



Trex News

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION TRIPLE X FRATERNITY OF CALIFORNIA

Triple X Fraternity

41st Mid-Term Convention

Saturday, March 4, 1995

Fresno, California

◆ **Mid-Term Golf Tournament**

Sherwood Forest, 79 N. Frankwood, Sanger

11:00 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 available.

◆ **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 Brother Trexman,

As your Grand Master, it has been an honor and pleasure for me to lead our Great Fraternity for the past six months. I have felt the warmth of the Brotherhood and Fraternalism between the Brothers of our Fraternity while visiting the various Chapter meetings and social functions.

It is extremely gratifying for me to experience this Brotherhood in action and to personally see the fine work each of you are doing to keep our Fraternity strong and alive. Congratulations Brothers on a job well done and keep up the good work.

On behalf of our Grand Chapter Officers, our wives and myself we thank you for the warm reception and hospitality you have shown us. It has been a great enjoyment for my wife Mary Ann and I to travel and visit the Chapters and meet with you. I am looking forward to my continued travels.

Hoping to see you at the Mid-Term Convention on Saturday, March 4, 1995 at the Fresno Chapter Club House.

In closing I wish every Chapter of our Great Fraternity continued success. Also I wish each Brother, their wives and families a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Fraternally
Ed Hokokian
Grand Master



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San Diego Chapter

It was Mark Twainian who said "the rumors of my demise have been greatly exaggerated." The same can be said of the San Diego Chapter! We're alive, we're active and we have had an interesting year. With 22 members, plus three "out-of-towners," we hope for growth in 1995.

Our officers for 1995 are unchanged. We reasoned that maybe a repeat slate would have a fair chance of finally getting it "right" the second time! Heading our cozy chapter is Master, Joe Zakarian; Jr. Master, Jack Hachigian; Recording Secretary, Vahan Serpekian; Sgt. at Arms, George Banerian; Corresponding Secretary, Harry Guzelimian; Treasurer, Bob Haig.

To start 1994, we had a Kef Night, chaired by PGM Joe Kellegian, to benefit the youth in this area. Good food by Greg and Zari Semerdjian and Armenian Music proved popular with the 150 in attendance. The proceeds went towards scholarships.

To launch the 1994 baseball season we had retired umpire Ed Runge as guest speaker. His stories about players, umpires, owners and the Padres were well received.

Grand Master Jack Bedrosian was our guest in May. His words of wisdom gave us all encouragement to put the "shoulder to the wheel" and get things rolling!

Our lamb shank dinner night in Escondido's West Side Cafe brought out some missing brothers, namely Greg Vartanian of catering fame.

Our meetings are now being held in our unofficial Trex clubhouse at Sam's Ship A'hoy Cafe in Solana Beach. Meeting night is usually the last Tuesday of the month. George Banerian likes the meeting sight because now he doesn't do dishes!

Our Christmas Party, headed by Dick Semerdjian, was held in his law offices at Post Kirby Noonan & Sweat. The 12th floor view of San Diego was fantastic. Nineteen brothers plus wives attended and Santa Banerian made his annual visit.

John and Bernadette Sarkisian are proud parents for the fourth time - a BOYBEE; Greg Semerdjian's move to hospital administration in Tacoma is their gain, our loss; out of town members Steve Lazarian, Karney Ovian and Semerdjian are missed by all; Jack Hachigian is smiling broadly again with good news of son's health woes; Say-Ray Saatjian now a Sacramento politico of the governor; Ara Sagerian sold his Micro Systems but they won't turn him loose; Mooney "if I'm alive in '95" Najarian is



Bro. Greg and Mariann Babikian



San Diego Bros. at Christmas Party



San Diego Bros. Semerdjians and Vartanians



Mooney & Ireen Najarian, Master Joe Zakarian, Jerry Tashjian and Jan.

Capitol Chapter

The Joint Installation of Triple X Officers was held at the Savoy Restaurant last November in Walnut Creek. Several Bay area Chapters and our new officers took their oath of office from GM Ed Hokokian. PGM Alan Khatoonian leased a 15 passenger van and 15 Capitol Chapter Bros. and wives drove to the Creek for the swearing in ceremonies.

Master Vern Shahbazian was sworn in as our new Master for 1994-1995. Master Vern and wife Sylvia are new grandparents again. Their daughter Sandra gave birth to a 9 lb. 4 oz. boy in Savannah, GA last September. Sandra and husband Bruce named the baby Kempton Bjorn. Master Vern and Sylvia flew to GA for a month to help Sandra. With more babies born to add to the nation's population we include Bro. Richard and Flora Nahigian also became grandparents. Their 1st real grandson named, Richard William Nahigian, 7 lbs. 2 oz. is the son of David & Melissa Nahigian born last October.

Capitol Bros. Arthur Tatosian and Rod Corjorian were ordained as deacons of the St. James Armenian Church, congratulations. Ladies Society of the St. James sponsored the ordination banquet.

We express sympathy to Bro. Charles and Elizabeth, and husband Larry whose wife Linda Avedisian passed away in Fresno on September 23, 1994.

Condolences to Bro. Ron Krikorian's family for their departed Mother Mary who died December 11, 1994. She was 86 years old.

Bro. Arthur Tatosian was honored at our past Masters Dinner last November, nearly 50 of the brothers and wives attended to thank Bro. Art for leading the chapter last year.

Bro. Harry Sweet and wife Mauvis attended a University Alumni function December 1, 1994. Movie Actor Fess Parker (Davey Crockett) was the guest speaker. At the conclusion of the evening, Mr. Parker called Bro. Harry to the podium. Mr. Parker (Davey) heard about a skier on Donner Summit in Lake Tahoe skiing downhill at a very fast speed. While Harry was

San Diego (cont.)

gathering up his forces for a serious run in Sept.; Jerry Tashjian and friend "Jan" are looking good; Bro. Master Zakarian off to PGA National in January for some old timers golf events; US AIR Capt. Doug Avazian is our golfing globe-trotter; Treas. Bob Haig is collecting at a record pace, says "no free rides."

Hapy New Year to all Trexmen!

Joe Zakarian, Master

filming a TV story, this skier ripped his "Coon Skin" Walt Disney had given to Harry Sweet back in 1955. Parker continued, "So I would like to present to you one of my "coon Skin" hats I used in my TV Series. Bro. Harry Sweet was very surprised.

Our members enjoyed many monthly activities over 1993-1994, Our Stag nights, KefNight, Picnics, Patio Parties. Master Dinners, and Ladies Nights are all great affairs.

The Grand Master Ed. Hokokian attended our December meeting. We had a huge Pizza Feed. Bro. Kaizak Hagopian, restaurateur prepared about 10 large pizzas for the members at a pre-meeting affair. It was a super idea by Master Vern's suggestion.

As always, Bro. Buddy Ohanesian did a super job as chairman of our X-mas party for the children. Bro. Santa Scott Khatoonian is Santa's helper. About 75 children and parents attended.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Harry Sweet

Why Me?

I'm the owner of a good size paint store in Lodi, California. We're about at the top edge of San Joaquin Valley where the greatest crops are grown world wide. We grow beautiful women, grapes, raisins, turkeys and eggs, and pretty fair bowlers. I keep my store stocked with a variety of paint supplies for the general public. I carry brushes, drop cloths, and razor blades.

I maintain a level of perfection, even ordering Shur-tape for my customers. My Shur-tape supply was getting low, so I ordered cases of it. When it arrived I opened one to re-shelve my stock, a piece of paper fell on the floor. It was a contest coupon. So, I asked one of the help to go ahead and stock the shelves for me.

I took this coupon into my private office, locked the door, closed the window blind and read the fine print of instruction.

All I had to do was to fill it out and return it, and if I was one of the 2 lucky winners in the nation, I would win a \$15,000 1966 white Ford Mustang GT with blue stripes, green interior and automatic transmission. Only 2 cars to be awarded nationwide.

Well, Bahm Bahm eenche', as any Hye would say...I filled out the coupon, sent it in. Weeks later, I received a phone call. "Mr. Gregory Soligan?" I responded, "yes sir," "my name is Mr. Frakei Swienwie, I want to congratulate you as one of our two winners nationwide who won a 1966 ford GT Mustang. You will receive an all expense rip to Las Vegas to pick up your new car." If Bro. Greg sells red grapes? Yes, Virginia, there really is a Santa Claus.

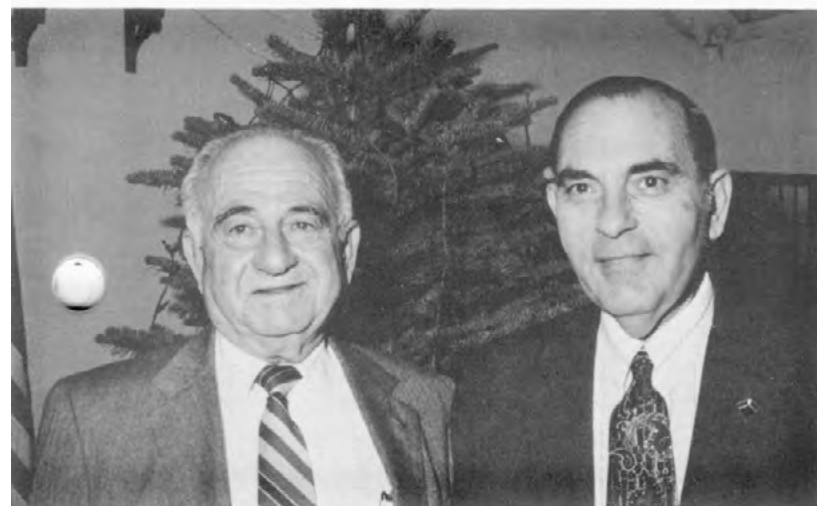
Bro. Harry Sweet



John Malkasian, Art Tashjian, C. Kalian.



Children's Christmas Party.



Master Vern Shahbazian, GM Ed Hokokian.



Harry Sweet and Fess Parker.



Bros. Harold Soligan, Leon Bajakian, Rose Hagopian.

Bro. Todd Odabashian.

Sequoia Chapter

Greetings Brothers. May, June, and July saw our convention committees, including various chairmen, Bros. Jerry Poochigian, Ron Shanoian, and Pete Barsamian working very hard to organize the activities for the coming Labor Day weekend. Every little detail was expertly planned and executed. Congratulations to these men. A major highlight was a joint dinner meeting in Hanford with Selma and Fresno Chapters.

In August, final preparations were planned for the upcoming convention. Sequoia Chapter also had some time to fund the construction for an arbor at the Church Camp. It's a beautiful sight and very much needed at this place. Thanks to Bro. Chuck Simonian for handy work in wrought iron for some fine details.

Finally, in September, the occasion of the year took place. On Labor Day weekend, beginning Friday night, the 1994 Convention took place. The attendance at each event was very high. Every Brother worked very hard to make this a special convention. There was excellent food, excellent entertainment, thanks to all of the brothers and their families who attended to help make this a profitable convention. Naturally, our Brothers who played softball for Sequoia Chapter took first place at the Softball Tournament.

Monday, the last day of the Convention was our family picnic. It was good to see many of you staying until the last day to enjoy yourselves. Thanks to the Holiday Inn in Visalia for their hard work to meet all our needs.

The next couple of months were somewhat of the kickback period.

December, which was very enjoyable by our Brothers and their children.

Sad to say, as of this writing, that Brothers Mose Ametjian and Mike Cholakian are not doing well, both long time veterans of XXX. May God shelter them and their families with his love and grace.

We had four Brothers become fathers this year, Bryan Yahnian, Rick Krikorian, Craig Shuklian, Richard Tamouzian, all had daughters. Bro. Charlie Ananian has a nice new baby, a nice new house is well into construction!

New officers for 1995 are:

- Master:..... Bryan Yahnian
- Jr. Master:..... Ron Shanoian
- Treasurer:..... Craig Shuklian
- Corres. Sec.: Rick Krikorian
- Rec. Sec.:..... George Avedesian

Fresno Chapter

The Fresno Chapter wishes all of our fraternity families a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Starting where I left off before our '94 Convention Trex News, July 21 was Harry Pazeian's "Old Timers" dinner done jointly with the Selma Chapter in our Clubhouse. The dinner was well attended by both chapters and the joint committees did a great job.

July 30, Fresno had a Super Mystery Trip which included our ladies. Chairman Gary Kazarian did a super job on a super trip. After stopping at Paul Najimian's fine Street Bar and Grill for drinks and mezza, our bus headed up Highway 41 with several false stops and finally



"Old Timers"

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Spring issue of Trex News is July 8, 1995.

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 See you at the midterm!

Fraternally yours,
 Bro. Greg Davidian
 Associate Editor



"Not so Old Timers"



"Hye" Power".



"GEM" Gary, Ed, and Mike.



Mystery Trip Bus.

pulled into the Bass Lake- Sierra Pines Resort. From the parking lot we walked down to a beautiful outdoor dining area set along the Bass Lake shore (see pictures). Everything was First Class and everyone wants to make this an annual affair.

August 18 we had our Scholarship Awards Dinner chaired by Scholarship Chairman Brother Naz Chaderjian. Scholarship recipients were:

- Karen Karabian - Clovis West High School
- Jason R. Ahronian - Sanger High School
- Shant Kalanjian - Bullard High School
- Jacqueline Arikian - Bullard High School

An excellent dinner and program was provided by my committee, whose names are not included for fear I will leave a person out. Their names were read at our October meeting and I thank you brothers again. A special thanks to our two educators, Bros. Sam Hokokian and Bob Juskalian. Master Jack Bedoian presented the scholarship awards. Our special thanks also to Grand Master Jack Bedrosian (now PGM) and his lovely wife, Elsie, for their attendance.

September 2, 3, 4, 5 our 76th Annual Convention was held at the Plaza Park Holiday Inn, Visalia and excellently hosted by our Sequoia Chapter Bros. The new Grand Master for the



Bass Lake Mystery Trip.



Bro. Cache's Hobo Camp at Dinkey Creek.



Bass Lake.



Bass Lake.



Mystery Trip Bus.



Mystery Trip at Bass Lake

year 1994-1995 is Fresno's own Bros. Ed Hokokian, Grand Treasurer Sam Hokokian and Grand Secretary Jack Bedoian.

November 16 Open Social Night at our clubhouse again chaired by our "M & M's" Bros. Mike Emerzian and Mike Garabedian. This has become a Tri-Annual event and is always successful in raising funds for philanthropic and benevolent causes. Our "Odar" friends and guests are elated to have real Armenian shish kabob dinner, including a fabulous mezza hour.

In memoriam, we were saddened by the loss of a 50 year member, Bro. Andrew "Trigger" Torigian on October 15, 1994.

Sunday, December 11, 1994 Fresno Chapter's Annual Christmas Triple X Family Party. Junior Master Pat Ourlian, chaired. The club house was packed with adults and children. The merriment was exhilarating throughout the afternoon and evening. A super mezza and steak dinner was enjoyed by all, including drinks. Some 50 children attended and received presents from Santa Claus (John Maranian). We also enjoyed our annual clown (Steve Bedoian) who makes figures out of balloons for the children.

At this writing (January 8, 1995 due date), Fresno Chapter is planning a Valentine's dinner event (with our ladies) in February. Newly elected California Assemblyman Bro. Chuck Poochigian will be honored at this Dinner. He has done us proud. Chairmen for the event are Marty Marderosian and Naz Chaderjian.

Again, wishing all of our fraternal brothers and their families a healthy, a happy and prosperous New Year.-

Fraternally yours,
Brother Naz Chaderjian



Christmas Dinner.

Selma Chapter

The Selma Triple X Brothers would like to congratulate Brother Chuck Poochigian for being elected to the California State Assembly.

Selma Triple X has been very active.

In October, Brothers Gary Poochigian and Ken Melkonian cochaired a tailgate before a Fresno State football game. It was a great event with over 200 members and guests present.

The installation of officers for the Selma Chapter was held at Players Restaurant with 75 members and wives in attendance. The installation was presided by Grand Master Ed Hokokian. A good time was had by all in attendance of this special event.

Brothers Jack Kazanjian and Jake Kevorkian organized an outing to Reno. Thirty people attended the Bus trip and was enjoyed by all.

In November, Brothers PGM Jack Bedrosian, Phil Manoogian and Ken Esraelian organized Fall Bingo which was held at the AACL Hall at the Armenian Old Age Home. Around 300 people were served a delicious Shish Kebob Dinner. Congratulations to Brothers Jack Bedrosian, Phil Manoogian and Ken Esraelian on a very



Oscar Kasparian receiving his 25 yr. plaque from PGM Jack.



Master Ken, Jr. Master Jim with their wives.



Past Master Pat Balakian receives plaque from Ken Melkonian.



Keyma Dinner



PGM Jack Bedrosian & Wife Elsie.



Tailgate Party

successful event.

In December, Brothers Pete Esraelian, Karl Torosian and Robert P. Garabedian hosted a very successful Christmas Party. Over 100 children received gifts from Santa Claus. A delicious Lasagna dinner was served.

The Selma Chapter held a food drive for the needy. Brothers, were asked to donate two cans of food or \$1.00. Brother Vahe Simonian was Chairman of the event.

Our new officers of 1994-1995 are:

- Master:..... Ken Melkonian, Jr.
- Jr. Master:..... Jim Kaprielian
- Secretary: Martin Nahigian
- Treasurer (Charitable Trust):..... Abby Mamigonian
- Treasurer:..... Kay Paboojian
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- Sergeant at Arms: Sam Esraelian
- Critic: Pat Balakian

Fraternally,
Greg Ekizian



Bros. Newton, Jim, Kay, Ken and Chuck.



Kitchen Crew.



Joint Installation Dinner at the Players.



Bros. Karl, Milton Torigian, and Diana Chilingirian.



Installation Dinner



Membership team captains

1994 Convention Highlights Sequoia Chapter

Visalia, Calif.





Golden Gate

Golden Gate wishes all the best in '95 to our Brothers throughout the state and around the world. The close of 1994 was a busy time in the City by the Bay.

PGM Sark and Ann Sarkisian opened their home to the Chapter the evening of October 5th. 24 Brothers gathered to shape Brotherhood, and a fabulous meal.

November 19th not only witnessed the demise of Bill Walsh's collegiate coaching career (part II) at the hands of a superior Cal Team, but ushered in a New Year for Triple X as the five Northern California Chapters gathered in the East Bay for a Joint Installation of Officers. Many thanks to the Mt. Diablo Brothers for being the welcoming hosts.

December 7th dinner meeting was a culinary delight of Chinese Cuisine. Hosted by Bro. Ralph and Elsie Kazanjian, the 22 Brothers attending were treated to a bountiful banquet. Following dinner Richard Demirjian shared his observations on the state of athletics in Armenia. This year, Golden Gate will channel its fund raising



Kheyma Gang.



The Shish Kebabers.



PGM Sark, Vartan, Onnig, & Vince.



Joint Installation: Bros. Steve, Ara, & Lynne.



Oct. 5, 1994 Meeting with Grand Master



Bros. Vic & Art.

efforts to the development and support of athletic programs in Armenia.

A traditional Basque feast preceded our first gathering of 1995. Helping us usher in the New Year, Bro. Vahack Haroutunian journeyed long and hard to break bread with his Brothers, all the while sharpening his shopping skills with Bro. Ralph.

Looking ahead, the Golden Gate Chapter plans a ski weekend for February (if it stops snowing long enough to get up to Tahoe), and a road trip to Fresno for the March Mid-term. In April our Annual Fund-raiser will benefit athletics in Armenia. June will see the membership enjoy the sights and tastes of Sausalito while July offers hope of a Giants baseball and tailgate party (greed willing). In July it's off to talk with the animals at Marine World Africa USA.

Yet, with so much going on, the Golden Gate Brothers keep on the move. This Fall Bros. Sark and Ann Sarkisian and Vartan and Arlene Hovsepian joined 40 other Triple X couples on a week long cruise to the Mexican Riviera. Any connection with their shopping sprees and the collapse of the peso is purely coincidental.

Proving you can't keep a good Trexman down, Bro. Ara Sarkisian is recovering remarkably well after back surgery. The surgical team, having practiced on such athletics as Joe Montana and Charles Barkley, was ready for the challenge of returning Bro. Ara to the fluid form that was legendary on Bay Area Parquets.

And still we wait...wait...wait... for our newest Trex(wo)man from Bro. Russ and Karen Pinomaki.

Fraternally yours,
Bro. David Zovickian



Bros. Dick, Jerry & Ralph.

Los Angeles

I'm late, I'm late, for a very important date! Grand Editor Bro. Jack Ouzounian said I could still make the fabulous Trex News - rain, floods, snow and after shocks willing!

Past Grand Master Bro. J. Gregory Avedesian announced at our July meeting that our very own Bro. David Maseredjian will run for Grand Master in 1998!

Bro. Rob and Mary Hastigian announced the birth of Jacob while Bro. John and Lisa Yaldezian were blessed with Maggie; a second generation Maggie!

Convention was enjoyed by all of our brothers who attended. Our Chapter loves an excuse to have a good time.

Our September stag/golf weekend at Lake San Margos near San Diego was again fabulous. Bro. Tevon "Dancing" Eminian and Bro. Melvin "Haul the food and drink" Shanoian helped to insure a satisfying weekend.

Softball L.A. style was complete this season as Bro. Randy Avazian made sure that the Championship game would be won by Trex; Great Game! Does it even matter who won? O.K., so the Juniors got lucky. Don't we get a handicap next year like we do in Golf?

This year we relocated two Chucks to the "Nevada Chapter". Bro. Chuck Partamian will surely be missed for the monthly fine revenue and Bro. Chuck Parigian who kept our meetings on track.

Bro. Larry Johnson and Bro. Robert Kalfayan played their putts to roll to the ocean in October. They came away winners at the annual Los Verdes Golf tournament beautifully organized as always by Bro. Aran Vaznaian.

Bro. Richard "Don't call me Dickey" Jebejian said that this year's L.A. Ararat Home Picnic was our biggest, most organized ever. "What a



Bros. David, Robert & Michael.

working side by side for such a great cause" stated Bro. Armen Hampar, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Our new Grand Master Bro. Ed Hokokian made our November meeting. His agenda sounds great especially the push to reactivate Junior Chapters throughout our state. Our juniors are lonely!

Next time you want to make Gin just call Bro. Leo Avazian and Bro. Kenny Gorvetzian. They won enough at the 50/50 Gin Tournament to buy all of us one! Nice job again Bro. David.

Bro. Mark Michaelian announced his engagement to the lovely Ms. Sonja Titizian of Northridge. I think the ground is settling along with Bro. Mark in Northridge.

Five of our L.A. Juniors will be entering the Seniors in January. What a great way to get 'New' Trexman.

The WOW of our year was "Christmas Kef Night" featuring Richard Hagopian, live D.J. and a host of L.A. Trexman. The Ararat Home Facility was fantastic. Close to 600 people enjoyed a beautiful all night mezza, drink, and fellowship. All the proceeds will be given to help the home's ongoing needs and earthquake repairs.



Leo Avazian (being taken away by police Dept.)



Bros. Ralph Barzekoff and George Parigian.



Bro. Mike (the Bishop) Geragos.



Bros Jack Khteian, Lee Neshanian, Ed Tashjian, Greg Mikaelian (Let's eat guys!)

New officers for 1995

Master: Bro. Mike Shakar
 Jr. Master: Bro. Steven Michaelian
 treasurer: Bro. Dale Chaloukian
 Recording Sec.: Bro. Galen S. Petoyan
 Corresponding Sec.: Bro. Tevon Eminian
 Sgt. at Arms: Bro. Ron Ohannesian

This group will be honored at the annual Installation Banquet January 14, 1995 at Brookside Country Club in beautiful Pasadena California.

Last but not least Santa Claus made a special visit this year for Armenian Christmas January 8, 1995. We enjoyed our families and especially the children at the annual Christmas Party. There



Bros. Dale Chaloukian and Greg Partamian.

was a clown to entertain the young and live Armenian music to satisfy the rest. Bros. Richard Jebejian, Mike Arzouman, Melvin Shanoian, and Vaughn Vartanian made beautiful music together. Thanks to our Bros. Mike Arzouman and Galen Petoyan for another successful event.

Don't forget to dust off your putters for the Annual L.A. Open in June. This is just the beginning!

Fraternally,
 Bro. Vaughn R. Vartanian
 Associate Editor



Mark Boranian, Melvin Shanoian, Stanley Roopenian, Nick Nigosian, John Casparian, Vaughn Vartanian.

Los Angeles Juniors

A hello to all Brothers and a very Happy New Year to all Brothers in our Sister Chapters!

It's been a great 1994 year and we are hoping to have a terrific upcoming 1995.

This year has been an excellent year for us.

Let's take first things first, with saying "We did it again," L.A. Jr. XXX is very proud to have once again won the Armenian Softball League Championship, it was tough and rough, however with determination and a lot of teamwork, we were victorious. (Congratulations guys!) We would have not done it if it were not for Sr. Brother Dickey Jebejian and Sr. Brother Russel Roopenian for giving us that extra boost every year.

Moving along at a blistering pace, we were honored in assisting our Sr. Brothers in putting together a wonderful picnic at the Ararat Home of Los Angeles. We the Juniors have traditionally ran the parking lot and shuttle services back and forth. For the past three years we have been given the great honor to set up our Dunking Booth and entertainment for the kids, which comes out to be a lot of fun for all. Thanks to Master Brother Shant Dergazarian for coordinating this event.

In October we had a terrific Halloween Party at Bro. Darren Eminian's House. Thanks to Sr. Brother Tev Eminian and his wife and family for making this an unforgettable event.

In December we had our election meeting as scheduled. Our newly elected officers are:

Master: Bro. Greg Boyajian
 Jr. Master: Bro. Kevork Zoryan
 Rec. Sec.: Bro. Mampre Pomakian
 Corres. Sec.: Bro. Darren Eminian
 Treasurer: Bro. Robert Zaratazian
 Sgt. at Arms: Bro. Jimmy Arikelian

Congratulations to our newly elected officers and thanks to our past board for doing such a great job.



Bro. Richard "Snowman" Jebejian.



The Los Angeles Juniors.

I also write in both joy and regret to have moved up five Junior Brothers to our Senior Chapter, Brothers Ara Bedros, Robert Birebirian, Armen Cazian, Zareh Kouyoumdjian and Diron Ohanian, all members in very good standing. See you guys next year. (hint, hint)

To conclude as Master of the Junior Triple X, I must say it's been a most enjoyable year.

We are looking forward in the participation of reactivating the Fresno Junior Chapter in 1995, a big party in February at the Club House. Best wishes to all of you and to your families and I hope you have a wonderful year.

Fraternally yours,
 Brother Shant Dergazarian, Master

Orange County

Orange County's Newly elected officers for 1994-95 are:

Master:..... Bro. Wayne Najarian
 Jr. Master:..... Bro. Kelly Astor
 Rec. Sec.:..... Bro. Rodger Pechuls
 Corres. Sec.: Bro. Charles Paskerian
 Treasurer:..... Bro. Ed Harver
 Sgt. at Arms: Bro. Don Kazanjian

Our 19th Annual Picnic was hard to beat. WE had games for the kids, food and dancing. Our Master Chief Bro. Art Kazarian and our new Jr. Master Kelly Astor chaired the event and did a great job! Thanks to you both. All the Bros. kept hanging around when we are cooking the kebob. Next year we are going to hire a security guard to watch the cooks. "Just kidding." All the Bros. and wives who helped we can't thank enough. Thanks again.

The Orange County Bros. and wives want to thank the Sequoia Chapter for a wonderful convention. Our Past Master Bro. Rich Penjoyan loved it - he and his wife Peggy checked out his old stomping grounds in the valley area, it brought back old memories. The Bros. and wives



GM Bro. Ed, Master Bro. Wayne, Treas. Bro Ed, Sgt at Arms Bro Don, & Rec. Sec. Bro. Roger.



PM Bro. Rich, Master Bro. Wayne, GM Bro. Ed.



Convention Time: Kef Time Orange County Style, Bros. Hank, Ed, Nishan, Naz, David, Mooney, Haig, Pat, Harry.



Picnic Time: Bro. Bob's Water Truck, Bro. Rich's Produce Truck, free advertising. Bros. Bob, Wayne, Rich, Art.



We are proud to fly the Armenian Flag. Bros. Harold, Larry, Archie, Carlo, David, Bob, Nick, Chuck, Wayne.



Art and Marge having a good laugh what a team.

that helped with the hospitality suite, mazza, etc. did a first class job. Every convention we attend the Orange County Chapter enjoys tremendously visiting with the other chapter.

The Installation Dinner Party was chaired by Bro. Ed Harver at the Crown Sterling Suites. Past Grand Master Bro. Z. Harry Astor was Master of Ceremonies he did a great job. Past Master Rich Penjoyan thanked his outgoing officers who did an outstanding job. Our new Master Bro. Ed Hokokian swore in the new officers. We also had the privilege of having his lovely wife Mary Ann and our Grand Secretary Bro. Jack Bedoian and his lovely wife Alberta. It was a first class affair.

The Arrowhead Stag was chaired by P.M. Rich Penjoyan - Bro. Art Kazarian - Bro. Malcolm Boghosian. They all have homes by the Lake so they invited the Bros. to a weekend of food and more food. They served Shish Kabob dinner Saturday night They told stories to each other, they played cards, took walks, went on boat rides. Bro. Malcolm Boghosian said he would take everyone for a boat ride but when he got there his boat was missing. It took him 2 weeks but he finally found it. We are looking forward to next year.

Our Halloween Dance was chaired by PGM Bro. Haig Jamgotchian and Bro. Ara Gholidian. We had a variety of costumes, it was great to see the young and old having a great kef time. Bro. Art Kazarian and the other Bros. and wives who helped did a marvelous job.

Our New Year's Eve Party was again held at Bro. Kurk and Marge Kazarian's Club House. Prime Rib was served and we had party favors etc.

Our new Master Bro. Wayne Najarian is doing a fine job, but he's been fining the Bros. to many \$1.00 fines. We don't mind you're doing great. Your Jr. Master Kelly Astor is so organized he made a color calendar which has never happened in our chapter. Great job Kelly, you really do take after your old man Z. Harry. Our Treasurer Bro. Ed Harver has a printed report every month. This Bro. is sharp. That's why he received the Trexman of the Year award in 93-94. Our Recording Sec. Bro. Rodger Pechul really tells it like it is. He has talent in writing. Our Corres. Sec. Bro. Charles Paskerian does wonders with his computer in giving information about our activities plus information about Armenia. He keeps us well informed. Our Sgt. at Arms, Bro. Don Kazanjian is our youngest member and doesn't take anything from the Brothers. They pay when he collects. It's a joy to



Bro. Ed Harver, Trexman of the Year, what energy and drive, great job!



Bros. Mel, Ed, Archie, Z. Harry, Ed, plus Ruth.



Master Bro. Wayne & Sue Najarian, Grand Master Bro. Ed and Mary Ann Hokokian.



Halloween Dance, Bro. John Cholakian Jr. and Bro. Jimmy Antoyan.

have young Bros. in the fraternity.

Our chapter has had many Bros. in the Hospital and are being supported by the Bros. and families. We pray they are all healed and back among us soon.

Next time you're in the area, come to our meeting at the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach. It's on the third Wed. of each month and dinner is served at 7:30 p.m.

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



Picnic Time, Bros. Nishan, Mooney, Haig, Bill. Remember "Mooney in 95".



Bros. Harry, Pat, Archie, Z. Harry, (Bro. Archie is the "Pasha")



Jr. Master Kelly Aster, Bros. Larry, Rich, Harry. "Kebab Cookers"

Oakland

Hello Brothers,

All is well at the Oakland chapter. We are moving and shaking the Bay Area again. Under the past leadership of Gregg Chorbajian and the current leadership of Master Jim Taylor we are going in a new and bold direction.

Within the past few months we have had some exciting activities. In November we once again butted heads with the Mt. Diablo chapter for a game of flag football. The game was very exciting, and very physical. However I don't recall the outcome. We then joined the Diablo chapter for our Christmas party; everyone had a wonderful time. Besides dinner and the gift exchange, we had live music to dance by. Special thanks to brother Armen Boyd. We also welcomed brother Jim Krikorian to the Oakland chapter after his move from Fresno. It's really been a blessing having Jim with us (yea, like a bad rash; just kidding).

Some exciting events coming up in the near future for us include our Big Crab Feed fundraiser on March 31. Everyone is welcome to join us; details to follow. In April we will be having our Family picnic. It was a huge success last year and we expect the same this year. Other possible events include a dinner Bay Cruise, wine tasting and a dinner honoring The Great Masis Gozurian, which has been long over due. The toastmaster will of course be Brother Harry Sherinian. Details of this great event will of course follow.

The big news for the Oakland Chapter is of course the 1999 Convention which we will be hosting in Monterey. Headquarters will be the Double Tree Hotel, which is beautiful. This will be an event you WON'T WANT TO MISS.

Until next time, All the Best.

Steven Donikian



Mt. Diablo

Here's the latest from the Brothers of Diablo: **Installation Dinner:** Master Tanil Matosian's first official act was to organize and host an installation dinner. We haven't had one here in years, so everybody thought it was a great idea. So great in fact, that the masters of the other N. California chapters decided to join in to organize the First Annual Northern California Joint Installation Dinner. Over a hundred brothers and their wives turned out from Diablo, Golden Gate, Oakland, Peninsula, and Sacramento chapters to wine and dine at Boundary Oaks Country Club (site of the 2001 Convention golf tournament).

After dinner, PGM Sark Sarkisian, MC for the program, had everyone in stitches with his classic, time-tested jokes and stories. He had 'em eating right out of the palm of his hands.

Then, Grand Master Ed Hokokian put the crowning touches on a beautiful evening by swearing in a group of twenty new officers. This was the highlight of the evening for me. When GM Ed asked them all to raise their hands and repeat after him, "I, state your name, do solemnly swear," all twenty of them responded with, "I, state your name"... Just like a scene right out of Animal House. You had to be there.

Thanks to all who contributed to a fine evening. Let's be sure to do it again next year.

New Business: Say hello to the newest brother of the Diablo Chapter, Bob Arabian. Brother Bob was initiated at a recent chapter meeting much to the delight of the membership at large. Bob is not an engineer of any kind (as far as we can tell) and it looks like we've got ourselves a real winner here. So when you see him at Midterm Convention, be sure to introduce yourself and buy him a drink.

Old Business: Master Tanil passed out 25 year plaques to Mike Aaronian Sr., resident golf pro, and Archie Azizian, chairman of the '94 Christmas party. Congratulations, guys!

Member Spotlight: Maybe it was a slow night, or maybe we had it coming. Either way it was quite a surprise when Brother Master Tanil Matosian announced that he was the guest speaker for the evening, and his topic was dirt. That's right, dirt. For the next thirty minutes we learned more than we ever imagined was possible to know about *composting*. Turns out that brother master is a certified (make that certifiable) Master Gardener, complete with university diploma. He taught us what to put in the dirt, what not to put in the dirt, when to turn



the dirt, and how to take the dirt's temperature. He brought actual samples for us to pass around, used the word "micron" a dozen times, and then told Armen Boyd what he could do with the droppings from his chicken coop.

So the next time someone offers to give it to you down and dirty and dish the dirt, give Tanil a call.

Diablo Does It Again: November 22 was the day for the Diablo football team to defend its title against the boys from Oakland in the Second Annual Garo Yepremian Flag Football Championships. The much awaited rematch was hyped up even further when a group of Diablo "fans" crashed Oakland's meeting, and, in a shameless display of gloating, sang an off key chorus of "We Are the Champions".

So the stage was set for Oakland to give us the butt-whipping we truly deserved. In our honor, they added 800 lbs. of beef to their lineup in the form of Rim Magarian, John Alexanian, and Bobby "Mad Dog" Nalbandian. In the early going they had their way with us, scoring a quick strike to take an early lead. But then game MVP Mike Aaronian Jr. led the Diablo offense to a 14 point halftime leads with touchdown passes to Bruce "The Jet" Jamgotchian, "UC MR" Ed Hazarabedian, and Rookie of the Year candidate, Steve "(crazy Legs) Hazarabedian. In the third quarter we switched to a running game, pounding it in with Aram "The Diesel" Boyd, setting up the play-action pass to Armen "Cut It Out, Bobby!" Phelps. And despite the antics of Bobby "Raging Bull" Nalbandian, who thought we were playing "tackle" we stretched our lead to 21, and coasted home for the win. Final score: Diablo 70, Oakland 49.

So Long, Farewell... Every now and then, a guy comes along and really makes a difference to a chapter. Every chapter's got one - a brother who always volunteers goes the extra mile, sets an example by always helping and never complaining. Shant Kouyoumjian is our guy like that, a positive force in our chapter since we started in 1975. He embodies the true spirit of fraternalism and brotherhood. Shant is what Triple X is all about.

I can't begin to imagine what it would be like without Shant in our chapter, at our meetings, helping out at our events. But soon, he and his wife Anna will be leaving us to build a home in Massachusetts and retire in style. We hate to see him go, but wish him the best in his new life. God bless you Shant, we'll miss you forever

Sayonara: And now it's my turn to say



Grand Master Ed Hokokian swears in new officers at the N. California joint Installation Dinner.



PGM Shavarsh swears in newest Diablo Brother Bob Arabian while Armen Boyd doesn't look on.



Shant and Anna Kouyoumjian clean their plates at the joint Installation Dinner.



Diablo Master Tanil Matosian presents 25 year plaques to Mike Aaronian Sr. & Archie Azizian.

Peninsula Chapter

To all our Trex Brothers... The Peninsula Chapter wishes you and your families a Happy New Year (*Shnorhavor Nor Daree!*)

We must thank our Sequoia Chapter hosts for a wonderful convention. Many of the Peninsula Brothers enjoyed a wonderful weekend. Following the convention, we installed our Officers: Aram Darmanian, Master; Larry Karabian, Junior Master; George Solakian, Treas.; Kip Garabedian, Sec.; Vic Khachooni, Editor; and Jack Marderosian, Custodian.

Brother Vic Khachooni hosted the annual picnic at his country home. It was a wonderful fellowship with fellow Trexmen and their families as well as a few Trex grandchildren! It was a great KeBob in a semi-rustic picnic setting.

The fall installation dinner was hosted by the Mt. Diablo Chapter. What an evening! This was attended by the Northern California Triple X members. It was a grand evening for all of us who attended.

Our chapter also enjoyed several special meetings. One meeting comprised of Steve Spitts who spoke on "How to match your investment goals with the right financial manager." Another was given by our own new brother George Avakian on Nutrition and Fitness. He gave an informative talk on "How to become healthy, be healthy and stay healthy" with a healthy dinner included.

Brother Mike Michaelian underwent hip sur-

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goodbye. A while back I promised my wife, Paula, that we would go on a little adventure when she finished school. I figured we'd take a few weeks and go see the Grand Canyon or something She had a better idea—Japan.

So we quit our jobs, rented our houses, sold our cars, and moved to Japan. By the time you read this, we'll be living in Sendai, about three hours north of Tokyo, teaching English to the natives. What the hell, maybe we can teach them how to cook pilaf too. Depending on how things got we should be back in time for the '96 Convention, '97 at the latest. In the meantime, please keep the convention softball tournament going, and take good care of the Trex Cups whoever ends up with it. Sayonara!!

Respectfully submitted
Aram Boyd Mt. Diablo
Associate Editor

gery successfully and made a miraculous recovery. During the pre-surgery period Brother Mike found the time to host two meeting dinners. Thank you Mike and a prayer for your continued recovery.

Our Chapter is proud to announce the installation of two new members, Brothers George Avakian and Jim Sahagian. We ended our year with our Annual Peninsula Chapter Christmas Dinner which was attended by our Trexmen and their families. As usual Brother Jack Marderosian was in charge of a wonderful holiday feast with the help from fellow Trexmen and their families. The Christmas dinner also served as a special occasion. Past Master, Jack Marderosian was presented a commemorative plaque for his greatly appreciated service to Triple X and the Peninsula Chapter and to Vic Khachooni who was presented his Past Master Trex pin. Both presentations were made by Master Aram Darmanian.

The Peninsula Brothers all look forward the Midterm and are looking forward to our Brothers attending the next convention here. The plans are in the works and everyone is working hard at providing our Brothers a first class Convention.



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