



Trex News

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION TRIPLE X FRATERNITY OF CALIFORNIA

Triple X Fraternity
39th Mid-Term Convention
Saturday, March 6, 1993
Fresno, California

- **Mid-Term Golf Tournament —**
Fig Garden Golf Course, 7700 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno
12 Noon Sharp! (See particulars and entry blank on back page)
- **Fresno Club House Open All day**
(9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) for Tavloo, Gin, Pinochle, etc.
- **Cocktails 6:00 p.m. — Dinner 7:00 p.m.**
Fresno Club House - 630 S. Argyle, Fresno
- **Business Meeting — 8:00 p.m.**
Members Only

Grand Master's Message



The first half of my term has flown by with such speed! Those of you that I have not visited yet, please have patience with me.

There is so much going on in our Triple X Fraternity that is worth sharing with each individual Chapter. I am so anxious to pass on some of the thoughts and feelings of Brothers up and down the State that I will be attending your meeting or social event soon!

Please make every effort to be at the Mid-Term Convention. This is our primary business meeting of the year and I would like to see each chapter fully represented. The success of any organization depends greatly on the participation of the members.

It was brought to my attention by a PGM from Los Angeles many years ago, that the Grand Master should know every member of the Fraternity. Times have changed and the Fraternity has gotten a lot bigger so the effort must be on both our parts. If we haven't met, please come up and introduce yourself to me. I'll try to do the same.

I'm looking forward to a crisp, informative, and fun meeting at Mid-Term and I'm anxious to see many of my Brothers again.

Fraternally,
Greg Avedesian
Grand Master

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Capitol

The Capitol Chapter wishes our new Grand Master Greg Avedesian a very successful year.

Lots of activities for 1992 kept the Trex members pretty busy. Master Rob Saroyan made sure our annual Kef Night was a huge success. Thanks to all the Brothers. Food and fun were had by everyone.



Aghasi H. Ivazian most beloved Bro's Aghasi H. Ivazian has died (see inset). Bro. Aghasi was a devoted member of Capitol Triple X as well as his sons, Sergay, David, and Gregory. He always greeted you with a warm greeting.

A superb dancer. Enjoyed doing a solo dance at many festivals. Condolences to his wife Grace, and the very talented family. He will be missed. Born in Armenia Nov. 16, 1910.... died in Sacramento Oct. 9, 1992.

Another sad loss was felt by Bro. Robert Nahigian. His wife Pat died after a long illness, with cancer. Capitol Brothers mourn the loss to you Bro. Bob and the family.

With our annual picnics, social gatherings, ladies' nights, and Lake Tahoe outings, Capitol Brothers had a very good time, and a very good year.

Speaking of having a good time, Bro. Greg Soligian and wife Carole received a free weekend in Pebble Beach. They stayed at the Pebble Beach Lodge. Golfed at Pebble, and Spy Glass courses. Bro. Greg relates that playing golf at night is no problem, as the courses have huge fans which blow away the fog.

Congratulations to Bro. Philip and Beth Onnigian on the birth of their new son Jordon Kasper. Grandma Sadie Onnigian says Jordon will be 5 mo. old in March during the Midterm Convention.

A few of our Brothers and their wives have made some nice cruises to some interesting places. Bro. Charles Esraelian and wife Elizabeth, with relatives spent some time in Mexico. Bro. Harold Soligan and wife Rose will cruise through the San Juan Islands in B.C. in April 1993. Bro. Joe Hagopian and wife Rose will be leaving after Midterm Convention.



Jack Najarian

Bro. Jack Najarian retired Dec. 31, 1992. Bro. Jack served 42 years with the State Board of Equalization. Bro. Jack started as District Administrator. Responsible for 12 offices, covering 16 counties and 140 employees.

One of Capitol Chapter's



Ltr: 1960 GM Joe Hagopian, 50 yr. charter members Harold Soligan, Ruben Sweet, Ralph Yeramian and Frank Ohanesian.

Fly to Greece for a land and sea cruise to the outer islands. That's better than staying home trying to roll marbles around the bottom of a mayonnaise jar.

Bro. Sarkis Malkasian and wife Leanore also flew to Europe, leased a car, toured through Denmark, Holland, N. Germany, and the Czechcountryside. Bro. Sarkis is the newly appointed Director of International academy at California State University, Sacramento. (Sacramento County Department of Education)

Bro. Richard Nahigian nursing his wife Flora back to good health after a major colon surgery.

Bro. Bud Ohanesian, did an outstanding job with our annual X-mas party in December. 37 children got to sit on Bro. Santa Scott's lap and beg for presents, which were handed out to each child.

Welcome new member Nubar Hachigian. Bro. Nubar is an Engineer at Aerojet.



HAROLD A. BAGDASARIAN
Originator of the Sacramento Autorama

FEBRUARY 1991 LAST YEAR AG
DIRECTOR/PROMOTOR OF THE
AUTORAMA AUTO SHOW.
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Meet Your Grand Master

J. Gregory Avedesian was born in Los Angeles in 1942. He grew up in the Pasadena area and graduated from Pasadena High School and attended Pasadena City College. He entered the U.S. Army in 1965 and was decorated upon his release after serving in Vietnam.

While living in San Diego he re-met the lovely Janis Antoyan whom he had known as a child. They were married in 1971 and lived in San Diego until they moved to Arcadia in 1976. They have two daughters; Starr, who is a first year student at Loyola Marymount University, and Joy, who is attending Arcadia High School.

Professionally, Greg has always been in sales or service oriented employment. Most recently he sold his interest in the Arroyo Seco Food and Beverage Co. which consisted of five units in the Los Angeles area.

Greg was a charter member of the San Diego Chapter and transferred to the Los Angeles Chapter in 1976. He served as an officer in many positions both at the local as well as the Grand Chapter level. He has been dedicated to working with Trex in the various charitable as well as the social events that are presented each year.

He is an avid golfer, a wine collector, and a rabid armchair quarterback! He really is in heaven when any of the aforementioned activities involve his Trex brothers and families.

Capitol Chapter (cont.)

Former Bro. Harold Bagdasarian, from Capitol Chapter, received one of the highest honors in Sports last January 9th. He was installed in the "MOTOR SPORTS MOTORING PRESS ASSN. HALL OF FAME." The event took place in San Francisco. With Harold receiving the prestigious award was Bob Sweikert, the only N. CA Indy 500 winner, in 1955. Also receiving his Hall of Fame honor was Le Moselle, developer of Sears Point, and Lagtuna Seca race tracks. Harold retired a few years ago after spending more than 40 years promoting the Autorama Classic Car Sport shows.

Capitol 1992-1993 Officers

Rob Saroyan	Master	
Arthur Tatosian	Jr. Master	
Jim Damir	Treasurer	
Scott Khatoonian	Secretary	
Harry Sweet	Assoc. Editor/Photog.	
Charles Esraelian	Marshal & Custodian	
Ed Tatosian	Advisor/Critic	
Vernon Shahbazian	Historian	
		Harry Sweet Associate Editor

Golden Gate

The arrival of the New Year brings a wish of health, happiness and lots of rain to our Brothers throughout the State. Brother Ralph Kazanjian returning for a third Tour of Duty at the Helm of Golden Gate Chapter, has taken to task the challenge of reinstilling the spirit and enthusiasm of old in our Brothers. In an effort to find the ever elusive middle ground of compromise, meetings are now a Tuesday night affair. To appeal to the cosmopolitan flavor of our Chapter, the meetings are centrally located in South City, adjacent to the International Airport. If nothing else, attendance will be a snap for Brother Ara Kaprielian who can drop by as he shuttles between the Bay Area and his Texas home away from home.



Arlene Hovsepian with Santa Vartan, Golden Gate Christmas Party.



Bro. George Rustigian, Mt. Diablo Chapter and Bro. Vince Levon with 50 year plaques at Torrance Convention '92.

To further lure the Brothers away from work and out of their homes, our meetings have included speakers focusing on the needs of Armenians at home and abroad.

In January Ms. Ollia Yemokemshian spoke at length on the past, present and future goals of the Norcal Armenian Home. She elaborated on the



Golden Gate chapter members and wives at the Torrance Convention '92.



Grand Master Greg Avedesian swearing in new chapter officers in Torrance.



Grand Master Avedesian with Ann Sarkisian and wife Janis at Golden Gate's Christmas Party.

development of Senior Services which reach out throughout the Bay Area, bringing together Seniors for day trips and twice monthly activity days, in addition to home and telephone visits.

Our December meeting featured a presentation by Brothers Art Hazarabedian and Chuck Paskerian. The video and group discussion focused on the work of the Armenian Technology Group (ATG), which is dedicated to rebuilding and revitalizing Armenia's

Peninsula

Yet another year has been downed by this Chapter, and 1992 was certainly not any exception to that rule. The main event, once again, was our ever-popular, **3rd Annual Spring Dinner/Dance**, pushing the envelope of the season in June! A couple of months down the road in August would see an informal Summer Potluck gathering. This would not take place at a public park, mind you, but was instead at a home-that of Past Master Vic Khachooni. The food highlight was the man's world-renowned



One too many Diet Cokes consumed by one Jack Marderosian.

Agriculture infrastructure.

Bros. Art and Chuck eloquently explored the challenges facing Armenia as she utilized outdated and inadequate Soviet technology to overcome the hardships of Earthquake, blockade and war, while detailing ATG's ambitious plans to support the reconstruction of Armenia's Ag economy.

A Golden Gate Christmas was celebrated by the Brothers, along with family and friends, in the heart of the City's Financial District. The Party featured a mesmerizing magic show, sumptuous dinner and a surprise visit from Good Ol' Saint Nickian, a special treat for the young and young at heart.

In a late breaking story, a minor crisis was averted when the sale and imminent departure of the Giants was thwarted with a successful last minute bid by a group of local investors, thereby preserving the Annual Trex Tailgate Party. As a gesture of goodwill to the new ownership and Barry Bonds' Contract, all future Trex Shopping will be at Safeway Markets.

Happy New Year and Best Wishes from your Brothers at the Bay.

Fraternally yours,
David Zovickian



Another "time to get down" Peninsula Chapter Meeting.



"Kickback time" for the Brothers Bournazian.



The kitchen's closed—time for some local Asian restaurant food "chowdown".

Shish Kebab, with secret marinade sauce. As always, the legendary **Ed Sarouhan Golf Tournament** would offer our golfing greats their chance to "have a ball," while the year's activities would be culminated with a heartwarming Christmas Dinner Party (in lieu of one of our more serious Trex business meetings). As for what the future holds in store, gearing up for hosting our **1995 Annual Labor Day Weekend Trex Convention** on South Bay turf is what has been well underway, as of this writing. So, until the next exciting issue of **Trex News** is published, it is time for this communique to come to a close.

Fraternally -writing
 Brother Todd Obadashian
 Assoc. Editor

Oakland

We've been moving and shaking here at the Oakland Chapter of Triple X. We've had a great influx of new members and our goal is for more. Here is a look at our new officers:

- John Lulejian - Master
- Gregg Chorbajian - Junior Master
- Jim Taylor III - Secretary
- Hratch Avakian - Treasurer
- Greg Cherezian - Historian
- Craig Bazigian - Custodian
- Steven Donikian - Assoc. Editor
- Gary Alexanian - Sgt. at Arms

Great fun and money was raised at the 1992



Steve Baronian gets sworn in as his father Ed and sponsor Barry Barsamian watch.



Bob Nalbandian and Ed Minasian get sworn in by Grand Master J. Gregory Avedesian at the Christmas party.



Brothers Steve Donikian, Rick Magarian, and John Lulejian (Master) man the Trex Shish Kebab booth at the Walnut Festival.



Brother Jim Taylor III prepares the Shish Kebab for the Walnut Festival.



Mt. Diablo Master Armen Boyd and his daughter Arlene pay a visit to the Trex Shish Kebab booth at the Walnut Festival.



Brothers Rick Magarian and Ed Mirzaian contribute to the hold in the Ozone layer.



Brother John Chorbajian demonstrates how to prepare Shish Kebab.



Brother Ed Miraian plays trump!

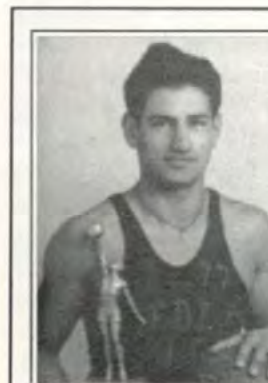
Walnut Festival in Walnut Creek. On this year's menu we served a beautiful Shish Kebab platter, which was mouth watering.

We are glad to welcome three new members to the brotherhood. They are Bob Nalbandian, Steve Baronian and Ed Minasian all of whom are of current members; Bill Nalbandian, Dick Baronian and Edward Minasian of Mt. Diablo Chapter.

Our meetings have been both entertaining and interesting. Master John Lulejian kicked off the first meeting under his reign with a meeting followed with a discussion on how semiconductors work and are manufactured. In upcoming meetings we will have a person in showing us how beer is made and also an instructor will be in to show us CPR. All are invited to attend our meetings. If you have any questions call Master John Lulejian (510) 795-7035.

The Oakland Chapter joined the Mt. Diablo chapter for this year's Christmas Party and it was a **BLAST!!!** The whole affair was at the Orinda Country Club. We exchanged Christmas gifts and sang carols with new lyrics. We also had Christopher James on hand for a first class magic show. Also just before the party, Grand Master J. Gregory Avedesian swore in new members Bob, Ed and Steve in the Country Club locker room.

We are looking forward to a great year. One with new members, unity and lots of KEF with the Brothers.
 Steven Donikian



"Down Memory Lane"

This photo goes way back! This brother was a three sport athlete during his days as a student in the mid-1940-s. However, it is his stellar accomplishments as a basketball player that earned Him induction to the Tiger Hall of Fame!

(For answer see p. 15)

Mt. Diablo

A new year, a new administration. After an intensive campaign, Brother Armen Boyd won the highest office in the chapter for the second time in our short history. Using a strategy of filibuster and graft, Brother Master Armen won a hotly contested race to gain control of the chapter for the 1992-1993 term. Although a recall was requested by a majority of the membership, Armen managed to retain his seat, due to the fact that he ran unopposed.

New Officers

The newly crowned Master wasted no time in appointing his cabinet, and barring any trouble in the confirmation hearings over conflict of interest, his appointees should all be confirmed. They are:

Greg Kellijian	Junior Master
Armen Donian	Corresponding Sect.
Richard Koobatian	Treasurer
Harvey Hanoian	Recording Sect.

Brother Armen and his gang are already off to a great start, and 1993 promises to be a very fun year.

New Members

We're determined to recruit some good new members this year, even if we have to grow them ourselves. That's what we did with our newest prospect, Zachary Steven Hazarabedian, a 9 lb., 15 oz. recruit from Pleasant Hill. Zachary is the son of past master Ed and his wife Bonnie, and the Grandson of PGM Shavarsh and Lala Hazarabedian. Already chosen as Chairman for the 2001 convention, Zachary should prove to be the next in a long line of distinguished Hazarabedian Trexmen. The good news is, we have plenty of time to make sure he doesn't become an engineer.

Also joining Mt. Diablo in 1992 was Brother Jerry Tusan, picked up off the waiver wire from Selma Chapter, and Brother Archie Azizian, a Plan B acquisition from Golden Gate Chapter. Both brothers now live in the Diablo Valley area. Jerry has already distinguished himself by keeping Richard Koobatian in line, (Jerry is Richard's boss at Phillip Morris) and Archie has been asked to join the hallowed "Sughtor Choir" because of his fine tenor voice. We are pleased to welcome both Jerry and Archie into our Chapter.

The most interesting new arrival had to be that of Brother Ken Kile last August. Brother Ken's curiosity about our initiation procedures inspired the brothers to devise a new ceremony just for him. After being clad in a hard hat and orange overalls from the trunk of Bro. Tanil Matosian's car, Ken was treated to a ritual to remember by a cast of Trexmen moaning like zombies from the Night of the Living Dead.

Brother Kile, a construction engineer (yeah, one



The Diablo Brothers covet the refurbished TREX Cup.



Bros. Armen Donian and Ed Hazarabedian endure a filibuster by Master-elect Armen Boyd.



Long lost Bro. Vic Vasgerdsian and Tanil Matosian.



Rally Masters Tanil and Armen with the Official Pace Car.



Mt. Diablo cheerleaders Paula Boyd, Marilyn Matosian, and Lala Hazarabedian.



The Second Place Team: Standing L/R JIm Tikijian, Steve Hazarabedian, Ed Hazarabedian, Aram Boyd, Jeff Esraelian, Armen Phelps, Greg Kellijian; hunched over-Tanil Matosian, PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian, George Rustigian, John Alexanian.

more engineer in the chapter) wasn't quite sure what to make of it all, but managed to take it all in stride. We look forward to promoting him to an office of great importance in the very near future.

Trex Rally

On one of the hottest days of the year, Tanil Matosian and Armen Boyd headed up the Annual Triple X Car Rally. This event is quickly becoming a classic. Brothers and their wives must negotiate a course in their cars using only a handful of clues in English and Armenian, and their common sense. You can see why this was such a challenging event.

Eight teams set out from Walnut Creek with a list of clues and a special code to crack in order to find the location of lunch. We wandered south along 680 to Danville, and after many twists and turns, ended up in Brother Tanil & Marilyn Matosian's backyard for margaritas and a full-blown Mexican feast.

After much eating and drinking, the awards were passed out (as well as a few brothers!). The first-place team was Armen & Leona Donian and Ed & Bonnie Hazarabedian, who negotiated the course without error and were the first to successfully crack the code.



Vaughn Mazmanian, Paula & Aram Boyd, and Greg Kelligian with official Car Rally Rules.

The Flat Tire award goes to John and Astrid Gulbenkian for their exuberant performance and for terrorizing their passengers, Jack and Lu Issacs. (Jack hasn't been to a meeting since!) All in all, the Rally was a great success and another one is already in the works. Great job Brothers Tanil & Armen!

Grandmaster's Aria

Grandmaster J. Gregory Avedesian made it up to the Bay Area in time to join us for a joint Christmas party with Oakland Chapter at the Orinda Country Club. I've got to tell you, Brother Grand Master Greg is a hell of a good sport, and a damn fine singer too. Not only did he listen to PGM Shavarsh's puns all night, but "The Twelve Days of Christmas Armenian Style." His rendition of "A Sarma In A Grape Leaf" will long be remembered in these parts.

This turned out to be a pretty wild party for such a proper setting. First, Oakland brother Greg Cherezian got his watch ripped off, then his wallet, and then watched wide-eyed as poor Nicole had her brassiere removed in front of the entire room. Then Bro. Greg had his wallet and watch lifted at least three more times, while Garo Keadjian's wife Pat had her KMart diamond ring stolen right from under her nose.

No, this wasn't the work of a street gang, but the sleight of hand performance of one Chris James, professional magician, on hand to entertain and toy



Side view of the team with head cheerleader Marilyn Matosian.



TRIPLE X FRATERNITY

75th DIAMOND JUBILEE CONVENTION

1918 - 1993

September 3, 4, & 5, 1993

HOLIDAY INN CENTRE PLAZA

September 3 ♦ **Registration** - Holiday Inn Centre Plaza
 Friday ♦ **Golf Tournament** - Sunnyside Country Club
 ♦ **Welcome Night/Kef Time** - Holiday Inn Centre Plaza

September 4 ♦ **Registration** - Holiday Inn Centre Plaza
 Saturday ♦ **Softball Tournament**
 ♦ **Garden Party/Dinner Dance** - California Armenian Home

September 5 ♦ **Registration** - Holiday Inn Centre Plaza
 Sunday ♦ **Men's Breakfast/Business Meeting** - Fresno Triple X Club House
 ♦ **Women's Luncheon** - Holiday Inn Centre Plaza
 ♦ **Grand Ball/Dinner Dance** - Holiday Inn Centre Plaza

FRESNO IS THE PLACE TO BE IN 1993

with the crowd. He put on a hell of a show, and taught us the finer points of pick-pocketing. Everyone is excited about having him back next year, well, except for Greg Cherezian. But that's okay, brother Greg, we know you're well insured!

After all the valuables were recovered, the gift exchange began. There, in front of 95 guests, Al Kaljian, Haig Harootenian, Mike Aaronian Jr., and Paul Kamian played a tag-team version of "Hide the Salami." Finally Mike Jr. won out (bom, bom-bom) and we all went home.

Brother Grandmaster's presence was enjoyed by all, and we hope he'll make it back up this way again soon. Unfortunately, we weren't able to treat him to the same smokeout we had for PGM George Solakian a few years back, but hey, you can't have everything.

1992 TREX Challenge

The coveted TREX Cup spent a few weeks in the shop after two years in Fresno chapter's trophy case, and is now on its way to L.A. to stay with the L.A. Juniors for a while. They became the new Triple X softball champs after defeating a particularly handsome team of Trexmen made up of mostly Mt. Diablo brothers, with help from Oakland and Selma chapter members.

Five teams fought an intense battle for the Coveted Trophy, but at the end of the day it all came down to one final game. The L.A. Juniors outlasted the much older team from the north in the playoff final, and were crowned the Champs.

Special thanks to Gary Dergazarian for all his hard work in organizing the Third Annual TREX Challenge. Brother Gary did a great job on and off the field, and made the day a lot of fun for everyone. Although, to be honest, I think it was quite rude of Gary, as official Host of the Tournament, to hit that home run off of such a nice, elderly pitcher.

Thanks again to all the Brothers of the L.A. Chapter for hosting a great convention.

From all the Brothers of Diablo, we look forward to seeing you all at Mid-Term.

Fraternally yours,
Aram Boyd



Brother Tan tries to take a picture with the shutter closed.

San Diego

Hello to all Brothers:

Our chapter has begun another year and looks forward to the leadership from our newly elected officers:

Master: Bro. Raymond Saatjian
Jr. Master: Bro. Dick Semerdjian
Corresponding Secretary: Bro. Vahan Serpekian
Treasurer: Bro. Wayne Pinomaki
Sergeant at Arms: Bro. George Banerian

Our Brothers enjoyed visiting with our statewide Brothers at the 63rd annual convention put on by our Brothers to the north, the Los Angeles Chapter. We were extremely impressed by the hard work and diligence by the L.A. Chapter, and God knows, in the midst of the heated mayoral race, riots, a recession, the breakup of Princess Di and Charles, and animosity and in-fighting between the Raiders' owner and Marcus Allen, that our L.A. Brothers can still throw a great convention. Good Work!

Bro. Jack Hachigian and his committee threw a great Christmas party attended by the Brothers and their wives. It is always wonderful to see and share the good tidings of Christmas with the brothers at our annual Triple X Christmas Party.

Our Chapter's annual Ski Stag is scheduled for March 10-14 in Lake Tahoe. The Brothers are extremely excited to hit the ski slopes. We expect great snow, tremendous Brotherhood and lots of good times. The follow-up report with the real dirt will come in the next newsletter.

Our Chapter is still busy planning our next wine and cheese fund-raiser for the summer of 1993. Bro. Raffi Simonian is this year's chairman and the whole group is planning on working hard to put on another first-class wine tasting experience. Look for upcoming details.

Also, we will be flying to Las Vegas for our third annual Las Vegas Golf Stag. Our Las Vegas Brother, Bro. Karney Ovian, and Bro. Greg Semerdjian are planning the event.

We are meeting on the last Monday of each month at 6:00 o'clock at the Stratford 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

We are saddened to report that our Brother, Wayne Pinomaki, and Golden Gate Brothers Russell and Bryan Pinomaki's father passed away in November, 1992. Our condolences to the Pinomaki family and L.A. Bro's. Lee and Gary Neshanian.

Congratulations to Bro. Oscar Sarkisian for open-



The happening I'm telling you about seems like yesterday. So please bear with me to have to go back since the last edition. To go back I must say the new young members have done an unbelievable job in putting on many enjoyable dinners and picnics which are not only successful but very lucrative financially.

The best news in our ventures is the Dinkey Creek Outing with the same gourmet food, refreshments and entertainment, and for your fishermen the warden is doing his best in putting in tons of fish. We need attendance to continue such an outing as we cannot find members to continue playing in an empty house. Surprise us and everyone will be happier.

We have already started planning our 75th anniversary convention with our designated Grand Master Bro. Ed Hokokian. We're hard at work to make the convention something to remember.

San Diego (cont. from p. 12)

ing his larger restaurant "Oscars" in the Carmel Mountain area. If you've never eaten at Oscars, you are missing San Diego's finest ribs, chicken, pizza and Greek salad. Bro. Oscar often caters our Triple X meetings, and it is for this reason that Brothers throughout the state come to the San Diego Chapter meetings to eat Bro. Oscar's delicious food. Congratulations and best of success.

Congratulations also goes to our own PGM Joe Kellejian for being elected City Councilman of Solana Beach. PGM Joe, now known as the Honorable Joe Kellejian or "Senator" to his close internal staff, successfully ran a campaign beating three incumbents and fourteen total candidates. "Senator" Joe is already making an impact in the City of Solana Beach by being the swing vote on many very important agenda items. (But you can't buy his vote.) "Senator" Joe is truly dedicated to his city, and his San Diego Brothers are truly dedicated to his city, and his San Diego Brothers are very proud of him. Many of us worked very hard on Joe's campaign. PGM Joe also received tremendous support from his Brothers throughout the state. Congratulations,

Yes Brothers, there is a Dinkey Creek and we take pride in inviting anyone to attend mother nature's beauty. As usual it starts Thursday June 3rd till June 6th. I'm sure I don't have to remind you of the pleasure of good Brotherhood and gourmet food and all the goodies that go with it.

Our current year started with the election of the following officers. Master/Bro. Bob Juskalian. Jr. Master/Jack Bedoian. Treasurer/Richard Shirin. Rec. Sec/Bob Markus. Cor. Sec. Nazareth Chaderjian. Sgt. at Arms/Mike Gaston

As usual with the new young members, they have produced a "Let's do it" attitude by making every affair a lucrative and enjoyable affair.

Again our scholarship banquet attended by the students, parents and membership. Likewise our Christmas party was attended by children, mothers, fathers and even grandparents, Santa with his enormous bundle of toys and goodies.

It saddens me having to write about the passing of a friend of many years. We recently lost Bro. Haig Yazijian. Haig who had a lust for good friends will be missed. We of the Triple X Fraternity extend our sympathy to his wife Dorothy, his daughter and Brother Ara. Knowing the Yazijian family for over 60 years, leaves a void in a person's thoughts.

In closing, we hope to see you at our Midterm Convention.

Fraternally yours,
Charles Maroot, Assoc. Editor

and we look for Councilman Kellejian to make a tremendous impact for the city.

As of this writing, Bro. John Sarkisian and his wife, Bernie, are going to have a baby any minute. Whether girl or boy, dark or light, we'll let you know in the next newsletter.

Finally, speaking for many of our Brothers, we had a tremendous 1992-1993 San Diego Charger football season. Our Chargers were the talk of the town and the lightning bolt was back. Unfortunately, we were unable to "Squish the fish" and the Miami Dolphins beat us in the semi-finals of the AFC playoffs. However, our chapter was very proud of our Chargers, and the Orange County Triple X "Sportsman of the Year", Junior Seau.

We have many activities planned for 1993 and we would be happy to have you as our guest. We also look forward to seeing you at the Midterm Convention in Fresno in March. And it's not too early to mention, "San Diego will be Heaven", during the Labor Day Weekend in 1997.

Fraternally yours,
Dickran A. Semerdjian
Associat Editor

Los Angeles

Happy New Year Brothers!

Boy—am I glad that 1992 is over. What a year. Good for some and bad for others.

On the good side, our Chapter's Convention was a super success, thanks to our committees and the support from our sister chapter.

A special thanks to the three members who came down from Fresno Chapter, boy are we looking forward to your next convention.

You want more good news? Hold on for a sec, the 49'ers are getting ready to score another touchdown to put Washington on ice.

Our Chapter has elected its new officers for 1993. Before I give you their names, a big applause for our past officers under the leadership of Bro. Marx Kamashian.

It sure was an outstanding year for Brother Marx, and how lucky can a guy get but to have as his Junior Master a Bro. Brother like Ara Devian. You keep your eye on Bro. Ara, thanks for a good year!

Now it's time to introduce you to our 1993 Body. Hold on to your Var-dicks again, this is big guys, I mean BIG!!!

Let's start off with our new Master Brother Dickran Devian. This writer has been waiting for this Brother for a long time to guide our Chapter as Master, believe me. This is exactly what he will do and do it well.

To assist him in doing all of this are his:

- Junior Master-Bro. John Casparian
- Rec. Sec.-Bro. Vaughn Vartanian (ex-junior)
- Cor. Sec.-Bro. Ralph Dergazarian (ex-junior)
- Sgt. at Arms-Bro. Steve Hamper
- Good and Welfare-Bro. Jimmy Godjian
- Golf Commissioner-Bro. Jack Shahian
- Hist. and Editor-Bro. Lee Neshanian
- Junior Trex Advisor-Bro. David Maseredjian
- Auditor-Bro. Harry Kosharian
- Board of Directors: Bro's Marx Kamashian, Charles Parigian, David Maseredjian, Harry Kosharian, John Elmassian, and Vaughn Vartanian.

Now with a group like that to back up our new Master, how can he miss.

Now for the bad news:

With regrets we lost one of our Brothers, Jimmy Nouskajian. A member for 27 years. Jim was always a strong supporter of his chapter and will be missed very much.

Our condolences to Bro. Charles Partamian on the passing of his lovely wife Louise and to Bro. Gary Partamian on the loss of his mother Louise Partamian. May her soul be in everlasting peace. Also, our regrets to Bro. Jim Durkin and wife Ester



Los Angeles members



Bro. Russel Roopenian. Care to buy some nice chairs?



Bro's Mike Kourtjian and Jack Khteian.



Bro's Kay Hovsepian and Gabe Kaprelian.

on the loss of their son.

Regrets to Brother Sass Bedig and his wife Ester on the loss of his father Edward Arzouman.

Regrets to Brother Mike Derderian and wife Dorothy in the loss of her mother.

Regrets to Brother Barry Naman and wife on the loss of their son.

May they all be in restful peace.

Off the Sick List:

Bro. George Surabian looking super good after a six hour back operation. Bro. Jack Shahian finally gets that foot working right. Good to have you back Jack. Bro. Leo Avazian received a new battery assist. Just goes to show you, you can't keep a Brother like Leo down for long. So you can see Brothers, for us it hasn't been a very good year, but we look for better news in the future.

Our Chapter held its annual Christmas Party this year at the Ararat Home in December. Thanks to Bro. Gabe Kaprelian and his committee for giving the little kids a fun-filled Christmas Party. It gets better every year Bro. Gabe.

Well, Brothers, that's a wrap for another news from the Los Angeles Chapter. January is not the best time to write this news, the deadline comes so fast, you can't believe it. I'm two days late on this one and expect a call from my boss, the Grand Editor. Thank God for FAX machines.

Ooop's almost forgot to congratulate on Bro. Mike Surmeian on getting engaged. (Are you crazy or something?)

A hello to Bro. Abby Mamigonian, where ever you are. (You know who he is don't you; we sure know now!)

Have a good '93 and what ever you do stay healthy (and that means by Midterm) Got it, Good!!! Take Care...Chow!

Fraternally yours

Lee Neshanian, Associate Editor

Answer

Non other than PGM Dick Ekizian of Kingsburg, California.

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Summer issue of TREX NEWS is July 6, 1993.

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Orange County

Orange County did it again, winning the achievement award for the 4th year in a row. Credit goes to all the Brothers and wives that spent many hours working for our activities which help us to donate money to our charities. Our 17th Annual Picnic broke another attendance record with over 751 in attendance. Great job by the Chairman Bro. Ed Harver and Bro. Harry Noregian. Thanks too, to the whole gang. Bro. Ken Khachigian was one of our master chefs this year, he did not cut back in giving our samples of Shish Kebab. The music by John Bilezikjian and Bro. Eddy Bilezikjian was outstanding as usual. People love to dance even on the grass. Bro. Art Kazarian has what it takes to do any job. Thanks again Bro. Art.

The Convention put on by the L.A. Chapter was great. Our Chapter really enjoyed ourselves. Thanks to Bro. Robert Kalfayan, L.A. Chairman for doing such an outstanding job. "The Orange County Brothers and Wives Love a Convention."

Past Master Bro. Hank Bashjian was elected to Jr. Grand Master and Bro. Chuck Paskerian was reelected to Grand Historian/Custodian. Congratulations to being elected to these high offices.

Our Newly Elected Officers for 1992-1993 are:

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| Master | Bro. John Mekemian |
| Jr. Master | Bro. Rich Pejoyan |
| Rec. Sec. | Bro. Chuck Paskerian |
| Cor. Sec. | Bro. John Poochigian |
| Sgt. at Arms | Bro. Peter Bodourian |
| Good & Welfare | Bro. Kurken Kazarian |

Our Installation Dinner and show was held at Tibbies Restaurant. We had the honor of having Grand Master Bro. Greg Avadesian and his lovely wife Janis as our guests. He swore in the new officers. The Grand Master even got on the stage and danced in the show. Thank you for supporting our Chapter Bro. G.M. Greg.

1992 Orange County Trexman of the Year was awarded to Bro. Ed Harver who never says no and gets the job done. Thanks Bro. Ed.

We have our Christmas Party in October for the Disabled at Fairview Developmental Center in Costa Mesa. Chairmen were Bro. George Thomas and Bro. P.G.M. Haig Jamgotchian plus Bros. & Wives who attended and helped serve cake, ice cream and gifts. We also had music which the residents really enjoy. Bro. Bob Kazarian was able to give California Angeles baseball hats to over 40 of the residence. Thanks Bro. Bob. It is a joy to help the disabled.

Our Chapter now has a navy—our Captain is Bro. Don Kazarian and co-Captain is Bro. Mark Hachigian. They took the Brothers to Catalina for a nice weekend stag outing. They are back safe now so



New Master Bro. John Mekenian and our out-going Past Master Bro. Don Kazarian.



Having a great time at our Installation



The Candy Man—Kurk & Marge.



Past Master Bro. Don Kazarian. Honoring the Trexman of the Year Award to Bro. Ed Harver.

maybe next time more of us will go.

The Halloween Party at Bro. Kurk and Marge Kazarian's Clubhouse was lots of fun. We had some funny looking people there.

Our New Year's Eve party was chaired by Bro. Archie Cholakian at the Kazarian's Clubhouse. We had over 70 in attendance. We danced and ate 'till 2 a.m. The prime rib was wonderful as well as all the food that our wonderful wives made. Bro. Master John Mekemian and his orchestra played Armenian & American music.

During the New Year's Eve Party our Jr. Grand Master Bro. Hank Bashjian was in the Hospital and during the evening we called him up and all the Brothers wished him a speedy recovery. Bro. Hank really appreciated talking to all the brothers.

Our 7th Annual Armenian-American Sports Hall of Fame Banquet will be held at the Irvine Marriott on February 11, 1993. Chairmen are Bro. Jack Kayajanian, Bro. Nick Paboojian and Bro. Nish Derderian. Every year has gotten better. This year our sportsman of the year will be Bill Walsh, Stanford Football Coach and Garo Yepremian the tie-breaker from Miami will be honored. This is one you don't want to miss. The donation will go to the Ararat Home and Orangewood Home for Abused Children plus other charities.

Our Junior Trex will be having a Las Vegas Night



Bro's wives enjoying the New Year's Eve Party.



G.M. Grey installing our officers, Brothers John, Rich, Chuck, Bob, Past Master Bro. Hank.



Bro's having a drink before the dinner at our meeting. Bro's Harry, Jeff, Ed, Kelly, Nick, Jerry. Bro. Z. Harry tells us that his yacht's behind them.



Bro's Jack, Art, Z. Harry, and Kurk.



Bro. Master John, Kurk, and Archie.

January 23, 1993. They always do a great job. They too help out the Ararat Home. I did attend the initiation for a new Junior member and they are growing. Keep up the good work.

During the last 6 months we have had many Brothers having surgery, we wish them all a speedy recovery.

This year Bro. Master John Mekemian will be bringing his delegates to the Midterm Convention in Fresno. We have good news, Bro. Leo Depoian can't wait to come to Fresno.

Our meetings are held at the Balboa Bay Club, Newport Beach on the Third Wednesday of each Month. Dinner is at 7:30. Come and join us.

Respectfully submitted
Haig Jamgotchian P.G.M.

Selma

The Selma Chapter's activities in the last half of 1992 continued to grow under the enthusiastic leadership of Master Jeff Esraelian.

In June, many of the Selma Brothers came through once again assisting the California Armenian Home in it's annual picnic.

Our annual Spring outing was held in June at the park-like grounds of the California Armenian Home. All Selma Brothers and their families were treated to a delicious Chicken and Shish Kebab lunch. The perfect summer weather attracted everyone, adults and youngsters, the chance to enjoy several activities planned by the committee. The Spring outing was co-chaired by Past Master Pete Esraelian and Bro. Chick Kandarian.

Our Annual Charity Garden Party dinner and dance was held in July under the stars on the picturesque grounds of the California Armenian Home. Over 350 Trexmen and friends enjoyed a delicious Shish Kebab dinner prepared by the Fraternity under the direction of Co-Chairmen Bro. Oscar Kasparian, Past Master Eliot Nahigian, Bro. Jim Markarian, Bro. Fred Venglarcik. After wining and dining all in attendance enjoyed dancing to the music of John Bilezikjian Ensemble from Los Angeles. Grand Master Shavarsh Hazarabedian and Grand First Lady Lala were also seen enjoying the Armenian Music. Grand Master Shavarsh also attended our December 1991 Dinner and Business meeting at Arthur's Restaurant in Selma. Our Garden Party continues to be a favorite with many and is happily one of the largest fund and fun raising events each year.

Our Annual Keyma Dinner was held in August under the direction of our Junior Master Robert P. Garabedian. Bro. Robert called on a couple of pros, in P.G.M. Kay Cloud and P.G.M. Abby Mamigonian, to help in the food preparation. We can thank P.G.M. Kay Cloud for once again working his magic with Keyma. He put together a spicy evening with his special Cajun Keyma recipe.

The Selma Chapter was well represented at the Convention in Torrance at the Marriott hosted by the Los Angeles Chapter. The Convention, once again, was outstanding. We extend our congratulations and thanks to the Los Angeles Chapter. Selma Trex had a full compliment of delegates attending. The business meeting: Bro. Phil Manoogian, P.M., Pete Esraelian, Chick Kandarian, and P.M. Jack Bedrosian, who received the nomination for Grand Master for 93-94.

Some additional faces were spotted at the convention also! Bro. Robert P. Garabedian, Bro. Bob Garabedian, Bro. P.M. Grand Editor Jack



Ouzounian, P.G.M. Abby Mamigonian, P.M. Jeff Esraelian.

Special congratulations go to P.M. Jeff Esraelian and Bro Jim Tikijian for taking second place in the Trex Cup.

Taking office in September were the following Brothers:

Robert Srabian	Master
Patrick Balakian	Junior Master
Frank Korkmazian	Treasurer
Robert Mangasarian	Cor. Sec.
Jim Markarian	Historian
Jerry Baker	Assoc. Editor
Jim Kaprielian	Sgt. at Arms
Richard Sadoian	Custodian
Jeff Esraelian	Critic
M.E. Garabedian	Auditor

Newly elected Board Members: Jim Markarian, Eliot Nahigian, and John Barigian joined Milton Torigian, Soren Shamshoian, and Phil Manoogian.

Over 50 Trexmen and their wives enjoyed a Champagne Brunch in September, at the Greenhouse Restaurant. The occasion honored the outgoing and incoming officers.

Then with October came the rousing FSU Tailgate/Robert Garabedian Birthday Party. Over 185 Shish Kebab dinners were served to the Red Wavers prior to the FSU vs. New Mexico game. By the way it was Bro. Robert's 40th birthday and everyone enjoyed cake and extended him birthday wishes. Thank you's go to Jr. Master Patrick Balakian for bringing us this activity and inviting Fresno & Sequoia Chapters.

For the second consecutive year, in Oct., an energetic contingent of Selma Trexmen manned a Beer Booth for the 17 day run of the Fresno District Fair. The booth is spearheaded by the ever-present P.G.M. Abby Mamigonian. To this day the gentle voice of P.G.M. Abby echoes in our memory. "Don't use so much ice, watch the foaming and no trade outs." For the second year, this activity continues to be over the largest fund raiser.



In November, Selma Trexmen enjoyed the action of FSU football. We watched the game in the comfortable setting of the Calif. Armenian Home on a big Screen T.V. while feasting on Hot Dogs, Salad & Beans. The organizer, Jr. Master Patrick Balakian, really made points with the Trex wives. He organized a S.F. Shopping Spree Bus Trip for them while the Trexmen enjoyed the game.

In December the Christmas Party Committee was co-chaired by Bro. Ken Esraelian, Bro. Karl Torosian, P.M. Jeff Esraelian and Bro. Bob Garabedian. Over 200 in attendance enjoyed a delicious Chicken Kebab dinner compliments of our Selma Chapter. 90+ Trex children asked Santa Claus (who was that bearded man?) for their favorite toy and received a gift. Trex fathers and children had their pictures taken, individually, with Santa. Party goers were led in Christmas caroling by Trex Wives Bonnie Simonian and Sue Garabedian.

Sequoia Chapter

Greetings Brother Trexmen:

A special thank you to Past Master Randy Tellalian and his officers and Board members for a job well done. Bro. Randy can rest assured that new Master (and favorite cousin) Jerry Poochigian will keep things exciting in "93".

We started the year off by welcoming in new brothers George Avedesian and Russ Zakarian, both of Kingsburg.

Our traditional dove shoot was held the first week in September and was hosted once again by Bro. Pete Barsamian and his family. 20 anxious brothers gathered for a 5:00 a.m. breakfast followed by some fast and furious dove hunting. By the time the doves were prepared and put on the fire, there were 35 members who feasted on dove, tri-tip, and all the fixings.

The last meeting in October found us once again at the Plaza Park picnic area, together with our



Believe it or not in between this busy social calendar, we held a business meeting every month. During those meetings we welcomed new members: David Simonian, Newton Krikorian, and Richard Sadoian.

Congratulations to P.M. Jeff Esraelian for being named Trexman of the year for 1992. P.M. Jeff deserved the award for his enthusiastic leadership, but I'm curious as to how many votes he cast for himself!

We were saddened by the loss of our long time Bro. Baxter Kalashian. Also a Bro. of recent years, Onnig Gosdanian was the victim of a tragic auto accident. Our heartfelt sympathies to their families.

1993 appears to be a busy calendar year of events and our brothers look forward to hosting the 39th Midterm Convention.

Fraternally
Jerry Baker, Associate Editor

brothers from the Selma chapter, for an outdoor dinner meeting. Chairman Bro. Jerry Poochigian made sure that all the brothers were treated to another first class lulu kebob dinner with all the trimmings.

Our annual Christmas Party was held at Shakey's Pizza parlor in Visalia, with a total of 120 brothers and family members in attendance. It was a fun filled evening for young and old, complete with a guest appearance from St. Nick himself. Thanks again to Bro. Bryan Yahnian and his staff.

Congratulations to Bro. Rick Krikorian and his new bride Kathryn Krikorian. The couple were married September 18th, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The couple have set up residence in Visalia. Bro. Rick is still hard at work in the card and vending business.

Happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year to all.
Fraternally,
Garry Krikorian
Assoc. Editor

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