



TREX NEWS

Triple X Fraternity

50th ANNUAL CONVENTION

August 31 - September 2, 1979

RICKEYS HYATT HOUSE, PALO ALTO, CALIF.

Friday, August 31, 1979

- REGISTRATION — 12 noon - 6 p.m.
- KEF NIGHT — 7 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Saturday, September 1, 1979

- REGISTRATION — 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- GOLF TOURNAMENT — 11:30 a.m.
- TAVLOO-GIN-PINOCHLE TOURNAMENTS — 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- GOLDEN MONTE CARLO NITE — 6:30 p.m. - 2 a.m.
- HYE TEEN SCENE — 8 p.m. - 12 p.m.

Sunday, September 2, 1979

- MEN'S BREAKFAST and BUSINESS MEETING — 8 p.m.
- LADIES LUNCHEON — 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- GRAND BALL and DINNER DANCE — 6:30 p.m. - 2 a.m.
- HYE TEEN SCENE — 8 p.m. - 12 p.m.



GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

To All My Brothers:

As your Grand Master, it makes me very happy to write this message.

It has been almost a year since I took office, and the Triple X Fraternity's eleven chapters are much more of a reality to me now. In visiting each chapter and their affairs, I was fortunate to see each one in action and be assured that the fraternalism and brotherhood is flowing in the right direction — towards continued success.

I am extremely proud of the charitable help the chapters have given, and it is through this effort that we get to know each other better.

Many thanks for the generous hospitality of each chapter shown to my wife and me.

It has been a pleasure to be your Grand Master. This honor will live with me as long as I live. Thank you.

JOSEPH GARABEDIAN

Grand Master

TRIPLE X FOUNDING FATHERS

Charles M. Ashjian • Richard Dederian • Lee Rustigan • John Kasparian

Gurken Bacon • Armen Nishkian • Lee Dederian • Arsen Alchian

Fresno

Travel to Tulare

The Fresno Triple X Chapter welcomed in the new year with an interesting calendar of exciting activities planned for 1979.

Two fine activities featured in February were enjoyed by members and their wives. On Saturday, the third, a high spirited group of Trex men and their spouses travelled by special bus to support our neighboring Sequoia Chapters' Charity Dinner Dance.

Junior Master, Vernon Hovannisian ably made all the reservations, and had the portable bar well stocked for the enjoyment of all the bus riders.

A chorus of fine voices including Jerry and Helen Madigan, Aram and Norma Kakligian and Bob and Anne Kevorkian made everyone forget the valley fog.



Smile

Past Masters Host Dinner

The following Past Grand Masters of Fresno hosted a Mazza and Steak Dinner on the 15th of February at the Club House: 1931, Kay Paul; 1941, Lousander Markarian; 1947, Michael Sohigian; 1953, Mose Hachigian; 1960, Johnnie Simonian; 1964, Haig Kayajanian; 1969, Charles Chitjian; 1972, Aaron Aaronian and 1977, Michael Kershaw.

A moment of silence was observed by members in memory of deceased past grand masters and members.

Guest speaker of the evening was David McGarry, director of Men's Physical Fitness of the Fresno YMCA.



Guests at Charity Dinner Dance

Fabulous Fresno Benefit Dinner Dance

One Saturday evening, June the 16th, the Fresno Triple X hosted one of its greatest and most successful society Charity Benefit events of the season.

Greeting the guests were Michael and Rosellen Kershaw and Mike and Alice Chakalozian.

The superb dinner-dance was held at the elegant residence of Ronald and Jasmine Cloud, who so generously shared their beautiful garden setting on North Van Ness Boulevard.

Did you know that through the year, donations to various charities by the Fresno Triple X totals well over \$100,000? The two major benefactors being the California Armenian Home and the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children have received over \$50,000. The benefit this year realized \$7,000 in proceeds. Our two major benefactors, the California Armenian Home and the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children will receive funds of \$3,000 each and the Y.M.C.A. Cardio-Therapy Program will receive \$1,000.

The featured entertainer on the evening's program was well known comedian and television star, Allan Drake. Dancing under the stars to the music of Johnnie Matesso was most enjoyable.

General Chairman Haig Kayajanian assisted by Vernon Hovannisian must be commended for a truly memorable evening.

Also thanks to all members and friends of the Triple X for their kind support for such a worthy cause.

Annual Dinkey Creek Outing

The week-end of May 31, through June 3, brought together brother trex-men from all the California chapters to the annual Dinkey Creek Outing where the finest of food and fun was available. Through the fine planning and efforts of Chairman Moody Najarian, assisted by Karlo Demerjian, members attending will long remember the week-end in the Sierras as most enjoyable.

Brother Joe Elia won the Tavloo Tournament and Past Grand Master Ed Sarouhan caught the largest fish. Horse shoe tournament won by Carl Haratounian.

Mid-summer Agenda

Mark your calendar for the following future activities and plan to attend.

Chairman Darrel Hanoian is making plans for a gala family picnic. Date and details to follow shortly.

Co-chairman Michael Kershaw and Sam Krikorian are planning a super Bus Trip on August 5th to Chavez Ravine, Los Angeles for a Dodger/Giant baseball game.

Hope you are all enjoying a safe and healthy summer.

Bob A. Kevorkian

SEQUOIA

It doesn't seem possible that this much time could have lapsed from midterm until now, but the older we become the faster time appears to go.

Our Chapter has been very active since my report earlier this year. Most notable was our annual snow party at Big Stump, our Ladies Night, and our Annual Picnic.

SNOW PARTY: Our snow party, as always, was a big success for those who attended. Somehow the food cooked out doors tastes much better and who would want to miss Brother Serge Ananian. He is the only brother we have who always gets into a snowball fights with the kids and consistently loses.



Our Brother Charlie Ananian



Sequoia Brothers and family at snow outing



1979 Snow Party. Karrie's first snow.

LADIES NIGHT: This was held this year at the lovely home of Brother Bill Benneyan. All members and their ladies enjoyed and appreciated the Benneyan hospitality.

ANNUAL PICNIC: Again, that was held at Mooney Grove Park in Visalia in May. This event marks the beginning of the summer. We had sish ka bob dinner. Now that my daughter Karrie is three and a half years old, I really appreciate how Brother Mike Ekizian handled the kiddie games. **WHAT PATIENCE** that man has!

Brother John Bazarian is again planning our Tahoe trip scheduled for November. We were wondering Brother John, whether you will provide a rabbits foot for us this year?

Well, all of our tomato growers are happy again this year because the tomatoes are picked. They are still complaining however, but for some unknown reason they are always smiling as they puff away on their big cigars. **HOW ABOUT BROTHER CHARLIE!**

It has been a real pleasure through this year bringing you the news of the Sequoia Chapter. Hope to see all of y ou at the convention.

Fraternally yours,
Joe Donabed, Jr.
Associate Editor

Mt. Diablo

The Mt. Diablo Triple X continues to make quantum leaps in spirit and brotherhood with exciting and innovative meetings chaired by Master Armen Donian. The attention he commands are for two basic reasons: The brothers fear being hit by heavy fines (witness by this associate editor) and the Brothers want the meeting to end in a hurry so the Humarr can start. Master Armen has done a fine job of leading an energetic membership and we thank him profusely.

In a prior issue, the Mt. Diablo Trexmen were mentioned as being a nomadic tribe because their meeting were always held in different locations. We are learning that Contra Costa County, where our members live, has too many restaurants that need to be evaluated. Hence, we are still nomadic. One benefit has been that each meeting has an individuality built around the meeting location's decor.

For example, we had a VERY interesting stag night meeting with Armenian delicacies and a dancer laden with coins and veils. The photos of that meeting are not publishable. We also met in the kitchen of a local recreation center and enjoyed cheek cufta and peda bread. It is said that future meetings may be held on a houseboat in the Delta or in one of the sand mines on top of Mt. Diablo.



Melissa Matosian enjoys playing with Lenore Hanoian's daughter.

A very special dinner/wine tasting/auction was held in place of the Barahantes this year. A job well done by co-chairmen Kooyoumjian and Hanoian. Steak dinner with all the trimmings were done to perfection by Brothers Dichian and Kaljian. Fetzer wines were elegantly presented by Lloyd Sindell and his wife Ila. The auction included hand made jewelery by Doc Shanbazian, appliances, tools, wines, and nails. It was a good banquet and our chaity fund was pleasantly increased.

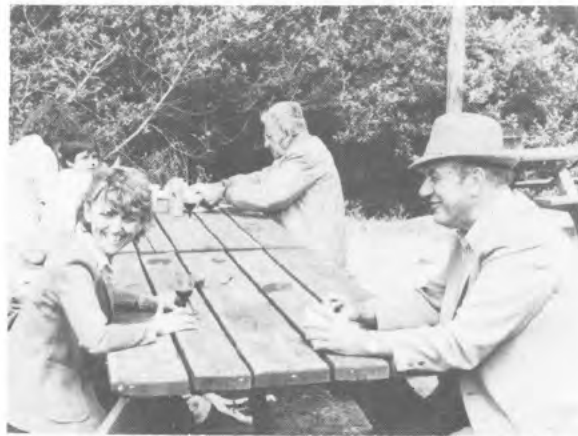


Master Armen Donian holds the faucet for a thirsty junior.

As usual, this year had a star-studded affair arranged by your associate editor. It was a two day bus trip to Lake Tahoe. Unfortunately, it went the way of the Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields. Thank goodness for Brother Rustigian's mystery trip.

Occasionally, we are treated to a speaker at the conclusion of a regular meeting. Recently, Bro. Garo Kaedjian discussed diamonds as an investment. Very interesting what Garo says we can do with our extra \$10 - 20,000!!

The Chabot College site of the Armenian Olympics on June 30, was attended by many of our Brothers, but none ventured onto the track. Rumor has it that one of the Mt. Diablans is in secret training for next year's Olympics. Whoever it is, he will no doubt be in the over 40 group. Happily, the perpetual trophy, donated by our chapter, was won by a local team.



Marilyn chuckles to Levon Arakelian's humor, while Al Kamian (background) is busy eating.

Now, there are picnics and there are picnics! But, when the setting is in the Berkely Hills intilden Park, one can expect a fabulous time. And it was. We missed the old horsesh--oer, Shavarsh Hazarabedian, who is on leave in Scotland. He is showing the Scots how to have an Armenian picnic. As shown in the photos in this article, everyone enjoyed the food and drink. Thanks to Brother John Chorbajian for chairing the picnic.



Some very questionable activities, keep your hands above the table, please.

Brother Levon Arakelian reports at each meeting that Brother George, his brother, too, is doing well in Denver. Levon maintains the tradition of a fine cigar at all our meetings. WE have been honored to have Grand Master Joe Garabedian visit our chapter to keep us posted on Grand Chapter progress. P.G.M. Ed Sarouhan also visits us frequently and recently he reported on the 1979 Convention in Palo Alto. Of course, we are always blessed with the presence of our own P.G.M. Doc Shanbazian who helps us gilt the edges of a finely crafted chapter.



Harvey Hanoian says I've got a deal for you, John.



Leona Donian worked hard but lost to Steve Noroian's daughter, while Charlie Kezerian took Myron Konjoyan to the cleaners.

A final word on some of our Brothers. It is indeed a joy to tiptoe through the garden of Brother Shant Kooyoumjian. He has successfully blended the knowledge of east coast farming with the west and has one of the finest gardens in the area. But, where do the ducks fit in? Brother Armen Boyd finished his patio!! No one is sure, but his method of requisitioning materials leaves one wondering what his true profession is. We are proud of Brother Robert Casparian who was promoted to treasurer of his company. Between the job and his sailboat, will we ever see him again? Brother Mel Najerian continues to confuse us. Are you with or without beard this week, Mel.

Many thanks to the Brothers of the Mt. Diablo Chapter and to the officers who worked so hard on the many projects this year. Appreciation to the Spouses who worked without recognition but, without them our success would be dimmed. This teamwork will give our chapter the necessary momentum to grow and enjoy our beautiful Armenian heritage.

Pax Vobiscum
Tanil G. Matosian

Orange County

Gentlemen:

This report is one of those "stop all the presses"!! Your Editor for the Orange County chapter was very negligent as I had completely forgotten about making this report for the Annual Convention. I am writing this by candle light at 11:00 p.m. on August 9, 1979, after having received a call from our Master "Big Mac" Makr-dichian chewing my butt for being a delinquent.

Let's try and cover some bases and see what the hell we did since our last march 3, 1979 mid-term report.

One of our better meetings took place when the Jr. Trex were invited to join us. A well mannered intelligent articulate group of men. We can see a very progressive Orange County Triplex as these men mature and join our membership.

Our annual Tennis Dinner Dance again, was successful and headed by Brothers Bozigian and Tosoonian. All players worked their way to Wimbledon where Tracy Austin whipped their butts.



His only asset! Pretty wife!



Our secretary and his lady.



Our Junior Master and bride.



"Grace could have done better."



"Too bad he ruined the photo."

Much kef at the dance. Master Mac kept the festivities in full swing as he hopscotched from lady to lady.

The Honeymoon Weekend was also a success. There were three couples per condo. The brothers and their ladies relaxed and had fun!! Their only trouble was when they switched partners. (not really!)

Our stag weekend was chaired by Brothers Harsarian and Cholakian. The men enjoyed their freedom from wife and family. Nothing serious happened ladies, these boys are all lookers not doers.

Orange County chapter annual picnic was a tremendous success headed by John Gulugian. Well organized with most of the brothers participating and of course their lovely ladies helped. Games, dancing and prizes for all.

Hope all the Orange County Triple X members forgive me for this short report. If it doesn't reach the master secretary in time for publishing you may ask for my resignation.

May we of the Orange County Triple X Chapter leave you with the following: The one about the constantly negative thinking Italian barber, when asked if he was planning on seeing the new Pope said "not me, flying is too expensive, always late, bad service, poor hotels, bad food, poor beds and no hot water. But one day he decided to see the new Pope. He stood in line for hours, finally reached the Pope, knelt before him and asked "Father please say something to me." The Pope responded "You sure got a lousy haircut."

Yours respectfully
G. Thomas

Peninsula

It's true that most everyone in the Peninsula Chapter is working harder than ever as we approach the annual convention to be held in Palo Alto. All the committee chairmen are lining up their crew members for the weekend's various events: each is striving to make this the finest convention you will have attended.

We recently held our annual Golf Tournament at the Pasatiempo course in Santa Cruz and had the pleasure of welcoming Brothers from our sister chapters Selma and Fresno. Including Bro. GrandMaster Joe Garabedian. Great time, great event.

What else is new? Bro. Norris Gregory and wife Lorraine are off to Hawaii for another buying trip — will the IRS believe it?! Bro. Earl Saroyan has joined the ranks of Grandfatherhood with a new-born granddaughter, while Bro. Vic Paparigian has given away a second daughter to marriage in six months. Only one left at home, Brothers, better hurry — they're going fast. Bro. Via Garabedian's neighbors do a double take as they go by his home — he has GUTA growing in his front yard. Enjoyed some at our last meeting. Delicious!! Bro. Ed Edwards daughter Patrice just engaged; lucky day to be this coming Thanksgiving Day. Congratulations!! Bro. Rudy Cazanjian and wife Gloria have opened a dress shop in Los Altos. Trexwives: drop in while here for the convention.

Peninsula Chapter's annual Charity Picnic will be held a little later than usual this year because of convention preparation. Remember September 17, Cuesta Park in Mountain View. Between the food, Armenian music and dancing, the belly dancers and tavloo, you can look forward to another great afternoon!

Bro. Earl Saroyan
Associate Editor



"Guess who?"



Paul and Jan Orphan.



Sarouhan said I'll have another.



The masegians — Father and Son.



Santa Norris had a great time.

Oakland

Greetings Brothers.

The Oakland Chapter wishes to give a 21 gun salute to our GRAND MASTER, BROTHER JOE GARABEDIAN. The manner in which he conducted the annual mid-term meeting deserves accolades of the highest degree. Congratulations Brother Joe!

Our chapter is proud to announce the candidacy of Brother CHARLES HAZARIAN for the office of Grand Master for 1979 - 80. As you may remember, Brother HAZARIAN ran against Brother JOE GARABEDIAN at last years convention in San Diego.

Several of our members have been traveling and vacationing recently. Brother JACK DORIAN (SR.) travels regularly to most any sister chapter meeting where a poker game may exist after the meeting. Brothers BOB ALCHIAN, SAM KASSABIAN, CHARLES HAZARIAN, JIM TAYLOR, and their wives, took off from the rigors of "big city life" and enjoyed a beautiful cruise throughout the Caribbean aboard the Sitmar cruise lines ship, Fairwind. During the cruise Brother TAYLOR won the backgammon championship of the ship. Also Brother TAYLOR with his expert partner, Brother BOB ALCHIAN, won the unofficial cribbage championship of the ship. Brothers HAZARIAN and KASSABIAN were a distant second. Brother ED MIRIGIAN and his wife motor-homed into Mexico for two weeks in April, and on his return he was heard telling a weird story about a boat overturning on a lake near Bakersfield. I would normally believe anything Brother ED says, but really ED, a lake near Bakersfield. I think he may have imported some tequila and consumed same during this portion of his return trip.

Brother HARRY SHERINIAN decided to try Some of the same, so he and his family motor-homed to Mexico about three weeks later. On his return Brother SHERINIAN stated that he followed Brother MIRIGIAN'S route and he couldn't find a lake

within 50 miles of Bakersfield. Brother AL YEREMIAN and family vacationed for two weeks in their motor home. They traveled north through Oregon, Washington and into Canada. Brother AL said that the countryside was beautiful and the fishing fantastic!!

Vacationing in Hawaii this summer were Brother HAROLD "hot dog" KOOJOLIAN and family; Brother JIM TAYLOR and family; Brother ARCH KAMIAN and friend. Brother MASIS GOZURIAN and family are enjoying ? two weeks in New York.

Our Master, Brother HAROLD MAGARIAN and his wife Isabelle, were surprised at a 25th wedding anniversary party. Brother MARTIN AGEKIAN is really "branching out" with the opening of a new Sinbads hot dog and ice cream parlor in Sparks, Nevada. Sorry to hear that Brother AL MORJIG's company, National Air-motive, had a severe fire.

The Oakland Chapter had a fantastic representation at Fresno Chapters' Dinky Creek outing. I counted 21 of our members in attendance. Speaking of stag outings, I am pleased to announce that plans have been completed for our annual Valley Stag Night. The date is Oct. 13 and Oct. 14. Brothers ED HOKOIAN of Fresno Chapter and P.G.M. KAY CLOUD of Selma Chapter are handling reservations for their respective chapters. At this time it appears that Mr. Sam Bogosian, line coach for the Oakland Raiders, will be our guest for dinner at Valley Stags' Saturday night event. On Sunday we will see the Raiders vs. Atlanta Falcons.

Congratulations to our newly elected members: Brother RICHARD MAGARIAN, son of our Master, and a former winner of the Lee Terzian Award for outstanding Junior Trexman; and Brother CHARLES CHANKALIAN, manager of Western Exterminator Co.

We of the Oakland Chapter are eagerly looking forward to the annual convention, hosted by our sister chapter, Peninsula. We are also looking forward to renewing the friendships and fraternalism of Triple X.

Jim Taylor, Jr.
Acting Associate
Editor

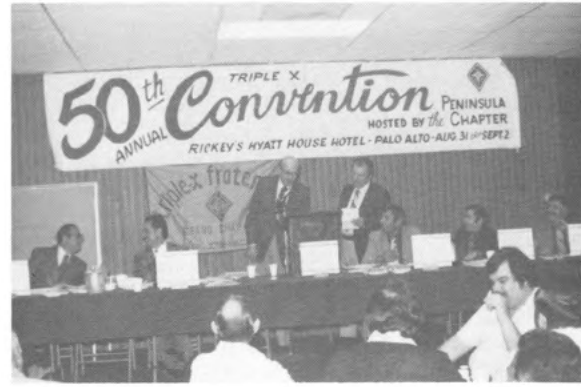
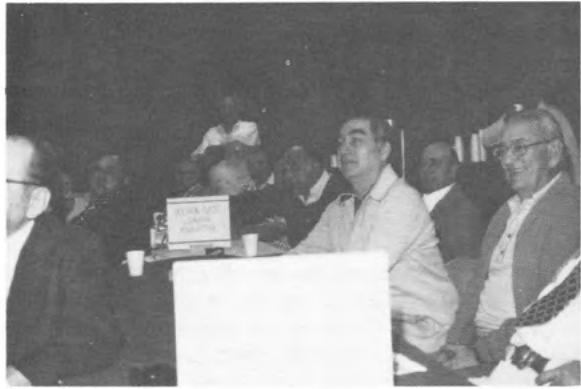


Mid Term Convention.



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TREXMEN AT



WORK AND PLAY





Golden Gate

Convention time is here and it means one thing for sure for me — time to brush the dust off the old typewriter and write a news article. I always start by asking myself "What am I going to write about?" After hours of thinking about that question, and being unable to come up with anything worthwhile I finally tell myself, "There's no immediate or easy answer to that question."

Well, here we go again. I really want you Brothers to realize that if it were not for waiting in line for gas, this article would not exist. That's right, I'm writing this blab column while waiting to buy gas. Our Master Brother Ralph Hartunian, was kind enough to remind me that I had about 12 hours to write this article and have it to Karlo's hands even if I had to hand deliver it. Actually as I start to recall and write about the last six months, I realize that it has been an enjoyable period for our chapter.

In July, we enjoyed our annual picnic. This event was at San Bruno Park and was attended by about 60 people. As usual, Brother George Mardikian was the chairman and was enjoying himself as if he was still burning hamburgers at Big Daddy's. The Brothers and their families enjoyed swimming, tavioo and tennis. Brother Ray Koobanian also startled us by announcing that we made some money on the picnic which would be something new; we netted \$5.52. I'm certain that this net profit was a direct result of George's portion control and cost accounting thus enabling us to operate our picnic on a profitable plan comparable to Victoria Station. Good God, I better slow down if I'm gonna make George sound like a whiz.

In May, the Brothers and their families enjoyed a trip to Lake Berryessa. We chartered a bus and you can guess the rest. You guessed wrong; everyone behaved like nuns in a convent. Well, not exactly like that. They did partake in a little imbibing only to help them relax. We went fishing and had another good picnic that was enjoyed by all.

Trexmen playing Bingo. Yep, right at the Olympic Club. The Brothers and their wives are enjoying Bingo Night once a week and are actually winning. Vince Levon won a Hitachi tape recorder and Ann Sarkissian won a bottle of booze. We drank Ann's booze and sang to Vince's tape recorder and we're going to play it back at our X-mas party. Poor Santa Claus.

On the topic of picnics, all our Brothers should stand and applaud the feat to be conducted by Brothers Bob Mirigian and Ara Thomasian. They are going to prepare and serve a shish kebab dinner for 2500 Shriners. Sure hope they don't call George Mardikian to help. Only a couple of good Trexmen could take on the task of such an event and make it a success and we are damned proud of these two Brothers.

It is wonderful to realize how exciting and attractive our meetings are to the Brothers of the

surrounding chapters. These Brothers join us at our meetings continually. For instance, Brother Jack Dorian always blesses us with his presence. It's so good to see that warm smiling face while visions of a poker game dance wildly in his mind. Judging from the size of the pots, I'd say Fresno Chapter poker games look like \$2.00 tables at Vegas. God help us all at mid-term because I've probably stirred up a hornets nest with that statement.

Just heard that Brother Sark Sarkisian has a condo at Tahoe and on the 25th of this month he's got a little party planned. Seems that he and Vartan Hovsepian are going up there but they're sending the wives ahead to get everything ready for them in advance. That's the way Brothers, don't get stuck with that housework.

If any of you are wondering what's happening to the gold market, ask Brother Khatchig Jingirian. Seems he's been traveling all over Europe buying gold for his wholesale business at such a clip that you'd think he was trying to corner the market. Don't smile at Khatchig if you have gold fillings; they might end up in one of his rings.

Thought you might be interested in the new roles that some of our Brothers are now involved in. George Atashkarian (Vanetzi Numero Uno) is now a realtor peddling million dollar condos on Telegraph Hill. Bob Mirigian is a weekend farmer on the families 60 acres; just can't keep a good Armenian out of the vineyards. Herb Donabedian has opened a used car dealership in San Bruno. Ara Sahakian is now in general contracting. Brother Lee Aaronian is semi-retired (or just tired) and spends his time on the golf course.

As usual (?) Golden Gate has another couple of new members. Brothers Levon Kostanian and Paul Goorjian have joined our ranks. Our Chapter has also made numerous donations this year to the Armenian Radio Hour, Armenian Commemorative Committee, armenian Students association at University of California at Berkeley, Armenian Educational Council and the Western Armenian Athletic Association.

Time to put this blab sheet to bed Brothers. As I started, I was panicking because of the deadline for this article. I always seem to forget that soon as this snowball starts rolling, it gets bigger and is actually hard to stop. This has always been my wonderful experience when it comes to sharing the news of our chapter with you other Brothers. We also anticipate reading your news articles thus sharing your yearly activities. If we really analyze the Trex News we would realize that it is really a cornerstone for Triple X. Everyone waits for their copy as if it were a priceless antique being sent to us. As we read the news we share happy times, sad times, nostalgic times and even unexplainable times. It is now time for me to close this edition and say that on behalf of the Brothers of Golden Gate we look forward to "breaking bread" with all our Brothers at the Convention.

Ken Nahigian

Associate Editor

SELMA

Warmest greetings Brothers. Six months have elapsed since we were all together at the Mid-Term Convention and we're already packing our bags for Palo Alto. If anyone tells you that they saw a Selma Brother kicking back and taking it easy during the past several months, don't you believe it! Whew! Let me catch my breath.

Everyone was tee'd off. I've never seen them happier. Brothers Kenneth Melkonian and Haig Kasparian with the help of their "top flights" committee did a great job again this spring in organizing the annual 13 hr. Golf Social. Thanks Fresno Brothers for your "clubhousepitality".

Before I forget, did you read in the paper about the Trexmen involved in the numbers racket? Yes, their families and friends were involved also. What an enjoyable evening it was! Brothers Brent and Roger Simonian and their committee organized the annual Bingo Night at the AACL Hall on May 5. After eating a delicious meal we sat and played the night away.



"Hold me close!"



What a dinner!



Selma Bros. at Dinkey Creek Outing.



Bro. Haig and wife Charlotte at Selma Dinner-Dance.



Grand Master Joe and wife Rosalee at Selma Dinner-Dance.



Don Magarian and wife Carol

Are craps in season? A bus loaded with Trexmen, their wives and friends climbed the treacherous Sierras to shoot them. They were led by their fearless guides, Brothers Jack Kazanjian and Soren Shamshoian. The only consolation I have to offer those individuals who may have lost a few dollars this year's Tahoe Trip is that "we will all be repayed in the end."

Our annual Family Spring Outing was better than ever this year. Brother York Boyajian and his committee again did a fantastic job. The food was delicious, and the games for the children and adults were a lot of fun, but what makes the Spring Outing such an especially enjoyable day that we all look forward to every year is the opportunity it gives us to get together and visit in a warm and casual atmosphere.

Brother Kirk Minasian and his capable crew of culinary artist delighted the senior citizens of the Armenian Home with a delicious shish kebab lunch this past July 14. This lunch was prepared with a great deal of pride and pleasure in appreciation of those to whom we are so deeply indebted.

July 28 was the date and the Armenian Home Pavillion was the place of what had to have been one of the most outstanding and elegant dinner-



Bro. Jack and wife Melene at Selma Dinner-Dance



"Smile Please"



"My Pal"



Hard workers at Mid-Term.



"Was the Food Good"

dances that one could hope to attend. Brother Freddie Markarian and his committee outdid themselves in the organization of this year's Scholarship Dinner Dance. If you weren't one of the some 400 guests who had the pleasure of attending the dinner, you really missed something.

Our June dinner-meeting was held in the beautiful back yard of Brother Sark Sarabian. The highlight of the evening (excepting Virginia's pilaf) was the presentation of scholarships to three local high school graduates. This year's scholarships were awarded to Jeff Damir, Leon Gurabian, and Karl Vahe who were selected for their outstanding achievement in high school. Brother Phil Manoogian and his Scholarship Committee again did a commendable job of the arduous task of selecting the most deserving from among dozens of worthy applicants.

We are proud to announce the addition of 2 new Brothers to our chapter: Brother Ray Mosesian who was initiated this spring and Brother Al Ashukian, who transferred from San Diego Chapter.

I am very sorry to have to report the bereavement of our Brother, Richard Kellejian.

It gave us a great deal of pride to have our own Brother Joe Garabedian elected as our Fraternity's Grand Master last September. Now, a year later, as the term of the Grand Officers is about to end, our pride has increased and so has our respect for a man who devoted and sacrificed so much of his precious time and energy to help make this a better Fraternity for all of us.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Palo Alto.

Fraternally Yours,

Bob Poochigian
Associate Editor

Capital

Bro. Harry Sweet, Chief Cameraman for KCRA-TV Channel 3 in Sacramento has just returned from filming a Television Series in Turkey. I want to express my feelings about the country and the Turkish people I met for two weeks in Ezmir, and Istanbul.

I arrived in Istanbul, Turkey April 14, then immediately flew to Ezmir. Arrived in Ezmir on Easter Sunday. Sunday morning when I awoke I could hear the chants from the nearby mosques as the sun was just rising over the mountain. Ezmir is set in a deep bay ringed by mountains. It is the central resort of Turkey's magnificent Aegean coast, lined with beaches and littered with ancient ruins.



Bro. George Shirazian and Ivy Ivazian. Tournament Nite — Close Game.



Bro. Bill Derderian accepting from Brother Ed Sarouhan the 2nd Annual Ed Sarouhan Backgammon Trophy.



Grand Master Joe Garabedian, Master Leon Hagopian, Bro. Bill Derderian, new member Bro. Greg Soligan.

On Sunday morning, my Reporter, our Turkish guide from Sacramento, and I left for the Aegean coast of CESME, where we met some friends of our guide. This is the area of the rich who have beach homes along the sea coast.

Turkey is a very scenic place to visit, it's old buildings still standing for centuries, and you wonder how they are still holding together.

When we checked into our Hotel Buyuk Efes in Ezmir, we learned about ten days later someone at the Hotel had called a high ranking Turkis General and told him a News Team had just checked into the Hotel. Even though we had received an official invitation to come to Turkey to film a series, no one would assume the responsibility to issue us press credentials.



Past Grand Master Ed Sarouhan, Grand Master Joe Garabedian, Master Leon Hagopian and Bro. Ed Ohanesian.



Tournament Nite, Bro. Sam Tarpin, Master Leon Hagopian, Junior Master Jack Najarian.



Tournament Nite, Harold Soligan, Frank Ohanesian, Rod Jorjorian and new member Greg Soligan.



Bro. Warren "Red" Yenoukian and Bro. George Shahinian at Tournament Nite.



New member George Aghakian and Bro. Ivy Ivazian at Tournament Nite.

My Reporter, Stan Atkinson, and our guide Armagan Ozdiker and I were the first non network news team ever to do a TV series in Turkey. And the problems we had were monumental in filming our stories, as no one wanted to take the authority to say "yes, you can film here, and not there." Our prime story we wanted to film was in a mens prison, and talk to some American prisoners, who have been sentenced to life for smuggling heroine. We wanted to make the point of, If you try to smuggle any dope out of Turkey, you will get Life Imprisonment. We were allowed to talk to three prisoners and record them on audio tape cassette, and I could only take still photos. No movie film. Then we were allowed to actually visit and film in movies a childrens prison for 11 year olds, to 18 year olds. Their prison was deplorable. The strict rules they abide by was too much to understand. These kids are sentenced to life imprisonment for dope smuggling, Rape, Auto Theft, Murder etc. Education is almost nil for them in prison. Boys and girls are in separate dorms.

The Turkish people we met on the streets were as friendly to us, as most Americans on our streets. I was told before I left, "Don't tell any of them I was Armenian". That is so wrong. I told them I was Armenian, and they told me some of their best friends are Hy's. We dined with many of the people there, and had some very good times with them.

I also did a Root's story of my family. My Mother and Father were born in Constantinople, and they are now buried in Ararat Cemetery in Fresno. So, of all days I was in a small town of Armenians in Topaki, Turkey. On April 24th, the 64th Anniversary of the Genocide. I went to an Armenian Church, met some Armenians there, and told them I wanted to take home some dirt to sprinkle on my parents grave in Fresno. So I gave my camera to my reporter and Stan filmed me digging some dirt from a garden behind the church so I can sprinkle it on my parents grave, and give me the satisfaction that after all these years, they have dirt from their homeland over them now.

Even with some problems we had filming we met some great Turkish people and they invited us back.

Harry Sweet,
Associate. Editor

Los Angeles

The LA Chapter started the year '79 with its installations at the Breamer Country Club. Leading us this year are Master Greg Avedesian, Jr. Master Irv Nishkian, Rec. Sec. Randy Avazian, Corr. Sec. Chas. Parigian, Treas. Ralph Barzekoff. Sgt. at Arms Ron Hosepian. We were happy to have Bro. Grand Master Joe Garabedian and wife Rosalee, Jr. Grand Master Harry Astor and wife Marjore with us. Also our own Bro. Grand Marshall Bill Kludjian and wife Kathrine. Music and kef followed to climax an enjoyable evening.

The partner best ball outing at Los Robles was a pleasure to our members, thanks to the efforts of our golf comm. Robt. Kalferyan. First place honors went to Bros. Wayne Bargekoff and Libby Boone. Second to Leo Avezian and Dick Jebejian Jr. A super event enjoyed by all.

Our member guest night was a smash thanks to Bro. Dewey Develot. Bro. Dewey got Tark the Shark to come to our guest night and give us a talk on his coaching career as well as his turbulations with the N.C.A.A. Over 200 members and guests enjoyed the evening. Coach Jerry answered questions for over an hour. I always knew Coach Jerry would do well in the coaching ranks because he had a good start at the old St. James Hall where the Armenian basketball teams played. He had a 6' 10" Armenian center on his team with an Italian name. When the Armenian N.C.A.A. asked Jerry about this he said the guy had been to an Armenian picnic once which made him eligible to play.

The 24th Annual Armenian Open was a super event led by Bro. Robt. Kalfayan. Over 150

golfers enjoyed the challenge of Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena. Our Master Greg Avedesian said it very well. We sure have come a long way. After a beautiful dinner awards were given to the golfers.

Low Gross, Chuck Lyons; Low Net, Libby Boone; First Flight, John Sahegian; Second Flight, Dick Asadour; Third Flight, Vagan Solakian; Blind Bogey, Andy Memerian; Senior Flight, Ed Papazian; Womens' Flight, Mrs. Dee Chooljian.

Music by the Armenian Echoes topped a very enjoyable day for all.

Expectations: I wish Bro. John Elmassian would get a new reed for his clarinet. We would like to thank Bro. Geo. Mason for donating the John Mason Trophy for Lou Gross in memory of John Mason. Also to Bro. Ray Hovey, our thanks for his contributing the Myron Kasparian trophy for so many years.

The family picnic this year was headed by our Jr. Master Irv. Nishkian. All the kids had a real fine time. There is nothing better than a kebab dinner in a park with everyone having a great time. Bro. Samtalian sure knows how to make good shisk kebab.

All of us were saddened by the passing of our brother Vaughn Khorigian, it has left a big void in our ranks. His contributions to the Triple X, Armenian people, church and community were many, and words cannot tell of his many achievements.

He was a humble, generous man who made life a lot happier for all of us who knew him. Our hearts are with his wife Julie, daughters Janis, Lori and Gina. We will miss him a lot. Bro. Vaughn took so little and gave so much to everyone.

Jack Khteian
Associate Editor



Grand Editor Karlo and wife Ann at Selma Dinner-Dance.



Mid Term

Members, Guests at Fresno Charity Dinner-Dance



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Snacks after Fresno Business meeting



Dinkey Creek Outing.



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