bringing in new blood with new ideas and energy. During the past two years we have been meeting at Sam Peltekian's "Ship Ahoy" Restaurant in Solana Beach the results of which can be seen on the brothers waistline! Having Sam's as our "Club House" has given us a central focus and a bit more coherence. Sam puts out a great Armenian meal for us each month, and if any of our brothers visit San Diego they should try to eat at Sam's - they will love the ambiance and the good food.

The highlight of the year, as it has been every year, was the Christmas party. And, I've got to tell you brothers, this year I received vindication! You see, we exchange gifts each year by selecting a gift from under the Christmas tree, or taking a previously selected gift from a brother (or wife). Well last year I selected a gift from under the tree which turned out to be a video entitled: "THE SECRETS OF MAKING LOVE to the same person forever". Well the next person to choose a gift was the wife of a brother (name withheld) who jumped at the video I was savoring in my hands and after a brief struggle rendered it from my grasp. And, subsequently she lost it to a more (shall I say desperate, needy) desirous wife of a brother (again name withheld). Well you can imagine my dismay being the only bachelor in our

chapter. Well a year has past and I was finally getting over my loss of the video when we had our 1996 Christmas party. And surprise, surprise the video was returned to its rightful owner—me! The brother that had it all last year was noticeably frail and his wife was smiling broadly all year. And, although I am still a bachelor I am looking forward to losing some weight!

The Christmas party this year was at the "most beautiful home" of Bro. John and Bernadette Sarkisian. Built off the side of a hill overlooking the ocean to the west and the great back country views to the east. The party was catered by the Sarkisian family's restaurant "Oscars" which is growing all over San Diego County and now the latest has opened at the entrance to "wine country" on a pond in Temecula. We wish Bro. Oscar and Pat, and Bro. John and Bernadette, and the rest of the Sarkisian family the greatest of success. We are waiting for them to go "public".

Other notable success stories of our brothers this year should undoubtedly mention that past Grand Master Joe Kellejian was reelected to the town council of Solana Beach having just completed his rotational turn at being mayor. We are certainly proud of Joe's achievements and wish him continued success. And, then there is past Master Joe Zakarian who sold his golf cart business and is blissfully retired and setting up all the arrangements for your enjoyment of the golf tournament at the Convention here in San Diego in September. And, then there is past Grand Master Mooney Najarian, who along with Bro. Karney Ovian are spearheading the oncoming Las Vegas Chapter. We're just full of success.

Our next event will be a "Kef" night at the Courtyard on May 3, 1997. It will be a great event with Armenian music and food. The setting is spectacular at one of the nicest locations in San Diego with ample easy parking, and privacy so that we can dance the night away. "Come on down."

Fraternally

Jack Hachigian, Ph.D.

Associate Editor

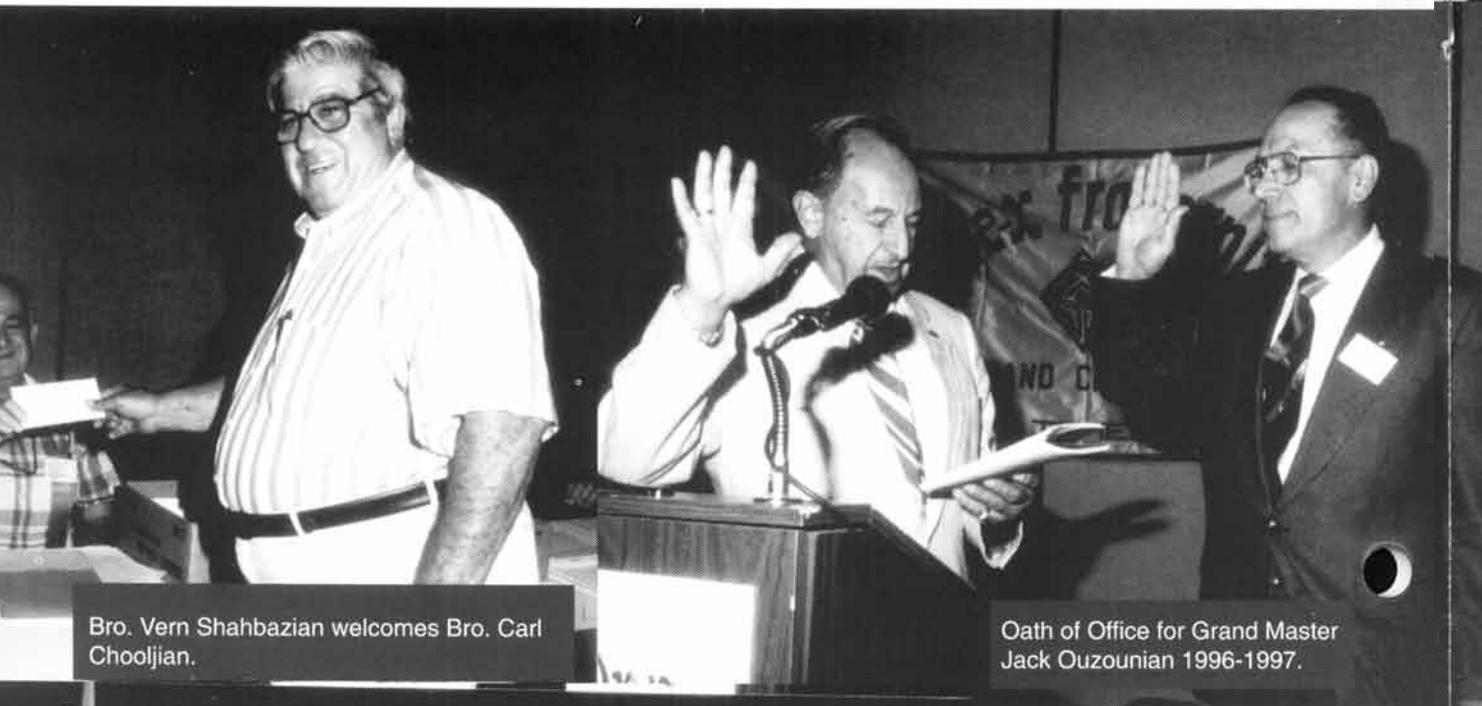


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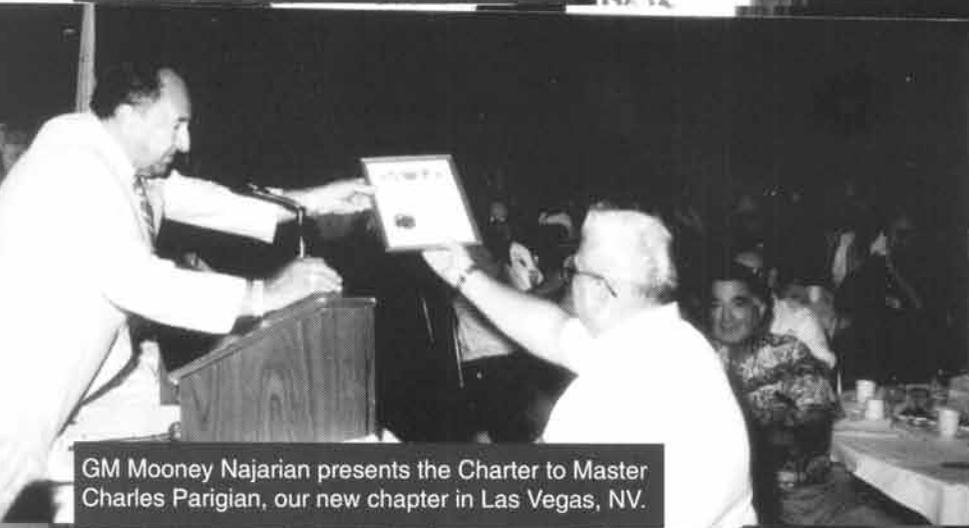
## THE 67TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

AUG. 30 - SEPT. 1996



Bro. Vern Shahbazian welcomes Bro. Carl Chooljian.

Oath of Office for Grand Master Jack Ouzounian 1996-1997.



GM Mooney Najarian presents the Charter to Master Charles Parigian, our new chapter in Las Vegas, NV.



Convention Co-Chairman Ed Tatosian.



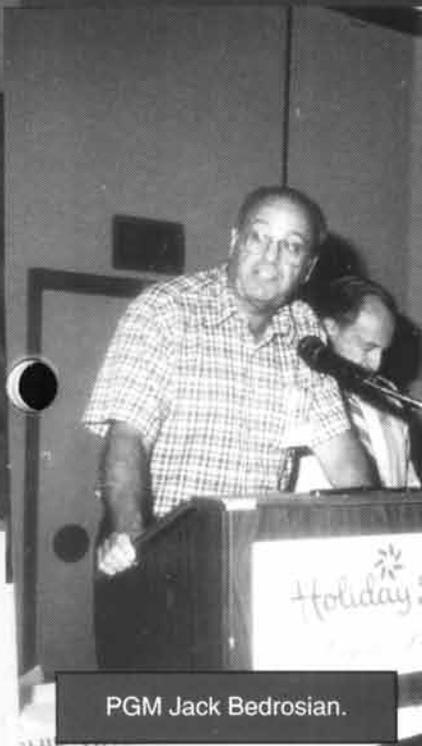
PGM Charles Hazarian at Business Meeting.



Convention Co-Chairman Bro. Rod Jorjorian.



GM Mooney presents the 1996 Achievement Trophy to Master Ed Harver of Orange County Chapter.



PGM Jack Bedrosian.



Welcome Las Vegas Chapter. l. to r. sitting: PGM Mourad "Mooney" Najarian, Master Charles Parigian. Front row: Kirk Bazoian, Berge Tookman, Keram Hovsepian, Sam Artinian, Henry Davidian and Carl Baxter. Back row: Steve Kotanjian, Suny Armen, Vrej Taslakian, Ralph Barzekoff, Gil Surabian, Robert Bezdikian, Arpiar Babigian. (some members not present for picture)



25-year member Bro. Frank Korkmazian, GM Jack Ouzounian and 50-year plaque to PGM John Barigian.



PGM Sark Sarkisian

MOONEY NAJARIAN



# LAS VEGAS

ESTABLISHED MARCH 1, 1996

Three brothers from other chapters decided to start a chapter here in Las Vegas. Bro. Karney Oviaan, Bro. Charles Parigian and Bro. P.G.M. Mourad Najarian.

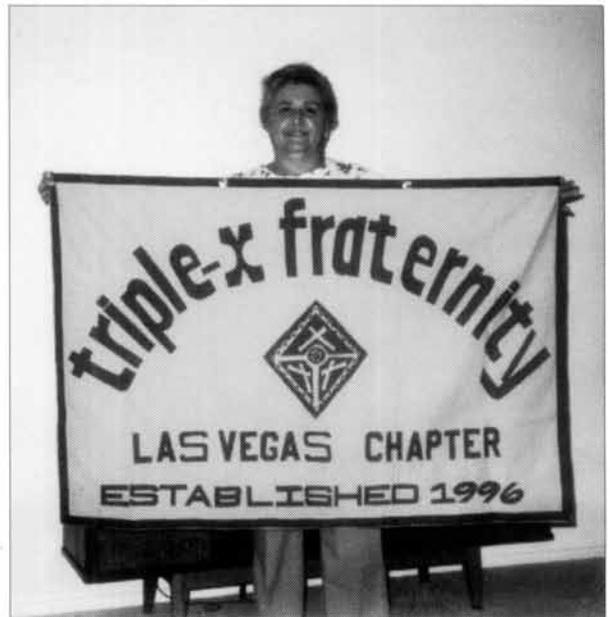
One of our brothers Keram Hovsepian has been in the Fraternity for over 65 years and is still a member of the Los Angeles chapter.

Our oldest member's name is Henry Davidian. He is 94 years-young, looks like 70, and moves like 30. He is holding the charter photo in the picture.

Our brothers are very active in the Las Vegas area. Our first affair will be "PLAY TIME IN LAS VEGAS" The weekend of October 24, 25, 26 1997 at the ORLEANS hotel opening December 18, 1996.

Las Vegas Chapter banner was made by Master Charles Parigian's wife Katherine Parigian. Great job Kathy!

Grand Editor Harry Sweet and wife Mauvis flew to Las Vegas to visit our new brothers. They



Our own "Betsy Ross" the flag maker "Katherine Parigian".

met with PGM Mooney Najarian and Irene, and Master Charles Parigian and wife Katherine. Visited their homes and had a great lunch together.

# Los Angeles

Shnorhavor Nor Daree!

Another prosperous year came together through the conscious efforts of our own prototypical Master, Bro. Gabe Kaprelian, and his executive support staff. Bro. Gabe has always advocated hard work, open communication, and good clean fun. His contributions this past year returned fraternal dividends ten-fold, and we thank him for his dedication and humor.

The past six months showcased a number of events that were consistent with previous years' successes, and we also introduced a couple of new outings.

We toasted the summer with a Swim Party at the home of Art and Arpi Petoyan, Bro. Galen's creators. Also this past summer, Brother Steve Hampar pit-bossed a group to Las Vegas where everyone stayed up well beyond their bedtimes.

Bro. Tev Eminian baby-sat the Brothers in September at the always juvenile Lake San Marcos Stag. Later in the month, we hosted our annual Ararat Home Picnic, which attracted a hungry dancing crowd. Bro. Gabe demonstrated

his keen organizational ability, and the picnic's success once again defined and illustrated fraternal teamwork.

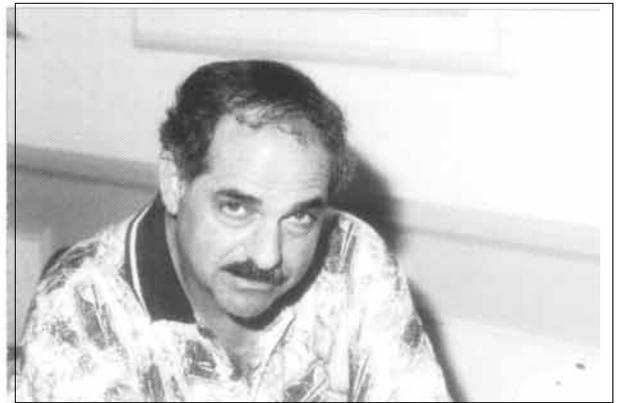
The year's later quarter featured a Partner Best Ball Tourney caddied by Bro. Aran Vaznian. Past Master Bro. David Maseredjian dealt a great night of chance at the 50/50 Gin Rummy Tournament, and Bro. Kenny Gorvetzian chaired the seasonal Christmas Kef dance held at the Ararat Home.



Bro's Randy Avazian, Dewey Deovlet.



PGM Jay Julian, Bro's Earl Paul, Suren Ayzavian.



The Italian Mafia Boss.



Bro. Harry Kosharian playing the finger game again, and Bro. Dee Housepian thinking this looks like fun.



The new Master of the Los Angeles Chapter and his lovely wife Nanette.



Kicking off the new year in January, we enjoyed our Family Christmas Party co-chaired by Bros. Mike Surmeian and Gary Dergazarian, and our Installation Banquet that was again held at the majestic Brookside Country Club. Bro. Steve Indjeyan faces off with a new event this year, attending the matching of LA's two hockey teams, the Kings and Mighty Ducks.

Bro. Master Steve Mikaelian will lead us this year with his ever present grace and distinguished style. Bro. Steve's executive officers include: Bros. Kenny Gorvetzian (Jr. Master), Gary Kouyoumjian (Recording Secretary), Mark Mikaelian (Corresponding Secretary), John Yaldezian (Treasurer), and Steve Indjeyan (Sgt. of Arms).

Finally, I would like to dedicate this space to the Brothers we lost this past year. Bros. Henry Roopenian (a member since 1930), Ed Papazian (1954), and Steve Eordekian (1955) moved up to another Chapter, but not before they gave us all they had to give. The support and friendship they shared over the decades will endure in our hearts, as tradition continues to guide us forward to future challenges.

On behalf of my Los Angeles Chapter Brothers, I would like to wish you and your family a very healthy and happy new year. I hope that in 1997 we can all resolve to appropriately balance our precious time between family, bread-and-butter commitments, and fraternity. They are all very important.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Bro. Ken Khteian



Bro's Mark Mikaelian, Gregg Kludjian, Gary Kouyoumjian, Jeff Baderian.

## LA Jr. Triple X

Dear Brothers,

Hope everyone is doing great. We are. In fact, last year not one Junior brother was convicted of a felony (Even though we got pretty close during the LUAU). The LA Juniors are strong as ever, and with 16 members, our group is growing fast.

1996 was one of our best years in a long time. Some of us finished school, a few of us got jobs, and we all got a lot of use out of the poker chips this summer. Unfortunately, we still have two brothers in law school.

One brother, Shant Dergazarian moved up to the LA Seniors. In addition, we initiated three new brothers, Garo Adomian, Jacob Maseredjian, and Ardem Tabakian. At our last poker night, we had several prospects.

Taking that big step, our most senior Junior brother, John Adomian recently got married to Natalie Agajanian. To top that off, Bro. Mampre Pomakian got engaged to Justine Garakian (granddaughter of Sr. Brother Michael Garakian)



The Los Angeles chapter swordsmen. What a great group.



Two golf winners, Bro's Mike Kourtjian, George Kirkjian and the big guy on the other end.



(Top, l to r): Jimmy Arakelian, Garo Adomian, Jim Terzian, Tom Adishian, Will Maseredjian, Jacob Maseredjian, Ardem Tobakian. (Front Row l to r): John Norian, Greg Boyajian, Darren Eminian, Robert Zaratsian, Kevork Zoryan, Hagop Jibilian, Mampre Pomakian, Ara Soghomonian.

and Bro. Ardem Tabakian got engaged to Annie Sukyias.

We started the year with a LA Jr. Triple X "History Night" hosted by senior Bro. Dave Maseredjian, our senior sponsor. We watched slides and spoke with several former LA Juniors about their years past. One of the ideas that grew out of the event was a formal sit down picture (which you can see in this newsletter). Even though two brothers are in light suits and one refuses to wear a tie, it's a great memory because historians have been non existent in recent years.

Our big event of the year was the return of the summer luau in LUAU 96 - "Kef Enenk." The party, held at Bro. John Norian's family's Malibu Beach house, was a raging success. Responsible for the successful planning, Bro. Tom Adishian chaired the event. Special thanks go the Dickranian, Norian, and Adishian families, in addition to all our parents, for their generosity and support in making the event as great as it was. Attended by over 250 of our closest friends, we had a Bar-B-Que, a live band, a DJ, and partied right on the sand as the waves of the Pacific crashed nearby. Quite frankly one of the best parties most of us have ever been to. In addition, we wanted to thank the Senior Brothers who helped with the door and general security. Very special thanks go to Bro. Hagop Jibilian and Bro. Ara Soghomonian for making the long awaited LUAU T-Shirt a reality.

Immediately following the LUAU, with the

help of Sr. Brothers Dave Maseredjian and Shant Dergazarian, we helped run the carnival games at the Ararat Home Picnic.

Finally, we recently had elections. Since our list of officers didn't make the last newsletter, the outgoing group is Kevork Zoryan - Master, Hagop Jibilian - Jr. Master, Robert "What's a Few Singles Here & There" Zaratsian - Treasurer, Darren Eminian - Recording Secretary, John Norian - Corresponding Secretary (from Boston, MA where he was attending school), Ara "Mr. I Got the Camera - Did you Bring the Film?" Soghomonian - Historian, and Greg "S. B." Boyajian and Mampre Pomakian - Co Seargent at Arms. Thanks to the officers of 1996 for a great job.

The incoming group is Kevork Zoryan - Master (we felt bad for him so we're going to let him try one more time), Mampre Pomakian - Jr. Master, in a tight race for Treasurer, John Norian edged out Jim Arakelian, Garo Adomian - Recording Secretary, Ara Soghomonian - Corresponding Secretary, Darren Eminian - Historian, and Jacob Maseredjian and Will Maseredjian - Co-Seargent at Arms. By appointment of the distinguished executive body, Jim Terzian (when he isn't studying) has been designated Chief Counsel.

Best wishes for health and happiness to all of your families in 1997.

Fraternally, The L.A. Juniors

# Golden Gate

The action never stops in the City by the Bay. The Executive Committee of the Golden Gate Triple X has devised a full slate of activities to carry them well through the new year. The travel itinerary reads like a Rand McNally atlas: Reno, Vegas, Burlingame, Tahoe, Sausalito, and Fresno!!!

Of course, all eyes are on the San Francisco for the unveiling of Bro. Dave and Laura Zovickian's remodel, to include Noe Valley's first ever 50 meter under house salt water lap pool, for those days when driving to Fisherman's Wharf for a dip in the Bay proves daunting.

While the planned trip to Nevada seems a bold foray into the world of chance, it pales in comparison to the mighty plans being laid for Stag Night '97. Tavloo boards across the Bay Area are being polished in preparation, while commemorative chips are being struck in anticipation of the extensive lines of credit being drawn. PGM Sark Sarkisian will be conducting seminars weekly until the big event.

Hoping your New Year is full of health and happiness...

Fraternally yours,  
Bro. David Zovickian



Christmas Party, Ann, Rita, and Agnes.



Bro. George and Dick.



Bro. Ralph, Master Anooshavan, and Bro. Vartan.



XXX Sacramento Convention 1996.



Christmas Party, Bob Mirigian partakes in the food.



XXX Sacramento Convention 1996.



1996-97 Mt. Diablo Chapter

# MT. DIABLO

## CHAPTER OFFICERS

The current officers are: Jerry Tusan, Master; Raffi Kachadourian, Jr. Master; Varouj Koroyan, Treasurer; Richard Koobatian, Recording Sec; and Kevork Hagopian, Corresponding Sec.

## REPORT FROM CONGRESS

At the October meeting Congressman Bill Baker spoke about congressional support for Armenia. Baker worked for humanitarian aid for Armenia and also working for recognition of the genocide. Melissa Matosian, daughter of chapter

member Tanil Matosian, is an aid in Congressman Baker's office in Washington. Progress for Armenian recognition has been slow. He also spoke about trends going on in Congress.

## CHAPTER PICNIC

Thirty Trexmen and family attended a chapter picnic on July 28th at Nancy Boyd Park in Martinez. Brother Ed Hazarabedian, who single handedly, put on the picnic and was chief cook. It was a pleasant family get together in a nice park setting. It was great to have Grand Master Mooney Najarian and his wife attend (Grand Master was seen playing with the kids). PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian played tavloo with several players . . . is it true he never won a game,



1996-97 Mt. Diablo officers



Mt. Diablo convention delegates



Congressman Baker with Ray and Art even with guys who haven't played in years?



Who said, "I'm not hungry?"

### CHAPTER FUND RAISER

The Chapter's Annual 4th of July Fund Raiser was held in San Ramon. Thanks to Rusty Rustigian who supplied the Casper's hot dogs. Chairman Jerry Tusan and the brothers who helped serve deserve a lot of credit for earning \$900 for the chapter.



Chapter picnic

### CAR RALLY AND MYSTERY EVENT

This event was held on Sunday, November 3rd was a great success. Twenty-one people participated. We also toured the beautiful Behring Auto Museum and dinner at Florentine Restaurant at Blackhawk Plaza. Thanks to event chairman Dee Kassabian who paid for the private tour of the museum and donated raffle prizes and to Varouj Koroyan and Raffi Kachadourian for putting on the event.



4th of July committee

### CHRISTMAS AT FATHER NATURES

On December 12th at Father Nature's Restaurant in Danville over fifty brothers and their guests enjoyed a wonderful dinner. We had the entire facility to ourselves and incidently the



Mooney and Zack



Officers need to eat too!

proprietor was Ed Godoshian a longtime friend. It was especially nice to see many old friends. Thanks to Master Jerry Tusan for being chair of the event and making the arrangements.

Fraternally,

Jack Mooradian  
Associate Editor



Christmas party



Christmas party



Christmas party

# Peninsula

## New Officers for 1996-1997

- Master ..... Mike Michaelian
- Jr. Master ..... Larry Karabian
- Secretary ..... Kip Garabedian
- Treasurer ..... PGM George Solakian
- Sergeant at Arms ..... Vic Paporagian

Board of Directors, Vic Khachooni and Aram Darmanian planned a full agenda for the year.

A chapter picnic in May is planned with hosts Vic and Linda Khachooni at their beautiful home in Los Altos. We will be serving our famous lamb shanks. The event will also include a meeting.

For all of you golfers out there, please mark August 2nd on your calendar for the 30th Annual Ed Sarouhan Memorial Golf Tournament at the Santa Clara Golf Club. PGM George Solakian puts in a lot of effort to make this annual event a big success. Golf Flyers will be mailed to the chapters during the summer months. In memory of PGM Ed.

Master Mike Michaelian's 1997 platform is to promote brotherhood with Chapter joint meetings, provide quality meetings with guest speakers and increase our membership, particularly with younger members.

Master Chefs Bro's Mike Michaelian and Kip Garabedian, who is a famous Chinese Chef, prepare gourmet dinners for our Chapter throughout the year. A delicious prime rib dinner was enjoyed by the brothers, wives and guest at our Christmas Party on December 19th.

Bro's Vic Garabedian, Luther Izmerian and Joe Keshishian were honored as 50 year Trex Members. The party ended up with tavloo games, comedians and Bro. Earl Saroyan, straight from Palm Springs.

Fraternally,  
Andy Nalabandian  
Assoc. Editor

# ORANGE COUNTY

Orange County's newly elected officers for 1996-1997 are:

Master:	Bro. Harold Bazarian
Jr. Master:	Bro. Peter Bodourian
Recording Sec.:	Bro. Bob Cutler
Corresponding Sec.:	Bro. Don Kazanjian
Treasurer:	Bro. Paul Hachigian
Sgt. at Arms:	Bro. Nishan Derderian

Our 21st Annual Picnic was once again a successful event with over 950 dinners served. Thanks to Chairmen, Bro. Roger Pechuls and Bro. Art Kazarian and all the Brothers and wives who helped. You were great as always. This Picnic brings together our families to enjoy the music and games plus great fellowship to keep the Armenian spirit alive. This year's picnic will be July 20, 1997 at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley. Come enjoy this wonderful day with us.

Thanks to the Capitol Chapter for a fantastic Convention. We always have a great time and



New Officers for 1997.



Past Master Ed, Grand Master Jack Ouzounian, Past Master Archie.



Brothers and wives at Sacramento Conventon.



Doing the Macarena.



Past Master Bro. Ed and incoming Master Harold.



Brothers taking a breakfast break before the picnic.

this year having the Las Vegas Chapter join us, it made it that much better. It's wonderful having new brothers join our fraternity. Orange County is Number I We won the Achievement Trophy thanks to the great job of all our Brothers and Wives.

Our Installation was a class affair. Past Master, Bro. Wayne Najarian was our Master of Ceremonies and did an outstanding job. We had the honor of having our Grand Master, Bro. Jack Ouzounian and Grand Secretary, Past Master, Bro. Phil Manoogian there with us. Thanks to Chairman, Bro. Naz Horesanian and his committee and their wives who helped. Our Trexman of the Year was the One and Only Past Master, Bro. Archie Cholakian. He never says NO. Thanks for being a real Trexman. We all tried to dance the Macarena. I saw moves that I never saw before. I'm glad we did not video tape it.

The Arrowhead Stag was held at the Homes of Bros. Rich Penjoyan, Art Kazarian and Malcome Boghosian. We went from home to home enjoying maza, breakfast, lunch and dinner. They had plenty of cigars to go around. The Bros. watched movies, played cards, shot pool and played on poker machines. We heard old war stories. Also our chapter has the best home improvement committee. They can fix anything but it takes 4 Brothers to do the job.

Our December meeting was at the Balboa Bay Club our regular meeting place but this year we invited our wives to see the Boat Parade and enjoy a wonderful dinner with us.

We had our annual New Years Eve Party at Bro. Kirk and Marge Kazarian's which was great as usual.

Thanks to our Past Master Bro. Ed Harver and his officers who did an outstanding job this past year. They are all Real Trexman.

We will greatly miss our departed Bro. Hank Bashjian. He was Past Master and Past Jr. Grand Master and held many other offices. Hank never missed a meeting until the last few months. He was a Trexman in the true sense of the word. We enjoyed his cigars and his caring for his fellow Brothers. He was always willing to help out. Brother Hank we miss you and love you.

There are some Brothers who are ill, we pray that they get well soon.

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

Past Grand Master,  
Brother Haig Jamgotchian



Setting up for picnic. Bro. Hank set up the Armenian flag, Bro. Rich and Pat helping out.



Master Harold Bazarian and wife Kathy.



Showing off the Achievement Trophy.



Grand Master Jack Ouzounian, Bros. Pat, Naz, John, and Master Harold.

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