



# TREX NEWS

Triple X Fraternity

## 26th Mid-Term Convention

*March 1 - 2, 1980*

**Saturday, March 1, 1980**

★ **26th ANNUAL MID-TERM GOLF TOURNAMENT**

(Men and Women)

Palm Lakes Golf Course, 5005 E. Dakota Avenue, Fresno

**Tee Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Saturday Evening, March 1**

★ **DINNER-DANCE** (Members Only)

**California Home for the Aged**

6720 E. Kings Canyon, Fresno, California

**Cocktails 6:30 p.m. Dinner 8:00 p.m.**

**Donation: \$10.00 per person**

**Sunday, March 2**

★ **STAG BREAKFAST MEETING – 8:30 a.m.**

**Belmont Country Club**

8253 E. Belmont Ave., Fresno

**Donation: \$6.00 per person (Members Only)**

**General Business Meeting**

(Right after Breakfast)

**10:15 a.m. – Fresno Triple X Clubhouse**



## Grand Master's Message

Brother Trexmen:

The future of the Fraternity is bright, as evidenced by the new corp of officers in the chapters and many interesting events planned for 1980. We have a continuation of some outstanding chapter activities and new ventures to stimulate interest in a more total involvement of our brethren.

This year I am optimistic that each chapter will add at least one new goal for their members, to contribute time and funds in some community activity that will spread out brotherly love to our neighbors and friends.

The visits to each chapter have provided me with much dialogue on our Armenian youth and their actions and behavior. We all know that humans are very complex and so is their behavior. Also be aware of the changes in our adult life style. The solution is for us to communicate more with our youth and work together to solve the problems.

I wish to thank all the chapters for the warm and hospitable courtesies extended during my visits and hope to see you again soon.

Fraternally yours,  
**CHARLES HAZARIAN**  
*Grand Master*

### TRIPLE X FOUNDING FATHERS

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

Gurken Bacon • Armen Nishkian • Lee Dederian • Arsen Alchian

## Fresno

Greetings Brothers from the Fresno Chapter of Triple X. The following is a resume of activities conducted by our chapter over the past few months.

In December the big event was our children's Christmas party. Brothers Karlo and Artie Demoorjian were co-chairmen and they did a tremendous job of assuring everyone a good time. Brother Andy Boyajian outdid himself in preparing excellent food and Bro. Sam Simonian really entertained the children with his Santa Clause imitation. Winners of the \$50.00 bond drawing were Cindy Kazarian, Gary Kazanjian and Christopher Badigian.



**Fresno Master Ashod Simonian and wife Jacqueline and past master Mike Chakalozian and wife Alice at Joint Installation Dinner-Dance.**

Another big event for our chapter was the annual Scholarship Dinner Dance. Under the Co-chairmanship of Brother Richard Shirin, Ed Hokokian, Gary Kazarian and Harry Tanielian. The well planned affair was a smashing success. Fine food, drink and music was enjoyed by everyone.

Scholarship recipients were Tom Atmajian \$250.00, Florence Sahagian \$250.00 and Dean Arakelian \$50.00 bond. The support given this benefit by the members was so great that our Chapter was also able to donate \$1,000.00 to the Armenian Community School.



**Bro. Ed Hokokian and wife Mary Anne at installation Dinner-Dance.**



**Mrs. Harriet Hagopian, Mrs. Lucy Hagopian, Leon Bogosian, Nathan Hagopian and Michael Sohigian at Fresno-Selma joint installation Dinner-Dance.**



**Members and wives at Fresno-Selma Dinner Dance.**



**Bro. and Mrs. Michael Kershaw at Fresno-Selma Dinner-Dance.**

A joint Installation Dinner Dance was held for the Fresno and Selma chapters installation of incoming officers. The new Fresno Chapter officers are:

Master — Ash Simonian  
 Jr. Master — Andy Boyajian  
 Recording Secretary — Sam Simonian  
 Corresponding Secretary — Bob Emerzian  
 Auditor — Sam Hokokian  
 Custodian — Gary Kazarian  
 Sgt.-at-Arms — John Topalian  
 Critic — Mike Chakalozian  
 Associate Editor — Paul Najimian

Looking forward to seeing all our brothers at the Mid-Term convention.

Paul Najimian Jr.  
 Associate Editor

# Mt. Diablo

Hello out there. I'm back. An old associated editor reincarnated for the task again. My brothers in the Mt. Diablo Chapter believe that this is a new office for me. I write my articles with a touch of truth (mostly between the lines) and a good deal of fantasy mixed in. So off we start with the new decade of Trex history.

Mt. Diablo Chapter extends its greetings to all the Triple X members up and down the State for a fruitful New Year and we hope for a year of great advancement for the Triple X Fraternity.

We are moving right along in our Chapter and it looks like a great year to come for us. We have the problems associated with a growing Chapter, maybe a little too much Armenianism and not enough of the Trex-ism that should go along with it. But all the signs point to a mature, healthy Chapter.

Our thanks to Past Master Armen Donian and his staff for last years guidance. Bro. Armen, we especially thank you for your courage in completing your office this past year.

Since this is the Spring issue of the Trex News, we have to begin with the introduction of our new slate of officers and what a group this is. Here they are and a profile on each one of our industrious leaders.



(Top row) Past Master Armen Donian and newly elected officers, Bro's. Steve Norian, Tan Matosian, Armen Boyd. (Bottom row) Bro's. Al Kamian, Shant Kooyoujian, Garo Kaadjian and newly elected Master, Art Hazarabedian.

## Master Bro. Art Hazarabedian (Doctor to you.)

Bro. Art brings with him many past years in the Triple X Frat. in and out of Trex at various times, but now truly a member of solid standing. Bro. Art is a veterinarian and can take care of any four legged creatures, as long as they don't bite. He is the only Vet. that issues Medi-care cards for your animal and takes care of any funeral expenses too, usually by cremation, and if you like, he'll fly the ashes in his Lear jet and scatter them over "Africa, USA."

## Jr. Master Bro. Armen Boyd

Bro. Armen lists his occupation as an instructor but really is a frustrated teacher (aren't they all?) of music. Armen knows his instruments and has talent equal to that of Harry James, Liberace and the rock



"OUR GANG" Mt. Diablo Chapter

group Styx. Bro. Armen, make no mistake, is a task master and he accomplishes any and all he sets his mind to. He is a great asset to our group.

## Recording Secretary Bro. Tanil Matosian

Bro. Tanil is going to make it yet. Like Avis he tries harder and will succeed eventually to be number one. You've heard of Swedish steel, Tan works for a company called U.S. Steel and they make a special steel called Pittsburg steel. It's better, so says Bro. Tan.

## Corresponding Secretary Bro. Garo Keadjian

If anybody is in the right business, it's Bro. Garo — jeweler. Bro. Garo believes in dealing with the facts of life, that is Gold and Diamonds. He gave a talk on diamonds one meeting and we all felt afterwards that diamonds are Armenians best friend.

## Treasurer Bro. Shant Kooyoumjian

Bro. Shant can do a job like no one else can. He will find a way to improve upon any subject whether it needs it or not. Bro. Shant is thorough in any task he undertakes.

## Historian Bro. Steve Norian

There is no better selection for this office than Bro. Steve. A balding casanova, a stock juggler or commonly known as an investment counselor. As stocks start to drop he loses more hair and when stocks start to rise his mustache gets thicker.

## Sgt.-at-Arms Bro John Chorbajian

Bro. John takes no backseat from any one and enforces the rules to the letter. You do it right because there is no other way to do it. John is into Oriental rugs which is right there between gold and diamonds.

## Custodian Bro. Al Kamian

Bro. Al probably our newest oldest member or our oldest newest member, whichever, he is the youngest of all our members in thought and energy. Bro. Al is a retired, active land developer.

Well that's our lineup and it is probably the most impressive slate yet for this chapter. We know we are headed for a good year because one; our Grand Master Chuck Hazarian paid us a visit in Dec. at which time he blessed our newly elected officers and two; we have a calendar of events created and formulated by Bro. Armen Boyd, which if executed, will be the most active year yet.

Here is our **calendar of events** for the year.

**January** — Our installation dinner with Oakland, Golden Gate, Peninsula and Sacramento chapters. The turn out was light but the enthusiasm was as strong as ever. Good food, good music and good fellowship.

**February** — Valentine's dinner for wives and/or sweethearts. Bro. Jack Dolab, this means one or the other, not both at the same time.

**April** — Trex Rally in preparation for the big one next month. Bro. Vic Vasgerdsian is a good helmsman for anything that has "rally" to it.

**May** — Our Fund raiser is at the Pleasant Hill Rec. Center. Everybody gets into the act. Shoulders behind the wheel, pushing, forging ahead, our brothers pull together to make the bucks for the chapter yearly event. Put big Bro. John Dichian up from first, like to have the husky strong ones do all the pushing.

**June** — Progressive Dinner — this usually is our Armenian style dinner, everybody feeds up on Keyma, the more you eat the more progressively you blow up. Usually Bro. Haig Harootenian has his hands in this.

**July** — Our wonderful picnic month — always a treat for everyone. Bro. Al Kaljian's special barbeque spare ribs on an open fire with beer chasers, what a way to spend a warm balmy afternoon.

**August** — Concert on the greens at the Concord Pavillion, nice setting for the newly married Bro. Cliff Melekian and his wonderful wife — so romantic.

**September** — The big event, of course, is our Trex Convention which everyone is looking forward to in Orange Co.

**October** — Costume party. Some of us dress in costume and some of us come as we are. Nothing like seeing 50-year-old men running around in black tights acting out the part of court jester. Bro. Barry Toomjian has had experience in the line of activity.

**November** — Mystery trip. Every year it is done by me. This is our 6th. I pick a place where we can eat and dance. No one knows where they will be until the last mile of travel. Bro. Charles Klezerian helps serve drinks on the bus which sets the mood of the passengers.

**December** — Alas, here it is again, Christmas party — everybody fights over who is going to play Santa Claus. The brother who weights the most gets the part. Everyone is losing weight. Children and their parents have loads of fun with a musical show put on by the offspring of our chapter members.

That's it for now. Congrats. to Bro. Kevork Garabedian and Regina for the new addition to their family.

**P.S. Left out March** — Stag nite, better not mention names here.

George Rustigian  
Associate Editor



Who - Me?



Picnic — Andy Nahabedian and Boys



Rudy Cazanjan and lamb shanks. Boy, does that look good.!



Gang enjoying an other dinner at our meeting.

# Capitol

## For 1979

Our Triple X outing at Lake Tahoe was a huge success. With Brother's Rod Jorjorian and Chuck Moore handling all the details, nothing could go wrong. (Except,) with the professional advice of Bro. Ralph Yeramian at the crap tables, Bro. Chuck Moore wished Bro. Ralph had stayed home. Bro. Sam Tarpin was well taken care of by all the brothers and he enjoyed a nice weekend.

Bro. Sarkis Shirinian is back in the Hospital for more treatments. We wish Bro. Sarkis a speedy recovery.

Bro. Warren Yenovkian is on the injured list. Not seriously. Seems like they don't make wide enough docks. Bro. Warren was stepping out of a boat onto the dock, when the boat decided to drift away before Warren could depart. Ever hear about an *Armenian Split*, boat dock?

Bro. John McKay's wife, Esther, is very ill, and the membership hopes she's on her way to a speedy recovery.

Bro. George Kapanagian is planning a Keff night for next March of 1980. It will be one of the biggest events of the year for the Capitol Chapter, with live entertainment, food, drinks etc. Should be a great affair.

## For 1980

The Capitol Chapter Brothers as well as all fraternal Brothers express out sympathy's to the families of our beloved Brothers, Sam Tarpin and Sarkis Shirinian.

With their passing, we Brothers leave them with this passing.

*"The clock of life is wound but once, And no man has the power to tell, Just when the hands will stop, At Late or early hour. Now is the only time you own, Live, Love, toil with a will, Place no faith in tomorrow: For the clock may then be still."*



**Sam Tarpin**

Brother Sam was born in 1908 in Van, Armenia. He died December 22, 1979. He was a Charter member of the Capitol Chapter since 1936. Brother Sam was a member of the Royal Order of the Elks Lodge. Director of the Park Center Conv. Hospital.



**Sarkis Shirinian**

Brother Sarkis died December 30, 1979 after a lengthy illness with a brain tumor. He was 77-years old. Brother Sarkis was a devoted member of the St. James Armenian Church, AGBU, American Architect Society, and a Trexman since 1949. He was born in Hadjin, Armenia.

I can't believe another year has passed, already the Capitol chapter and the Bay Area chapters are planning for our annual Joint Installation of Officers, Saturday, January 19, 1980 at the Goodman Hall in Oakland. Bro. Allen Khatoonian again will take as many Brothers and their wives as possible in his Mobile Home to the dinner for an enjoyable evening.

Brother Art Tashjian and wife Helen have been in New Orleans over the holidays visiting their son Jim and his family.

Bro's. Paul Artian and Harry Sweet have been filming the annual Xmas partys for the past several years of all our children. Twenty years from now these children will have appreciated the efforts.

Bro. Ruben Sweet, formerly of the Capitol Chapter, has been in the Hospital in Walnut Creek with a rheumatism attack. Glad to hear he is home recuperating and feeling much better.

A big event coming up soon is our 1st Annual Spring Fling, Saturday, March 8th at 8:00 p.m., Hellenic Center in Sacramento. Chairman George Kapanagian is planning to serve Kef and Mezza. Middle East music by the Ultra Live Rollen Naghli Band. Proceeds will go to charity.

Brother Raymond Tatian on Jan. 12, was installed as Master of Travelers Lodge. Free and Accepted Masons. Quite a nice honor for a Brother Trexman.

## New Officers for 1980

Master — Jack Najarian  
 Jr. Master — Harry Kazarian  
 Secretary — Harry Artinian  
 Treasurer — George Aghakian  
 Assoc. Editor — Harry Sweet  
 Marshall - Custodian — Charles Moore  
 Historian — Raymond Tatian  
 Sunshine — Frank Ohanesian

Harry Sweet  
 Associate Editor

# San Diego

HYE! to all the Brothers. We were soundly and mercilessly fined for not having an article in the last Trex News but we aren't sitting around moping. We cried some however.

Our Chapter has had many things happening. Before I go on any further, all the Brothers are so grateful to the "All Mighty" for bringing two of our Brothers back to us. First, Bro. Kai (Ditch Witch) Musurlian suffered a heart attack and underwent coronary bypass surgery and he is doing real well now; stopped smoking, lost weight, but we caught him taking a nip or two which he says is medicinal. Next, Bro. Karnig Ovian, who also suffered a heart attack and is back to work. We are all looking forward to seeing them back at the meetings and giving them the what-for for scaring us all out of our wits.

There have been some changes around here this past year. Bro. John Sivas passed the California Bar Exam and went to work with Bro. Steve Lazarian in his new building. Bro. John's first assignment was to clear the water from the elevator shaft. All those years of school were well worth it, huh Bro. John? Bro. Greg Vartanian passed his real estate license exam and wouldn't you know it, as soon as he started working, the real estate market came to a screeching halt. Just keep your chin up Bro. Greg, it can only get worse!!!

Bro. Ray (Taco Baron) Saatjian opened another taco stand. Not bad for an attorney turned Chef. And speaking of Chefs, our Brothers all would like to thank Bro. Herb Hovey for putting up with us the last two years at his Shish Kebob Kitchen. It was a tremendous place to have our meetings.

Bro. Greg Semerdjian has recently joined the staff of Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation. Quite an honor for a little boy from Fowler. Well, Bro. Richard Spanjian II has been flying around the country doing his selling act. We have it on good authority he has had quite a time in the friendly skies. By-the-way, R II wasn't the odd man at the installation party this year (he brought a date).

Now that all the news is out, I'd like to tell all of you about our year to date. Our activities were highlighted by a Luau at the home of Bro. Joe Kellejian (past Jr. Grand Master) in Solana Beach. There was great food, beautiful hula girls and great leis. About 45 couples came and enjoyed the evening which apparently was the hit of the neighborhood as well. After the party I heard Bro. Joe was elected entertainment chairman for his neighborhood.

Our Christmas party was at Bro. Master Dan Agajeenian's home. The food and drink was flowing and the company very jovial. Everyone brought their most favorite toy which we collected and gave to the "Toys for Tots" campaign, which distributes the toys to under-privileged children throughout San Diego County.

At our November meeting elections were held. Here is a list of our new executive board:

Master — Steve Lazarian  
 Jr. Master — Dr. Dan Tevrizian  
 Rec. Secretary — Karnig Shirvanian  
 Cor. Secretary — John Sivas  
 Treasurer — Mark Spanjian  
 Sgt.-at-Arms — Harry Guzelemian  
 Editor — Dr. Greg Semerdjian  
 Good and Welfare — Greg Babikian  
 Photographer — Dr. George Matossian

A special thanks goes to Bro. Dan Agajeenian and his entire executive board for 1979 for an outstanding job. Our installation banquet was held at the Town and Country Hotel on February 2. Grand Master Charles Hazarian was present to install our incoming executive board. Everyone enjoyed the Beef Wellington and dancing to the Steve Aldridge Trio.

By-the-way, we had a heck of a time on January 1, at the home of Bro. Joe Kellejian. He and his lovely wife put out a spread like no one could believe. We all ate, ate and ate some more and watched all the football games. We have to congratulate all our wives for not giving us any trouble during the entire 10 hours we watched the games. Ladies we thank you!!!

Congratulations to Bro. Alex Matossian, Grandpa for another time.

Our deep sea fishing trip was really a success. Twenty-five of us boarded a beautiful boat and sailed out to the Coronado Islands for the over-night outing. Bro. Steve Lazarian's five pound Barracuda beat out Bro. Greg Semerdjian's four pound eight ounce Bonita for the pool prize. We all want to thank Bro. Gary Kazanjian for arranging the trip. This year there is talk of Cabo San Lucas.

Our regular meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month. If any Brother is in beautiful San Diego, please give me (487-9210) or Bro. Steve Lazarian (292-7916) a call. We do not have a permanent place to meet and will probably use a variety of places.

See you all at the Mid Term and the Fantabulous Orange County Convention at the Disneyland Hotel.

Greg Semerdjian  
 Editor



*Who's the clean-clean?*

# Los Angeles

The Los Angeles chapter completed another highly successful year in 1979 thanks to the efforts of out-going Master Bro. Greg. Avedisian, Jr. Master Bro. Irv Nishkian and the rest of their able staff. Highlights for the year included the L.A. Sr. and Jr. Trex support of the Ararat Home picnic on the home grounds. Bro. Kay Hovsepian again did a marvelous job of leading us and, together with many other Trex Brothers, helped generate a significant amount of money for the worthy cause.

The stag outing was a great success as usual, thanks to the efforts of Bro. Irv. The Saturday night dinner was a memorable one for all who attended, a superb setting at the O.K. Corral in the driving rain.

Bro. Robert Kalfayian did a fantastic job at the annual Palm Springs outing. Many thanks to his wife Janie and daughter for setting up such a beautiful mezza table.



(L. to R.) **Being Congratulated.** Master Bro. George Parigian, Grand Master — Bro. Charles Hazarian.



(Front row l. to r.) Jr. Master Bro. Charles Parigian, Master Bro. George Parigian, (Back row l. to r.) Sgt.-at-Arms Bro. Pete Adanalian, Rec. Sec. Bro. Walter Hekinian, Treas. Bro. Vaskan Solakian, Corr. Sec. Bro. Marx Kamashian.



"I do swear to do my best."



Head Table

The Sr. Trex softball team was highly successful in the Southern California Armenian Athletic League, winning all regular season games, only to fall prey to overconfidence in the playoffs.

Many of the younger brothers will feel that 1979 was a productive year. Beginning with Bro. Stan Roopenian whose wife gave birth to a daughter on Jan. 1, and including Bros. John Casparian — daughter; John Zorigian — twin sons; Gabe Kaprelian — son; Mel Shanoian — son; and Wallyt Hekimian, Jr. who had two blessed events, including a new daughter and his father becoming a Trex Brother.

Keep June 28, 1980 free for the 25th annual Triple X Open at Knollwood Country Club in Granada Hills. It will be a great time for all. (P.S. Bring a lot of golf balls).

Congratulations and good luck to the incoming officers:

- Master — Bro. George Parigian
- Jr. Master — Bro. Charles Parigian
- Secretary — Bro. Wally Hekimian, Jr.
- Treasurer — Bro. Vaskan Solakian
- Corr. Sec. — Bro. Marx Kamashian
- Sgt.-at-Arms — Bro. Peter Adanalian
- John Casparian
- Editor

# Selma

Last year's activities were concluded on December 16 with an enjoyable Christmas party given for the children of all Brothers of the Selma Chapter. Brothers Robert and Karne Tutunjian had everything prepared, from delicious food to stuffed socks for the youngsters. Of course, a Christmas party needs a Santa Claus, and Brother Jake Kevorkian did an excellent job. Everyone had an enjoyable time at the party.

Election of officers was a lengthy procedure during the last business meeting of the year. But Brother Master Kay kept it interesting and Brother Ron Atmajian busy by collecting various fines. It was good to see Brother Ron again and he hasn't lost his touch in the collection duty as Sgt.-at-Arms. Anyway, those elected to serve in 1980 — the new year in a new decade are:

- Master — Frank Korkmazian
- Junior Master — Phil Manoogian
- Secretary — Sam Boghosian
- Treasurer — Bob Garabedian
- Corresponding Secretary — Jack Ouzounian
- Associate Editor — Don Attoian
- Historian — Hubert Baker
- Auditor — Richard Niksarian
- Custodian — Joe Agajanian
- Sgt.-at-Arms — Bob Atamian
- Critic — Kay Paboojian

The 1980 Board of Directors are: Jack Bedrosian, Dick Boyajian, Pete Hagopian, Joe Garabedian, Oscar Kasparian and Kay Cloud (Parliamentarian).

January has been a very busy month as of this writing. Our regular business meeting was opened by Brother Master Kay Paboojian.

The regular business agenda included the installation of officers with Past Grand Master Brother Charles Haron giving the oath to all officers and board members.



Smile Please. Past Grand Master Jack Kazanjian, Grand Master Charles Hazarian and grand Secretary Jeff Hazarian.



Bro. and Mrs. Kay Cloud and Bro. and Mrs. Haig Kasparian at Fresno-Selma Joint Installation Dinner-Dance.

A joint installation dinner-dance was held on January 19 at the Fresno Clubhouse. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Brother Jack Kazanjian. Grand Master Charles Hazarian gave the newly elected officers of both chapters the oath of office for 1980. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who attended the affair.

Our first dinner meeting was held at the Yturri Hotel, with good Basque food. Presentations were made to those Brothers who attended all business and dinner meetings in 1979. Six Brothers received the 100 percenters Award. They are: Don Attoian, Harry Moordigian, Haig Aivazian, Jr., Pete Hagopian, Kay Paboojian, Jr., and Frank Korkmazian, Jr.

The 1979 TREXMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD is presented to the Brother who has given more of himself toward the idealism of the Triple X. This year's award was presented to Brother Brent Simonian by Brother Haig Aivazian, Jr. Congratulations Brother Brent.

Brother Jim Antaramian introduced the guest speaker for the evening, District Attorney Dale Blickenstaff, who gave a very interesting and informative talk about law enforcement problems in Fresno today.

We, of the Selma Chapter, are looking forward to an exciting year and hope to see all Brothers at the Mid Term in March.

Don Attoian  
Associate Editor



Bros. John Topallian and Marty Boyajian and guests at Fresno-Selma Dinner Dance.

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# GOLDEN GATE

It's 1980 and suddenly for the first time in my life I'm beginning to really feel older. It's something about this 1980; in the past, as each year went by, I wasn't even phased by it. Is it only me or are you Brothers feeling the same? Maybe it's because it's Leap Year that I feel older. Like Hell, the only effect that Leap Year has on me is that it reminds me of prices — LEAPING. All this Bull about the price of gold going up doesn't bother me at all; I don't have enough money to buy lahvosh bread, leave alone gold. Look at the price of gas, it's going up faster than gold and that's what effects me. Guess I'll have to ride my bicycle to the next Trex meeting.

On the topic of Trex meetings, I blew it and missed the last two. Missing those meetings was disastrous because I couldn't decline the appointment of Associate Editor. So, here I am writing this blab column to fulfill my duty. Maybe I'll get a merit badge at Mid-Term for having my position for so many years. Every year I act like a politician and make a promise that I never keep, the promise is that next year I will decline this position and some else will have the honors. The problem this year was that Anooshavan, our new Master, gave me the works; you've seen it before, the passionate plea with tears in his eyes and despair in his voice. "Please, Ken," he says, "this is going to be our greatest year and only you can write our Trex News; your ability is surpassed by none; we will honor you with a cake that a naked lady jumps out of and I'll personally nominate you for a Pulitzer award." Geeze, who can defend himself against that barrage of pleas and offerings. In simple terms, he stuck it to me so here we go again with the Golden Gate edition of the Trex News.

As far as I know, there's no reason for this article to read like a book of poetry. As a matter of fact there has to be no sequence or order so I might as well start fast and with the easiest. How about our new officers? Now that's interesting. Well, at least a little interesting even if it is only to our Grand Master.

Heading our pack of noble Trexmen is none other than Anooshavan Kasparian. Everyone knows Anooshavan. He was the first Recording Secretary to write and read our minutes in Armenian.

The second in command this year is Vic Azizian. Vic is the tire magnate of Mt. View and rides to work in the company blimp (that should give you a hint about the brand of tires he sells).

Our Corresponding Secretary is Ralph Kazanjian. Now I'm supposed to write something cute and witty about Ralph because it will make him feel good. But what can you say about Ralph? As I think about it, what can't you say about Ralph? Tell you what, let's just say that Ralph is unique and I'm sure Elise will agree. How about it Ralph, have I paid enough homage to you?

Our Recording Secretary is Onnig Tutundjian and the best thing I can say about him is that he writes and reads minutes like Anooshavan — in Armenian. Keep up the good work Onnig.



Geez, ole Santa was really good to us.



Russian River Party - Solemn faces with wild thoughts.

Our Treasurer is the Dannville Demon [Arlene calls him other things] in the guise of Vartan Hovsepian. For your information Vartan still juggles books for the I.R.S. and he still likes pretty girls, booze and poker in that order.

Our Historian is Vince Levon. I notice that Vince moves slow but he always makes it at the end of our list of officers.

Our Sgt-at-Arms is Ara Sahakian and I really wonder about the wisdom in this. His job is to maintain order and decorum but he is the biggest violator of his duties. Actually he just can't sit still because he's thinking about the poker game after the meeting. Kind of reminds me of our rotund Brother Jack Dorian from Oakland. Yeh, he still makes that great personal sacrifice of his precious time to drive over and join us for poker, just poker, nothing else.

Our Custodian is Herb Donabedian and if he's as good at being custodian as at playing golf or peddling cars he'll be all right.

Bringing up the tail end of this list is our Associate Editor, Ken Nahigian. That's me. I know you guys really expect me to blow my own horn about myself but I ain't a gonna do it. Because I'm at the end of the list, I will only say that we keep the best for last. Hope the Brothers are in agreement.

Can you imagine installing these Brothers as our officers? Well, let me tell you it turned out fantastic. Golden Gate sponsored this event and our rustling rowdies were lead by Ara Sahakian. This guy arranged this event better than he plays poker and he's one helluva poker player. The installation took place at Goodman Hall on Jack London Square in Oakland. We enjoyed a prime rib dinner and drank and danced until midnight. We were joined by Oakland, Capitol, Mt. Diablo and Peninsula Chapters. Brother Sark Sarkissian was our Master of Ceremonies as our Grand Master was unable to attend. Junior Grand Master Ed Minassian administered the oath of office to the Brothers.

Christmas is always a nice time of the year and this year was no exception. In fact, it was very memorable for the Brothers as they were entertained by Past Master Ralph Hartunian and Jane. The dinner and entertainment were indescribable. There was singing and dancing and the sharing of much Christmas spirit.

Last October the Golden Gate Trexmen enjoyed a fishing trip at the Russian River. This was not your ordinary fishing trip. It was a weekend party at Henry Yesson's cabin. Now I'd been hearing about Henry's Russian River digs ever since I'd been in Trex. Henry was always telling us to come up. The trouble was that we couldn't ever catch Henry to get the key. Well, we finally made it and we'll never forget it. The weekend was organized by Brother Avedis Tehlirian and he did a great job. The Brothers caught their limits of fish and also cleaned, cooked and ate them. They drank, danced and played cards and didn't have to worry about their wives chasing them home. They were like honey bears in a beehive. What more can I say?

On the eve of December 9, a concert in memory of Aram Khatchadorian was staged at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Francisco. The evening was organized and sponsored in a joint effort by the Armenian-American Citizens League and the Golden Gate Chapter of Triple X Fraternity. I am proud to report that the organizing talents of the Trexmen were apparent judging from the success. The concert was enjoyed by more than 400 people listening to some of the most popular musical talent that could be gathered to commemorate an Armenian musical genius.

Just received the invitation for the Valentine party at Brother Vic Azizian's. I'm sure there are a lot of hearts throbbing, thinking about that party. The Brothers are out ordering candy and roses for their wives and diamonds and furs for their girlfriends. I know I'm gonna catch hell for that last statement but I'm still a bachelor, so big deal. Checking our schedule, I also see that we have a card party coming up at Ralph Kazanjian's house. Love those parties at Ralphs, upstairs for the ladies and downstairs for the Brothers. The ladies may as well try to cross the German border as try to get downstairs. We might change our minds if they're bringing some food down to us.

To start the decade of the 80's, Golden Gate wants to start it out big. Now I know you're wondering what we're up to — wonder no longer. It's Hi Ho 80! This evening of entertainment is memorable to thousands in the Bay Area and again will live up to its reputation. A great amount of planning and team work goes into this event and the success is always proportionate which means we are anticipating nothing less than a smashing success.

Writing about these events within our chapter is really a pleasure as it gives me a chance to relive the memories. I try my best so that as the Brothers read this article, it will add a little extra pleasure to their day. I guess that's what Trex is all about, everyone doing his best to make this fraternity meaningful to himself and each of his Brothers.

Ken Nahigian  
Associate Editor



Valley Stag



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# ORANGE COUNTY

Brothers get ready for the 1980 Convention at the famous Disneyland Hotel. Keep these dates open August 29, 30, 31. Make it your **Family Holiday Vacation**. Saturday, August 30, will be Triple X day at Disneyland, a special ticket will give you **unlimited rides**. See new Space Mountain and Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, don't miss it. Disneyland is The Happiest Place on Earth. All the Orange County Brothers are working with Bro. Mike Chitjian and Bro. Bob Kazarian co-chairmen for the 1980 Convention. Will make this one you will never forget. More details will follow at the Midterm Convention.

Thanks to the Peninsula Chapter for putting on a super convention.



Time out for set-up crew, Orange County Picnic

We had our annual Boat Cruise Dinner Dance in Newport Harbor and had the honor of having the Grand Master, Chuck Hazarian and wife Dorothy, with us. Bro. Pat Ruzgarian was the captain and did a great job.

Our mountain outing at Big Bear was the trip to remember. Fifteen couples attended and past master Bro. Bill Makrdichian, wife Mary, was the life of the party. The Brothers are still looking for **Judy**. Bro. Charlie Paskerian and wife Sue had a Kef Time party at their cabin. Thanks Bro. Charlie. Bro. Ron Kurajian and Bro. Ozzie Chitjian were the chairmen.

Our New Years Eve Party was held at one of City of Commerce famous restaurants, "Ozzies." Our newly elected Junior Master, Bro. Ozzie Chitjian and wife Hazel was our host and did a first class party. All the attendees had a great time.



Bro. Jack is telling a story



New officers for 1980.



Bro. Ed, Kurk and Kay enjoying our Installation.



Bro. Master Harry Bozigian presents a plaque to outgoing Master Bro. Bill Makurdichian.



1979 Trexman of the Year Award. John Poochigian.

We welcomed our new officers for 1980 at our installation Dinner Dance at the Disneyland Hotel, Grand Master Chuck Hazarian gave the oath to our officers.

- Master — Bro. Harry Bozigian
- Jr. Master — Bro. Ozzie Chitjian
- Recording Sec. — Bro. Arthur Astor
- Corresponding Sec. — Bro. George Thomas
- Treasurer — Bro. Carlo Hazarian
- Sergeant at Arms — Bro. Daron Hairbedian
- Board of Directors
- Bro. Ed Karagozian Jr.                      Bro. Mike Chitjian
- Bro. Al Antoyan                              Bro. Ed Garakian
- Bro. Mike Hartunian

Our Trexman of the year award went to Bro. John Poochigian. Congratulations Bro. John, a Brother that never said no.

Our 1980 calendar of events include, Armenian Dance Class, Harlequin Dinner Playhouse, Sports Night, Annual Picnic, Avalon Weekend, Host 1980 Convention and Palm Springs Outing.

Our chapter meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., Balboa Bay Club, Newport Beach.

Bro. Haig Jamgotchian  
Associate Editor  
and Historian

# Oakland

This was an eventful year for our chapter, and we extend our congratulations to Brother Charles Hazarian, who, during the convention was elected Grand Master for the period of 1979-80.

In October we had our annual Valley Stag Night, as usual a very successful affair. Chairman was Brother James K. Taylor Jr., and we were honored to have as guest speaker Brother Sam Boghosian, who is the Offensive Line Coach for the Oakland Raiders, and was deluged by questions on the Raider's chances, at the end he received a standing ovation by attending members.

November our Annual Dinner Dance was held in Goodman Hall with an attendance of over 250 people. The Chairman was Brother Sam Kassabian and auctioneer Brother Ralph Boghosian who did an outstanding job as within an hour and ten minutes wrapped up the auction with a Net Profit in excess of over \$4000.00. Brother Vahram Cherezian was the Master of Ceremonies, and for the benefit of guests gave a short introduction, explaining the background of Triple X. As Gift Chairmen we commend Brother Jim Taylor III, Brother Jack Dorian Jr., and Brother Jeff Hazarian for their contribution to this most successful affair. Our special thanks to Brother Al Morjig who did sell most of the tickets plus donated a color T.V.

December we had the elections for the New Officers for the coming year.

- Master: ANTRANIK AVAKIAN
- Jr. Master: DENNIS SHERANIAN
- Rec. Secretary: DOUGLAS GARAKIAN
- Correspondence: JAMES K. TAYLOR JR.
- Treasurer: JEFF HAZARIAN
- Custodian: HARRY SHERANIAN
- Assoc. Editor: MASIS A. GOZURIAN



It was a serious discussion.



Our Grand Master at Oakland's Valley Stag.



Greg Tcherkoyan gets his 25 Year Plaque.



Valley Stag.



Valley Stag.

Also in December we had our Christmas Party which was held in Brother Ralph Boghosian's home in Lafayette. There was over twenty-six members and their wives at this affair and \$200.00 collected to send to Jerusalem Missionary School for stationery needs of Armenian Orphans. As usual Brother John Michaels did excellent job with the food and entertainment.

## NEWSREEL:

Brother James K. Taylor, Jr., and Brother Jim Taylor III went to Los Angeles for the Super Bowl which was won by Pittsburg Steelers to the chagrin of both Brothers.

Brother Jim Taylor III and Brother Al Yere-mian with their wives attended the plumbers convention in New Orleans.

Brother Masis A. Gozurian and family had an extended visit to New York and Washington D.C. which included a visit to the White House, — unfortunately the President was not in residence at the time.

Brother Bill Nalbantian moved to a new spacious house located in Pleasanton.

Brother Masis A. Gozurian  
Assoc. Editor



# Peninsula

On behalf of our Convention Chairman, Earl Saroyan, and our great past master, Ed Sarouhan, and the Peninsula Chapter, we wish to thank all our brothers who bought raffle tickets which put us in the black, picnic-wise, and helped pay some bills due to our loss at convention time. "THANKS GUYS."

It looks like our Chapter will be holding our monthly meeting at Lake Tahoe. As both Greg and John Masegian have built homes there. . . not bad enough, Luther and Ann Izmian have bought a new Condo there also. . . not all lost, the Masegians, Greg at the wheel, will fly their own plane down, not to miss Ed's great dinners.

The great fisherman, Oscar Donoian is building a great hide-away at Lake Amador. While Oscar is waiting for the snow to melt so he can find his house the Donoians are spending months sunning in the Islands.

The Ed Sarouhans are now driving their own his-and-hers new Skylarks. . . "what in the hell is a Skylark anyway?"

How about Joe and Ann Keshishian on national TV. . . a beautiful love-song was being sung to Ann while Joe was trying to tell Lawrence Welk how to dance. . . "Come on, Joe."

Did you know that brother George Avakian is Foothill College's best soccer coach that they have ever had. . . "and he's good looking, too."



Another bull story by Vic Papparigian. Earl couldn't care less but Dan had no choice.



Three great golfers?



Our Picnic.



Come and get it! Chef H. Steele.

Too bad Doc Rubin Kachadoorian and George Divanian aren't birds, as both fly most parts of the world. . . Earthquake Rubin is still trying to find the perfect one. . . "not doing so good lately, Rubin." As for George, Chief Engineer for Pan Am, flying the Far East most of the time. . . "you should see all the rice he has at home."

Sarkis Kauzoujian need not attend our meetings anymore, as he has one of his computers wired in our meeting hall to his new store in Los Altos. . . "only kidding, Sarkis."

Brother Paul Orphan. . . he's only winning all kinds of awards, high man, top management, and a lot more. . . He will be spending more free time out of the country than in this year. You see, Paul is the head man for Woolworth Garden Centers. . . "keep watering those plants, Paul."

Vartkes Miroyan is back growing those gold nuggets called mushrooms.

A reminder to all chapters: Our new Master and a master gentleman, Richard Hagopian, will give all the other chapters a run for their money. . . "he likes the number 80."

On February 14th, Valentine's meeting was a Queen's Social, that is, we, us, all the Brothers, served our ladies another great Ed Sarouhan dinner.

By this time, if you're wondering who wrote all this stuff, it's me:

Music Sweet as Silk —  
— Jack Marderosian

P.S. On a sad note, we lost a great trexman — a gentleman, a funnyman — and I knew him best as a fine drummer — Mr. Ed Edwards.

# Orange County Juniors

Greetings Brothers.

I must tell you about the flocks of Armenian youth from all over Southern California that attended an exceptional Summer Celebration party at Gary and Kory Kazarians' home in Anaheim. Through the day and into the night, and morning, everyone had a great time.

The Orange Seniors were hosts when we were invited to attend one of their dinner meetings at the Balboa Bay Club. First Class is how I would describe the evening.

Mike Arzouman of the L.A. Jr's was the first prize winner of our raffle. Wear your wrist watch in good health Micheal.

Hopefully all of the Brothers will be able to attend what promises to be a unique convention experience at the Disneyland Hotel in September. It will be a special event for any young person in attendance. Your Junior Brothers from the South will make sure of it. With a Friday night warm up party, a big Saturday night Armenian-American dance, and possibly a Sunday trip to Disneyland, how can we not have a good time.

Fraternally  
Billy Eordekian



Gary Kazarian, Allen Antoyan, Kory Kazarian, Craig Chorbajian, David Minasian, Billy Eordekian.



Kory Kazarian, Allen Antoyan, Gary Kazarian.



Bros. Billy Eordekian and Larry Sherman.



(Top) Dave Minasian, Gary and Kory Kazarian.  
(Bottom) Allen Antoyan, Billy Eordekian.



David Minasian, Gary Kazarian [Back] Billy Eordekian, Kory Kazarian.

# SELMA JUNIORS

Greetings from the Selma Jr's — The home of tasty [but contaminated] water.

WOW! It seems like the convention was just yesterday and now it's already time for the Mid-Term. Since our return from the convention our chapter finished the year off quietly, but 1980 will surely be a super year for the Selma Jr's. In December we held elections, and I'm proud to introduce our new officers.

For 1980 they are:

Master — David Sarabian  
 Jr. Master — Marty Kaloostian  
 Rec. Secretary — Bryan Arakglian  
 Corr. Secretary — Gary Kaprielian  
 Treasurer — Randy Garabedian  
 Editor — Michael Sarabian  
 Sgt.-at-Arms — Fred Vengarcia

We started the year off by having a dinner social at the local restaurant and all the brothers that attended had a great time. The next activity we had was a



"Friendly" flag football game with the Fresno Jr's. Not counting three days with a sore vorig the casualties were minor. The score? Let's just say that we were "Pittsburgh" and Fresno was "L.A."

Some of our upcoming events include a snow trip in Feb., and we are planning a deep sea fishing trip in March. Also, Master David has the calendar loaded with socials to keep the spirits high.

In March we will begin practice for our "award" winning softball team. This year we promise [maybe] to take first place.

Before I finish, I would like to thank Brother Mitch Bagdasarian and his corps of officers for doing a great job in 1979.

That's all for now, I hope to see everyone at the Mid-Term.



What am I bid?



Oakland's Auction Dinner Dance.



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