



# TREX NEWS

Triple X Fraternity

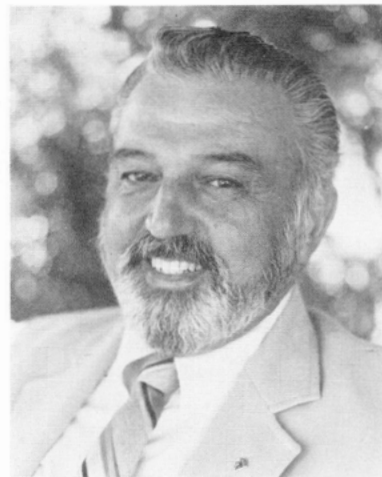
## 35th Mid-Term Convention

*Saturday, March 4, 1989*

Fresno, California

- ★ **Mid-Term golf Tournament —**  
Fresno West Golf Course, 23986 W. Whitesbridge, Kerman, Cal.  
10:00 a.m. Sharp!! (See particulars and entry blank on p. 22)
  
- ★ **Fresno Club House Open All Day**  
(9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) for Tavloo, Gin, Pinochle, etc.
  
- ★ **Cocktails 6:00 p.m. — Dinner 7:00 p.m.**  
**AACL Hall — 6720 E. Kings Canyon Rd., Fresno**
  
- ★ **Business Meeting — 8:00 p.m.**  
(Members Only)

## Grand Master's Message



All chapters are to be commended for their fine efforts during a time of need after the devastating earthquake struck our brothers and sisters on December 7, 1988 in Armenia. Chapters throughout the State have been generous in their support, and their community involvement is certainly indicative of the true Fraternal Brotherhood of what Triple X Fraternity is all about.

It certainly makes one feel proud to be a Trexman, to know that our brothers respond when help is needed. It is that kind of commitment that makes Triple X what it is.

If you have not done so already, I encourage you to support the Grand Chapters endeavors of making that collective effort for funds to contribute to the medical reconstruction in Armenia.

ABBY MAMIGONIAN  
*Grand Master*

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## From the Grand Editor:

### Earthquake in Armenia

The devastating earthquake hit Armenia on a peaceful morning December 7, without a warning whatsoever. School children, men, women, young and old were caught off guard. The main tremor was recorded at 6.9 on the Richter scale. The whole world was shocked to hear reports of "tens of thousands" of deaths and millions of dollars' worth of destruction. Official estimates were as high as 100,000 deaths.

The suffering and grief because of the tragedy was beyond comprehension. The international outpouring of relief assistance and aid was unprecedented. Governments from around the world were sending supplies and technical help to the needy.

Armenian communities all over the world have united to send financial and technical help to their countrymen in Armenia. It is gratifying to see that individual Triple X Chapters have contributed in their way to the relief of the disaster. The Grand Chapter had solicited funds to be channelled through Medical Outreach Program.

Our history which is centuries old has survived many tragedies and catastrophies. We have survived the massacre which was planned and perpetrated by another government in the early years of the twentieth century.

We are hopeful Armenians will rise from the ashes once again to a new and stronger nation near our ancestral Mt. Ararat. J.O.



KARLO DEMOORJIAN  
1935-1988

*We fondly dedicate this article to the memory of Karlo Demoorjian.*

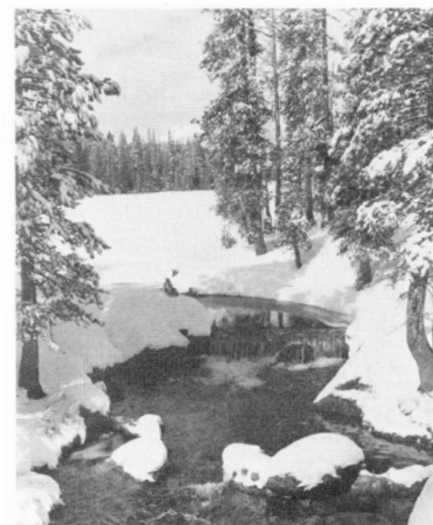
Karlo was born April 29, 1935 in Fresno. He attended local schools and Fresno City College where he was student body vice president. He studied drama and history and received his AA Degree in journalism.

Bro. Karlo was a member of Fresno Triple X for more than 30 years. He had held all the offices in his chapter and served as Master for two different terms. He served as Grand Editor of the Trex News from 1967-81. Under his term the Trex News went through a lot of changes.

In his chapter, he had been very active in various committees. He is best remembered mostly for chairing the annual Children's Christmas Party.

Karlo passed away in Fresno on October 28, 1988.

Our sympathies to his widow Ann, brother Artie and family. He will be missed by all who knew him and loved him. J.O.



**COVER:** The exquisite peace and serenity of our cover background scene was captured by Bro. Harry Sweet of the Capitol Chapter. Yes, the December snowfall in Sacramento and the outlying areas is beautifully photographed by Past Master Harry.



New members: Mark Hazarabedian, Mark Sarkisian, Armen Hairabedian, and Art Sarkissian.

# Mt. Diablo

## CHAPTER OFFICERS

The officers for the 1989-89 year are: Hratch Krikorian, Master; Zarvey Kamian, Junior Master; George Arkelian, Recording Secretary; Aram Boyd, Corresponding Secretary; and Ed Hazarabedian, Treasurer.

## NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

Three new members have been inducted into the chapter; they are Armen Hairabedian, Art Sarkisian, and son of Trex member and former Junior Trex member Mark Sarkisian.

## CHAPTER PICNIC

On Saturday, August 6th Group Three held its annual picnic at the home of Hratch Krikorian. A nice turnout for wine/cheese tasting, tavloo, and a barbeque on Group Three's famous barbeque. A terrific lunch of Shish Kabob and Chelo Kabob followed by a bingo party.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

Group One put on a superb dinner party at the Lafayette Veteran's Hall for the October meeting. A large turnout of members and spouses enjoyed a barbeque dinner and program. The hall was beautifully decorated and an Armenian band played background music during dinner and later during the program. A dance contest was held where each table had to provide the dancers, ending with a dance-off. Also, other groups were called on to dance; groups as solo couples, and wallflowers (those standing around the room). The judges came under a lot of pressure to select the winners; however, all the judges and everyone in the room agreed that TANIL MATOSIAN was the most provocative and erotic performer — who said Tan couldn't do all those things. Thanks to Harvey Kamian and his committee who put on a fun evening.

## KHEMA DINNER

The chapter's Group One put on a Khema Dinner for the November meeting for members and



Armen says, "Now, how about that."



Jack Isaacs' thinks Armen forgot what he was going to say.



Outgoing Master Richard Hagopian on final roll call.



Shant presents the Khema cooks.



This group knows how to dance.



Boy, do we love raw lamb.



The great T-Shirt Sale.

# Capitol

The last half of 1988 was an active one for the Capitol Chapter. The first major activity was the Annual Family Picnic, chaired by Bro. Jack Najarian. Bro. Ed Ohanesian prepared an outdoor breakfast for the brothers which included his famous flapjacks, in addition to the usual breakfast fare. About 90 people, including some distinguished guests, enjoyed the noon meal, which was basically Armenian, including tasty shish kebab. The evening fare was primarily American picnic, but there was still some good rice pilaf to enjoy.

In August, Bro. Alan and Kathy Khatoonian hosted the Chapter's Patio Party at their lovely home, at El Macero. The scenic patio and back yard have the El Macero Country Club golf course as a back-drop. We felt honored that among the 65 persons present was Founding Father Arsen Alchian and his wife Elise as well as the spirited Vicki Dederian, widow of Founding Father Lee Dederian. Everything concerning the party was well planned and well-organized. The food was excellent. Alan and Kathy make things look easy. He

MT. DIABLO — cont.

## NOTICE:

Because of TANIL MATOSIAN "Dirty Dancing" has been introduced to Armenian culture.

spouses at the Orindawoods Clubhouse in Orinda. As you can see in the photo there were a lot of cooks in the kitchen. The chapter lucked out again — no health officials showed up. Another great job by Group Two.

Fraternally,  
Jack Mooradian  
Associate Editor



New meeting location.

should make a great Grand Master.

May we add our thanks to the Golden Gate Chapter for hosting the 59th Annual Convention over the 1988 Labor Day weekend. We congratulate our new Grand Master, Brother Abby Mamigonian and his staff of elected and appointed officers.

The 1988-89 officers of the Capitol Chapter sworn in at the Convention are the following brothers: Master, Robert Nahigian; Jr. Master, Richard Fathy; Secretary, Larry Kazanjian; Treasurer, James Tashjian; Associate Editor, Harry Sweet, Marshal and Custodian, Charles Esraelian, and Advisor and Critic, Harry Sweet.

No sooner was the Convention over, the Capitol brothers adjourned to Lake Tahoe for the Annual Stag Outing, chaired by Bro. Rod Jorjorian. This is a real fellowship gathering. Those who can handle the altitude and have the time never miss it. Those who can't spare three days will take the trouble to drive all that distance even for one day. Even the gambling does not entice anyone too long. We used to enjoy this activity when the dearly departed Chuck Moore handled it. Now we enjoyed it as much as ever with a younger generation which has taken over. Thank you, Brother Rod.

The Past Master's Dinner, held in October and chaired by Master Bob Nahigian, was a winner. Held at the Ram, one of Sacramento's finer restaurants, everyone had a most pleasant evening. The honoree was Past Master Harry Sweet, who was up to the occasion in receiving an award.

In November, Bro. Leon Hagopian chaired our Bingo Night. This event was open to the public. Those who like Bingo had a great time. The rest enjoyed themselves socializing.

The Christmas Party, chaired by Bro. Ed (Bud) Ohanesian, was held in conjunction with the Armenian Church. It was decided that in spite of the tragic events as a result of the earthquake in Armenia, we would not deny our little ones. To me, it was the right decision, even as we sorrowed for our compatriots in Leninakan, Stepanakert, and Kirovakan. Since the Church hall was full of clothing and equipment destined for the victims of the Armenian Earthquake, those attending were squeezed into the Sunday school rooms of the Church. Acting as Santa Claus was the newest member at the time of the Capitol Chapter, Scott Khatoonian, who is the son of Brother Alan Khatoonian.

This leads us into the subject of the tragic events in Soviet Armenia. The earthquake there has been one of the worst in recent world history. The international response has been gratifying. The Armenian community, including that of Sacramento,

has risen to the occasion, in my opinion. The untiring efforts by some of the members of the Sacramento Armenian Church is most commendable. Many of the persons in this selfless group include Trexmen and their wives.

There will be more on this subject in the months to come, I'm sure. It is good to see Triple X involved and helping in any way it can.

Our Associate Editor, Harry Sweet, has retired for the second time. Harry's television career began on June 1, 1953 with KCCC-TV, Channel 40, shortly before Acting Governor Goodwin Knight welcomed the first live television to the Sacramento Valley, on October 3, 1953. Three and one-half years later, Harry joined KCRA,



Keff Night Charity Donation to St. James Armenian Church \$900.



Masters dinner for outgoing Master, Harry Sweet, 87-88.



New Bro. John Shahabian.

Channel 3, where he stayed until August, 1984, when he retired as Senior Cameraman.

He then took over a new position, as KCRA's Archivist, where he has been researching and cataloging almost 18 million feet of film for future historians and students. This is one of the largest collections in the whole nation. Many persons make requests for these films, including Nancy Reagan, who has referred Barbara Walters to Harry for pictures of President Reagan when he was Governor of California. After a nice party, Harry retired from the Archivist position on December 16, 1988. Congratulations, Bro. Harry, and best wishes for the future. Bro. Harry plans to write a book, and since he is a workaholic, I expect he will be retiring a third time some day.

It is hard to keep up with the various activities of the brothers. It is nice that many of the brothers and their wives have taken extended trips and tours to Europe. Master Bob Nahigian and his wife Pat returned recently from a trip to Great Britain where Pat searched for roots as well as follow her avocation of antiques while Bob tried to keep up. Earlier, Brother Sarkis (Bill) and Leanore Malkasian toured all over Europe by auto. And we must not forget Brother Ora Minasian's Christmas trip to Paris a year ago.

Brothers Richard Nahigian and Harry Artinian are becoming Northern California's and the Pacific Northwest premier fishermen. And sometimes they take their wives with them!

As time marches on, so does redevelopment. Past Grand Master Joe Hagopian just witnessed his former used car lot transformed into a Carl's Jr. Fast Food Restaurant.

Capitol Chapter welcomes new brothers John

# Sequoia

December 7, 1988: The world was shaken and especially the Armenians in the Diaspora, when the news was released of the catastrophic earthquake that shook Soviet Armenia. We have heard so many reports by TV, radio and newspapers of the devastation that has taken place with the loss of untold thousands of lives, maimed and left homeless. It has been incredible how the response has been by Armenians and Non-Armenians who continue to contribute financially. Special thanks go to dedicated people like, Dr. John Garry, Dr. Garo Tertzakian, and Dr. Vartkes Najarian, and Bro. Nubert Baker of the Selma Chapter who went to Armenia, and gave so much of themselves and will continue to do so in Medical aid and supplies.

On our regular meeting night of December 14th, a very serious and emotional discussion was held and motion was made and seconded, and unanimously voted that we donate at once \$20,000.00 to the Medical Outreach Program. It made every trexman in that room very proud to be called Trex brothers, that we in our very small way were able to participate in helping our brothers and sisters in Armenia. We are confident that in

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Shahabian, Arthur Tatosian, Scott Khatoonian, and Philip Onnigian. We look forward to many contributions from these talented, energetic young men.

We are elated to see Brother Jake Fathy and Art Tashjian up and about. Also, we are proud of the way their sons, Brother Richard and Brother Jim, who are Junior Master and Treasurer, respectively, of our Chapter, take care of their fathers. We recognize, of course, that the brunt of the care-taking falls on the wives of our brothers. Now we are hoping that Brother Pete Kludjian, who is hospitalized, recovers soon.

We were most pleased to have Grand Master Abby Mamigonian at our January meeting. Everyone enjoyed a dinner prepared by a committee of brothers headed by Richard Nahigian. The meeting was somewhat animated, with Bro. Abby bringing us up to date on current activities and events.

See you at the Mid-term Meeting.

Fraternally,  
Vernon L. Shahbazian  
Acting Asst.  
Associate Editor



L to R: Sirak Kalfayan, GM Abby Mamigonian, Dr. Vartkes Najarian, Master John Bazarian, Sam Kutumian, presenting \$20,000 check to Armenian Earthquake Fund Medical Outreach."

the years ahead a stronger and better Armenia will be built; as the saying goes "This Too Will Pass."

Well let's see what else has been going on in the Sequoia area. We wish a speedy recovery to Bro. PGM Mose Ametjian, who recently had surgery and is up and around. Presently John Davidian and Bro. Chuck Ouzounian had surgery and should be back at our meetings very shortly.

Congratulations are in order to Bro. Geo. Zarounian whose Midget Race Car took the USAC midget championship again. Traveling with the car, in the fitted out Van and Trailer usually are his pit crew of PGM Dick Ekizian, Bro. Vaughn Ananian and Bro. Serge Ananian. At this writing preparations are being made to enter the prestigious Copper Classic Race in Phoenix, which the car won in 1986. Along the same lines how about Bro. Chas. Ananian's 1973 Corvette. This Show car is a sight to behold, winning many 1st place trophies and bucks, throughout the western states. Wife Liz makes sure that the display is kept spotless at all times.

Building Contractor Bro. Dodd Yahnian was awarded the bid to build the Million Dollar Chinese Cultural Center in Visalia. The model shown in the local paper was beautiful, complimenting the original Chinese architecture. Right hand man Bro. Richard Yahnian will make sure all goes according to schedule.

Last Sept. was a real fun day when we held our annual Dove Shoot with about 45 brothers gathering for a 5:00 a.m. breakfast shoot and Dove Feed at the Zee and Dee Packing Shed. Plenty of Dove and Tri-Tips with all the trimmings. Heading that committee were Bros. Mike Cholakian, Geo. Tamouzian, Aron Margosian, Brian Ananian, Harry Majarian, Joe Kalashian and Jerry Poochigian.



Grand Treasurer Phil Manoogian expressing his comments to Sequoia during our Installation Dinner.



Past Master John Bazarian showing his joy at receiving the Past Master's gift for 1988.



GM Abby with newly installed master Municipal Court Judge Joe Kalashian.

Among the other activities enjoyed by Sequoia were the annual Fall Festival Dinner and Halloween get up at Estrada's in Visalia, headed by Bro. Paul Boghosian, and some of the brothers from Tulare.

The annual Christmas party was held at the Pizza Hut in Visalia, very capably chaired by Bro. Mark Kazarian, Bro. Bryan Ananian, and Brian Yahnian. Something like 50 adults and children

had a very enjoyable evening, plenty of food, and gifts for the kiddies.

Recently George and Aron Margosian purchased a few more acres of tree fruit land to add to their extensive operation, which means that they have peaches, plums and nectarines galore. There is an open invitation to all visitors who drop into the area to load up with all the fruit your trunk will hold, with their compliments. Ditto: Sark and Brian Yahnian extend the same welcome any time during Sept. and Oct. to drop into their Walnut Shed in Visalia, and can fill your household needs for nuts for the holidays.

Another undertaking by Sequoia this year is to build an outdoor Arbor at the Western Diocese Church Camp and Retreat, that will seat 200 people complete with tables and barbeque pits, etc. Architect Bro. Harry Krikorian will be drawing the plans, to be submitted to the committee headed by Bro. Mose Ametjian, Paul Boghosian, Abe Kazarian, Harry Davidian, Sark Davidian, and Chuck Ouzounian. The arbor will be available for picnics and barbeques for all organizations. Should be ready this summer.

Congratulations to the newest members that Sequoia took in the past year namely, Bro. Ralph Hovannisian Jr., Charles Sarabian, Larry Shapazian, and Michael Tamouzian. That makes us 65 strong dedicated brothers.

Friday, January 20th was the night of our annual Installation Banquet held at the Depot restaurant who filled the room with Bro. and wives. This again for the 10th year was chaired by Bro. John Hovannisian. We were honored by the presence of Grand Master Abby Mamigonian, and wife Barbara, and Grand Treasurer Phil Manoogian and wife Jackie. As a part of the program Bro. Grand Master Abby swore in the following new officers for 1989. Master Joe Kalashian, Jr. Master Archie Zarkarian, Treasurer Mitch Choboian, Rec. Sec. Tim Aharo-



GM Abby giving enjoyable and serious comments at the Installation.



A distinguished group of brothers and wives enjoying the festivities at our Installation.



Bro. Si Kalfayan, in the foreground, very concerned at the progress of the evening.

nian, Corres. Sec. Brian Yahnian, Sgt.-at-Arms Jim Zerounian, Custodian Mike Cholakian, and Assoc. Editor Sam Kutumian.

In closing this article for our Trex News, it is with pleasure that Sequoia Chapter commends very highly the time and effort and devotion that Bro. Si Kalfayan took, following the earthquake disaster. He took time away from his business to write letters, articles for the press, full page ads asking for donations. It goes without saying that if there is to be a Trexman of the Year Award it should go to Brothers Si and Selma's Nubert Baker. We are all proud of their dedication for this cause.

Congratulations to John Bazarian who completed his second term as Master of of chapter. Also. congratulations to our newly appointed Municipal Court Judge, Joe Kalashian, newly installed Master, 1st Armenian Judge in Tulare County.

Sam Kutumian  
Associate Editor

# Selma

All of us Brothers would like to congratulate our new GRAND MASTER, Brother Abby Mamigonian. Also Brothers Vahe Simonian, Phil Manoogian, and Jack Ouzounian who were elected as GRAND CHAPTER officers in San Francisco last September.

In July we had our most successful Charity Garden Party. The food, drinks, and entertainment were enjoyed by all. Good job done by Brother Elliot Nahigian and crew.

Our September Armenian Home Dinner was chaired by Brother Pete Hagopian. All proceeds were donated to the Armenian Home.

October was a busy month. Brother Harry Moordigian reported on our Reno trip which many Brothers left behind a deposit but had fun doing it. Brother Abby Mamigonian headed a last minute beer booth at Fresno's Passport Fresno. He really worked hard in promoting team support and gained us respect in the community.

Our annual Fall Bingo in November was chaired by Brothers Abby and Aram Shahenian. We served over 200 people and all attended had a great time. Once again we were approached by the local



PASSPORT FRESNO — Mel Mazman and Haig Aivazian.



Harry Basmajian and Pete Hagopian.



KMTF Public TV Fund Drive.



Richard Garabedian, Phil Manoogian and Oscar Kasparian.



Bro. Jack Bedrosian & Bro. Phil Manoogian calling numbers at Nov. 12 Fall Bingo Charity Dinner.



Passport Fresno Beer Booth — Bro. York Boyajian, Bro. Krikor Gostanian, Bro. Frank Korkmazian, Bro. PM Bob Garabedian.



Poochigian Twins on Santa's lap at the Christmas Party.



Cooks at the Nov. 12 Charity Fall Bingo. Shish kebab on the fire. Bro. Ken Melkonian Jr., Bro. Jeff Esraelian, Bro. J.M. Alan Kasparian, Bro. Richard Garabedian.



Capt. Bro. Jake Kevorkian lining up the troops to board the bus for Reno. Looking around are Bro. Aram Shahenian, Bro. GM Abby Mamigonian, Bro. Harry Basmajian.

public television station to help with their winter fund drive. We are getting to be experts in answering phones and looking into cameras.

The December Christmas party was chaired by Brothers Ken Esraelian and Pete Cholakian. All kids in attendance were greeted by none other than

Santa himself.

During this time we would like to congratulate Brothers Harry Basmajian and Baxter Kalashian who received their 25 year plaque. Also the following Brothers had new additions to their families: Brothers Ken Esraelian, Bob Garabedian, Gary Poochigian, and Michael Sarabian. Possible prospective members? A very hearty congratulations to Brother Chuck Poochigian who was appointed Deputy Appointment Secretary by Governor Deukmejian. Chuck and his family will be moving to Sacramento. We will miss you.

During December, a tragedy occurred in Armenia that is close to us all. Brother Nubert Baker visited Armenia and reported on its devastation. We unanimously voted to donate \$20,000 to aid the earthquake victims and the area through the Medical Outreach program.

Also this month Selma Chapter opened an account at the Central California Blood Bank, and a canned food drive for needy community was held by Master Richard Nikssarian.

Last but not least, Congratulations to our new slate of officers. Hope to see you at the Mid-Term!

- Master ..... Richard Nikssarian
- Jr. Master ..... Alan Kasparian
- Secretary ..... Jeff Esraelian
- Treasurer ..... Ron Toomajian
- Corres. Secretary ..... Michael Sarabian
- Custodian ..... Alex Safrastian
- Historian ..... Gary Poochigian
- Sgt. at Arms ..... Jack Sislian
- Critic ..... Bob Garabedian

Fraternally Yours,  
Jerry Tusan  
Associate Editor



Bro. PGM Jack Kazanjian, Bro. PGM Joe Garabedian, Bro. Master Richard Nikssarian, Bro. Grand Master Abby Mamigonian on Reno Trip.



Master Art (middle), Bro. Vince.

The Last Meeting!



Alan and Kathy Khatoonian, Mauvis Sweet.

Dan riley, Rod Boghosian, Irene and Gail Harootenian.



# Golden Gate Convention



P.G.M. Haig Kayajanian

Photos by Harry Sweet

PGM Dick, "Going My Way?"

Pictures by Jack Ouzounian, Gr. Ed.

# San Diego

Hello To All Brothers!

The San Diego chapter has had a very busy year under its new leadership with Master Greg Babikian. In September, the brothers had their first annual stag in Las Vegas, Nevada. Many of the brothers enjoyed a weekend at the Desert Inn Country Club, playing two rounds of golf, enjoying the brotherhood and hitting the casinos. Rumor has it that Brother John Sarkisian was the big winner at the blackjack tables. Of course, Brother Joe Zakarian, our resident golf pro was this year's tournament winner. However, Brother Joe did lose one bet on the golf course to Brother Karney Ovia. As the story goes, on the eighteenth hole, Brother Ovia, in rather competitive mode, bet Brother Joe that he would receive a lower score on the eighteenth hole. It was neck and neck until the fifth shot when miraculously, Brother Karney hit his ball out of the trees, brush and rough onto the green and was successful on his bet much to the chagrin of Brother Joe. Brother Ara Sagerian and Brother John Sarkisian attested that sure enough, Brother Karney was the victor. That was a shot Brother Karney and Brother Joe will never forget. The chapter looks forward to making this golf tournament an annual event in either Las Vegas or Palm Springs.

In December, our chapter had its annual Christmas party at the beautiful home of Brother Doug Avazian and his wife, Barbara. Over 22 brothers attended with their wives. It was a first-class party put on by Bro. Doug and Barbara. The celebrity bartender was L.A. Brother Aram Avazian. As is true with every yuletide party Santa Claus Brother George Banerian appeared landing his reindeer on Bro. Doug's, Cardiff-by-the-Sea home, swooping through the chimney and giving presents to all the Trex brothers and their wives. This year, as a special Christmas donation, the brothers unanimously voted to donate \$2,000 to the Armenian earthquake relief fund. Further, as an annual charitable gesture, our chapter gave a great sum of money to a needy Armenian family in San Diego County to make their Christmas a happy one.

In January, our chapter will have its annual installation banquet. Present will be Grand Master Abby. This year, the installation banquet will be held at Humphreys in La Jolla. We look forward to a wonderful time and an outstanding celebration in honoring our outgoing master, Brother Vartan Khorsharian and welcoming our new leadership under Brother Gregory Babikian and

his delegation of officers.

In March, the Triple X Ski Team is back, and the bags are packed and ready to go to Aspen, Colorado for our 10th Annual Ski Stag. This year, like last year, Orange County Brother Ron Krajian has rolled out the red carpet and twenty Triple X brothers, including Los Angeles Brother Richard Jebejian, Orange County Brother Eddy Karagozian and Golden Gate Brother Van Kouzoujian. We will be going to Aspen for four glorious days of skiing. Brother Steve Lazarian, has made the arrangements again this year for Aspen due to popular demand. This will be an event I'm sure the brothers will never forget. We again will be attending the wine and cheese party put on by Brother Krajian and his Aspen friends which is held on top of Aspen Mountain.

In June, our chapter will be putting on its world renowned wine and cheese party. This year, the party may take on a new dimension. We may be sponsoring the party with a local San Diego Children's Hospital, and this year, the proceeds from the wine and cheese ticket sales will sponsor not only Children's Hospital charities, but will be given to various charities sponsored by our chapter. There is no question that our annual wine and cheese party is the finest wine tasting event in San Diego county, and this year, we expect a crowd of nearly 1,000 people. As usual, Brother Karney Ovia is spear-heading the party. Brother Steven Lazarian is the chairperson of the event. For all brothers throughout our organization who have not attended our wine and cheese party in San Diego, this year will be a great opportunity for all of you to come to San Diego to truly have an adventure in wine tasting. Please make plans to be with us for this very special event.

We are pleased to introduce the initiation of our newest brother Bruce Sanders. Brother Sanders is a real estate developer in Poway, and brings to our chapter great enthusiasm and support. Welcome Brother Sanders to the San Diego Chapter!

**Good Welfare** — Congratulations to Brother Raffi Simonian on being recently engaged! Brother Raffi, who is the chief pharmacist at UCSD Medical Center led a contingent of pharmacists to Soviet Armenia to help assist the earthquake victims. Congratulations go to Brother John Sarkisian and Jim Sahagian on their new business ventures. Bro. Greg and wife Zari celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. Our condolences go to L.A. Brother Jeff Baderian on the loss of his father, L.A. Brother Haig. He will be sorely missed.

In other news, look-out L.A. Chapter and all of you Dodger fans, the San Diego Padres are back

# Golden Gate

Many thanks to the brethren who attended the GG convention in SF. As always it was a pleasure to serve our fellow trexmen.

Avedis and Rosalie Tehlerian spent a whole month touring Europe seeing old friends and having a grand time. Some people have all the luck. Rita and Brian Pinomaki (is he a trexman with a name like that?) are expecting their first.

Serop Samarkashian's son, who graduated from St. Gregory's Armenian School in SF, is presently attending St. Ignatius High and playing frosh football. He made 2 touchdowns and another Hye made one. We had better keep a sharp eye on those two. Shades of the shish kebab twins.

PGM Sark Sarkisian I think has finished his remodeling at home. Why else would he have a Super Bowl party at his house. Unless... naw, it must be finished.

Ray Koobatian, we hope you are feeling better now that you're out of the hospital. For those Trexmen who wish to donate blood for Ray, please make sure you give his name when donating at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank.

Michael Kazarian is still working in spite of the fact his foot is in bad shape.

*Garodstare'em Khatchig, Levon, Hagop, Haig — oor es.*

Everyone in the whole world is helping the earthquake victims of Armenia, and Trexman are no exception. As a chapter we have donated money to different organizations and have come up with a unique idea to further help earthquake relief. Planned is a potluck party at a members' house. Admission is a contribution to the relief agency of each member's choice. Ralph Kazanjian

with slugger Jack Clark, and super star pitcher Bruce Hurst and Walt Terrill. The Padres are now the cream of the crop in the National League West. To bad Dodgers. There is no doubt that our chapter will be Padre boosters, and as a group, we will be rooting and cheering them on for the upcoming season. As for the San Diego Chargers, now they're a different story.

If you are ever down south, our young and energetic chapter meets the last Tuesday of every month. Please come by our meetings and say hello and share in our brotherhood. We look forward to seeing you all at the mid-term convention in Fresno.

Fraternally yours,  
Dickran A. Semerdjian

# Oakland

"Expansion" has been the key word for Oakland Chapter over the past several months. During that time, three new brothers Hracth Avakian, Joe Dardarian and Michael Tulanian joined our Chapter representing a 79 increase in membership. At home, Brothers Jeff Hazarian and Rick Magarian expanded their families with baby girl Danielle and baby boy Thomas, respectively. The retirement ranks have also expanded to include Brother Hal Majarian, after his 35 years of service with the Richmond Unified School District. Brother Hal was an administrator for the past 20 years, and will remain active in local television production.

The Chapter has concluded its second profitable year at the Walnut Festival where it served shish kebab sandwiches to hungry festival goers. This is one function which requires the contribution of time from all of our members and they have answered the call once again. The Grand Master attended our November meeting and encouraged us to continue this fine charitable fund raiser event in 1989.

Throughout this holiday season, Brother John Michaels successfully organized the rebirth of our Chapter's Christmas Basket program for the needy. This endeavor brought much joy and happiness to those less fortunate in the bay area. Brother John is truly a Santa Claus.

Brother Ed Mirzaian prepared the membership for the tax season by having his accountant "Loop Hole Louie," present a well received discussion of the legal ways to reduce our annual contributions to Uncle Sam.

Brother PGM Charles Hazarian reported that PGM Jim Taylor, Jr. is feeling better and once again challenging all takers to bridge, gin and tavlooo at his home.

One undisclosed source gave this editor the following "scoop" to be used as a closing item for this article: Brother Harold Koojoolian was seen actually preparing hot dog sandwiches at one of his Kaspar's restaurants, raising the question of where all the good help had gone?

See you at Mid-Term.

Jeff Hazarian

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I tried cooking with wine but it didn't work. After two bottles I couldn't read the recipe.

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I don't mind "no frills" flights, but on my last plane, the emergency exits were coin operated.



# Fresno

Hello Brothers. We hope to see all of you at the upcoming Mid-Term Meeting here in Fresno.

We have a great meal planned for Saturday night, golf tournament, and also on Sunday, before the brothers leave please stop by the club house for a light mezza before you head home.

In September our new younger generation brothers put on a fabulous steak dinner with pasta and all the trimmings. This event was hosted by Brothers Bob and Dan Boyajian, their father Sam made the secret pasta sauce. It was great!

Also in September we had a 5th Thursday gin and tavloo tournament, chaired by Brothers Greg Altounian, Ron Boyajian, and Mike Emerzian. Grand Master Abby was in attendance, look forward a repeat of this event.

October Junior Master John Emerzian prepared a deluxe shish kebob dinner for all the brothers. John is a hardworking Junior Master who is doing a great job.

October was a very sad month for the Fresno Chapter. One of the original Junior members, Past Master, and many times children's Christmas Party chairman passed away. Brother Karlo Demoorjian will be missed. Karlo loved the children's Christmas Party so much that it was his request that in Lieu of Flowers donations be given to the children's Christmas Party. We will always remember Brother Karlo with his red Christmas hat leading the carols.

In November we held our annual Veterans Day Dinner. Brother Mike Emerzian and crew, including Chicken Man Barbeques large and meaty beef bones with all the trimmings, what a great meal!

In November we lost Brother John Shirinian, one of our old time brothers. John will be greatly missed by his fellow brothers.

December was a busy month for us. Brother Grand Master Abby Mamigonian made his official visit and swore in new members Tom Emerzian, Dan Potigian, and Mike Garabedian.

Our December Dinner Meeting was a huge success, at new George's.

The annual Children's Christmas Party was a tremendous success with over 260 members, children, and guests present. Brother Ron Boyajian did a great job as Santa Claus.

In January we are going to have an open social. As a fund raiser, open to members and their guests, a new concept which we hope will be a great success. To benefit our scholarship fund.

February we will have our annual Valentine's

Dinner honoring our wives.

It's been great we have had a lot of new members. Joining the Fresno Chapter, we want to welcome Mike Emerzian, Tom Emerzian, John Emerzian Jr., Robert Boyajian, Daniel Boyajian, Dan Potigian, Mike Garabedian, Mark Yazjian, Greg Altounian, Paul Kapigian. They have been a great help, real workers as you can see and very active.

**EARLY NOTICE:** We are in the process of planning our annual Dinkey Creek outing. It will be June 1-2-3-4. We are looking into a new location. More information to follow state wide. It would be great to have the brothers from all chapters attend. Mark these dates on your calander.

Fraternally,  
Bob Juskalian  
Master



# Orange County

Brother Trexman:

Thanks to the Golden Gate for an outstanding Convention. Our Chapter Brothers who attended really enjoyed San Francisco.

During the past 6 months our Chapter had a record turn out at our Annual Picnic at Yorba Regional Park. Over 500 attended. Bro. Art Kazarian our Fantastic Organizer. Thanks again for a job well done. Thanks to all the Brothers & wives who helped. We had over 100 Raffle Prizes thanks to Bro. Henry and Lola Bashjian who did a very fine job. A nice donation was made to the Ararat Home.

Our Officers for 1988-89

Master — Bro. Nick Paboojian

Jr. Master — Mike Hartunian

Corr. Sec. — Henry Bashjian

Rec. Sec. — Kelly Astor

Sgt. at Arms — Arnold Abajian

Board of Directors: Bro. Kurt Kazarian, Harry Astor, Richard Penjoyan, Archie Cholakian, Henry Bashjian, Harold Bazarian, Malcom Boghosian, Art Kazarian.

Our 2nd Annual Halloween Party was held at Bro. Ed Garakian's home. We had the honor of having Superman and Lois Lane with us. The costumes were creative. Bro. Ed and wife Flora, thank you again for the great food, drink, music, etc.

Our Coming Events: Sports Night February 2nd at the Meridien Hotel, Newport Beach. Armenian Sports Person of the Year Honoring Ara Parsegian and over 30 sports celebrities. Bro. Jack Kayajanian and Bro. Ozzie Chitjian Co-Chairmen are doing an outstanding job. The proceeds are going to the Ararat Home and Orangewood Home for abused children. This is our largest fund raiser and we are proud of it. Keep up the good work Jack and Ozzie.

Installation will be held at the Red Lion Inn February 11, with Brother Wayne Najarian as Chairman.

See you all at the Mid-term, we will be presenting our upcoming Convention at the Red Lion Inn, Costa Mesa in Orange County. Your whole family will really enjoy this one. Plan your vacation around Labor Day Weekend. This one you will never forget. Convention Chairman is Bro. Ed Karagozian Jr.

We have the honor in our Chapter to have the Jr. Grand Master, Bro. Haig Boghosian. It seems we have a lot of talent in our chapter or is it good looks.



1988-89 Officers: Bob, Arnold, Bro. Master Nick, Henry, Kelly, missing is Mike, Jr. Master.



George, Henry, Archie, Haig, Pat, Nick, Peter, Mike — Having a good time being trexmen.



Rich, Nick, Harry, Rich, Haig, Pat.



Larry, Rich, Art. Art looks good at 40 years.



What a pair? Marcia and Haig having fun.



Larry, Ron, Ken, Nick. Guess who is in charge?



Picnic Time — Wives and Daughters. Thanks for the help.

Our Past Master Bro. Archie Cholakian did an outstanding job. Thanks to all his officers — What a team.

Our new Master Bro. Nick Paboojian also has a team to beat. This should be a Banner Year with out Convention. We do have one problem though our new Bro. Master Nick needs an Interpreter. He is from Massachusetts. PLEASE HELP US.

Our meetings are at the Balboa Bay Club, Newport Beach on the 3rd Wednesday. Dinner is at 7:30. Come and join us.

Respectfully Submitted  
Bro. Haig Jamgotchian PGM

# Peninsula

Peninsula Chapter officers for 1988-1989 are:

- Master — Bro. Jack Marderosian
- Jr. Master — Bro. Larry Karabian
- Treasurer — Bro. George Solakian
- Rec. Sec. — Bro. Vic Paparigian
- Sgt. at Arms — Bro. Zaven Paparigian
- Custodian — Bro. Jack Marderosian
- Assoc. Editor — Bro. Andy Nalbandian

Bro. Vic Khachooni initiated a Tavloo Tournament that grabbed the interest of most of our members. The fact that the prizes are percentages of the purse may be responsible for the interest. The tournament is still in progress. Some of our members are so "cocky" that they may challenge other tavloo playing chapters.

Our brothers entertained their wives in Dec. 88 at a fantastic social held at our meeting hall in the Los Altos Masonic Hall in downtown Los Altos. Bro. Master and Master Chef Jack Marderosian prepared an excellent meal for the occasion.

Coincidentally, our Master's Awards Nite dinner in March will take place in much the same manner.



Bro. Harold Steele and Bro. Luther Izmirian, our senior Standard Bearers.



S.F. Convention. Our Grand Historian-Custodian with his lovely wife, Marion.



Bro. Vic Paparigian and Mooney Najarian discussing Dinkey Creek.



S.F. Convention. Bro. George Solakian, his lovely wife Mary, and our Master's date Doris.



Bro. Luther Izmirian and Bro. Harold Steele in the foreground. Bro. Vic Paparigian and Bro. Vic Khachooni in the background playing tavloo. The young men standing on the right is Bro. Geo. Solakian, Jr.



L to R: Bro. Gregg Krikorian, Bro. Norris Gregory, Bro. George Carpiet.

The year 1988 presented us with new and young blood which our chapter needs drastically. Our new members are:

- Vic Khachooni
- Dikran Samourkashian
- Zaven Paparigian

Bro. Joe Keshian has recovered very nicely from heart surgery. He's back to attending meetings. He has an implant the size of a silver dollar worth in excess of \$10,000.

Speaking of heart surgery, would you believe Bro. Earl Saroyan has successfully undergone a triple by-pass in mid January? Sitting across the table from him at our Board of Director's meeting two weeks earlier, he looked just fine. Just goes to show. He told me to tell the brothers that he'll be at the next meeting full of p--- and vinegar. Obviously, he's recovering nicely.

Bro. George Solakian is again in charge of our annual Ed Sarouhan Golf Tournament which is to be held at Seascape Country Club in the Aptos-Rio Del Mar area. George will announce the date at the Mid-term.

Hope to see you at Mid-Term.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Vic Paparigian  
Recording Secretary



Our Master, Bro. Jack Marderosian, Bros. George Solakian and Luther Izmirian "jiving" Bro. Al Nalbandian at the S.F. Convention.



Our 1988-89 officers being installed by the new P.G.M. Mike Chaks.

# Los Angeles

Hello Brothers,

The LA XXX Fraternity wishes all brothers a most enjoyable time at this year's midterm.

Since our last newsletter at Convention time, the LA XXX held a very successful public affair in Pasadena called, "An Evening of Dancing Under the Stars." Over 500 people were in attendance with music being provided by The Oasis Armenian Orchestra and The Howard Reynolds 15 piece big band. Chairmen of the event, Bro. Souren Hastigian orchestrated a magical evening of food, fun, and lots of dancing. The fraternity would like to thank all those Brothers who helped make this evening a successful affair. Proceeds of our events help support the Ararat Home of L.A.

In October, the Fraternity hosted our annual John Gogian Partner Best Ball Tournament at Indian Wells, Palm Desert Resort.

Friday Golfers played the Grand Champions Course at Indian Wells followed by a Cocktail Party Friday evening. Saturday's golf was played at the Palm Desert Resort Country Club.

**1st Place Trophy:** Bro. Greg Chamlian  
Bro. Steve Hampar

**2nd Place Trophy:** Bro. Aram Poladian  
Bro. John Bazarian

**3rd Place Trophy:** Bro. Ray Hovey  
Bro. Art Kardashian

Ladies champion was none other than Mrs. Betty Spanjian. Congratulations to all winners.

Over 60 golfers and 130 guests joined us for a fun filled weekend. Bro. Jack Shahian deserves a warm thank you for putting on such a fine affair!



Bro. Stanley Roopenian, Dr. of Optometry, recently gave eyesight tests to the L.A. XXX Fraternity. Dr. Roopenian (on right) is asking Bro. Steve Mikaelian to close his eyes, and then indicate how many fingers are being held up. Bro. Mikaelian failed the tests, as did the entire Fraternity. Dr. Roopenian's Optometry business is doing nicely.



"Raleigh Hills Alcohol Treatment Center has Alumni Party"  
Bro's Greg Avedesian, Jack Shahian & Levon Choloukian are shown here at the Raleigh Hills Alcohol Abuse Treatment Center Alumni Party. Bro. Greg is toasting their 30 minutes of sobriety.



Bro. Robert (Hamhocks) Kalfayan (extreme right) sings the AM/PM 24 hr. Market Hamburger jingle to Brothers: L to R: Kenny Gorvetzian, Mark Mikaelian, Jeff Baderian and Lee Neshanian.



The L.A. XXX hosted it's annual test of the Anti-perspirant Armenian Dance Contest. Winner of this year's event was Bro. Gabe Kaprelian who danced non-stop for 3 hours & 13 minutes before embarrassing wetness was noticed. Congratulations Bro. Gabe

Our annual December Xmas party was cancelled do to the tragic unfolding of events to our brothers and sisters in Soviet Armenia. Through chapter and individual efforts we are all trying to encourage a speedy resolve to their plight.

Our Installation Banquet held on January 29th was enjoyed by over 100 people. Bro. Greg Avedesian, our most extraordinair, made sure that the Brookside Country Club (Free Plug) was decked out in abundance.

Out going Master Bro. David Maseredjian was sad to leave his post, but with a rugged smile, dutifully handed the gavel over to this years Master, Bro. David Thank you for a job well done!

Newly elected officers for 1989 are:

Master — Pete Bedrosian  
Jr. Master — Gregg Kludjian  
Treasurer — John Elmassian  
Sgt. at Arms — Mark Mikaelian  
Corr. Sec. — Kenny Gorvetzian  
Rec. Sec. — Jeff Baderian  
Chaplain — Jim & Tammy Bakker

50 year members included this year our: Ray Hovey, Aram Avazian, Buddy Hallaian. Congratulations Bro's!

We are looking forward to taping our first T.V. Special:

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next on The Oprah Winfrey Show!**

**Dear Bro's — The L.A. XXX wishes to extend a hearty invitation to all Bro's in the L.A. area to attend our meetings held the first Wednesday of the month at the Ararat Home or Brookside Country Club.**

Fraternally Submitted,  
Bro. Armen Devlouklakian

P.S. Is Kay Hovsepien really Colonei Sanders? Have you ever seen them together in the same room? Think about it — next on Donahue.

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The more you listen to political speeches, the more you realize why America is called the land of promise.

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The doctor told his patient to give up smoking, then added, "And since you're quitting, I'll give you five dollars for that gold lighter."



Bro's Mark Mikaelian (left) & Kenny Gorvetzian demonstrating how friendly L.A. XXX Bartenders can be at "An Evening of Dancing under the Stars" Event.



Bro. Johnny Elmassian (left) and Bro. Steve Papazian enjoying the festivities at our recent stag outing.

## NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Summer issue of Trex News is July 8, 1989.

Mail to:

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**Fresno, CA 93711**

## MID-TERM GOLF TOURNAMENT

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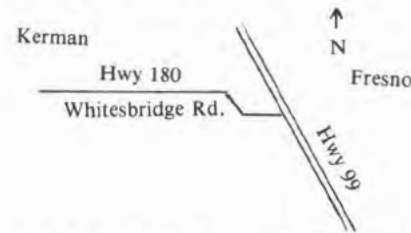
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# 60th ANNUAL CONVENTION

September 1, 2, 3, 1989

**Costa Mesa — Hosted by Orange County Chapter**

## Friday, September 1st

Registration — 12 Noon - 6 p.m.

Hospitality Night — 6:30 p.m.

Buffet Dinner — 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Armenian Dancing til? (When you drop)

## Saturday, September 2nd

Registration — 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Golf Tournament Mile Square Park

Chairman Jack Kayajanian & Kelly Astor

Special Event — 8 p.m.

## Sunday, September 3rd

Breakfast — 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Include Golf Awards

Business Meeting — 10 a.m. - 12 Noon

Fashion Show

Grand Ball Dinner Dance

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Dinner — 7:30 p.m.

Dancing — 9 p.m.



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