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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the signal honor you have bestowed upon me in electing me your Grand Master. Words cannot express the sincere feeling that I have for each and every Brother throughout California. In the thirty years that I have been a part of our great Fraternity, I must say, this honor that you have given me has been the greatest thrill of my life.

I would also like to commend all of my Brothers on selecting a fine group of Officers to serve with me. I am indeed very fortunate to have men of the highest calibre to work with me in what I hope will be an outstanding year.

"PROGRESS" has been declared as our theme for the coming year. I shall do all in my power to uphold the "wonderful image" our great Fraternity has enjoyed in the past. There are several projects that I am hopeful of accomplishing during my term of office. I hope; in addition to the various charity drives, to establish scholarship funds in each of our sister Chapters. There is nothing more worthy, in my opinion, than giving some young deserving student a boost in furthering his or her education. Another yet project of mine will be to re-activate or establish new Junior Trex organizations in all of our Chapters. True Brotherhood is actually gained from one's early youth, and grows to an everlasting friendship as the years go by, for the mutual benefit of everyone with whom we associate.

And so, with a little bit of cooperation from all my Brothers, we can accomplish these goals.

It is my earnest desire to meet with all of you as often as I can, both socially and at your business meetings.

Fraternally,

Joe C. Kellejian

May the joy
of Christmas
abide with you
throughout the
New Year



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FRESNO

The convention is over, but hearing the members talking about it you'd think it was still on. They say the shindig Haig Kayajanian had for the boys seemed more like he was campaigning for the grand master. Also, Brother "Goston" smoking his corncob pipe with buffalo chips in it - he must look awful silly going around the revolving doors for two hours wondering how he ever got in.

Another baseball game in San Francisco was enjoyed by the membership - too bad the attendance was small.

Again the annual Western Dance was held at the Smooth Dancers Hall with about ninety members and friends in attendance. The food Stella Chaderzian and her committee had prepared was "out of this world". The music of Benny Steinhauer was so good that even the husbands were dancing with their own wives. Our own Brother Mose Mooradian's home-spun jokes left the members in stitches.



The man is a natural. Let's hope Chad has charge of the next year's shindig. Those not attending really missed the time of their life. To top everything off, a grand time was had with the fourteen hour Selma and Fresno Golf and Dinner at the Belmont Golf Club.

It is with great sorrow we report the sudden passing of Brother Ed Melikian. The humble, ever-respectable gentleman was a great pleasure to know and talk to no matter what the subject or burden that he was called upon by the fraternity, Brother Ed never failed and came through with flying colors. We'll miss him more than words can describe.

The fraternity was again saddened by the passing of Mrs. Mary Avakian, wife of Bro. Milton Avakian and sister of Bro. Charles Chitchjian. The entire fraternity wishes to express its deepest sympathy to both families.

Charles Maroot, Associate Editor





Armenian Home for the Aged - Big news of the past season was Selma Chapter's gift of \$500.00 to the Armenian Home, presented at a dinner meeting at the Home. Presentation of the gift was made by Bro. Aram Kakligian. Funds for the donation were realized from the 1963 Turkey Shoot (which was cancelled in honor of our late beloved President, John F. Kennedy). Bro. Aram was chairman of the '63 shoot.

Triple XXX Annual Convention - By now news of the 35th Annual Convention, held at Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel in North Hollywood, is old hat but must be mentioned, 'cause from reports brought back from the Convention, it must have been one of the best. As usual, Selma Chapter was well represented.

On September 23rd, we held a joint meeting with *Sequoia Chapter* at the Flame (!) Restaurant (and some of the boys did go down in flames!)

Our *Raisin Harvest Ball* (what a ball!) was held at the Towne and Country Lodge on Saturday, October 10th. Music was by our all time and long time favorite, Ben Steinhauer. Only sad note about the whole affair was that one of the brothers spent all night trying to get off the freeway and then gave up and went home.

Selma Chapter's *1st Annual Joint Golf Tournament and Social* was held on October 22nd, waythehellout in the boondocks, place called Belmont Country Club. It was a whopping and smashing su-x-ess; one of those all day (and night) affairs. Our past master, Bro. Ken Melkonian and Bro. Arsen Marsoobian (Hi Coach!) of the Fresno Chapter, did an x-celent job as golf chairmen (coupla' pros).

1964 Turkey Shoot (Selma Triple X Benefit Trap Shoot and Picnic - Sunday, November 22nd - Kingsburg Gun Club) will probably

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be old news by the time you receive this edition of the *Trexnews*, so we'll report more on it later.

Disordat or one-thing-or-another: Crime still does not pay - at least when it comes to stealing a Baggie tractor (the darn fool was trying to make his get-away with it).

All diaper salesmen, attention: At press time new addition was due at home of Bro. Pete and DeNecce Esraelian. Never seen prouder grandparents than Bro. Art and Mrs. Kandarian.

Clever sign in the window at 3535 East Ventura: "In your heart you know he's right(?) - but for God's sake, use your brains, man!"

Did Fresno Chapter really win a special trophy at the Convention for being the first integrated Triple X Chapter or was that just a rumor?

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of George Kayajanian, who passed away recently. We will all miss him.

S. Samuel Boghosian, Assistant Editor



OAKLAND



- ***Born to the Al Yeremian's - 8 lb. 14 oz. A BOY!!!
- ***Paul Minassian in very rare and dominant form at October meeting.
- ***Co-Incidence: DOX Leo Soogian buys License plates from Mickaels Bros. License Number "DOX614" with car attached.
- ***John Mickaels & committee to distribute hundreds of TREX packages to Bay Area needy.
- ***Oakland Trex Elections to be very competitive with the many candidates selected by the following nominating committee: Jim Taylor, Ed Mirigian and Aram Mazmanian.
- ***Oakland Trex votes for Scholarships, to begin in 1965. Richard Demirjian, Chairman.
- ***Many Charities benefit from the annual Dinner-Dance and Auction to be held in Oakland, November 21, 1964, according Al "Daddy" Yeremian.
- ***Annual Stag and Game Weekend very successful. Many members from the S. J. Valley in attendance October 24-25th (no rumors) this year.
- ***CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE TREX KIDS - DECEMBER 13, 1964 - TO BE HELD IN ST. VARTAN'S CHURCH HALL. Aram Mazmanian, Associate Editor





It seems as though it is time once again to report on all the activities of Sequoia. Man, this Giant just keeps growing in more ways than one. (Can we pat ourselves on the back!) So much has happened since our last issue like the Dinner-Dance, Dove Shoot and you name it. Anyway, here goes

One of the nicest social functions of the year in Visalia, whether it be our own or outside, was the Annual Charity Dinner-Dance at the Veteman's Memorial Bldg. in Visalia on Saturday, November 14th. Shish Kebab with all the trimmings, a 1st class Variety show headlined by Joaquin Garay, and two other acts and an 18 piece (Yep Eighteen and that is no kidding) orchestra to top the evening's dancing culminated an unforgettable evening. The community is still talking about the smoothness of the affair and believe us, 350 of them could not be wrong. Just can't wait till next year. For instance, Chairman Sam Kutumian, assisted by Co-chairman Pete Cherian and yours truly, ramrodded the evening's festivities. The Meat committee, headed by Brothers Art Ekizian & Geo. Shuklian; the salad by connoisseur Amos Margosian and committee; pilaf by Jack Kizirian and Chuck Ouzounian; beans by Kay Katchadourian and Mose Ametjian and the *Bourma* by Sark Yahnian were just some of the 35 hard-working brothers who put in an all-out effort. Believe me 100%!

Walt Jebejian showed us another of his hidden talents as a very capable toastmaster when he introduced our Grand Master Joe Kellejian and visiting dignitaries at the head table. At this writing a complete tally has not been made, but a very substantial profit should be realized from all indications. And lest we forget, Chairman George Zarounian, who headed the Liquid Refreshment dept. capably assisted by Dick Ekizian, was handled with real professional care and no doubt

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showed a very good profit. Our thanks go out to 35 hard working brothers and all who attended the event.

Congratulations to Brand new Brother Abe Kazarian who was initiated into our fraternity on meeting night November 11th. All indications point out that we have gained another very valuable brother.

Our next function is the annual Stag Party at the Sequoia Club in Tulare on Saturday night December 5th. A first class Steak Dinner is in store for all who attend and then enjoy the various games of chance from then until who cares. Oh yeah, also a drawing with a portable TV is in store for some lucky person. Brother John Bazarian is in charge of this event and it should be a dandy.

If we have missed any other items for this issue, please excuse, on account of we will catch it on the next one. OK . . . OK.

Si Kalfayan, Associate Editor



LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Chapter suffered the loss of two of its Brothers, Arthur Papazian and Armen Paloutzian. The Triple X Fraternity of Los Angeles along with their countless friends extend to their families, our deepest and heartfelt sympathies.

We, of the Los Angeles Chapter, at this time wish to thank the many friends and Brothers who attended the Triple X Convention held in the Southland during the Labor Day weekend. We sincerely hope that your stay with us was a happy and memorable chapter in your lives, as it most certainly was for us being your host. This editor would like to give due recognition to all those who made this event a memory-maker for '64. These accomplishments are part of the spirit in which we thrive — So to the Executive Board and members of the Los Angeles Chapter a very "well done".

The Chapter is extremely proud of the honor bestowed upon it by choosing from our ranks as its Grand Master, Brother Joe Kellejian. Again the Fraternity has chosen a man who will give it dignity and leadership. Our sincere congratulations to Brother Grand Master Joe, his gracious wife Connie, Brother Joe Jr. and daughter Candy. Brother



Grand Master Joe, has chosen as his Grand Treasurer, our Brother Master Charles Partamian, and as Grand Secretary Brother Past Master Aram Poladian.

Wonderful to see Russell Roopenian chosen as "Jr. Trexman of the Year". Especially happy since he is in the family. Russ, who is a very conscientious and capable leader among young people deserves all the honors this award represents.

The household of our Jr. Master Lee Neshanian, was blessed with the arrival of a baby girl, Lisa Ann, 5 lb. 3 oz. We are all happy for Brother Jr. Master Lee and wife Barbara.

Shut-ins — Brother Master Charles Partamian's wife, Louise, recuperating after minor surgery.

Introduction of new members: Brothers Robert Kalfayan, Marty Goshgarian and Harry Kosharian.

All who attended the Annual Mile High Stag at Arrowhead, had a marvelous time. Excellent weather, wonderful golf, lots of food and the pleasure of relaxing among the scent and scenery of the resort.

Nuff said — for now.

Munag parov.

Jack Khetian, Associate Editor



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GOLDEN GATE

The Golden Gate Chapter, in search of its Armenian-American roots has come up with a fantastic combination of both. It is called *HYE HOE DOWN*. We have returned to our birthplace and are bringing the Valley Hyes back from Fresno to play for an all-Armenian dance on Saturday, November 28, at the Forest Hill Lodge. If Higagan dancing isn't Armenian enough, we have borrowed a belly dancer (Turkish, of course) from one of our mid-eastern neighbors. Not one but two dancers. If the drinks make you dance too much and you need a booster for that next tamzara, there will be a sumptuous table of mazza awaiting your pleasure. Prizes will be given for the best dancers. It's a dance you can't afford to miss. And if you do, we can't afford the dance

Mrs. Whiteside, the noted Bay Area personalist, was the perfect lecturer for our Halloween party. Her analyzations were frightening enough to make us jump at each other's shadows. Luck was with us. Jack (Have Clarinet, Will Play) Saroyan with his dumbeg friend, Bob Mirigian, started playing. Those who had been nipping at the bottle started dancing. And Mrs. Whiteside with shroud, disappeared through a crack in the window before the clock struck 12. Lou Aronian and his charming wife, and Carl Semonian, Jr., and his attractive fiancee, were seen among the noted revelers. New member Suren Boghosian and his wife Bea were doing the Watusi to the Haleh. HMMM! - *HOUSE IS NOT A HOME DEPT.* - The Sark Sarkisians have moved into their new home in Burlingame. It's a dream house, according to my wife

The Vartan Hovsepian will be commuting from their new home in Novato starting in December. The country living will be great for the sun tan and shish-kebab. When you get tired of the heat, come visit the Kazanjians in their new residence under the Mt. Davidson cross for Easter services

George Anterasian, the man who buys a new car every time the tank is empty, bought a new home because the sink was full of dirty dishes. George can now walk to work in 5 minutes. Start using paper plates, George. *DID YOU KNOW THAT*

Edward Minasian is teaching at Oakland City College.

Henry Yesson has just returned from New York via Chicago and other vending machine places.

Harvey Nalbandian is trading in his 1950 Plymouth for a 1950 Dodge.

Karoon Balian is back at City Hall.

Jim Klijian is back from an extended tour of Europe.

Vince Levon is up and at 'em again after being laid up with a bad back.

Ara Kaprielian's finger got stuck - in the IBM machine and now Macy's Blouse Dept. has over 20,000 blouses in the S.F. store alone.

Vahack Harootunian did not enroll in another class this year.

The Steve Norians have been married for 3 months now.

Russell Janigian is still talking about his European trip.

George Tatarian is the best *lavash* maker in town.

Jack Bousian is selling short in today's market.

Al Nalbandian is in the movie "To Catch a Thief".

George Mardikian Jr., is the Big Daddy Hamburger King.

Mike Kiligian is now teaching at San Matel City College.

George Rustigian has been appointed to a municipal position in Contra Costa County.

Archie Azizian is the best Armenian dancer in town.

Ralph Kazanjian has finally run out of names. AMEN.

Ralph Kazanjian, Associate Editor

PENINSULA



We are happy to report that the 1965 Convention at the Thunderbird on the San Mateo Peninsula is shaping up to be the greatest yet - Anyone who really wants to have a go-go - be sure and mark your calendar. Ed Sarouhan and his crew are throwing out clues like bones to a hungry dog - bit by bit.

Mrs. George Solakian and little one are back from the East after a long vacation and Brother George is back perking with 6 cylinders again - he sure missed them.

Harry Shahbazian informs us the alligator shoes are in the swing of stylish footwear at \$115.00 a pair!

Oscar Donoian and his Mrs. are about due to move into their new showplace home. We are wondering if he used his own decorator Ed Edwards, to decorate.

Many brothers and their wives were at the last 1964 Los Angeles Convention - and wish to thank the L. A. Chapter for the wonderful reception - visit us in 1965 and we will reciprocate!

Jack Dorian is so proud he just burst all the buttons on his red vest - and rightly so as he just came in 4th in the Nation in the National Endurals held recently at Riverside, California. This race consists of 50 of the nation's best "go-cart" racers - from all 50 states (similar to Indianapolis Speedway Race) - the race consisted of 'C' open event twin engine carts. Jack won a large trophy and numerous other prizes. The race lasted 1 hour 30 minutes and has a 110 mile course.

Jack came up from 36th spot to 4th to finish there - at times he reached 120 miles per hour and this is 13 seconds under record held by Ford Cobra (Indy car) - they covered the 2½ mile track in less than 2 minutes.

Jack is 39 years old and has been in racing for 2 years now as a hobby. He has 2 carts - 1 single engine and 1 twin engine. About every 60 days he enters a local race to groom for this big one at Riverside. Jack does all his own modifications on his cart engines.

He makes all engine modifications for Brother Norris Gregory who also has had a very impressive record during the last year. Norris in the single engine class was well up in top position when miscalculation in his fuel caused him to run out of gas 10 minutes before race ended, thereby eliminating him from a possible win.

Jack has had elaborate write-ups in *Carting Magazine* and *Hot Rod Magazine*.

Most people think when go-carts are mentioned that they are little toys with washing machine engines BUT 120 miles per hour and only sitting 2" off the ground could give most people a---headache--- whoosh!!!

We are proud of Brother Jack Dorian's accomplishment and hope that next year he can come in first!

To all Brothers and their families, the Peninsula Chapter wishes a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Alan Doran, Associate Editor



LOS ANGELES JRS.

At the outset of 1964, the Los Angeles Junior Trex gave its farewell to thirteen of its members because their age exceeded the maximum age of a Jr. Trexman. The challenge of rebuilding the Jr. Trex became the responsibility of its six remaining members. The challenge was met with success, and now the Juniors are stronger than ever before. We welcome the following new Brothers: Doug Avazian, Jack Bozajian, Herb Hovey, Richard Kurkjian, John Pashayan, Warren Shahian, Dale Vaznaian, Dennis Vaznaian, Jim Zorigian, and John Zorigian.

Recently completing its softball season, the Trex finished a strong second, behind the pitching of Bro. Russ Roopenian, the hitting of Bro. Ken Donney, and fielding of Bro. Bob Tashjian and Steve Papazian. Senior Bro. George Hartunian, the team manager and fraternity sponsor, should be credited for his guidance, and the team spirit he created.

At the recent Triple X Convention hosted by the Los Angeles Chapter, a most successful dance was held by the L. A. Juniors. All those who attended the dance enjoyed



the entertainment along with the fine food. Rounding out the convention, L. A. Jr. Trexman Russ Roopenian received the achievement trophy for the outstanding 1964 Junior Trexman.

Behind the leadership of Master Richard Jebejian, the L. A. Jr. Trex of 1964 has prospered tremendously. An increase in the dollars of the treasury, an increase of members of the fraternity, and an increase in the spirit of brotherhood have highlighted 1964, and will continue in the years to come.

Warren Shahian, Associate Editor









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