



# Trex News

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Triple X Fraternity

## 37th Mid-Term Convention

*Saturday, March 2, 1991*

Fresno, California

- ★ **Mid-Term Golf Tournament —**  
Sherwood Forest, 79 N. Frankwood, Sanger  
11:00 a.m. Sharp!! (See particulars and entry blank on  
back page)
- ★ **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.**  
**Fresno Club House — 630 S. Argyle, Fresno**
- ★ **Business Meeting — 8:00 p.m.**  
(Members Only)

## Grand Master's Message



Dear Brother Trexman:

The past six months have been a busy, rewarding and enjoyable experience for me as your Grand Master.

My several chapter visitations showed enthusiasm, fraternalism and accomplishments of which we can be proud as Trexmen.

My formula for being a Trexman is to "participate, enjoy and contribute."

- Participate in you chapter activities
- Enjoy the fraternalism of your brothers
- Contribute to the worthy causes in your community

and you'll find you will get more out of Trex than you put in.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Mid-Term Convention.

Fraternally,  
George Solakian  
Grand Master

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## Capitol

Congratulations to our new Grand Master George Solakian. GM was sworn into office by outgoing GM Alan Khatoonian at the Convention in Concord, CA last September 1990.

Some of the highlights from this Chapter's activities this past year was our annual Bingo Night in January. Bro. Leon Hagopian always does a super job every year.

The best reason to attend a Triple X meeting in Sacramento is to come early about 6:00 p.m. and enjoy a great cornish game hen dinner prepared by Bro. Jim Tashjian and Bro. Garo Nigolian, last January.

About every other month Capitol Chapter Bro's. take turns in preparing a great dinner before our meetings in the Church hall.

We had a fantastic Kef night last April. Our big money maker for the year. Master Larry Kazanjian was the chairman. We served over 250 meals, made approx \$1700.00.

Welcome new Bro. Guy Hagopian into the Capitol Chapter. PGM Joe Hagopian and wife, Rose, traveled through the Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion National Parks last summer. Then PGM Joe and Rose flew back to New Jersey to visit with daughter, Karen, and her husband, Rick Bertram. They took an extended tour through New York, Philadelphia, Conn. and New Jersey. Oh, it's nice to be a retired PGM.

Bro. Bob Nahigian planned a great wine tasting tour through Amador County. We had a great

lunch together, great wine, and a fun day.

Our Lake Tahoe Outing, chaired by Bro. Rod Jorjorian, again was a super weekend, shared by many brothers every September.

Bro. Sark Malkasian and Bro. Jack Najarian, Co-Chaired our annual Ladies Night at the Palomino Room. This is our payback to our lovely ladies for darning our socks all year round.

Our sympathies are extended to Bro. David and Betsy Ivazian on the loss of their new baby, Adam, 6 weeks old.

Triple X brothers also extend sympathies to Bro. Ruben Sweet, Mt. Diablo Chapter, on the loss of his wife, Lenore Sweet, who had suffered for many years from Arthritis.

Bro. Peter Onnigian and wife, Sadie, attended an Air Force Reunion in Reno, Nevada, last year. Bro. Pete got to visit with his old comrades from years past and was given recognition for an article he had written. 330 people attended the reunion as well as a Major General from Scott Field, Ill.

Fraternally yours,  
Harry Sweet  
Associate Editor

### 1990-1991 CAPITOL CHAPTER OFFICERS

Larry Kazanjian ..... Master  
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CAPITOL CHAPTER Triple X Fund Raiser Night KVIE-TV Studio.



## MT. DIABLO SWEEPS "GOLDEN KEET" AWARDS

# Mt. Diablo

### CHAPTER OFFICERS

The officers for the 1990-91 year are: Aram Boyd, Master; Ed Hazarabedian, Jr. Master; George Injajian, Recording Secretary; Armen Hairabedian, Corresponding Secretary; Mike Aaronian, Sr., Treasurer; Armen Boyd, Sr., Historian; and Harvey Hanoian, Custodian.

### CHAPTER HOSTS CONVENTION

Now that the 61st Annual Convention has concluded the Mt. Diablo Chapter can sit back and enjoy the memories of the three days in September. Congratulations to all the brothers in the chapter and their wives who created a memorable convention. We can now look back and say "a job well done" guys.

### NEW MEMBERS

At the August meeting Gary Agajanian was inducted and David Melkonian at the September meeting (see photos).

### GOLDEN KEET AWARDS

At the November meeting the "GOLDEN KEET" Awards (not to be confused with the Academy Awards) were given to the actors who played roles in the September 1990 Trex Convention promotional video titled "The Joy of Trex". Trex wives were also honored for their hard work

before and during the convention.

At the meeting, Master Aram Boyd, who was also a video director, replayed the tape for the audience stopping at each nominee's part and replayed that person's performance. As one might expect it was as much fun going through the "Golden Keet" Awards as it was in making the video. The actual award was, you guessed it, the famous oversized plastic nose, eye glasses, and heavy eyebrows; except the nose was painted gold; hence the "Golden Keet" Award. The winners are as follows:

#### Peoples's Choice Awards

- Best Burp Outside a Chinese Restaurant: ARMEN DONIAN
- Set Design-Sound Effects: STEVE NOROIAN
- Best Depiction of Man Reading Cue Cards: VIC VASGERDSIAN
- Best Overacting in a Group Setting: GARO KEADJIAN
- Best Father Daughter Duo: HARVEY HANOIAN
- Best Stuntman Crossing Leg: SHANT KOOYOUMJIAN
- Best Gum-Chewing, Lip-Synch: ED MINASIAN
- Best Conversation with a Dummy: RICHARD HAGOPIAN
- Best Dialogue by a Dummy: JACK MOORADIAN



Roxie and Al Kamian.



Shant Kooyoumjian, Armen Donian, Jack Mooradian.



Tanil Matosian finishing marathon.

#### Best Supporting Actor Awards

ARMEN PHELPS, TANIL MATOSIAN, and RUEBEN SWEET

#### Honorable Mention

ARMEN BOYD, (Jr. and Sr.), ARAM BOYD, BBB GIRLS, FAT GOLFER, HOTEL CLERK, AIRPLANE, AND GOLDFISH.

#### Best Actor Awards

ED HAZARABEDIAN, MYRON KONJOYAN, MIKE AARONIAN, SR.

#### Best Director Award

ED HAZARABEDIAN, MARK SARKISIAN, ARMEN BOYD, SR., ARMEN BOYD, JR.

Thanks to the Awards Committee who must have had to deliberate long and hard to make the tough decisions, although every member of the Chapter was a winner.

Fraternally,  
Jack Mooradian  
Associate Editor



No, Armen, that's not a stock split.



New Member, David Melkonian.



New Member, Gary Agajanian.

# Los Angeles

## HAPPY NEW YEAR BROTHERS!

It just seems like yesterday that we were wishing all of our brothers a happy New Year. Boy, does time fly!

Los Angeles Chapter had a super ending for 1990.

The last time we saw all of you brothers was at convention. What do you mean you were not there!? Shame on you.

September the brothers all got in their buggies and off to Rio Bravo for our Annual Stag. Nice weather for golf - drinks - cards - tennis - Tavloo and togetherness. Hey man, that's Trex.

December. Christmas Kef was another smash affair. Can you imagine 900 people all in one hall? Would you believe 700 people all in one hall? Well, you're right, the place was shoulder to shoulder.

Food all night long, good booze, great music — man, they danced till 3:00 a.m. and loving every moment.

Thanks again Bro's. Kenny Gorvetzian and Jeff Baderian.

Then one week later the brothers took their snow shoes, I'm sorry, golf shoes to Palm Springs for our Annual Palm Spring Invitational Golf Tournament. I wasn't there this year — you see I didn't want to miss meeting Santa Claus, but from what I hear Bro. Jack Shahian did another fine job and fun was had by all members and guests.

Congratulations to Bro. Buck Betkijian and his guest, (what's his name?...from where ever land up north), for coming in first place. You do know Bro. Buck the U.S.G.A. is running a full investigation on your partner. The way I see it, Buck, it would take him another 10 years to win just a Lolly Pop, let alone a golf tournament. But I must say, you pick 'em right.

Second place winner was Bro. Aram Poladian and his guest.

And Wham-O here we are in January. Los Angeles Chapter is getting ready on January 26th with our Orange County brothers for installation dinner. I'm sure they will do a fine job as host this year. When you see me at mid-term ask me how it turned out.

And know as we pull the curtain down and say farewell to our outgoing body, our brothers will stand and give thanks for a good 1990. Bro. Master Vasken Solakian and his executive body did an outstanding job. Bro. Vasken, you started out flat, but once you got going you sure finished strong. It was a lot of fun and you took some



heavy stuff from this writer and Bro. Greg Avedesian and handled yourself quite well.

Thanks for a great year Vasken.... When you pull a curtain down - you must pull it back up, and look what we have here! Holy Mackerel - that's our new executive body. Hey, wait a minute, let me write this down - I know those guys.

Master ..... Bro. John Elmassian  
 Jr. Master ..... Bro. Gabe Kaprelian  
 Treasurer ..... Bro. Mark Mikaelian  
 Recording Secretary .. Bro. Sam Donabedian



Corres. Secretary ..... Bro. Mike Sakan  
 Sgt. at Arms ..... Bro. Gary Dargarzian  
 Historian & Editor ..... Bro. Lee Neshanian  
 Golf Commissioner ..... Bro. Greg Avedesian  
 Board of Directors ..... Bro. Vasken Solakian  
 Greg Avedesian, San Donabedian, Jack Khteian,  
 Pege Bedrosian and Lee Neshanian

How does that grab you. That's heavy brothers - and strong. I mean strength.

To Brother Master John may your year be filled with successful events. You know your L.A. brothers will always be there, when and how you might need them. Good luck, John.

A big welcome to three (3) new juniors who have joined their senior brothers:  
 Bro's. Gary Dergarzian, Mike Surmeian and Raymond Asher. Good to have you with us brothers.

## GOOD NEWS DEPT:

Brother Kay (the Vegas flash) Hovsepian left the crap tables to attend our last meeting. Kay you look great and it was sure nice having you there. We really miss you.

Our brother Jack Elmassian returned from surgery in good shape, thank God, and is ready to roll again. You just can't keep a good Trex man down. Bro. Jack the boys can't wait to get you back on the golf course again. Keep well, Jack, for ever.

The surprise of 1990 was that brother Carl Marderosian shaved his beard OFF. He went from looking like he was 77 years old to a young looking man of 30. Carl, thanks and keep it OFF!!

Last, but not forgotten, great to hear that Bro. Jack Khetian is back to good health again. The last time I spoke with him he felt great and will be back 100% soon.

I'm real sorry I forgot to make mention of our Christmas Party in December. Bro. Gary Kouyoumjian and Galen Petoyan put together a great Christmas for the kids. Lots of goodies for all the little ones. After all, Christmas is for the kids. Okay - and the big kids, too. But it was a successful affair for all.

Well, Brothers, that's forty for this time. I'm sure by now the Grand Editor is ready to shoot me for talking so much, but he is a super guy and I'm sure he understands.

See you all at Mid-Term.

Fraternally yours,  
 Bro. Lee Neshanian,  
 Editor

## NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Summer issue of Trex News is July 6, 1991.

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# Los Angeles Juniors

Greetings Brothers:

On behalf of all the brothers in the Los Angeles Junior Chapter, we hope that you and your families are well, that you enjoyed a splendid holiday season and are ready for an aspiring new year. We here in the barrios of Los Angeles (and some parts of North Hollywood and San Gabriel Valley) anticipate great things for the new year with fun, friendship and a camaraderie like none seen before.

Since last you heard, our softball season, led by senior brother Richard "Dickey" Jebejian, came to a close with a loss to the mighty senior team. We wish to congratulate the seniors, even though we despise the emotion that defeat bears and at no time regarded the fact that you, as seniors, hold our fraternal futures by the meat of your nut-crackers. Well done lads!

Speaking of seniors, many of our fellow juniors have embarked upon their sabbatical to the ranks



Bro. James Gabriel, Bro. John Fermanian visiting us from the O.C. Jr. Chapter during our Jan. meeting



Bro. Master Ara Bedros and Jr. Master Albert R. Dergazarian present Senior brothers Lee Neshanian and David Maserdjian Jr. Trex Softball Jerseys at our Feb meeting at Davids office.



Deanne Gabriel, Bro. "Marge Simpson" Armen Cazian and Bro. Chris Demerdjian enjoying the festivities of the Halloween In Hollywood Party of 1990



Senior Bros. Lee Neshanian and Jeffery Baderian giving Bro. Zareh the works. Jr. Trex tradition.

of the upper echelon. Congratulations to brothers Gary Dergazarian, Mike Shakar, Raymond Asher and Mike Surmeian. Added best wishes to brother Mark Tufankjian on his marriage and to brothers Raymond, Gary and Mike Shakar on their recent engagements. Hopefully, your plight will not be the primary cause for any increase in attendance at upcoming functions.

In October, our fraternity played host to one of our most successful events of the year. We, along with well over 200 others, enjoyed a haunting **Halloween in Hollywood** at the home of yours truly. No real blood, just a wonderful night, with hordes of costumes (thanks Orange County) and fun for all.

The year concluded with elections, and brothers Ara Bedros (Master, 1990) and Albert Dergazarian (Junior Master, 1990) - the tongue and pubic bone of our fraternal body - have been returned to the helm. Every brother (Diron Ohanian, Mark Tufankjian, Shant Dergazarian, Chris Demirdjian, Zareh Kouyoumdjian, and our newest addition, brother John Adomian - the fastest Armenian in the world) looks forward to

the coming year and all it brings, particularly our annual installation banquet with the seniors and the convention. Plans are also being laid (so to speak) for many other events, trips, and, of course, our seasonal bachelor party, which may be genuine this year (name withheld for a future date).

Collectively speaking, each junior brother would like to give thanks. Our group has existed and has flourished essentially because of the influence of the seniors, particularly under the guidance of our dear senior brother/advisor Lee Neshanian, who has always made himself available and has dedicated himself beyond our expectations. He is more than a counselor, he is a close friend. He, along with the other senior brothers, reinforces our enthusiasm and are the foundation for our success as men in the fraternity. Please, understand the significance of the junior chapters as much as we value our involvement in it. Nowhere does it say that a man must be over a certain age to appreciate the qualities which are fulfilled by this organization. We revere our times in the Triple X Fraternity and look forward to the new ones to come. I'm sure there are others who would like to do the same. We wish you well.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,  
Armen Cazian



Sister Raymond Asher praying for the "sev" that just robbed him during the Halloween Party.



Bros. Mark Tufenkjian and Gary Dergazarian enjoying one of our meetings

# San Diego

Hello To All Brothers!

Since our last newsletter, the San Diego Chapter, under the leadership of Master Mooney Najarian has been extremely busy and active.

In August, the following Brothers were elected as new officers:

- Bro. Mooney "Moon Man" Najarian . . . Master
- Bro. Bob Haig . . . . . Junior Master
- Bro. Dickran A. Semerdjian . . . . Cor. Secretary
- Bro. Brett Bardakjian . . . . . Record. Secretary
- Bro. Raffi Simonian/
- Bro. Wayne Pinomaki . . . . . Treasurers
- Bro. George Banerian . . . . . Sergeant at Arms

In September, the Brothers Wayne Pinomaki and George Banerian had a fantastic time at the Mount Diablo Convention. We commend our Brothers to the North for an outstanding job on their first convention, and wish them much success in all of their future conventions.

On December 5, 1990, the San Diego Chapter had its annual Christmas party at the new home of Brother Vartan and Seta Khosharian. Brother Vartan and Seta did an outstanding job in helping our Brothers and wives celebrate the holiday season. The annual gift exchange, as always, proved to be a yuletide adventure. Thanks goes to Brother Brett Bardakjian and Zari Semerdjian for the great job in providing the food. As is tradition, Brother George "Santa Claus" Banerian arrived along with his Santa's helper, wife Arpi. All of the Brothers look forward to their yearly privilege on sitting on Santa's lap.

On February 23, 1991, our Chapter will be hosting its second annual Armenian Kef Time Dance at St. John Armenian Church in San Diego. The Siroun Band will be providing the music. There will be a plentiful all night Meza along with the appropriate XXX spirits. As last year, we anticipate this dance to be an extreme success and we ask for support of all Brothers from the state to attend. If you are interested in tickets, please contact any San Diego Chapter XXX Brother. The donation is \$25.00 and the proceeds are to benefit the San Diego Chapter XXX Charities.

The San Diego XXX is proud to announce that it has selected 11 recipients for its collegiate scholarship award. This scholarship award is given to a San Diego resident or a college or university student who is attending college in San Diego County. This year, we were honored to have a number of qualified applicants, and the

recipients were Armenian students who are in medical school, law school, college and junior college. This year, we are proud to announce that we have given over \$4,000 in scholarship monies. All proceeds for the scholarship fund are received from the donations of our Annual Wine and Cheese Festival. This past year, in August of 1990, our Chapter held its tenth Annual Wine and Cheese Festival. We combined our Wine and Cheese Tasting event with a polo match hosted at the Rancho Santa Fe Polo Club. Nearly 650 people attended the professional polo match and the wine tasting. It was such a huge success that this year, we are again combining our wine and cheese with the polo match. The event will take place on June 8, 1991, at the Rancho Santa Fe Polo Club. We are to present their most recent and popular vintages. The beneficiaries of last year's fund raiser were the YMCA Human Development Department, the Mercy Hospital Foundation and other worthwhile San Diego XXX sponsored charities, including our collegiate scholarship fund. If you have not been to our wine and cheese event, please make your plans. It is a **great** event which is now known as San Diego County's largest and most successful wine tasting party. Chairman of this year's committee is Brother John Sarkisian, who, as last year, is making plans, with his committee, for a first-class event. Hope to see you all there!

On January 19, 1991, our chapter had its Annual Installation Banquet at the Rancho Bernardo Inn where the 11 scholarship recipients were introduced to the members and their wives, and presented their scholarship awards. We would be honored by the presence of Grand Master George Solakian. Likewise, at the Installation Banquet, we honored our Past Master Bro. John Sarkisian for a job well done.

Among the scholarship recipients receiving awards this year were the son of Bro. Gregory and Mariann Babikian. Greg, Jr. is a third year medical student at the University of Kansas. His academic credentials and his professional goals are exemplary. Also receiving awards were Haig and Eric Musurlian, sons of Kai and Roxy Musurlian of Solana Beach. Haig is in the process of receiving his Ph.D. in psychology and Eric is a senior at UCSD, and plans to attend law school. Another of our many scholarship recipients was Asbed Tatoulian, son of St. John of San Diego Parish priest, Father Datev Tatoulian. All the parents of our scholarship recipients should be extremely proud of their childrens' accomplishments. Our Chapter does take great pride in donating money to these students. Installation Banquet Chairman, Bro. Wayne Pinomaki, made

great arrangements for a very elegant evening at the Rancho Bernardo Inn.

This year our brothers are anticipating another ski stag in March, possibly at Lake Tahoe. Bros. Ara Sagerian and Steve Lazarian are planning this years trip, and, as always, the brothers look forward to getting together for another adventurous ski stag.

In April, Bros. Greg Semerdjian, PGM Joe Kellejian, Doug Avazian and Melkon Markarian are planning a dinner and theatre trip with our wives. In July, our Chapter plans to have our annual family picnic and, in August, we will participate in one of our real fun events, we will be supporting our San Diego Padres in taking in the action with our wives and having a tailgate party before the game.

The San Diego Chapter meets on the last Tuesday of every month at the Stratford Inn in Del Mar. Please join us.

#### GOOD & WELFARE

Congratulations to our developer Brother John Sarkisian in celebrating the grand opening of Trevi Villa, a limited collection of luxury rental condominiums. Bro. John and his partner are in the process of building Trevi Medical Plaza, near downtown San Diego, and grand opening of his wonderful building is due toward the end of the year.

Congratulations go to Brother Raffi and his wife Jill Simonian on the announcement of their pregnancy. Their first baby is due in August.

Congratulations go to PGM Joe Kellejian in opening a new business venture, the San Diego Auction Company. Bro. Joe and his new partner, on the side from his profession as an ecologist, will be auctioning everything including the kitchen sink. The business venture seems to be an exciting one, and, if any brothers want to get rid of any junk, call PGM Joe.

Brother Ray Saatjian's greenhouses near Lake Hodges were severely damaged in the recent Lake Hodges fire. Bro. Ray has been busy rebuilding his nursery in time for the Valentines Day explosion.

Congratulations to Bro. Greg Semerdjian, where his Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation merged with Scripps Hospital in San Diego to combine a new health facility now known as Scripps Institution of Science and Technology. The medical facility is now known as one of the best in the world.

We hope to see all of you at the Fresno mid-term convention.

Fraternally yours,  
Dickran A. Semerdjian  
Associate Editor

# Peninsula

Our Chapter has wondered for months regarding the lack of attendance of some of our brothers. If you notice in pictures these new families started amount our brothers.

Now I know why those guys have not been around for the last number of months! enough -enough - see you at our next meeting.

We had fun at our Annual Family Picnic. All had a great time - kids also. Games and good food by Kip Garabedian family was enjoyed.

Our Xmas party was a success. We had a ham dinner and, with the help of Dick and Richard Broinzian, the food was well put away.

Coming up in 1991 our very special Ed Sarouhan Golf Trournament will be held at Seacliff, Aptos. Also, our second Annual Dinner Dance at Zorba's of San Jose. More information following regarding these events.

Our Ace, Paul, is back on track after a number of heart by-passes.

The new member of the year, Aram Amarian, retired from the wholesale produce business. I understand he still gets up at 2:00 a.m. Relax Aram!



Master Geo Solakian family. Daughter-in-law Cindy and new daughter.



Jack and wife, Doris, enjoying Xmas party

Speaking of new members, my special thanks to Dick and Rachel Benoisian for helping in preparing our great meals.

We have not seen George Divanian. I wonder if he has ever landed in his plane. Miss you, George. Hope to see you all at the Mid-Term.

Fraternally yours,  
Master Jack Marderosian



Master Geo. giving the group a pep talk after awarding Jack and Kip Trophies for Past Masters.



Enjoying Annual Picnic. I wonder what the brothers are playing?



Zaven Paparigian's new daughter and wife, Grace.



PGM's Sam and Joe

Bro. Harry Sweet

"I solemnly do swear"

Golf Award Bro. Tanil

Bro. Garo renewing acquaintance

PGM Alan K., Bro. John M., & Bro. Rod J.



Tavloo Break

Master Steve Noroian Gr. Secretary John Malkasian

PGM Alan, wife Kathy and Bro. Rod



Mt. Diablo Committee

PGM Alan & GM George

Host Chapter Bro's



THE JOY OF TREX 1990



Happy Birthday Founding Father Arsen Alchian

TAKING THE OATH

Congratulations G.M. George Solakian 1990-91

MT. DIABLO CONVENTION September 1990



Bro's Ed, Jack, & Ara

Bro. Boyd Jr.

Congratulations Fresno 1st Softball Champions



Bro. Ron takes a Stand....

Master Steve and his host bro's.



Grand Editor Jack O.

GM George Solakian

Dance time



Bro. Mike Aaronian with Golf Awards

GM prize winner



Joy of Trex Women



BRO. HARRY SWEET

# Golden Gate

Greetings Brother Trexmen:

The brothers in Golden Gate Chapter wish all brother trexmen a prosperous and happy New Year. We topped off 1990 with a smashing Christmas party at the San Francisco Orient Express. The decor was exquisite, the food was delectable, and the dancing romantic.

We are planning a Reno ski trip in March and a Giant Game in April. All brother trexmen and their families are invited. In addition, a picnic is planned in June.

Our past executive board did such a terrific job that they were reelected for another year. The officers are:

- Master: .....Ara Sarkisian
- Jr. Master: .....Robert Balian
- Treasurer: .....Anooshavan Kasparian
- Corr. Secretary: .....Vartan Hovsepian
- Recording Secretary: .....David Zovickian
- Editor: .....Mike Kilijian
- Sgt. at Arms: .....George Markikian
- Custodian: .....Brian Pinomaki
- Historian: .....Vincent Levon

Golden Gate meetings are held the first Friday of the month. Please join us anytime you're in the area.

Fraternally,  
Mike Kilijian  
Associate Editor



Russel & Karen



Golden Gate Chapter



Rodney & Tania Boghosian



Joint Meeting Peninsula & Golden Gate



Golden Gate Xmas Dinner  
Master Ara Sarkisian & Michelle



Jack Marderosian/George Mardikian

# Oakland

Hello Brothers!

Congratulations to the Mt. Diablo Chapter for a great convention, especially since it was the first time the Chapter has had sponsorship responsibility. Armenian Hospitality Night was a great beginning for a well planned weekend. The softball tournament was a new and very exciting event. Our Chapter, combined with Mt. Diablo, should have won the tournament, but we wanted to be gracious to the visiting Chapters! I was the only PGM who played ball and after three games in one day, I knew why the other PGM's were playing golf instead. "Big Band Beat" on Saturday night provided the finest entertainment that I have ever seen or heard at a convention. Thanks for a wonderful weekend.

This year our Chapter decided to change the menu for our food booth at the Walnut Festival which we have participated in for three previous years. Instead of shish kebob sandwiches, we had banana splits, milk shakes, sundaes and ice cream cones. The weather was warm, except for a slight rain one day, and helped stimulate our sales. Bro's. Brad Boghosian and Vartkes Avakian, our Co-Chairmen, did a great job of planning and all the Bro's. who participated were great "Soda Jerks". I have never seen nor eaten better banana splits anywhere. Bro's. Brad, Vartkes, Hratch Avakian, Rich Magarian, Gregg Cherezian and Mike Tulanian all helped construct a new portable booth for our Chapter which should last for a long time. A big improvement over our past booth. The four day event was a financial success and we hope profits will continue to improve for benefit of our annual charities.

This year we had a joint Xmas party with the Mt. Diablo Chapter at the Orinda Country Club on December 21, 1990. Attendance was good, food was great, the atmosphere was fantastic and warm, especially the smoke! The management staff forgot to open the damper on the fireplace before lighting the logs and that created some excitement for all who expected Santa to come down the chimney. Eventually we had a visit from a very large "human tree" and then Santa finally appeared. He passed out gifts and the "tree" led the group singing Xmas carols. Bro. Grand Master George Solakian and his wife, Mary, were in attendance.

Bro. Bob Shahbazian recently moved to the state of Washington and we miss his "quiet" presence at our meetings. I think Bro. Bob is the only member of the fraternity who has been fined



for his comments to a brother, even though he wasn't at the meeting. Bob, watch your written correspondence in the future and we really do miss you in the Chapter.

Junior Past Master Russ Hazarian turned over the gavel in September to Master Vartkes Avakian. We have a very young and energetic corps of officers again this year, except for recording secretary Bro. Masis Gozurian. You must



have at least one very experienced (and mature) senior member to guide the officers and so we elected Past Master Masis for that purpose. Don't let us down Masis.

Our heartfelt condolences to Bro's. Jim and son, Brad, Boghosian on the recent loss of Millie, wife and mother of our two brothers. She fought a long and courageous battle before entering her eternal rest.

Our heartfelt condolences to wife Anabelle and Bro's. James III and Douglas Taylor on the recent loss of PGM James K. Taylor, Jr., father of our two brothers. Jim fought a long and courageous battle before entering to eternal rest on December 27, 1990. Jim was born and lived his entire life in the city of Oakland. He was Grand Master of our fraternity in 1966-1967. I will always remember Jim as Mr. Triple X. Wherever he went you knew he was a member of Oakland Trex. He faithfully attended Chapter meetings, was a Past Master of our Chapter twice and a very active member. He attended all conventions since he joined the fraternity in 1951, except recently when he was ill. I have lost a very close friend and brother, but thank God that we crossed paths for so long a time. The Chapter has also lost the most dynamic brother we ever had and it will be hard to fill the void.

Our heartfelt condolences to Diana Toomajian and family on the recent loss of our brother, PGM Suren Toomajian. He entered his eternal rest on January 2, 1991. Bro. Suren was Grand Master of our fraternity in 1935-1936. He served the fraternity for many years and was a member for 60 years. Bro. Suren will be greatly missed.

I am looking forward to the 37th Mid-Term Convention in Fresno in March and hope to see many of our brothers.

Fraternally yours,  
PGM Charles Hazarian  
Associate Editor



# Selma

Dear Brothers:

The Selma Chapter's activities in the last half of 1990 continued to grow and our Chapter is committed to RAISIN FUN IN '91.

In June, many of the Selma Brothers assisted the California Armenian Home in its annual picnic. Later in the month, Selma Trexmen, under the direction and guidance of Junior Master Brent Simonian, enjoyed a hearty Italian dinner at the Spaghetti Factory.

Our annual Charity Garden Party dinner and dance was held in July under the stars on the grounds of the California Armenian Home. Over 450 Trexmen and friends enjoyed a shish-kabob dinner prepared by the Fraternity under the direction of Co-Chairmen Jack Bedrosian, Jim Markarian, Oscar Kasparian, and PGM Abby Mamigonian, and a stellar evening of Armenian and American dancing. Grand Master Alan Khatoonian and Grand First Lady Kathy were in attendance and G.M. Allen attended our August business meeting. Our Garden Party continues to be our largest fund and fun raising event each year.



Job well done P.M. Eliot Nahigian



Jim Kaprielian being sworn in by PGM Joe Garabedian.



New member Onnig Gosdanian being congratulated by brothers.



Nubert Baker, Sam Esraelian, Oscar Kasparian, Soren Hampar-zoomian at a friendly pinochle after meeting.



Bob Srabian, Richard Nikssarian, Krikor Gostanian.

Our annual keyma dinner was held in August, again under the direction of Junior Master Brent Simonian with assistance from his brother, Brother Roger Simonian, and Brother Ted Kazarian.

The Selma Chapter was well represented at the "Joy of Trex" Convention and extend our congratulations and thanks to the Mount Diablo Chapter for its hospitality. Many of our Brothers made the trek from Fresno to Concord and enjoyed the Convention. Attending the business meeting was a contingent that included Brothers PGM Kay Cloud, PGM Joe Garabedian, PGM Haig Kasparian, Grand Editor and newly elected

Master Jack Ouzounian, Eliot Nahigian, Jack Bedrosian, Phil Manoogian, Art Suddjian, Vahe Simonian, Jeff Esraelian, Robert P. Garabedian, Frank Korkmazian, Bob Garabedian and Mike Kandarian.

Taking office in September were the following brothers:

- Jack Ouzounian . . . . . Master
- Jeff Esraelian . . . . . Junior Master
- Patrick Balakian . . . . . Recording Secretary
- Frank Korkmazian . . . . . Treasurer
- Gary Poochigian . . . . . Corresponding Secretary
- Aram Shahenian . . . . . Custodian
- Fred Venglarcik . . . . . Sergeant at Arms
- Martin Nahigian . . . . . Associate Editor
- Jerry Tusan . . . . . Historian
- Eliot Nahigian . . . . . Critic



At the meeting.



Santa with one of our "younger" members — Freddie.



Mike K. Garabedian with his catch.



Last year's Trexmen of the Year Award winner Nubert Baker, Fresno Sheriff Magarian, left.



Vahe Simonian, PGM Abby Mamigonian and Jake Kevorkian.



Richard Garabedian, Jim Markarian, Dennis Merzon and Onnig Gosdanian.



Hye rollers on their way back from Reno.



PGM's Joe, Jack, and John with Jake, center, chairman, Reno Trip, PGM Vaughn and Master Jack O. returning from Reno.

Newly elected Board members: Oscar Kasparian, Haig Aivazian, Jr., and Sam Esraelian joined York Boyajian, Alan Kasparian, and Bruce Ekmanian on the Board of Directors.

Brothers enjoyed dinner meetings at the Cattlemen's Restaurant in Selma and a multi-course Chinese feast in October staged by Junior Master Jeff Esraelian.

Over 270 Trexmen and friends enjoyed our annual Fall Bingo Shish-Kabob Dinner preceding Thanksgiving. Co-Chairmen York Boyajian, Richard Nikssaran, Dennis Kevorkian, and Advisors Vahe Simonian and Robert Poochigian enlisted the support of over 30 Brothers in making this one of our most successful Bingos.

A select committee headed by Co-Chairmen Jim Tikijian and Dennis Rustigian; and Advisors, Brothers Jeff Esraelian and Ken Esraelian; and an appearance by Brother Santa Claus ala Sam Bagdasarian, spread the holiday cheer at our annual Christmas party. Christmas stockings and gifts were given to children and grandchildren of Brothers and over 200 Brothers and their family members attended the holiday festivities.

In January, it was business as usual under the direction of Brother Master Jack Ouzounian. Brothers achieving the coveted status of 100% Trexmen were Brother Karl Torosian, who only last year was a new member; and his sponsor, Brother Milt Torigian; PM Eliot Nahigian; and perennial 100%er Haig Aivazian, Jr., who marks 35 years of perfect attendance at Selma Chapter business and dinner meetings. The Selma Chapter welcomed new members Jim Kaprielian who joins his brother, John, in the Selma Chapter. He was sponsored by Brother Eliot Nahigian. Also joining our ranks was Vic Vanoyan who was sponsored by Brother Kirk Minasian.

We were saddened by the loss of our long time Brother Joe Elia. Our heartfelt sympathies to his widow and family. He will surely be missed.

Our Brothers look forward to a busy calendar of events and to being your host at our 1991 Convention.

Fraternally,  
Martin Nahigian, Associate Editor

# Sequoia

It's common knowledge that when one mentions Sequoia Chapter the first thing that comes to mind is all the good food that group of brothers enjoy from one event to another. From hamburgers and hot dogs to steak and Shish Kebob. To dwell on that subject we go back to last August when the annual Family Picnic was held at Plaza Park in Visalia. Needless to say, there was no shortage of Burgers, Hot Dogs, Homemade Pie and all that goes with it. Plenty of socializing, Gin Rummy and whatnot. It was chaired by Bro. Stephen Yahnian, assisted by Charlie Amasulian, Rick Krikorian, Bryan Ananian, Mike Ananian, Tim Aharonian, Richard Yahnian, Buck Surabian, Bryan Yahnian, and Jack Barsamian.

The annual Dove Shoot was held again the 1st week in September at the home of Bros. Pete & Jack Barsamian. It was a 4:30 a.m. breakfast at their residence prior to the shoot and then a fabulous Dove Feed at noon. 25 brothers took part in the hunt with doves galore to whet the appetite. If that wasn't enough there was plenty of tri-tips, salad and pilaf to feed an army. Our thanks go out again to Mrs. Idalene Barsamian and family for their kind hospitality. Serving on that committee were Mike Cholakian, Jerry Poochigian, Stephen Yahnian, and special guest who was invited His Honor Judge Joe Kalashian of the Visalia Municipal Court.

The last meeting in September found us once again at the Plaza Park picnic area for an outdoor meeting, held after another 1st class Lulu Kebob Dinner with all the trimmings. Co-Chairmen Bro. Jerry Poochigian and Randy Tellalian made sure that the 31 brothers in attendance were well fed as usual.

The following is the list of new officers for 1991 who head the Chapters 72 members. All are part of the New Breed:

Art Hampar ..... Master  
Randy Tellalian ..... Junior Master  
Rick Krikorian ..... Treasurer  
Gary Krikorian ..... Recording Secy.  
Brian Ananian ..... Corresponding Secy.  
Jack Barsamian ..... Sgt. at Arms  
Charlie Amasulian ..... Assoc. Editor  
Stephen Yahnian ..... Auditor  
Archie Zakarian ..... Critic

November 3rd was the date and Holy Trinity Church in Fresno the setting where Bro. George Margosian gave away his daughter, Melissa, to Pierre Pilavian, as his bride. A beautiful reception was held at the Hacienda attended by about 600



Visalia City Councilman Basil Perch, and Tulare Planning Commission Chairman Mose Ametjian relax before the big meal.



John Gimian on duty at Farm Show.



Harry Davidian, Sark Davidian, Sark Yahnian. Farm Show.



Left to right: Rick Sheklian, Master Archie Zakarian, Abe Kazarian, Howard Lester. Taking a break at the Farm Show.



Left George Shuklian; right Harry Majarian. Farm Show duty.

friends and relatives, many of whom were Trex brothers. This was the beginning of a bunch of weddings within the Sequoia Chapter.

Here is a double header: Craig Shuklian became the newest brother to join Sequoia Chapter and took as his bride Pattie Dunn, almost all at the same time. Bro. Craig is the son of long time member Bro. Armen. He is employed by Bro. Vern Bohigian of Selma, in the Mutual Funds and Stock Sales.

Ditto: November 17th was the date that Bro. Micheal Tamouzian and newlywed wife, Pam, became husband and wife. It goes without any reservation that the ceremonies were impressive, and the reception as well.

Ditto: One more wedding. Bro. David Yahnian also became another recent groom when he took as his wife Hoda. Bro. David is also one of our newer members. Bro. David is in the Money Market Funds, Real Estate Loans and Planning business. Residence is presently in Kingsburg. David will work in Visalia and Hoda in Selma.

More than 300 guests, relative and friends, attended the 70th birthday party for Bro. George Zarounian, held on December 15th at the Dinuba Memorial Hall. This was no doubt a 1st class event, with an open bar, Mazza Table and a 1st class steak dinner. There were plenty of speeches, comments, and a "This is Your Life" movie which was very well done. The centerpiece for each table was a trophy that Bro. George's Race Car had won. Quite a sight to behold. A very large group of brothers were in attendance and some who participated in the program made it a very full evening.

Our annual Xmas Party was held at Shakey's Pizza Parlor in Visalia, with a total of 100 brothers and families in attendance. Again, Pizza, chicken and all that goes with it was in abundance for all to gorge on. Naturally Santa made his appearance with toys to the delight of all the

# Orange County

Brother Trexmen:

Once again the Orange County Chapter put on a First Class Shish Kabob Picnic in July. We had over 500 in attendance. Our Chairmen Brother Louis Akoboff and Brother Art Kazarian and the rest of the Brothers did an outstanding job. Thanks to all the wives and family members who helped, too.

The Convention was hosted by Mt. Diablo Chapter and they did an outstanding job. Saturday night's band was great and everybody enjoyed the music. Our Chapter won the Achievement Trophy for the third year in a row. We have the honor of having two Grand Officers in our Chapter. Bro. Jack Kayajanian is Grand Marshall and Bro. Chuck Paskerian is Grand Historian/Custodian.

Our newly elected officers for 1990-1991 are:  
 Master ..... Hank Bashjian  
 Jr. Master ..... Don Kazarian  
 Rec. Secy. .... Allen Antoyan  
 Corres. Secy. .... Harold Bazarian  
 Treasurer ..... Bob Kazarian  
 Sgt. At Arms ..... Lou Akoboff



1990-91 Bob-Don-Hank-Louis-Harold-Allen Officers

children. We have said it before and we will repeat, the Young Breed have taken over the reins of our Chapter and its Gung Ho all the way.

Sequoia Chapter would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Bro. John Choboian whose mother, Irene, entered her eternal rest on September 6th last, after a long and courageous battle with a terminal illness.

That is XXX for now.  
 Fraternally,  
 Sam Kutumian  
 Assoc. Editor



Enjoying the Convention



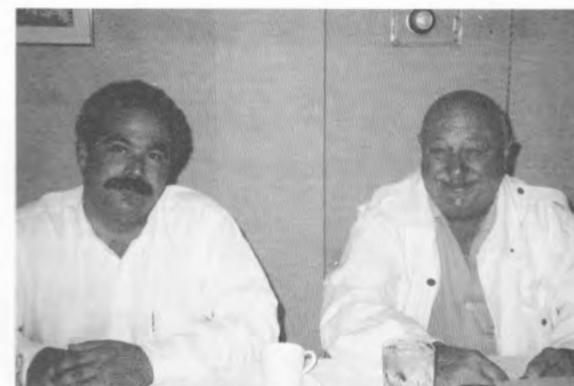
Christmas Party at Fairview



Bros. Haig-Jack-Archie



Bro. Grand Master George Chuck-Historian



Bro. Jr. Master Don Kazarian, Bro. Master Hank Bashjian.



Bros. Pat-Art-Nick-Hank



Bros. Haig-Nishan-Jack-Ed-Hank-Harry



Bro. Bob testing the food



Bro. Jack should be fined for wearing shorts  
Grand Officer (Marshal)



Ruby-Tony-Stella-Lola-Marge



Bros. Ara-Archie-Allen-Wayne-Art-John



Grand Master George Solakian and wife Mary.



Ed-Bob-Nishan-Gene-Haig



Mooney-Pat-Haig



Archie - Chef "Ed"

What a team! Our Master Hank is doing an outstanding job but he keeps misplacing his gavel. We Love You Hank and Keep Up The Good Work.

Our Chapter put on a Christmas Party for the Mentally Ill and Handicapped at Fairview State Hospital in Costa Mesa. Many thanks to Co-Chairmen Bro. George Thomas and Bro. Haig Jamgotchian and the members and wives who helped. They enjoyed the cake, ice cream and gifts which were given to them. They really look forward to our being there every year.

We had a party at the Balboa Bay Club for the Annual Christmas Boat Parade. Thanks to Bro. Jack Kayajanian and Bro. Don Kazarian and Bro. Richard Penjoyan who furnished the B.B.Q. Ribs and Chicken from the World Famous Newport Rib Company Restaurant. Thanks Bro. Rich, the food was delicious and Bro. Don furnished the refreshments.

Our New Year's Eve Party just started out to be an informal party at Bro. Kurk Kazarian's Club

House but it turned out to be a First Class Party. Champagne to Prime Rib plus music by Bro. John Mekenian at the Organ Keyboard and Tom Bozigian on Dumbag. We danced and told stories. All the food was prepared by the wives and members. The food was delicious as usual. Special thanks to Bro. Archie Cholakian and his committee and wives and, of course, thanks to Bro. Kurk Kazarian and Marge. You two are the greatest. One of the stories told that night was by Bro. Master Mooney Najarian, Master of the San Diego Chapter. It goes like this: I don't know you, you don't know me, they don't know us and we don't know them. Next time you see Bro. Mooney ask him to finish the story.

January 26 will be our Installation Dinner-Dance at the Red Lion Inn in Costa Mesa and we will be joined by the L.A. Chapter. Bro. Don Kazarian is chairman of that event.

February 11 will be our Sports Night with Bro. Jack Kayajanian and Bro. Nick Paboojian as Co-Chairmen. They, along with their committee, will be putting together another outstanding show. John McKay, ex Tampa Bay and U.S.C. Coach, will be our guest speaker. Last year we had a full house - this year will be the same.

I would like to say that Bro. Jack Kayajanian and his officers and committee chairmen during the 1989-1990 term did a first class job. Thanks Bro. Jack.

See you at the Mid-Term.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Haig Jamgotchian  
Past Grand Master

## From the Grand Editor:

The Mt. Diablo Triple X Annual convention is in history books already. The Chapter has to be congratulated for putting on such an enjoyable and successful three-day affair. Now that they have the experience of holding conventions we hope to meet in their town again in the future.

This year, 1991, the annual convention shifts down to Central California where Selma Chapter is the host. I hope you make your plans early because Selma is planning an exciting and fruitful weekend for all to enjoy. More details should be forthcoming. If you haven't attended any of Selma Chapter's conventions, please make every effort to spend a nice weekend with them.

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If you noticed the cover of the Trex News has a new look with this issue. The previous mast-head was done more than 14 years ago. This new mast-head will hopefully carry us towards the 21st century. We appreciate Jack Mooradian's (Mt. Diablo) ideas and assistance in preparing the new artwork.

My sincere thanks to the Associate Editors and Masters who provided many articles and pictures for this issue. Some of the articles were hand delivered, some came Express Mail, some were received on the FAX lines. The participation was great!

Thanks to Brother Harry Sweet of the Capitol Chapter who provided the layout of the centerfold pictures of this issue.

Fraternally,  
Jack Ouzounian, Grand Editor

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