



Trex News

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION TRIPLE X FRATERNITY OF CALIFORNIA

Triple X Fraternity

40th Mid-Term Convention

Saturday, March 5, 1994

Fresno, California

- **Mid-Term Golf Tournament**

Sherwood Forest, 79 N. Frankwood, Sanger

11:30 a.m. Sharp! (See particulars and entry blank on back page.)

- **Fresno Club House Open All Day**

(9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) for Tavloo, Gin, Pinochle, etc.

12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet

- **Cocktails & Mezza 6:00 p.m. – Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

Fresno Club House - 630 S. Argyle, Fresno

Raffle

- **Business Meeting – 8:00 p.m.**

Members Only



Grand Master's Message

Dear Brothers,

When I was elected to the office of Grand Master, I said it was a position of honor. And indeed it has been. The four socials my wife and I have attended, and the six business meetings that I have been able to make thus far, have been one of gracious hospitality and a display of memorable fellowship and friendship. It has been deeply appreciated and I want to thank all the chapters and their officers involved.

Looking ahead, I intend to meet with every chapter at least once or twice before our convention in September in order to promote the growth and enhancement of this fine fraternity of ours.

My theme for our fraternity for this fiscal term is 'Service, Charity, & Fellowship', and I will attempt to promote them by advocating these goals wherever I go.

I invite all brothers for their views and input that would further the growth of our fraternity as our future is at stake.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at your meetings and many of you at the mid-term convention.

Fraternally,

Jack D. Bedrosian
Grand Master

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FRESNO

The Fresno "Mother" Chapter is alive and well as we complete our seventy five years of existence. The 75th Diamond Jubilee Convention was a great success due to our Convention Chairman, Brother Ed Hokokian and the harmonious endeavors of the older and younger Trexmen.

Attendance of a couple of chapters was disappointing; but the overall cooperation of our sister chapters and the Fresno community made this convention a "biggy". Hopefully, many more will follow.

Since our convention, the Fresno Chapter closed out the year with a "Day at the Races" in October; a very successful "open social" at our clubhouse in November. December 12, 1993 was our annual Christmas Party and well-attended. Prior to the convention, our scholarship dinner was held in August. Overall, a great year was had by Fresno.

Special kudos for a gentleman who has been ever-dependable, at everyone's beck and call, not only during convention time, but all throughout the year. This important person is non other than Bob Kevorkian. Many thanks, Bob.

AUGUST: Scholarship Recipients Dinner
Chairman, Brother Naz Chaderjian

SEPTEMBER: Diamond Jubilee Convention
General Chairman -

Brother Edward Hokokian
Registration: Naz Chaderjian
Bob Juskalian
Hospitality/Entertainment: Jack Bedoian
Adv. Booklet: Aaron Aaronian
Finance: Sam Hokokian
Richard Shirin

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Friday Night: Michael Kershaw
Saturday Night: Jack Kazanjian
Pat Ourlian

Men's Breakfast Ed Shirin
Gary Kazarian

Ladies Luncheon: Alberta Bedoian
Sunday Night Grand Ball:

Mr/Mrs Michael Emerzian
Mr/Mrs Michael Garabedian

Golf: Harold Loosigian
Greg Loosigian

Softball: Mark Yazijian
Tom Emerzian

Photographer: Sam Simonian

OCTOBER: A day at the Races.
Chairman: Master Jack Bedoian



1993 Scholarship Dinner. Bro. Master Jack Bedoian and Scholarship Chairman Bro. Maz Chaderjian with Scholarship Recipients.



Love is young.



Bros. Sam Simonian, Gary Kazarian, Jack Kazanjian and Harold Loosigian, Open Social-Open Bar.

NOVEMBER: Open Social
Chairman Mike Emerzian
Mike Garabedian

NOVEMBER: Christmas Party Dinner
Chairman: Junior Master Gary Kazanjian

A special notation: Never before have so many



Fresno's "M and M" Bros. "Open Social" leaders Mike Emerzian & Mike Garabedian.



Registration Bros. Mike Emerzian, Richard Shirin Open Social Nov. 1993 and Sam Hokokian.



Kef Time, Bros. Ed Hokokian, Michael Kershaw & Gary Kazanjian.

Trex wives worked so diligently, so dedicated; there were so many that fear of leaving one name out necessitates thanking them by means of this publication. They were present at all the meetings of the September Convention and their input was greatly appreciated. Thanks again girls!

To add the icing on the cake, this year was topped off by the very recent births of two future trexmen thanks to Mr/Mrs Michael Emerzian and Mr/Mrs



M/M Naz Chaderjian and M/M Marty Marderosian.



Bro. Naz Chaderjian and Master Jack Bedoian



P.G.M. Sam Krikorian, Bros. Naz Chaderjian Richard Shirin and Marty Marderosian.

Michael Garabedian, (Our M and M Brothers). The boys' names respectively are: Andre Emerzian and Joe Garabedian II.

Since the Sequoia Chapter is hosting the 1994 Convention, they have requested that the Fresno Chapter host the 1994 Mid-Term Convention for the Grand Chapter. In the spirit of brotherhood, the Fresno Chapter will comply with the Sequoia chapter's request and handle the Mid-Term. A no-



Bros. Bob Kevorkian & Charlie Amasalian



Bros. Master Jack Bedoian, Bros. Richard Bedoian and Cache Gavroian in foreground.



Registration Committee, Bob Markus, Stella Chaderjian, Richard Shirin, Alberta Bedoian, Diana Shirin, & Dorothy Juskalian.

host lunch will be served at the Club House for attending brothers in addition to the dinner prior to the Business Meeting. This Chapter wishes all of our brothers throughout the State a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Naz Chaderjian
Associate Editor

Capitol

Capitol brothers were saddened by the loss of Bro. Robert Nahigian. He died last October 14, 1993 after a long illness with Parkinson and Lou Gehrig disease. Our brother was very much into Trex, serving many positions within our chapter. Fun to be with. He follows the death of his wife Pat who past away a few years ago. Bro. Robert and his wife were fond of traveling around the country looking for precious antiques. Pat collected dolls, and Robert had an interest in clocks and furniture. His long suffering reminds me of these thoughts:



Robert Nahigian

Great victories come, not through ease but by fighting valiantly and meeting hardships bravely. Bro. Bob fought a good fight. He finished his goals, and kept his faith. His clock of life was wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop. Rest in peace dear brother, we will miss you.

Bro. Scott Khatoonian hosted our Lake Tahoe outing in September. Several brothers enjoyed the three days in the high Sierras, in nature's eighth wonder of the world.

Bro. Paul Artian withdrew enough money out of Fort Knox to buy breakfast in Placerville, Ca. for the brothers going to Lake Tahoe for the weekend. Bro. Paul was a little late himself and some of the brothers had a little \$50 bet, that he would not show up. But he showed up and he did pay. Never speak evil of a brother.

Incoming Master Art Tatosian hosted a master's dinner for outgoing Master Rob Saroyan. A traditional plaque was presented to Master Rob for a job well done this past year.

Bro's Jack Najarian, hisson and Richard Najarian, and their wives Esther and Flora enjoyed a trip to Las Vegas for their first visit to the show place of the world. Also spending their first trip to Yosemite, Ca.

California State University, Sacramento honored Bro. Harry and Mauvis Sweet as the "CSUS Philanthropists of the Year" at a reception and luncheon last Nov. 17. 439 individuals attended the event sponsored by the National Trust Foundation. Bro. Harry, a retired local television news cameraman



Capitol Chapter XXX Master's Dinner, November 1993



L to R: Master Rob Saroyan outgoing Master, presented plaque by incoming Master Art Tatosian.



Bro. Paul Artian paid for breakfast.

and film archivist donated his collection of six million feet of news film to the CSUS library. The collection is appraised at \$4.3 million.

Several others were also recognized for their donations.

Bro. Ed "Buddy" Ohanesian hosted one of the best ever Children's X-mas parties last December. Bro. "Scotana" held the kids at bay with plenty of gifts, while Master Art Tatosian acted as town crier and MC. Fr. Yeghia Hairabedian led the children and adults with an outstanding job caroling to over 110 people attending.

Capitol brothers, and church members, again assisted in answering phones for KVIE-TV Ch. 6 annual fund raising drive.

OPEN HOUSE INVITATION to Triple X Brothers. Capitol Chapter is hosting our annual KefNight May 14. Call George Kapanagian for tickets. 916-383-4328.

Vacations for Bro's Jack Najarian and Richard Nahigian, their wives Esther and Flora, flew to Las Vegas to see all the new glitter of tinsel town. No word on money's won or lost.

Later, the Najarians with daughter Lucy Wells and her family, with brother Mark and family extended their vacation to the wonderful sights and beauty of Yosemite for their first visit. Every member within the Triple X Fraternity should take their families to this utopia in our back yard. So close to home. The Hagopians, PGM Joe, and wife Rose with 50 year charter member Harold Soligan, and wife Rose just returned from a cruise from Acapulco, through the Panama Canal, ports along the way and end in San Juan Puerto Rico.

NEW OFFICERS

Our new Master Art Tatosian for 1993-1994 approved his supporting cabinet of officers, and were confirmed.

They are:

- George Kapanagian Junior Master
- Vern Shahbazian Secretary
- Scott Khatoonian Treasurer
- Charles Esraelian Custodian
- Harry Sweet Assoc. Editor/Photog.
- Vern Shahbazian Historian
- Rob Saroyan Critic
- Paul Artian Photographer

Fraternally yours,
Bro. Harry Sweet
Associate Editor

NOTICE

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

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SELMA

The Brothers of the Selma Triple X congratulate Bro. Grand Master Jack Bedrosian on his election as Grand Master of the Triple X Fraternity. The Selma Brothers know Bro. Grand Master Jack will do an excellent job as Grand Master, having seen his good works for the fraternity in the past as Master of our Chapter and as a Chairman and advisor for many of our events. Best of luck to Bro. G.M. Jack during his term as Grand Master.

On July 24, 1993 the Selma Triple X held their 20th annual Garden Charity Party on the beautiful grounds of the California Armenian Home for the Aged. The park like setting of the California Home is perfect for this summer evening event. Co-Chairman Bros. Elliott Nahigian, Jim Markarian, and Fred Venglarcik, along with advisor Bro. G.M. Jack Bedrosian, did an outstanding job in organizing the event. The Selma Brothers really rolled up their sleeves to help set up for the dinner and in preparing an excellent shish-kabob dinner. Over 300 people enjoyed the Armenian and American music and dancing.

On August 12th the Chapter held a combined business and dinner meeting. The \$1.00 price for the steak dinner helped assure one of the biggest turnouts for a business meeting in a long time.

At that meeting, elections were held and the following Brothers elected as 1994 Officers: Master — Patrick Balakian; Jr. Master — Ken Melkonian; Treasurer — Frank Korkmazian; Recording Secretary — Newton Krikorian; Correspondence Secretary — John Kalashian; Historian — Jim Markarian; Associate Editor — Jim Kaprielian; Sgt. At Arms — Sam Esraelian; Custodian — Gary Poochigian; Auditor — M.G. Garabedian.

Brothers Jeff Esraelian, Robert Garabedian, and Abby Mamigonian were elected to the Board of Directors to serve along with current Board members Bros. Jim Markarian, Eliot Nahigian, and John Barigian.

On August 26th the annual Keyma dinner was held at the home of Bro. Robert Soligian. The annual Keyma dinner is always an enjoyable event and this year's was no exception. We had our typical large turn out and the Selma Trex Bros. send their special thanks to Mrs. Virginia Kasparian who prepared the delicious Keyma for this year's event.

A Sunday brunch was held on September 9th at The Remington Restaurant to honor outgoing Bro. Master Robert Srabian and the other 1993 Officers. Thank you for a job well done.

The second annual Selma Triple X Bulldog Foot-





one won. That's their story and they're sticking to it. As is always the case with the annual Reno trip, a good time was had by all.

Nearly 50 Brothers attended the October 29th dinner meeting held at The Chicken George Restaurant in Fresno. Congratulations to Bro. Jr. Master Ken Melkonian for planning this successful event.

Dozens of Selma Brothers worked the Selma Triple X beer booth during the 3-week run of the Big Fresno Fair. Bro. P.G.M. Abby Mamigonian did an excellent job organizing and supervising this very successful fund raising activity. The many hours put in by Bro. P.G.M. Abby and the Brothers who worked the booth contributed greatly towards our fund raising goals for charitable purposes.

On November 12th, Selma Triple X's Bingo triumphantly returned after a hiatus with "Turkey Bingo". Everyone enjoyed the delicious shish-kabob dinner prepared by our Brothers. A great job was done by Co-Chairmen Past Grand Masters Kay Cloud and Haig Kasparian, with help from Bro. P.G.M. Abby Mamigonian and the Brothers on their committee for this event.

The Selma Chapter was proud to participate in a Thanksgiving and Christmas food drive. Bro. P.M. Eliot Nahigian spearheaded the food drive for the Chapter so that food donations could be made during the holidays to some of those in the community who are less fortunate than us.

At our December 9th meeting, seven Brothers were initiated. Those new Trexmen are: Gregory Eritzian, Harry Kutumian, Perry Mamigonian, John Fermanian, Michael Chardukian, Marty Mamigonian and Mark Perumean.

Our annual Christmas party was held on December 12th at the California Armenian Home. A great time was had by both the children and the adults in attendance. Congratulations to Co-Chairman Bros. Ken Esraelian, Carl Torosian, Jeff Esraelian and Bob Garabedian along with others on their committee who made this a successful event.

Our Chapter hosted San Diego Chapter for the Fresno State vs. San Diego presented a "game ball" to Bro. Master Patrick Balakian upon Fresno State's victory. The game ball will be up for grabs next year when the game is played in San Diego.

At our January 13th business meeting, two more new members were initiated. Welcome to Brothers Robert Gosdanian and Gary Istanboulian.

Looking forward to the mid-term convention.

Fraternally Yours,
Jim Kaprielian
Associate Editor



ball Tail Gate was held September 25th at Bulldog Stadium. Bro. Jr. Master Ken Melkonian and event chairman Bro. Gary Poochigian, along with Bros. Chuck Poochigian, Jim Markarian, Don Attoian, Carl Torosian, Sam Esraelian and Ken Esraelian did an excellent job serving delicious shish-kabob dinners to the more than 200 people who attended. Special thanks to Pam Poochigian who also helped the Brothers in making this a very successful event.

The annual Triple X trip to Reno occurred October 29, 30 and 31st. Bro. Jake Kevorkian once again organized a successful trip. In case the IRS asks, no

Meet Your Grand Master

Jack D. Bedrosian was born in Bakersfield, CA in 1931. He grew up in Selma where he attended schools, graduating from Selma High in 1949. He went on to Reedley College, where he met his wife Elsie. After graduating, he entered the U.S. Marine Corps and served during the Korean War. While in the marines, he and Elsie were married.

Returning from the service, Jack entered Fresno State University, working nights with the North American Aviation Co. in Fresno. He graduated in 1956 with a degree in Business Administration. He became a real estate broker and worked at it for eight years. He returned to Fresno State to get his teaching credential, and then taught in the Fresno City Schools for the next twenty-five years, while doing real estate during the summer months.

Jack retired from teaching in 1991, and today works as an independent contractor with the Bob Olson Travel Agency in Fresno, in addition to part time real estate.

Jack and Elsie have three children; a daughter Carolyn who teaches in Fresno, son David who is a district manager for an insurance company, and son Donald who is a sales representative for a vending company. They have three grandchildren, Alexandra, Jennah, and Jaclyn.

Jack joined the Selma Jr. Chapter in 1950, and the Selma Seniors in 1957. He has held several offices and chairmanships in the chapter, and was Grand Secretary in 1978-79.

Jack is an avid sports fan following most sports. He says he is a rabid San Francisco 49er fan and has lived and died with them since 1950 (he states he was chief advisor and consultant to Bill Walsh in the 80's but Walsh didn't know it).

Currently Jack and Elsie reside in Fresno and spend time enjoying their grandchildren when they are not traveling.

ORANGE COUNTY

Orange County is growing with new members and won the Achievement Award for the fifth year in a row. With our new leadership, we will have another banner year. Our newly elected officers for 1993-94 are;

MASTER: Bro. Rich Penjoyan
 JR. MASTER: Bro. Ed Harver
 RECORD SEC.: Bro. Malcolm Boghosian
 CORRES. SEC.: Bro. Kris Kazarian
 TREASURER: Bro. Bob Kazarian
 SGT AT ARMS: Bro. Pete Bodourian

Our 18th Annual Picnic broke another attendance record with over 750 in attendance. Chairman Bro. Wayne Najarian and Bro. Larry Kaprielian with the support of many others helped put it all together. Bro. Art Kazarian was having a great time telling the Brothers what to do and we all loved it. Art — you are a real pro when it comes to cutting kebob, cooking it and setting it up. Bro. Ken Khachigian was also cooking the kebob. We hired Bro. Z. Harry Astor to keep tabs on him to make sure no samples were given out. Later we found out that Bro. Z. Harry was the wrong Bro. for the job. Bro. Z. Harry had the first free piece of shish kebob! Bro. Ed Harver handled the raffle and got terrific prizes donated. Great job, Bro. Ed! All the Brothers and



"Installation Dinner" How did Bro. Mooney get in this picture?



Bro. Master Rich & Peggy Penjoyan & Grand Master Bro. Jack & Elsie Bedrosian.



New Officers Bro. Mel, Kris, Rich, Bob, Ed, Peter. "What a team!"



"Picnic Time" Bros Ed, Bob, Rich, Bill, Jerry, Mel, Wayne, Bob. (Bro. Master Rich Penjoyan is in charge.)



Bro. Peter and Master chef Bro. Art Kazarian. (He never lights the cigar.)



Joyce, Marge & Peggy. (We could not do it with out our wives, thanks.)



Bro. Past Master Hank, Bro. Peter, Bro. Ara displaying the Armenian flag, "We are proud of it."



"Halloween Dance", Bros Peter, Haig, Archie, the good looking bartenders.

their wives that helped, thanks again. Our efforts are not in vain — we are able to help our charities a great deal.

In August we had our Family Beach Party at Huntington Beach. Bro. Kirk and Marge Kazarian and Bro. Hank and Lola Bashjian put it together. Family members that attended had a great time. At night they had a fire pit going to keep the food hot and the marshmallows toasted.

The Fresno Convention was outstanding. Thanks again to Chairman Brother Eddie Hokokian and his brothers who helped. Bro. Ed is an outstanding Trexman.

Our Installation Dinner was held at the Sheraton Newport Beach Hotel. We had the honor of having our Grand Master Brother Jack Bedrosian and his lovely wife Elsie as our guests. Bro. Kurk Kazarian was our Master of Ceremonies. We had many laughs and we welcomed our new incoming officers and Board of Directors who are Past Master Bro. John Mekenian, Bro. Bob Kazarian, Bro. Kelly Astor, Bro. Wayne Najarian and Bro. Chuck Paskerian. Bro. Kris Kazarian and Past Master Bro. Archie Cholakian. Our Trexman of the Year award went to hard-working Trexman Past Master Bro. Hank Bashjian. He never says no to anything and is very appreciated.

This Halloween we held our first Trex Halloween



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75th Anniversary
Diamond Jubilee Convention



Dance — it was a great success. We had many different kinds of costumes, which made it fun. Bro. Pete Bodourian was Armenian dancing in a Chinese costume — very interesting. Bro. Gholdoian and Past Master Bro. John Mekenian did an outstanding job in the band. Bro. Art Kazarian did a marvelous job on the mezza. We had cash prizes for Best Costume. It was great. I think they will try it again next year.

The New Year's Eve Party was well attended. Chairman Bro. David Berberian and his wife Noelle did a wonderful job. Bro. Kurk and Marge Kazarian donated their clubhouse once again — it is always a great location for a party. The Prime Rib was superb. We brought the New Year in with lots of noise and laughter.

Bro. Past Master John Mekenian and his officers did an outstanding job in '93. We got Bro. Mal Boghosian again to be our Recording Secretary. He is very good at it. Next time you are in the area, come to our meeting at the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach. It's on the third Wednesday of each month and dinner is at 7:30 P.M..

See you all at the Midterm!

Respectfully Submitted,
Haig Jamgotchian, P.G.M.



Bro. John, Pat, Carlo, Kurk, Paul. (Carlo wanted to get in the Trex News)



Bro. Al & Susie Antoyan & Bro. Mike & Viola Hartunian, enjoying the Installation.

Los Angeles

Hi Brothers,

A very happy New Year to all of our Brothers in our sister Chapters!

Hopefully your 1994 will turn out to be a super year and your Chapter events will be very successful. Why not...

Let's take first things first and that is our last convention in Fresno put on by the Fresno Chapter.

Our Chapter was there in mass as I stated in our Last Trex News. In fact our Chapter and the Orange County Chapter are the strongest supporters of conventions throughout California. To the Fresno Chapter, thanks for putting on a nice Convention for all of us. It was sure nice to see all of our Brothers from various Chapters, but we sure missed the ones who didn't support this convention, especially the local Brothers.

I'm sure you feel as we do that our outgoing Grand Master, Bro. J. Gregory Avedesian did an outstanding job—I mean OUTSTANDING!!!

To our New Grand Master, Brother Jack Bedrosian, we wish you the very best in your year and we look forward in having you at our meetings and events. You see what you produce when you're a junior. While this writer was at the Fresno Chapter convention, a Brother approached me with this question. "What makes your Chapter so fraternal and so together with each other and with so many young members?"

Well guys, just take a long look at the following for it was the names you shall see that have built the ground work that has made this Chapter what it is today, and the rest of us have followed...

Brothers:

Jack Elmassian	1925	69 years
Paul Bozajian	1926	68 years
Dewey Deovlet	1926	68 years
Jake Mason	1930	64 years
Henry Roopenian	1930	64 years
Joe Adanalian	1932	62 years
Carl Adanalian	1935	59 years
Aram Boyajian	1935	59 years
Ray Donney	1935	59 years
Herb Elmassian	1935	59 years
Kay Housepian	1935	59 years
Heront Julian	1935	59 years
Oshyn Kasparian	1935	59 years
Aram Avazian	1936	58 years
Ray Hovey	1938	56 years
Baxter Hallaian	1939	55 years

Thanks to those Brothers, the Los Angeles Chapter is the strongest, fraternal togetherness Chapter anywhere. I just thought you'd like to know this, and



hopefully I answered the question from that Brother at the convention.

I'm sure other Chapters have this also, but was our outgoing Grand Master J. Gregory Avedesian stated at the Grand Ball, "We must have pride"—and that we have!

To start our 1994 year, our members have carefully selected their new executive body to carry us to another super year.

Master:	Bro. Greg Kludjian (ex-junior)
Jr. Master:	Bro. Mike Shakar (ex-junior)
Treasurer:	Bro. Steve Hampar
Rec. Sec.:	Bro. Gary Dergazarian (ex-junior)
Corres. Sec.:	Bro. Edward Tashjian
Sgt-at-Arms:	Bro. Ralph Dergazarian (ex-junior)
Assoc. Editor:	Bro. Von Vartanian (ex-junior)
Parliamentarian:	Bro. Dave Maseredjian (ex-junior)
Junior Advisor:	Bro. Dave Maseredjian (ex-junior)
Historian:	Bro. Lee Neshanian (ex-junior)
Good & Welfare:	Bro. Jimmy Gondjian
Chapter Photo's:	Bro's Lee Neshanian, Past Master Dickran Devian

Board of Directors: Bro's David Maseredjian, Harry Kosharian, Marx Kamashian, Dickran Devian, Charles Partamian...

We can't put our last year's body out to pasture without thanking them for the hard work they have giving us in 1993. We thank you Brother Dickran Devian for running our meetings with a firm hand yet giving us a lot of laughs. It was even fun when you laid down those heavy fines.

And let's not forget Brother Dickran's lovely wife Manoush who was so very patient when Dickran was away from home for special meetings throughout the year. The membership certainly thanks her so much for her support and understanding.

As we all know a master's year is successfully based on his Junior Master. Well let me tell you, with Brother John Casparian as his Junior Master he was the man. Brother John handled all of his events with class. His choice of Brothers to prepare those events was the key to their successful year. We thank you Brother Dickran and to your hard working body.

Stag at Lake San Marcos

On Sept. 24-26, fifty of our members headed out to our Annual Stag at San Marcos. This was one super affair. Golf for two days, gin games galore, some friendly poker games, and food, I mean food, Brothers. There was so many different kinds of Armenian food Friday night that I didn't know what to eat first, but being Armenian, that I am, I ate all of each kind. You couldn't believe what the committee had for us. We thank Bro's Gabe (440 volts) Kaprelian and Tevon (the Arm) Eminian for preparing a very pleasant weekend. And to Bro. Marx Kamashian for taking care of the Golf tournament. Four stars



Brothers, thanks again.

October Partner Best Ball Tourney

Brother Aran Vazanian put on another great tournament at Palos Verde Country club, known as Little Pebble Beach. Balls were flying everywhere, in trees, in the roof, in bunkers. You had to wear a helmet just to finish the round. But when it was all over, two of the nicest guys came out the winners. Brothers Steve Hampar and Ara Devian. They played like Pro's. Congratulations to both of them for a super round. Again to Brother Aran Vazanian for all the hard work and the patience you had in giving all of us a most pleasant day of golf and dinner following. If I was asked, was there anything wrong with the golfing part, my answer would be yes. Have you ever played golf behind Brother Vaughn Vartanian. Don't!!! I love him as a brother, but man, this was ridiculous. I aged 5 years and grew some more grey hairs. Brother Vaughn we have to set down and talk pal.

Family Christmas Party

On December 11th, our Chapter held its Family Christmas Party for the children and grandchildren of our members. Chaired by two super Brothers, Mike Arzouman and Galen Petoyan, about 80 adults and 50 children were in attendance. Even Santa Claus was there to pass out early Christmas gifts. Now you would think that they would have picked some Brother who had some meat on him. But they picked one of the thin ones, a guy like, let's say Brother Gabe (440 volts) Kaprelian. But with all that padding in the right places, Brother Gabe truly looked like the real thing. The children had a fabulous time with many gifts and games to play, and what else, lots of food. To Brothers Mike, Galan, and Santa too, thanks Brothers.

Looking forward to our Installation Banquet on January 22, 1994 and having our new Grand Master in attendance.

The Los Angeles Chapter has lost Bro. Jack Shahian, one of its outstanding members to the big Chapter in the sky. Brother Jack was truly a Trexman throughout. He was always there when needed to work for his Chapter and for many years handled the "John Gogian Invitational Golf Classic" in Palm Springs, one of our Chapters biggest affairs. To his lovely wife, Dorothy and family, our condolences. His thoughts will be with us forever. To Brother Bill Kludjian and lovely wife Catherine, the members express their deepest condolences on the passing of their grandson.

Get Well Soon Department

We wish a speedy recovery to the following: Bro. John Sahagian, Brother Ralph Barzekoff's wife Joan, Bro. Ray Hovey, Bro. Greg Mikaelian's wife, Mary.

Oakland

Parev, from the brothers of Oakland Trex. We're moving and shaking Northern California. Here's a brief look at the past year:

Here at the Oakland Chapter we not only enjoy the company of fellow brothers we also like getting all our families together, as demonstrated at our family picnic. Brother Harry Sherinian volunteered to organize the event and what a event it was. The Picnic took place on Sunday Oct 3rd at the Oakhill Park in Danville. The weather was just beautiful and the company couldn't have been better. There was something for everybody, Football for the big boys and great games for the kids. Brother Rick Magarian and his wife Peggy did a great job of coming up with fun things for the kids. But what would a picnic be without great food, and Brother Harry took care of that. Here's a glance of the menu: tri-tip, pilaf and green Beans done Armenian style. The event was a great success as the turnout of 68 adults and 9 children would indicate.

In November the Oakland Brothers challenged the Diablo chapter to a game of flag football. The weather conditions were perfect, it was cold and a

Los Angeles (cont.)

This is my last writing for our Chapter's Trex News. Needless to say—it was sure fun writing our Trex News for my Chapter. But like all things in life, we move on. Our new Master has chosen our new Associate Editor, Bro. Vaughn Vartanian. What a great choice this was. Bro. Vartanian is a man who has served his Chapter well, starting as a junior member and working through the ranks. He has a great ability in writing, which he proved to all of us last year as our Recording Secretary. You shall be very pleased when you see the way he handles his words. Truly a great Trex Bro. and with great talent. My thanks also to my Bro's who stood behind me and never questioned the way I wrote the Trex News. I shall always take that with me no matter where I go.

To my old boss, the Grand Editor, thanks for your patience when at times I was late turning in the news.

Now for the last hello to: "Where ever you are": Brothers Charles Maroot, Dicran Semerdjian, Aram Boyd, Harry Sweet, Haig Jamgotchian, Jerry Baker. Who are they you ask? They are the other hard working Associate Editors from all the Chapters. Outstanding work Brothers, keep the same pace, it's great!

See you all at Mid-Term Chow,
Bro. Lee Neshanian
Associate Editor



What A Team



Making the Oakland Chapter Proud



The brothers attending the 75th Annual Convention.

light rain was falling. The Oakland brothers had no plays drawn up or pre-game practices, we were going on natural ability. On the opening drive Oakland used a combination that was reminiscent of Dan Fouts & Kellen Winslow. Dan Fouts (Steven Donikian) and Kellen Winslow being non-other than Gary Alexanian. On the first play it was the bomb to Gary and we were on the board. That combination would hook up for three more scoring strikes before the afternoon was done. But there was much more to the Oakland team. The pass rush of Hratch Avakian, the pass coverage of Gregg Chorbajian, Steve Baronian, Ed Minasian, Barry Barsamian and Craig Bazigian, also not to go unmentioned was

the great pass protection of Mike Tulanian.

The Oakland chapter is always looking to help the community. On December 11th the brothers volunteered their services at St. Vincent's soup kitchen. The brothers were asked to serve food and wash the dishes, pots and pans. The Community service felt good and the brothers are planning a return visit.

Our Christmas party was again a joint affair with our brothers from the Diablo Chapter. It took place at the Orinda Country Club and was a great success. The party included a gag-gift exchange (Where's the salami) and a singing Christmas tree.

Also not to go unmentioned was our visit from a young lady who instructed us in the art of CPR. She demonstrated the Heimlich on brother Charles Alexanian who had a big piece of Kebab lodge in his throat. The whole affair was a learning experience for everyone, the visual aides were a great help.. Upcoming events for our chapter include: Charter Night in March; The ever so popular Valley Stag Night; and our annual crab feed. The event we're really excited about is a crab feed fund-raiser that will be open to the public.

In closing we at the Oakland Chapter would like to wish everyone continued success in the coming year. Paree Nor Daree Yeghparner !

Steven Donikian, Associate Editor



Master Gregg Chorbajian addressing the floor at the Convention.

Peninsula

Hail Brothers,

The entire Peninsula Chapter wishes all our fellow Trexmen and families a healthy and happy 1994. We also wish the new year is full of fraternal spirit to carry on this wonderful XXX tradition!

Well Brother George Solakian did it again. A successful and totally enjoyable day was enjoyed by all at the 26th Annual Ed Sarouhan Memorial Golf Tourney held at beautiful Aptos's Seascape Golf and Country Club. We were even honored by the support from Past Grand Master Greg Avedesian and eight brothers from the south-land. Everyone had a great



Brothers at the watering hole.



Family Fun at the picnic.



Flag Football Oakland vs. Mt. Diablo

time and the fellowship which followed at dinner was a night to remember. We must thank Brother Greg for being such a support to us.

As you know each year brings us good news and bad news. Which do you want first? Well the bad news was that Master Dick Bernazian and Brother Joe Keshishian suffered heart attacks; the good news is they both experienced a grand recovery from bypass surgery. We thank God for their recovery and continued good health.

Your Peninsula Brothers are diligently working on the Convention plans for 1995 and they are coming along quite smooth. Brother George Solakian

Golden Gate

As we ring in the New Year, the Brothers from the city by the Bay wish you and yours a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Season's Greetings were shared by a multitude of Trexmen, wives and little ones on December 5th at the Annual Golden Gate Christmas Party and Pageant. Turning down an invitation to entertain the halftime crowd at the 'stick, the Chapter elders selected San Francisco's very posh Olympic Club to host this year's festivities. With Jolly Saint Nick working overtime preparing for the big day (there were lots of good and generous Trexmen when it came to supporting local and international causes), it was none other than that big purple love machine, Barney, who was called upon to entertain the kids (little and big). The afternoon came to a successful conclusion with a sumptuous spread, good cheer and good fellowship all around. Many thanks to Bro. Jerry Vorperian for arranging such a successful affair.



Bro. Ara with Barney

Peninsula (cont.)

is on top of the details and he is roping in a new volunteer (slave) with his mild persuasion (George stop twisting my arm, I'll say yes!) every month.

Christmas time always brings our families together from near and far. We really enjoyed a wonderful dinner presented by Kip Garabedian. Our Annual Christmas Party was a wonderful time of fellowship, good food and full of the spirit of our fraternity. Brother Vic Paparigian even vacuumed afterwards while everyone cheered him on!

Grand Master Jack Bedrosian will be attending our next meeting in Feb. We are looking forward to having him join us. We know Brother Jack Marderosian has some great recipe cooking for him so we should have a full house.

See you all at the Mid-term.

Fraternally,
Vic Khachooni, Assoc. Editor

Our Chapter had the pleasure to hear Armen der Kiureghian speak about the American University of Armenia. As a founder and professor (in addition to his teaching at Cal) at the University, Armen gave us quite a picture of determination and perseverance in the conception, development and fulfillment of the goal to establish this University in the fledging Republic.

Looking forward to seeing all the Brothers at Midterm.

Fraternally yours,
David Zovickian



Arlene & Ann with Barney



MT. DIABLO

Greetings from Mt. Diablo Chapter!

New Officers: And now the annual housecleaning. The officers for 1994 are: Greg Kellegian - Master; Tanil Matosian - Jr. Master; Archie Azizian - Treasurer; Myron Conjoyan - Corresponding Sect.; Aram Boyd - Recording Sect.

New Members:

Don Manoogian and Raffi Katchadourian are the newest members to join our chapter this year. Don, a nephew of Bro. Charlie Kezenan, is a software engineer at Hewlett Packard. (Yeah, right, another engineer!)

Raffi is a city planner for the city of Dublin, which, now that you mention it, is pretty damn close to being an engineer. Aside from that, we're really pleased to welcome both brothers into our fraternity, and look forward to the many contributions they will make.

Confusion Reigns in Saga of the CUP

Ahh, wouldn't you know it. The 4th annual battle for the coveted TREX Cup at the Fresno Convention was also the site of the most confusing chapter in the never ending saga of The Quest.

It began with Selma chapter becoming the first team to beat Fresno's team in the history of the tournament. In a close, well-played game, Selma came from behind to hand Fresno their only loss in TREX Cup tournament play. But a funny thing happened on the way to the championship game. Selma's team went home and never came back! This left Fresno a bit steamed, denied the rematch they thought they deserved. But a little misunderstanding regarding the tournament rules left the whole deal in a mess.

That is until the Diablo team, with help from members of Oakland and Golden Gate, made off with the trophy themselves. Citing "superior sportsmanship and style" in their games with Selma and Fresno and boasting of an unblemished record in tournament play, (unblemished by wins) the Diablo team literally stole the trophy after the business meeting Sunday morning.

There was a brief skirmish with the three Selma team members on hand, but since no Fresno brothers had taken the trouble to attend the meeting, the trophy was easily taken from the Valley and transported by car to the Bay Area.

There it shall stay until such time that a rematch is scheduled and the winner is determined on the field of play.

Day 73: Still No Trophy...

It was back in October that the Oakland Chapter challenged us to compete in the First Annual Garo Yepremian Triple X Flag Football Championships. The rules were simple: loser builds a trophy and



Confusion reigns supreme at the awards ceremony...Who will be awarded The Cup?



Diablo, Oakland, and Golden Gate chapter Brothers combine to take home the honors:



Bro. Art Hazarabedian tells tall tales.



Garo Keadjian negotiates for seconds on dessert.



Bro. Armen Boyd Sr. gets needled by the Singing Christmas Tree.



Bros. Kevork and Andrew Hagopian face off after dinner as Garo and the ladies look on.



..while Oakland Bros. Mike Tulanian, Rick Magarian, and Hratch Avakian pay tribute to Diablo's overwhelming victory in a different way.



Bro. Armen Boyd Sr. tickles the ivories.

presents it to winning chapter at the Christmas Party.

They must have been quite confident of winning, because they suggested the trophy thing right before the game, made us shake on it even.

On the very first drive of the game, Oakland's Steve Donikian connected with Gary Alexanian for a 60 yard touchdown pass. The Oakland team was jubilant, as they envisioned similar plays throughout the day for a complete whipping of their Diablo opponents.

But alas, it was not to be. Diablo quarterback Mike Aaronian Jr. lead his team on a methodical drive up the field to tie the score. From that point on, Oakland never lead the game again.

In the end, it was Diablo driving for their 11th touchdown while time ran out, ending Oakland's hope of bringing home the trophy for Christmas, and starting a run on Ben Gay at the local drugstore.

Final score: Diablo 70 - Oakland 63

Member Spotlight

In addition to being named MVP of the football championships, Bruce Jamgotchian did something else worthy of print — he got himself engaged! Yup, that's right. Bruce is getting hitched! Don't have any more details for you just yet, but we'll keep you posted.

Christmas Party

Once again Mt. Diablo and Oakland chapter brothers gathered together to celebrate the season at the Orinda Country Club.

With Grand Master Jack Bedrosian and wife Elsie in attendance, the two chapters enjoyed a great evening of merriment and fellowship. The highpoint came as the Singing Christmas Tree got several Oakland brothers to prance about festively to the crowd's obvious amusement. Later, a rendition of The 12 Days of Christmas was subverted mid-stream into the twelve Days of the Armenian Food Festival. (You had to be there.)

The low point of the evening came when the Oakland football team got up to present the trophy to their victorious Diablo brothers. Mumbling an excuse about not having time to build a suitable trophy, Oakland brothers Steve Baronian and Greg Chorbajian presented instead a letter that challenged the Diablo team to a rematch. The tone of the letter was less than flattering, implying that luck played the biggest role in Diablo's victory. The letter was later laminated by the Diablo brothers, and will be forever known as the "Missive of the Sour Grapes".

Aside from that it was a great Christmas party, and a great year for the entire chapter. See you at Mid-term!

Fraternally yours,
Aram Boyd

SEQUOIA

Greetings from the Sequoia Chapter located near the center of California and Giant Sequoia trees. The last time I wrote a Trex News article, about a quarter of you weren't members. To start off the corps of officers for the 1994 year: Master, Abe Kazarian; Jr. Master, Bryan Yahnian; Rec. Sec., Mike Ananian; Cor. Sec., Pete Barsamian; Treas., Craig Sheklian; Asst. Ed., Mike Cholakian; Sgt. at Arms, Charles Amasalian; Critic, Jerry Poochigian; Audit Comm., Harry Majarian, Harry Davidian, Sirag Kalfayan.

The Annual Dove Shoot was again held at our cordial host and hostess home of Pete and Idaleen Barsamian. To say they do an outstanding job would



93 Farm Show: Sark Davidian, Sark Yahnian, & Harry Davidian. "Sticking it to him."



Armenian Winter Rescue Project. Sirag Kalfayan (left) and Pete Barsamian. 13 Pallets of Raisins.



Santa and friends.

be an understatement. From the 5 A.M. breakfast to hosting the back yard barbecue, they GO everything they can to make everyone feel most welcome. A big thank you from all the participating Bros. Moving through, the raisin harvest things go slowly until the Christmas Party. It was held at Shakies Pizza, chaired by Bros. Brian Ananian and Bryan Yahnian. Santa was there and he had presents and goodies for all those attending. Leave it to the young members to get the job done.

In the past months Bro. Craig Shuklian and wife received a new baby girl, congratulations parents and grandparents. Bro. John Gimian is up and around from surgery he had in the month of Nov. Nice to see him back at the meetings.

During the year some of the Bros. donated pallets of raisins to go to Armenia for the Armenian Winter Rescue Project. Those involved were Bros. Harry Davidian, Sark Davidian, Dodd Yahnian, Mose Ametjian, Mike Mikealian, Pete Barsamian, Jack Barsamian, George Zarounian, Sirag Kalfayan, Paul Bogoshian, Pete Zerounian, Mike Ekizian and Mike Cholakian. Also in conjunction the Chapter donated \$1000.00 to purchase heating fuel to be used for those in dire need in Armenia.

Speedy recovery for our Bro. Harry Kargenian. Also recovering and joining the "Zipper Club" is Bro. John Bazarian who is doing well keeping in shape by walking and golfing.

The committee of Mose Ametjian, Sirag Kalfayan



George Tamouzian & Sark Yahnian "Meat to Good to Eat!"



John Bazarian. "Watch your finger John."

San Diego

Brother Mooney Najarian and I visited the Orange County brothers last week where we had a wonderful time. The Orange County brothers were very generous in their support of the San Diego Chapter's dance on February 5th. We wish to thank them for helping us subsidize students so that they can attend our dance, which is being held to raise funds for student scholarships.

The Orange County brothers are a terrific bunch, and driving home I began to reflect on the enjoyable meeting just attended. Everyone was laughing and complaining about the fact that one brother had a problem passing water, another had a prostrate problem, someone else was recovering from back pain yet others had various parts replaced. Jokes were flying left and right, as well as fines being assessed by the Master with the grand finale being the drawing of the prize winner. No one was given any quarter. Great time. Business was conducted as well.

As I said while driving back with Brother Mooney I was reflecting over this and wondered why we in San Diego don't have the same flair. Well it dawned on me. The rumored demise of the San Diego Chapter is, as they say, premature.

As I looked across the room in Orange County most of the brothers didn't have kids to worry about any more. Their children were adults and some of them were attending the meeting that night. On the other hand many of our brothers in San Diego are still producing.

Sequoia (cont.)

and Dodd Yahnian made a complete and comprehensive report for the donation financing and building of a beautiful arbor at the Armenian Church Camp Grounds at Miramonte, located approximately one hrs. drive east of Fresno.

As I write the news from the valley I want all the Bros. in Calif. to be informed we are hosting the "94" convention. Big plans, big ideas, new ideas and ways to have fun are now being planned and more information will be sent to all our sister chapters as the new year begins and heads toward Sept. 94.

Installation Banquet held on Jan. 14, at the Raddison Hotel was attended by the majority of Bros. and wives. The new officers were installed. Bro. Grand Master Jack Bedrosian, whose wife Elsie was also present. As usual good food, good times and good friends prevailed.

Point of interest, our meetings are now being held at the Holiday Inn on Highway 198 right outside of Visalia.

Congratulations to Bro. Sark Yahnian and wife Sylvia on the completion of their new home, Sark said they needed more room for those grand kids who now number 7. Event of the year for one of our Bros. was the opening of George Zerounian's Olds Cadillac and Isuzu too, car agency. Talk about first class this was it! Congratulations and good luck from all the Bros. in the chapter to Bro. George and son Gary.

Till the next edition
Mike Cholakian, Assoc. Editor

Yeah! Witness Brother Dickran Semerdjian, who is looking forward to another addition to his family. Dickran is but one example of the many brothers who are full time at the job only to come home to his family. There just isn't enough time to make every meeting. There are better things to make. Hey! Orange County watch out.

Brother Master Joe Zakarian laid it out to the brothers in a November meeting regarding the continuation of the Chapter. The unanimous response at that dinner meeting was an overwhelming yes to continuing on as a chapter. There were seventeen brothers at that meeting and there was a genuine outpouring of good will and support to continue on.

Primary season is upon us and Brother Ray Saatjian is out of the starting gate ahead of the pack garnering support and endorsements that should give him a real opportunity to win an Assembly seat in the California Legislature. All the brother's wish the best and are beginning to get on the bandwagon.

Brother Oscar and son Brother John Sarkisian have opened the second OSCAR'S restaurant in Encinitas. This restaurant is the talk of the town. Opening night was a gala affair the likes of which hasn't been seen in Encinitas. Celebrities, television coverage, etc. with the parking lot filled far beyond capacity. Oscar has frequently provided food for our meetings so we can attest to the fact that it's great.

Past Master Brother Ara Sagerian's electronics business was acquired this past fall. Brother Ara says he feels greatly relieved.

In October the brothers, with "significant others" went to the Grecian Gardens to enjoy a night of Armenian dancing with music by John Belezikjian. There were three belly dancers as well and the dancing talent the brothers exhibited with these belly dancers simply amazed.

Our Christmas party was held at Brother Danny Tevrizian and his lovely wife's home in mid-December. The Tevrizian's have a reputation as having one of the most wonderfully decorated homes for Christmas in San Diego - both outside and inside. The reputation is truly well deserved. The graciousness of their home and their hospitality made the Christmas party a wonderful success. Brother George Banerian once again was the most convincing Santa Claus. The children were confused when they couldn't pull off his beard. Strange, who ever heard of a Santa Claus with a real beard.

Brother Jack Hachigian served as Parish Council Chairman in San Diego this past year. He created a new artistic Armenian cross in bronze in honor of Brother Greg and Dickran Semerdjian's father, the Rev. Shahe Semerdjian. The cross was presented to the church on January 9th with Brother Greg and son Greg acting as Godfathers to the new cross.

Elections were held this past fall and it's a pleasure to report that Brother Joe Zakarian will be our Master, Brother Jack Hachigian our Junior Master, Treasurer is Brother Robert Haig, Recording Secretary is Brother Vahan Serpekian, Corresponding Secretary is Brother Harry Guzelimian and Sergeant-at-Arms Brother George Banerian.

Submitted by Jack Hachigian

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