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◆—Friday, September 3, 1999

KEF NIGHT - Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.; Dinner & Mezza 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.;
Dancing from 8:00 p.m.

◆ Saturday, September 4, 1999

GOLF TOURNAMENT – 11:04 A.M. – Black Horse Course
STROLLING DINNER – Monterey Bay Aquarium

◆ Sunday, September 5, 1999

MEN'S BREAKFAST – 8:30 A.M. – BUS. MEETING TO FOLLOW
LADIES BRUNCH & GALLERY TOUR – 10:30 A.M.
GRAND BALL INSTALLATION BANQUET – 6:00 P.M.



Grand Master's Message

Brothers: As my term as Grand Master approaches, I am happy to write that I believe the Triple X Fraternity is strong and that the Trex spirit is alive and well among all 13 chapters.

Some chapters have faced difficult issues, membership and otherwise, this past year. But I am able to state, without exception, that those chapters are confronting those issues and taking positive steps to ensure their vitality.

As Grand Master, I have learned that each chapter has its own unique circumstances and traditions; that there is no "one way" to conduct fraternal affairs. This diversity appears to me to be part of the beauty of our fraternity.

I have tried to carry the message this year that we need often to remind ourselves that we are one fraternity with different chapters, and not 13 different fraternities. So, in Monterey at our convention, or any other event where you have the opportunity to greet a brother from another chapter, extend your hand to that brother and make a new friend. You will be excited to see just how similar we all are throughout this Fraternity, and it will make you a better Trexman and a better person.

David G. Maseredjian
Grand Master

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Oakland

Greetings brothers. Things are really swinging at the Oakland chapter, host chapter of the 1999 convention. Master Paul Kamian has been overseeing the convention committees to make sure people get the most out of their incredible convention weekend in Monterey. The committee has so much going on, that there will not be a dull moment. Golf, a great event at the Monterey aquarium, and just being in picturesque Monterey. If you've never been to Monterey believe me it will take your breath away!

The past few months have been fun and exciting. Aside from doing our normal community service. One example would be our volunteer work at St. Vincent de Paul. A great organization that helps the less fortunate of the Oakland bay area. We made our annual trek to Grey Eagle. Believe it or not they let us back... We had to agree to keep a few brothers in cages. The weekend was filled with common humanity, christen fellowship and potato sack races. Oh there was also golfing, fishing and a little bit of eating... Well all right "Big Eating".

In June we once again had our family picnic. Headed by the legendary Harry Sherinian. Harry and his wife Margaret take the reins on this event and really make it memorable. Harry really makes a mean tri-tip! It should also be noted that help on this event was provided by Maryann Michaels, Anita Chorbajian and Gary and Virginia Alexanian. Many thanks to all. A troupe from the Oakland made the trip to Bass Lake and could not stop raving about. What a



great weekend they had. They said it was like staying in a great resort in the Hamptons. I can't forget to mention what a great crab feed we had on March 20th. We had outstanding crab with all the fixings and to top it off, swing dancing! I didn't know the Oakland Chapter had so many hep-cats. Brother Bill Nalbandian flipping his lovely wife Bev in the air, Harold and Bonnie Koojoolian flying in the air. Charlie Alexanian playing his driving doombeg... Things were really swinging. And for those of you who were wondering, Brother John Alexanian won the salami in the silent auction.

The big news of course that we are hosting the 1999 Convention in beautiful Monterey. This of course is the first time a chapter has had the foresight to host a convention outside of its own city. Hosting a convention in this fashion presents lots of challenges, but we have been up for every challenge. You will be able to partake in great seafood, visit the Monterey Aquarium (we'll have a great event there on Saturday night),



something for the whole family. If you are interested in more info contact brother Jim Taylor at 510-569-6566 or via e-mail jtaylor@globeplbg.com. Our host Hotel will be the Monterey Double Tree and you can reach them at 831-649-4511. This convention will be one they'll be talking about well into the next millennium.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Monterey. Sleep warm...

Associate Editor.
Steven "Dino" Donikian



Harry Sweet Awarded Governor's Award

Brother Harry Sweet, of Capitol Chapter, is to be awarded the prestigious Governor's Award by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences on October 9th, Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco, at the Academy's 60th Gala Celebration.



Brother Harry is being honored for preserving our television history on millions of feet of film and tape. He spent over 30 years at KCRA as Chief Photographer, News Cameraman, Li-

brarian/Archivist, and is the owner of Studio 9 Film/Archive Film Productions. In 1963, he started as Chief Cameraman at KCCC TV, Sacramento's first TV station.

In 1989, KCRA donated its collection, valued at \$9,000,000, to the Sacramento Archives and Museum Center. Since KCRA's inception in 1967, he has given shape and form to the newsfilm collection. Brother Harry's dedication "...technical ability and intuitive grasp of broadcast journalism's vast potential", led to his preservation of these archives in an industry where out-takes are automatically discarded and files routinely purged.

In 1990, Brother Harry retrieved the preserved news footage from KOVR TV, and spent more than 3,600 hours collating the files and archives. His efforts were rewarded by the renaming of the collection at Cal State University, Sacramento, to the "Harry Sweet Film Collection, which was valued at \$4,300,000 by the University.

Brother Harry has traveled over 2,012,800 air miles worldwide, capturing, collating, and archiving modern history on celluloid film. He has filmed campaigns of six Presidents, as well as many celebrities: Rita Hayworth, Merv Griffin, Dr. Jonas Salk, Cesar Chavez, Dr. Edward Teller, Johnnie Weismuller, Walt Disney, etc.

We can be very proud of Brother Harry and we wish him the best as he continues his valuable work.

Submitted by
Brother Chuck Paskerian, Master
Golden Gate
Member of Golden Gate and Orange County

Palm Desert

Getting on track is the best way to describe the Palm Desert chapter's first year of activities and operation.

The highlight of this past year was the holiday social (in December) hosted by Brother Norman Matossian and his wife Virginia. A member-guest junket to Laughlin, Nevada was the chapter's summer get-away with over 40 brothers and guests having a most enjoyable weekend outing. Several new brothers have joined the chapter roster and others are being considered or are in process. Monthly meetings have been spirited while attendance continues to grow.

This past year, we spent a great deal of time organizing, orienting, and preparing for next year's activities which will be headed by current junior master Omar Kanadjian. Our chapter is also indebted to the leadership of secretary-treasurer V. J. Mckrtchian and corresponding secretary. Next year's calendar is shaping-up as an exciting one which will tentatively include the holiday social, a major fund raiser, more chapter junkets, a fall member-guest picnic and our hoped for biggie, a shish kebab sandwich concession at the riverside County Fair and National Date Festival (in February). We will also identify those charities or scholarship programs which can benefit from our efforts; when funds allow.

The Palm Desert chapter is indebted to the Fresno Chapter for sponsoring our formation. The brothers of this chapter are definitely committed to the principles of the Grand Chapter as well. It was good visiting with many brothers and their guests of the L.A. Chapter at their May golf tournament held in the desert and we hope to participate more in future years. The Palm Desert chapter is looking forward to continued growth and development and hosting brothers from throughout California and Nevada well into the 21st century.

Thanks to all of you who have provided this chapter with advice and guidance. The future is bright for Triple-X in California's great Coachella Valley. We're glad to be a part of this wonderful fraternity.

Doug Yavonian

Golden Gate

Never passing up an opportunity to be one with nature (and fellow Trex families), the brothers of the Golden Gate arranged to mingle with some of earth's largest mammals, the California Elephant Seal. Unfortunately, Mother Nature arranged her own special plans, sending a huge rainstorm upon the Bay Area that winter's day. While the threat of getting soaked deterred everyone else, Bro. David Z and his intrepid wife Laura accepted the challenge and drive down scenic Hwy 1 to Ano Nuevo State Reserve. Lo and behold, the sun spilled out, rewarding all with a fragrant and sonic display of God's great creatures doing what comes naturally: eating, sleeping, fighting (sounds like some political groups we've heard of) birthing and mating

Without doubt the highlight of the Golden Gate social season was the June coming out of baby Noah Zovickian. Anxious to meet Brother dad's trex comrades, baby Noah invited the gang over for high cuisine and fellowship (and a cel-



Bro. David Zovickian, wife Laura and baby Noah.



Bros. Vahack, Ralph, Vince, Vartan and groom-to-be Greg.

celebration of his 7th fun filled month). With plenty of lawnmower beer to wash down the pizza, the Brothers caught up with each other and our special guests from the Oakland chapter. Proving that ours is a very small world indeed, Noah's grandma Laura Zovickian nee Mouradian renewed acquaintances of a time long past, going back to a wee young age in lands near (Oakland) and far (Turlock). For the culinary coup de grace, Noah's mom delivered her famous homemade strawberry short cake to the delight of Brother dad and the gang.

For the educational portion of the program, Golden Gate alum Bro. George Atashkarian presented a video from the ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings television program. This eight-minute segment was, in television time, an in-depth history of the Armenian genocide. Presented in prime time to a national audience, the piece was produced in response to an outpouring of indignation from Armenians and odars alike for Jennings' omission of the genocide in his book *The American Century*.

Ever committed to personal fulfillment and enrichment, the brothers continue expanding their minds and culture with Bro. Master Chuck Paskerian's informative series on the history of Armenia. A highlight of the series was the

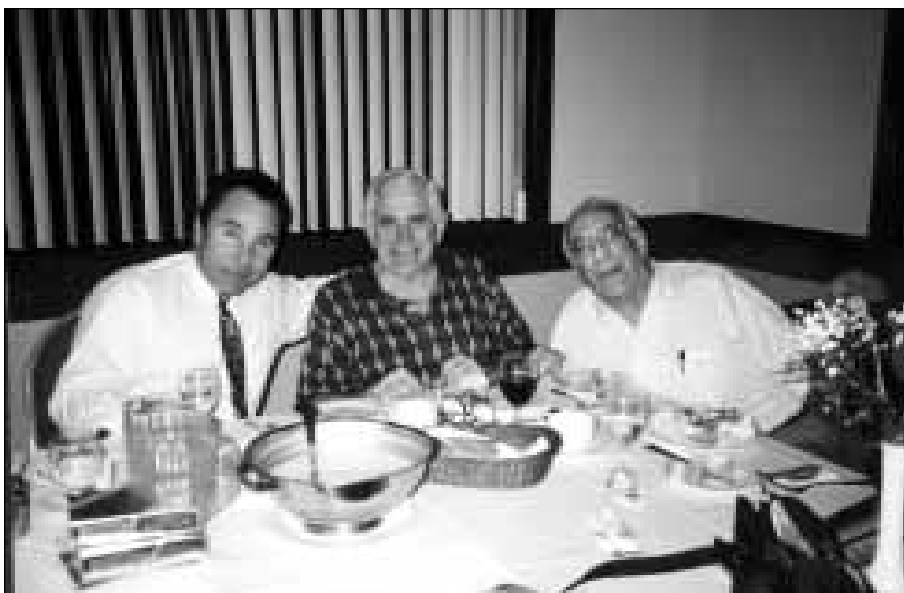


Bro. Onnig, Master Charles, and Grand Master David.

display of a battle flag from the Battle of Van in 1895, not to mention the wine provided for the correct responses to the pop quizzes.

Looking forward to visiting Cannery Row and reacquainting with all our brothers from around the state,

Fraternally yours,
Brother David Zovickian



Grand Master David, Bros. Ara and Zaven.

Selma

Selma Chapter's 1999 Activities started with Sport's Night at Pardini's Restaurant on January 15. The Mamigonian Brothers, Marty and Perry, co-chaired the event. The keynote speaker was Bubba Paris of the San Francisco 49ers who entertained the crowd all night long and also made buddies with Raider fan Jim Markarian (Hey, Bro. Jim, what are aluminum cans made out of?). Other sports celebrities included: Fresno State Football Coach, Pat Hill; former Bulldog Basketball star, Wil Hooker; Fresno Grizzlies Manager, Ron Roenicke; former Major League pitcher, Dick Selma; and former San Francisco 49ers Defensive Back, Jerry Mertens. The crowd was thoroughly entertained as they shared some of the lighter moments of their careers. Everyone who was there agreed this was our best Sports Night ever, and co-chairmen Marty and Perry Mamigonian and their committee deserve a big hand for making this such a successful event.

In February, Jr. Master Newton Krikorian and his committee, put on yet another successful Annual Law Enforcement Night. Honored guests included: Fresno County Sheriff, Richard Pierce; Fresno County District Attorney, Ed Hunt; Senior Deputy District Attorney, Bro. Alan Yengoyan; and Fresno County Probation Department, Richard Simonian. Also on display was a Fresno County Sheriff's Department Peace Keeper Armored Vehicle which was viewed by members and guests.

Our Annual Spring Bingo was held in March. This successful annual fund-raiser was Co-chaired by Jim Kaprielian and Kay Cloud, PGM. More than 200 members and guests en-



Sports Night - Master Matt Peters and Bro. Ken Melkonian getting ready.



Sports Night - The Mamigonians with featherweight Champ Hector Lizarraga.

joyed a delicious shish kebab dinner and bingo.

In the month of April our chapter held its Annual Scholarship Dinner where we honored



Law Enforcement Night

four scholarship recipients from area high schools. This year's awards (\$1000 ea.) went to Denise Simonian, Sanger High School; Julie Tikijian, Fowler High School, Lindsey Ashjian, Bullard High School; and Paul Parvanian, Sanger High School. Congratulations to the recipients and their families. Co-chairmen of this affair were Dick Boyajian, Jack Bedrosian, PGM and Phil Manoogian who did a marvelous job as usual.

Matt Peters who is serving as Master a second term has tried many ways to encourage attendance and participation. For our May Dinner-meeting he announced to have a \$1.00 dinner and a surprise guest speaker... The dinner served was steak and the speaker was Dr. Schiff, a urologist who spoke on new findings about male dysfunctions. Very interesting program.

The Spring Outing was held at the California Armenian Home picnic grounds with members and families present. This year we had an added attraction to this family gathering, a Car Show. Members brought out their vintage or classic cars to display. Those who attended the picnic voted on their favorite car. The winners were: Bro. Mel Mazman's 1939 Chevy pick-up won 1st place followed by Bro. Marty Mamigonian's 69 Pontiac.

July's combined Business-Dinner meeting was also held at the California Armenian Home. A Steak dinner was served. Bro. Jim Taylor, Oakland Chapter, was with us to promote the upcoming Annual Convention which will be held in Monterey during Labor Day weekend.

We'd like to welcome new member Steve Samuelian who joined our ranks in May. Steve is the Field Director for U.S. Congressman George Radanovich, 19th District.

Selma chapter is planning on its Annual Keyma Night for August and the Installation Dinner in the fall.

We look forward for this year's Convention in Monterey hosted by the Oakland Chapter. Hope to see many of you there!

Fraternally,

Jack Ouzounian, PGM

P.S. We were saddened to hear the loss of long time member Bro. Aaron Goorigian; our hearts and prayers go out to his wife and family.



Sports Night - Bros. Dan Boyajian and Bob Kandarian.



Sports Night - Bro. Pat Balakian and son Bill with championship belt.



Bro. Bob Kandarian with Raiders Coach Bro. Sam Boghosian.



Business Meeting



Bros. Sam Diboyan and PM Charles Parigian.

Las Vegas

Hi Brothers,

As time moves on the Las Vegas brothers have been working on their big affair for the MILLENNIUM RUMBLE. That's our Playtime in Las Vegas weekend. Mark your Calendars now and get a group together to spend JUNE 9-10-11, 2000 with us. We have changed the date to avoid conflicting with the Convention.

In late March we took a bus load of Trex families and friends to Laughlin Nevada, all had a great time.

The new executive body is: Master Ralph Barzekoff; Jr. Master Kirk Bazoian; Treasurer Shavarsh Papazian; Secretary Karney Ovian; Corresponding Secretary Berge Tookman; Our Sgt. at Arms was Carl Baxter. We lost him April 25, 1999.

He will be missed by all of his Las Vegas Brothers and many friends.

Charles Parigian, P.M.
Associate editor



Bros. V J Taslakian, Gil Surabian, Bob Bezdikjian and Carl Baxter.

Capitol

Brothers, the 20th century is nearly gone. Let's hope the 21st will be even more exiting for our Triple X Fraternity brother's in the next millennium. God Speed to all of you. Master Todd Odabashian is keeping the Capitol Brother's pretty busy with planned trips around the country in Northern California. The Master would like a little more support from the local brother's, but vacation time comes first with us all. Bro. Harry Artinian spent a few weeks with grandkids at the University of Colorado. Scott and Brian McKay are Junior and Sophomores and excellent football players. Bro's Harry and Richard Nahigian are still telling stories about catching large, large trout in Eagle Lake. Horace Davidian of Fresno can vouch for them. Don't tell Mose Hachigan in Fresno about it. He will leave his wife Minnie at home, and go fishing for two weeks. Our Brother John Malkasian retired from his teaching job in Sacramento after 35 years. Bro. John was hailed as an outstanding Science Teacher in the districts. Bro. John is always a big spark plug in the Capitol Chapter's monthly affairs.

**Fraternally,
Harry Sweet, Grand Edi-**



Perfect
Attendance
Glenn Simjian



Perfect
Attendance:
Bud Ohaneian
and Todd
Odabashian



MT. DIABLO CALIFORNIA CLASSICS MEETING

The April meeting was held at Dee Kassabian's California Classics Showroom in Dublin. In the beautiful facility there were dozens of classic and muscle cars from a 1929 Ford to a 700 horsepower dragster and many luxury foreign cars, including a lot of Corvettes and Mustangs.

There was a contingent of brothers from Oakland Chapter including Past Grand Master Chuck Hazarian and Mt. Diablo's PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian.

Before dinner the brothers enjoyed wine and mezza prepared by Jerry Tusan. A tri-tip barbe-

cue was cooked by Jack Mooradian. Who said, "twenty-four brothers couldn't eat twenty-one pounds of meat, seven pounds of cole slaw, pilaf, and four large pies." Thanks to Jerry, Dee, and Jack for hosting the dinner.

A meeting followed dinner with Oakland Chapter officers describing their upcoming convention in Monterey. Mt. Diablo Master, Kevork Hagopian, conducted the business meeting in fifteen minutes; undoubtedly a new record. How did he do that?

ARAM BOYD IN JAPAN



Mt. Diablo and Oakland Chapter members



1998-99 Mt. Diablo Officers



Officers asking, "When do we eat?"

Aram and Paula Boyd spent two and one-half years in Japan (1995-97). Both Aram (pronounced Alamu Boido) and Paula (Pora) had a contract to teach English at a private school in Sendai, Japan; 300 miles north of Tokyo. In addition to teaching Aram played trumpet in two bands, and as a wedding minister he performed over one hundred wedding ceremonies in Japanese. A memorable moment came when he won a Karaoke competition as the 1995 Sendai Television Network Champion. He was on TV twice.

They had the opportunity to travel throughout Japan. Paula learned Ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement) and Japanese cooking. Aram learned to eat Pizza with chopsticks and enjoyed lots of raw wiggly things to eat. He also studied Sumo wrestling and drinking Japanese Sake. He met other Armenians and founded the **Sendai Triple X Chapter**. **Two of the members names are Fuji Yeterian and Vladimir Gevorgyan.**

Fraternally,
Jack Mooradian
Associate Editor



Garo: "How about that"



Does Dee believe Raffi?



After dinner I'm buying a car



Aram and Paula Boyd





Photo Layout by Harry Sweet, Gr. Editor

Los Angeles

Your Los Angeles Chapter have been quite active, having just completed its 44th annual Armenian Open Golf Tournament. It was held at the prestigious Brookside Golf Club in Pasadena on June 25th. Brookside, which is situated next to the famous Rose Bowl (remember Kerkorian and Hugasian) has been the site of many Golden State and Nike Professional Tournaments. The weather was perfect and the golf course superb! Winning the Mihran Kasparian Trophy for overall low gross was Greg Abdulian, as he bested the field of 120. Overall low net (John Mason Trophy) was won by Jim Perumian. John Kazanjian won the Henry Zakian (PGM) Trophy for senior low gross. Besides the many other trophy winners, a plethora of raffle prizes were handed out so that most everyone had a good day. Hope to see more Bro.'s from our sister chapters for No. 45! A special thanks to Bro. Mike Kourtjian for chairing this important event.

In March Bro. Ara Bedros again graciously chaired our annual Family Bowling Night. This is a great event where our fraternity takes over the entire bowling alley in the city of Montrose (there is only 8 lanes!). I have never seen Bro. Ara actually bowl, but he sure does a good job making sure everyone is enjoying themselves.

In April we had our annual Ladies Night Out, chaired by Bro. Randy Avazian. The festivities



Bro. Aram Avazian, PGM Aram Poladian with guests at the Armenian Open.



Raffling off some prizes is Bro. Mike Kourtjian at the Armenian Open. The ecstatic winner is Bro. Sudy Ayvazian (hey was that TV donated by Bro. Richard J.?).



George Avazian Bro. Sudy Ayvazian, Harry Gedigian, PGM Z. Harry Astor and Eric Avazian.

started at Kix Mediterranean Restaurant. Next we went to the Glendale Center Theater to see the play "The Happiest Millionaire" (Base on the life of Kirk Kerkorian).

We kicked off May with the Desert Golf Outing, again superbly chaired by Bro. John Casparian. For the first time this event was co-hosted with the newly formed Palm Desert Chapter. Thanks to PGM Greg Avedesian and Janis, we were able to obtain the beautiful Rancho Mirage CC for the two day event. The Johnson Brothers won the coveted John Gogian Sr. trophies with Aran and Dale Vaznaian finishing close behind.



PGM and permanent MC Greg Avedesian at the Armenian Open enlightening the group with his wit and humor.



Bro. Jack Khteian, Bro. Dickran Devian, Bro. Ed Tashjian and guest, enjoying themselves at the Armenian Open.

Tom Flores contributed to the evening's festivities with a roast of his golf and former Raiders football partner, Bro. Sam Boghosian.

Verdugo Park in Glendale was again home of our Annual Family Picnic. This is always a great event, where we enjoy mouth watering Kebab and watch the children frolic in the park. Thank you Bros. Ron and Jerry O, and Steve Indjeyan for chairing the picnic. Also a special thanks to Mrs O.

Hope to see you all in Monterey!

Fraternally,
Bro. Steve Hampar

Fresno

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Greetings from the "Mother Chapter"

PAT HILL NIGHT - February 11, 1999 Our first annual open social for the year was in honor of Fresno State football coach Pat Hill; chaired by Mike Emerzian as usual. A shish kebab dinner was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to the brothers who worked that night (cooking, tickets, set up, etc.). Thanks to the brothers who generously **donated prizes for the raffle.** **What a great time for all, especially Pat Hill, thanks Pat.**

MID-TERM CONVENTION - March 6, 1999 Fresno Chapter served as Host Chapter with the clubhouse open all day for

LOS ANGELES EDITORS CORNER:

Dear Bro. Steve:

I desperately need your advice. I too am an editor, however I've mysteriously lost my knack for writing, especially with flair and poignancy. My mind is constipated! I think I peaked when I wrote that piece on Gondjian's shoes. What am I to do?

"Whacked out in West Hills"

Dear Bro. Mike S.:

You have done a wonderful job writing the monthly Trex newsletter, but you do have to realize your limitations. You are a CPA, and as such are unaccustomed to utilizing the left side of the brain. You were pushing the envelope by taking on the writing stint. You should stick to calculating double declining depreciation. However if you are dead set in rejuvenating your writing skills I would recommend smoking peyote while rummaging around the No Ho District. Who knows, you may even find yourself writing for the Trex News one day!

S.H.



Open Social - Sheriff Night, Happy supporters.



Open Social - Vicki and Dennis Hagobian; Bob and Dorothy Juskalian.

the enjoyment of the brothers many pursuits of tavloo, gin, and lunch, was available followed by dinner and our business meeting. Golf tournament was held at Sherwood Forest chaired by Mike Emerzian. Thanks also to Master Bob Markus, Jr. Masters Gary Kazarian, Paul Najimian, PGM Bob Juskalian and their committees for an enjoyable Mid-Term.

BASS LAKE OUTING - June 4, 5, and 6 Our first outing away from Dinkey Creek was most enjoyable.. PGM Bob Juskalian, PGM Mooney Najarian, Master Bob Markus, Jr. Masters Gary Kazarian, Paul Najimian, Brothers Gary Daloyan (as usual) Mike Lulejian, Pete Chilpigian and others took care of all preparations for the event. The chalets were very comfortable. The brothers enjoyed fishing, golfing, hiking, swimming, games and most of all fraternalism. The work load when preparing for Dinkey Creek was far more and the chalets less. Overall expenses were minimum compared to Dinkey Creek.

SHERIFF APPRECIATION NIGHT - June 17. 1999 Richard Pierce, Fresno County's new Sheriff was guest of honor at our June Open Social. Chairman Mike Emerzian and his committee did a fine job serving an excellent Shish Kebob dinner. Again, thanks to the brothers who helped

and donated raffle prizes.

IN MEMORIAM

At this writing, Fresno has lost four brother trexmen.

Bro. Aram "Jay" Joseph passed away November 3, 1998. Jay was a member for 8 years. He attended and supported our functions. Fresno State knew he was an avid baseball and football fan of theirs. Our sincere condolences to Bernice, his wife, son Jim and sister Pearl. Jay was 76 years of age.

PGM Bro. Lousander Markarian passed away March 11, 1999 at the age of 90. He was born in Moosh, Armenia and with his family came to California in the early 1900s. He was active as a member since 1929. He held many offices in the fraternity and was involved in our earlier charitable fund raisers. He loved to play golf. Our sincere condolences to the entire Markarian family.

Bro. Arsen Chooljian known affectionately as "AJ" passed away on March 19, 1999 at the age of 89. Arsen was a trexman for 49 years. He was a very active and supportive member and always contributed when called upon. Our sincere condolences to Rosalie, his wife, son Barry, daughters Beverly and Janine, his grandchildren and Chooljian Clan.



Mystery trip



Tennis Anyone? Bass Lake.

PGM Aaron Aaronian passed away on March 23, 1999 at the age of 75. Aaron held many offices of the fraternity including Grand Master. He served the Fresno Chapter as master two times. He was very active in all chapter meetings and functions. He was a member for 43 years. He was involved personally in putting together the Triple X Commemorative Books, including our 50th anniversary and chaired the 75th Diamond Anniversary Book. He was a generous supporter of all charitable events and socials. Aaron was an avid sports fan, loved his golf. He was a licensed pilot and flew his own plane. He for many years was a "Ham radio operator" and model train collector. Our sincere condolences to his wife Hasmig, his sons Rick and Randy and their families and his daughter Karen and her family.

Fresno Chapter has suffered a deep loss in the passing of these four brothers and they will be greatly missed.

NOT TO CLOSE on a SAD NOTE

I remind the brothers of the upcoming convention '99 in Monterey California, hosted by the very fraternal Oakland Chapter. Fresno Chapter's best wishes for a very successful and enjoyable convention.

**Fraternally,
Nazareth Chaderjian**



Bass Lake - Snack time.



Bass Lake - Chalet.

Orange County

We began this year with our annual party at the Fairview Developmental Center in Costa Mesa. We served Ice Cream and Cake and Soft Drinks to 60 disabled people. We also gave them gifts to enjoy. Our Master Kelly Astor was present to help serve and we also had 14 members and wives to help. It is a great feeling to celebrate with the disabled.

Our 13th Annual Armenian-American Sports Hall of Fame Banquet was outstanding. Thanks to Bro. Jack Kayajanian and Bro. Nick Paboojian Co-Chairman and also to Bro. Larry Sherman, Bros. Archie, John and Danny Cholakian, Bro. Kirk Kazarian and all the Brothers who helped. This year we had the Honor of having Rafer



Brothers Jr. Master Kelly Astor, Harold, Leo, Dr. Gene Boston. It's great to have a Dr. in the Trex.



Brothers Ara, Ron, Chuck, Mooney, Wayne, Danny, Ed, Archie, and Haig.



Brothers and wives at Development Center Party.



"Sports Night" Tommy LaSorda, Bro. Jack kayajanian.



Bro's. Larry, Greg Hanoian (USC Baseball player), Z. Harry, Father Terry Hanoian.

Johnson as The Athlete of the Century from UCLA; Rod Declenux, U.S.C. College Coach of the Century; Tommy Lasorda, LA Dodgers Sportsman of the Century and also Greg Hanoian from U.S.C. who played Right Field on the 1998 N.C.A.A. National Champion Baseball Team. We can be proud of our Armenian Sports Players. They all spoke and gave a message to encourage us to do good for our fellow man. There was also lots of laughter. Our Master of Ceremonies was Ed Arnold Sportscaster for Channel 5 "He is Ter-rific". Bro. Jack Kayajanian did an outstanding job of getting all this talent together. "Great Job". We will look forward to next year. The Hooter Girls sold over \$5,000 in raffle ticket and we made over \$20,000 all of which goes to charities.

The Day at the Races was at Santa Anita Racepark. Bro. Ed Harver does an out-standing job. Bro. Ed knows how to pick the horses. He is a great handicapper. Are some of the horses still running? We had a race named after the Orange County Guild of the Armenian Home and the Triple X Fraternity.

We had a great time at the Mid Term. It was a great idea from our Grand Master David Maseredjian that we sit together with members from other chapters. This gave us a chance to see what they were doing and make new friends and some found out that they were

related. This is what keeps Triple X strong and growing.

Our Spring Fling was fun. Chairmen Bro. Ara Gholdoian and Bro. John Mekenian "We Have the Best" mazza and music. We bring the young and the old together to have kef.

The Laughlin Stag was chaired by Bro. Ara Papazian. He did an outstanding job of getting the bus and mazza and drinks. We had FUN for 3 days. It's great to see the Brothers get together and spend more quality time. No one disclosed who won the most money. The weather was great and the fellowship at poolside was fun. We played tavloo and told stories - true or false who knows? We look forward to next year's stag outing.

Our Pot Lick at Kirk and Marge Kazarian's



Bro's Don, Paul, Nishan, Master Kelley, John & Archie.



Bro's. Al, Archie, Z. Harry, Haig, GM David, Bob & Art. Lots of class here with GM David.



A Big Fun Trip to Laughlin. Bro's and guests.



Sequoia

Hello Brothers,

Well, it seems the time has come to send in another article for the press. Sorry I missed the last issue.

In February, we again provided food at the Tulare County Farm Equipment Show. Most of

clubhouse always brings a full house. The Keyma that Marge makes is to die for. All the special dishes that the members brought were delicious. Thanks to all who helped but especially to Bro. Leo Depoian, Honorary Chairman who does an outstanding job every year. We had Bro. Ara Gholdoian playing his clarinet and we also played Bingo. Bro. Ed. Kalunian won 3 games in a row? I think it was fixed. Bro. Larry Sherman did a great job calling the bingo.

PM Archie Cholakian will be a candidate for Grand Master for 2000-2001. He makes things happen.

We had a dear Bro. Albert Markarian passed away. He is greatly missed. Our condolences to his wife Rose and family,

See you at the Monterey Convention.

We meet at the Balboa Say Club in Newport Beach the 3rd Wednesday of each month for dinner at 7:30. Come join us.

P.G.M. Bro. Haig Jamgotchian

the Bros. that helped had a good time, enjoyed working, and the fellowship. As usual, the committee did a bang up job and the three day event was profitable for us. Thanks to the many brothers that helped. At the present, we are working on plans to construct a new building. It seems our old structure has become inadequate to serve our needs. The new building should be very nice when it's completed.

Again this year we planned to have "meetings" in the park. Brothers from the Dinuba area hosted a meeting in Dinuba. Fantastic steaks, pilaf, salad and watermelon hosted by Bro. Chas Ananian and his crew. The brothers in Visalia hosted our last meeting at Plaza Park. We were honored with the presence of Grand Master David Maseredjian. We also had two Bros. **from**



Bro. Bryan, G.M. David, Bryan, Chuck.

the Oakland Chapter who gave us info on their up and coming Convention in Monterey. We had a good dinner, took a group photo, ate very well and went home after a brief meeting. A delicious Shish Kebab dinner was hosted by Bro. Kay Hagopian. We are still looking forward to the Tulare Bros. to do their thing and the Bros. from Kingsburg to put on their picnic. Usually PGM Dick Ekizian has lamb shanks prepared for us.

As most chapters do at graduation time, we give several \$1000.00 scholarships to our worthy graduates. This year was very rare for us. In the past we gave 3 or 4 \$1000.00 scholarships. This year, we had nine students of Armenian descent apply for the Sequoia Chapter Scholarship. Eight students with a GPA of 4.0 were granted \$1000.00 each to the college of their choice. This was rare for our area but we felt each one of these students deserved the scholarships.

In the past, Sequoia Chapter has delivered flowers to the grave sites of our deceased brothers on Memorial Day. This year we did something different and I hope we continue. Instead of taking flowers, we requested a requiem service (Hokehankist) at St. Mary Church in Yetttem and invited all of the widows of the deceased Bros. to be present with their families. The turnout at church was greater than expected. After church, Sequoia Chapter hosted a fellowship in the church hall catered by Jerry Pooch and his committee. Everyone there appreciated our efforts for the day.

Again in October, this year, Sequoia Chapter is putting on a gala dinner dance. Same good food (Vartanians) same great band (Richard Hagopian) and his friends from the east coast. All we need to make the event a success is the support of our sister Chapters. I know those that were present last year had a terrific time. Hell-fire, even George Z. got up to dance a time or two.



Master Pete B., Hagop, John, and Harry Krikorian



Bros. Si, Pete, Sark and Harry.



Chow Line



P.G.M. "Big Dick" and friends

I hate to close on a sad note but we lost a long time brother at the end of May. Brother George Shuklian passed away suddenly and very unexpectedly, while doing tractor work on one of his fields. Bro. George was a person who cared deeply for his family and friends. He was a very giving person and usually hauled enough produce behind his pickup to feed the town. Anytime he saw you someplace he would ask if you needed whatever it was he had. Bro. George enjoyed life to the fullest and the friends he had. Brother George, you will be missed. May you rest in peace.

Fraternally yours,

Peninsula

GREETINGS Brothers and Families!

The Peninsula Brothers have had some outstanding activities so far this year. We have enjoyed several patio barbecues (pork loin, baked beans, corn, pilaf, steaks) and gourmet meals with Master Chefs Bros. Mike Michaelian, Kip Garabedian and Ken Masegian. (With all that talent, Inch pakhtavor enk!)

At our April 15 meeting, we initiated two new members, brothers Aram and Zareh Salmasian. Welcome brothers! We are looking for more brothers to join us this year. Brother Jim Sahagian attended the meeting to say good-bye to the brothers before moving back to San Diego with his family. Jim transferred his membership from San Diego to our chapter in July 1994. Best wishes to a great brother in his new position and home in San Diego. Our chapter will miss his presence, jokes and bright smile. The lucky San Diego brothers should look him up and extend the red carpet.

In May, we were honored with Special Guest, Grand Master David Maseredjian, who spoke about our fraternity. He had an early flight and had to leave before the meeting adjourned, but advised us that eating early was healthy and hoped that on his next visit, dinner would be at 7:30 American time, not Armenian time. We agree it is sage advice, but great chefs and great meals cannot be hurried. Besides there was more time to have mezza, talk, play tavloo and drink wine.

Later in May, the brothers had drinks and a delicious buffet at the Los Altos Country Club. Bro. Larry Karabian again arranged for this opportunity to enjoy our brotherhood at a beautiful



Jacques Avedissian, Rudy Cazanjan, Grand Master David and Vasken Babajian.



Bro. Jim Sahagian and Bro Ken Masegian are San Diego bound.



Bro. Norris Gregory reminisces about the good ol' days



Bros Andy Nalbandian and Mike Michaelian tailgating at the Oakland A's coliseum before an A's game



Bro. Master Andy congratulates and welcomes new brothers Zareh and Aram Salmassian while Bro. Kip Garabedian ably assists.

locale. Thanks Bro. Larry for hosting what we hope will be an annual event. Also, thanks to Bro. Joe Keshishian and Bro. Ruben Kazarian for the professional group photography and the set of photos presented to each brother. (You wouldn't believe some of the faces! See the Convention booklet.)

The 1st Ed Sarouhan-George Solakian Memorial Golf Tournament at the Shoreline Golf Links in Mountain View May 22nd was a success. It was an enjoyable event with special memories. Prizes were awarded to all participants, including custom golf clubs made by Bro. Mike Michaelian. (The word is getting out about his super, inexpensive clubs.). Thanks to Bro. Mike for heading it up and for all his hard work. Also thanks to Bro. Ken Masegian for his support of the event.

The Peninsula TREX Food Booth at the Los Altos Wine and Art Festival July 10 and 11 was a new experience with important lessons learned. Many compliments were received on the lulu kebab and pilaf plate prepared under the direction of Bro. Ken Masegian, who organized the event. It was a modest beginning as a fund-raiser and we plan to apply the lessons learned like good Hye merchants. Thanks to Bro. Ken and all the brothers who worked so hard to treat ignorant masses to our superior Hye cuisine.

The 6th Annual "Picnic at Vic and Linda Khachooni's Los Altos Hills Home is next. Bro. Vic Papparigian and wife Marion have offered to provide the delicious teriyaki beef for the barbecue again this year.

Peninsula Chapter officers are:

MasterBro. Andy Nalbandian
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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. It was nice to have Bro. Jim Taylor Jr. with us at our July dinner meeting to talk about the Oakland Chapter TREX Monterey Convention. We are looking forward to seeing you in Monterey Labor Day weekend.

Fraternally,
Andy Nalbandian

San Diego

It's hot in San Diego and that's not just a statement about the weather. The Brother's in San Diego have been working up a sweat making 1999 a year to be proud of under the shrewd leadership of Master Steve Kradjian. We keep pumping out more out of a small group of great Trexmen.

Thanks to the Master Steve Kradjian and past Master Jack Hachigian's enthusiasm San Diego has made Junior Achievement of Armenia a regular past of our annual activities. Talk about hot.. and that in the winter, the San Diego Chapter hosted its second annual benefit dinner for Junior Achievement of Armenia honoring a group of visiting teachers who are part of the Junior Achievement program. The dinner was hosted at Scalini Restaurant in del Mar. The evening highlighted the accomplishments and activities of Junior achievement in Armenia. The Brothers in attendance enjoyed getting acquainted with the ladies visiting from Armenia. Generous funds were raised to continue supporting Junior Achievement of Armenia.

In May, San Diego Chapter, continued the tradition of the annual Kef Night with an "un-traditional" twist. In addition to the delicious Armenian mezza. We ventured into international territory serving Paella - a Spanish dish. Paella was not only the main dish, but it was part of the entertainment for the evening. Crowds of our kef night guests gathered around the chef in the outdoor courtyard as he prepared the Paella in a 10 food diameter pan, which may well have belonged to the giant of Jack and the Bean Stalk farm.

Kef Night is also the night the San Diego Chapter awards our annual scholarships and raises funds for the following year's scholarships. The scholarship committee of Bros. Harry Guzelimian, Vahan Serpekian and Ardem Kiledjian awarded four scholarships that evening. All four recipients were present to receive the awards. Among the scholarships was the inauguration of the Vartan Khosharian Memorial Scholarship which was named in honor of our dear Brother who passed away last year, after spearheading the scholarships faithfully for many years. Overall the Kef Night was an overwhelming success thanks to the hard work of chairman Bob Haig and co-chair Armen Derderian.

Right on the heels of Kef Night, the San Diego Chapter was prompted to an overwhelming desire to express their solidarity with Bro. Vahan Serpekian and his family in the midst of tragic and trying times. Prompted by the leadership of Bros.

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Sacramento, CA September 1996

San Diego (cont.)

Jack Hachigian and Greg Babikian, San Diego hosted a benefit to help offset the catastrophic medical expense for the Serpekians. Bro. Oscar Sarkisian and Bro. John Sarkisian donated the catering services of Oscar's restaurants for the dinner held in June. Many other Brothers helped underwrite the whole even which was widely attended by many Armenians who know and love the Serpekians.

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