



# TREX NEWS

Triple X Fraternity  
**32nd Mid-Term Convention**  
*March 8, 1986*  
**Fresno, California**

★ **Mid-Term Golf Tournament — (Men Only)**

**Fig Garden Golf Course, 7700 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno**

Tee Time: 11:00 a.m.

(See Entry Blank on Back Cover)

★ **Fresno Club House Open All Day  
for Tavloo, Gin, Pinochle etc.**

630 S. Argyle, Fresno

★ **Dinner 5:30 p.m. at Club House**

★ **Business Meeting - 7:30 p.m.**

**Fresno Chapter Clubhouse**

(Members Only)



## Grand Master's Message

Dear Brother Trexmen:

Six months of my term have passed and I have, to date, enjoyed twenty five visitations with my Brother Trexmen. It is gratifying to experience brotherhood amongst us and to see what a fine job you are all doing to keep Trexdom alive.

It has been a great pleasure meeting new brothers and I want to thank all of you for your hospitality on my visits to your chapters.

Fraternally

**BOB ALCHIAN**  
Grand Master 1985-86

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## Sequoia

We from the Sequoia Chapter would like to extend a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the Brothers and their families throughout the Chapters.

News might be old but its still news. Congratulations go out to Bro. Paul Armo and his wife Delores on their marriage of their daughter Rhonda. In July of last year Bro. Abe Kazarian lost his wife Margaret and all the Bros. extended their deepest sympathy and condolences to Bro. Abe and family.

August is the month for new officers to be elected and with much campaigning and hulabaloo or *hell a ba loo*, however you want to call it, Bro. Harry Krikorian was elected as our Master. He is now the third member of our chapter to be Master for a second term. Elected to serve with him were: Jr. Master — John Gimian; Treasurer — Archie Zakarian; Corr. Sec. — Paul Bogosian; Rec. Sec. — Harry Kargenian; Custodian and Editor — Mike Cholakian; Auditor — Joe Kalashian; Critic — Sark Davidian. Board of Directors — Chuck Simonian, Sark Davidian, Harry Krikorian, Archie Zarkarian, Dodd Yahnian, Mose Ametjian and Sirag Kalfayan.

As Sept. rolled around the doves began to fly around so Bro. Jack Barsamian got together with Gregg Davidian, Joe Kalashian and Charlie Davidian and had a good old dove shoot and cook out at Bro. Harry Davidian's packing house. Lucky for some of us "old birds" left our glasses at home.

Bro. Mike Mikaelian hopes that anyone who got sick eating watermelons last year won't take it personally as he raised some good tasting melons before he was stopped for selling them for a few weeks. More melons are on their way this year says Mike. Bro. John Hovannisian again chaired the Installation Banquet and I hate to say it but the guy is getting good at this job. We had a good turn out of Bros. and wives and were honored by the presence of Grand Master and wife on this special occasion. Being unable to attend, Bro. John Davidian and wife Bonnie acted on my behalf and wrote notes and took pictures for me. Thanks!

Through the summer as our crops grew, tomato growers went in the red; tree fruit growers got hung out on a limb; and raisin growers had few more wrinkles put on their brows.

The affair that is really beginning to gather attention of all the Brothers is our Halloween Party.



L to R: Stag Nite — Master Harry Krikorian, Bros. Dick Eki-zian, Harry Davidian, John Davidian, Charlie Ananian, George Zarounian, Serge Ananian.



L to R: Stag Nite — Bros. John Davidian, Serge Ananian, Master Harry Krikorian, Seated George Margosian.



Xmas Party — L to R: Sark Davidian, 3 Trexman children.

Again it was held at Zee and Dee Spook House at Bro. Harry Davidian's and George Zerounian's packing shed. After Bros. Pete Zerounian, Gregg Davidian and Chuck Simonian and Joe Kalashian got through decorating the room it became quite a spook tour. Bro. Sark Davidian and wife Sylvia



Xmas Party: L to R — Peggy Ametjian & grandson Dean Paul & Bo Bear.



L to R: Xmas Party — Bo Bear-Archie Zakarian & son. took first prize for having the best costume.

Congratulations go out to Fresno Chapter for putting on another outstanding Convention. Those Bros. that attended from throughout the state are always welcome in the valley and always enjoy coming back to their "Roots" for some of them. All the events were well planned and best of all, Sequoia Chapter won the achievement Trophy. Again thank you Fresno Chapter!

Glad to report that P.G.M. Bro. Mose Ametjian is recovering from a short bout of illness and is back on the job again.

Plaza Park was again the setting for our family picnic chaired by Bro. Jerry Poochigian and Arman Sheklian, helping were Bro. John and Sark Davidian. Food and drinks enjoyed by all.

I hope Bro. George Margosian gets out into his new home before the rainy season comes on, if not he ought to be moved in before the heat of July. Congratulations Bro. George and Rose Marie.

Bro. Sark Yahnian, after working hard for 2 months, finally got his nuts off the ground, and he needs to as he had one son married this past summer and another son to be married in Feb.

Bro. Bob Margosian says if any of you Brothers from throughout the state stop by and bring this issue of the Trex news he'll give you a hell of a deal on a Xmas tree but he said he would have to ask Aggie first. (Xmas Tree King of the Valley!) It's been hard for anyone to visit Bro. John Bazarian and Dorothy during November and December as their house is being remodeled. John



L to R: Meeting — Bros. Chuck Simonian, Pete Zerounian, Steven Yahnian, Brian Yahnian, Richard Yahnian.



L to R: Stag Nite — Bro. George Tamouzian, Master Harry Krikorian, George Ananian, Pete Zerounian.

says he will be ready for guests in January. "Hah rahm meh tzeek."

As usual our Annual Stag was held at Bro. Moses restaurant, Club Sequoia, in Tulare. All the Bros. and guests that attended were treated to a fabulous dinner and games of chance with proceeds donated to various local charities. Again thanks go out to Co-chairmen Bro. Mike Cholokian, John Davidian and Serge Ananian

Thanks go out to all persons who donate gifts, etc., to be raffled off that evening. Bro. Vaughn Ananian said all the Bros. are invited to his home for a B.B.Q. dinner as he won the first prize, consisting of a beautiful gas grill.

The evening of Dec. 22 was spent at Show Biz Pizza for our Xmas party chaired by Bros. Master Harry Krikorian executive board. Children of all ages were there with gifts and cheers, to the delight and surprise of all, its these affairs that bring all of us closer together and insure future members into the Trex.

Plenty of Armenians still in the San Joaquin Valley! As the year comes to an end and families get together to spend Christmas and New Year's with each other may we all give thanks for everything good that we take for granted everyday of our lives. From all of us from the Sequoia Chapter to all of you throughout the state, Happy New Year. As Bro. John Davidian would say: "May the Good Lord Take A Liking To Ya."

Till next time  
Bro. Mike Cholokian

## Oakland

The OAKLAND Chapter thanks the FRESNO Chapter for their hospitality and fraternalism in hosting the 1985 Convention. We were naturally very pleased at the election of our Brother, Robert Alchian, as Grand Master, and we look forward to another successful and progressive year for our Fraternity, under his leadership.

The new officers for Oakland are as follows: MASTER, Jeff Hazarian; JR. MASTER, Jim Taylor III; RECORDING SECRETARY, Richard Magarian; TREASURER, Ed Mirzaian; SGT-AT-ARMS, Aram Darmanian; HISTORIAN-CUSTODIAN, Paul Kamian; CRITIC, Harry Sherinian.

Our October meeting started a new program for providing entertainment for our members. It promises to add more interest and culture to the meetings. It will be under the chairmanship of our Jr. Master, Jim Taylor III. The initial program featured a film "classic", Flash Gordon.

In November we held our 1st annual bowling tournament. The award winners were: Charles Alexanian, high series, and P.G.M. Charles Hazarian, high game. Later in the month, we were guests of the Peninsula Chapter for a lamb shank dinner and games of skill.

December featured our annual Christmas party. This year it was held at Father Nature's Shed, an



Past Master Hal



Bowling Night



X-Mas Party



elegant, local dining establishment. During the evening, trophies were presented to the winners of our year long tavloo and gin tournaments. The winners were: Jeff Hazarian, gin champ; and Ed Mirzaian, tavloo champ!

January will feature a visit to Safeway Stores milk processing plant. This evening is under the chairmanship of Brother Richard Magarian.

The only news flash which I have received, is that our Master, Jeff has a new title at his place of employment, The Tera Corp. of Berkeley. He is now the "Director of Finance"!!! (I wonder if he makes loans?).

The Oakland Chapter wishes all the Brothers & their families a very happy and healthy new year.

Fraternally  
Jim Taylor, Jr. P.G.M.  
Associate Editor



## Awards and Plaques Given at Fresno 1985 Convention

### 25 YEAR PLAQUE AWARDS

#### Capital Chapter

Ivy Ivazian	Arthur Tashjian
Charles Kalian	Red Yenoukian

#### Fresno Chapter

Nazareth Chaderjian	Peter Jamgotchian
Harry Daloyan	Grant Koolcanian
Harry Hallaian	Albert Sanoian
Carl Hovsepien	

#### Golden Gate

Vartan Hovsepien	Ara Kaprelian
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#### Los Angeles Chapter

Suren Ayvazian	Harry Kosharian
John Elmastian	Charles Maderedjian
Steve Eordekian	Gary Malazian
Arthur Gondjian	Bill Ohanesian
Harry Hugasian	Ron Roopenian
Jerry Jebejian	George Agajanian
Edward Kalafayan	

#### Oakland Chapter

John Chorbajian	
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#### Selma Chapter

Ed Bedrosian	Vahe Simonian
Paul Herogian	Art Suddjian
Ronald Karabian	Milton Torigian

#### Mr. Diablo Chapter

Garo Sedrakian	
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#### Orange County Chapter

Kurken S. Kazarian	
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### 50 YEAR PLAQUE AWARDS

#### Los Angeles Chapter

Andy Bakjian	Dickran Jebejian
Carl Adanalian	Keram Hovsepien
Herb Elmastian	Heront Julian
Aram Boyajian	Oshyn Kasparian
Ray Donney	Joe C. Kellejian
	Herbert Hovey

## Capitol

The Universe has once again made its revolution through time. We are all brothers of this great world. As 1985 closes out its last moments, we can have a little time to reflect our memories of this past year. In January we had the pleasure of having our Grand Master Sam Krikorian, for dinner, and at our meeting.

Also, in January, Bro's Gordon Ohanesian and Leon Hagopian hosted our 2nd Annual Bingo Night, which was a huge success.

February is our Stag Poker Nite where Bro's David Ivazian and Mike Arakelian make sure no one is robbed.

Kef Night in March is our largest affair. Rod Jorjorian and the chapter brothers deserve credit for a well-attended function.

Monte Carlo Night and by popular demand, Bingo Night was our April affairs.

Then in May we have our Golf tournament for us duffers, like Bro's Jake Fathy, Frank Ohanesian, Charles Esraelian and others.

July of course is picnic time, and a lot of work goes into preparing food for a lot of people, with the help of Bro. Jack Najarian, Harry Kazarian, and Varouj Aldebarkmakian. Thanks brothers.

Harry Sweet and wife Mauvis hosted the August Patio Party at our home with 64 members and wives.

Lake Tahoe was the scene for our annual Stag outing. A great week end of food and relaxation

Then for Oct. Nov. and Dec., we had our Ladies Night out, Masters dinner party, and Xmas Party for the kids.

As summer time came, many brother's and their wives took vacations. Bro. Art Tashjian and Helen went to Mass. to visit their daughter Claire Malkasian. Bro. Aram Yenovkian & Sue went to Hawaii. Bro's Jake Fathy and Peter Onnigian and wives toured New England for six weeks.

Requiem services were held for our departed brothers, Sam Yenovkian, Lee Dederian (Founding Father), & Aram Jorjorian. We all miss them.

Our sympathies are with the family of Bro. Richard Nahigian for the loss of his sister, beloved LaVerne Whittington. She died Oct. 17, 1985. She was 70 years old. Sympathies also go with the family of Bro. Peter Kludjian for the loss of his brother on Thanksgiving Day.

Bro. George Kapanagian, and Bro. Ed Garabedian are home from the hospital recuperating.

Happy Anniversary to Bro. Arthur and Helen



Xmas Party Chairman L-R: Sergay Ivazian, Bud Ohanesian, Gregory Ivazian.



L-R: Nicole Norton, Santa Greg Ivazian, Alicia Sweet

Tashjian on their 48th.

A big Thank You to outgoing Master Gregory Ivazian for a job well done and success to incoming Master Ari Kalpakian.

Make plans for Capitol Chapter's 50th Anniversary Convention in August.

Welcome new members: Jake and Richard Fathy, Gary Garakian, Grant Vartanian, and Gordon Boramian

Harry Sweet  
Assoc. Editor



1985 Mt. Diablo Chapter

## Mt. Diablo

The Mt. Diablo Chapter began the year with Shant Kooyoumjian, Master; Recording Secretary, Vaughn Mazmanian; Corresponding Secretary, Jack Issacs; and Treasurer, Al Kamian. The chapter has had two unusual meetings during the fall and members with special experiences during the past year.

### FATHER AND SON NIGHT

On October 29, 1985, Mt. Diablo Chapter held its first Father and Sons Night. The get-together was held at Father Nature's Shed in Dansville with chapter members attending along with seven sons of chapter members. It was a warm and fun evening with the boys enjoying themselves and watching how their fathers behaved. Members who created the affair were so pleased they are planning another event and will invite all young Armenian men in the area.

### AUCTION AT NOVEMBER MEETING

At the November meeting held at the Holiday Inn in Concord the chapter held a dinner and auction. Following a well prepared buffet dinner an auction was held of articles and services donated by Chapter members who were in attendance. A good turnout of members and wives provided

much activity with articles going from ten dollars to \$110. An array of items were auctioned off including plants to weed puller, needlepoint to mirror painting, salad bowls to in-laid tavloo, and a miniature brass ship's bell purported to be an original from an Armenian Navy ship! Services auctioned off ran from two hours of maintenance work to one hour of cocktail piano playing. Chairman of the evening was Steve Noroian who provided two hours of fun-filled auctioneering assisted by Art Hazarabedian. Even with all the fun the auction earned nearly \$700.

### CHAPTER MUSICIAN

Armen Boyd Junior son of chapter Past Master Armen Boyd plays saxophone in a popular bay



Master Shant (left) with John Dichian



Garo Sedrakian toasting winning bid



The auction begins



The sons at Father and Sons' Night



The fathers at Father and Sons' Night

area Rhythm and Blues Band. In July at a concert at the Rheem Theater in Moraga where the band was playing Armen Boyd (Senior), who is a high school music teacher, was invited to sit-in on piano. Is this a new career Armen?

### WORLD TRAVELER

It is always a pleasure to welcome back Past Master George Arakelian, chapter voyager, who recently returned from Russia, and Holland, and Hawaii, and Egypt, and Sweden, and Finland, and England, and Greece, and a cruise on San Francisco bay on the intrepid Mt. Diablo Chapter vessel the "Humming Boyd."

### MEMBERS WITH LONG SERVICE

Two chapter brothers have been honored by their long-term Trex membership. Congratulations to brothers Ruben Sweet (50 years) and Garo Sedrakian (25 years).

### MEMBERS ON NOR-CAL BOARD

Mt. Diablo Chapter has a strong active commitment to the proposed "Nor-Cal Armenian Home." Chapter members that are on the Nor-Cal Board of Directors and provide much dedication and leadership are: Edward Minasian, Treasurer and Executive Director; George Rustigian, President; and Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Vice President.

### NEW CHAPTERS PARENTS

During the year two brothers became proud parents. Congratulations to Harvey Hanonian and Zorair Roubinian.

Fraternally,  
Jack Mooradian  
Associate Editor



Armen Boyd: "I think I'll raise my bid."

## Dinkey Creek Remembered

### WHERE THE HELL IS DINKEY CREEK?

Perhaps the more appropriate question should be:

Where in the hell are "our" Trexmen?

Are we going to let Dinkey Creek be a part of our past, for those of us who have enjoyed it so much for the last 29 years. Do any of you remember the 5 years at Bass Lake and the 5 years at Cedar Grove. We have better quarters here than we did at our earlier sites and yet our group gets smaller each year. Don't you enjoy the camaraderie of your brothers anymore? Are you really getting that much older?

How many of you put rocks on the fire to put under your cots while at Bass Lake. How many of you could afford boats to bring to Bass Lake? Were any of you ever put in your own rowboat while you were asleep and pushed out into the lake? Of course we felt sorry for you for fear that you would wake up to relieve yourself and find out that you weren't on solid ground. Yeh, we were a little crazy in those days, but we had a lot of fun.

Have you forgotten the lively tournaments we used to have of tavloo, pinochle, gin rummy and horse shoes. We even used to get a small trophy to take home with us so that we could tell others that we were the best.

When we were at Cedar Grove and slept on the ground, we used to put ropes around our sleeping bags so that the snakes wouldn't crawl into our sacks. That's what we were told but we were young and gullible in those days. I fell in the Kings River when I put my foot on a log to cast my line and my foot slipped off. Thanks to my brother-in-law, he grabbed the other end of my fishing rod and pulled me back in. I dried my clothes over the campfire and didn't smell too good for the balance of the outing.

When we were at Bass Lake, we used to go to the Falls for other entertainment if we could afford it.

Now we are at Dinkey Creek and in comparison to our previous quarters, this is pure luxury. Where else can you sleep with 40 of your brothers in double bunk beds, in three different barracks. You also had the choice of different kinds of snorers. We have had some doozies. Invariably, the brothers would ask where one brother in particular slept and then they would sleep in another barrack. How many remember who he is? We have had meals at Dinkey Creek that have been beyond our wildest dreams. We have had Shishka-bob, Steaks, Por-ove-Kufta, Pacha, Baba Khannoush, Jajuch, Chema, Choreg, Soojuch, Basturma, cheeses of all types, salami's, lahvosh, french toast, pancakes, bacon & eggs, omelettes,

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## Orange County

Brother Trexmen!

Thank you Fresno Chapter for an outstanding Convention. Orange County Chapter always has a good time with our Hospitality suite and over 20 brothers and their families attended, we are looking forward to the Mid-Term in Fresno.

A BIG THANKS to all the Bros. and wives who helped at our Annual Picnic - Bro. Bob Kazarian and John Poochigian were co-chairmen and did a great job. We had over 500 and a donation was made to the Armenian Home for the Aged in Los Angeles. The Shish Kebob is getting better every year.

In August we had elections and the following Bros. are the 1985-86 officers:

Master ..... Bro. Pat Ruzgerian  
 Jr. Master ..... Bro. Haig Boghosian  
 Treasurer ..... Bro. Steve Kazarian  
 Recording Sec ..... Bro. Ed Kalunian  
 Correspond. Sec ..... Bro. Wayne Najarian  
 Sargeant at Arms ..... Bro. Arthur Kazarian  
 Board of Directors: Bro. Harold Bazarian 2,  
 John Poochigian 2, Bob Kazarian 2, Archie  
 Cholakian 1, Pete Bodourian 1.



New Master Bro. Pat, Old Master Bro. John



Wives at Fresno Convention

This years officers were installed at our Installation Dinner Dance at the Newporter Inn with the music of Guy Chookoorian. All the Bros. and wives had lots of laughs and welcomed in the new Officers for 1985-86. The Trexman of the year award went to Bro. Bob Kazarian "He got the Job done". Great job Bro. Bob.

### COMING EVENTS FOR 1986

Mystery Trip-Chairman — Bo Kazarian  
 Pot Luck-Chairman — Leo Deposian  
 Stag Outing-Chairman — Kirk Kazarian  
 Spring Dance-Chairman — Art Kazarian  
 Annual Picnic-Chairman — Art Kazarian  
 Sport Night-Chairman — Haig Jamgotchian  
 "What a Team" Watch out for Orange County.

Our meetings are the 3rd Wednesday at the Revere House, Tustin, CA (714) 543-9319 6:30 Kef Time Dinner 7:30 Meeting 8:30. Come and join us — you won't regret it.

We are looking forward to Mid-Term in Fresno. See you there!

Fraternally yours  
 Haig Jamgotchian  
 Associate Editor



Breakfast Meeting — The food was Fantastic — Armenian Style.



Orange County Hospitality



Bro. Archie — Stella Bro. Kirk & Marge Having a Good Time.



Bro. Nick, Jack, Haig, Archie.



Bro. Bill — Norris — Andy — Paul

# Fresno

Fresno Trexmen can feel very boastful of the best convention yet; not only was it successful, but a most complete fun and entertaining Convention.

Starting Friday with the open house festive partying with friends renewing memories of the past. Gin rummy tournament in the afternoon prior to the dinner-dance on Saturday.

Sunday the usual breakfast followed by the Convention Business meeting with Brother Robert Alchian (Oakland) being elected Grand Master and Brothers Mike Chax (Fresno) as Grand Marshall.

Brother Grand Master Sam Krikorian passing the gavel to Brother Robert Alchian, the responsibility for keeping the ship of state stable and progressive. The Golf Tournament preceded the Sunday Breakfast.

The convention booklet, too was a huge success with Brother Aaron Aaronian heading the responsibility with Convention Chairman Brother PGM Michael Kershaw and a group of members helping, made the jumbo 150 page program book not only lucrative but impressive. A great deal of credit must be given to Grand Editor Bro. Jack



The Meat was cooked just right.



Bro. Master Ed Shirin and wife Mildred.



Make mine well done.



Smile please.



Bros. at a Fresno Chapter Social



P.G.M. John Simonian and wife Louise at Halloween Party.

Ouzounian for the excellent printing and layout.

Sunday was also enjoyed by the Ladies for their Fashion Show dinner at the new beautiful Holiday Inn.

The Golfers had their day as usual on the golf course.

The renewed event on Monday was an over expected attendance picnic at the Armenian Home of the Aged. Shish Kebob, Khema, Hamburger, watermelon, was served all day. This ended a very pleasing and enjoyable convention.

The Armenian Home for the aged was presented with a generous amount of money to further the unbelievable service the home is doing for our elder Armenians. They were at one time doing the same for those before them.

We were saddened by the passing of Brother Archie Donabedian, we will miss Archie as of all the Brothers who have left us but we can only console ourselves by knowing that man has a rendezvous with death the moment he is born. Our deep sympathy to Rose, his wife, and their two sons.

Our Christmas Party for the children and grandchildren was attended by a large group of parents.

The Brothers Karlo and Artie did a perfect management with food, drinks and dessert and beautiful toys presented by Santa Claus and his wife.

Decorating the hall and table setting lending their know how made it look as much like a Christmas should be. A beautiful tree was donated by Brother Aram Erganian; champagne by a number of members; cash by Brother Mike Kershaw and Peter Noroian; apples as usual by Robert Kevorkian. There were four \$50 winners at the drawing for the children.

A special thanks to George and Ruth Bedoian for their never ending service for our functions.

Charles Maroot  
Associate Editor



Smiling guests having a good time.



What a "Bear Hug".



Count the money right Bros.



Brother Richard Shirin and his wife Diana having a good time.



The second in command, Bro. Ben Sebilian.

# Selma

The Selma Triple XXX Fraternity started the fall 1985-1986 year with the election of a new slate of officers. All new officers were installed at the 56th annual Triple XXX Fraternity Convention, which was held at the Holiday Inn, Centre Plaza, in Fresno, from August 30 to Sept. 2, 1985.

The new slate of officers is as follows:

- Master .....Aram Shahenian
- Jr. Master ..... Arden Kashisian
- Secretary ..... Bob Garabedian
- Treasurer ..... Alan Kasparian
- Corresponding Secretary ..... Eliot Nahigian
- Custodian ..... Bob Poochigian
- Historian ..... Jerry Tusan
- Associate Editor ..... Bob Mangasarian
- Auditor ..... Bruce Ekmanian
- Sergeant At Arms ..... Gary Poochigian
- Critic ..... Abby Mamigonian

In all there was a very good turn out of Brothers of the Selma Triple XXX who attended the 56th Annual Convention.

Newly elected master Aram was presented the gavel of office by past Master Abby, at our Sept. 12, 1985 meeting.

On October 1, 1985, funeral services were held for Brother Kenneth Melkonian Sr. at the St. Pauls Armenian Church in Fresno. Brother Kenneth had been a member of the Selma XXX for many years. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

October 1985 was a very busy month of the Selma XXX, because of the undertaking two new projects to raise money for our Charitable Trust Fund.

The first project was the Beer Booth Concession



# San Diego

Since the last edition of Trex News "A lot has gone under the belt" way down south in San Diego land. As a matter of fact, the Chapter's activities could easily have been measured by a calorie counter.

Chapter programs have been fast, furious, and certainly exciting. Since the annual wine and cheese benefit, attended by well over 400 people, San Diego Trexmen have held several successful projects.

Late summer was highlighted by the Chapter's annual day at the Del Mar races with (head jockey) Brother Karney Ovian heading the Chapter delegation. Brother Corresponding Secretary Harry Guzelimian put together a fun-packed day of activities at the annual Chapter picnic attended by over 50 Chapter members and guests. Escondido's beautiful Lake Dixon was the location for the brilliant aromas of shish kebab and pilaf.

The Chapter's new year didn't leave time for a great deal of breathing room, as the Annual Installation Dinner was held in October at the fabulous Fairbanks Ranch Country Club. Past Grand Master Joe Kellejian and Brother Steve Lazarian handled details for the final tribute to past Master Joe Zakarian, seen fading quietly into the courses 18th hole.

However, new Master Doug Yavanian has picked up where numerous other past masters have set the example for a strong fraternal brotherhood.

The beautiful new (2 week old) Lazarian home at the Fairbanks Ranch was the setting for the Chapter's Annual Christmas Party; or was it a house warming? Thanks to Brothers John Sivas and Dr. Greg Semerjian for putting the night's activities together, which included a surprise visit from old Santa (wasn't that white bearded man Geroge Banerian?). Nearly 60 Trexman and guests turned out. A special thanks to all wives and friends who provided a lavish buffet spread.

Incidentally, rumors have it that the Lazarian neighborhood is going to be renamed "Little Hyeston," especially after Brothers Markarian (M.) and Tevrizian move into their new homes.

As this edition is being finalized, San Diego Trexmen are enjoying another five days of skiing in Utah. The Chapter's next report will include an update on plans for the '87 Convention, Chapter scholarship winners, and other exciting Chapter activities. See all Brother-delegates at the Annual Mid-Term!

Douglas A. Yavanian

at the Fresno District Fair. This project was spearheaded by Past Master Abby Mamigonian, who also served as Chairman of the event. The success of this event would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of approximately fifty members both old and young, who manned the Beer Booth from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

A special thanks goes out to Brothers Brent Simonian, Krikor Gostanian and Richard Nikssarian, who constructed the Beer Booth. They were also commended by the Fair Director and Board Members for their efforts.

A special thanks also goes out to Past Master Abby Mamigonian for a job well done. Our net profit from this event totaled over \$15,134.

The second event of the month was held on October 26, 1985. The theme for the evening was "A Night at the Market", held at Farmer's Market, a dinner dance to benefit City of Hope. Chairman for the event was Bro. Bob Soligian. Bro. Bob stated that he had the assistance of approximately 20 brothers, who helped make the event a success. A net profit of approximately \$8000 was realized from this event. Over 450 people were in attendance. Again thanks to Bro. Bob Soligian for a job well done.

On October 10, 1985 Grand Master Bob Alchian made an official visit to the Selma Triple X Fraternity.

On Sat. November 9, 1985 Selma Triple X held its annual Fabulous Turkey Bingo. A delicious shish kebab dinner was served to over 250 in attendance. A special raffle of 6 1/2 lambs and 1 full lamb, cut and processed, were the big prizes for the evening. The lambs were purchased at the Fresno District Fair Jr. Livestock Sale, with profits from the Beer Booth.

A special thanks to Chairman Bob Garabedian, Krikor Gostanian, and their entire work crew for a wonderful evening.

The annual Selma Triple X Christmas Party was held on December 22, 1985 at the California Armenian Home. Over 60 members and family enjoyed the evening festivities. The big event of the evening was the arrival of Santa, and his helpers, who passed out gifts and stockings filled with goodies to over 100 children. Co-Chairmen Richard Nikssarian, Bill Mekalian, Ron Shapazian and their entire crew did a wonderful job.

Bob Mangasarian  
Associate Editor



# Los Angeles

The LA Chapter has enjoyed several months of Fraternal, Social and Benevolent Activities since mid-term.

Of course our main thrust every year is the orchestration and implementation of the Ararat Home Picnic where thousands of dollars are raised to support the home and the building fund for the new facility in the beautiful San Fernando Valley. Special Thanks to Bro. Kay Hovsepian and Dick Jebejian Jr. for their leadership.

In September over 100 Bro's journeyed to the Rio Bravo Country Club & Lodge outside of Bakersfield for our annual Stag outing. Cards, Golfing, Eating, and Fraternal Fun was had by all. Our Annual sink the boat river rafting excursion was cancelled due to the fact that the river was too low. Nature knows when not to challenge L.A. River Rafting Pro's like Chuck Parigian, Ralph Barzekoff, and Nish Derderian.

In October the L.A. Chapter hosted our annual "John Gogian Partner Best Ball Golf Tournament" at Sam Marcos. San Diego Chapter Brothers Bob and Dick Spanjian hosted a fabulous Friday Night cocktail party while Rosalia



Lee Neshanian, Jack Khteian, Aram Poladian.



Jack Khteian waiting for deodorant to dry.



Dale Chaloukian, Jeff Bederian, Johnny Yaldezian, Golen Petoyan, Steve Mickaelian.



George Parigian, Jo Adanalian, Chuck Parigian, Aram Poladian, Del Hovsepian.

Gogian and son John Junior graciously provided the beautiful trophies given out to their years' winner, Bro. Aram Belkigian from L.A. and Bro. Soren Shamshoian from Selma Chapter.

Saturday Night's banquet and award presentation was well attended by many chapters. Special thanks to our San Joaquin Brothers for their support whose attendance helped us entertain over 130 Brothers, wives and guests.

The L.A. Senior Chapter was very proud to have seen our Junior Chapter organize and host the 50th Anniversary Party of the L.A. Jr. XXX where 350 were in attendance. Junior Brother Kenny Gorvetzian, Jeff Bederian, Mark Mikaelian, and Gregg Kludjian put on a fantastic evening of mezza, music and slides of our Brothers which dated both to the 1940's. It was very inspiring hearing from Brothers as seasoned as Herb Elmassian. It became apparent that activities haven't changed too much from the 40's to the 80's. Fraternal fun and support is still the motivating force. The Juniors donated the profit from their event to the Ararat Home and to buy toys for children who have either no parents, or parents who have chemical dependency problems. Said Junior Bro. Mark Mikaelian, "Seeing the

look on the faces of those children when they opened their gifts, made all the hard work very worthwhile".

December marked the date of our Annual Xmas Party for the children. Better than 50 kids and 75 adults attended our spirited event which included a puppet show, Christmas carols and Santa's toys for all the kids. Thanks to the Maseredjian families and all that supported their efforts.

Bro. George Agajanian and wife Margie hosted a beautiful cocktail party prior to our Installation Banquet held on Jan. 5, 1986. Grand Master Robert Alchian and his lovely wife were greeted graciously. Thanks to the Grand Master for installing our newly elected Brothers.

Master ..... Harry Hosharian  
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 Treasurer ..... Dickran Devian  
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February 28 marked the night of our highly successful game night where committee chairman Jerry Jebejian planned a wonderful evening of skill and fun.

L.A. XXX Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month and generally alternate between the Ararat home in L.A. or the Brookside County Club in Pasadena. Special thanks to Bro. Greg Avedesian who cordially extends a warm welcome at Brookside. If you are ever in town, please let us welcome you to our meeting.



## NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Summer issue of Trex News is July 8, 1986.

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Aram Betkijian, Souren Shamshoian (Selma Chapter) First place winners, John Gogian Partner Best Ball tournament.



Vasgan Solohian is showing Dickran Devian & Avedick Agajanian the size of his shaft at the Lake San Marror Golf outing.

# Peninsula

Wow, how time flies, it is again time for the spring publication of the TREX NEWS and the Peninsula chapter has its article.

Small as we are, has not stopped us from thinking big and enjoying grandiose social events. The chapter decided to take a cruise as a group. Bro. Harry Sahakian made the necessary arrangement and issued directions for the chapter to meet at Pier 41 in San Francisco Bay for a cruise aboard the Little Lady. Ports of call were Yerba Buena Island, Oakland and Alameda. It was a great evening of dinning and dancing on the high seas.

The holiday social was held at the club house with all the epicurean delights prepared by Bro. Ed Sarouhan. The members and their guests had a wonderful time socializing and getting the holiday season started.

Hope to see you at the mid-term and don't forget our annual Golf Tournament which will be held at Pasa Tiempo Golf Course (Santa Cruz) in June. Date will be announced at the mid term and flyers will be sent to the chapters.

May the new year find all our brothers happy and rewarded.

Regards  
 K. Garabedian

# Golden Gate

## Greetings:

In keeping with our great tradition of hosting the most exciting conventions of the Triple X Fraternity, the Brothers of the Golden Gate Chapter are well under way with the groundwork for another outstanding affair.

In 1988, this brotherhood will experience the event of the century here in San Francisco.

Our first goal has already been accomplished. We have exceeded our expectations with our recent investment portfolio and have qualified for a construction loan to build a 185,000 sq.ft. Convention Center in downtown San Francisco. It will be located just 2 blocks from Fisherman's Wharf and one block from the SF Cable Car turnaround. Construction is due to break ground in mid-March and schedules completion is for February of '88. We will at that time of course be opening to the public for business functions, saving Labor Day weekend of '88 for our own fraternity event.

We have already lined up quite a list of attractions for the brothers and their families. The roof top heliport will be quite active as we will be shuttling our quests via helicopter to and from Saucilito, where we have booked dining arrangements at some of the most romantic restaurants in the area. We have also reserved a fully manned nuclear submarine for the entire weekend for those brothers wishing to take their families for a ride out under the Golden Gate bridge and back. It is docked over on Pier 32 and is within walking distance of the Convention Center.

Of course there will be plenty to do without leaving the facilities. On Saturday we will be having our annual Art and Auto Auction. This is always a popular event; a chance for your brothers to get that piece of art or that piece of auto you've always wanted. Free lottery tickets will be given away to all registered guests and will be available for purchase. Then on Saturday evening the lucky ticket winners will be on stage spinning the big wheel for a chance at millions-it could be you! As an alternative to this excitement, you may wish to wander over to Hanger B and take a guided tour of the Space Shuttle Columbia, which will be on display all weekend. NASA scientists will be on hand to answer any questions and will be giving away samples of various planets that the shuttle has explored.

So as you can see, we've got quite a weekend of thrills and activity planned. Further details for these and all the events will be forthcoming. It will



Serop & George



Founding Father Arsen Alchian & Ara Sahakian



Ara S. presenting 25 year plaque to Ara Kaprielian



certainly be a convention you'll never forget. *It will be great — with Golden Gate — in '88!!!!*

Ara Sarkisian

## Dinkey Creek

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fresh fruits of all kinds from the valley, cucumbers and peppers by the lug box. For late night snack we would have sweet rolls. For appetizers we always had a fine selection of beverages (hard), beer, soft drinks, cigars, cigarettes, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds and candy bars. We never had any idea what was going on to be served and we were never disappointed. All of the committee's did one fantabulous job and the price was right. When we left Dinkey Creek, we were always making plans for the following year and never complaining what the cost would be. This year our group was quite small and for what reason I don't know. Perhaps it was because of the Lakers & Celtics game. Some (3) of our PGM's left Saturday morning, for home. For the last three years, we have had our brothers from Fresno, bring up their VCR's so that we could be entertained with color movies. Some very good and some very baaaad. Not a verdy good influence for our younger members. Maybe we expect them to bring up a dish next year so that we will have better attendance, so that we won't miss anything at home. I went up alone this year thinking that there would be the usual eight or ten members up there on Tuesday. What a disappointment. While sleeping alone in the camp I had the pleasure of a mama bear and her cubs looking for food, by rattling all the garbage cans in camp. I locked the cabin door and went back to bed. She banged every garbage can in camp.

With travel so easy, air conditioned vehicles, motor homes mini motor homes, modern highways and freeways even the brothers from our sister chapters could be there within five hours. We from the Bay area are there in four hours. Let's have one big gathering before the Dam goes in and Dinkey will be under water.

We formed a new club this year called the "SURVIVORS". The following are charter members. PGM Ed Sarouhan, Vic Paparigian, Naz Chaderjian and myself. As most of you know Bro. Chas (little Charlie) Amasalian is not that good and some of tend us to be "Mother Hens" and watch out for him. Vic Paparigian's fishing venture landed him in the river while watching out for the little one and my protective custody wasn't much better as I too landed in the water. I'm up to my ears in the water and he wants to continue fishing, saying that he had a bite. Bro. Naz was fishing with a brother and he, too, fell in and when he asked his brother to grab the other end of the pole, the damned thing came apart. What happened to the one piece poles. Now for Bro. Ed. He was supposed to meet me at Dinkey on Tuesday but to his chagrin, the previous Saturday, he was practicing his nimble footness. His eyesight is not what it used to be either. While fishing he decided

to take a shortcut over the rock rather than go around and thinking that the rock that he was jumping to high above the water, found out it was lower than he thought. He required a cast as he said. (Where was the cast, Ed?)

Brother Earl Saroyan and Harry Sherinian went fishing on Saturday, and they felt it would be their last chance and they came back with two and a half each. One fish took both of their hooks, probably a good thing as one brother didn't have a fishing license. One brother was caught for not having his license in his possession but the warden followed him back to camp so that he could produce it from his glove compartment. He, no doubt, learned what "on your possession" means. He said the officer had his hand on his gun. One member drove thirteen miles to Shaver Lake to get a license so that he could take his fish home with him.

I went fishing on Shaver Lake with three of my brothers who like to troll. That never has been one of my favorite ways to fish. One of the brothers said to go to the Falls which is where the water comes into the lake and all of us being in agreement continued across the lake. Bro. Von Sobajian at the helm (not the best choice) Bro's Dorian and Sherinian sitting comfortably in the stern like two pro's. If the boat had had wheels, I think they would have driven up the falls. I sat and got a good sun tan. They caught four fish in five hours. The following day, Bros. Sherinian and Sobajian wanted to go to Wishon & Courtright, so I handed them the keys to my truck and wished them well. All in all, we had a good time. I wonder who the big winners were? See you next year, "GOD WILLING". Thanks to Mooney and his staff and to our Chef Ed Sarouhan and his staff. It was a job well done as always.

Bob Alchian

(Ed. Note: 1986 may be the last year for our members to enjoy the outing at Dinkey Creek. Plans are under way to construct a hydro-electric dam in the area. If you haven't attended an outing before, make plans for this year.)

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