

TREX NEWS

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TRIPLE X FRATERNITY

68th Annual Convention

Hosted by San Diego Chapter

San Diego's Heaven in '97

◆ FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 1997

- Registration
Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley/Main Lobby/ 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Kef Night - Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley
Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m./Armenian Music & Dancing 8:00 p.m.

◆ SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1997

- Registration
Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley/Main Lobby/9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Golf Tournament Carlton Oaks/Tee Time 11:00 a.m.
- Cards & Tavloo Tournament
Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley/1:30 p.m. to 4:7
- Saturday Night Dance & Late Night Dessert
Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley/Starts 8:00 p.m..
Armenian & American Music and Dancing/Open to public

◆ SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 1997

- Men's Breakfast/Business Meeting
Doubletree, Hotel, Mission Valley
Breakfast 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m./Business Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- Ladies Breakfast - Nordstrom's
Grand Ball/Dinner Dance - Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley
Cocktails 6:00 p.m./Dinner 7:00 p.m./Program & Entertainment 8:00 p.m.



Grand Master's Message

My Brothers,

For the past 12 months I have traveled many miles to get acquainted with all of the Triple X Chapters throughout the State of California and Las Vegas. All of you have shown me your respect to the Grand Office that I represent and your dedication to our great Fraternity. Every Chapter has treated me and my wife, Melene, royally and with enthusiasm. This certainly is an experience that I will always cherish as one of the greatest ac-

complishments of my life.

At every visitation, I have stressed the importance of membership in our Chapters. Only by recruiting new members at a young age will we be able to perpetuate this great Fraternity by keeping our membership strong and lasting.

Many thanks to all of my Brothers for their support and encouragement. My special thanks to our Grand Chapter Officers for their continued and dedicated service throughout the year.

My words of thanks to San Diego Chapter for hosting the 68th Annual Convention, Chairman PGM Joe Kellejian and his Committee for their untiring efforts to put on this annual event.

And finally, I thank you, my Brothers, for having granted me this unique and rewarding experience to serve you in the most honorable office of this Fraternity.

Fraternally,
Jack Ouzounian, GM

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CONVENTION TIME IN SAN DIEGO

Let's all make a big effort to attend the 68th Convention in San Diego. It is so important for each chapter's goal to have the brothers attend conventions wherever they may be. It's their livelihood. They need your support. San Diego is a wonderful playground for the entire family. Be there for your fellow Trexmen.

Harry Sweet
Grand Editor

San Diego

We're looking forward to all the brothers coming to the Convention from August 29 'til September 1st!

San Diego's "The Heaven in '97"

Plan your vacation around the convention. We're reserving rooms at a guaranteed rate of \$79/ night at the very centrally and conveniently located Doubletree Hotel. So make your reservations early to take advantage of the rate. Every brother should be there since in addition to getting to see and meet brothers from all the Chapters San Diego abounds with a great deal of other entertainment including: the San Diego Zoo, Sea World, the Gaslamp District, and shopping at Fashion Valley. And all this within convenient transportation. And, we guarantee the weather. It will be delightful.

Each day will have a host of activities for every taste and interest. In addition to our traditional "Kef Night" on Friday night with the Armenian Echos band playing Armenian music, we have a challenging golf tournament, Tavloo tournament, and Dance on Saturday. Sunday morning we'll have a coordinated men's business meeting with a simultaneous women's Fashion Breakfast at Nordstrom's, so that the afternoon on Sunday can be spent together with spouses. Then the Grand Ball that Sunday evening. Wow! what a program we have in store for the brothers. Let me tell you, you will be talking about this memory for years to come. So bring yourselves, and bring your family! Great swimming pool at the hotel and lots to do.

We are all taking on different tasks to perform but the plaudits must all go to Joe Kellejian, PGM, and Steve Hovsepian, and Master Dick Semerdjian. They're doing a fantastic job so please come on down to support them and us.

Finally, everyone knows that the financial success of a convention depends on the booklet. All brothers will get an ad form in the mail. Every brother should support the convention, whether or not they attend. The easiest way to do this is to return the booklet ad form with an ad of \$40 or more, and send it to us by the deadline. All brothers in the fraternity will then be thrilled by the show of support we are all making on behalf of our brotherhood, and its charitable efforts. In the case of the San Diego Chapter we offer all Armenian students college assistance if attending college in San Diego, or are studying elsewhere with their residence in San Diego. So please support us, we all benefit.

Our other activities include enlarging our membership, and under the able leadership of Bro. Harry Guzelimian successfully having a Kef Night in May. Howard Kaloogian (California Assemblyman) was there and made a tremendous effort during our auction. We all had a great time and moreover Kef Night was a financial success.

Other news from the Chapter: Bro. Greg Babikian and wife Marianne just returned from Italy savoring Italian cooking and visiting the vank on San Lazaro island. They were happy to



Bro. Joe Kellejian



Front to rear Left side: Ann Babigian & Bro. Steve Kotanjian. Right side, guests Betty and George Katanjian and Bro. Arpiar Babigian.

Las Vegas

The brothers of the Las Vegas Chapter had a very busy year so far. We have been holding most of our meetings at different brothers' homes, but in March we started to hold our meetings at the public library. April the brothers and our wives chartered a full bus for a trip to Laughlin, Nevada. We invited potential members, wives, and guests to join us. We had a super time.

The Grand Master Bro. Jack Ouzounian paid us a visit at our April 24, meeting. Jr. Master Gil Surabian ran a very fine meeting. Master Charles Parigian was fined for not being at this meeting.

BROTHERS: Our big affair will be on October 24, 25, & 26th. "PLAYTIME IN LAS VEGAS" Room Rate - only \$79.00 per night, Friday and

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come home though since they have also recently become grand parents. Bro Joe Kelledjian and wife Mary have opened a new business called the Merchants Passage in the East Village of Downtown San Diego. Oscar Sarkisian and his son John Sarkisian are opening a new Oscar restaurant like there is no tomorrow and we wish them continued success. We have three two new brothers Steve Hovsepian and Arden Kiledjian, and Steve Kradjian who are three two dynamos, we're proud to have them with us, and finally Jack Hachigian's son Garo is opening a new venture called Formula 21 - a one stop mall concept for the 21 to 35 year old generation, we wish him great success.



Bro. Kay Hovsepian and Joan Barzekoff, Bro. Ralph Barzekoff Irene Najarian and PGM Mourad (Mooney) Najarian.

Saturday, and \$59.00 per night, Sunday thru Thursday. The ORLEANS provides a comp. Shuttle, back and forth to the Strip. Come Enjoy. For Reservations Call: ORLEANS HOTEL AT 1-800-675-3267. Mention Triple X "Playtime" Don't Get Shut Out: For information call Bro's. Gil Surabian 702-361-5289 or Mike Manoogian 702-641-7234. Fun Time in '97. Bring Friends, Everyone is invited.

Charles Parigian, Master
Associate Editor



Bro. Ralph Barzekoff, Bro. Master Charles Parigian, Bro. Karney Oviaan, Grace and Kay Hovsepian.



Just one quarter of the Los Angeles Chapter, "what a group"!

LOS ANGELES

"Can't Wait for '98!" LA anxiously has begun plans to host next year's Triple X Convention that will be held at Universal City, California USA . . . home to Universal Studios, the celebrated City Walk, and nearby Hollywood, where every person from every country in the world seeks the thrill of flying on a spacecraft through the jaws of a tyrannosaurus or perhaps capture a glimpse as a celebrity jogs by spooning low-fat yogurt.

Convention Chairman, Bro. Mike Shakar, guarantees that, "This will be the best convention in the history of the Triple X Fraternity, even better than the ol' throwing-the lawn-chairs-into the-hotel-swimming-pool convention days. So mark your calendars and set your satellite wristwatch organizers to attend this upcoming historical weekend next year, as Bro. Mike and his support Brothers strategize to fulfill your whims and aspirations.

We are also extremely proud that our own Bro. David Maseredjian has thrown his hat into the convention pool and will run for Grand Master in '98.

Meanwhile, back to the real world of day-to-day fraternal activities. Bro. Master Steve Mikaelian has stayed up nights trying to out-slogan the genius of "Can't Wait for '98! He and his Board have also found time to successfully execute the year's events with limited controversy and good times.

Our skylarking, along with the applicable Brothers-in-Charge, has included:

- **Bowling Night** (Bros. Ara Bedros and Ken



Bro. Mel Shanoian, Mrs. Janie Kalfayan and Hollywood Director Robert Kalf his new movie "Broken Arm with a Supporting Cast."



Bros. Rus Roopenian, Jim Durkin and Richard Jebajian.

Khteian): Bro. Ara has co-chaired a number of events with Bro. Ken and has yet to actually meet him. Bro. Ara is simply amazed that such a thing could be possible within the same Chapter.

- **Palm Springs Desert Outing** (Bro. John Casparian): A record crowd attended this May event, as Bro. John advertised that Tiger Woods would be in attendance.

- Our wives once again got their night out at



Grand Master Jack "The Boss" Ouzounian.



Bro. Armen Hampar feeding his lovely wife Gloria.



Gloria Hampar, Nora Tertzag, Stella Ohanesian, & Barbara Neshanian.



Bro. Mike Kourtjian and Bro. Lee Neshanian.

the annual **Wives' Night Out** (Bros. John Elmassian and Harry Kosharian): The Sportsman's Lodge Comedy Club provided us with a few belly laughs and a fine meal.

- **Family Picnic** (Bro. Ron Ohanesian): Bro. Ron hosted this year's family picnic for Brothers and immediate family members. It was simply a relaxing day without stress.

- **Family Desert Outing** (Bros. Mike Shakar and Kenny Gorvetzian): Bros. Mike and Kenneth expect a record crowd at this family event weekend that includes a round of golf. The Brothers have announced that Tiger Woods will be in attendance.

August and September take us to a **Pool Party** hosted by Bro. Galen Petoyan at his parents' home (he will move out one day), and to **Lake San Marcos** for our annual Stag, supervised by Counselor and Bro. Tev Eminian. The annual **Ararat Home Picnic** caps the summer with its usual line-up of fine music, terrific food, and a great crowd.

In summation of his stint as this year's LA Chapter Master, Bro. Master Steve Mikaelian proclaimed, "97 Has Been Heaven." You can go to bed earlier now Bro. Steve.

The Armenian boys of summer continue to play softball. Children continue the traditions of scurrying beneath bleachers and running around trees, as their parents before them. Between the



Bro. Dickran Tervizian holding the oldest Junior Trex paddle used many times.

PENINSULA

Master Mike Michaelian and Peninsula Brothers have had a full program so far with 3 new members being initiated in March. The new Brothers are Vazgen Babayan, Bud Kalafian, and Ken Masegian, a second generation member of our Chapter. Welcome Brothers!

In April, several of our Brothers participated in the Crabfeed at the Oakland Chapter. It was delicious while it lasted. The 3rd Annual "Picnic at Bro. Vic's" took place on May 4 with gracious hosts Vic and Linda Khachooni at their beautiful Los Altos Hills Home. Brother Ken Masegian did his fabulous little kebabs along with the excellent chicken barbecue by Bro Vic. Bro. Andy Nalbandian provided some oud music at poolside and jammed with Bro. Bud on the piano, while some swam, played tavloo or pool. A fine time was had by TREX families and friends. We hosted a joint lamb shank/pilaf dinner and meeting with the Brothers from Golden Gate, Oakland and Mt. Diablo Chapters on May 15 attended by Grand Master Jack Ouzounian. On June 18 (Wed), the Brothers enjoyed camaraderie, drinks and a fine

LOS ANGELES (cont.)

lines, younger players are still swinging for the moon, and Senior Brothers, pushing the envelope, are beginning to show telltale signs of wear. Many of whom will announce their retirement at the end of the season . . . once again.

The 1997-98 LA Chapter Officers include: **Bro. John Casparian** (Master), **Bro. Ken Khteian** (Jr. Master), **Bro. Bob "B.S." Simonian** (Treasurer), **Bro. Stan Roopenian**, Corresponding Sect., **Bro. Ara Bedros** (Recording Sect.), and **Bro. Randy Avazian** (Sgt. at Arms). As a fellow officer, Bro. Ken promises to formally introduce himself to Bro. Ara in the near future, at least by fax.

Finally, if I may be allowed to transition to the first person, I would like to thank my Chapter and the entire Grand Chapter for allowing me the opportunity to communicate our Chapter's news and fast paced activities on these pages the past two years. The pleasure has been mine, and I will look forward to other challenges within the Chapter. On behalf of my Brothers, I wish you and your families a healthy and happy remainder of 1997.

Fraternally Submitted,
Bro. Ken Khteian, Associate Editor



PGM Bro George Solakian, Bro. Bud Kalafian, and Bro. Andy Nalbandian are having a short of home brew.



The three jokers Bros. Andy Vic Khachouni and Ken Masegian in between swapping jokes.

buffet dinner at the Los Altos Country Club, thanks to Bro. Larry Karabian.

The new Peninsula Chapter officers are
Master - Bro. Mike Michaelian, by popular acclaim, assisted by Bro. Andy
Junior Master - Bro. Vazgen Babayan
Corres. secretary - Bro. Larry Karabian
Recording Secretary - Bro. Kip Garabedian
Treasurer - Bro. PGM George Solakian
Sergeant at Arms - Bro. Ken Masegian
Editor- Bro. Vic Khachooni

The 30th Annual Ed Sarouhan Memorial Golf Tournament at the Santa Clara Golf/Tennis Club is August 2nd. A flyer is being sent to Chapters to participate in this special event in memory of PGM Ed. An evening of Armenian Music and folk dancing lessons is planned for the August meeting with an open invitation to brothers and families to attend, with prior notice if possible. Unless otherwise notified, meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at the Los Altos Masonic Lodge, 146 Main Street in downtown Los Altos. We are looking forward to seeing our Brothers at the August 29-31 Triple X Convention in beautiful San Diego.

Fraternally
Andy Nalbandian



Sequoia Chapter

SEQUOIA

Hello Brothers! What a fine season we had. First off brothers, I must apologize for not submitting the article in the last issue of the Trex News. I completely forgot about it. I paid a \$20.00 fine, and I especially apologize to my Sequoia brothers.

OK! Our Farm Show booth was another smash hit. It seems that every year we sell more and more food. Thanks to brothers Abe Kazarian, Bryan Yahnian and Archie Zakarian for putting this all together.

Our next event was Ladies Night at the Visalia Country Club. Brother Harry Kirkorian put on another good event as Chairman as he out performs himself everytime. All the wives had a good night out too.

We have had three dinner meetings at the Depot Restaurant, where the chapter meeting are held. We have outdoor dinner meetings in various towns close to where the brothers live.



Past Grand Master Bro. Dick Ekizian & Bro. Vaughn Ananian.



Farm Show. Bros. Chuck Simonian, Master Ron Shanoian, Charlie Davidian, Bryan Yahnian, & Archie Zakarian.



Farm Show Shish Kebab Booth.

i.e.: Dinuba, Visalia, Kingsburg and Tulare with all the brothers pitch in and help.

Everyone has been busy around here, speaking for myself and the rest of the brothers who are farmers. Some of us are picking tree fruit, irrigating every day and getting ready for another good year in farming, "WE HOPE".

Congratulations to my daughter Annie and my

cousin Justin Tellian (Brother Harry Davidian's grandson). They each won a \$750 scholarship. They both graduated from Golden West High School.

Well brothers, this is my last article. I think I've done a good job for the past three years. Take care brothers and hope you are all doing fine and keeping well.

Fraternally yours,
Bro. Greg Davidian
Associate Editor



Hard at work at the Farm Show! Bros. Greg Davidian and Uncle Harry Davidian.



Sequoia Chapter members are always enjoying themselves.



Sequoia Chapter ladies.

LA Juniors

Dear Brothers,

Hope everyone is doing great. We are. And we keep growing. We just grew again, recently initiating Vartan Tashjian as a member.

The last six months have been very busy. We have been focusing on our school and work commitments. Mampre Pomakian and Jim Terzian finished Year 1 of Law School, Ardem Tabakian got married, and John Adomian finished Dental School. We are proud to announce that Robby finally found someone who would hire him. And he likes his job. That's not enough, Kevork Zoryan, after a year-long vacation, finally decided to get a job. Hagop "Jack" Jibilian, when "not near his desk", has decided to return to school for a masters in Construction Management. Darren Eminian, has exchanged his entire wardrobe for Velcro, and Ara "Rook" Soghomonian - self appointed "I'm like Fonzie without a leather jacket" keeps thinking he is going to make it in the entertainment industry.

We started the year attending the LA Chapter's Installation Banquet where we presented our sponsor, Bro. Dave Maseredjian, with a framed copy of our formal sit down picture. In addition, the LA Junior chapter of 1957 presented the current Juniors with the original LA Junior Paddle. Greg Boyajian, the newly designated pledge master, (in charge of new initiates) has been eager to put the paddle to use.

Our next party is scheduled for the end of July and will be over before you get this issue. Tom Adishian, John Norian, Garo Adomian, Jim Arakelian, and Will Maseredjian have been busy planning the party event of the summer. If you saw the picture on the invitation, it's because Tom felt that his picture would attract party-goers. We'll see if that strategy works for or against us. As a small party bonus, we will be offering action pictures in Jacob Maseredjian's Volkswagon Bug. Don't laugh.

Lot's in the works. In the meantime we will all be in San Diego for the Convention. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

May everyone have a warm and relaxing summer.

Fraternally,
THE LA JUNIORS



Armen, Armen, Tanil and their ladies

Mt. Diablo

ARMENIAN TECHNOLOGY GROUP

- Brother Art Hazarabedian who is the founder of the Armenian Technology Group (ATG) gave a report on his recent, of many, trip to Armenia and Karabagh with Fresno Congressman George Radanovich and other representatives of ATG. Art and ATG have been responsible for major support of agricultural development in Armenia. In the past, progress has been slow, however, he was happy to report improvement. ATG is playing an important role in helping the county develop is agricultural capability.

NEW MEMBER - Bob Shahoian was inducted in January 1997 at the Buttercup Grill in Walnut Creek. Bob is sponsored by past master Art Hazarabedian. Bob was born in Oakland whose parents came from Armenian in the 1920s. He has four brothers and graduated from Oakland High School and San Jose State University. He is in the securities field; as in stocks and bonds. He has two children, a boy and girl, and soon to become a grandfather. He lives in Oakland.

GAME AND CIGAR NIGHT - On April 26th at Master Jerry Tusan's home in Pleasanton, eighteen brothers attended the first annual "Game and Cigar Night." Jerry prepared a delicious mezza and Junior Master Raffi selected the custom hand-made cigars. Brother George Atashkarian played his Oud and entertained the group with classical Armenian selections. Following refreshments and entertainment there was a four hour poker game which saw Past Grand Master Shavarsh Hazarabedian (those Hazarabedian boys do get around) clean house.

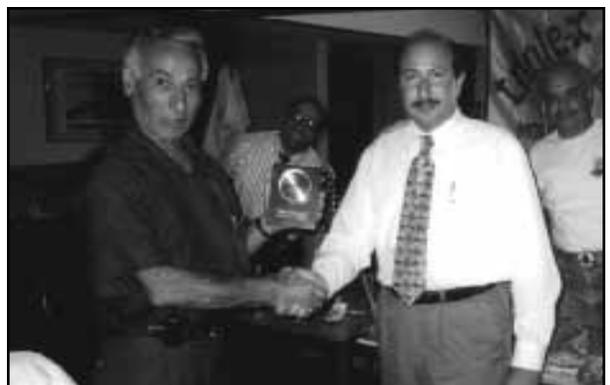
GREEN THUMB AWARD - At the June meeting Armen Boyd presented a "Green Thumb" award (it was literally a large plastic green thumb including a detachable moisture measurement instrument). Art Hazarabedian was elected for the award because of his ATG activities and his leadership which is responsible for crops being grown in Armenia and Tanil Matosian for his donation of seed packets that Art took overseas with him.



Armen looking the wrong way!



Al Kamian



Archie and Master Jerry



The gang at the Behring Museum.



Seno says: "Ante up brothers."

COMING EVENTS

The chapter has some interesting events planned. The annual fundraiser will take place at San Ramon on the fourth of July. The chapter sells hot dogs and other goodies with proceeds going to charities. On July 20th the chapter will host its annual family picnic at Pleasant Hill Park. The August meeting will be a shish kebob dinner at brother Dee Kassabian's showroom. Dee owns a classic car dealership. He will conduct a tour of the facilities, which houses many beautiful classic cars on sale by consignment.



Garro says, "Did I win?"

RECENT RETIREES - Garo Keadjian has retired from his jewelry business and not surprisingly has entered into a new field. He has become a travel agent, and why not, because he travels extensively. Unfortunately, while he is retired his real estate holdings still keep him busy. But, most of all he still is active in the chapter and will play a vital role when the chapter hosts the convention in 2001. Jack Mooradian is retiring as a college dean after 32 years in education. He plans to do some traveling and settle down to taking care of his garden. His biggest goal is to "get that gopher" who is invading his vegetables.

Fraternally,
Jack Mooradian, Associate Editor



George entertaining the troops



Cigar Night: Where is the air filter?



PGM Shavarsh was the big winner



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Photos by Sam Simonian

Orange County

We started this year with our Annual New Years Eve Party at the Club House of Bro. Kurk and Marge Kazarian. We had a packed house with food, noise makers, music, etc. The funny thing is that at 11:30 we figured it was midnight somewhere else so at 11:30 it was Happy New Years time. Next year we will probably celebrate New Years at 11:00 p.m.. We all needed our beauty-rest. Thanks to all the Brothers and wives for all your help.

The Christmas Party at Fairview Developmental Center went very well. Served Ice Cream and Cake to the patients and this year we donated a C.D. and Cassette Player. This yearly event is a must to help out the disabled. Thanks to the Brothers and wives who took part in this event.

Our 11th Annual Armenian-American Sports Hall of Fame went great. We honored Sportsman of the Year - George "Sparky" Anderson. His topic was "be kind to your fellowman". Sparky Anderson is the only baseball manager who won a world series with an American League as well as a National League team. He has done much for baseball. We also honored George Yardley, the N.B.A. player who scored 2,000 points in a season in the N.B.A. All Star team, six years in a row. He received the Ozzie Chitjian, Humanitarian of the Year Award. The Armenian-American Sports Hall of Fame award went to Art Mazmanian. He played at SC on a baseball scholarship, played in the Yankees organization and St. Louis Cardinals and now coaches at Mt. San Antonio College. The Amateur Athlete of the Year went to Steve Sarkisian the B.Y.U. Quarterback who will go pro sometime this year. Brothers Jack Kayajanian and Nick Paboojian did an outstanding job in putting together this evening. Also Bro. Art Kazarian did the mazza, Bro Paul Hachigian handled the finance and a lot of the Brothers helped out. Proceeds from this function went to Orangewood Home for Children and the Ararat Home for the Aged.

The Day at the Races at Santa Anita was a great event. The day was cosponsored by the Orange County Guild of the Ararat Home for the Aged. Bro. Ed Harver knows how to handicap the races - heard he did O.K. but some of the other Brother's horses are still running.

This year we called our dance the "Spring Fling" and the music was great and the food was better. Bro. Art Kazarian always does an outstanding job. Bro. Ara Gholdoian and Bro. John



Bro. Louis, Bro. Paul, Bro. Rick, at the Arrowhead Stay.



Fairview Developmental Center, "We love to give."



Bros. Ben, Chris, John, Jack, David, Larry, & John.



Spring Fling "Kef Time."



Bro. Paul, Pete, Don, Master Harold, Nishan, Bob, 1996-97 officers.

Mekenian Chaired the Affair. Bro. Cris Kazarian handled the bar and did a great job. Bro. Paul Hachigian and Bro. Bill Yegsigian took care of the door to make sure no one "snuck in". Thanks to all the Bros. and wives who helped put on the Dance. You did an outstanding job.

Bro. Don Kazarian handled the Laughlin Stag Outing. The Las Vegas Chapter met us there and had a great time. Bro. Rich Penjoyan was ill but he still made the trip. He wanted to be with His Brother Trexman. That's what being a Trexman is all about.

Our Pot Luck at the Kazarian was wonderful as usual. "Merge's Keyma" was outstanding and we all look forward to tasting all the wonderful food at our Pot Luck. We played Bingo and Bro. Wayne Najarian and Marge Astor were the big winners. It was a great family get together.

In the past year Bro. Master Harold Bazarian did an outstanding job. Thanks to all his officers too. The meetings had a good balance to them, some fining, lots of laughter and good clean fun. We raised over \$10,000 to be donated to charity.

We had a sad moment in our chapter - our Bro. Richard Penjoyan passed away. He had been our Past Master and held other offices. Bro. Rich gave 100% to the Trex - he always donated the fruits and vegetables for our picnic and we used his store for our meat cutting for the picnic also. He also always opened his home in Arrowhead to us. His family was also a great part of Trex. We will continue to keep them part of us. Bro. Rich we miss you and love you.

We have many Brothers who have had surgeries this past year and we pray for their speedy recovery.

Our meetings are at the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach, the 3rd Wed. of each month with dinner at 7:30.

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



Sparky Anderson Bro. Jack & Bro. Ken & Art



New Year's Eve Party, Bros. Bill, Ed, Kurk and Pat.



Bros. Mike, Bill, Billy, Bob, Haig & John.



Bros. Leo, Art, Kurk & Rich.



Getting ready for New Year's Marge, Stella, Virginia, Alma, & Joyce.

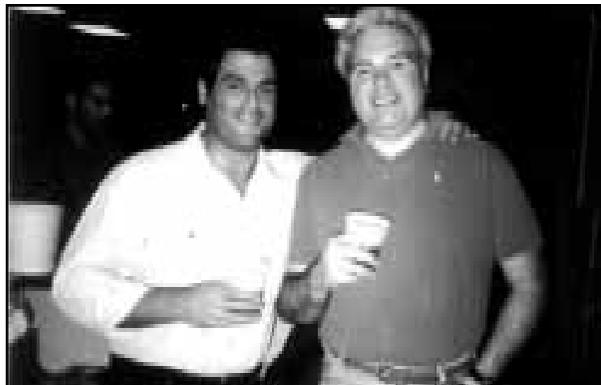


Bro. Jerry, Bro. John, Liz, Bro. Ed, Bro. Master Harold at the Pot Luck.

Oakland

Well Brothers it's time once again to check in with the Brothers of the Oakland Chapter. We've been cruising along under the leadership of CEO Craig Bazigian. We've really had a solid year. The activities have been both entertaining and educational.

The past year has included such activities as our annual Crab Feed fund-raiser, which becomes bigger and better each year. It really is fun for the whole family ! The brothers also made another trek to Grey Eagle. (Yes they let us back) The weekend was filled with Kef, (Whoosh) food, golfing (yes our brothers can still move a little),



& eating. Boy can the brothers eat !!!! There was only one casualty that weekend Brother master Craig Bazigian decided he wanted to make pilaf. I don't know if we can call him Hye after what transpired, but the hideous creature he created was quickly taken out and shot by brother Bill Nalbandian. By the way brother Harry Sherinian came out of retirement to play poker with the boys once again. Can you believe that it had been 10 years since Harry had played. Oh course he walked away a big winner. We also had a refresher course in CPR training (Whoosh). This years trainer was a little rough, during one part of the training I think she gave brother Paul Kamian a bloody nose. We also had some brothers go to Dinkey Creek. A great time was





had by all, and as always the food was beautiful !! The brothers of the Oakland Chapter also made donation to the Armenian Technology group and the Armenian Summer camp. Remember brothers that's what it's all about.

Up coming this year the Oakland Chapter will be having it's annual family picnic, Cigar night, a return visit to Bear Valley. A Golf outing on the Monterey coast. We have to check out golf courses for our upcoming convention in Monterey.

Well brothers last time I reported that we had a Four Freshmen reunion. The world tour was a huge success and brothers Harry Sherinian, Bill Nalbandian, Masis Gozurian and Antranik Avakian are finally home resting. It was 62 shows in 65 days (Whoosh) !! Again brothers I have heard of another reunion... this time it's the zany comedy team of "Chorbs & Alex". Straight man John Chorbajian and the wacky Charley Alexanian. It's been 40 years brothers since they've even talked, but they're back and better than ever. They open at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas in mid October. Don't Miss it !!!!

Associate Editor,
Steven Donikian

Fresno

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- Board Members Sam Hokokian, Pete Chilpigian, Bob Juskalian, Harry Tanelian, Gary Kazarian, Mike Ekizian.

GREETINGS to all Trexmen and their wives and families from the Fresno Chapter.

The first thing we should all do is mark the San Diego Convention on our calendars for Labor Day weekend. We could make it a wonderful fun-filled weekend for our brothers, families and friends.



Valentine Night



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Our first event of the year other than meetings and chapter dinners occurred in February.

VALENTINE DINNER PARTY FEB. 14, 1997

The dinner was held at our Fresno Chapter clubhouse for our ladies. The event was well-attended and it was a Gala evening. A long stem rose was presented to each lady by Cupids Gary Kazarian and Mike Lulejian, Co-Chairman Mark Kazanjian and Jr. Master Mike Lulejian planned a fun filled evening including entertainment by comedian Alan Atamian.

MID-TERM CONVENTION - March 15, 1997

Fresno hosted the Mid-Term at the Fresno Clubhouse. The Golf Tournament was very successful and held at Sherwood Forest Golf Club, Sanger. Golf Chairman was Brother Mike Emerzian. The clubhouse remained open all day for attending brothers with lunch available. Mazza and dinner was prepared and served by the usual cooks and kitchen aides of our chapter and done in excellent manner. Brother Grand Master Jack Ouzounian is to be commended for a well organized meeting.

KUFTA DINNER - March 20, 1997 Thank God for the few remaining Armenians who still make kufta. The dinner was held at our clubhouse and as always the "same old-same old" cooks and kitchen aides came through with a terrific dinner including rice and bulgur pilaf, salad, dessert and all for \$6.50. It doesn't get any better than this.

OPEN SOCIAL - May 15, 1997

Our open social fund raiser allows our "odar friends" to get a taste of an Armenian Shish Kebab dinner, complete with mazza of great multitude, including Brother Bob Juskalian's famous crab dip. This event was chaired by Mike Emerzian, as always, and was held at the clubhouse. Mike and his committee must be commended for a successful fund raiser.

TRI-CHAPTER SOCIAL - May 29, 1997

This annual event, Fresno-Selma-Sequoia was held at Uncle Harry's in Reedley. Fresno Chapter sponsors were "Brothers" Richard and Jack Bedoian. It was heart-warming to be with our Trex-brothers of the San Joaquin Valley. However, the attendance was somewhat disappointing. Highlight of the evening was the attendance of Brother Grand Master Jack Ouzounian.

ANNUAL DINKEY CREEK OUTING - June 5, 6, 7, and 8, 1997

Brothers Bob Juskalian, Mooney Najarian and



GM Jack Ouzounian and PGM Ed at our Mystery Trip.

Naz Chaderjian chaired another outing at Dinkey Creek. Thanks, many thanks, to our "right hands" Brothers Gary Daloyan, Bob Markus and Pete Chilpigan.

The weather was excellent, the food and fishing terrific, plus the added beauty of the Sierras, especially when the creek is not so "Dinky" this time of the year. Attendance was low and we missed our usual good showing from the Oakland-Peninsula, Southland, Selma, Sequoia Chapters. The Fresno Chapter has always gone "all out" to keep this event as a "non profit" for all its brothers.

With poor attendance last year and this year, this historic and traditional event may have to come to an end. Although traditionally the event starts Thursday evening to Sunday morning, Fresno Chapter has to rent the camp for the entire week. Not counting food and many other expenses such as hired help, etc. the high rent alone of \$1,000.00 is costly. Our brothers have to advise us if we can depend on your attendance.

Your associate editor, me, Naz Chaderjian, had a close encounter with a full-grown bear Friday evening about 10:30 p.m. We both wanted possession of the garbage dumpster. Thank God we both ran away in opposite directions otherwise, this article would not be written.

COMING EVENTS: June 19, Pete Chilpigan and Sons Steak Dinner. **July 12,** Mystery Trip. **August 14** -Scholarship Dinner - Co-chairmen - Jr. Master Mike Lulejian and Scholarship Chairman Naz Chaderjian.

1997 Scholarship Recipients: Alan Avakian, Gia Hovannisian, John Jabaghourian, Jarrid C. Paige, Melanie Vartabedian.

These recipients are five outstanding Armenian students; we are extremely proud of them and they will honor us with their presence at our awards night dinner August 14, 1997 along with their parents. We wish them every success in their endeavors.

September 13, Casino Night Chaired by Brother Master Mark Kazanjian and Brother Jr. Master



Valentine Dinner



These brothers are relaxing and enjoying themselves at Dinkey Creek.



At the Dinkey Creek bridge.

Mike Lulejian. This annual fund raiser was successful last year. Now that everyone knows how much fun it was, we expect even a larger crowd this year.

CLOSING ON A GOOD NOTE: Our own Bob Juskalian, currently Jr. Grand Master, is a candidate for Grand Master for the upcoming convention in September. Good Luck Bob.

There is no "In Memoriam" section to report as of this writing.

Remember that the Convention is the Lifeline of Our Fraternity.

P.S. PGM Michael Sohigian (Member since 1933) and Brother Cecil Melikian (1957) are both in the California Armenian Home, Fresno. Card or visit or phone call from their brothers would brighten their day: California Armenian Home 6720 E. Kings Canyon Road Fresno, CA 93727.

Fraternally.

Brother Naz Chaderjian

Golden Gate

It's been a banner year for the Brothers by the Bay. Brother Vahack Haroutunian reached a milestone with forty years of dedicated membership. Even though Bro. Vahack now resides in Fresno, he remains faithful to his Golden Gate brothers and chapter.

Brother master Anoush set a hectic pace for the brothers with his action packed calendar of events, his Christmas party setting the standard for the year. Seventeen brothers and their significant others were treated to an evening of fine food and merriment to kick off the holiday season. The spring season was highlighted by the Chapter's attendance at Norcal Haven's festive casino night. Bro. Vartan Hovsepian cut a fine and dashing figure, if not a profitable one, to the ultimate benefit of Norcal. This summer the



Bro. Master Anoush with the Ladies.



Initiation Night for Robert Z. Levon (seated in the



Golden Gate Brothers are ready to barbecue.

brothers and their families descended upon the sleepy bayside village of Sausalito to enjoy a delightful sunrise brunch and afternoon of shopping. As always, Bro. Leonard Kaprielian's superior planning made the day unforgettable for the brothers. GM Jack Ouzounian and his wife were our guests. Not to be outdone, Bro. Levon Ishag graciously threw open the doors to his home to host our August meeting. Bro. Levon's hospitality was unmatched as Bro. Anoush laid out what figures to be a spectacular finish to a fine year at Golden Gate Trex. Helping lead the charge into 1998 will undoubtedly be our newest member, Bro. Robert Levon. Perhaps most on the brothers' minds was how to capitalize on the potential largess from Bro. Sark Sarkisian's pivotal role in the development of the successful ballot initiative to build a new stadium for the San Francisco 49ers. Bro. Sark was a key consultant in the development of the stadium plan (and not, I might add, campaign manager Jack Davis' infamous ritualistic birthday party). We're still not sure how we'll use the hundreds of season tickets that Bro. Sark is sure to receive in undying gratitude from Eddie Debartolo for his critical support of plan.

Fraternally yours,
David Zovickian



Bro. Grand Master Jack and Golden Gate Brothers.



Brunch: Bro.s Ara A., Ara K., David & wife Laura, &



GM Jack & wife Melene at the Golden Gate Brunch



Bros. Vahack & Ralph



Ayda & Louise and PGM Al Nalbanian.



GM Jack thanks Master Anoushavan (rt.) for a memorable Brunch at Sausalito. PGM Sark looks on.



Paul & Joanne Goorjian; Claudette & Art Minassian

Capitol

The New Year began with a lot of new fan fare. Master Leon Hagopian started something new for the local brothers.

After the January meeting, Master Leon showed the brothers his miniature cars.

His car collection has been a passion since he was a teenager. It includes 1950 model Chevrolets, Fords and many huge 18-wheelers, with lights, horns, and noisy engines.

Brother Todd Odabashian was the chairman of Ladies Night in February. He presented our ladies attending, with a bouquet of flowers. The brothers and our wives had a wonderful dinner at the Historic Buckhorn Restaurant in Winters, CA. The Restaurant is owned by Bro. Jake Bajakian's daughter, Melanie and her husband John Pickerel. If the statewide brothers look at the back page of the 1996 Capitol Chapters Convention Booklet, it will give you the address of the best place to visit and dine, at the Historical



Bros. Alan Khatonian, Secretary; Leon Hagopian, Master; and Mike Arkelian, Treasurer.



Kef Affair cook: Bro. Jake Bajakian, with Grand Master Jack Ouzounian who is checking to see if the Shish Kebab is ready.



At Kef Night, Harry Sweet tastes the great Shish Kebab.



Capitol Chapter is enjoying a great dinner before their meeting.

Sportsman Hotel during the turn of the century, in Northern California.

Our monthly affairs took our brothers and wives on a wine trip through Napa Valley. We visited three wineries, sampled wonderful selections and bought a few bottles. We had lunch overlooking beautiful vineyards.

In April our Grand Editor Harry Sweet was honored by the TOWE FORD MUSEUM as one of Sacramento's Outstanding Citizens. Bro. Sweet has filmed and preserved 25 million feet of TV Newsfilm. He has preserved photographs of the 1940 & 1950 automobiles on our city streets of that era. Also on Exhibit is Bro. Harry's Camera Collection from 1897 to 1960's.



At the Capitol winery tour of the Robert Mondave



Bro. Harold Soligan accepting congratulations as a 60 year Trexman, Capitol Chapter 1936-97.

Any brothers who are interested in donating their old cameras to Bro Harry's collection for display, may call him at 916-972-9719 collect.

Bro. Todd arranged another fine tour for the Capitol Bro's, at the Castle Air Force Base Aircraft Museum in Merced, Ca. Grand Master Jack Ouzounian and wife, and members from the Bay Area came and enjoyed seeing these old flybirds of (HIGH FLIGHT) proudly displayed. From B17's, B-52's, F-80's, KC-135's, and the B-36. There all there to enjoy.

We are saddened by the loss of Brother Charles Esraelian last May. Bro. Charles was very active in the Triple X Fraternity. He held many positions while being our devoted member. We all send condolences to his wife Elizabeth.

See you at the Convention in San Diego.

Fraternally,
Bro. Ron Krikorian
Associate Editor.

NOTICE

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Selma

Parev Brothers,

We hope all our fellow Trexmen have enjoyed as prosperous a year as Selma Chapter has so far. The new year started out with a bang at our All-Star Sports Night on January 22. Nearly 400 people turned out to honor an "All-Star" line-up of local sports celebrities including former Oakland Raiders' Daryle Lamonica and Sam Boghossian, major league baseball stars Mark Gardner, Bobby Jones and Tom Goodwin, and NFL star Stephone Paige. The evening was a huge success thanks to the efforts of co-chairman Bro. Marty Mamigonian and Jr. Master Dan Boyajian, and their dedicated crew of over-achievers! Our committee is already hard at work preparing next year's event.

In February we held our annual Law Enforcement Night Dinner honoring Sheriff Steve Magarian, Judge James Aaron and under Sheriff John Swenning. We were also treated to a drug-sniffing demonstration by Deputy Chris Stearns and his K-9 Patrol dog "Cowboy" who searched for contraband hidden around the dining hall. Under-Sheriff Swenning entertained the crowd with his western-theme poetry, and Sheriff Magarian thanked Selma Chapter for their support of Operation Skywatch (a fund-raising project to buy patrol helicopters for Fresno). He promised to bring the new crime-fighting



LAW ENFORCEMENT DINNER: Junior Master Dan Boyajian & Bro. Mike Chardukian.



LAW ENFORCEMENT DINNER: Bros. Ken Melkonian & Brent Simonian demonstrate how to drink responsibly.



LAW ENFORCEMENT DINNER: Sheriff Steve Magarian displays Selma Chapters donation to Skywatch.



SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT: Bros. Dick Boyajian, Jack Bedrosian, honorees Sheryl Rustigian & Laurie Schmidt, Bros. Phil Manoogian, Harry Moordigian.



SPORTS NIGHT: Bro. Perry Mamigonian & PGM Abby Mamigonian with former slugger Gus Zerial and his wife. helicopter to next year's dinner. A tip of the cap to Jr. Master Dan Boyajian for organizing this evening!

In May we held our annual Scholarship Awards Dinner honoring our 1997 recipients: Laurie Schmidt, Sheryl Rustigian, Tamara Kataroyan, and Michael Arakelian. Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pete Mehas was our special guest. Our scholarship committee co-chaired by Bros. Dick Boyajian and Phil Manoogian did an outstanding job of selecting these deserving students and we wish them well in their endeavors.

In June we held our annual Spring outing at the California Home grounds. Our brothers and their families enjoyed unseasonably cool weather and a terrific barbecue prepared by co-chairmen

Gary Poochigian and Ron Toomajian and their hardworking crew.

On a sad note we regret to announce the passing of our Brother Leo Aivazian, who was a member of Triple X since 1953. Bro. Leo will be missed by all in the fraternity and our condolences are extended to his family.

Upcoming Selma Chapter events include our always-popular Kheyra Night Dinner in August and our Charity Garden Party is scheduled for September 27. We look forward to seeing all our fellow Trex brothers at the annual convention in San Diego!

Fraternally,
Bro. Perry Mamigonian
Associate Editor



SPORTS NIGHT: The Sarabian Clan



SPORTS NIGHT: Bryan Marsoobian, Steve Hosey & Tom Goodwin get the crowd going.



SPORTS NIGHT: The Boghosian Bros., S. Samuel (sitting) and younger brother Sam.

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