



# TREX NEWS

Triple X Fraternity  
**33rd Mid-Term Convention**  
*March 7, 1987*  
**Fresno, California**

★ **Mid-Term Golf Tournament** — (Men Only)  
**Fig Garden Golf Course**, 7707 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno  
Tee Time: 11:00 a.m.  
(See Entry Blank on Back Cover)

★ **Fresno Club House Open All Day**  
(9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)  
**for Tavloo, Gin, Pinochle etc.**  
630 S. Argyle, Fresno

★ **Dinner 5:30 p.m. at AAACL Hall**  
**Armenian Home for the Aged**  
6720 E. Kings Canyon Road, Fresno

★ **Business Meeting - 7:30 p.m.** (Members only)

## Grand Master's Message



Dear Brother Trexmen:

The 58th Annual Convention of the Triple X Fraternity will be in La Jolla. The San Diego Chapter has been working hard to make the Convention an enjoyable weekend. My wife and I have been at the Marriott Hotel and just love it.

I have attended most all the Chapter meetings and the hospitality has been superb. I want all the Brothers to know that in my travels the enthusiasm that is generated in our Fraternity is the healthiest thing I see. With the new younger members being brought in "Lets Not Stop It Now".

I would like your Chapter to start thinking about starting a Junior Chapter. Let's keep this part of our Fraternity alive. Also there are possibilities for new Chapters to start around the State.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Fresno at the Mid-Term Convention.

Fraternally

HAIG JAMGOTCHIAN  
Grand Master 1986-87

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## '86 Convention Recap

The Capitol Chapter wishes to thank all the brothers and their families attending our Golden Anniversary Convention last August in Sacramento. Over 500 people attended the three day affair. Highlight of the Convention was our Honorable Governor George Deukmejian and his wife, Gloria. Grand Master Robert Alchian presented the Governor an honorary life membership into our fraternity. His presence was indeed felt by all in attendance. Capitol Chapter was honoring their 50th year as charter members. December 12, 1936. 50 year plaques were presented to Capitol brothers, Frank Ohanesian, Harold Soligan, Ralph Yeramian, and Bro. Ruben Sweet of Mt. Diablo chapter. Also receiving 50 year plaques were, Past Grand Master Robert Alchian, Oakland Chapter, Newton Krikorian, Selma, Ed Garakian, Orange Co. Henry Moradian, Fresno.

Some of the convention highlights featured 450 Triple X brothers and wives who enjoyed the Armenian food Friday night. Chairmen Bro's Charles Esraelian and Jack Najarian and the wives deserved a lot of credit for the wonderful buffet dinner. Saturday night was a fun filled dance with Richard Hagopian's orchestra playing good Armenian music, Bro's Ari Kalpakgian and Gregory Soligan did a superb job in all the arrangements. An excellent fashion show for the ladies prepared by Chairwomen Kathy Khatoonian and Mrs. Gary Garakian had models from I. Magnin show off their fashions, efforts were well received.

Armon Fathy the wife of Golf chairman, Jake, surprised the 46 men and 7 women who played in the tournament, by hitting the ball 71" from the hole on the par 3 17th hole, winning 1st place in the ladies division, and finishing 3rd with the men. Bro. Leo Depoian was 42" and 2nd place was Bro. Sam Krikorian at 45". Afathem Armon.

Bro. Sarkis Sarkisian was the guest M/C for the Grand Ball Sunday night. Governor Deukmejian and his wife were only supposed to stay for a short period of time, but they were having so much fun and enjoying their stay.

Bro's Joe Hagopian and Vernon Shahbazian did an outstanding job on putting on such a gala affair, they place was packed, dancing was superb, food was outstanding as usual, and other functions of entertainment of friends meeting friends was the way Armenians like it.

The only sour note of the convention was, no one wanted to play Tavloo or Gin. So Bro. Ivy Ivazian and Bro. George Shahinian sat around all day Saturday on their duffs. May be next time brothers; you



Honorary life member Governor George Deukmejian at the podium and seated Ara Sarkisian, M.C.



Newly-elected Grand Master Haig Jamgotchian dancing for joy with his mother at the '86 convention.

tried.

The only remaining Founding Father, Arsen Alchian, was honored at the Convention. He was personally introduced to the Governor by Bro. Harry Sweet, Convention Book Chairman and Photographer, assisted by Bro. Paul Artian. Bro. Arsen celebrated his 83rd birthday on Sept. 7th. Congratulations Arsen, you are the one who have touched our hearts over the years and the friendships you have shared will live forever in our lives. Thank You from all the Brothers of Triple X Fraternity.

During the Sunday Business meeting, a new slate of officers were voted in. Grand Master Haig Jamgotchian, Orange County; Jr. Master Alan Khatoonian, Capitol Chapter; Grand Secretary Ed Karagozian, Orange County; Grand Treasurer Archie Cholakian, Orange County; Grand Editor Jack Ouzounian, Selma; Grand Historian Ara Apkarian, Golden Gate; Grand Marshal Aram Shahenian, Selma.

Congrats to outgoing Grand Master Robert Alchian, who commented, "It was a hell of a year, but I'll never do it again."

The Capitol Chapter still has several coffee mugs on hand, these are the coffee mugs with the Triple X logo and the 50th Anniversary emblem on them. They are available @ \$2.00 ea. Contact Bro. Alan Khatoonian 2010 Amador Ave. Davis, CA 95616. Tel: 916 756-3350.

# Orange County

Our Hats off to the Capitol Chapter for an outstanding job at the 57th Annual Convention. The Orange County Chapter is proud to say that 20 of our 60 Brothers and their wives attended the Convention. Yours Truly was elected Grand Master for 1986-87. I want to thank all of my Brothers who helped get me elected. Thanks again. "It Was Tough".

Our Annual Picnic was the best we have ever had. Over 500 attended to help us with the charities we support. Thanks to our Chairman Bro. Art Kazarian and Bros. Bob Kazarian and John Poochigian and the entire Membership and special thanks to the wives who helped. "Our Cooks are eating so much of the profit that we need a Security Guard while they are cooking the Kebob."

In August we had elections — Our 1986-87 officers are:

- Master . . . . . Bro. Haig Boghosian
- Jr. Master . . . . . Bro. Jack Kayajanian
- Treasurer . . . . . Bro. Bob Kazarian
- Rec. Sec. . . . . Bro. Larry Kaprielian
- Corres. Sec. . . . . Bro. Henry Bashjian
- Sgt. at Arms . . . . . Bro. Kurken Kazarian
- Board of Directors . . . . . Bro. Pat Ruzgerian
- Bill Yegsigian, Mike Hartunian
- Ed Garakian, John Poochigian
- Bob Kazarian, Harold Bazarian.



Chuck, Haig  
Future, Past



Archie, Ed, Haig  
"The Leaders"



Kurk, Harry, Ken, Art



John, Harry, Haig, Haigm Hank, Archie, Bob, Bill



Ann, Haig, Marge, Kurk



Pat, Mike, Bob, Haig, Ed, Bill, Kurk, Larry, Hank.



Haig, Jack, Chuck



Bill, Mary, John, Ann  
Enjoying the Convention

Our Installation was held at the Grand Hotel in Anaheim. Our Past Grand Master Bro. Z. Harry Astor was the M.C. and did a fine job. The Grand Officers that were present were Grand Master Bro. Haig Jamgotchian and his wife Marcia and Grand Treasurer Bro. Archie Cholakian and his wife Stella.

Our coming events will be a Pot Luck at Bro. Kurk Kazarian's, Sports Night at the Balboa Bay Club, February 5 with Bro. Jack Kayajanian as Chairman, Spring Dance with Bro. Henry Bashjian as Chairman.

Our New Meeting place will be the Balboa Bay Club, Newport Beach on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Come and join us.

Respectfully Submitted  
Bro. Haig Jamgotchian

# Oakland

Our new Master, Rick Magarian, has certainly planned an active calendar of events for his term as Master.

We will be taking a wine country trip; a trip to Monterey with a visit to the new aquarium; speakers and films at our meetings, together with tavloo, gin, and bowling tournaments; annual charity affair; Christmas party; Valley Stag and more!!! I'm looking forward to these events, as I am sure all our members are.

As this is being written in early October, I want to try my luck at some predictions for the future.

#1. Our Past Chapter Master, Jeff Hazarian, will be promoted to Chief Controller of the Tera Corp.

#2. The super Bowl, which will be played in Pasadena in January 1987, will feature the Denver "Broncos" and the N.Y. "Giants".

After taxing my brain with those astute predictions, I must lie down and rest!!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, with a year of good health and prosperity.

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

Our Chapter will sorely miss our special, good friend and brother, PGM Ed Sarouhan of the Penninsula Chapter.



## Oakland Happenings



## Sequoia

By the time the 1987 "Trex" has hit the streets, much will have happened between July and January. Fruits have been picked, grapes laid, and made into raisins; tomatoes, watermelons, cotton; etc. all picked and finished.

In August, Bro. John Davidian was laid up for a couple of weeks at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara, but has recuperated very well and is up and around again. Bro. John Bazarian has become an avid golf player, traveling around to various courses. His handicap has really dropped, so watch out!

The Convention, held in Sacramento was attended by Brothers from all chapters throughout the state. As usual, all the affairs were first class.

Elections were held in August and the new group of officers elected were as follows:

Master ..... Jerry Poochigian  
 Jr. Master ..... Serge Ananian  
 Secretary ..... Sirag Kalfayan  
 Corr. Secretary ..... Richard Yahnian  
 Treasurer ..... Sam Kutumian  
 Sgt. at Arms ..... Bryan Ananian  
 Editor ..... Greg Davidian

September - Dove Shoot, Chairman Bro. Pete Barsamian and son Bro. Jackie Barsamian.

Sept. 1 was the opening day of dove season and our "born again" dove shoot. The day started at 5 a.m. for breakfast at Bro. Pete & Bro. Jackie Barsamian's home. From there, Brothers went out to shoot their birds and they really did. Chef Bro. Harry Davidian cooked 150 doves and a few squaks with the help from Bro. Joe Kalashian and Bro. Mike Cholakian. Salads and pilaf made the day complete. If any of you Bros. are in the valley on the 1st of Sept., stop by and join us for the day. Thanks to all the Jr. Trex that helped.

In October we had our annual Halloween Night with Bro. Chnarlie Davidian and Bro. Joe



Bob and Agnes Margosian, famous for their Christmas tree business in Dinuba, faithfully donate a Christmas tree every year.



The goblins lining up to be judged by the always accurate "applause meter".

Kalashian as chairmen. We had an excellent tri-tip dinner cooked by Bro. Charlie. Most couples wore costumes and were unrecognizable. The best dressed goblins received a free meal for the evening. Some of us were blessed with a mask at birth (including myself) and didn't have to wear costumes!

November was a slow month with the upcoming holidays. December we had our Stag Night at our usual spot, The Sequoia Club in Tulare. A lot of Brothers went out and got gift donations for our raffle from various merchants. The Brothers themselves donated several gifts. Maybe next some of us that are farmers will donate some acreage as land value declines! Bro. John Davidian again sold the most tickets. I think this makes 19 of the past 20 years that he won top honors. His son Bro. Greg (me) won last year. Selma Chapter walked away with the most gifts.

Our Christmas party, as usual, was a lot of fun. The parents, kids, and especially the grandparents, had a great evening enjoying a good BBQ and watching Santa Claus hand out gifts to our kids.

It's just a few days after New Years, Brothers. I hope that each of you have a healthy and happy 1987.

Fraternally Yours,  
 Bro. Greg Davidian



Renee Yahnian giving Santa a helping hand with the gifts.



1986-87 Mt. Diablo Chapter

## Mt. Diablo

The Mt. Diablo Chapter began the year with Shant Kooyoumjian, Master; Vaughn Mazmanian, Junior Master; Haig Harootenian, Recording Secretary; Hratch Krikorian, Corresponding Secretary; and Richard Hagopian, Treasurer.

The Mt. Diablo Chapter has kept an active pace of activities with meetings, picnic, Halloween Party, the Convention, and sailing the San Francisco Bay searching for a clubhouse. Also, the chapter is working hard on preparations for hosting the 1990 Convention.

### CHARTER PICNIC

A picnic held at the home of Hratch Krikorian in Lafayette in August saw a large crowd enjoy a "Breakfast/Lunch/Carnival." The breakfast with eggs, pancakes, and sujouk was served early in the morning and a carnival of activities followed which included horseshoes, badminton, group ping-pong, darts, and tavloo. Lunch of lahmajun, salad, and tabuleh was served followed by finals in the tavloo contest. Competition in the tavloo contest was fierce as expected and we learned that ten people can play ping-pong at the same time. Winners in each activity

received an award. Weather was perfect and a good time had by all.

### ARMENIAN NAVY PROTECTING CHAPTER

The chapter's finest vessel the "Humingboyd" diligently patrolled our borders by dodging enemy gunboats in San Francisco Bay while searching for a chapter clubhouse. Captain Armen Boyd and First Mate Tanil Matosian had no trouble locating seamen volunteers to serve (mainly to provide ballast). The intrepid crew were Garo Sedrakian, Jack Mooradian, Vaughn Mazmanian, and George Arkelian. Unfortunately, their enlistment ended abruptly when they learned that sea duty in the Armenian Navy means no pay. But, Captain Armen is not discouraged. He says, "I'll find a new crew as soon as I fix the holes in the hull, straighten the rudder, bend the mast back,...and remember where I left the kell."

### SACRAMENTO CONVENTION

A contingent of over thirty chapter members and their spouses attended the convention. It was a nice opportunity for our group to be together at the convention. Congratulations to Capitol Chapter for putting on a fine convention.



Mt. Diablo Pin-Up "Haig-oohy"



Is that really a Past Master? Which one?



The Mooradians, Hazarabedians, Matosians



Boy was that breakfast good!

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

In October the Mt. Diablo Chapter along with the Golden Gate Chapter held a joint Halloween Party at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Lafayette. With nearly fifty people attending there were many outstanding costumes. There was a parade of costumed participants during the evening. One of the costumes, from Mt. Diablo, has been chosen as the chapter pin-up. "Haig-oohy" you are so lovely (see photo).

### NEW FAMILY ADDITION

Congratulations to Hratch and Leslie Krikorian on the birth of their second child who was a boy and has been named Kurt. They now have a boy and a girl.

### CONGRATULATION TO RUBEN SWEET

It is with pride we congratulate brother Ruben Sweet for receiving a "Fifty-Year" award at the Convention. It is a beautiful placque that recognizes and honors individuals for a half century of service.

Fraternally,  
Jack Mooradian  
Associate Editor



"Captain an' Tanil" of the Humingboyd



Intrepid crew of the "Humingboyd"

# Los Angeles

Since our last XXX newsletter, the L.A. Chapter has been very busy. Our annual STAG outing was held in September at the Rio Bravo Lodge near Bakersfield. Highlights included good food, cards tavloo, golf, and river rafting down the Kern River. Our Master Bro. Harry Kosharian developed so much momentum in his raft, he was unable to stop at the end of the ride. Several hours downstream he had to be airlifted out from his raft just minutes before going over the treacherous rapids known as the Bakersfield Falls. We are grateful to the Bakersfield Air National Guard for supplying 3 of their large transport helicopters.

Attached Photo #1 shows the REAL men in the Fraternity in their rafting attire, waiting to be taken to the river. Bro. John Elmastian, (not in river attire) successfully sold 10 life insurance policies before we departed. Bro. Leo Avazian (MAN WITH HAND IN MOUTH) is trying to remember where he has been, where he is, and where he is supposed to be.

On October 25, the Fraternity held its second "Midnight at the Oasis" dance featuring Richard Hagopian and his orchestra. Over 700 people were in attendance. To all the Brothers and their guests who supported our dance, we thank you!

Our November meeting was especially important as we had a member of the Red Cross present. The instructor brought a CPR doll so that we could learn how to give CPR in an emergency. Over 300 Brothers participated by practicing CPR on the CPR doll. Some brothers became so attached to the doll, she was given the name Anahid. Photo #2 shows Bro. Master Harry Kosharian demonstrating how to check for a persons pulse using the "Crush the elbow technique."

Our annual Invitational Golf Tournament was held on November 16th in Palm Springs at the Crown Hotel. Over 200 Brothers, wives and guests turned out for this, our biggest ever invitational. First place winners were Bros. Aram Avazian and Dick Spanjian from the L.A. and San Diego Chapter respectfully. Second place went to L.A. Chapter's Bro. Captain Libby Boone who sunk a birdie on the 18th hole with his rod and reel. A wonderful pool side party and mazza was held Friday night. Special thanks to Bro. Jack Elmastian's wife Pearl for making her special *Chi-Kufta*. A very special thank you to Bro. Robert Kalfayian for putting on such a well run affair. Thanks also to the 15 P.G.M.'s who gave the event special meaning.

In December we hosted our Annual XXX X-Mas party for the children. A puppet show, X-Mas



Photo No. 1



Photo No. 2



Photo No. 3



Photo No. 4 — Would you trust this man as treasurer?



L to R: Roxy Elmastian, Bro. Dikran Devian, Manoosh Devian, & Bro. Herb Elmastian



L to R: Vasgan Solakian, Aram Poladian, Jim Gondjian, Aram Avazian, Chuck Partamian, and Dikran Devian



Front Row: Bro's Zaven Betkigian, Sass Bedig, Vasgan Solakian and Carl Adanalian.  
Entire Countryside: Bro. Master Harry Kosharian.



Bro's Aram Poladian, Jack Shahian, George Parigian, Art Tookoyan and Bob Papazian.

Carols, plenty of good food and of course a visit from Santa helped our children enjoy the holidays in a special XXX way. Many thanks to Bro. Stan Roopenian and his able-bodied assistants.

One slight embarrassing event occurred when newly elected Master Armen Hampar sat on Santa's lap. It seems that Bro. Master Armen got a little too excited and had a small accident on Santa's leg. But as evidence by photo #3, Bro. Master Armen was certainly enjoying his visit with Santa.

January 18th marked the date of our annual installation of officers held at our own Bro. Greg Avedesian's Brookside Country Club in lovely Pasadena. Bro. Grand Master Haig Jamgotchian and lovely wife Marcia helped make the evening truly special. Bro. Grand Master Haig officially swore in the new officers who are:

- Master . . . . . Armen Hampar Jr.
- Jr. Master . . . . . David Maseredjian
- Treasurer . . . . . Steve Mikaelian
- Rec. Sec. . . . . . Deron Petoyan
- Corr. Sec. . . . . . Gabe Kabrelian
- Sgt. at Arms . . . . . Mike Kourtjian

See photo #4 for information regarding the post of treasurer.

Dinner and dancing followed with music by Guy Chukoorian. A program followed which included a very emotional biography about Past Master Harry Kosharian given by a close family member, Bro. Rob Hostigian. After allowing the Brothers and their wives to dry their tear-soaked eyes, we were treated to a film which interviewed the residents of the greater L.A. area. Only positive and heartfelt thanks came from the people of L.A., thanking the Past Master Kosharian on a job well done.

As Past Master Kosharian reluctantly transferred his post to Armen Hampar, one could tell that 1987 would be a great year as well. For Master Armen Hampar has already laid the foundation for a great agenda. Many special thanks to Jr. Master David Maseredjian for organizing a great installation banquet.

Our meetings are held the first Wed. of each month and are either at the Ararat Home or Brookside Country Club. We welcome you to join us at our meeting.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Armen Devloulakian



# CONVENTION '86 HIGHLIGHTS

Photos by HARRY SWEET

# Capitol

Bro. Alan Khatoonian, Chairman of the 1986 57th Annual Convention in Sacramento, and his wife Kathy, who made all the floral arrangements for the tables and the Grand Ball, have to be congratulated for the long hours spent in handling all the details it takes to chair such an important event. All the brothers of the Capitol Chapter worked for over three years planning our Golden Anniversary celebration. We sincerely thank all the statewide brothers and their families for attending and the response we received made our commitment worth the effort.

With the attendance of Governor George Deukmejian and his wife Gloria, highlighted the whole Labor Day weekend convention.

Congratulations to Bro. Arthur and Mrs. Helen Tashjian who recently celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary in Providence Rhode Island. The Tashjians were married on October 25, 1936.

Bro. George and Sylvia Berberian also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Hawaii.

Bro. David Ivazian and wife Betsy are expecting their first child on May 12, 1987. If it is a boy, born on May 12, I hope they name it "Sweet Harry David the II".

Funeral Services were held on October 13, 1986 for Bro. Edward Garabedian, our founding father of the Capitol Chapter. Bro. Ed was born in Vartatel, Harpoot Armenia on May 1, 1911. Our condolences to Mary Garabedian and family.

Funeral Services were held for Bro. Paul Artians mothers Pearl Emerzian on August 15, 1986. Mrs. Emerzian was a long time member of the St. James Armenian Apostolic Church of Sacramento. Condolences to Bro. Paul, Bro. Harry Artinian, daughter-in-law Perry Artinian and four grandchildren. A native of Kayseri, Turkey, she was 89 years.

Bro. Rod Jorjorians son, Lenny graduated with a major in criminal justice degree from Sacramento State University.

Bro. Jack Najarian and wife Esther are the proud grandparents of their daughter Corinne new baby boy, Jack. Mark and Corinne live in Pasadena.

Condolences to Bro. Peter Kludjian on the passing of his brother, Peter Avedis Kludjian.

Congrats to Bro. Edward Tatosian on winning a plaque during the recent Golf tournament at the convention. Sandbagger.

Our past outings by the Capitol Chapter brothers include our Stag outing in Lake Tahoe, the place to be in September. Thanks to Bro. Rod Jorjorian. Our

featured event of the year in Ladies night. We even pay for their dinner. Bro. Gary Garakian deserves the credit.

Masters Dinner was held on November 15, honoring our masters. Bro. Richard Nahigian wanted to serve shishkebob, but they don't have any Armenians at the Cast 'N Cleaver.

New Members: Bro's Garo Nigolian and Sarkis Malkasian. Welcome.

At our December meeting we were honored to have the Grand Master Haig Jamgotchian with us.

Harry Sweet  
Assoc. Editor



# San Diego

Greetings to all brothers throughout California. We'd like to congratulate the Capitol Chapter for putting on the magnificent Convention. Your Brothers from the south had a wonderful time.

Get ready for San Diego - Aloha '87. Brothers, you remember Fiesta '78, well Aloha '87 has, in the making, to be one of the greatest Triple X Fraternity Conventions ever.

We have booked the new La Jolla Marriott Hotel, in beautiful La Jolla. The hotel is across the street from one of the finest shopping malls in Southern California, so brothers, hide your charge cards. The La Jolla Shores Beach, the Del Mar Race Track, San Diego Padre Stadium, Mexico, the Famous San Diego Zoo and Sea World are only minutes away. We will have scheduled tours to many of these places for you and your families enjoyment. An exciting time is being planned!!

Our new officers are busy preparing for this years activities and making Convention plans. The following is our distinguished list of officers: Dick Spanjian - Master; Dick Semerdjian - Jr. Master; Dan Terzian - Treasurer; Corresponding Secretary - Joe Zakarian; Recording Secretary; Geroge Bazarian - Sgt. at Arms.

In November, we had a beautiful Installation Banquet at the site of the 1987 Convention, the La Jolla Marriott. The Brothers and their beautiful wives were honored by the presence of our Grand Master Bro. Haig Jamgotchian from Orange County and Grand Secretary Bro. Edward Karagolian who proudly boasts that he was a San Diego Chapter Charter Member. We honored our outgoing brother Master Karney Dvian.

In December, we had our annual X-mas party at the lovely home of Brother Greg Vartanian. He and his lovely wife Lauri put on a great holiday party for the Trex brothers. We had our annual gift exchange, and Brother Bret Bardakjian got a very interesting gift. The brothers were trying to help Brother Bret guess what it was.

The year 1987 will be busy with Convention plans and activities. General Convention Chairman Bro. Karney Dvian and Co-Chairman Bro. PGM Joe Kellejian are working hard to make this convention to most memorable yet.

We are proud to announce the initiation of a new member to the San Diego Chapter. Brother John Sarkisian was brought into the group in October 1986. Bro. John is an investment and real estate broker for the company of Marcus & Millichap. John is a native of Michigan, and he and his

beautiful wife reside in North Country. Bro. John is an excellent addition to our membership and is a true Trexman. Welcome Bro. John.

In February, the S.D. Trex Boys are doing it again "SKI STAG 8" - being held in Park City, Utah. We have 26 Brothers ready to hit the slopes of Utah, so watchout you Mormons! We leave on Friday, February 20 and will ski three days. Brothers from San Diego, as well as some surprise guest from L.A. and Orange County (Rumor has it that we will be protected legally with the presence of Downhiller Judge Bro. Dickran Tevzian -L.A., and real estate mogul Bro. Ed Karagolian.) We expect the snow to be plentiful and the company to be wild. Bro. Lazarian, chairman of the ski team, has stated and warned each brother to bring their own booze - Utah is dry!

In March, we will see you all at the Midterm in Fresno. Our brothers have been practicing their golf, and will be ready to hit the golf course.

GOOD & WELFARE: Bro's Tevzian and Mel Markarian are building and anticipating completion of their new homes in Fairbanks Ranch. Bro. Tevzian is the next door neighbor of Bro. Lazarian in Fairbanks. Bro. Dan has been warned of flying golf balls shanked by Bro. Lazarian while practicing in his back yard. Get Insurance Bro. Dan, Bro. Sivas bought a lot in an exclusive away of Poway, California, and he will be looking to build a home soon.

I am engaged to be married to the beautiful Peggy Ballard, niece of L.A. Brother Richard Jebejian and grand daughter of the late and very much missed L.A. Brother Dickran Jebejian. Peggy and I are planning an August wedding.

Bro. Greg Semerdjian is going to Europe. These doctors and their medical Conventions. Both Bro's Dick & Richard Spanjian (Mass. Brother) were married in 1986 (not to each other, but to their new beautiful wives).

Brothers, we look forward to seeing you all at the mid-term Convention and then, with your wives and families at ALOHA '87 in La Jolla.

Truly Yours  
Dickran A. Semerdjian,  
Associate Editor

## NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Summer issue of Trex News is July 8, 1987.

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# SELMA

This past year has been a very active and productive year for the Selma Chapter. In addition to successful fund raising activities which were primarily directed toward charitable goals, we have experienced continued membership growth and close brotherhood.

Newly elected Master Arden Kashishian along with the fraternity acknowledged the fine job done by the past master Aram Shahenian as the gavel was passed to our new Master.

Our new slate of officers include:

- Master ..... Arden Kashishian
- Jr. Master ..... Eliot Nahigian
- Secretary ..... Krikor Gostanian
- Treasurer ..... Alan Kasparian
- Corr. Sec ..... Don Attoian
- Custodian ..... Jim Minas
- Historian ..... Bill Mekalian
- Assoc. Editor ..... Mick Marderosian
- Auditor ..... Bruce Ekmanian
- Sgt. at Arms ..... Ken Esraelian
- Critic ..... Aram Shahenian
- Parliamentarian ..... Joe Garabedian
- Parliamentarian ..... Jack Kazanjian



At one of our regular business meetings at the Hilton.



1986 Scholarship recipients with Master Aram Shahenian.



Japanese dinner at Tokyo Gardens.



Dinner-meeting at Tokyo Gardens.



50-year plaque recipient Bro. Newton Krikorian flanked by Master Arden Kashishian (left) and Grand Master Haig Jamgotchian.

This year our chapter was honored to have newly elected Grand Master Haig Jamgotchian and Master Arden Kashishian award the 50 year membership plaque to Brother Newton Krikorian. Our chapter is honored to have such a long standing member. Congratulations brother Newton!

Once again this year our big fund raising project was our beer booth at the Fresno District Fair in October. Brother Abby Mamigonian again did an outstanding job in organizing the project. Many of our brothers assisted in the project which proved to be very successful.

Other successful events included our Bingo dinners and the annual charity Garden Party held at the



Hang loose brothers!



Selma delegates at the '86 Convention in Sacramento.



Pizza-beer dinner at the Old Age Home.



New members, Jack Sislian and Alex Jarmishian being sworn in by PGM Freddy Markarian.



Beer booth at the Fresno District Fair - Oct. 1986.



Fresno District Fair beer booth chairman Abby Mamigonian and Phil Manoogian.

California Armenian Home for the Aged which hosted more than 500 guests to a beautiful dinner and dance under the evening twilight of the valley summer sky.

This year has also been an active one for the Selma Chapter in regard to its involvement in Community charitable events and projects such as donations toward the construction of the new business department at Cal State Fresno and our sponsoring of the City of Hope dinner dance held at Farmers Market. Lastly our chapter and its members donated their time to appear on Channel 18 (Local Public T.V. Station) to answer phones and assist the station in their fund raising efforts. All members participating looked great under the lights and we are all hopeful that T.V. offers are forthcoming!

Our year was topped off with our annual Christmas Party where the children and grandchildren of our members enjoyed the arrival of Santa and the fellowship of our chapter. Lastly, our chapter would like to wish a happy, healthy and prosperous new year to all other chapters and their members.

Mick Marderosian  
Associate Editor

# Fresno

It's 1987 and the Fresno Chapter is off and running for a progressive year with our new Wiz Bang Master Aaron Aaronian, his Jr. Master Karlo Demoorjian; Treasurer, Harry Tanielian; Secretary, Sam Hokokian; Corres. Sec., Bob Kevorkian. How can we miss? Running on the theme of "The New Beginning."

First of all we were honored by our Grand Master at our dinner meeting and every few weeks later he and his wife attended our Halloween dinner dance.

During the interim period we had our local politician, Deron Koligian, the chairman of the Board of Supervisors who gave us an interesting detail of the County operations. At our next dinner meeting, Rod Anaforian, the newly elected Councilman spoke of the city business and its operations. (This man is a person to watch for our next Mayor).

We in Fresno are proud of our Armenian politicians, not to forget the Biggest prize of the election of Steve Magarian as our new Sheriff who won the election by a landslide. (As they say in the Armenian Language (AF FAR UM), let's not forget the greatest Gov. George (Duke) Deukmejian.

We also honored our members who were in various U.S. military services at a special affair. Bro. Brig. Gen. Ronald Markarian, Commander of California Air National Guard was in attendance among many other veterans.

Our usual Christmas Party for the children and grand children of the members was an enjoyable evening with Santa Claus and his wife from the North Pole. The affair was chaired by Jr. Master Karlo and his army of helpers, with the help of the members wives stuffing the stockings with goodies furnished by members and gifts according to the ages of the youngsters, and thanks again to Brother Mike Kershaw for his usual generous donation, plus Brother Aram Yerganian's annual 8 feet flocked Christmas tree.

A week later we had our New Year's Eve dinner dance. Although it was small in attendance but a very pleasurable evening. Dancing until the early hours of the morning.

Our annual Dinkey Creek outing which takes place in the first week in June will have a very sad vacuum in the minds of the members and fellow visiting Brothers. Those who have attended the past outing will know just what I mean, Bro. Ed's unlisted efforts who did his food preparations so perfectly. We'll miss his every friendly attitude in whatever he did or ask for.

For many years that I had written these articles,



"Let's all sing together."



Master and Jr. Master at New Year's Eve Party.



Anoush!



Grand Master Haig and his wife at Fresno New Year's Eve Party.



The pilaff sure smells good.



The clown made the children happy at the Christmas Party.



Hold me close.



Grand Master and friends.



New Year's Eve Party.



New Year's Eve Crowd.

nothing bothered me as much as I have had to write about the loss of a brother and personal friend. In the last few months we have had the sadness of losing Brother Former Master John Shamshoian, a member since 1952. John served the Fraternity in many occasions, and served in many organizations in Fresno.

Another dedicated member was Brother Peter Noroian who did all that he was asked for to do, we will miss him very much.

As I started in writing this issue we were informed about the passing of Brother Mike Simonian a member since 1947 was a quiet friendly person although he suffered in silence, but he had a friendly attitude and pleasant smile every time you would talk with him.

Now all we have is a memory and can only offer our condolences to their families and loved ones.

In closing I can't help but mentioning the lack of attendance of our members specially the past masters and grand masters who when swearing in the incoming members of their obligations of attendance.

Also as every new Grand Master in their visiting of the different chapters have stressed the point of starting Jr's and promoting new members in the Fraternity to keep it active and alive. What's the answer?

Charles Maroot  
Associate Editor



# Los Angeles Jrs.

Dear Brothers:

The L.A. Jrs. have been very busy since you last heard from us. In August, almost all of the L.A. Jrs. attended the convention in Sacramento. We rented a 15 passenger van, decorated it, and cruised to the convention. In Sacramento, we organized a trip to Lake Tahoe of which several Senior Bro.'s joined us. To top off the trip, our Master Jeff Baderian received the Jr. Trexman-of-the-Year Award.

Since that time we have organized and played war games twice, had several poker games and attended a post softball game BBQ at the home of Senior Bro. Randy Avazian. The BBQ enabled the L.A. Jrs. to spend some time getting to know more of the Senior Brothers.

In July, Bro.'s Gary and Albert Dergazarian donated the use of their house for the L.A. Jr.'s annual Luau. This year over 225 Armenian youth attended. The event was organized by Bro. Raymond Asher and his committee. Unfortunately, the local authorities forced its closure when Bro. Albert felt necessary to inform the officers that he payed their salaries. Due to the success of the Luau, the L.A.

## ORANGE COUNTY JRS. (cont.)

Unfortunately, there was not enough snow for the brothers to go skiing, but a fun time was had by all the brothers in attendance. The Orange County Juniors wish all chapters a healthful and prosperous new year.

January promises to be an exciting month for us. Topping off the month will be our 1st "MONTE CARLO NIGHT" on January 31 at Agajanian Hall in Pasadena. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Ararat Home of Los Angeles.

1987 as a whole is going to be one of the busiest years. Road trips to Lake Arrowhead, Mammoth, Palm Springs, Las Vegas, and boat trips to Catalina are all on our calendar of events.

Besides our "MONTE CARLO NIGHT," our 9th Annual Summer Celebration is scheduled for June 27th; a beach bar-b-que is planned for August 15th and our 4th Annual Pool Tournament is set for October 16th.

Good luck and best wishes to all trexmen and their families.

Fraternally yours,

Kris Kazarian  
Treasurer



L.A. Senior Master Harry Kosharian, Senior Bro's Robert Kalfayan, Greg Mikaelian, John Yaldezian, Ralph Barzekoff, Lee Neshanian, and the L.A. Jr's pose for a picture after the initiation of Ara Bedros.



Senior Bro. Steve Mikaelian shows L.A. Jr. Bro's Jeff Baderian, Mike Shakar, and Kenny Gorvetzian his patented quarter pound curls during the L.A. Jr's Beach Party.



Bro. Gary "Nish" Neshanian confessed to Bro. Albert Dergazarian that he encouraged girls to buy drink tickets at the L.A. Jr's Halloween Party.

Jr's were able to donate an additional \$1000 to the Ararat Home.

Other events during the year included an all-day open beach party organized by Bro. Mike Shakar. In addition, we attended an Angel Baseball game, which was open only to bro.'s and prospectives. Before the game we had a Beer & BBQ in the stadium parking lot and after the game, Bro's Gary and Albert Dergazarian invited us to their house

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for a swim party. These and other weekly events like them are an ongoing habit of the L.A. Jr's.

October 31st was the date of our annual Halloween Party organized by Bro. Michael Surmeian. This year it was held at the home of Senior Deron Petoyan. Thank You again Brother Deron! Furthermore, Senior Brother Chuck Partamian donated a delicious cheese tray for the event.

In December Bro. Ray Asher donated his home for a Christmas party. Both he and Bro. Mark Mikaelian organized the event which was a big success. That evening Bro. Ray cornered the market on mistletoe; it was wall-to-wall.

The Jr's have many events planned for the new year. In fact, elections have already taken place. On January 17th the Jr's held their installation banquet where the new Master Mark Mikaelian and the executive committee were installed. In addition, brought back by popular demand, a second ski trip has been planned for them middle of February. Finally, thanks to the Orange County Jr's, we will begin interfraternal sporting events. This will be a good way to keep in touch with each other during the months.

At the beginning of 1987 Bro's Kenney Gorvetzian and Gregg Kludjian moved up to the L.A. Senior Chapter. These two derelicts will surely be missed. However, we would like to congratulate our newest Bro. Ara Bedros. Bro. Ara was initiated in the presence of six Senior Brothers. We bottled the sweat that was dripping from his forehead.

The L.A. Jr's are looking forward to the upcoming events. They are a close knit group that sticks together. The L.A. Jr's truly feel that a brother remains a brother anytime, anyplace, and anywhere.

Fraternally yours  
Michael Surmeian



Bro's Michael Surmeian, Jeff Baderian, Ara Bedros, Ray Asher, and Gary Kouyoumjian prepare for the L.A. Jr's Christmas Party.

# These Six Champion Brotherhood

X's and Ohs...

The Gang's All Here: If you know that the key names are Jack Kayajanian, Ozzie Chitjian, Haig Boghosian, Sam Boghosian, Kirk Kazarian and Archie Cholokian, you may have a clue.

No they weren't the heroes of Sunday's Super Bowl slugout. Love and brotherhood, brothers and sisters.

Jack is a Santa Ana attorney, Ozzie a restaurant guy, Haig a Crown Zellerbach exec, and Sam a football coach.

Kirk owns Camelot Carpets, and Archie has a steel business. They're doing well.

But what bonds them together closer than that is the fact they are all members of the Triple-X Society.

JACK KAYAJANIAN says there are chapters all over California with a total brotherhood of more than 1,000.

They founded the 50-member Orange County chapter in 1976, a pretty good year for celebrating freedom and equality and the sometimes grace of the human race.

Nobody knows it better.

TRIPLE-X was born out of hate, racism, prejudice and ignorance.

It all began in Fresno in the '20s when there was such prejudice against Armenians that the children of the farmhands weren't invited to school events.

The daughters were never asked to a dance.

To take away some of the hurt, Armenian parents decided to put of their own dances.

THEY CALLED a meeting, and the first one was held in the basement at Fresno High. They hoped to get at least 30 Armenian fathers to attend.

Hence, the triple XXX, roman numerals for 30.

Not much intrigue or romance to that, but Triple-X has become a beautiful love story.

Once upon a time in America, it was worse. Things DO get a little better.

ARMENIAN-AMERICANS now own most of Fresno.

They have worked hard, and they own a lot of things in a lot of places. And they appreciate a lot of things.

Mostly, they appreciate getting a chance.

ORANGE COUNTY'S Triple Xers, in particular, count their blessings every year by staging some sort of benefit for someone in need.

This year, it's a "Stag Sports Night" Feb. 5 at the Balboa Bay Club.

They're honoring Sam, offensive-line coach of the Raiders since 1979 after starring himself long ago on Red Sanders' 1954 national championship team at UCLA, as Armenian-American Man of the Year.

That's nice, but it's just a ploy, just a come-on, of course.

The real purpose of the dinner is to raise enough \$\$ to buy a jumbo-screen television unit for the Orange Children's Home.

JACK FAULKNER of the Rams got the Jack Youngblood and several of the current players, and there'll be some Raiders and Dodgers, too.

But the names of the real stars of this show all end in "j-a-n."

One way or another, they'll get that TH theater for Orangewood. They could easily dig into their own pockets for it. And they will if necessary.

But they like to have fun, too, which is all part of it. Hate turned to love and enough intelligence to see and appreciate the difference and to fight what's bad and enjoy what's good.

From a basement in Fresno to the big ballroom at the Balboa Bay Club, sometimes it all works. Sometimes, it really is good.

JOHN HALL, "Orange County Register"

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