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Mid-Term CONVENTION

DEL WEBB'S TOWNEHOUSE FRESNO

MARCH 4TH & 5TH

GOLF TOURNAMENT - Saturday - March 4th
Fig Garden Country Club - 10:30 A.M.
Chairman: Aaron S. Aronian

DANCE - Saturday - March 4th
Del Webb's TowneHouse - 9:00 P.M.

BREAKFAST - Sunday - March 5th
Del Webb's TowneHouse - 9:30 A.M.

BUSINESS MEETING - Sunday - March 5th
Del Webb's TowneHouse - 11:00 A.M.

RESOLUTION
TRIPLE X FRATERNITY OF CALIFORNIA
In Memoriam

CHARLES M. ASHJIAN

JUNE 4, 1966

FOUNDING FATHER

WHEREAS: Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and mercy, has called from our side, our friend and brother, and,

WHEREAS: By his passing, his family and loved ones have lost a faithful and devoted companion, and the Fresno Chapter, of the Triple X Fraternity of California, has lost a loyal and valued member, now therefore be it —

RESOLVED: That we, the officers and members of the Grand Chapter, of the Triple X Fraternity of California, in regular meeting assembled, do hereby extend to the bereaved family in their hour of sorrow, our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy, and be it further —

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be published in the Trex News, and a copy be spread on the minutes of the Grand Chapter meeting.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

JOE C. KELLEJIAN, Chairman
Past Grand Masters Association

HARRY HAIRABEDIAN
Past Grand Master

JOHN BARIGIAN
Grand Master

TRIPLE X FOUNDING FATHERS

Charles M. Ashjian

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Gurken Bacon

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Richard Dederian

John Kasparian

Armen Nishkian

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Grand Master's Message

BROTHERS:

On behalf of the Grand Chapter, I wish to take this opportunity to wish you all A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

As we approach the Mid-Term Convention of our Fraternity it is difficult for me to realize that six months have passed since you elected me to serve as Grand Master.

I have visited, or attended a function of each Chapter at least once. From what I have observed, I know that the Triple X Fraternity is not growing stagnant or dormant, as some people have thought or stated.

In reality, our Fraternity is progressing and growing. Possibly not growing by a wholesale induction of new members into each Chapter, but indeed growing in stature and recognition. This growth is a far more important one than the gaining of numerical strength. Progressing by our continued support of Scholarship Funds, and donations to Civic and Charitable agencies.

To each Chapter, and to every Brother, I say "Congratulations and keep up your good work."

I also wish to congratulate all of the newly elected officers of each Chapter. I am sure that this will be a memorable year for every one of you, as it will be for me.

I hope that each one of you will do your best to attend the Mid-Term Convention, which is scheduled for the Del Webb TowneHouse Hotel, in Fresno, Sunday, March 5. There will be the traditional Stag Breakfast before the meeting on Sunday and the traditional dance on Saturday night, March 4.

In closing, I wish every Chapter of our Great Fraternity, continued success.

Fraternally,
James K. Taylor, Jr., Grand Master

CAPITOL

Happy New Year to all our fellow Trexmen, Brothers.

Where did the year go? I, Harry Sweet as Associate Editor had a very busy last six months. As a Television Cameraman, I toured part of the state with Governor Brown, on his campaign tour, then followed the now-Governor Ronald Reagan on several of his campaign speeches. To give you an idea of what TV coverage we gave these two candidates in film time, from a news standpoint, we shot, processed and aired close to 31,200 feet of film from June to November 10th. Last week I attended the Governor's Inaugural Ball at the Counties Bldg. in the Fair Grounds along with 8000 other people. Danny Thomas and Jack Benny were the two big name stars present. It was quite a mob scene and the news media was quite hampered for proper coverage due to the large crowds.

We have a fine new slate of officers for 1967. Chuck Moore, Master; Pete Kludjian, Jr. Master; Art Tashjian, Secretary; Chuck Esraelian, Treasurer; Ralph Yeramian, Custodian; Harold Bagdasarian, Critic; Associate Editor, Ruben Sweet.

Speaking of Bro. Harold. . . he is busy preparing for his big Autorama Show of Shows of all the top custom cars, boats, cycles, roadsters in the United States, at the Fairgrounds

in February.

Bro. Chuck Moore, wife Virginia, and several friends celebrated New Year's Eve at Lake Tahoe. . . Frank Ohanesian, past few months has been quiet as a mouse. . . Bro. Harold Minas was in town over the Xmas Holidays, taking time off from his project in Utah. . . For a twenty minute ride by air from Sacramento to Reno sounds pretty fast, doesn't it? Well, for Bro. Ruben Sweet it took something like three hours - Seems like he had to make a fast trip to Reno, last month, and the pilot had his radar turned off, and he ran into a cloud bank and couldn't land. So they ended up in San Francisco Int. Airport, and everyone got off the plane, and took a bus home, to try it again some day, after their nerves get a good rest. . . Bro. Sarkis Shirinian's son Bill, got married Dec. 17, to some nice Armenian gal from San Francisco. Her name is - - - - If you Hye's are ever going through Carmichael, Calif., some time, and you pass the intersection of Marconi and Eastern Avenue, you will see a new sign above a market, "QUICK STOP NO. 11," STOP IN AND SAY HELLO to Bro. Sam Yenovkian, and I'll guarantee you will go home a new man.

Harry Sweet, Associate Editor

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**'67 MID-TERM
CONVENTION**

SEQUOIA

In opening on behalf of the Sequoia Chapter members and their wives, I would like to wish each and every brother, his wife and family, a Very Happy New Year.

I enjoy writing the Trex news but I always have to think where I left off last time. So here I go again!

Bro. Mike Mikealian and Amos and George Margosian were co-chairmen of our Annual Dove Shoot which was held in Orosi Memorial Hall. The big hunt was held in the Yetem area with all the hunters up and at 'em about 5 o'clock. You never heard so much noise for so few birds. The breakfast in Cutler Cafe was "fantastic" to quote Bro. Harry Majarian. A big turnout, a fine time, and an exceptionally well planned and prepared meal was the result of the dove feed. I think we should also thank a few of the wives. Thanks, Carolyn, Rosemary and Lucille.

In the month of October Bro. Dick Ekizian was in charge of a newly conceived idea of a Past Masters Nite in which all the past masters of the Chapter were honored. The affair was one of the outstanding functions of the year and with the exception of 1 or 2 sick brothers, there was 100% attendance. The programs printed and the arrangements made by Bro. Dick Ekizian and wife Gladys were terrific.

In between these affairs Bro. George Margosian's wife presented him with a baby girl, and Lesta, Bro. Mike Ekizian's wife gave him the honor of feeding one more, a bouncing baby boy. Congratulations to the new parents. We also took in a new member, Bro. Richard Shuklian.

Bro. Ralph Hovannesian has been asking me when I was going to put his name in the Trex News, so here it is, the only reason being he was in an auto accident but neither he nor his wife Marian were hurt. Thank goodness for that.

Between Bro. Chuck Ouzounian and wife Ann bouncing around the country on all the free tours he has won selling furniture, the airlines are making big money. Prospects look good for a trip to Rome says Bro. Chuck. Boy, some people have all the luck!

Bro. Mose Ametjian has finally built the Tulare Hotel into a Mall. Congratulations, maybe we can see more of him at our future meetings.

In Dec. yours truly was in charge of our Stag Nite held in Tulare. About 75 Brothers and guests attended the evening of dinner and games of chance. As usual there were winners and losers but all participants had a grand time and the profit was donated to local charities.

As the year started drawing to a close the Christmas Party was held in Dinuba with Bros. Paul Arno, John Davidian and Harry Marjarian in charge. As usual, nothing can be done without the help of the wives, so we should include Delores, Ann and Louise for a big hand they gave their husbands. Santa was there for the children with gifts for all. The meal was good, the movies funny, and the bingo game wild, but every child had a wonderful time.

At the first meeting held in December, we elected the following Bros. to these offices: Master, Harry Krikorian; Jr. Master, Sam Kutumian; Recording Secretary, Jim Ekizian; Treasurer, Sirag Kalfayan; Corresponding Secretary, Marvin Aharonian; Associate Editor, Mike Cholakian; Sgt. at Arms, John Hovannesian; Custodian, Mike Derderian; Auditor, Walter Jebejian; Critic, Dodd Yahnian.

Board of Directors: Sark Davidian, Art Ekizian, Mike Derderian, Jack Kizerian, George Shuklian, Dodd Yahnian. Congratulations and his corps of officers for the coming year.

Kick off time for 1967 was our Installation Banquet held at the Flame Restaurant in Visalia with Bro. Pete Cherian and wife Alma in charge. Bro. Grand Master Jim Taylor (who attended with wife Annabelle) did the honors of installing our new officers. Thank you, Grand Master Jim. Bro. Pete did a fine job in his preparations for the affair and as usual practically 100% attendance was held.

This should about wrap up this edition of the news. The nite of Jan. 28 in the Visalia Memorial Auditorium will be the fifth Annual Charity Ball. Bros. Sam Kutumian, Walt Jebejian and George Zarounian are in charge. With these 3 hot wires teamed up, look out - anything can happen! Hope to see many of you Bros. and wives there. The evening promises to be a gala one.

As a closing and last minute reminder let's not forget the Mid-term Dance and Meeting.

Mike Cholakian, Associate Editor

PENINSULA

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Hi! Hello to all the brothers from the Peninsula Chapter. . . .

What's new at your house? Plenty at the Paul Orphans'. Paul is having a discussion with L.B.J.'s boys about a draft call and Mrs. Paul is talking to her Doctor about a new title, like Mother? Hope it all works out ok. . . . Must admit the Peninsula brothers seem to be a busy bunch - haven't even had time to see the Ed. Edwards' new home - Anxiously waiting! Got the landscaping in yet, Ed?

Bro. Joe Keshishian and your Associate Editor are busy working and completing plans for the greatest Reno Chartered Greyhound Bus trip yet. Have room for 34 lucky people - Leaving Friday night and to return home Sunday night. All eats and "refreshments" plus 2 snow trips to Mt. Rose for skiers included. Gamblers and skiers are expected to enjoy a great trip - If any Triple X members are in the Reno area, Feb. 24, 25, 26th, look us up. Don't worry about our address . . . you'll be able to hear us.

Bro. Luther Izmirian hasn't told me yet but No. 4 son Charles reported to my household the happy news that Brother Luther is now Grandfather Luther - joining ranks with Brothers Harold Steele, Charles Masigian and Via Garabedian. . . . Speaking of Garabedians, I understand they spent 2 happy weeks back East vacationing and seeing their son Kip getting married - Congratulations to all the lucky ones involved.

It's nice to see the new officers taking their new duties with such vim and vigor - much luck for the year of 1967 to all the new officers.

Have you heard of the greatest meeting of 1966 for the S.F. brothers of the Golden Gate

Chapter? They couldn't have done it without the help of Brothers Ed Sarouhan, Ed Odabashian, Joe Keshishian, Earl Saroyan and of course yours truly We should have more of them.

Incidentally - the G.G. Chapter has great plans for 1967. Don't miss this year's convention - it promises to be a great one.

1967 is upon us and we hope and wish the best of health and wealth to our many brothers and their families. I'm sure one brother, Dee Sarkisian, would rather forget 1966, with illness and sadness prevailing in his family. 1967 will be better, we hope. Right, Dee?

Rita Donoian, wife of Bro. Oscar, is bubbling with the news that she became a new aunt - she sounds thrilled about it!

What ever happened to Bro. Harry Shahbazian? Come to think of it - what happened to a couple of others? like Bro. Lee Aaronian.

Bro. Chas. Markarian looks terrific and much improved from the last time I saw him. Must say it isn't everyone that can fall 16 feet to a sidewalk floor and be so lucky - Hope by this time he is back at Westlake Joe's cooking like mad - to make up for lost time.

Ask Margaret Sarouhan about lightning striking twice and etc. - for the second time in about as many months her right front door was smashed in the same parking lot under the same conditions - and she not being in or near the car. Bro. Ed is wondering what steps to take - maybe somebody will come up with an idea - a car without doors? Is your wife trying to tell you something, Ed?

That's all for now - like Avis says - we'll try harder.

Jake Fathy, Associate Editor

GOLDEN GATE

Theme song last heard at the Hacienda in Fresno - "San Francisco, Here I come, Right back where I started from." This is the year Golden Gate is throwing the Convention - 1967!

From here to Fraternity - our last meeting - December 2nd election, saw installation of Lou Aronian as Master, Souren Boghosian as Jr. Master, Ara Kaprielian as Treasurer, Ara Sahakian as Recording Secretary, Vince Levon as Corresponding Secretary, Carl Semonian Jr. as Sgt. at Arms and K. Balian, custodian. At this meeting outgoing Master Jack Saroyan received the traditional gift for the exceptional work he and his able staff of officers performed, a desk pen set tendered from Master Lou.

July 8 meeting - Ed's Chuck Wagon on Lombard. Cigars passed out were for Christina Kazanjian whose father said "7 lbs. 13 oz. 9:00 a.m., alert and beautiful" - Elise had something to do with it - Ralph! Motherhood is strong in the Golden Gate - the Expecting Wives in order: Ed Minasian's Goldie; Jack Saroyan's Marie; Jack Bousian's Barbara; Ara Kaprielian's Ursula and Ara Sahakian's Noggi. I don't know if the next will make seven, but Counsel Lou Aronian is researching the archives for age eligibility requirements for Junior Trexmen, Lou wants "Bryan" and George Rustigian has "Paul George" while Vartan Hovsepian has "Deren" as candidates for the Jr. Chapter. This is something every Trexman should be working on - forming a Jr. chapter - naturally. BOYS!

Bro. Archie Azizian who had a part in the Aharonian stage play given here, was also mentioned in the wedding announcement which read Miss Joyce Narcesa Jesuitas and Mr. Arshavir Joseph Azizian on Friday the fifteenth of July. Remembered by a good number of brothers and wives was the enjoyable August 12 post wedding cocktail party. Mike Kilijian was there early preparing and sampling the punch.

July 24th annual picnic at Rinconada Park in Palo Alto started with breakfast for the 8:30 a.m. early birds. This all-day, big family affair included swimming and case after case of beer and pop, with mountains of shish kebob. Everyone there from tiny tots Bryan



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FRESNO

First, I would like to start by wishing all of my fraternal brothers and their families a very happy and prosperous New Year.

It is with great pleasure that I present you the following list of our new officers for 1967.

Brother Ara Yazijian was elevated from Junior Master to Master. Brother Ara's slate of officers are: Junior Master, Charles Maroot; Recording Secretary, Jake Mirigian; Corresponding Secretary, Mike Gaston; Treasurer, Edward Hokokian; Associate Editor, Harry Markus, Jr.; Critic Ralph Takakjian; Auditor, Haig Dadigian; Sergeant at Arms, Ed. Shirin; Custodian, Chuck Adanalian; and Historian, Robert Juskalian.

The Board of Directors who help in making major decisions and in keeping the new officers in line are: Nazareth Chaderjian, Leo Chooljian, Carl Hovsepian, Sam Krikorian, Michael Kershaw, Art Rustigian and Leo Toojian.

Congratulations to our new officers and many thanks to our outgoing officers and, in particular, Past Master Ralph Takakjian for a job well done.

Our children's Christmas party was held on December 21st for members and their children at the Smooth Dancers' Hall. Over one hundred children attended the party. The children were entertained by Flippo, Jr. the clown (local T.V. personality) who arrived in full costume. Then came Santa Claus (Mr. Ed Garabedian) with all his gifts and goodies for the children. Santa led the children in Christmas carols. He then called off the names of all the children one-by-one and presented them with their Christmas presents. The children all had a wonderful time and especially three of them who won the \$50 Savings Bonds: Miss Kelly Boghosian (Bro.

CALENDAR

Spring, 1967: 16th Annual Charity Banquet
Hollywood Star and Date Soon
to be Announced.

Spring, 1967: Monte Carlo Night
Date to be Announced.

June 2-4. Dinkey Creek Outing

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Ara's daughter), Miss Marily Toojian (Bro. Leo's daughter) and Ronald Boyajian (Bro. Martin's son). Congratulations are in order to Brother Karlo DeMoorjian and his committee for their work and effort in seeing that everyone had a wonderful time.

In November, we had a blood drive which was spearheaded by Bro. John Simonian (pinch hitting for Bro. Karlo DeMoorjian). We were very fortunate in squeezing out 15 pints of blood from our fellow brothers. For their kind and generous donation, these brothers were treated to a delicious prime rib dinner at our November meeting. Thank you, Bro. John.

Hail the King! The King happens to be Bro. Haig Kayajian. Bro. Haig won the annual Chapter Gin and Tavloo Tournament in March. He wrapped up the triple crown by taking the Pinochle Tournament in September. Bro. Haig has to be the best - because he proved he is the best. Where is he going to put all those trophies???

In recent weeks the Fresno Chapter has been fortunate in taking in eight new members: Brothers Kenneth Chooljian, Harry Kachadoorian, Edward Marouk, Dr. Armen Michaelian D.D.S., Chuck Missakian, Sam Missakian, Sarkis Paparigian and Haig Yazijian. Welcome aboard, Brothers.

Also, the Fresno Chapter is very proud and
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LOS ANGELES JRS.



The Los Angeles Junior Trex, with a roster of over twenty active members, enjoyed its most productive year. This can be attributed to the fine group of officers led by Master Bob Tashjian, Junior Master Jim Zorigian and the rest of the devoted members of the executive body. Thank you for a job well done! Congratulations must be given to the newly elected officers who were as follows: Master Jim Zorigian, Junior Master John Zorigian, Recording Secretary Phil Donabed, Corresponding Secretary Daniel Tevrizian, Treasurer Herb Hovey, Sergeant at Arms Bob Papazian and Captain Jack Bozajian. I'm sure these boys will uphold the fine tradition and reputation of the Junior Trex'

At this time all of the Juniors would like to express our gratitude to our sponsor Senior Brother Richard "Deke" Jebejian for his fine leadership and advice this past year. Brother Dick took a fine interest in his younger brothers and was present at most of the activities throughout the year for which all the Juniors are grateful.

Some of the highlights this past year will be cherished by many of the Juniors for a long time to come. On November 16, some of the boys got together with their dates and invaded the Senior Triple X dance. It was a surprise to all and turned out to be a very enjoyable evening. Then of course, there was the convention at Fresno. About fifteen of the

brothers turned out for this one. Parties, gags and good times highlighted the weekend along with a very successful report at the annual business meeting. Another important accomplishment this year was the winning of the basketball championship. Special tribute must be given to Captain "Jumpin' Jack" Bozajian who led the club to an unprecedented, undefeated season for the second straight year. Under civic activities the Juniors were proud to donate two large Christmas turkeys to the Armenian Old Age Home with the best of regards for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We would like to wish Brothers Steve Papazian, John Pashyan, Richard Kurkjian and Dennis and Dale Vaznaian who are all serving their good will terms with Uncle Sam, the best of luck and a speedy return home.

About twelve of the Brothers and their lovely dates all brought in the New Year by having dinner at Don Paul's restaurant (Where the Brothers showed their usual class) preby a wild party at Bro Richard Kurkjian's.

Well, that is about all for 1966 as everyone prepares for a better '67. On behalf of all the Los Angeles Juniors I would sincerely like to wish all of our Senior Brothers the best of luck in the next year and the many years to come. God bless you all.

John Zorigian Recording Secretary.

OAKLAND



The Oakland chapter under the able leadership of Master Harry Sherinian closed out a "banner year" at our December meeting, with the election of new officers. To lead the group in 1967, we elected the following:

Master, Harry Kamian; Jr. Master, Jack Mickaels; Treasurer, Ed Mirzaian; Recording Secretary, Leo Soogian; Corresponding Secretary, Al Eliseian; Sergeant at Arms, Bud Morjig; Historian, Al Yeremian; Associate Editor, Vahram Cherezian.

1966 was a very gratifying year for our chapter. We won the Achievement Trophy (again)! Jim Taylor was elected "Grand Master" and all activities were a social success as well as a financial success.

We are sure Master Harry Kamian will keep up last year's "pace" and bring us the Achievement Trophy again in 1967.

With the new year started we heard many of our members making New Year's Resolutions:

Harold Koojolian - Kaspers will start selling "Lamajoon" in lieu of hot dogs.

Jim Taylor - Made a statement that he will definitely take a stand on all issues! No more "middle of the road" attitude.

Bob Shahbazian - Agrees to "loosen up" in our card games and let the rest of us win once or twice this year!

Aram Mazmanian, Joe Dardarian, Joe O'Hanesian, Leon Seyranian, Dick Demirjian, Bob and Dick Baronian, Art Shaterian - Promise to make more meetings in 1967. We sure hope so, these are all good members and we miss their support.

Charlie Alexanian - Will try and not break his camera this year.

Vaughn Sobajian - Will cut hunting and fishing trips down to two a month as well as keep losing to his bro-in-law in Tavloo!

John Chorbajian and Ed Kevorkian - Will hold a special school for all members in the "fine art" of Poker Playing.

Harry Sherinian - At the request of his wife will buy three more "oversized" dogs to keep Margaret busy in her spare time.

SCOOP OF THE DAY

Sam Kassabian and Bud Morjig will only put \$25.00 deals together.

Al Yeremian and yours truly will lose so much weight in 1967 we will make "String-bean" Sherinian look overweight.

Dr. Leo Soogian advised us he just took a position as trainer for the "topless" Off-Broadway girls.

Ed Mirigian - Promises to buy stock in Volkswagon as their product helps his radiator business so much.

Siy Ekizian and Paul Minassian - Plan to leave the carpet business and open a catering service specializing in dinner for the Masons and the Easter Seal Society.

Masis Gozurian - Be as smooth as "Mandrake the Magician" when he disappears every time there is work to do.

Dick Baronian - Promises to help the Armenian heritage by speaking only Armenian to his "Seve" help.

Ralph and Jim Boghosian - Hire more Armenian help!

Greg Tcherkoyan - Promises to call me for pinochle in 1967.

Congratulations to Jim Boghosian on his new home and Edward Kevorkian on the marriage of his daughter, Susie.

On behalf of the Oakland Chapter, we wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Vahram Cherezian, Associate Editor



SELMA



A flop for those that did not attend, but for the members and their kiddies that did, it was one of the most outstanding parties ever. The children and parents enjoyed the antics of Flippo Jr. and his assistant for about an hour, and sang Christmas songs until it was time for Saint Nick to appear and who passed out gifts to each and everyone of the youngsters. Then parents and children were all treated to hot chocolate, coffee, ice cream and cake. Our thanks go to faithful Ed Garabedian as Santa and also to Chairman Herb

Kaprielian and Co-Chairman Mike Kandarian for a job well done.

New officers for 1967 are: Master, Haig Kasparian; Jr. Master, Nick Dokoozlian; Recording Secretary, Sam Espelian; Treasurer, Martin Kaprielian; Corresponding Secretary, Don Magarian; Associate Editor, Walter Ishkanian; Historian, John Kutumian; Sergeant at Arms, Dick Kellejian; Custodian, Baxter Kalashian; Critic, Aaron Goorigian; Auditor, Gary Simonian.

Walter Ishkanian, Associate Editor

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

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party, they have to lead you out by the hand, that is, if you are still standing up.

Now the time has come to close, for I feel that our new Associate Editor will have more and enlightening news to give you brothers for the coming year.

So if I may - with my eyes feeling heavy,

the fog coming in this small and cold garage, the printing press now long asleep, I now can turn that lonely light bulb off to end this pleasant year of many good memories.

Lee Neshanian, Associate Editor

FRESNO CHAPTER

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honored to have Bro. Barj Rustigian transferred to our Chapter from the 'Golden Gate Chapter. Bro. Colonel Rustigian recently retired from the Army and now is the Administrator of the Madera County Hospital.

Recently, the fraternity was saddened by the passing of one of our Brothers. Bro. Perk Benneyan will be missed by the Fresno Chapter. Our heartfelt sympathies to those he left behind.

Brothers throughout the State are counting the days until our annual Dinkey Creek Outing. This outing will be held on the first weekend in June. I am sure everyone will have a bang-up time and the chairman (to be

announced) will make every effort in making this outing a pleasure for the brothers of all the chapters. See you Trexmen up at the Creek in June.

In the near future, the 16th Annual Charity Ball will be held. The Chairman of this once-a-year event is Bro. Sam Naman. Bro. Charlie Chitjian, the Co-Chairman, has promised us that the show will be headlined by a leading Hollywood star, soon to be announced.

It has been a pleasure to serve you for the past year. I will be looking forward to seeing you at the Mid-term Convention.

Edward Hokokian, Associate Editor

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and Ann, Richard Mirigian, Dr. J. V. Shababazian and George AnterAsian in the crowd? Some of us will never know, it was so hard to see thru so many hundreds of people. It was that kind of Hoe Down. Joe Dederian and founding father, brother Lee, were early comers. The programmed belly dancer was stuck in Portland but we made up for that by putting on more. The third belly dancer was bumping and grinding, the one before had to perform on stage by demand. 2:00 A.M. the band was still playing. The capacity crowd calls for a football stadium or ocean liner next time. The Yacht FDR used as President was being auctioned recently in Fresno. Why didn't a Chapter of XXX buy it. A fabulous meeting place and to think of cruising to a joint meeting with the Peninsula, Capitol or Oakland Chapter. LA also? The possibilities are endless.

No. 5959 after the \$18 fee was paid, became GG P.O. No. — the combination? Ask Pandora.

Brown was Governor and Bro. Sarkis Sarkisian was with him as Master of Ceremonies at the new St. Gregory Armenian Church Consecration Banquet October 16th.

Present at the NASSR Dinner-Reception Nov. 15 honoring Manoog Young, Chairman, Board of Directors were GG Bros. Jack Saroyan and Jack Bousian with wives and Mike Kilijian — all active workers, past, present and future.

Having a ball BOWLING GG XXX wives are starting a ladies auxiliary with Lillian Mardikian, Jennie Levon, Helen Tatarian and Bee Boghosian — they lunch at Mardikian Jrs. Big Daddy (Sr. has Omar) and are looking for a team to play against.

New Homes . . . Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bousian on Gold Mine Drive SF, followed by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Mirigian in Millbrae whose closest neighbor is Sark Sarkisians. Looking around Los Angeles for better college teaching opportunities is Mike Kilijian — if LA gains, we lose.

Wild meetings . . . Friday, November 4th — Barbary Coast nite. The liveliest and loudest meeting. The Peninsula chapter contingent of Ed Sarouhan, Joe Keshishian, Earl Saroyan and Ed Odabashian that Master Jake Fathy brought with him to The Barbary Restaurant on 490 Pacific St. may have helped. Joe Keshishian, the one and only past Master of both Chapters, noted that things were different. Ed Sarouhan's lusty speech added to the racket. What were we drinking? It could

have been the shock of seeing Bro. Harvey Nalbandian in the flesh. This only happens once every so many years, between trips to Guatemala, South America and places like that. The noise was too much for Harvey and he stated his remarks would be submitted by letter later. There was a reunion of sorts after the standing ovation given to the seldom seen brother and Peninsula's Ed Sarouhan. Each didn't know the other existed. Al Nalbandians big dark secret. Come to think of it — some of the GG brothers have yet to see Harvey. Please Harve, make your remarks in person at the 1969? 1970? meeting. Jack Saroyan, oral expert and DDS, lost his voice but kept order hoarsely. The meeting finally broke after midnite sometime and some of the braver brothers roamed in the area known as topless (the tops show) but the way they cover themselves when they come off the stage you would think they were bashful. Outside a belly dance establishment — the words and music flowing out on the nite air into their ears were Armenian. The only place where men (oud playing or dancing) got applause. Archie Azizian, Ara Sahakian dancing on stage to the clapping and shouting encouragement by their XXX brothers. It was a loud roaring nite and ended late.

Golden Gate Trex met the Dental and Drug Fraternity Sunday December 18th at Jack and Marie Saroyan's Holiday Open House Apt. 1 on Sacramento St. Superb refreshments with punch or egg-nog accompanied the chatter from 3 to 6 p.m.

It's history now, but the bar was loaded with bourbon, gin, arak, vodka (Jack Bousian drinks his orange juice straight) scotch (Jack wasn't seeing Haig & Haig). There was nothing Scotch about the way 75 Trexmen and their guests downed two gallons of the scotch-bourbon and additional quantities of the more exotic stuff with ice and mixes—to say nothing of the Armenian lavash and food enjoyed at the New Years party Saturday December 31st. Dancing was to Paul Jackson's trio at the Forest Lodge 266 Laguna Honda Blvd., San Francisco, everything arranged by Chairman Archie Azizian. Live entertainment was provided by the members and guests when the Armenian discs began rotating. Jennie Levon started the marvelous crowd off costumed in black evening pajama slacks, sporting her foot-long jewelled cigarette holder while doing the right oblique deep knee bends — that was last year — let's all remember 1967's Theme Song — SAN FRANCISCO, HERE I COME. That's 30.

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THE ARMENIAN FAMILY NAMES

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The family names are very old in Armenia. We know that many names of Armenian noble families go back to the Urartian period of our country. The Urartians were the pre-Armenian population of Armenia. They were not Indo-European, not Semites; their kinship with the Georgians is postulated, but not proved. When the Indo-European Armenians occupied Urartu, the Urartians were assimilated by the Armenian invaders between 600-200 B.C. The Urartian names surviving in Armenian have special characteristics. One of them is the ending -ooni, as in Ardzrooni, Khorkhorooni, etc. These names were used by Armenian noble families.

Modern Armenian family names, if they don't continue an ancient historical tradition, are partly deduced from Armenian words, like:

Avakian, from Armenian *avak* "older son; chief"

Mardikian, from *mardik* "fighter"

Or they derive from proper names of Biblical or Christian saints as:

Davidian, from *Davith*

Hagopian, from *Hagop* - Jack

Krikorian, from *Krikor* - Gregory (Greek - "awake, watching")

Markarian, from *Markar* - proper names (Greek - "happy saint")

The use of proper names is originated by the desire of identifying the family with its descendants, so they called themselves according to the name of their father or grandfather. Those names with the prefix DER (Sahakian, etc.) indicate that their father or grandfather was a priest.

Many family names are originated from professional occupations, as:

Darpinian, from *Darpin*, Armenian "smith"

Most of these professional names are in Turkish, as:

Demirjian, from Turkish *demirji* - "iron smith"

Boyajian, from Turkish *boyaji* - "painter"

Regularly the Turkish names are from Western Asia Minor, where big Armenian colonies lived together with the Turkish population.

There are nicknames too, used as family names, as:

Patlageuzian, Turkish *patla göz* - "with bursting (big) eyes"

Altiparmakian, Turkish - "having six fingers"

Sanjian, Turkish *sanji*, "colic", cf. Armenian "*pori tsav*" used in the meaning of jealousy.

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