



# TREX NEWS

Triple X Fraternity  
**52nd Annual Convention**

Hosted by Selma Chapter

*September 4-6, 1981*

**Hacienda Inn — Fresno, California**

**Friday, September 4, 1981**

- ★ **“Kef Night” Buffet — 7:00 p.m.**  
(Members and immediate family living at home only)
- ★ **Teenage Dance — 9:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 5, 1981**

- ★ **Golf Tournament — 10 a.m.** (Fig Garden Golf Course)
- ★ **“Saturday Night Live” Dance — 9:00 p.m.**  
Open to Public — Late Mazza

**Sunday, September 6, 1981**

- ★ **Sunday Business Breakfast — 8:00 a.m.**
- ★ **Ladies Fashion - Luncheon — 12:00 noon**
- ★ **Sunday Night Dinner Dance — 7:00 p.m.**



## Grand Master's Message

*Brother Trexmen:*

*As the current year draws to a close, it is time for reflection. I am reminded, as I think back on the activities of the Triple X Fraternity this past year, that we are all very fortunate to be members of this great fraternal organization.*

*During the time I visited the various chapters of the fraternity, both socially, as well as the business meetings, I was again reminded of the warm brotherhood and feeling of fraternal love and spirit that prevails in our fraternity. The hospitality that is always extended to visiting Trexmen by all of our chapters is something to be treasured and remembered.*

*As we start the decade of 1980, I think it is incumbent upon all of us, as Trexmen, to strive for a continued growth, both fraternally in spirit, as well as in numbers, so that the friendship we have in our fraternity can be extended to others, not only in our state, but across the country.*

*Looking forward to seeing many of you at the coming convention, I remain,*

*Fraternally,  
Z. HARRY ASTOR  
Grand Master*

### TRIPLE X FOUNDING FATHERS

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

Gurken Bacon • Armen Nishkian • Lee Dederian • Arsen Alchian

## Fresno

Since the Mid-Term issue Fresno has been pretty active. Our Brother Master, Aram Kakligian, has kept close touch with the progress of our Fraternity.

Our Family Picnic, chaired by our Jr. Master, Mihron Gaston, was well received despite the above-average 105 weather.



**Bros. Suren S., Haig K., Sam K., and Artie D. at Fresno Clubhouse.**

Our Third-Thursday Dinner Meeting was held at the Armenian Home For The Aged and all the residents of the Home were invited as guests of the Fresno Chapter. After dinner many of the Brothers visited with relatives and friends. Our honored guests were impressed with the affair and said they are looking forward to another such gathering in the near future.

A paper project, initiated by Brother Karlo Demoorjian, and ably assisted by Brother Bob Kevorkian, is under way, with all proceeds going



**Triple X Bros. at Fresno Dinkey Creek outing.**



**Bros. Karlo E. and Carl Z. enjoying a good breakfast.**

to the Annual Children's Christmas Dinner. The project is doing well, so keep up the good work Brothers!

Our Brother's-In-Law Dinner (put on by brother's-in-law Gary Kazarian and Paul Najarian) was a very big success. About eighty Brothers attended and everyone enjoyed it immensely. (Let's do it again Gary and Paul!!!).

Dinkey, Creek Outing chaired by Brother Ed Shirin, was almost cancelled for lack of interest. But Brother Ed stirred up the membership and about sixty Brothers were in attendance. All of us enjoyed it very much.

Last but not least, the attendance at our July 2, 1981, Business Meeting of our Grand Master, Harry Astor was very impressive. He did a very fine job and we all wish him the best of good fortune in his future endeavors.

That's it—short and sweet. See you all at the Selma State Convention on Labor Day Weekend!

Respectfully Yours,  
Harry Tanielian  
Associate Editor



**Bro. M. showing off his nice fish at Shaver Lake.**

# San Diego

A warm hello from San Diego!

We have been a busy group this year under the leadership of Master Gary Kazanjian. Our meetings are now held at the Lomas Santa Fe Golf Course the last Tuesday of the month. The fearless brothers who come early play a little golf and swim before cooking their steaks on the grill. Keeper of the flame, Bro. George Banerian, always has the fire hot and Bro's Herb Hovey and Richard Spanjian II make sure the meat is cooked just right. Each week we rotate the Brothers who bring the pilaf and salad. Our attendance has been super and we hope it continues.

Our activities have been and will be numerous. Since our last report we had a men's retreat to Palm Springs. Again the six Brothers who attended made quite an impression on the Springs. "18 Kami Kazies", a new world record.



Bro. Harry Guzelemian our "Fishing Commissioner" again set up a fabulous trip. Approximately 25 people went out to the La Jolla Kelp Beds for a 1/2 day outing. Our contest for the biggest fish was won by Bro. Steve Lazarian, a 19 lb. Blue Fin tuna, the last catch of the day. Bro. Steve went around the boat several times and took 30 minutes to land this great fighter. The most fish were caught by Bro. Joe Zakarian and the smallest fish (smaller than the bait) award was given to Bro. Noubar Markarian and without shame he took it! Another trip is being planned for October and we hope the fish are biting again. The event of events, a spectacular wine and cheese festival was held June 12. Bro. Karney Ovian was the Chief Coordinator. Over 17 wineries were present demonstrating their products and numerous types of cheese and sausage were served.

Approximately 275 people, as well as Grand



Master Z. Harry and Marge Astor, came and enjoyed partaking of the wine and cheese. The entire proceeds from this event will go into our Scholarship fund. We have been advertising the funds and have sent out to date 8 applications for an award of \$500 to be presented in September. We are so excited about this venture and we hope that in the future we can offer a "full ride" (\$20,000) scholarship to a worthy student. Bro. Joe Kellejian, Chairman, assisted by Bro. Steve Lazarian and Bro. Greg Semerdjian comprise the scholarship committee.

Our family picnic was July 12. We had challenged the LA Chapter to a softball game but they backed out at the last minute. They were probably afraid of what we would do to them. So we instead played a team of "Youngsters" from UCSD and made a great game out of it. We unfortunately lost the game by one run in the last inning. Our coaches Bro. Herb Hovey and Bro. Karnig Shirvastian did a great job of organizing us "oldsters". We really didn't do too bad for a bunch of "old farts". After the game we all went to the San Dieguito Park for food and conversation. Bro. Herb and Karen Hovey did a fabulous job of feeding everyone.

A day at the races is planned for August 10. We'll all meet at the Del Mar Race Track Club House and the ponies run. Our chief handicappers will be Bro. Karney Ovian and Bro. Master Gary Kazanjian. Master Gary has been in charge of the plans. After the races we'll all take our "winnings" and sup at the Hill House in Del Mar. I know this will be a fun time.

As you all can see the San Diego Chapter has come to life this year mostly due to the efforts of Bros. Gary Kazanjian, Master, John Sivas, Jr. Master, Harry Guzelemian, Secretary.

June 27th Bro. Richard Spanjian II lost his title as the "extra man" when he married beautiful Kim. After a memorable ceremony and reception, the bride and groom honeymooned in Spain and now are back getting their house in order. Congratulations to Bro. Bob and Betty Spanjian.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again in September. We wish all the Bros. especially those who are ill, and wives, girl friends, etc. Health and happiness.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Greg Semerdjian, Editor



# Selma

Dear Brothers:

We in the Selma Chapter are presently very busy and involved in Triple X activities and affairs. As host to the Annual Convention this year, the wheels have been turning, and various committees have been hard at work preparing for the Labor Day weekend event.

Chairman Bro. Haig Kasparian states all is progressing well regarding the different socials. The refurbished and refurnished Hacienda Inn is going all out to welcome the Triple X members and families. We feel this convention will greatly satisfy the members as to food, accommodations, costs, and hospitality.



Passing of Gavel during Bus. Meeting from Bro. Past Master Frank Korkmazian to Bro. Master Phil Manoogian 1980-1981



Four Scholarship Winners of Plaques given at Scholarship party by Juniors 1981.

Also coming up on July 25th is our annual Charity Dinner-Dance. This is our number 1 fund raiser of the year and a lot of preparation is required. Brother Freddie Markarian and his committee are going all out again to put on a great affair. Each year this event becomes progressively bigger and better, and we look forward to another good one.



Bros. Jim Tikijian and Aram Shahenian, checking over sign ups for tavloo and rummy tournaments at Annual Spring Outing 1981.

These are just two of the ten events the Selma Chapter is putting on this year, and it keeps most of our members quite active. Our Bro. Master Phil Manoogian continues to do a top job of coordinating and guiding the chapter activities.

This year our scholarship fund awarded four \$300 scholarships to four deserving, graduating High School students of Armenian descent. The scholarships are to help further their college education.

Again, we are looking forward to seeing a large number of Trexmen and wives at the Convention. So Don't Miss It! It should be a great one!

Fraternally,

Jack Bedrosian  
Substituting for Bob Atamian,  
Associate Editor



these Bros. and wives were attending 1981 Joint Selma-Fresno Installaion Dinner-Dance at Picadilly Inn.

# Los Angeles

April 12th Partner Best Ball Tournament.

This tournament was headed by Bros. Jack Shahian and Leo Avayian at Los Robles Country Club. Afterwards there was a great prime rib dinner at Los Robles also. The evening was topped off by jokes told by Bro. Lee Neshanian.

May 15th Wives night out.

This affair was set up by Bro. Steve Papazian. We had a great prime rib dinner at Burbank Studios and afterwards we saw the movie "9 to 5". All the Bros. enjoyed watching Dolly Parton. One Brother was heard to say that the reason Dolly Parton has such small feet is because nothing grows in the shade!



June 25th Sports Night.

Brother Andy Bakjian and Sass Bedig heading this event at the Los Angeles Police Academy. Brothers from the Orange County chapter showed up including Bro. Grand Master "Z" Harry Astor and Brother Grand Member Kurken Kazarian. A beautiful evening starting with a steak dinner and guest speakers including California's Attorney General "Duke" Dukmejian.

June 28th L.A. Family Picnic

Los Angeles Chapter had its family picnic at Hollywood picnic grounds. A beautiful shish kebob dinner was served. Tavloo was played and cards were dealt. The only problem was that Brother Wally Hekimian wouldn't share his shish kebob and some people didn't get any meat!



# TREXMEN AT



# WORK AND PLAY



# Oakland

In June the Oakland Trex had their second Gray Eagle Outing at Gray Eagle Lodge high in the mountains beautiful of the Feather River Country. A full contingent of 75% of the membership attended this excellent affair. The outing was a memorable one for all of the members in that the accommodations and the food were superb, the Lodge setting was beautiful and the air was clear (except for the Lodge room where the usual Trex games were going on) Gray Eagle is situated west of Truckee but some of our members got lost on the Freeway and forgot to make the turnoff and somehow ended up in the "Biggest Little City" in the world. Happily all found their way to Gray Eagle with their vardigs on and we had a wonderful time and a lot of comadre. On the Trip up Bro. Harry Sherinian and the sage of the Sequoia Chapter, Howard Lester, along with senior fishing advisor Vaughn Sobajian tested many of the streams and lakes in the high Sierra. They were told that many fish existed in this area but lo and behold none were to be found. Bros. Chuck Chankalian and Archie Kamian had the same bad luck but since they are superb fishermen they had to blame the celestial conditions such as the full



Plotting Strategy



Officers



Gray Eagle



Our newest member gets sworn in.



Reunited



moon and wonderful weather. Our younger contingent of Greg Chorbajian, and Rick Magarian all had their own fun & games and thoroughly entertained the young female employees of the Lodge. Bro. Archie Kamian acted as chaperon and advisor. I might add that the mountain air of the pleasant surroundings that are conducive to rest and relaxation seemed to revitalize the membership especially bros. Jim Taylor, Jr., Harold Koojoolian, Masis Gozurian, John Chorbajian, Andy Avakian, Vahram Cherezian, Hal Magarian, and Charles Alexanian. Their staying power at the round table discussions that lasted 24 hours straight was simply amazing. All the members that attended are looking forward to next year.

We had a joint stag outing with San Francisco, Peninsula and Mt. Diablo chapters, with dinner, cocktails and social entertainment. It was a good turnout that was enjoyed by winners and losers. Following that affair was our stag outing with pictures enclosed with our Alcatraz outing. It was a very informative and educational outing. After some of our members found out what it cost to stay at Alcatraz (\$160,000) per inmate, we felt better on the outside! A few members went into solitary confinement, but we only stayed in for a short time. The tour guides didn't keep us in for very long. After our trip we looked forward to our trip to our annual outing in Lieu of Dinkie Creek.

Had a visit from our Grand Master and Served Kharpetsi food just for him. Bro. Paul Minasian is in the hospital and is recovering, our Bro. Sam Kassabian is also recovering from Cancer. Bro. Leo Soogian is also Recovering as is Paul Minasian, this must be the year of illnesses. Bro. Masis Gozurian and his wife Sylvia had a nice trip to Mexico; Vahram Cherezian and his wife Doures spent a nice trip to the Mediterranean and London.

Rubert H. Alchian  
Editor



The younger members cook.



# Sequoia

## GREETINGS BROTHERS!

I am writing to you from the beautiful Central San Joaquin Valley from the magnificent Sequoia Chapter of the noble XXX Fraternity. The weather here today is a flat 107 degrees. I sure hope our tomato growing brothers are helped by this weather. (I am afraid, however, that instead of harvesting tomatoes, they will be harvesting tomato paste). We wish the best of luck to our "loleeg" brothers.

The biggest event we have held since my last reporting was the "annual" dinner-dance held in Visalia. Brother Harry Majarian was the Chairman for the event. Brother Harry did a commendable job in organizing the event.



PGM Dick Ekizian



Sequoia Master Mike Cholakian



Sequoia Bros. Marv, Jerry and Ralph.



Sequoia Ladies



The New officers



Sequoia Chapter Dinner-Dance

As luck would have, Brother John Hovannisian (On-Cords-John) organized our annual baseball trip to Dodger's Stadium to see the Giants and Dodgers play on July 12th. You guessed it, the next day after he announced the trip, the strike was on. Well, John, next year how about a hockey game?

We look forward to seeing all of our brothers at the upcoming convention.

Fraternally yours,  
Bro. Joe Donabed, Jr.  
Associate Editor

# Golden Gate

Greetings to all the brothers from San Francisco and the rest of the Bay Area whence the members of the Golden Gate come.

I had been expecting the bell to ring, when I got an urgent call from Master Vic Azizian.

"Get your ...", he said. Immediately I knew what he meant, for he is not given to pushing onto the brothers his Goodyear tires and the automobile services of his establishment down the peninsula.

So, I cleaned and lubricated my typewriter. Then, I picked up my Bic to write the rough and final draft both--the deadline being so short. This is as far as I have gotten.

Since the Last Report.....

A number of new members have been initiated. Of them you will hear more as they become more active and more vociferous at the meetings.

Almost every month there has been a social event--besides the monthly meetings which are stag events anyway.

The generosity of Bro. Ron Cloud made possible a March weekend at the Cal-Neva Lodge, Lake Tahoe. Sark Sarkissian and Vartan Hovsepian got things organized for members and spice (the plural of spouse).

Bro. Herb Donabedian (also current custodian) chaired the annual picnic which took place on July the 12th in San Mateo. It turned out to fall on the 50th birthday of Bro. George Mardikian ("Big Daddy", "No relation", he always reminds). And with great generosity he picked up the tab for the picnic.

Vartan Hovsepian marked his 50th earlier in the year at a party which his wife Arlene had managed to keep a complete surprise. (the IRS is not all knowing.)

Also in July, during our monthly meeting Bro. Sark Sarkissian was awarded a pin for 25 years of membership in the Trex. A pin well deserved also for his immeasurable contributions. In the short time that I have been a member Bro. Sark has shown himself to be one of the most active and devoted members of the Chapter, getting involved to the fullest extent. Many of our functions have materialized under his direction, or with his participation.

Another member who tends to be active regularly, especially this time of year (July, August) is Bro. Avedis Tehlirian. He is busy again putting together our annual stag outing to Russian River-- accommodations provided gratis Bro. Henry Yesson, who is also on hand to make all participants welcome.

Just before I got wind of the impending deadline I had started making a list of our activities: picnic, party, outing, bingo, educational slide presentation, cultural event, etc. For a moment I thought I had seen the list before. Was it last year? or the previous one?

On paper things seem more or less the same, one year to the other; yet, each event turns out to be at least as enjoyable for themselves and others. Distance producing differences--church, politics, etc.--are left behind, where they belong. Each person makes his (or her) unique contribution.

It is the enthusiasm of the participants that makes the events refreshing, just as it is the enthusiasm, and the personal inclination of each Master that gives each year its particular flavor--different from one year to the other, yet equally memorable. One Master pushes new membership; another shows interest in cultural events; one runs relaxed meetings; another levies fines for extemporaneous speeches; and so on. Things are kept interesting. There is variety and change; and always the unpretentious camaraderie without which things would not be the same, and as they should.

Fraternally yours,  
H. Jack Aslanian  
Editor



# Orange County

We want to thank the Selma and Fresno Chapters for a great Mid-Term Convention.

Our 1st Annual Dance featuring Richard Hagopian and his band was a great success having 400 in attendance. Thanks to Chairman Haig Jamgotchian and also assisting him were Bros. Archie Cholakian, Pat Ruzgarian, Larry Kaprielian and John Garakian, also Randa Knar was on the committee bet he was always dancing with all the ladies. The chairman wants to thank all the Brothers who helped during the evening.

We had a joint Sports Night with the Los Angeles Chapter. Our Brothers chartered a bus to attend the affair. Thank you Los Angeles.

Our Annual Picnic will be held July 26th in Huntington Beach. Chairman, Ed Garakian has done a super job getting the committee organized. We will have Armenian music and games for the kids plus the tastiest shish Kabob in California.

Our Master Bro. Leo Depoian and his officers are doing a great job. Thanks Brothers.

We are looking forward to attending the Convention in Fresno given by the Selma Chapter.

Fraternally  
Haig Jamgotchian  
Editor





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