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Triple X Fraternity

75th Diamond Jubilee Convention

Friday, September 3

- ★ **Registration** – Holiday Inn Centre Plaza/Main Lobby / 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
- ★ **Golf Tournament** – Sunnyside Country Club / Start Time 1:00 P.M.
- ★ **KEF Night** – Holiday Inn Centre Plaza / Cocktails 6:00 P.M./ Dinner 7:00 P.M./ Music 9:00 P.M.

Saturday, September 4

- ★ **Registration** – Holiday Inn Centre Plaza / Main Lobby / 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
- ★ **Softball Tournament** – Holmes Playground / 9:00 A.M.
- ★ **Garden Party / Dinner Dance** – California Armenian Home
Cocktails 6:00 P.M. / Mezza 6:00 P.M. / Dinner 7:30 P.M. / Fruit & Melons 10:00 P.M.
Music & Entertainment 6:00 P.M. - 12:30

Sunday, September 5

- ★ **Men's Breakfast / Business Meeting** – Fresno Triple X Club House
Breakfast 7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. / Business Meeting 9:30 A.M.
- ★ **Ladies Luncheon** – Holiday Inn Centre Plaza / 11:30 A.M.
- ★ **Grand Ball / Dinner Dance** – Holiday Inn Centre Plaza
Cocktails 6:00 P.M. / Dinner 7:00 P.M./ Music 6:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M.



Grand Master's Message

Dear Brother Trexmen:

This year has passed at an alarming rate! All of us, I'm sure, have made plans to do things only to discover that time is fleeting.

Each Chapter has had social and charitable fund raisers throughout the year that have been truly a credit to the Triple X Fraternity. I have been fortunate to attend many, and conversely, regretful that I could not attend all.

Collectively, the Triple X Fraternity has generated thousands of dollars for charity this past year. Much of it has been donated to local charities within each Chapter's sphere of activity and a great deal of dollars for international distribution as well.

Please Brothers, do not let up on the fine efforts and plans you have developed. For unlike the statement in the first paragraph, it is only the tenure of this Grand Master that is fleeting.

Here's to seeing you all at our 75th Anniversary celebration in Fresno.

Fraternally,
J. Gregory Avedesian
Grand Master

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Fresno

Sending all our Brothers a big hello and welcome to Fresno for the 75th Anniversary Convention. All the Fresno Brothers hope to see all Brother Trexmen and their wives in Fresno for the Labor Day Weekend.

The place where this great Fraternity got started 75 years ago on May 18, 1918. No expenses have been spared. Three fun filled days have been planned. Brother Ed Hokokian, General Chairman and his various committees and chair people have been hard at work. Burning the midnight oil to get everything ready for your pleasure.

Since the Midterm, we have had many different functions. In April, we had a tri-chapter dinner with our Selma and Sequoia Brothers. It was a great function held at the Cattlemen's in Selma. And of course Fresno had the greater number of Brothers in attendance.

On May 20th, we had another of our great open socials with over 200 Brothers and guests in attendance. A first class Shish Kebab dinner with all the trimmings, many raffle prizes were won including a color T.V. A special thanks to Brother Mike Emerzian and Jr. Master Jack Bedoian and their committee



for putting together a fabulous function. And of course the profits were put to good use.

A new six foot fence was installed in May around the side and front of club house. Also we are making improvements on the interior and exterior of the club house.

In June we had our annual fabulous Dinkey Creek Outing on the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th held where else, Dinkey Creek, California. A great time was had by all Brothers in attendance. Almost 60 Brothers came through the gates. We had the best Thursday Night crowd and dinner, the Kufta was great, so was Pat Ourlian's special Bulgur Pilaf. As far as the weather was concerned, we were able to provide the Brothers in attendance a variety from sunshine to rain to snow. Yes Brothers, snow in June. It was beautiful. Not enough for Brother Ed Shirin to ski on, but on Saturday, for several hours we had a lovely snow fall. The first in my memory of Dinkey Creek.

This year, Brother Cache Gavroian out did himself in his living quarters at Dinkey. The Marriott wants pictures of his first class operation. We want to thank Grand Master Greg Avedesian for his attendance at Dinkey we understand the fishing was good for Brother G.M. Greg. Thanks to Brother



TRIBUTE

On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Triple X Fraternity, it is most appropriate for members of this great fraternity to pay tribute to the founding fathers, who with their wisdom and foresight established a fraternity which would perpetuate the racial and fraternal heritage of the Armenian people in this state.

Seventy-five years ago, a small group of Armenian men (8 in number) met in Roeding's Park in Fresno to form a "secret club". These were: Arsen Alchian, Charles Ashjian, Lee Dederian, Richard Dederian, Lee Rustigian, Armen Nishkian, Gorken Bacon and John Kasparian. The name Triple X was chosen to represent the number 30 (in Roman Numerals - XXX) which was their goal for membership to accomplish.

From a small and primitive beginnings this "secret club" has mushroomed into a Grand Chapter, 11 Subordinate Chapters and 2 Junior Chapters with close to 1000 members in the State of California. The efforts to strengthen and spread the Fraternity by organizing chapters in various cities was realized within several years. The first chapter was Fresno Chapter; followed by Los Angeles, Golden Gate, Selma, Capitol, Oakland, Mt. Diablo, Peninsula, San Diego, Sequoia, Orange County, Los Angeles Juniors and Orange County Juniors.

As a non-political, non-sectarian Armenian organization, the Triple X Fraternity has bound various members of different persuasions and backgrounds into one dedicated and fun-loving family.

Long live the memory of our founding fathers.

Jack Ouzounian, Grand Editor



Pat Ourlian, Jack Bedoian and Bob Juskalian who chaired this event, also we want to thank Brother Mourad Mooney Najarian, our financial consultant.

Also in June, a first in a long time combinations dinner and business meeting was held, which turned out to be a very good event.

And in July, mixed in with our convention meetings, Brother Junior Master Jack Bedoian has planned a mystery dinner and bus trip with the help of Brothers Ed Shirin and Gary (chicken man) Kazarian.

Our annual Scholarship dinner was held on August 12th, with Brothers, wives, parents and of course the recipients. Our four guests of honor were Stephen Arakelian, Fowler High School, Tina Attashian, Clovis High School, David Kazanjian, Selma High School, and Jennifer Peters, Fowler High School. Good luck in the future. We know that you will do us proud.

In closing, Brothers, many many hours have been spent on planning for the 75th Anniversary of this great Fraternity, we hope to see all of you in September.

Charles Maroot, Assoc. Editor

PGM Mose Hachigan's Recuperates

"Quote" PGM Mose Hachigan has been recovering from surgery, taking care of spurs on the back of his neck. Last June, Son Steven drove his dad to Stanford Hospital for consultation with four doctors.



After all the formalities of diagnosis upon our past PGM 1952-1953, it was decided to OPERATE. Mose was told about the procedures of his next 24 hours in the hospital. We will operate around the sub clavian artery, go behind the neck collar bone, and "Uh, wait a minute doctor, just a minute." While Bro. Mose has been taking in all the discussion about his operation, he's been passing his time rolling marbles in the bottom of a mayonnaise jar. Bro. Mose looked up at the doctor and said, "Doc just to make sure you do a good job on my operation, mind you, this is no bribe. I brought you a lug box of raisins, peaches, grapes from Fresno." Only a Fresno Armenian would be so thoughtful. Get better cousin.

Submitted by Cousin
Harry Sweet, Capitol Chapter

San Diego

Hello to all Brothers:

Our Brothers continue to have a great time under the leadership of Master Bro. Raymond Saatjian. Our annual Ski Stag in Lake Tahoe was fabulous. Six brothers enjoyed the snow and casinos of Lake Tahoe from March 11-14. Golden Gate Bro. Van Kouzoujian also made the trip. Bro. Greg Semerdjian and his committee headed up another memorable ski party. Next year, we're looking again towards Aspen.

Our Las Vegas Golf Stag was held June 4-6. Our Las Vegas Brother, Karney Ovian, was again an outstanding host, setting up tee times and all-night gambling junkets on Friday and Saturday. Unfortunately, we hit unexpected freezing weather in Las Vegas. (Snow in Las Vegas in June?) In any event, we got through 14 holes on Saturday despite the wind and rain. On Sunday, all 18 holes were completed despite the numb hands and feet. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Bro. Karney and his lovely wife Grace for the wonderful hospitality. Next year, how about some over 100 degree heat, huh?

We are planning a casino night fund raiser in October. Bros. Bob Haig and Harry Guzelimian are the Co-Chairmen for our Casino Night which should be very fun. We ask for our Brothers throughout the state to support our fund-raiser.

We are meeting on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Stratford Inn in Del Mar. Some of the Brothers get together and play golf before our meeting. Feel free to join us.

Good and Welfare

Congratulations to Bro. Harry Guzelimian on the birth of his new grandson, Michael. Congratulations also go to Bro. John and wife Bernie Sarkisian and we wish them luck in his new endeavor in building a house in the Cardiff by the Sea area. They also had a baby boy, Joseph, last January.

Bro. P.G.M. Joe Kellejian, our local Solana Beach councilman, sold his San Diego Auction Company to dedicate more time to his family and councilman duties. His wife, Mary, who recently obtained her A.S.I.D. certificate, was selected as a designer for the San Diego Historical Society 1993 Design House.

Recently, Bro. Greg and Zari Semerdjian and Bro. Greg and Mariann Babikian vacationed together and ate and drank their way through New Orleans.

Bro. Jack Hachigan has been extremely busy as

St. John Armenian Church's Parish Council Chairman.

Our Bro. Vartan Khosharian recently had surgery and we wish him well.

Bros. Joe Zakarian and Mooney Najarian went to the Dinkey Creek Stag and had a great time. They apparently hit the same storm that our brothers hit in Las Vegas. As usual, Bro. Mooney was the head chef for the morning fishermen.

Finally, we have been honored by the presence of our former charter member and our Grand Master Bro. Greg Avedesian at our meetings. At our last meeting, Grand Master Greg was fined \$10.00 by our Master Ray Saatjian for "goofing off." Of course, fining a Grand Master is unprecedented. Let it be known, Grand Master Greg, that our Master Ray's actions were not sanctioned or agreed to by the general membership of our chapter. Any retaliation by you (which we know there will be) must be directed personally at our Bro. Ray. (Can we turn our backs on our Brother or what?) Go get 'em Grand Master Greg. It was noted that Bro. Ray should bring his lawyer, accountant and banker to the membership meeting in Fresno.

We look forward to seeing you at the Diamond Jubilee Convention in Fresno. And it's not too early to mention "San Diego Will Be Heaven" during Labor Day Weekend in 1997.

Finally, the San Diego Padres are looking for a new third baseman. Any XXX Brother can apply. Salary - \$1.00 for a one-year contract. If you get too good and become a superstar, you will be traded. Can our Padres trade players, cut-costs, or what? When does the football season start?

Fraternally yours,
Dickran A. Semerdjian
Associate Editor

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Spring issue of Trex News is January 8, 1994.

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Mt. Diablo

Greetings from Mt. Diablo Chapter! We hope all of you brothers are having as good a year as we've been having. Here are a few of the highlights:

Diablo Dominates

In a shocking turn of events, Mt. Diablo swept the field at the Last Annual TREX Games at Midterm. PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Armen Boyd and Vaughn Mazmanian dominated the competition, finishing 1-2-3 to sweep the individual honors and bring home the team trophy.

Their accomplishment gives testament to the competitive spirit of the brothers of Diablo Chapter, and to the lack of a promotional budget for the tournament sponsor. Apparently word of the tournament didn't get around to the other chapters in time, so Bros. Shavarsh, Armen and Vaughn were the only ones who entered. Eat your heart out, Bro. Dennis!

Not to be outdone, Jr. Master Greg Kelligian and Tanil Matosian teamed up to win more honors at Peninsula Chapter's Ed Sarouhan Memorial Golf Tournament. Their scores were so impressive, a



Vaughn Mazmanian, Armen Boyd Sr., and PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian sweep the Last Annual Trex Games at '93 Midterm.



Grand Master J. Gregory Avedesian oversees the passing of the coveted Trex Cup.



Diablo Golfers Greg Kelligian and Tanil Matosian finish in the money.



Have Magic Marker, Will Travel.

mere trophy could not begin to recognize their talents. So we did the only proper thing and elected them Master and Jr. Master for the coming year.

New Members

We welcomed three new members into the chapter this year: Andrew Hagopian, Kevork Hagopian, and Bruce Jamgotchian. All three are considered top prospects as none of them are engineers.

Bruce is the cousin of fellow Bro. Ken Kile, the son of Selma Bro. Chuck Jamgotchian, and nephew of Orange County PGM Bro. Haig Jamgotchian. With connections like that he should be Master by midterm.

Andrew and Kevork are brothers now, but were not related before joining the chapter. We expect them to keep Bro. Richard Hagopian in line, now that there are three Hagopians in the group.

Wieners Abound

On July 4th the chapter was out in force to raise money for the Armenian Technology Group and the Contra Costa Food Bank. 30,000 people were supposed to show up for a huge fireworks show that night in San Ramon city park, so it seemed like a good idea to set up a booth and find something to sell. Since apple pie was too messy, (and Mom was out of



The Wiener Gang: Armen Phelps (with birdbrain hat), Varam Katchigian, PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Aram Boyd, Shant Kouyoumjian, Bruce Jamgotchian, Greg Kelligian, Ed Hazarabedian, and Armen Donian.



Would you buy a weenie from this man?

the question), we decided on hot dogs.

And as every Trexman knows, the only place to go for a hot dog in this town is Caspers. Thanks to Bro. George Rustigian of Caspers Hot Dogs, we got a great deal on 100 lbs of prime dog. Armed with 600 extra-large buns, a case of nacho cheese sauce, 4 gallons of mustard, and three cases of cheese-flavored popcorn from Cliff Melikian's cousin Jim The Popcorn Man, we set out to feed the assembled masses.

And what a feeding frenzy it was! Then after Armen Phelps finally got full, we managed to sell a few hot dogs and nachos to the gang of people lined up outside of our booth. By the time the fireworks started we had six empty #10 cans of cheese sauce lying around, and four people had asked Shavarsh if that was a giant blob of nacho cheese on his pocket or was he just happy to see them.

We'd also made a tidy profit for one evening of hard work. Special thanks to Armen, Shant, Shav, Ed, Greg, Armen, Vaughn, Aram, Armen, Bruce, Vahram, Nairi, Paula, and Thelma for all their hard work and good humor. →

Road Trip

A certain member of Mt. Diablo Chapter was driving the backroads north of here when he happened upon an unusual road sign. After determining that a typographical error had been made, he took the time and effort to correct the mistake on his own.



Midterm delegates: Front - PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Vaughn Mazmanian, Greg Kelligian; Back - Art Hazarabedian, Bruce Jamgotchian, Armen Donian, Armen Boyd.



Bro. Dr. Mark Sarkisian demonstrates a doohickey thingamajig for Vaughn Mazmanian, Armen Donian, George rustigian, and half of Charlie Kezerian.



Star Search judges: Clifford "Your Mummie" Melikian, Armando Fellini Boyadjian, and Myron "Frankie" Konjoyan.

Our kudos for his fine display of initiative. If you're ever in the neighborhood of the Princeton Ferry on highway 45 south of Colusa, take a moment to check out his handiwork.

Star Search

'93 No lack of talent in this chapter, no siree! Three of our Brothers made the finals of Star Search '93 back in May. We're still not quite sure what their talent was, but they sure took a hell of a picture together. Cliff Melikian, Myron Konjoyan, and Armen Boyd Sr. hammed it up to the delight of the crowd at St. Vartan's for the annual talent show. They were supposedly on hand to judge the other contestants, but they were quite an act all on their own. Maybe if you're real nice to them they'll reprise their performance for you at the Convention.

Member Spotlight

Brother Mark Sarkisian was the guest speaker at our July meeting with a fascinating presentation on the little doohickeys they use to rotorooter your arteries when you eat too much pilaf and bereg and you need a bypass operation.

Dr. Mark brought slides, a video, and some of the actual doohickey parts so the guys could see and touch the watchyamacallits before they get their own installed in their operations. Some of the guys had already ha theirs installed, so they knew all about the thingamajigs Bro. Mark was talking about and had lots to share with the rest of us.

Meanwhile, Dr. Sarkisian showed us how the go inside your heart with these balloo thingees, attach these expensive little meta doodads to your artery walls at \$800 a pop, just so you can keep on eating red meat, fried eggs, and butter.

All in all it was a very entertaining and informative presentation. Especially on a full stomach! Bro. Mark is very busy working at Stanford Medical Center, but he promised to come back soon to demonstrate the Heimlich maneuver. Meanwhile, make sure your health insurance premiums are up to date, and pass the fried pork products, please.

Convention '93

We're looking forward to seeing all of you again at Fresno Chapter's big bash Labor Day Weekend. We know they're gonna host one helluva good time. Meanwhile we're getting ready to win the coveted TREX Cup at the Third Annual TREX Softball Challenge. L.A. Juniors are the defending champs, and the host team should be tough at home. But we've got a few ringers of our own this year and we'll be ready for action. See you at the Convention!

Fraternally yours,
Aram Boyd, Associate Editor

Capitol

IN REMEMBRANCE...

Marvin D.K. Baghosian former Capitol Chapter Bro. passed away in Sacramento on June 1, 1993. Bro. Marvin was a Licensed Architect. He was a master at working crossword puzzles. Bro. Marvin enjoyed having lunch with his friends every single day of the year at his favorite restaurant. A mixture of Armenians, Jews, Italians, and even PGM Joe



Hagopian and yours truly, enjoyed the bull sessions. The far corner of the restaurant, bears a plaque reading, "PIDGE'S CORNER". Capitol Bro's convey remembrances of sorrow to the family.

Bro. Ruben Sweet spending many months in Sacramento, making his doctors very rich, diagnosis in his health. Bro. Ruben just moved back to his home in Sparks NV, in June, after getting a clean bill of health from his doctors, due to the effort of his sister Alice Kazanjian, and her good Armenian cooking and care.



Capitol PGM Alan, PGM Joe, GM Greg.



Left to Right, Scott, Ann, and John.



Kef Night June 1993.



Bro's Jake, Gregory, Richard at Kef '93.



Art Tatosian, Chairman of Kef Night'

Bro. Guy and Rene Hagopian, owners of Annabelle's Restaurant in the Capitol City, hosted a dinner to benefit "Operation Winter Rescue". Proceeds went to help the victims of the Illegal Blockade of Armenia. Bro. John Shahabian was co-chairman. Excellent dinner.

Bro. Joe Hagopian and wife Rose toured Europe by land and a cruise. Our annual Kef Night affair in May was attended by Grand Master Greg Avedesian. G.M. Greg even won a raffle prize. Master Ron Saroyan and Bro. Art Tatosian's efforts were overwhelming.

Bro. Harry Sweet, television cameraman, histo-

HARRY SWEET DONATES NEWS FILM COLLECTION TO LIBRARY

by Erik Helland

Where would you go to find original film footage of Ronald Reagan's 1967 gubernatorial inauguration in Sacramento; a Jack Benny rehearsal; or Northern California and national sports action from the 1970's?

History buffs and researchers can now view these and other film portrayals of Northern California, as well as events from across the nation at the California State University, Sacramento University Library, thanks to a donation by retired local television cameraman and archivist, Harry Sweet.

Sweet's gift to CSUS is a collection of six million feet — more than 1,000 miles — of film covering a variety of events from January, 1967 through September, 1981. It includes film from Robert F. Kennedy's 1968 California presidential primary campaign victory and his tragic assassination; the SLA and the Patty Hearst kidnapping; and a broad range of sports coverage. Footage from January 2,

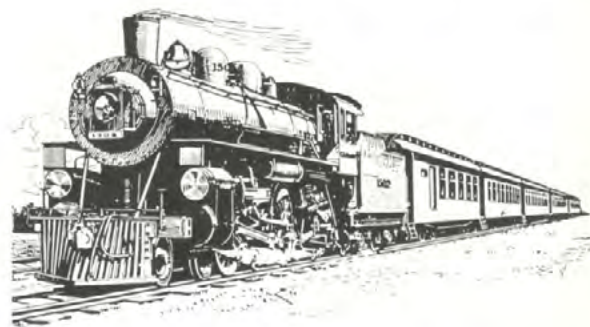
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rian retired, dug into his huge collection of negatives and printed about 75 photographs celebrating the 40th anniversary of Sacramento's first TV station KCCC TV Channel 40, Oct. 3, 1953. His collection was the highlight of an Open House at the Sacramento History and Archives Science Center, last June 18th. Bro. Harry shared the evening's Open House with former Mayor Anne Rudin's collection of her world trips. 400 people attended the event. The exhibit will be on display through 1993 and 1994. Bro. Harry was the first television cameraman in Sacramento, and the valley.

Master Rob Saroyan hosted our Triple X Patio Party and Picnic. Very well attended. We never forget the ladies of our departed brothers.

"See you at the 75th convention. Capitol Bro's are headed your way."

Harry Sweet Assoc. Editor



See you at the 75th Convention. Capitol Bro's are on the way. All Aboard!!!



1967, for instance, shows the gubernatorial inauguration of Ronald Reagan plus a performance rehearsal by the late comedian Jack Benny.

Sweet acquired the film from Sacramento television station KOVR. The entire collection, like many others across the nation, was scheduled to be thrown away when the station was to move in September 1990. Fortunately, the station offered the collection to Harry Sweet instead, in recognition of his demonstrated expertise as a cameraman and archivist.

Sweet requested the collection be given to the CSUS library after he had examined it and judged it to be in excellent condition. He believed it would be of great value to the generations of CSUS students.

According to Judy Jones of the Library Media Center, students, the public, and staff will be able to access the film once a suitable cataloging system is prepared. Until then, the film collection is behind closed doors and accessible only by appointment.

Jones hopes the film will be ready for regular use by this fall, thanks to film equipment acquired through a grant and donations from a Bay Area television station.

It is not surprising that such extraordinary footage would be made available by Sweet, who in 1953 was Sacramento Valley's first television news cameraman and photographer. Sweet has compiled some 29 million feet of film documenting 30 years of Northern California news. His personal collection shows workers shoveling their way through 40 feet of snow in a 1932 snowstorm, Sacramento before the Folsom Dam and the World Series between 1933 and 1939.

Sweet says his motto is "never throw away a picture," in contrast to a nation-wide trend among television stations of throwing away or taping over existing film to save costs.

"Campus News", CSUS

LOS ANGELES

Hi Brothers,

Well — What did I tell you. Didn't I say to all of you about how great your new Grand Master would be. You've seen him, he's been with you, at your meetings and affairs. What makes him so outstanding is that he is a Grand Master who is there to serve you and not to be served. As far as we are concerned down here brothers is that he will be remembered as one of the many outstanding Grand Masters we have had in the past. Hopefully future Grand Masters can take his lead and follow his thinking and style. The entire membership of our chapter would like to thank all of our sister chapters in giving him the respect that is due that position.

Our chapter has lost three Brothers to the Big Chapter in the Heavens...

Brother Saven Betkijian

Brother Sam Tatilian

Brother Aram Boyajian

Our condolences to the family of Brother Saven and his two Brothers, Brother Aram Betkijian and Brother Edward Betkijian. To Amy Tatilian and her family. Also to Anna Boyajian and her family. They truly will be missed for they all were outstanding Trexmen.

Now you all have probably been wondering what our Chapter has been up to since Mid-Term.

Well, I'll tell you what I'm going to do. Sit back, relax, and I will fill you in.

April - John Gogian Invitational Golf Tournament in Palm Springs, man what a place to go to. If you've never been invited, try to, it's a great affair. Our thanks to our Junior Master Bro. John Casparian for taking over the chores from Brother Jack Shahian who is still under the weather. We had 60 golfers teeing off both Friday and Saturday. When all the drives and putts were made, the victors rose from the greens.

1st Place: Bro. Levon Leonian and Bro. Mike Shakar (there's that name again.)

2nd Place: Bro. George Kirkjan and Bro. Mike Kourtjian

3rd Place: Bro. P.G.M. Aram Poladian and Bro. Jack Khteian.

Again Thanks Bro. John. But most of all thanks to Brother Jack Shahian who has set this affair up a long time ago to make it run as smooth as it has.

May - Wives Night Out.

Lakeside Country Club. Do you know what we're talking here. This my friends is the ultimate in country clubs. Located within the major motion

picture studios in Burbank were members like Bob Hope, and the big stars of yester years belong. Names like Bro. Steve Papazian and Bro. Aram Hampar.

Again our thanks to Junior Master John Casparian for taking care of all the final details in making this affair the best so far, and to P.G.M. Brother Herb Elmassian for getting everybody seated on the right tables. Again this affair would never be what it is today without the original hard work by our Bro. Herb Elmassian and his lovely wife Roxie.

When over 150 Trexmen, wives, and guests finished their dinner we all drove to Warner Brothers Studios to view, in our private theater, to see the movie "Dave".

After the move we again drove over to Hampar's home for dessert. Being a soda jerk from the old days, I made the biggest hot fudge sundae you ever have seen, and was it ever good. Our thanks to the two producers who made that evening as pleasant as it was, Bro. Steve Papazian V.I.P. at Warner Brothers Studios and Aram Hampar V.I.P. of the Oil Business.

Speaking of Bro. Aram Hampar, our chapter is very very proud of Aram who was just voted as the New Director of the Ararat Home in Los Angeles. Knowing him as we do, we know we will do an outstanding job in that new position.

Now the Big One... Brothers I mean the BIG ONE. This thing is getting to be the biggest charity Golf Tournament in the world. "The Annual Armenian Open Charity Golf Tournament."

Under the guiding hands of our chairman P.G.M. Bro. Aram Poladian and his hard working committee 100 golfers tee off at 12:00 noon to challenge the number 2 course at Brookside. After the Golfers received their free golf shoes, golf balls, lunch and many goodies they were off and running. When the round was finished, some players walked off sad, and some walked off happy. The happy golfers were Bro's Lee Neshanian Net 63. Matt Matoesian Net 64. Vaughn Vartanian Net 64. Leon Leonian Net 65. Our great Master, Dikran Devian net 68. Closest to the hole on the par 3's on number 10, Bro. Bill Ohanesian 6 ft. 7 inches. On the 12th hole Bro. Ralph Barzekoff 2 ft. 8 inches. Each Brother received \$100.00 of the green stuff... We topped of the Golf Day with a few shooters, Armenian style, that's with both hands, a steak dinner, lots of door prizes and raffle prizes. A special thanks to Brother Aran Vazanian for putting all the golfers in he thigh places at the right time and to his committee Bro. Master Dikran Devian and Bro. Edward Tashjian, in working out the scores for trophy presentations.

June - Our Family Picnic was at a new park this

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LOS ANGELES JUNIORS

Hello Brothers,

We hope you and yours are well. We are doing great. In fact, we recently brought in two new brothers and are stronger than ever. Early in the year, we brought in Brother Kevork Zoryan (age 20) a student at U.S.C. and a member of the Trojan band. Just recently, we welcomed Brother Darren Eminian (age 20) a student at C.S.U. Northridge and the son of Senior Brother Tevon Eminian. We are very excited about both brothers. They are great guys and will have lots to offer the Fraternity for a long time. The only bad news we have is that Bro. Sako was laid off from his produce job at Rons market. Along with the great initiations, we have been enjoying another very successful softball season and feel confident that we will be able to defend our crown. We are in the midst of planning a number of great events and trips and are anxious to see you all in Fresno at the Convention.

Fraternally yours,
Bro. Armen Cazian
Recording Secretary



P.S. Shant - We Love You



Golden Gate

Enjoying the best of the Bay has been the order of business these past few months. Just north of the Golden Gate, the Bucolic community of Sausalito hosted 25 brothers and family for a relaxing bay-side brunch and browse. Kudos to Brothers Len Kaprielian for putting it all together.

Breaking out their brooms, 25 Golden Gaters journeyed south to Candlestick Park, joined by 10 brothers from the Selma Chapter. All enjoyed a bountiful pregame tailgate mezza while basking in the glorious San Francisco sunshine. The festivities were successfully capped as the National League West leading Giants pounded the Cubs to complete a sweep of their series.

And while the Brothers have certainly been living the good life about the Bay, efforts to raise funds to support our Chapter's designated beneficiary, the Armenian Technology Group, have been quite successful. To date, several thousand dollars have been raised to support the ATG's efforts to develop and



Avedis Tehlirian, Levon Sagatelyan, Paul Goorjian, Ken Nahigian.

LOS ANGELES (cont.)

year. A very private area just for our chapter. Weather was super, lots of family, good food, what else can you ask for in a family picnic. Our thanks to Bro's Ken Khteian and Walter Hekimian for their hard work in putting on this affair. Every year it gets better and better. And to Bro's Greg Mikaelian and Carl Marderosian for cooking the meat and peppers. Thanks guys, it was great. And let's not forget our juniors who were out there helping clean up after. They are always there when called on. We are very proud of our juniors, more than you may think.

Look Mom, I'm Feeling Better Dept.

Bro's Carl Adanalian, Suren Ayvazian, Jimmy Gondjian, and who ever else I have missed.

To Bro. Greg Mikaelian who just had an eye operation and is doing well. He always claimed to be

rebuild Armenia's agricultural infrastructure.

Yet to come is the Annual Summer Picnic. This year being held on the beach in San Rafael. Proceeds will further bolster Golden Gate's contribution to the ATG Fund.

Looking forward to our Annual Gathering,
Fraternally yours,
David Zovickian, Associate Editor



Ara Sahagian, Vic Azizian, Onnig Tutunjian, Anoochavan Kasparian.



Bro. Robert Balian, PGM Sark Sarkisian, Avedis Tehlirian, Vic Azizian.

a great golfer before his operation. But since the operation he claims he is a fabulous golfer, now that he is able to see the little white ball better. We are all glad that the operation went well Bro. Greg. I'll still play 7 with you any day...

It's that time of the year for Convention. Can you believe 75 years, man that's something else. We in the Los Angeles Chapter will be there in mass, as usual. Just remember conventions are given for all of us. If we can't support our convention we shouldn't give them. It takes a lot of hard work and a lot of money to put the Convention on. So Brothers, we look forward in seeing all of you in Fresno.

And a hello to Brother Carl Chooljian and Kenneth Chooljian, wherever you are. What super guys they are! See you all soon. Chow.

Fraternally,
Bro. Lee Neshanian, Associate Editor

Peninsula

It is now the halfway mark of 1993, believe it or not! And what, might you ask, has occurred up through this period and then-some, on the Peninsula chapter's stomping grounds? Well, it involves a mixed bag of old and new tricks, which goes something like this. First, we held our **4th Annual Spring Dinner/Dance** once again, but this time during the more Spring-like period of April. We decided to say "good-bye" to ZORBA'S (where it has been held for over the past 3 years), and said "hello" to MICHAEL'S. What a difference a new restaurant made! The excellent food, service, atmosphere, and tunes of the **Jack Marderosian Band**, to boot, made this an event that will surely go down in our history books as being the best Spring Dinner/Dance ever. Second, we will officially turn out at the **St. Andrew Armenian Church Armenian Picnic** in July, "lobbying". This will not be for the passage of new legislative bills, but shall instead concern "getting the word out" about our group, as well as otherwise assisting with the picnic functions in general. Third, the infamous **Ed Sarouhan Golf tournament** will occur in August, allowing the "taking out of physical aggressions" against poor, defenseless golf balls, and having a hell of a good



A perfect example of genuine Trex camaraderie right here!



Peninsula Chapter delegates turn out in serious force at '93 Midterm Convention.



"What? The Spring Dinner Dance is over already? And just when I was getting warmed up!"



"All right, how long do us Trex Brothers have to wait to get the good stuff around here?"



Jack Marderosian and Todd Odabashian pull off an incredibly successful Spring Dinner/Dance.



Oakland

As we in the Oakland chapter look forward to a great Convention, we look back and realize what a good year we've had.

Back in March we saluted our founders with a founder's day dinner, and it was a great evening, founders spoke of what it took to get the triple X off the ground and how it's evolved over the years. We were honored to have the Grand-master with us during our May meeting. He spoke to us about the state of Triple X, he was impressed by the way we



Bro. Vaughn Sobajian of Oakland and Bro. Howard Lester of Fresno up at Shaver Lake Dam on Dinkey Creek Weekend.

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time doing so. Then last, but certainly not least, work continues at a feverish pace on our **1995 Trex Labor Day Weekend Convention**. We have the "bones," and are beginning to create a "skeleton" of exciting activities to come. Though we do still have a couple of years to "get down" to it, that date will arrive here faster than anyone realizes. So there you have it for the moment—more upcoming details in the next issue of **Trex News**. In the meantime, we shall bid you farewell until Fresno in September.

Fraternaly-writing, as always,

Brother Todd Odabashian



Trex cops Vic Khachooni and Kip Garabedian, awaiting back-up, before proceeding to bust Mid-term Convention.



Crab Feed.



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ran our meeting and the efficiency of our chairman John Lulejian. One of the highlights of the year is our crab feed. The way the brothers were eating I could have sworn some lost fingers. This also was our best attended meeting, funny how food attracts Armenians.



In June brother Dennis Sherinian led members to the Oakland Coliseum to witness first hand the excitement of W.W.F. wrestling. The event was a great success, and Brother Dennis got his lifelong wish;



Orange County

Hello to all the Brothers! We are looking forward to seeing you all at the 75th Diamond Jubilee Convention in Fresno — "KEF TIME FRESNO".

Our 7th Annual Armenian-American Sports Hall of Fame was outstanding. Bro. Jack Kayajanian, Bro. Nick Paboojian and Bro. Nish Derderian, along with all the Brothers, helped put on this event. Over 500 men enjoyed the evening with Guest Speakers Bill Walsh, the Stanford Football Coach and Garo Yepremian the tie breaker from Maine, plus Jerry Tarkanian. The Humanitarian Award went to Jackie Slater from the L.A. Rams and Garo Yepremian was inducted into the Armenian Sports Hall of Fame. What a night! The classic story told by Garo was about when he ran to the wrong side of the field on his first game in the Pro's and passed the football for an interception so the other team made the touch-down. All the speakers were very entertaining — next year there will be more surprises, so don't miss this event. Thanks again to the committee. Donations went to local charities. We had the honor of having our present Grand Master Bro. Greg Avedesian with us for the evening.

We had a Day At the Races at Santa Anita, which Bro. Ed Harver put together with Bro. Malcom Boghosian. Some of the Brothers said that their horses are still running. Thank you Brothers for the good time that was had by all. This year's Mid Term was a fun time. We had 10 Brothers in our motor home. We played cards, told jokes, ate and drank. Our Bro. Master John Mekemian was in charge—he said he knew a short cut out of Los Angeles, but we lost an hour getting to Fresno. Fresno is never the same when we drive through it! On our way back, we stopped at the Circle K Ranch. Bro. Pete Kazarian gave us the tour of the store (we love you Pete!). Thanks.

Our Armenian Spring Dance was a jam packed affair! We had two bands Tom Bozigian's Band with our own Bro. Ara Gholdoian playing the clarinet and

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a Cage Match with Mr. Perfect.

I would also like to let everyone know that we are losing our great leader Master John Lulejian. He is leaving his post to pursue a law Degree at Temple University. All your brothers at the Oakland Chapter wish you all the best. We'll discuss fines upon your return.

In closing the Oakland Chapter would like to wish everyone involved a successful convention.

Brother Steven Donikian
Associate Editor



Bro. Bob Kazarian, Bro. Bob Cutler, Jr. Master Rick Penjoyan, Master John Mekemian (Bob Cutler's first meeting.)



Bro's Archie, Leo, Pat, Art, Ed, "Bartenders"



Bro. Master John Bekemian "He is good".



Bro. Ara Gholdoian, "He is good too".

Bro. Master John Mekemian playing the organ in the Classic Rock and Roll Band. Bro. Art Kazarian did a great job with the food and all the Brothers who helped put it together contributed to this very successful evening. Bro. Ara and Bro. John chaired the dance. What a fun time for our young Armenians. They can't wait till next year. Donations from the dance also went to local charities.

Our Annual Laughlin stag outing was chaired by Bro. Mooney Najarian. Pat Laughlin loves Triple X — he has become like family, and he is so generous with us. Thanks Pat for the hospitality. The Brothers never talk about how much they won or lost. They kind of stretch the truth! They got their boat ride on Lake Mojave and didn't have to use the life jackets — great sailing. Bro. Leo Depoian got a



Bro. Jack, Bill Walsh, Sports Night.



Garo Yepremian, Jerry Tarkanian, Sports Night.



Mid Term motor home ride, what a group.



Bro. Bill, Ed, Dickran, Leo, Pat.



Bro. Leo, Bro. Haig, Grand Master Bro. Greg, telling us when he played football.



Bro. Haig, Pat, John, Nishan, Jack, Bob, Ed. Having a good time at Mid Term.

nickname from the Laughlin Trip, "Chinese Leo". Next time you see Leo, ask him what it means. Bro. Mooney - thanks again - you're Mr. Triple X!

Our Family Pot Luck was at Kurk and Marge Kazarian's Clubhouse. Bro. P.G.M. Haig Jamgotchian helped put it together—with other Brothers. Thanks to the Kazarians for the use of their clubhouse and Marge for her wonderful Keyma. If you come late you miss out on the Keyma! So this year we were all on time. We played Bingo and took time to enjoy all the great dishes. Nobody went home hungry.

Our 13th Annual Picnic at Yorba Regional Park is

Selma

The Selma Trex hosted a surprise bachelor party and honored its Past Masters on January 28th. The bachelors in question: P.M. Jeff (on every committee) Esraelian, P.M. Eliot Nahigian and Bro. Randy Garabedian.

Our brothers enjoyed a delicious Lamb Shank dinner prepared by P.G.M. Abby Mamigonian and Bro. Aram Shahenian.

The surprise bachelor party was the brain child of Jr. Master Patrick Balakian. One of the bachelors, P.M. Jeff Esraelian, was noticeably embarrassed from the attention. He was overheard to have said, "If I had known you were doing this, I wouldn't have come."

The highlight of the evening was when the Past Masters offered words of wisdom and advice from their many years of married life. The evening was also devoted to honoring Selma's Past Masters and acknowledging their contributions to the Triple X Fraternity.

Our Valentine's Day Dinner was held at Remington's in Fresno on February 14th. With several choices for dinner, everyone ordered their favorite dish and of course the food is always outstanding. It was a special evening because, our Brothers were joined by their wives or girl friends, mothers and mothers-in-law. Of course our wives looked great and they are always a good influence on our Brothers, who even managed to find a sport coat and tie to wear. Don't let the photo fool you, Brother Phil Manoogian had a great time!

Law enforcement night had a different and interesting twist this year. On February 24th, before the dinner and guest speakers, Sheriff Steve Magarian arranged a tour of the county jail. Approximately 30 brothers took advantage of this unique opportunity.



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chaired by Bro. Wayne Najarian and Bro. Larry Kaprielian. Bro. Art Kazarian is our "Master Chef." This is a must to come and enjoy the Shish Kebob and music and dancing. Sunday, July 25th is the day to mark on your calendars!

Our Junior Grand Master Bro. Hank Bashjian is doing fine as well as others in our chapter who have had surgery. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Our Grand Historian/Custodian Bro. Charles Paskerian has been keeping us informed on Armenia — thanks Bro. Chuck for the work you are doing to keep Armenia strong.

The "Armenian Navy" will be going to Catalina. Captain Bro. Don Kazarian and Captain Bro. Mark

Hachigian will be taking the Brothers for a weekend outing to learn how to navigate the boat if they get lost. Always a wonderful trip - October, 1993.

We have added two new Brothers to our Chapter! Bro. Bob Cutler and Bro. Roger Pechuls — two outstanding members. "WELCOME"!!

Brother Trexmen — next time you're in town, come to our meeting held at the Balboa Bay club — Newport Beach on the third Wednesday of each month — Dinner is at 7:30 — Come and have a great time — you won't regret it. "See you at the Convention"!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Haig Jamgotchian
Past Grand Master



The tour included many aspects of the booking procedure and gave the brothers a taste of what the deputies go through on a daily basis. Some of the deputies wanted to detain a couple of brothers, but the deputies were told these weren't the men on the "most wanted list." The jail tour was followed by a dinner at the popular "Old Fresno Hofbrau." After dinner our guests, Sheriff Steve Magarian and Alan Yengoian, of the D.A.'s office, spoke to us on car theft from crime to treatment. During the car theft discussion, several Brothers were frequently seen checking the parking lot.



Our Sports Night on March 24th was very entertaining with the appearance of F.S.U. Bulldog Football Coach, Jim Sweeney. F.S.U. Recruiting Coach, Steve Mooshagian who showed a video of highlights of F.S.U.'s victory over U.S.C. in the Freedom Bowl. It's the favorite video of every Bulldog fan, outselling the top selling video "Jurassic Park" in Fresno Video Stores of course. F.S.U. players in attendance were Armen Torigian and Ron Papazian.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious Shish Kebab Dinner prepared by our Brothers. But the evening wasn't over until Coach Sweeney led everyone in a rousing rendition of "I've got that Bulldog Spirit." Thank you's go to Jr. Master Patrick Balakian for his effort in organizing this year's Sports Night and being ever-present during the evening.



The 39th Annual Mid-Term Convention was held on March 6th and hosted by the Selma Chapter. The Fresno Chapter's Clubhouse served as the perfect gathering spot, meeting area, and dining hall. Our business meeting was only part of the weekend activity. We also had a golf tournament, organized by Bro's Aram Shahenian and P.G.M. Haig Kasparian. Those rousing Tavloo and Gin Tournaments were organized by Jr. Master Pat Balakian. Bro. Don Attoian chaired the dinner for the convention. The over-all Chairman for the Mid-Term Convention was our very own Master Robert Srabian.

What a fun evening had by all on April 22nd at the Tri-Chapter Dinner Meeting, (Sequoia, Fresno, and Selma Chapters.) The Cattleman's Restaurant in Selma was the setting. We had enough to choose from on the menu to satisfy all tastes. After dinner there was Gin, Pinochle, and Tavloo available. It was really a great Trex Night with all three Chapters attending.

May 27th brought the Selma Chapter its Annual Scholarship Dinner. The Scholarship Committee chaired by P.M. Jack Bedrosian (remember P.M. Jack Bedrosian for Grand Master) awarded 5 scholarships at \$750.00 each. Each scholarship was increased by \$250.00 over last year. The high school



graduates for '93 receiving scholarships were: Seth Chambers, Shant Kataroyan, Jeffrey Bashian, Jennifer Vahanian, and Cadee Ohanesian. Bro. Michael Sarabian chaired the delicious Barbecue Chicken dinner at the California Armenian Home.

Selma Trexman and their families spent June 6th at their Spring Outing '93. The grounds of the California Armenian Home is always the perfect setting. After feasting on Peda Burgers, Pilaf, Corn, Salad and Dessert, many took part in gin and Tavloo Tournaments. The children were provided with games and prizes too. The afternoon was a 10 due to the efforts of Co-Chairs Bro. Pete Esraelian, Bro. Chick Kandarian, Bro. M.G. Garabedian and committee members.

June 13th was set aside by the Selma and Golden Gate Chapters to attend a Giants vs. Cubs game. The brothers started off by having a tailgate party. The barbecue was provided by the Golden Gate Chapter. Master Robert Srabian and Bro. Pete Esraelian sure had their share of a good time. After the game the afternoon was completed by finishing off the tailgate. Everyone agreed this is one we'll have to repeat very soon. Oh, it also helped to have the Giants win this one!

Then on June 25th, a very special evening was organized by Jr. Master Patrick Balakian. The Selma Chapter celebrated it's 60th anniversary at George's Restaurant. Master Robert Srabian served as Master of Ceremonies. He provided interesting insights about the Selma Trex Jr. Master Pat, displayed several interesting pieces of memorabilia. Included were pictures tracing the history of the Selma Trex. Most interesting to read was the minutes from the first Selma Trex business meeting held on September 6, 1937.

Jr. Master Pat and Master Robert visited Ashod Mirigian, earlier in the week, at the California Armenian Home. Bro. Ashod is the only surviving charter member of the Selma Chapter. All the Trexmen agreed, it's an evening they will always remember.

July 4th was spent in Fowler by the Selma Trex. Several brothers and their wives worked our food booth at Fowler's July 4th celebration. Peda Burgers were served to several hundred hungry visitors.

We were saddened by the loss of our long time Bro. Russell Mirigian and the unexpected passing of Bro. Ted Kazarian. Our heartfelt sympathies to their families.

Hope to see you all Labor Day Weekend in Fresno for the Annual Trex Convention!

Fraternally
Jerry Baker

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