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Triple X Fraternity

63rd Annual Convention

September 4 - 6, 1992

Torrance, California

Hosted by Los Angeles Chapter

★ Friday, September 4

REGISTRATION — 12:00 - 5 p.m. — Main Lobby

“KEF” NIGHT — 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Armenian Dancing & Mazza — (Members and Guests Only)

JUNIORS DANCE — 7:30 p.m.

★ Saturday, September 5, 1992

REGISTRATION — 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. — Main Lobby

GOLF TOURNAMENT Los Verdes Country Club—Tee-Off 11:00 a.m.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT — Wilson Park, 9:00 a.m.

GIN & TAVLOO TOURNAMENT — 9:00 a.m.

ARMENIAN & AMERICAN DANCE — 8:00 p.m. — (Open to Public)

★ Sunday, September 6

MEN'S BREAKFAST — 9:00 a.m.

BUSINESS MEETING — 9:30 a.m.

LADIES LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW — 11:30 a.m.

GRAND BALL DINNER-DANCE —

Cocktails - 6:30 p.m.; Dinner & Dance - 7:30 p.m.

JUNIORS PARTY AT POOLSIDE — 7:30 p.m.

Grand Master's Message

Dear Brother's:

A major historic event occurred during this past Trex year — Armenia gained independence and joined the United Nations! Now, more than ever, we in the diaspora should seriously consider expanding our charitable contribution programs to include causes which will improve the standard of living of our brothers and sisters in the new Republic of Armenia. Our help will ease their struggle to convert from oppression to a free society. We commend our Trex Brothers who are already participating in the reconstruction of the Armenian nation.

During my year as your Grand Master, I discovered that recognition of and respect for that office emanates not only from Triple X families, but from non-Trex friends as well. This illustrates that our Fraternity is a viable part of the Armenian community.

Performing the responsibilities of this office has been a rewarding and enjoyable experience. My wife Lala and I were greeted with cordiality and fraternalism as we visited the chapter events. We feel richer for having made new friends. Here's wishing the next Grand Master an equally fulfilling experience.

The Brothers of the Los Angeles Chapter Have been diligently preparing for fun-filled convention activities. Let's all attend and have a good time together. See you in Torrance on Labor Day weekend.

Fraternally,
Shavarsh Hazarabedian
Grand Master



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Los Angeles

The first and most important date I want you to remember is Sept. 4th-5th-6th. That's the biggest day of your life, Yep — It's Convention Time in the City of Los Angeles.

You remember our last convention don't you. We put one on that didn't stop. You remember Friday Night? Sure you do—I remember you, dancing all over the place, even on the floor kicking your feet to the ceiling—just having a ball.

Well brother you're going to do that again, and with the same Armenian band "Richard Hagopian." Our Friday Night Committee is going full bore on a repeat of our last convention's Friday Night. Lots of food, all you can drink, getting acquainted with new brothers you've just met for the first time and seeing the old guys once more. What else can I say brother, this is kick-off night for the greatest moment in your fraternal life.

Saturday you'll get up early, have a big breakfast of eggs, bacon, ham, a few pancakes, some coffee or tea. If you're a golfer you will head out to our version of "Pebble Beach" to challenge the "Los Verdes Golf Course." What a view — overlooking the blue pacific with a pleasant breeze blowing to the east. Chop up the course a few times, using a lot of swear words because that damn ball wouldn't do what you want it to do.

Back to the hotel take a P.T.A. bath, meet the gang at the local pub for a few soothers and get ready for Saturday Night "Big Dance." I mean "BIG."

Have your young kids attend the Los Angeles Juniors "Big Dance." It's called "Saturday Night Live." You watch these young lions put on an affair, man are they a great group. Also have them attend their pool side party on Sunday.

While you were out at the Golf Course or just playing cards or tavloo your wife or girl friend will be shopping at the largest mall in the U.S. of A. They don't need a car to get there, just take a few steps from the hotel and there it is, right smack in front of you. Give her a few thousand and she'll be your slave forever. You know how these gals love to shop.

After all night of dancing and fun your up Sunday early and ready to go again. Meet the boys at breakfast—have our meeting shortly after, and get ready to vote for your new Grand Master.

That brings us to the second thing I want you to remember. Your new grand master.

In the Los Angeles Chapter we take this position very seriously. We don't follow the old concept that — well it's this guys turn or it's that guys

turn. We prepared our candidate for that position a long time ago, so when we present his name he will be well prepared and well qualified, and shall have the backing of his own chapter 100%.

The Los Angeles Chapter will present to this convention the name of J. Gregory Avedesian. I'll say that once more "J. Gregory Avedesian."

Brother Greg started his fraternal life in the San Diego Chapter in 1972 and was one of its charter members. We were very fortunate in having him transfer to our chapter in 1976.

He has served the Los Angeles Chapter well being one of the strong leaders of our chapter. If you've been to our meetings you would see he keeps us all loose and that part of our meetings are really the fun times.

The key to his qualifications are his leadership. We haven't had good leadership as Grand Master since P.G.M. Brother Herb Elmassian and P.G.M. Aram Poladian.

Well — We have it now brother. He is what we call in our chapter a pure trexman. He also has, besides leadership, firmness, drive, class, new ideas to bring our fraternity back to the way it used to be many many years ago. You will see all of this when you put your approval vote in electing him as your new leader on Sunday.

Remember his name "J. Gregory Avedesian."

Now we have had our meeting. You've made your right choice for that position, the girls have come back from shopping spent your thousands, big smiles and arms full of clothing and goodies for the kids and grand kids. A few stops in this room for a drink and that room for a drink and you're ready for the grand ball. (Oh ya don't forget to take another P.T.A. Bath) If you want to go and get another beer go ahead, I'll wait.

The "Grand Ball". That's the time we honor our outgoing Grand Master and his body for the job well done. We also honor our new grand master and his body for the job they will be doing.

We eat, we drink, we dance, we are together fraternally. That's the way the Triple X Fraternity works and it is that attitude that has kept our fraternity going for all these years. Wouldn't those 8 young men who started this organization be proud of us now. You better believe they would.

The third thing I want you to remember is it pay back time. When your chapter asked the Los Angeles Chapter to Support your Convention we are there, and in numbers.

So to you—Golden Gate, Fresno, Mt. Diablo, Oakland, Orange, Peninsula, San Diego, Selma, Sequoia Chapters — It's time.

Pack up the car bring a lot of Peso's and let the Los Angeles Chapter show you what the word

class really means.

September 4th, 5th and 6th at the Torrance Marriott. Before I forget to Brother Vartan Housepian of the Golden Gate Chapter your table has been reserved. And you thought I forget.

The entire membership of our chapter gives condolences to the Orange County chapter and his family in the passing of their Brother Edward Garakian. Brother Ed and I go back many years in San Francisco. He was a good trexman and shall surely be missed. Also to the Orange County chapter in the passing of brother James Gabriel. It was brother James who along with our brother Mike Surmeian who worked very hard together in bringing the Orange County Juniors and the Los Angeles Juniors closer together and that relation still stands. He shall be missed by not only his senior brothers but both of our Junior Chapters.

To brother Aram Boyajian and his lovely wife Anna our condolences in the passing of their son-in-law. May his soul be in restful peace.

Now for some nice news. Our brother Aram Avazian has his 75th birthday not long ago. Now you would think he would have gone out to a fancy place for dinner. No---Way. He came to a Trex Meeting. The most beautiful statement he made was as follows, "There's no place I would rather spend this day than with my Brothers." Now that's what I call a Trexman. Beautiful Aram.

Brother Mat Mottosian had a new baby boy. Congratulations to you and your wife. Brother Mat told me he is having seven (7) more just like the last. Please Mat, don't forget to tell your wife first.

Our Chapter held its annual "John Gogian Invitational Golf Tournament in Palm Springs. Our chairman brother Jack Shahian again came thru with another outstanding affair. We had 50 golfers tee-up at the Palm Desert Country Club on Friday and Saturday. After the first round on Saturday Brothers, wives, and girl friends gathered around the beautiful mirrored pool with soft music playing in the background for a super barbecue. Everyone was dressed very casual and enjoyed the food and evening together. Our thanks again to brother Shahian for putting on another class affair and to his committee P.G.M. Aram Poladian and Aran Vaznaian.

You want to know who won — sure I'll tell you. Tho it kills me to write their names and my hand is nervously shaking with pain. Two of the phonyest golfers in the state. Brother's Armen Hampar and his son Steve Hampar. No, they are really not phony, just lucky. With a swing like Armen's how can you win anything let alone a golf tournament. I'm sure his son carried the load all day. But to both of them our Congratulations on a fine win. Second place went to Brother Mel Shahoian and



Mr. & Mrs. Jack Elmassian.



Bro. J. Gregory Avedesian.



Bro. Robert Robert Kalfayan, Convention Chairman.



Bro's P.G.M. Aram Poladian, Sam Boghosian.



Bro's Robert Papazian, John Elmassian, Barry Bedig.



Bro's. Buck Betkijian, Jay Julian, Chuck Parigian.



Bro's. Mike Kourtjian, John Elmassian, Mike Arzouman.



Bro's. Greg Partamian, Ken Khteian, Gary Neshanian.

his quest Brother Don Attoian from the Selma Chapter. Third place to Brothers Suedy Ayvazian and Jay (What do you mean I moved my ball two feet to the left) Julian.

At this Tour Tournament we have a Calcutta. What you do is bet on the two man team you think will win in the two days. Everybody and his brother made their bets for the two they felt would win. Brother Dee Housepian bought two tickets on himself and tried to talk his partner into buying the same. Well — Brother Robert Kalfayan finally broke down and bought one on himself also. No one in a million years thought these two would even close in winning. Yes — your way ahead of me alright. They won the whole shooting match. I can't think of two better brothers to have won the Calcutta than brother Der Housepian and Brother Robert Kalfayan. Nice going guys spend the winnings well.

Our spy in the sky helicopter while flying over Brookside Country Club observed one of our brothers at the driving range surrounded by at least 4 instructors. We radioed our spy on the ground to check it out and they radioed back, after observing him through long range binoculars, and low and behold it was brother Mike Shakar. Hay Mike let us in on these things before hand, it's costly to run one of those Syy in the Sky Helicopters.

On Sunday June 14th the chapter held its Annual Family Picnic at North Hollywood Park. Under the leadership of brothers Walter Hekimian Jr. and Ken Khteian the day was outstanding. The food was out of this world. Their committee's did one whale of a job and special thanks to Brother Greg Mikaelian and his helpers for cooking of the meat. Bro. Greg was there very early in the A.M., in fact I think he slept there overnight preparing and making sure the meat would be in order for the big crowd. To all the guys on the serving line, thanks brothers you put many hours in serving all of us.

It was sure nice to see Brother Deron Petoyan on the serving line. That shows you what a super trexman he really is. We don't see you that much Deron but we all know no matter where you are our what our future holds that you will always be a trexman in your heart.

No---I'm not finished. What would a picnic be without live music. Well sports fans Brother Walter and Brother Ken must have spent a fortune in having Bro's Vaughn Vartanian, John Elmassian and Mike Arzouman playing the live Armenian music. Hay---that's not all Brother Babe Kaprelian and his lovely wife Kip where leading the Armenian dancing. What a fun day. For those of you who missed that picnic really missed

something.

On June 26th the Los Angeles Chapter again held it's 37th Armenian open Charity Golf Tournament at the beautiful Brookside County Club in Pasadena. At 12 noon 118 golfers tee-up on the No. 2 course. When all of the four letter words flew into the wind, and divots put back in order the following trexmen can out the victors.

A flight, Brother Sam Boghosian net 63, Second place to Brother Steve Lazarian, San Diego Chapter net 67.

C Flight, Brother Bob Spanjian from the San Diego Chapter net 59. Second place in the same flight Brother Pete Adandlian net 62. Closest to the pin # 10th hole Brother Sudy Ayazian 4'11" #12th hole Brother Mat Matoesian 6'3" (that's the same guy that's having 7 more kids like the last one.)

Welcome back to Brother Jack Khetian. Brother Jack just returned from six (6) weeks in Argentina with his charming wife Betty. Brother Jack played at five (5) golf courses while he was there. The interesting part of his trip was that he played, now get this, a golf course owned by Armenians and only Armenians play on it. It's called "Club de Campo Armenia S.A." Only in South America--man that's something else. He was entered in a Pro-Am Tournament for 3 days and was leading for two. But it's hard to play your best with strange clubs and new shoes. But being the class guy that he is he gave it his best. For those who are not aware of this, Brother Jack is well known in the central valley as the "Clovish Flash." I should have used the word class for that's what this man is made of. He certainly has taught me what class really means.

Off the sick list

Bro. Sam Boghosian, neck feels fine. Bro. Mike Garakian, had his vein rotor rotored is feeling and looking fine. Bro. Joe Adanalian doing fine and at home.

Well I think it's time to wrap this puppy up and put it to sleep. We will see all of you at Convention. I'll look for you. A big hello to Brother Arden Kashishian where ever you are. You ask who he is that's so important. He is the high ruler of all Yozgot's in the United States. And you know the rule, if you're not a yozgot, you're not an Armenian.

Take good care--Chow

Fraternally Yours,
Bro. Lee Neshanian
Associate Editor

Oakland

Dear Brothers,

From all of the Brothers in the Oakland Chapter, we would like to say greetings to all of our Brothers in our sister chapters.

Congratulations to Brother Varkes Avakian and his wife Carrie as they are proud parents of their first baby named Jared Antranig, born February 19, 1992. We also have Brother Gregg Cherezian and his wife expecting a child in late July and Brother Harach Avakian and his wife expecting in January 1993. I am also honored to say that I was married last May to a wonderful Greek lady by the name of Melanie. The Oakland Chapter is BOOMING!

Our next chapter activity will be our annual booth at the "WALNUT FESTIVAL" in Walnut Creek, California. This year we will be selling Shish Kebab, Pilaf and Salad with an Armenian Walnut Dessert, "ROUJEG". We welcome all brothers and their families to come out for a great meal and a very festive and fun festival, the dates are September 24th through the 27th.

At our February meeting, Brother Richard Demirjian introduced his book to our members. Brother Richard has published a very impressive and thorough compilation of Who's Who of Armenian Athletes. This book is available to all Brothers by contacting him at (510) 376-3292.

We would like to welcome our newly elected Brothers Craig Bazigian, Barry Barsamian, Gary Alexanian and Steve Donikian. We are very pleased to have these four new young Brothers as a part of our Chapter, they will help to continue to make the Oakland Chapter strong and successful.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 39th Annual Convention hosted by the L.A. Chapter in Torrence, CA.

Fraternally yours,
Brother Brad Boghosian
Associate Editor



Bro's. Harry Naman and Ed Betkijian.

Capitol

Master Ed Tatosian at the helm this year is wielding his big billy club shaping up our brothers in many monthly events. Birthday kudos are acknowledged every month for our brothers.

Ruben Sweet, one of the ex-Capitol Chapter founders, spent the month of June in Sacramento visiting family, friends, and his Dr.'s. Bro. Ruben now residing in Sparks, NV with his son Dennis.

"HOW SWEET IT IS" How many times have you heard that phrase?

Brother Harry Sweet and wife Mauvis, celebrating their 50th anniversary September 4th. They celebrated a little early in the year, last May, for the better weather in Orlando, Florida.

The Sweets took their whole family of 25, including their 15 grandchildren to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Departing from Sacramento, the family flew to Port Canaveral, cruised to Nasau in the Bahamas for 3 days, aboard Disney's Big Red Boat, returned to Disney World, and on May 12, Disney World Celebrating their 20th anniversary, honored the Sweet Family to be their Parade Grand Marshals. Bro. Harry, wife Mauvis, Son Michael, Daughter Susan, Grandson Adam, and Granddaughter Debbie, led the parade with Disney characters, Pinnochio, Snow White, Jimminy Cricket, Chip 'n Dale, Bear Rabbit, Mickey and Minnie. Over 100,000 people lined the parade route while the Sweets waved to the crowd down Main Street U.S.A. The balance of the family waited for the parade to end, and the whole family was given front row seats to the Diamond Horseshoe Jubilee Show.

The entire family was given Passports to the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, and MGM Studios.

One of the highlights of the trip was on the night of May 7th, we witnessed the launch of the Space Shuttle Endeaver, from Cape Kennedy.

Super trip, enjoyed by daughter Sue Norton, her husband Mike, and children, Nicole, Amanda, and Kyle. Mike and Leah Sweet with children, Stephanie, Andrea, Michele, and Jason. Son Mark and wife LoRayne, Daughters Debbie, DyAnne, Danielle, DaLynne, Dennise, and Son Tim and wife Carey, children Hilary, Sara Jane, and Adam.

Our Kef Night last April is a big yearly fund raiser for the Capitol Chapter. We are honored to have Armenian guests from Istanbul, Turkey. Chairman Rob Saroyan did a super job.

It was so nice to see Bro. Bob Nahigian's wife Pat at our Kef Night affair. Pat has been recovering from a long illness. Love to you from



Disneyworld's 20th Anniversary Parade's Grand Marshals; (L to R) Mike Sweet, Debbie Sweet, Bro. Harry Sweet, Mauvis Sweet, Adam Sweet, and Sue Norton.



Capitol, April '92



Capitol Chapter, April '92

all of the Bro.'s .

Welcome new Bros. Chester Tatosian and Kaizak Hagopian

Congratulations to Bro. Vern Shabazian and wife Sylvia being new grandparents for the second time within a few months. See you at the convention.

Fraternally yours,
Harry Sweet
Associate Editor

Selma

Hello Brothers:

Since our last report the Selma chapter has been quite busy with chapter activities under the able leadership of Master Jeff Esraelian and his officers.

The Annual Law Enforcement Night Dinner Meeting was held on January 22. The main speaker was Fresno Sheriff Steve Magarian, as well as many other speakers from Fresno Police Department. A special thanks goes to Jr. Master Robert P. Garabedian for a great evening.

Brother Ken Melkonian and his wife Lisa had a baby boy, Gregory Avedis in January.

February was Ladies Night at the Remington Restaurant on the 20th. It was a fabulous event and over 21 couples attended for dinner. The wives had a great time and prizes were passed out to the wives. This affair, started last year has been a very successful evening.

March 24th was "Kids Day" for the Valley Children's Hospital in Fresno and Bro. Vahe Simonian had 650 newspapers for Brothers to sell at various Fresno street corners. All papers were sold by 9:00 a.m.



New member, Richard Sadoian being sworn in.



PGM Leo Krikorian and new member Newton Krikorian.



Scholarship recipients surrounded by Master Jeff Esraelian, left, and Jack Bedrosian, right.



Patrick Balakian, Michael Garabedian and wife, and Robert Srabian — Scholarship Dinner.



Paul Armo and John Barigian at the bar.

The annual 13 hour Golf Social was held on April 23rd at Riverside Golf Course, concluding with dinner at Peppino's.

May 28th was Scholarship Dinner Night at the California Armenian Home grounds Ani Pavilion. This event always seems to be an exciting evening for everyone in attendance. We had, as usual, a wonderful shish kebab dinner. The recipients, all hard working high school graduates, were: Ara Jabagchourian, Hoover High School; Kalem Kazarian, Fowler High School; Suzanne Manoogian, Sanger High School; Melissa Ouzounian, Bullard High School; and Varduhi Sulyan,



Jim Kaprielian and wife Mary Jean, right, with friends at Charity Garden Party.



Robert P. Garabedian, Robert Kaprielian, Henry Vartanian and Jerry Najarian.



Michael Sarabian, Ken Melkonian and Gary Poochigian.



Nubert Baker, Bob Mangasarian and Jim Markarian.



Milton Torigian, Mel Dedekian and Robert Srabian.



A relaxed atmosphere after a business meeting.



PGMs John Barigian, Jack Kazanjian, Souren Shamshoian, and Haig Kasparian at business meeting.

Clovis West High School. Best wishes to these deserving students and hope they will continue to strive for higher achievements. Our scholarships are \$500 per student. The Scholarship committee, headed by Jack Bedrosian, did an excellent job in choosing the five recipients from a list of more than 25 well deserving applicants.

June 3rd was the annual Spring Outing. Parents and children were treated to shish kebab and chicken kebab and hot dogs. The kids participated in fun activities and the high-lite of the day was a professional magician that was very entertaining.

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A Bit Of History

Many years ago we produced the TREX News in Fresno *EACH MONTH*. It consisted of several pages of letter-sized typed sheets, composed of news submissions by the various TREX chapters.

In those days the TREX NEWS featured a "Front Page Article", designed to provide an opportunity for a member to submit works of wisdom and news to the general membership. It was quite a well-accepted effort.

This little submission is meant to bring the past to us and our newer members. I'm pleased and invigorated to remind us all that our 1918 pioneers have molded a legacy for us and our past, present and future members. *We must, you must*, carry on a worthy tradition, a singular and worthy one!

In 1918, in order to form a "secret" fraternity, eight (8) young Armenian Fresnans met in Fresno's Roeding Park. They were Lee Dederian, Lee Rustigian, Armen Nishkian, Goorken Bacon, Richard Derderian, Charles Ashjian, John Kasparian and Arsen Alchian. These pioneer members have gone to their reward; Arsen Alchian was the most recent founding member to pass away.

In October of 1961, the Fresno Chapter was notified by P.G.M. Albert Nalbandian that he had found a fifty (50) volume set of William Saroyan's first editions in San Francisco. We *grabbed* the treasure and presented the whole set to the then Fresno State College, to the FSC Librarian, Dr. Henry Madden, the same Henry Madden with whom I had attended Galileo High School with in 1929 in San Francisco. WHAT A SMALL

SELMA (cont. from p. 9)

Nobody knew how he did such great tricks. Co-chairmen Bro. Pete Esraelian, Master Jeff Esraelian and Bro. Chick Kandarian did an outstanding job! Brothers and family members who attended had a very good time.

Our main event of the year was Our Annual Garden Party at the California Armenian Home on July 25. A first class affair was scheduled for this event. Music and dancing is provided by John Bilezikjian's Band from Los Angeles. Over 300 people attended this charity garden affair the income of which is earmarked to the California Armenian Home. The co-chairman of this event were: Bros. Elliot Nahigian, Jim Markarian, and Oscar Kasparian who had a large number of brothers on their committee.

Fraternally yours,
Bill Mekalian
Associate Editor

WORLD!!!

Very much has been done by all chapters, for so many groups serving the welfare and well-being of our respective communities.

Following is a list of celebrities from the entertainment world who came to Fresno at the behest of the Fresno Chapter to entertain and to raise funds for the causes we have been helping: Jerry Lewis (1958), Danny Thomas (1959), Sammy Davis Jr. (1960), Jimmy Durante (1961), Kay Armen (1962), Dennis Day (1962), Nat King Cole (1964), Dick Contino (1966), Morey Amsterdam (1967), Jim Backus (1968), and Leo Carrillo, whose relative was a governor of California before the state became ours. Those who have access to our three (3) "annuals" of 1933, 1950, and 1968, will review and enjoy our activities and accomplishments since our beginnings.

We have a great and glorious history, the legally confirmed first Christian nation on earth, in 301 A.D. We have much to offer to our compatriots. We should CONTINUE!!! We must cherish those gems of history!!

Sincerely,
P.G.M. Michael Sohigian
Fresno Chapter
1946-1947; 1947-1948



Golden Gate

Our Chapter has been deeply saddened by the recent death of Bro. Ralph Hartunian, a Trexman for over fifteen years. Heartfelt condolences to his wife Jeanne.

Bro. Grand Master Shavarsh Hazarabedian attended our June, dinner-meeting at the Sheraton-Fisherman's Wharf and his presence and words of encouragement were greatly appreciated by all of the Golden Gate Brothers. Bro. Art Hazarabedian of the Mt. Diablo Chapter spoke to us of his recent trip to Armenia (his third one!) and the descriptive account was very heart-warming to all who heard it.



Bro. Armen Melikian (rt.) & Family and Bros. Art, Sark, & Ralph



Grand Master Shavarsh & Bro. Art



Bros. Ralph, George, & Onnig (in Reno)



G.G. Chapter Trex Wives



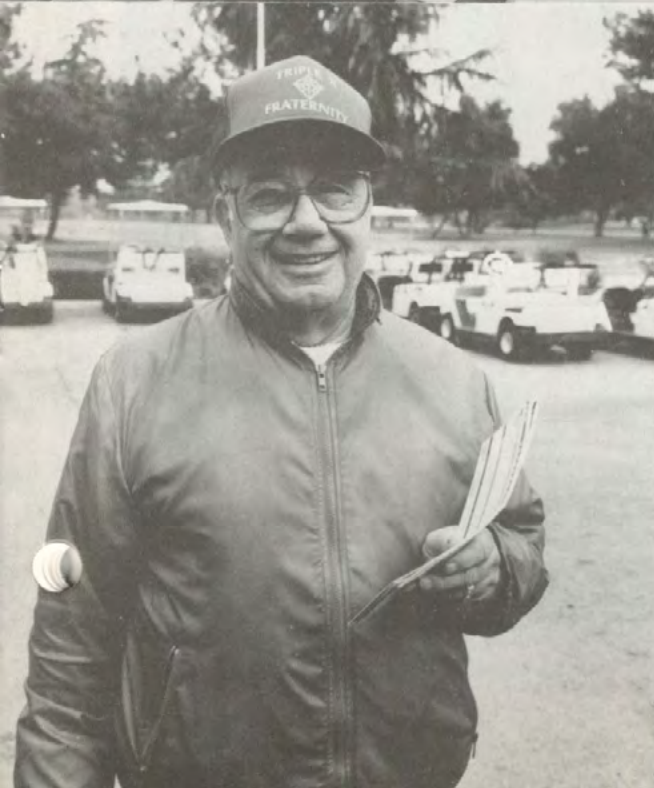
XMas Dinner Party, '91



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A "mini-trip" to Reno last month was thoroughly enjoyed by the Brothers who participated... the highlight of the journey being a gourmet dinner at Harrah's Steak House that celebrated the winners and losers of craps, "21", and keno. Also at our last meeting, Bro. Armen Melikian visiting from New Jersey along with wife Denise and three year old Erin; a pleasure to see them all. Sunday, June 7, saw our Chapter at Candlestick Park for the Giants-Houston game with the weather and great tail-gate party augmenting each other for a fantastic afternoon thanks to Bro. Dave Zovickian's arrangements. Coming us,

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Charles Paskerian Grand Historian Jack Kavanian, Jr. Grand Master Shantosh Khatzchedian Grand Master

GOLDEN GATE (cont. from p. 11)

our annual summer picnic in mid-July that will surely be a super outing for all members and guests--have a very light breakfast!

I wish to give a word of great praise to our Master Onnig Tutundjian whose unwavering conscientiousness and Trex spirit have been outstanding during this past year... Thank you.

Hope we have many, many members going to the Torrance Marriot for this year's annual convention on Labor Day weekend... I know it will be a smash affair and we shall all be looking forward to it!

Fraternally,
Vince Levon
Guest Editor

Los Angeles Juniors

Hello Brothers,

As you might have seen recently, we here in Los Angeles have had a rather active year. We've had floods, fires, quakes and have added two brothers. Welcome Brothers Robert Bierberian and Greg Boyajian. We're glad to have you aboard. Father time has delivered an exceptional brother to the ranks of the Seniors. Happy migration and don't go bald Brother Ralph Derazarian. There will never be another like you.

We would like to pass our deepest sympathies to our Brothers in Orange County who lost two good brothers and two great friends. We hope that you will stay strong and continue to grow.

We have some great events planned for the remainder of the year and are especially excited that we will be taking part in this year's Convention which will be held here in Torrance. We, the Juniors, will be having a "Friday Night Live" on September 4, for the young (and young at heart) and expect to have over 1000 in attendance. We are in the middle of a successful softball season will be trying to respectfully dethrone the Seniors (the Champs) before we're all on same team together. Just to be safe, we've invited Bobby Bonilla to our next Tavloo party for perspectives.

We hope that you and your families are well and have a happy and healthy year.

Fraternally yours,
Brother Armen Cazian

P.S. We would like to congratulate Brother Sako on his promotion at Ron's Market. He answered line 7.

Fresno

Thanks to our fellow chapter Brothers, Fresno hosted a successful Mid-Term Convention in March, allowing the Grand Chapter to make a nice donation to the Armenian Apostolic Church of the Desert in memory of Founding Father, Bro. Arsen Alchian.

Mike Emerzian and I, co-chairmen for the Mid-Term dinner, thank our committee members for serving a delicious meal. Bros. Gary Kazarian, Richard Shirin, Ed Shirin, Sam Hokokian, Bob Juskalian, Naz Chaderjian, Ed Hokokian, Bob Markus, Koch Gavroian, Roger Parvanian, and Bob Kevorkian — *Shad Hamove*.

Brothers enjoyed the Mid-Term Golf Tourna-



Bars open.



1993 Convention Committee.



Bros. Bob, Naz, Jack & Jack.



Seat open.



1927 City League Basketball Champs



Kitchen Crew.

ment put together by Sam Simonian. Greg Loosigian, who placed three times especially enjoyed it. Fresno Bros. Ardie Der Manuel, Harold Loosigian and Mitch Akbiyikian also placed in the tournament.

Junior Master, Bro. Mark Kazanjian has made sure we've had variety to our meetings. Aside from our monthly dinners at the clubhouse, the Fresno Bros. held a dinner at George's Shish Kebab Restaurant in January. In March dinner at George's was repeated, but this time the Bros. and their wives enjoyed an evening of dinner and dancing.

Our Open Social in May was very successful thanks to co-chairmen Bros. Jr. Master Mark

Kazanjian and Mike Emerzian. Committee members for this event were Bros. Mike Garabedian, George Shaterian, Alan Melkonian, Harry Tanielian, Bob Juskalian, Pete Chilpighian Jr., Naz Chaderjian, Ron Boyajian, John Arakelian, Greg Loosigian, Mike Lulejian, and Jack Kazanjian. Even though this event is held three times a year, it's a night we members and our *odar* friends look forward to for good old fashioned camaraderie and shish kebab.

On June 18 we held a dinner honoring three of the four remaining members of the Fresno Triple X 1927 City League Championship Basketball Team. Those honored were Art Rustigian, Elish Shekoyan, and Sooren Magarian. Henry Adams, who now lives in Bakersfield, was unable to attend. Thanks to 67 year member Art Rustigian this event had press and T.V. coverage. Deceased members of that team were coach Lee Rustigian, Deron Tateosian and Vaughn Shekoyan.

By the time this "TREX News" is published Fresno Triple X will have held their annual moonlight picnic, July 18, at the California Armenian Home. Co-chairmen for this event were Bros. Jr. Master Mark Kazanjian and Bro. Dan Potigian (On January 4, the name Dean Potigian was added to the future TREX roll call. Congratulations Dan and Gale on the birth of your son.)

Brother Naz Chaderjian and his committee of Sam Hokokian and Bob Juskalian again did an outstanding job of picking this year's College Scholarship recipients. Congratulations Nicole Cleary, J.D. Esajian, Cecelia Ohanesian, Carl Sarkisian, and Brent Tahajian. A dinner honoring the recipients and their parents will be held in August at the clubhouse.

Welcome to Charles Topjian Fresno's newest TREX member!

Congratulations to Bro. Ardie Der Manuel who has been appointed to the Fresno District Fair board of directors by Governor Wilson.

This year we lost three long time members, Bro. John Agabashian (1946), Leon Aloojian (1929) and Harry Moradian (1950).

That about wraps it up for activities and news from Fresno for now. I've enjoyed being associate editor this year.

In closing, I'd like to say best wishes to Los Angeles Triple X Chapter, host for our 1992 convention. We are looking forward to an enjoyable time in Torrance. We then return to Fresno where Chairman, Past Master and future candidate for Grand Master, Bro. Ed Hokokian and his committees are busy preparing for the 1993 convention

— 75th YEAR!

Fraternally,
Jack Bodoian
Associate Editor

San Diego

Hello To All Brothers!

Our chapter, under the undaunted and spirited leadership of Bro. Ara Sagarian, continues to have fun.

Our brothers enjoyed visiting with our statewide brothers at the 38th Midterm Convention in Fresno. As always, the Midterm was enjoyable with lots of golf, booze and fun. We all look forward to supporting the L.A. chapter's Labor Day Convention.

On April 27, 1992, our monthly meeting was held at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium where the brothers first tailgated in the parking lot with El Indio Mexican food, and then adjourned into the stadium to watch the Padres get beaten up by the Philadelphia Phillies. Tailgate Chairman, Bro. Wayne Pinomaki, as usual, did an outstanding job in making sure there was enough food. Unfortunately, this year, Bro. Wayne and his family will be eating burritos probably until Christmas. It was great to see Orange County Brother Nish Derderian at the game. Although Bro. Nish lives in San Clemente and lived in Los Angeles for a long time, he has shown his true colors in support of our Chapter and the Padres.

On June 5-7, we had our second annual Las Vegas Golf Stag. Our Las Vegas domiciled Bro. Karney Oviaan hosted what turned out to be a fantastic time of card playing, (Chingas and poker), golfing, eating and drinking. The Brothers played the Angel Park and Heritage Golf Courses. Bro. Karney's wife, Grace, kept the brothers fed. Bro. Oscar is still talking about Grace's Chee-Kufta. With respect to the golf scores, on Friday, June 5, Bro. Oscar Sarkisian won low-net and Bro. Mooney Najarian won gross-high. (It was very gross indeed, especially after Bro. Mooney won the match play bets with his 36-Handicap!) Saturday, at the Heritage, both Bro. Oscar and Bro. Mooney de-cleated on the seventh hold blaming the wind for their high scores. On the other hand, for Bro. Greg Semerdjian, the wind seemed to straightened out his horrid slice. As far as betting, Bro. Ara Sagarian, as always, lost all of his bets to Bro. Dick Semerdjian, including the most important bet of the weekend when he claimed that Bro. Karney would not use an expletive until the second hold. Bro. Ara quickly lost the bet after Bro. Karney's first drive on the first tee on Friday where he promptly proclaimed "you ****# idiot." Needless to say, after the weekend, Bro. Karney exclaimed enough dirty words on the golf course to make the grass turn brown. The highlight of the weekend, of course, was on Sun-

day at the Barnaby Coast Casino where the brothers, sitting around the same blackjack table, made enough money to pay for the trip. To top it off, the brothers pooled their money and Bro. Oscar, with his wizardry at the craps table, tripled the investment. Because of the great time we had in Las Vegas, our Chapter is planning another golf stag for this year.

Our Chapter is extremely proud of the response for our 10th Annual Collegiate Scholarship Awards. This year, we had a record number of applicants from San Diego residents and college students attending college in San Diego County. The number of extremely qualified applicants is astounding. We were able to award ten very qualified students with scholarship awards. All proceeds for the scholarship fund are received from donations from our annual wine and cheese festival and our Kef-Time Dance. We are presenting the applicants with their scholarships at our July Meeting. We anticipate on having applications for next year's scholarship in September of this year.

Our Chapter is very proud of sponsoring two deserving Armenian children from San Deigo to attend Armenian Church Camp. A \$500 donation was made to St. John Armenian Church for the kids to go to camp.

Our chapter is busy planning our next wine and cheese fund raiser which will take place in September or October. Bro. Raffi Simonian is this year's chairman and our whole group is planning on working hard to put on another first class wine tasting experience. Look for upcoming details.

We are meeting on the last Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Statford Inn in Del Mar. During the summer months, some of the brothers get together to play golf before our meeting. Bro. Joe Zakarian sets up the golf times. Please feel free to join us.

Good and Welfare: In April, Bro. Dick and Peggy Semerdjian had their second child, a baby boy, and future Trexman, Tyler Shahe Semerdjian. Congratulations to Tyler's Trex uncles, Bro. PGM Joe Kellejian, Bro. Greg Semerdjian, and L.A. Bros. Richard Jebejian and Steve Mikaelian.

We also applaud our brother, Ray Saatjian, for his excellent campaign for the 49th Congressional District in San Diego. Many of the brothers throughout the state and especially in our Chapter supported and worked hard for Bro. Ray's campaign, and we are extremely proud of his strong third place finish in a field of 11 candidates. The strong showing and the support of the community indicates that Bro. Ray has solid future political aspirations. We look forward to his next political venture because we all know that Bro. Ray is ex-

tremely qualified for political office. In the interim, Bro. Ray is in his final year on the Board of Directors for the Del Mar Fair.

The Del Mar Fair runs until July 5, and thereafter Bro. Ray will be busy with the Del Mar Racetrack Season. At the Fair, Bro. Greg Vartanian continues to flip those burgers and tasty chips. This year, claiming a recession, Bro. Greg hired PGM Joe and Mary Kellejian's daughter, Kelli to work as his cashier. Bro. Joe attempted to negotiate with Bro. Greg regarding Kelli's salary. PGM Joe wanted Kelli to earn 75 cents out of every dollar. PGM Joe also wanted Kelli to pay 50 cents of each dollar earned to him for his services as a father. Bro. Greg and Kelli said "No!" Needless to say, PGM Joe failed in his negotiations, but one thing is nice, Kelli comes home smelling like hamburgers and tasty chips stimulating Joe's ferocious appetite.

Congratulations to Bro. and Mariann Babikian. Their son, Dr. Greg, graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine and has begun his residency in Internal Medicine (Cardiology) at Scripps Clinic in La Jolla.

Also, good luck to Bro. John Sarkisian who is going to have major knee surgery. We expect Bro. John back on the golf course in no time at all.

Bros. Vartan Khosharian and Vahan Serpekian are nearing completion on construction of their Rancho Santa Fe spec house. Now they need to sell it. Anyone interested?

We hope to see you all at the Los Angeles Labor Day Convention in September. Please support our Southern California Bros. in what we believe will be a great convention. And it's not too early to mention, "San Diego will be heaven, during Labor Day weekend in 1997."

Fraternally yours,
Dickran A. Semerdjian
Associate Editor

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Mt. Diablo

Master Ed Hazarabedian rides off into the sunset this month, after completing his first term as master. He did such a good job this year that he has been asked to stay on for another term. Not wanting to be selfish, Brother Master Ed gracefully declined, in order that another member could enjoy the privilege and honor of serving as Master. Thanks to Ed and his officers for a fine effort this year.

Bunch of Winners

Wish the amount of whining that goes on at our meetings, you'd think we were all experts on the subject. But after George Atashkarian made a presentation on the finer points of wine drinking, it was clear that we were just a bunch of amateurs. George taught us all about sugar content, acidity, grape growing regions, bottle shapes, cork sniffing, you name it.

The high point of the talk was when George told Past Master George Solakian that White Zinfandel was a garbage wine made from inferior grapes. This came just after Brother Past Master had announced that White Zin was his favorite wine and that he drank it regularly. The low point was when Armen Boyd asked where he could still get a good bottle of Ripple.

It was very interesting and informative, but with all the talk of Clarets and Cabernets, there was just one thing missing... wine! All the bottles Bro. George brought were empty!!!

News from the Stork

Grandmaster Shavarsh Hazarabedian will soon have a new title... Grandpa!

Congratulations are in order as Bro. Master Ed Hazarabedian and wife Bonnie are expecting their first child in October. This is welcome news to the entire chapter, as we are desperate for new members. Way to go Bonnie and Ed!!!

Armen Ties the Knot

After a whirlwind romance, Armen Phelps headed to the altar with his fiance Nayree Khatkikian. But not without a little controversy.

All that stuff I wrote in the last TREX News about Armen's wife Irmer was just a joke to see if Armen could read. Well, he can, and he ratted me out, which cost me a fortune in fines and public apology.

Truth is, Armen has never been married. And when his future Father-in-law got a hold of the last issue of TREX News, all hell broke loose. He had a lot of explaining to do, and so did I.

It's all been sorted out, and by now Armen and



Bro. George Atashkarian shows off his empty bottles.



Armen Boyd center stage with the Tice Valley Jazz Band.



Grand Master Shavarsh and wife Lala picnic at the pavilion.



The boys in line for chow.



Armen and leona Donian with Bro. Jack Mooradian.



Tavloo Tournament



Armen Phelps lobbies for a retraction and a stiff fine for slander.

his lovely new bride Nayree should be back from their honeymoon.

Member Spotlight

Since retiring last June, Armen Boyd has kept busy playing his piano. Recently, his Dixieland group, the Tice Valley Jazz Band played in front of a huge crowd at the annual Fourth of July concert at the Concord Pavilion. The concert featured Armen's group along with the Diable Symphony, of which Armen's wife Evelyn, is a long time member. She plays second fiddle in the orchestra, but not to Armen.

On hand for a picnic in the cheap seats were Grand Master Shavarsh and Lala Hazarabedian, Bro. Greg Kellejian, and past master Aram and Paula Boyd.

Tavloo Tournament

The Annual Chapter Tavloo Tournament is well under way. We're into the third round of a double-elimination tournament that started at the chapter meeting in May, and it should last most of the summer. So far, Greg Kellejian and Armen Boyd are the guys to beat, both going undefeated to this point.

Convention '92

We're all looking forward to attending a great convention in L.A. Our softball team is getting ready to defend our last-place finish from the previous convention softball tournaments. This year we hope to break some sort of record, preferably in the beer drinking category.

See you in L.A.! Fraternally yours
Aram Boyd

Peninsula

Another year has passed and we are all a year older and wiser.

Top of events, our 3rd annual Dinner Dance. A great time was had by the few members who attended and again the music was at its best. A small crowd attended but a great time was had by all.

Our Ed Saroohan Golf Tournament, the 25th annual, at Seascape in Aptoss was once again a good turn out with George Solakian as Chairperson.

Our outgoing Master was host at his beautiful home in Los Altos Hills to the members — a great time again was had by all — and you can't say Vick Khachooni can't cook his special way, the main dish, Shish Kebab.

Some of our members attended the St. Andrew Church annual picnic in San Jose, and helped out, it was a great picnic!

Our XMas Party enjoyed by Trexman and family, great home made dinner by Jack and help from the most wanted by the F.B.I. the Bournazian — only "kickby guys".

See you at the convention.!

Fraternally yours,
Jack Marderosian



Enjoying one of our dinner meetings.



Wanted by the F.B.I., the Famous Bournazian Brothers.



Dinner Dance, Saroyan's, Paparigian's, and Guess who?



At our Dinner Dance, V. Paparigian, Master V. Khachooni, Grand Master, Shavarsh Hazarabedian.



Relaxing at Mid-Term in Fresno.



The L. Karabians enjoying our Dinner Dance.

Orange County

Brother Trexmen:

Orange County sends its best to all the chapters.

Our installation was a grand success. Bro. Rich Penjoyan was our master of ceremonies. He did an outstanding job! Bro. Master Don Kazarian and his officers and the Board of Directors were honored. Grand Master Shavarsh Hazarabedian and his wife Lala were in attendance as well and took part in the ceremonies. That evening we honored the wives of deceased Brothers with the Memorial Booklet. The wives shared with us a few sentiments of Bro. Marty Makrdichian, Bro. John Bilezikjian, Bro. Norm Kazarian, and Bro. Ozzie Chitjian. One of the highlights of the evening was when Bro. Eddy Garakian got up and asked all the "Eds" to stand up and there were six of them: Bros. Ed Bilezikjian, Ed Harver, Ed Kalunian, Ed Karagozian, Ed Osepian, and Ed Garakian. When they all stood up they didn't know what they were being honored with. But Ed looked over to Bro. Kurk Kazarian and said, "tonight there are more Eds here than Kazarians!" The Bros. really enjoy the fun we have as a Fraternity.

Our 6th annual Armenian-American Sports Hall of Fame Banquet was well attended at the Marriott Hotel. Bro. Jack Kayajanian, Bro. Nick Paboojian, and Bro. Nish Derderian did an outstanding job as well as all of the Brothers that helped. Jack Faulkner of the L.A. Rams was honored with the Humanitarian Award plus our good friend Jerry Tarkanian spoke and entertained us with many stories. Over 50 sport celebrities were in attendance and donations went to the Ararat Home and Orangewood Home For Abused Children.

We had "Day at the Races" at Santa Anita, which Bro. Ed Harver put together. Bro. Hank was almost kicked out of the clubhouse because of the way he was dressed! Thinking back, it's too bad no one took a picture of him! Some of the Bros. are still waiting for their horses to come in — good luck!

This year's Mid-term was put together by our Master Bro. Don Kazarian. He got a motor home and 10 of the Brothers took the trip to Fresno. Bro. Leo Depoian said he had the time of his life and can't wait to get back to Fresno! His big thrill was driving down Blackstone Ave. in a motor home on a Saturday night! Next time you see Bro. Leo, ask him, "what is 5150?"

Our Laughlin, Nevada Stag weekend was put together by Bro. Mark Hachigian. The Brothers told war stories on the way up and back. Pat Laughlin at the Riverside Hotel gave us the VIP



Mid-term Bro. Mooney got a free ride, and we had the time of our lives.



Bro. Mooney, how did you get in this picture? Just kidding, you're the best. Meeting night, it's the best time of your life.



Pot Luck Party. Jack, Nick, Kurk, Mark, and Don.



Bro. Grand Master Shavarsh and Bro. Master Don Kazarian talking together on how to become Grand Master.



Past Master Bro. Hank — Trexman of the Year Bro. Archie and Master Bro Don.



Bros. Eddy, John, and Mike



Bro. Eddy and Flo



Bros. Haig, Ron, and Z. Harry.

treatment! Next time your need drink mix, call Bro. Mark — he still has some in his garage.

Our Armenian Spring Dance was a huge success — we really packed them in. Bro. Ara Gholdoian and Bro. John Mekemian were the chairmen. Thanks to all the Brothers that helped. This dance is a place where both young and old can have a great evening of "KEF." Bro. Art Kazarian and hi committee put on a mezza that never stopped coming and no one went hungry. Bro. John played in the Rock & Roll ban, and Bro. Ara played in the Armenian Band. They really gave their time and talent — thanks, Bros. for providing a great evening for the ore than 500 people in attendance.

Our Potluck was once again at Kurk and Marge Kazarian's clubhouse. Bro. Larry Kaprielian was chairman and took the day off to set it up. Thanks to all the Bros. and wives that helped out. Thanks to Marge for making that wonderful Keyma — we all enjoyed it! It was agreat time to see all the Bros. families.

The wives' outing was to Las Vegas and was chaired by Bro. John Poochigian. The bus was full! They stayed at the Imeprial Palace and they got the red carpet treatment! No one said whether or not they broke the bank. Bro. Art Kazarian kept the mezza going on the way up and back. Bro. John really did an outstanding job putting it together.

Make surre to mark your calendars — our 17th Annual Picnic at Yorba Regional Park will be on July 26th. It is being planned by Bro. Ed Harver and Bro. Harry Noorigian who will personally guarantee a great time for all. This is always a successful event, so don't miss it!!!

On a more serious note, we were all shocked and saddened by the recent loss of our beloved Past Master Bro. Eddy Garakian. For many years he has kept us laughing and was always there to help. Bro. Eddy was such an important part of our Fraternity and meant so much to all of us. His presence is surely missed, as he has been a member of the Triple X for 50 years and was such a good friend to all of us. Bro. Eddy, we will all miss you.

Bro. Master Don Kazarian and his officers have done an outstanding job. The best part of our meetings is hearing Bro. Mal Boghosian reading the minutes — he writes down everything you say! We love it Bro. Mal.

See you all at the L.A. Chapter Convention!

Respectfully submitted,
Haig Jamgotchian
Past Grand Master

Orange County Juniors

Believe it or not the Orange County Jrs, are still around. Since our last newsletter our chapter has been through some very trying times and also ironically we have had a very productive year.

January 18, 1992 was our annual "Las Vegas Night" extravaganza with over 450 young and not so young Armenians in attendance. We also initiated a new Brother Ara Ishkanian on January 25.

February 7th the Orange County Senior Chapter had their Sports Night. We were able to purchase a table and also attend. We are also very saddened to report the loss of our Brother Bobbie Ohanian. Bobby was owner of N.Y.C. nightclub and gallery in Newport Beach and he was a graduate from U.S.C. with a degree in Chemical Engineering. We will miss his entrepreneurial spirit and generosity in which he enriched our fraternity with. We also managed to go to the Kazarians house for our annual "Mountain Trip".

March would prove to be another trying month. March 5th we lost Brother James Gabriel. James and I were initiated on the same evening and shared many good times together. James worked for his family's business program at Point Loma University. We will miss him being 'hodahds'; but most of all we will miss his hard work and dedication to the Triple X Fraternity. March 20th a few Orange County Jrs. attended the Senior Stag Party in Laughlin.

In April we also attended the Senior Spring Dance where John Chalookian was seen with "Tony the Tiger". April 25th our brother Kris Kazarian was married to Denise Chitjian. A good time was always had at a Kazarian wedding and this was no exception.

We would like to congratulate our Senior advisor Billy Ordakian on his 5th year of being in business. Billy owns Original Equipment Wheel and has been very successful in selling wheels across the United States (1-800-used-rim).

Our summer will be filled with trips to the river and other exotic places around the world. But the best times this summer will be had at the Chalookians house when Mr. and Mrs. Chalookian are on vacation.

P.S.: members from our group have been to the New Ararat Home in Los Angeles and were amazed at how well it is designed and what a beautiful job they have done in providing the best retirement facility for our elderly Armenians. Our hats off to everyone who has ever had anything to do with the new Ararat Home. We hope to see everyone there for their annual picnic in August.

We also will see everyone at the Los Angeles Triple X Convention and encourage all adults to bring their sons and daughters.

Fraternally yours,
James Antoyan,
Treasurer/Writer



James Gabriel — March 1992 (Beige Suit "Monte Carlo Night '92).



Bobbie Ohanian — February 1992 L.A. Dodger Cap.



James Antoyan and the Armenian Supremes.



James Antoyan, Ara Ishkanian and Pat Ruskarian at Prospective Member Party.

Sequoia

Best wishes to the Los Angeles Chapter and all the hard working Brothers as they prepare for the 1992 Convention. We are all looking forward to meeting with many of you during the activities that are planned.

The major fund raising effort of Sequoia Chapter is the Shish Kebab booth at the annual Tulare Farm Equipment Show held in February. After a couple of "slow" years, this year's booth was a complete success. Over 1500 sandwiches with pilaff were served over the three day show and the net proceeds will enable us to continue our support for various local causes. Bros. Archie Zakarian, Abe Kazarian, and the many others who organized the event, are appreciated so much by the Chapter, that they have been unanimously appointed to organize the event again next year. The Tulare County Occupational and Vocational Education (T.C.O.V.E.) helped prepare the pilaff at a very low cost. They received part of our profits as our gesture of appreciation in making our job somewhat easier.

Since the Farm Show, Sequoia Chapter has awarded one \$500.00 scholarship to a local student for her college education. A donation was also made to the 24th Annual Western Armenian Athletic Association's games which were held in Fresno June 12-14.

The Tulare County Special Arts Festival was sponsored in part by Sequoia Chapter. This event draws over 2,000 Special Education and Needs Children and Adults to an arts and crafts carnival, which displays the talent of our local special needs residents. Many hands-on booth helps create an interest in the arts for these special people. Last year the theme was Armenian Heritage and Culture. This year, a Portugese theme was used, enlightening all of us to their unique culture. We feel proud to be a part of this outstanding event in our community.

A joint meeting was held with Fresno Chapter in April at a local park. A B-B-Q beef and bughlar pilaff dinner was enjoyed by over 50 Brothers from both Chapters. Thank you to the Fresno Brothers who attended!

After a recent regular meeting, a local physician, Dr. Neshan Tabibian gave a report on his recent trip to Armenia. His talk included bits on the condition of the medical facilities, the sentiment of the people and the struggles to become stronger as the independent Republic of Armenia. He spoke with great emotion of the battles over Karabagh and his association with Armenian soldiers who were fearless of death in fighting for their cause. Dr. Tabibian certainly opened our eyes and ears and made us more sensitive to what our fellow Armenians are involved within our homeland.

The crops are halfway in and many of the Brothers involved in farming have been missed during these summer months. Plans are being made for our activities in September and October which will give them plenty of opportunity to attend. Those

From the Grand Editor:

Fraternal greetings to you all and thank you for your excellent support of our Trex News. The Trex News is, after all, **your** publication, and without your support we are not able to publish it.

As the hot summer months are with us, the Los Angeles Chapter is once again in full swing in preparing for another great convention on the weekend of September 4, 5, 6, 1992, at the Marriott Hotel in Torrance, California. According to informative reports we will have an exciting and enjoyable weekend.

Thanks to the Associate Editors and Masters this issue of the Trex News was full of articles and pictures from every chapter. Because of space limitation we were not able to include all of the pictures which were sent to us.

Thanks to Brother Harry Sweet of the Capitol Chapter who not only provided the centerfold pictures for this issue but also the cover background which is Disney World of Florida.

See you all in Los Angeles at Labor Day weekend!

Fraternally,
Jack Ouzounian, Grand Editor



Master Randy Tellalian, G.M. Shavarsh Hazarabedian, PGMs Moses Ametjian and Dick Ekizian.

who are not involved in farming sure do miss our Brothers and can't wait to get back to our normal disruptions and activities.

For the Brothers who cannot attend this year's Convention, they will be loading up the shotguns (and their stomachs) and prepare for our annual Dove Shoot. One of many great benefits of living in the San Joaquin Valley. Good Luck to Los Angeles Chapter and hope everyone who attends the Convention has a truly wonderful time.

Fraternally,
Charlie O. Amasalian, Assoc. Editor

(More Sequoia Pictures on back cover)

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Bros. Jerry Poochigian and Harry Majarian with Fresno Chapter brothers PGMs Sam Krikorian and Mike Kershaw.



Shish-kebab booth at Tulare Farm Equipment Show.



Bros. George Tamouzian and Sark Yahnian, shish-kebab cooks.



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