



# Trex News

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Triple X Fraternity

## 62nd Annual Convention

*August 30 - September 1, 1991*

**Fresno, California**

*Hosted by Selma Chapter*

### ★ **Friday, August 30**

**WELCOMING "KEF" NIGHT (Members and Family)**

Mazza & No Host Cocktails 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Buffet Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Armenian Music & Dancing 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

### ★ **Saturday, August 31**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT Riverside Country Club,**

Tee-Off 10:00 a.m.

**SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT — Holmes Playground, 9:00 a.m.**

**GIN & TAVLOO TOURNAMENT — 2:00 p.m.**

**SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE (with Late Night Mazza)**

— 9:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., (Open to Public)

### ★ **Sunday, September 1**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST (8:00 - 10:00 a.m.)**

**BUSINESS MEETING (10:00 - 12:00 Noon)**

**LADIES LUNCH & PROGRAM — 11:00 a.m.**

**GRAND BALL DINNER-DANCE —**

6:30 p.m. Cocktails; 7:30 p.m. Dinner & Dancing 9:00 p.m.

**YOUNG ADULTS & TEEN DANCE —**

8:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight (Open to Public)

## Grand Master's Message



Dear Brother Trexman:

The past twelve months have been a busy and enjoyable experience for myself as your Grand Master.

The fraternity is alive and well. The business meetings I attended were active, fun with some "Constructive Arguments" as well. The social events were quite enjoyable for my wife Mary and myself.

Our financial contributions to the Community continue on nicely. One contribution in particular brought back fond memories for me. My wife and I attended the San Diego Chapter Installation and Scholarship Dinner where I was particularly touched by the college scholarships presented to several worthy students of Armenian Heritage. Because 45 years ago, I was presented with a surprise \$250.00 Scholarship at my High School Graduation and I really appreciated it. \$250.00 paid my tuition for six months at a time when I didn't have a dime to spare and not on the G.I. Bill.

"Participate, enjoy and contribute" and you will find that you will get strong sense of satisfaction and accomplishment and we will have a stronger Trex due to your efforts.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Convention.

Fraternally,  
George Solakian  
Grand Master

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## Selma

Hello Brothers:

In addition to busily preparing to host the 1991 Convention, Selma Trexman have enjoyed a full slate of activities.

In January our Law Enforcement Night Dinner was held at the Greenhouse Restaurant. Brothers invited judges, members of the police and sheriff's departments, probation officers and others involved in law enforcement to be our guests for dinner. Brothers were recognized for achieving "100 percent" attendance at all business and dinner meetings during the prior year were Karl Torosian, his sponsor Milton Torigian, Past Master Eliot Nahigian, and perineal 100 percenter Haig Aivazian, who celebrated his 35th year of perfect attendance since his initiation in the fraternity in 1956. The Coveted Trexman of the Year Award was received by Jerry Baker in his first year of membership which was filled with enthusiastic participation.

Our February dinner meeting was a couple's affair and wives and girlfriends joined Selma Brothers for dinner at the Remington Restaurant.

A sell out crowd was on hand in March to hear Fresno State University Head Basketball Coach Gary Coulson's comments after his first season and his prospects for the future at a dinner meeting at the AAAL Hall prepared by PGM Abby Mamigonian and Brother Aram Shahenian under the direction of Junior Master Jeff Esraelian.

In April, Brothers Vahe Simonian, Aram Shahenian, Charles Garabedian, Frank Korkmazian, PGM John Barigian, Mel Mazman, Art Sudjian, and PGM Soren Shamshoian participated in another successful Kid's Day for the benefit of Valley Children's Hospital. Our Chapter once again was a strong supporter of this community wide event and raised over \$800.00 for the hospital by selling newspapers. The 13th hour Golf Social was held on April 25 at Sherwood Forest under the direction of Brother Robert P. Garabedian. Brothers from the Fresno and Sequoia Chapters were invited to demonstrate their golfing talents and enjoyed a delicious dinner at the AAAL Hall.

Competition was keen in May as Brother Phil Manoogian and his Scholarship Committee selected 6 local high school seniors to each receive a \$500.00 scholarship at a dinner in the beautiful backyard of PGM Joe Garabedian. Scholarship recipients and a crowd of over 100 enjoyed a delicious chicken kabob dinner prepared by a committee headed by Brothers Michael Sarabian and Gary Poochigian. Scholarship recipients were



At his official visit to Selma Grand Master George Solakian is surrounded by Selma's PGM's and Master. Front row l. to r: PGM's Kay Cloud, Haig Kasparian, Freddie Markarian; back row: Master Jack Ouzounian, PGMs John Barigian, Soren Shamshoian, GM George Solakian, PGMs Joe Garabedian and Abby Mamigonian.



Business meeting: Bros. Patrick Nahigian, Eliot Nahigian, Soren Hamparzoomian, Haig Aivazian, Jr., and Karl Torosian.



Jeff Esraelian, Jr. Master; Ken Esraelian and Bob Garabedian.



Newly initiated member Vic Vanoyan being congratulated.



Selma Brothers at one of our dinner-meetings.



Scholarship recipients with Master Jack O. (center) and Committee Chairman Phil Manoogian (right).



Barbeque committee at July Garden Party: Alex Safrazian, Arden Kashishian, and Don Attoian.



Garden Party Guests.

Jill Ahronian, Gina Kandarian (daughter of Brother Chic Kandarian), Bryan Srabian (son of Brother Robert Srabian), Steven Zahigian (son of Brother Richard Zahigian), Bryan Minas (son of Brother James Minas), and Todd Kandarian. Dominic Papagni, Principal of De Wolf Continuation High School, was the featured speaker and took the opportunity to thank the fraternity for its continued support including a \$200.00 scholarship to the high school.

Our Annual Mother's Day Bingo once again was held on the Saturday preceding Mother's Day. Co-Chairman Roger Simonian, Brent Simonian, and Ted Kazarian and their committee prepared a delicious shish kabab dinner and added a special raffle of gift certificates from Macy's for mothers. In addition, each mother received a corsage and a special gift.

The Annual Spring Outing in June was once again a well attended and successful event. Members and their families and the widows of departed members enjoyed a beef and chicken kabob dinner prepared by committee co-chairman Past Grand Master Abby Mamigonian and York Boyajian with help from Brothers Karl Torosian, Onnig Gosdanian, Jack Bedrosian, Vahe Simonian, Nubert Baker, John Kalashian, and Art Suddjian. The skills of the Basmajian family were revealed during the picnic as Brother Harry won the gin tournament and his daughter, Pam, won the tavloo tournament.

On June 24, Selma Brothers traveled to Plaza Park in Visalia to enjoy an All-American barbecue prior to Sequoias' softball game.

The fraternity's continued support of the California Armenian Home for the Aged was again demonstrated in June as Past Grand Master Abby Mamigonian and Brothers Aram Shahenian and Jerry Baker prepared lunch for residents of the home on June 14 and many Brothers including those of the Sequoia Chapter assisted in the annual picnic of the California Armenian Home held on June 30. The Home's distinguished Board of Directors include a number of our members: PGM Kay Cloud, PGM Joe Garabedian, PGM Jack Kazanjian, PGM Haig Kasparian, PGM Abby Mamigonian, Jack Bedrosian, Pete Hagopian and Aaron Goorigian. Others assisting in the picnic included Brothers Bob Garabedian, York Boyajian, Abby Mamigonian, Jack Bedrosian, Bob Atamian and Master Jack Ouzounian..

We look forward to seeing you at our Convention.

Fraternally,  
Martin Nahigian, Associate Editor



Photos: Jack Ouzounian, Grand Editor

# Capitol

Capitol Chapter Brothers wish the Selma Chapter a very successful convention in Fresno. Let's give it all we can.

Master Larry Kazanjian has given the local brothers a lot of interesting functions this past year.

With Ladies Night outings, Bingo nights, Dinner meetings, Picnics, Lake Tahoe outings, Baseball Games, and of course our big annual fundraiser for the year, Kef Night.

Chairman Bro. Ed Tatosian deserves a "High Ten" for all his efforts in conducting the most successful Kef Night in our chapters history. With the help of all the brothers and Bro. Ed's leadership, we netted over \$5000 for local and state charities.

Welcome new brothers in the fraternity. Jim Damir a local attorney, and his wife Linda. Leon Bajakian, U.S. Air Force retired, and his wife Mary.

Congratulations to Bro. Harold and Rose Soligian on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Daughter Linda and son Bro. Gregory, and their spouses hosted a surprise dinner party at Frasinetti's Restaurant. Family members, relatives, and close friends attended, in March 1991.

Bro. Art and Jim Tashjian, their wives Helen and Kathy held a Sacramento reception for the marriage of Bro. Jim and Kathy's son Danyal and his new bride Jody. Newlyweds reside in Massachusetts.

Bro. Jack & Esther Najarian have a new grandson, Conner, born last December by daughter and son-in-law Lucy and Bill Wells of Fresno. Congrats. to Bro. Gregory Ivazian who recently opened an art gallery. Specializing in fine art and framing. Afadem. Greg.

Bro. Harry Sweet, Archivist extraordinaire, donated nearly four million feet of Television News Film to California State University Sacramento, for the enhancement of students, scholars, and faculty, for the next generation. CSUS Pres. Gerth officially accepted the grand collection April 9, 1991.

PGM Bro. Joe Hagopian and wife Rose had a grand vacation through New Zealand, taking in



"Kef Night Planning" Bro. Richard Nahigian, Bro. Chm. Ed Tatosian, Bro. Leon Bajakian



Bro. Leon Bajakian



Bro. Jim Damir

Milford Sound, and Mount Cook where the Ice Pack in the glaciers are over 50 feet thick, a mile wide and 12 miles long.

Fraternally yours,  
Harry Sweet  
Associate Editor



# Golden Gate

Greetings Brother Trexmen:

The brothers in Golden Gate Chapter wish the Selma Chapter great success on the forthcoming convention. We will be there en masse and of course expect to win the softball championship and take the most trophies in golf and tavloo.

On August 11th (Sunday), the Sequoia and Golden Gate Chapters will convene at Candlestick Park to watch the S.F. Giants vanquish the Los Angeles Dodgers. Grand Master George Solakian will attend even though his loyalties are with the Boston Red Sox. If any brother trexman is in the area at that time, please give us a call and we'll see if we can get you tick ets near our section.

Hope to see you at the convention.  
Fraternally,  
Mike Kilijian  
Associate Editor



Golden Gate Bros. with Bro. Armen Melikian (center) visiting from New Jersey.



Bros. Ara, Jack, and Avedis.



Bros. Russell and Brian.



"At Candlestick"



Bro. George and Lily.



No, these are not Mt. Diablo members, they are Armen Boyd's sons.

## Mt. Diablo

A special thanks to Master Aram Boyd and his officers and board members who have given the chapter an exciting year. Gone will be the fines (the chapter treasury went up as a result), the sophisticated awards given at the end of each meeting (gifts left over from the convention except those provided by Richard Koobatian). Thank goodness we ran out of soap from the Sheraton. Much to Aram's credit he included many brothers to participate throughout the year. Great job Aram.

### BANSHEE BALL

On Saturday, March 16th thirty-seven brothers and spouses celebrated St. Patrick's Day at Saint Mary's Church in Walnut Creek. The corned beef and cabbage was great as was the dancing and fellowship. Thanks to John Gulbankian for the arrangements.

### NEW MEMBER

The chapter welcomed new member Greg Kellejian who was initiated at the May 1991 meeting.

### BAY TO BREAKERS RACE

Brother Tanil Matosian who finished the "Bay to Breakers" race last year challenged the chapter to "pay up" if this year's race he can better his time. We don't yet know his official time; however, with the photos he took of scantily dressed people he probably tripped all over himself.

### CHAPTER PICNIC

Two years ago the chapter held its First Annual Armenian Picnic at Pleasant Hill Park. The picnic was a rousing success. While it was hoped there would be a good crowd and the chapter could consider it a fund raiser, it was a tremendous success and did, indeed, make money that was to be used



Al, Tanil, and Aroxie on the farm.



Tanil before he ran "Bay to Breakers".



Greg Kellejian.



Shavarsh Hazarabedian

to support last year's convention. Now, two years later we are giving our Second Annual Picnic. We have planned an Armenian menu, not only for our brothers and their families, but also for our many American friends. There will be swimming, volleyball, and tavloo. We are looking to serve 500 meals. A photo of the picnic committee appears above.

Fraternally,  
Jack Mooradian  
Associate Editor

## From the Grand Editor:

Once again the Selma Chapter is hosting another great convention in Central California, at the luxurious Holiday Inn, Centre Plaza, Fresno. Selma Brothers are hard at work to make this another one of their great and memorable Conventions.

Activities on **Friday Welcoming 'Kef' Night** will start with cocktails from 6:00-7:30 p.m.; a Buffet Dinner at 7:30 p.m., followed by Armenian Music and Dancing to the music of John Bilezikjian's world reknown band from Los Angeles.

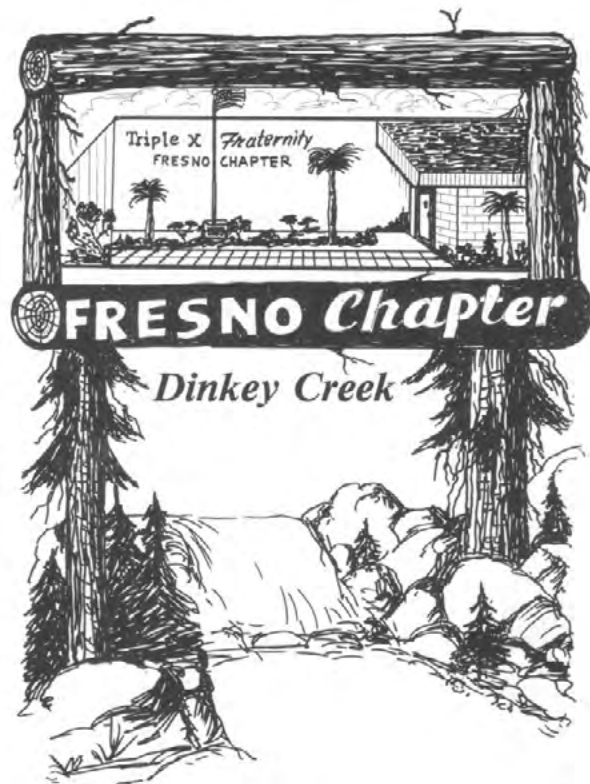
**Saturday** promises a lot of activities for everyone to enjoy: Shopping and sightseeing for the ladies. A Softball tournament is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. at Holmes Playground; A Golf tournament will be held at Riverside Country Club with tee-off at 10:00 a.m.; Gin and Tavloo tournaments at 2:00 p.m. Centre Plaza; and **Saturday Night Dance with Late Mazza** 9:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. with Armenian and American Music and Dancing.

**Sunday** morning is reserved for the traditional Breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. (sit down Steak & Eggs) followed by Business meeting at 10:00 a.m. Ladies Brunch and Program will be held starting at noon.

No convention is complete without the Sunday night Grand Ball Dinner and Dance which will start at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails, followed by dinner and dancing. A Young Adults & Teenage Dance will be held from 8:00 to 12:00 midnight.

Don't miss this outstanding convention over the Labor Day weekend. See you all there!

Fraternally,  
Jack Ouzounian, Grand Editor



## Fresno

The Big event of the year sponsored by the Fresno Chapter, the Dinkey Creek Outing, is now history. Although the attendance was small but the enjoyment was worth every minute of it. The old memories of the past years of having to endure the inconveniences made this supreme. Universal Mother Nature was a world of its own.

In 1992 outing the Fresno Chapter invites members and their families to enjoy the camp from Sunday noon till Thursday morning. The kitchen, the lodge and sleeping bunks are all available, just bring your bedding the first weekend in June.

Brother Mooney Najarian came all the way from San Diego to help in the kitchen assisted by Bob Juskalian, Bob Kevorkian, Naz (Pilaf) Chaderjian, Mike Gaston, and our Master Jack Kazanjian who covered all bases. Our truck cowboy John Topalian did the Food Transportation as he has done for years.

Words cannot describe all hours of the day. Brother Gary Daloyan did in cleaning the place all day and as early as two o'clock in the morning a big thanks to all of you.

We had the honor of a Supreme visit from Grand Master George Solakian who spoke about his various visits to the sister chapters, his reviews

were interesting and enlightening, we appreciate you visit Brother Grand Master.

I realize this is a little ahead of time but we would like all brothers to know that Fresno in 1993 is planning a spectacular convention, with our chosen able and capable Brother Ed Hokokian to be our next Grand Master. Brother Ed has taken great interest in the Fraternity. Since his membership in the Jr's over 30 years ago.

Fresno Chapter has been extremely fortunate the last two years by adding over twenty five new members who have planned so many dinners and putting on many affairs making it interesting for new members to come in some sixty years ago.

Brother Jack Aloojian, PGM Mike Soligian and myself were initiated on a Xmas dance, besides the minor tasks we had to go thru, this was a lulu. All three of us had to dance the entire evening wearing our coats backwards, with the buttons in the back. It was unbearable, to think how easy it is today by raising your hand and at the conclusion say "I do".

Recently we lost our brother Jack which took away our joy and friendship that he rendered at our meetings which he attended almost 100%. His voluntary record he kept of the brothers and event of the Fraternity will be greatly missed. We all render our condolence to his wife Peggie and family although his voice is missed forever but his



## Oakland

Every year during our April meeting we celebrate Oakland Chapter Night by having our annual crab feed. As usual it was hosted by Bro. Al Yeremian and all of the other active Charter members assisting him. Grand Master George Solakian was in attendance and provided some very timely comments on the progress of the Fraternity. For some unknown reason (fresh crabs!!) we always get our best attendance of the year at a business meeting or is it because we like to see the Charter members work for their dinner.

On Friday, May 24th, the Oakland Chapter attended the Oakland A's vs. Chicago White Sox baseball game and yelled and cheered until the A's finally won. The fellowship was worth the price of attendance and we were entertained by a good game.

We have a wine tasting tour planned for August 10, in Livermore Valley and will be stopping at Fenestra, Concannon and Wente Brothers wineries with our wives or guests in attendance. During the tour we will stop for lunch at a very special French Bistro, which will complement our taste buds. Should be fun and hopefully well attended.

All brothers in attendance at our meetings must wear their Trex pin or they will be fined by the Master. So when Brother Mike Tulanian lost his Trex pin down his sink drain, he decided to retrieve it (frugal) so he wouldn't be fined at the next meeting. After taking the plumbing apart, the pin was found, but was ruined. So he eventually bought another Trex pin. Mike, the moral is don't fool with the plumbing, unless you belong to the union (sic).

We wish Bro. Paul Minassian a speedy recovery from his recent stroke and expect him to attend

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memory will continually live in our hearts. Nothing is forever.

As for Brother PGM Mike Soligian one of the "Three Musketeers", our congratulations to you and Isabelle. Their son is Judge Ronny Soligian who is one of the high ranking Judges in L.A.

It was his judgement that reinstated the Police Chief Gray to his original job after the police commissioners had put him on leave.

Sincerely,  
Charles Maroot  
Guest Associate Editor



our next meeting in July. Paul we miss your comments about our dinner helpers and how Master Vartkes Avakian is conducting the business meeting. Also the lawns need cutting in Oakland area.

Congratulations to Bro. Siy and Rose Ekizian on the marriage of their daughter recently.

Our new member Bro. John Lullejian was in

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Photos: Jack Ouzounian, Grand Editor



Texas on business during our June meeting and since he was so well coached by his sponsor, he called that day from Texas to inform Master Vartkes that he couldn't attend and wanted to be excused. With that spirit I know he will be a big asset to the Chapter.

Next time you see Bro. Harry Sherinian and Vaughn Sobajian ask them about their return trips from Mexico recently. Quite interesting.

Best wishes and much success to the Selma Chapter during the 62nd Annual Trex Convention this coming Labor Day weekend. I know it is well planned and should be fun for all.

Fraternally yours,  
PGM Charles Hazarian  
Associate Editor



### NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Spring issue of Trex News is January 8, 1992.

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## Peninsula

It's been great to have a Grand Master in our Chapter. Grand Master George has kept us informed what is going on around the other Chapters and how much he has enjoyed the visits with all his brothers.

Our main event for the year was our annual dinner dance and once again at Zorba's in San Jose the pictures enclosed tell the story what a great time everybody had.

Grand Master George is chairperson of our annual Ed Sarouhan Golf Tournament.

We are still having home cooked meals at each meeting — and thanks to Mike and Dick Boornazian for the help.

It's always nice to have Ace Paul and Aram Amerian attend our meetings - they add class.

Vic Khachooni is in charge once again of our tavloo tournament.

The Boornazian Bros. are in charge of Poker playing.

Enough for now see you at the Convention.

Fraternally yours,  
Master Jack Marderosian



Vic Khachoohi and family.



Vic and Florence Garabedian enjoying our dinner dance.



Master Jack Marderosian and his gang of musicians.



Vic and Marion Paparigian.

Mr. and Mrs. Aram Darmanian.

Mary Solakian



# San Diego

Hello To All Brothers!

Since our last newsletter, the San Diego Chapter, under the leadership of Master Mooney Najarian, continues to be active.

Our monthly May meeting was held in the parking lot of San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium, where the Brothers enjoyed an "El Indio" Mexican tailgate party and watched the Padres beat up on the Atlanta Braves. The turnout was tremendous, as was the ball game. Thanks to Bro. Wayne Pinomaki, who threw an excellent party.

Our Chapter's annual family picnic will take place on July 14, 1991, at San Dieguito Park, in Solana Beach. Chef, Bro. Ara Sagarian is planning a delicious shish kabob dinner, with all the pilaff, salad and watermelon you can eat. Festivities include a tavloo and softball tournament, as well as the normal socializing and festivities between the families and their kids. We look forward to a great day.

Bro. Greg Babikian is busily planning our San Diego Padres/tailgate With The Wives function, which will take place on August 16, 1991, at the Stadium. The Padres will be playing the Atlanta Braves. You may ask why do we only go to games where the Padres play the Braves and the simple answer, of course, is because the only teams the Padres beat are the Braves and the Dodgers (sorry, L.A. Chapter). Not only do we look forward to win, but we look, as usual, forward to a wonderful time.

As always, the Brothers look forward to the annual Labor Day weekend convention in Fresno. We hope to be there in full force.

The Chapter's Board of Directors have nominated the following Brothers for our new slate of officers:

Bro. Ara Sagarian ..... Master  
 Bro. Oscar Sarkisian ..... Junior Master  
 Bro. Wayne Pinomaki ..... Treasurer  
 Bro. Vahan Serpekian ..... Rec. Secretary  
 Bro. Harry Guzelimian ..... Corres. Secretary  
 Bro. George Banerian ..... Sergeant at Arms  
 Bro. Joe Zakarian ..... Boiler Tender

We look forward to seeing Grand Master George Solakian in his final appearance as our leader at our July 29, 1991 meeting, which will be held at the Stratford Inn in Del Mar. We will be playing golf before the meeting with Grand Master George. The San Diego Chapter meets on the last Monday of every month at the Stratford

Inn in Del Mar. We try to get at least two four-somes of Brothers to play golf before the meeting. Please join us.

## GOOD AND WELFARE

Congratulations to Bros. Robert Spanjian and Ray Saatjian for yet another outstanding 1991 Del Mar Fair. Bro. Greg Vartanian, who is building a new home, was seen at the Fair selling those tasty chips and hamburgers in order to finance the construction. As Bro. Greg Said, the more tasty chips and hamburgers he sells, the more square footage is added to the home.

Congratulations to Bro. Doug Avazian and his wife, Barbara, who sold their home in Cardiff by the Sea, and the rumor has it that they may be moving to Santa Barbara. Bro. Doug will continue to have his wings, being based with the U.S. Air Fleet in Los Angeles.

Bro. Karney and wife, Grace are doing extremely well in Las Vegas. Bros. Brett Bardakjian, Greg and Dikran Semerdjian and L.A. Bro. Steve Mikaelian had the distinct pleasure of being the first to "cheesh" in Karney's newly built swimming pool at his beautiful home in Las Vegas on Father's Day weekend. Bro. Karney and Grace look rested, their home is beautiful and we miss them dearly. Bro. Karney indicated he moved to Las Vegas to get caught up on his golf game, but we all know that Las Vegas will not help your golf game, Karney, and stay out of those casinos.

Congratulations to Bro. Oscar Sarkisian and Bro. Mooney Najarian on their newly constructed homes in Lake San Marcos.

We hope to see you all at Selma's Labor Day convention.

Fraternally yours,  
 Dickran A. Semerdjian  
 Associated Editor



# Los Angeles

Hi to all of our Brothers in our Sister Chapters

I just noticed a funny thing as I was about to write this article. As I was looking thru the last issue of our Trex news I noticed that in most of the photo's from our sister Chapters the members are always eating. And if you check L.A. Chapter we're always drinking.

Now — I don't really know if there's a moral behind that — but in the L.A. Chapter we teach our brothers how to drink first then we show them the food. That way we don't have a lot of fat members. How does that crab-ya.

**January.** We had our joint installation dinner with Orange County Chapter, they were the host this year, and it was a very pleasant affair and the committee worked very hard to make it a successful affair.

**February.** Junior/Senior day at the races. Now let me tell you brothers — this was great, I mean outstanding!! We all met at Bro. Greg Avedesians' new home in Arcadia, jumped into our cars and headed out to the place where people feed horses, called the race track. Found ourselves a nice corner close to the bar — so we wouldn't get lost — opened our racing form and bet the peso's on all the winners. Unfortunately though — they all didn't come in. But hay — we sure had ourselves a nice time. You know, just being with our juniors was all we really needed.

What we won on what we lost wasn't that important — we were together. We left after the eighth race drove back to Bro. Greg's home again for a beautiful steak dinner and yap — a few shooters.

Thank you Bro. Greg for the use of the hall and your hospitality. No — I didn't forget, our thanks to your charming wife Janis for putting up with us and having everything prepared when we arrived at your home.

**March.** That belongs to PGM Herb Elmassian and wife Roxie. They both out do themselves each year. You see they give our "Wives Night Out" at Warner Brothers Studios. This year was no exception. A little change here a little change there and it became a new affair.

Thanks to both Herb and Roxie I don't know what you can do to better this affair except maybe a movie out of it.

**June.** Family Picnic. This is always a pleasant outing for the members and their families. Thanks to Bro. Ken Khteian, Bro Walter Hekimian Jr. and their workers for the super day for all of us. The food was great and the meat



Bro's Gary Dergazarian & Gary Kouyoumjian.



Bro's Carl Adanalian, Jack Elmassian, Ray Donney, Joe Adanalian, Total years in the Los Angeles Chapter 247 years.



Bro's Jim Emerzian, Master John Elmassian.



Bro's Dee Housepian, Dikran Devian.



Bro. Robert Tashjian and wife Diana.



"The other Drunk".



"The Drunk".



Bro. Greg Avedesian taking all bets.

outstanding. Thanks again guys from all of your brothers.

**July.** The "Armenian Open Golf Tournament" grab this one guys. To show you how big this event was. We start the day off with a touch of rain — backed up by a earthquake (8.5) follow that with beautiful weather, 120 great golfers, lots of laughs, good food, prizes and all the other things that make this tournament the greatest in the U.S.A.

Thanks to our golf commissioner, Bro. Greg Avedesian and his committee for the hard work they put into this affair.

A special thanks to PGM Bro. Aram Poladian for all the work he also put towards helping this affair to become the success it was.

And to Bro. Aran Vaznaian for getting all those golfers packaged together and out on the course. Without Aran we all would still be looking for the hole we tee-off from.

**August.** All of our brothers, their wives, girl friends are looking forward to our 2nd Annual "Luau Party" chaired by Bro. Jim Gondjian. We are again guests of the home of PM Bro. Aram Hampar and his lovely wife Gloria. Now Jim if we can only get the food right, we got a winner. You know, ribs, cole slaw, etc, etc, — Hawaiian Food.

Also to all brothers don't forget the Convention hosted by Selma Chapter. It's always nice to see our brothers in other chapters whether at the bar — in a room — or the golf course — in the vineyard.

Speaking of Convention's. Get ready to re-load because 1992 in L.A. Time. Yes-sir I mean it, "L.A. all the way" 1992 Convention Host.

Behind the leadership of Bro. Robert Kalfayan, who by the way has piloted 3 of our Conventions already has a new group of committee brothers with new ideas and new surprises.

Keep in mind - we are running for the position

of Grand Master our brother Greg Avedesian. I can assure you that when he is elected you will not only see him at your installation dinners, but you will see him at your meetings. He certainly will follow on the footsteps of PGM Herb Elmassian and Aram Poladian as another outstanding Grand Master. He has all the tools you need to fill that position. But most important he has "class."

Birthday wishes - even though I'm late to Brother Jack Elmassian 82 big ones, and he is still going full-bore. He has been a L.A. Trexman for 66 years. Try that on for size guys.

Just received over the wire that Ginnie Chaloukian broke her foot. Rumors are that she was kicking Bro. Levon, her husband, out of the house, and missed. That Levon is quick isn't he Ginnie.

#### Recovery Program

Bro. Kay Hovsepian's wife Rachel is resting after surgery. Rachel — you're a real champion to all of us.

Also good to see Bro. Steve Eordekian back from surgery. Believe me he didn't skip a beat.

#### Golden Honor Award

This I give to both Rachel Hovsepian and Louise Partamian who both have been fighters and never - I repeat have never given up on themselves. We all look forward to a full and healthy recovery.

Before I shut this little puppy down I know a lot of you brothers don't really dig the Trex News. Whether you do or don't I think you should drop our Grand Editor a short line of thanks. It's tough enough just writing our news. So can you imagine how tough it is to put the news together.

This is one Editor that appreciates what is involved by our Grand Editor to put our news together. To you Bro. Jack Ouzounian. Thanks from all of your Associate Editors for putting up with us thru out the year.

Well - here I am again, put my pen down, turn the lights out, pick-up my shoes, so the wife doesn't get on me in the morning, head for bed, say my prayers - with a request from the man up there that my sister chapter start a junior chapter.

Now wouldn't that be something nice for the future of Triple X.

Fraternally yours,  
Bro. Lee Neshanian,  
Editor

# Sequoia

The Brothers of Sequoia Chapter are anxiously waiting to see all of you at the annual convention in Fresno this Labor Day weekend! Our Brothers have continued their fun and games this year, but not without some controversy.

Our year has always begun with our Installation Banquet and it has been our privilege to have our Grand Master attend. January 7, 1991 was a different story. While 130 of our Brothers, wives and guests attended the banquet at the Depot Restaurant, our Grand Master was watching the San Francisco Forty Niners lose their playoff game in San Francisco. Serves him right. Those Brothers attending the Banquet, however, were winners. Brother Ar. Hampar was installed Master for 1991.

Sequoia Chapter hosted the 37th Mid-Term Convention and with the support and use of our Fresno Brothers facilities, was a great success. Co-Chairmen Bros. Jerry Poochigian, Charlie Amasalian, and Randy Tellalian coordinated a fantastic Lule-Kebab dinner, plenty of meat, pilaf, and apple pie ala mode with ice cream. We hear it was the best dinner ever. The Mid Term Golf was held at Sherwood Forrest Golf Course in Sanger and the Brothers who fudged the most, need no mention here. Plenty of prizes were awarded and a special thank you to Bro. Carl Chooljian of Fresno Chapter and Bro. Harry Krikorian of Sequoia Chapter for their invaluable assistance.

Special projects by the Chapter included our annual Scholarship Award. This year, we decided to award one scholarship to the extraordinary young daughter of Bro. Armen Shuklian. Allison Shuklian will be attending U.C. Irvine in the fall and is planning on a medical career. We wish her



Bro. Randy Tellalian taking too much time-presenting the golf awards at Mid-Term.

good luck and health in her endeavors.

We also had many brothers participate in the Annual City of Visalia Special Arts Festival which was held in May at Recreation Park in Visalia. Over 2,000 special needs children attended the day's activities which for this year, had the "Spirit of Armenia" theme. Arts and crafts booths enable the children to create and learn firsthand about the Armenian people and their culture. Bros. Sirag Kalfayan, Sark Yahnian, and Basil Perch were among those who marched in a "parade" around the grounds and served as Judges for the awards ceremonies.

Our fast pitch softball team, which moved up two divisions from last year, was hampered (no relation to Art Hampar) from the start. They did manage to win enough games for a respectable Third Place Finish and now are polishing their secret weapons for the 2nd Annual XXX Convention Tournament. These secret workouts are being held at...no luck Emerzian Brothers, we got you this year. (Master Larry Kazanjian of Capitol Chapter: where's your hot shot team?).

During our June 10th meeting, we were fortunate to have our Grand Master George Solakian join us an address us on certain issues pertaining to the Fraternity.

In the spirit of the "old days", Selma Chapter responded to a last minute invitation for a barbecue in mid-June with Sequoia Chapter for an informal get-together at Plaza Park in Visalia. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs topped the gourmet meal, secondary to the fellowship created. Over 20 Brothers from Selma made the trip and we trust that it was worthwhile.

Great plans for a Joint Baseball Trip to Candlestick Park August 11, 1991 with Golden Gate Chapter. We will have a bus load of Brothers and guests meet the Brothers from the Bay Area for pre-game festivities and then all watch the Giants beat the #!\*\$# out of some minor league team from Los Angeles. Bro. David Zovikian from G.G. Chapter and Bro. Randy Tellalian of Sequoia are coordinating this event.

Plans are being made for another Ladies night where we invite our wives or guests for an evening of dinner and entertainment. Chairman Bro. Jerry Poochigian has it "all handled." We have been so busy, our Annual Family Picnic has been moved to late September when the weather cools down, the crops are in (and money counted), and vacations are over.

All the Brothers are looking forward to a great Convention and extend to our Grand Master George Solakian our best wishes.

Fraternally,  
Charlie Amasalian Jr. Assoc. Editor



New Officers for 1991: L-R Jr. Master Randy Tellalian, Treas. Rick Krikorian, Corres. Sec. Brian Ananian, Master Art Hampar, Rec. Sec. Gary Krikorian, Editor Charlie Amasalian, Sgt. of Arms Jack Barsamian.



Expert Pilaff makers Bros. Armen Shuklian, Charlie Amasalian, Serge Ananian, and Jerry Poochigian.



Sequoia Chapter waiting for the Alka-Seltzer after the Mid-Term dinner.



Brothers and families enjoying the X-Mas Party.

## Orange County

Brother Trexmen:

We had an Installation Dinner Dance at the Red Lion Inn. Bro. Don Kazarian and committee did an outstanding job. The Master of Ceremonies was Bro. Z. Harry Astor. He did a great job. All the New Officers from the Los Angeles and Orange County Chapters were honored.

We had another first class sports night at the Marriott Hotel. Bro. Jack Kayajian and Bro. Nick Paboojian plus their committee put it together. The honored guests were John McKay, Norm Manoogian, and Charlie Cowan. We had over 50 sport celebrities. We packed them in. Also the Ram Cheerleaders sold a lot of raffle tickets. The donation went to the Ararat Home and Orangewood Home for abused children.

Our Annual Potluck gets better all the time. Bro. Kurk Kazarian lets us use their club house. And once again his wife Marge made that delicious keyma. All the food that was made or purchased was wonderful — Thanks to all the families that helped.

Bro. Don Kazarian and Nishan Derderian did a first class job on the Laughlin Nevada Stag Outing. The bus was full and the mezza and refreshments were great. I don't know who won or



Bro. Jack & Jack Faulkner L.A. Rams G.M.



Bro. Nick is talking but no one is listening and he talks with his hands.



Denise—Larry—Monique—Mark (I wish I was young again)



The Best Bar Tenders — Bro. Pete—Bill—Archie.



Bro. Master Hank runs a great meeting.

who lost. We had lots of laughs. Bro. John Mekenian gave us a boat ride on Lake Mojave. While on the lake, a gust of wind came up and Bro. Z. Harry's hat went into the water and he was telling Bro. Archie to turn the boat to pick-up his hat. He has had this hat for 30 years! We felt sorry for Bro. Z. Harry and retrieved it. Some Bros. said it polluted the water — just think, our drinking water comes from that lake.

Our Spring dance was the best we ever had. Bro. John Mekenian and Bro. Ara Gholdoian packed them in — over 500 were in attendance! We had Armenian and American music. Thanks to Bro. Art Kazarian who was in charge of preparing the food and all the Bros. and wives that helped in



Las Vegas Bus Trip (Had too much fun).



Bro. Ed checking out the bushes.



Bro. Kurk with Stella & Mary. New Year's Eve Party.



Bro. Ken and the Duke.



Bro. Master Hank—Haig PGM—Duke—GM George.



Bro. Master Hank—Caught his limit at Dinkey Creek.

putting the dance on. It's wonderful to see the young and the young at heart dance and make new friends. Who knows — maybe even get married!

Our wives' night out was a trip to Las Vegas. Bro. Bill Makrdichian and Bro. Ed Kalunian put it together. They filled the bus and told stories up and back. They had mezza and refreshments on board which made it a fun trip.

Our Bro. Master Hank Bashjian and his officers have done an outstanding job. The best is to hear Bro. Allen Antoyan reading the minutes — he tells it like it is. We love it Bro. Al.

Our 16th Annual Picnic at Yorba Regional Park will be July 21st. Bro. Ed Harver is chairman and has all his committees working — what a fun family outing. Don't forget — there will be music and shish kebob.

See you all at the Convention in Fresno! Thanks to the Selma Chapter for the up coming Convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
Haig Jamgotchian  
Past Grand Master

## Orange County Juniors

The Orange County Jr's are alive and well. Since our last newsletter, our chapter has been very busy.

1990-91 years have been precedent setting years for the O.C. Juniors. Our relationship with the L.A. Jr's has prospered into something that is truly commendable for both groups. The Orange County Juniors once again carpoled to the L.A. Jr's Halloween Party. It was a true success and a fun time was had by all. I can remember this time, because I was the designated driver. In October our Bro. John Gasperian walked down the aisle of matrimony. Congratulations and many happy years together.

November proved to be another fun month. With the annual Mountain trip at Kris Kazarians Mountain house. The Road house cliental will never be forgotten. If your wondering brother Kris is healing after falling out of a tree.

In December we had our Annual Christmas dinner Gala at the Del Rey.

In January we had our annual Monte Carlo Night at Bagramian Hall in Montebello. We had 650 young and not so young Armenians in attendance. Next year we will be providing more blackjack and crap tables for our growing attendance.

The month of June was a month for unity with the L.A. Jr. Bro's. We had a joint party that was a tremendous success. Shant Dergazarian also attended the festivities for our newest Triple X Bro. Pat Ruskarian.

The annual Vegas fourth of July trip is always great fun as far as I can remember. The Tropicana pool will never be the same.

In August the Ararat Home Picnic will be held. Every year the O.C. Juniors help with cleanup and other duties which are delegated to us. We especially make sure all the young guests are enjoying themselves. I hope all the brothers from around the state will attend this picnic which has the best shish kebab and also raises funds for the new construction of the New Ararat home facilities.

I would like to conclude with some congratulations. Bro. James Antoyan graduated from U.S.C. and Bro. John Cholakian graduated from Cal State Fullerton. Also Kory Kazarian graduated from Med School and is doing his internship up north, but most of all we would like to congratulate Kris Kazarian on his engagement. We also would like to say goodbye to some members who moved to the seniors: Kris Kazarian thanks for all the years of help, Allen Antoyan thanks for never saying goodbye and to one of the



The Newlyweds Bro. John Gasparian & Michelle.



On the town Crew: John Gasparian, James Antoyan, John Cholakian.



Tropicana pool Boy's - John Cholakian, James Antoyan, Danny Cholakian, and Senior Adviser Billy Eordekian.

founding Bro's of the O.C. Jr. Chapter Larry Sherman: thanks for the cooking.

We would like to thank Billy Eordekian for being our Senior Advisor and also a special thanks to the Senior Chapter's master Bro. Hank Bashjian for his love and continued support over the years.

Our 1992 Calendar is starting on January 18th which will be our Annual MONTE CARLO NIGHT at Bagramian Hall in Montebello.

Faternally yours,  
John P. Fermanian  
Corres. Sec.

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