

# Trex News

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF TRIPLE X FRATERNITY OF CALIFORNIA

**Triple X Fraternity**  
**2000 MILLENNIUM CONVENTION**  
hosted by Orange County Chapter  
71st ANNUAL CONVENTION  
**Friday, Saturday and Sunday**  
**September 1-3, 2000**

## **Friday, September 1, 2000**

Kef Night/Vegas Night - Doubletree Hotel 6:00 pm -

No-Host Cocktails - 6:30 pm - Buffet Dinner and Mazza 7:30-8:30 pm

## **Saturday, September 2, 2000**

The Game Room Cards - Tavloo Doubletree Hotel

Golf Tournament Coyote Hills Country Club Tee Off 9 am

Full Buffet Dinner - Dance - with Richard Hagopian and  
American Music by John Mekenian.

No-Host Cocktails 6:00 pm - Dinner 7:00 pm - Dancing from 8:00 pm

## **Sunday, September 3, 2000**

Men's breakfast 8:30 am and Business Meeting 10:00 am.

Game Room Cards - Tavloo 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Ladies Lunch and Nixon Library Tour 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Grand Ball Installation Banquet Armenian & American Music  
by Guy Chookoorian Orchestra

No Host Cocktails 6:00 pm - Dinner 7:00 pm



# Grand Master's Message

## The Riches Continue to Grow

Dear Brothers:

Great News ... the Fraternity continues to grow. The Orange County Chapter, while in the midst of preparation for its role as host of the Annual Convention, also restarted its Junior Chapter with the initiation of several fine young men.

This was also a year when several of our Chapters also marked important milestones: Mt. Diablo Chapter celebrated its 25th year, and Oakland Chapter, Sequoia Chapter and Peninsula Chapter each reached their Golden Anniversaries! Congratulations to each of these fine Chapters on their many contributions to the Fraternity during their collective 175 years of service.

I would like to thank each and every brother for the fine reception they provided me at the many events and meetings that I was fortunate enough to attend this past year. The display of fraternalism and Armenian spirit from each of you will remain as a strong and wonderful memory.

It had been my intent to visit the remaining Chapters, once school was out in late May. Unfortunately, unexpected business affairs heated up during the summer months requiring extensive national travel, and I was unable to attend some of the Chapters' activities or meetings to which I had been invited. I apologize to the brothers of these fine Chapters for this shortfall in my participation, and hope that future Grand Masters will be more successful than I in organizing the time to engage with our growing Fraternity.

I now look forward to returning to service with Oakland Chapter after the conclusion of the Annual Convention meeting, richer for having the opportunity to have been the representative of the Triple X Fraternity during its entry into this new millennium.

Thank you,

Jeff Hazarian, GM

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PAREV to all our brothers and their families from the Mother Chapter, Fresno, California. Today the temperature is 107 degrees and I have a deadline to meet.

BASQUE DINNER January 20, 2000 We started the year's first outing with a Basque dinner at the Basque Hotel in Fresno. HAMOV.

PAT HILL APPRECIATION NIGHT February 24, 2000 As usual, a well-planned affair at the club house by Chairman Mike Emerzian. Excellent food, fun and raffle prizes. Fresno State Football Coach Pat Hill always has fun at this event and said he looks forward for the event .... also to a great football season.

SHERWOOD Forest and SHERWOOD INN March 30, 2000 Jr. Master Paul Najimian planned a golf and dinner outing for the brothers. A few brothers played golf at Sherwood Forest golf links and were joined later for dinner by more brothers at the nearby Sherwood Inn. A beautiful setting for a 5th Thursday event!

PORKY'S RIB HOUSE April 20, 2000 Jr. Master Paul Najimian again set up a winner. Some thirty brothers showed up for this dinner out. Mmmmmmm. Love 'dem ribs!

BASS LAKE OUTING June 23-24, 2000 A beautiful setting at Bass Lake and Ducey's Lodge. Brothers throughout the State enjoyed the camaraderie, food, fishing, tennis, and a tough round of golf. If you lost less than five golf balls at the mountainous resort course, you won first place. This weekend was planned by PGM Bob Juskalian, Jr. Master Paul Najimian, Master Bob Markus, Gary Kazarian, Gary Daloian, Richard Shirin. All brothers are invited each year as they were to Dinkey Creek. It's a is a tough time of year with graduations, weddings, etc .... but think seriously about attending next year.



Naz, Steve, and Archie.



Fresno State on TV.



Bob and Anne Kevorkian at their 50th Anniversary.



PGM Jack Ouzounian and his family, with Grand Master Jeff Hazarian.

**BUS TRIP DINNER, TULARE, CALIFORNIA**  
 June 17, 2000 This originally was our mystery trip dinner, but since we knew we were going to the Branding Iron in Tulare, it was not a mystery. Jr. Master Gary Kazarian, Jr. Master Paul Najimian did a well-planned event. A busload of 41 attended and were served margaritas and refreshments prior to boarding the bus. The Branding Iron menu included red snapper, rotisserie chicken and top sirloin steak, a complete full course dinner. Great meal, great time... it doesn't get any better than this!

**50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** Brother Bob Kevorkian and his wife Anne celebrated their 50th anniversary at a gala event hosted by their children and spouses at Tornino's of Fresno. Fabulous, fun and .... congratulations; Bob and Anne.

**IN MEMORIAM** Brother Martin Torigian a 54 year Trexman. We were saddened by yet another long time, loved and enjoyed; brother's demise. Martin passed away December 30, 1999 at the age of 84. He worked most of his life as a farmer in the farming and trucking business. He was affectionately known as "Doc" to his many friends and business associates. He was "Dukie" to his grandchildren. He is survived by his daughter Doris Martyn and her husband John of Fresno.

He is survived also by his brother Nish Torigian, an active trexman of 57 years. Brother Martin had four grandchildren, five great grandchildren and three nephews. He will be sorely missed by his Brother Trexmen of Fresno. Our condolences to his loved ones.

In closing, have a great summer, see you at the convention hosted by ORANGE COUNTY chapter where our next GRAND MASTER will be

**ARCHIE CHOLAKIAN (WOW)!!!**

Fraternally,  
 Nazareth A. Chaderjian



Great group on Pat Hill Night.



Fun time!



Bros. at Pat Hill Night

### NOTICE

**Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Winter issue of Trex News is January 7, 2001.**

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### From the Grand Editor

We welcome 12 new Orange County Juniors into the Triple X Fraternity. With the help of your Senior Brothers, we look forward to your success! Afetem.

Harry Sweet



Golden Anniversary Night

## OAKLAND

Hello once again Brothers from the Oakland chapter. Home of the 1st Place Oakland A's. We sincerely hope all is well throughout the fraternity.

Brother Master Drew Mickaels is at the Helm. May the force be with you...

So far this year we've enjoyed yet another successful great crab feed fund-raiser, and one hell of a cigar night! We at the Oakland chapter enjoy the finer things in life and move at a different pace. Ahh Cigars & also fine wines. On Tuesday May 17th was charter night, but not just any charter night. It was our Golden Anniversary! We honored 5 brothers who founded our chapter. Past Master Richard Baronian, Past Master James Boghosian, Past Grand Master Ralph Boghosian, Past Master John Mickaels, & Past Master Albert Veremian. Gentleman thanks for laying the ground work for the Oakland chapter. We also had our annual family picnic, which is a fan favorite. It features great food (I don't think any one in the world can barbecue Tri-tip like brother Harry Sherinian! Just don't ask for your meat well done ... ). It allows the whole family to enjoy "Trex" fun, not just the brothers.

We also had some babies born to our brothers. Craig & Susie Bazigian's welcomed daughter Lauren Mary & Chris & Nina Taylor welcomed son Cameron James Taylor.

Now brothers it's time to play **"Did you Know"**: Did you know that before drummer Ringo Starr joined the Beatles, Brother Charles Alexanian turned down the part, Stating that "Rock & Roll was dead".

Did you know that the role of Mannix was



50th Anniversary Crab Feed.



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originally going to go to Brother Ed Mirzaian, but he turned down the role refusing to do his own stunts. And finally.

Did you know that on the show "Taxi" the roles of "Jim Ignatowski" & "Louie DePalma" were originally offered to brothers Archie Kamian & Harold Koojoolian. Amazing stuff !!!

On a sad note, I must mention the passing of a brother. Brother John Morjig left us much, much too Soon.

Brothers we all hope to see you at the Convention our brothers from the Orange County

# Peninsula

GREETINGS Brothers and Families!

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. Brothers are always welcome.

Peninsula Chapter officers are

Master - Andy Nalbandian Junior Master - Ken Masegian Corresponding Secretary - Larry Karabian Recording Secretary - Kip Garabedian Treasurer - Vic Khachooni Custodian/Sergeant at Arms - Mike Michaelian Editor - Andy Nalbandian TREX 2000 Committee Chapter Rep. Joe Keshishian

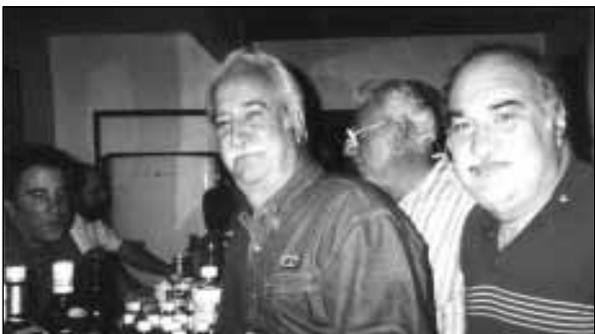
The Peninsula Chapter has the tradition of brotherhood, good food, good times and good works. We continue with stories, tavloo, jokes and late gourmet meals with Master Chefs Bros. Mike Michaelian, Kip Garabedian and Ken Masegian. Our foremost need is to gain new brothers to share our fellowship. We have lost many Brothers over the years, as well as the recent losses reported in this news and need to build up our Chapter. (AACH, if potential members only knew

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## Oakland (cont.)



Oakland's greatest Crab Feed.



Two root beers please!

chapter are putting on.

Associate Editor,

Brother Steven Donikian

what they are missing!)

NOTICE: Peninsula Golf Tournament Master Andy Nalbandian reports. The Ed Sarouhan-George Solakian Memorial Golf Tournament was cancelled, due to lack of members and funds. It may be re-scheduled.

The 2nd Annual Peninsula TREX Food Booth will be at the Mountain View Festival September 9 and 10. The Brothers who participated last year are looking forward to a fun time again. Bro. Ken Masegian, who organizes this event, will be preparing his famous lulu kebobs and directing the work. This is an important Peninsula Chapter fund raiser. Monies raised from the previous events were donated to several worthy local and national Armenian organizations.

The 7th Annual "Picnic at Vic's" is planned at Bro. Vic and Linda Khachooni's Los Altos Hills Home. Now that Bro. Vic has retired, he has a full calendar. A date is being selected and invitations will be sent to Brothers and families. The annual dinner at the Los Altos Country Club with host Bro. Larry Karabian is in the works. Date to be announced. Also, the annual Christmas Party and a celebration of our 50 years Peninsula Chapter Anniversary is planned. Stay tuned.

Long time Bro. Oscar Donoian (Lake Almanor and Palm springs) has transferred to our Palm Desert Chapter. We always enjoyed Brother Oscar and are pleased that he will be attending more often in his new locale. We regret to report that Bro. John Minasian has resigned to devote time to his many projects in retirement. We has been fortunate to enjoy their fellowship through the years, wish them continued health and happiness and extend an open invitation to visit us.

Bro. Ken Masegian and wife Joan are the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy, Gregory, born in February. They recently moved to a new home in El Dorado, where they plan a larger home on nearby acreage. Bro. Ken is a very productive and Katch Mart to do all these things at once and support his Brothers too! Bro. Larry Karabian and wife Dian are building a retirement home near Fresno and plan moving when completed. Bro. Kip Garabedian and wife Caro have moved from Los Altos to Pleasanton. We wish all much success and happiness. The Brothers plan to attend our meetings no matter where they are.

It is with much sadness to report the passing of Aram Amerian, former Brother, who resigned a few years ago due to failing health. He and departed Bro. Andy Amerian (Amerian Brothers Produce) and their wives have been prominent members of our community and instrumental

in building the beautiful St. Andrew Armenian Church in Cupertino. The departed Brothers live in our hearts until we see them again.

Fraternally,  
Andy Nalbandian

## LAS VEGAS

New Officers for 2000-2001

Bro's. Kirk Bazoian	Master
Robert Bezdikian	Jr. Master
Charles Parigian	Secretary
Shavarsh Papazian	Treasurer
Ralph Barzekoff	Recording Secretary
Charles Parigian	Assoc. Editor/Historian
Sam DiBoyan	Sargent At Arms

Hello brothers from Las Vegas. Here it is June already and the first Convention of the new millennium is just around the corner. Our "Playtime" week-end was a huge success and everyone attending had a great time. Our Friday evening affair turned out just great. Las Vegas Chapter hosted musicians from all over the United States. Every one came in played all night and it turned out to be a real old time Armenian Jam Session. Outstanding musicians who played were Joe and Charles Kouyoumjian and George Righellis all from Boston, Mass. Mike Sarkisian from Mathuen, Mass. Var Daughdervrian from California. We heard Saroya Melik from New York with a beautiful voice singing ballads from the past.

Our thanks to John Bilezikjian who was responsible for setting up the Jam Session Friday evening. Without the help of the entire chapter and brothers like Gil Surabian who let us use his home for the Sunday breakfast. Bro. Naz Hoursanian, our friends, family and especially our wives who are never appreciated enough who worked so hard for three days. See enclosed



Bros. Shavarsh, Charles, & Bro. Charles from Golden Gate.



Mr. & Mrs. Armen & Nora Hampar on left is Kirk



Bros Mike, Ralph, Kirk, Chuck, Sam, VJ, Gil, Aripar, Robert, Shavarsh.



Rose, Ashod, Katy, Steve, Ilean.



Bro. Ralph, Jo, Joan, Tresa.

pictures, Please. Missing brothers were: Karney Ovian, Kay Hovsepian, Steve Kotanjian, Aram Jarahian and Dean Chamian.

Fraternally,  
PM Charles Parigian, Assoc. Editor

# Selma

Brother Trexmen,

The Selma Chapter has been well and alive the last few months in fraternal and social activities and functions. In January, the chapter held its annual "Law Enforcement Night", where we honored some of our local law enforcement officials and dignitaries, among them Sheriff Pierce and others spoke on the efforts of our law enforcement agencies in their effort in fighting crime. A fantastic Lamb Shank dinner prepared and served by no other than PGM Abby Mamigonian was enjoyed by members and guests present.

In February we had a very successful Valentine's Day Party at Pardini's Restaurant. More than 80 members and their guests were present and enjoyed the lively music and dancing. Congratulations are in place for the event co-chairmen Sam Bagdasarian and Dennis Rustigian.

In March our chapter was the host for the Mid-term Convention which was held at the AACL Hall of the California Armenian Home. Again our



Tri-Chapter Picnic in Visalia Plaza Park.



Frank Korkmazian

brothers showed their hospitality by preparing and serving the dinner before the Convention Business meeting.

The month of April was set aside for our Scholarship Dinner where we honor our local scholarship recipients from the area High Schools.

This year the \$1,000 scholarship recipients were: Stefanie Vartabedian – Clovis West High School, Pamela Vartabedian – Clovis West High School, Chris Gates – Bullard High School, Sarah Tozlian – Bullard High School, Ani Estefanian - Hoover High School. Jack Bedrosian, PGM, Phil Manoogian, and Dick Boyajian were in charge of this annual event. The event was well attended and appreciated by members, students and parents present.

Our Spring Bingo was held in May at the California Armenian Home. Close to 200 guests and members enjoyed a shish kebab/chicken



Roger Simonian, Ken Melkonian, Jim Kaprielian.





kebab dinner and bingo game.

We held our business/dinner meetings for the months of May, June, July at the AACL Hall where our brothers prepared and served bargain priced dinners.

In June Selma chapter took part in the Raisin Festival which was held on the campus of California State University in Fresno. This being a new activity we did not know what to expect. In the two day festival Brothers took part in cooking and serving Shish Kebab sandwiches. Chairman of this event was hard working Bro. Frank Korkmazian who should be commended for his efforts.

The Tri-Chapter Picnic was also held in June at the Plaza Park in Visalia. Close to 30 Selma brothers were in attendance.

With much sadness we report the passing of PGM Leo Krikorian who served as Grand



John Barigian, PGM; Henry Vartanian, and Vern



Harry Kutumian, Jr. Master, Matthew Peters, and Bryan Ananian of Sequoia Chapter.



Above: July Dinner-Meeting. Right: Andrew & Gregory Melkonian at the Raisin Festival.

Master of this great Fraternity during the war years 1941-46. Our sincerest sympathies to his family.

Our brothers are looking forward to the convention in Orange County hosted by the brothers of that chapter.

Fraternally,  
Jack Ouzounian, PGM



Kitchen Helpers.



Kitchen Helpers.

# Los Angeles

It is only befitting to preface this article about a special Brother in our Fraternity, Jack Elmassian. Bro. Jack was recently presented the Trex 75 year plaque. Bro. Jack has been in the Fraternity (originally in the Fresno Chapter) since he was 15. In order to get in he had told the Brothers he was 18, since at that time he was below the age requirement. Bro. Jack just celebrated his 91th birthday this June. Triple X has always been a priority with Bro. Jack. He and his wife and family have attended almost all the conventions over the years, and golfing with his brothers has made for many happy hours. He also served as Master in 1935. It was an honor for those in attendance to watch this award being presented. Congratulations Bro. Jack!

Onward to another special member of our Fraternity, Bro. George Kirkjan, who has been a member less than 75 years. Bro. George recently won the coveted "Club Champion Award" This is a single elimination golf tournament that our Fraternity holds each year. It takes months to consummate, and involves many grueling "one on one" matches. Bro. George emerged as the victor for the year 2000. Hats off to Bro. George.

The 45th annual LA Triple X Armenian Open Golf Tournament recently concluded at

Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena. And the winners are...

Mihran Kasparian Trophy for Low Gross-John Andikian

Dick Jebejian Trophy for Low Net- Tev Emin-



Golfing Buddies: Bro's Leon Leonian, Greg Mickaelian



Special Mystery Guest: Golf Outing. Answer: Next issue.

ian (Are those legal clubs Bro. Robert made for you?)

Henry Zakian Trophy for Low Gross Seniors-John Kazanjian

Lee Neshanian Trophy for Low Net Seniors-Levon Chaloukian

A Flight 1st Place- Dennis Kazarian

A Flight 2nd Place-Alby Meymerian

B Flight 1st Place-Charles Parigian

B Flight 2nd Place-Sam Diboyan

C Flight 1st Place-Dave Gabriel

C Flight 2nd Place -Harry Gedigian

Closest to the Pin- Larry Sherman. Larry also had a hole in one for a Sony Camcorder.

This event would not be a



Bro. Jack Elmassian was honored for 75 years as a Trexman Left is son Bro. John E., on right is Bro. Bob K. & Master Mike.

success if not for all the help and support we get from our members. A special thanks to Bros Dickran Devian (great job as MC!) Larry Johnson, Mike Kourtjian, Shant Dergazarian, Ralph Dergazarian, Carl Marderosian, Jim Gondjian, Mike "One B" Surmeian, Richard Jebejian, and Martin Titizian. A hearty thanks to Bro. Robert Kalfayan for heading up this endeavor. I know he will be doing this for many years to come.

On May 7th and 8th we enjoyed our Annual Desert Golf Outing. The desert outing attracted one of the strongest fields in recent record. Thanks to PGM Greg Avedesian, we obtained the beautiful Rancho Mirage CC for the golfing and banquet venue. Janis

Avedisian and her mother Dorothy provided refreshments each day from her lovely back yard adjacent to the 6" green. Two day winners were the experienced team of Bros. David Gabriel and Dennis Kazarian. Runners up was the first time pairing of Bros. Tev Eminian (are you sure those clubs Bro. Robert made for you are legal?) and Matt Matoesian. Bro. Mel Shanoian and Don Attoian came on strong for a first place finish in the Saturday only match followed by Desert Bros. Armen Yarigian and Paul Abrahamian. Special thanks to the Desert Chapter for the surprise appearance of Aziza Sa'id (belly dancer) who gave Bro. Greg Mikaelian a serious workout. Thanks to Bros. Aran Vaznaian, and Jack Khteian for your help. Also thanks to Bro. George Kirkjan for the dates.

On April 15th we enjoyed our annual Ladies Night Out. The site of this years outing was the Nethercutt Collection, formerly known as San Sylmar. The afternoon began with a private tour of the many one of a kind classic cars which were featured in the Grand Salon (replica of an Italian Palace) On the second floor we viewed the desks of Louis XV, Lalique crystal, Capo d' Monte, silver artwork from the World's Fair and other collectibles. Next we observed and listened to many finely restored mechanical musical instruments and viewed the lavish private dining room. The tour concluded with several musical renditions played on the impressive Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ (almost as impressive as Bro. Chris Armen's Pipe Organ) It was fascinating to "step back in time" to recapture the glamour of another era and to hear the history and interesting stories that related to each item in the collection. From there it was a short drive to the Odyssey Restaurant. We enjoyed a delicious dinner, dancing to Armenian and American



Meeting Night: Bro's George S, William K, Martin T, Gary D, Mike S. Steve M, Gary K, Gregg K, George T, Irv N.



Bro's. Mat Matoesian, Tev Eminian Runners up at the 2000 Desert Outing.



Bro's. George Kirkjan, Club Champion 2000, Dickran Devian, Ed Tashjian.

music, and our own private room with a beautiful view of the city lights. It was a wonderful afternoon and evening! A special "thank-you" to Bros. Randy Avazian and Tev Eminian for planning this most successful event.

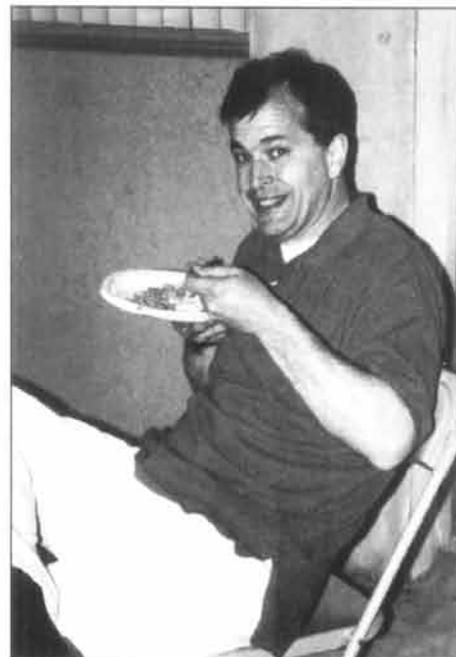
Our year wouldn't be complete without our  
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Capitol Chapters, Kef Night clean up crew.



State Senator Charles Poochigian, Guest speaker Capitol Chapter dinner meeting night.



Kef Chairman, Bro. Richard Fathy, Kef Night.



Bro. Brent Simon



Bro. Buddy Oh Bagdasarian.



Bro's. Vartan Hovsepian Vahack Haroutunian



Bro. Master Mike Kourtjian accepting achievement award from GM Jeff Hazarian. Congratulations.



Brothers enjoy



Bro. Arthur Rustigian 75 year member of Trex



Bro's. Harold Bazarian Ara Papazian



Bro's. [Name] An



...nian, Master Cook at Mid-Term.



...nesian and Ex-Bro. Harold



Grand Master-to-be Archie Cholakian



GM Jeff Hazarian, Jr. GM Peter Babagian, Gr. Marshal Jack Bedoian



...ing a fine tavloo game.



Bro's. Master Todd Odabashian, Kay Paboojian, Sam Esraelian



Capitol Chapter's 64 year Charter Member, Bro. Frank Ohanesian at (92 years)



...anian ...k Barsamian



Bro's. Nick Nagosian VJ Mkrichian Garo Tutungian Norman Matosian Omar Kanadjian (Master)



Bro. Historian Charles Paskerian

# CONVENTION

Photos & Layout  
Hrry Sweet, Gr. Editor

# LA Juniors

The first half of 2000 has been a busy year for the Los Angeles Triple X Junior Chapter. Our newest Brother, Harout Diramerian, is yet once again another indication that Trex is growing and growing strong in the new millennium. Senior Brother Steve Mikaelian was our advisor once more, doing a fine job in watching as we all continued valued Trex traditions. Community service, poker, cigars and the rare banter with another Brother. Okay, maybe not rare.

This year, the LA Juniors attended Orange County Trex's annual Sports Banquet. A wonderful success in raising money for charity, the night was filled with praise and humor as Vin Scully and former Angel Chuck Finley were the honored guests. LA Junior Brothers Papken Pakhchanian, Alex Pakarian, Steve Samarge and Michael Hollis greatly appreciated the generous sponsorship by both the LA and Or-



ange County Seniors. Kudos to all that helped organize and participate in such a great night.

On June 5, the Junior's were invited to help and participate in the Family Picnic held annually in the beautiful Verdugo Park of Glendale. The park overflowed with Trex events as Brothers' families enjoyed a summer day filled with shish kebab and "volleyball" tournaments. The highlight of the day was unmistakably the attempt to retrieve a lost football in a gigantic oak tree. Junior Brother Michael Hollis had thrown a football high above reach, and after about 45 minutes, it took the strong arm of Senior Brother Gabe Kaprielian's son Nick to get it back to Earth. The crowd cheered with every missed attempt, bringing drama that mirrored only a Lakers game. Definitely a memorable event.

Respectfully Brothers,  
Bro. Ara Soghomonian  
Master  
LA Junior Triple X

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## Los Angeles (cont.)

annual Bowling Night, hosted again by Bro. Ara Bedros, and the annual Family Picnic, hosted by Bros. Ron and Jerry Ohannesian., and Steve Indjeyan, A special thanks to honorary Brother Bea Ohannesian for her help at the picnic.

On a more solemn note, the Fraternity is saddened by the loss of four long time Brothers. In the last few months we lost Brothers Deron "Dee" Housepian, Sas Bedig, Joe Adanalian and Harry Naman. Our sincere condolences to their families. These Brothers will be greatly missed.

Y' all have a wonderful Summer!

Fraternally Yours,  
Bro. Steve Hamper  
Associate Editor



# Golden Gate

The 2000 NASCAR season is well under way and the Golden Gate Trex is in the thick of it. After a heavy recruitment battle with chapters throughout the state, we managed to lure Bro. Dr. Art Muncheryan to our fair city. Bro. Art, an accomplished driver on the Sears Point Raceway circuit when he's not driving a dental drill, will be flying the Triple X banner. You'll be able to spot Bro. Art's car on the track; it'll be the one plastered with Bro. Chuck Paskerian for Grand Master ads.

Along the same tack (or track), baby Noah Z has found his legs and is tearing around mom & dad's house, eager to test his new found skills in the Brothers' homes. It's no wonder our meetings continue to be held at the Basque Cultural Center.

On the local and national front, the Golden Gate Brothers have taken up the cause of preserving San Francisco's famous Mt. Davidson Cross. Built in 1934, the 103 foot tall cross was recently purchased by the Council of Armenian-American Organizations of Northern California after the City was forced to divest itself of the religious monument for separation of Church and State reasons. Unfortunately, an atheist group has appealed court decisions supporting the sale to the Armenian group, demanding the Cross be demolished. The Supreme Court will be hearing the case in the near future. Understandably, this will be quite time consuming and expensive. Now is the time for all the Brothers to lend their financial support so that this fitting monument to the victims of the Armenian Genocide will endure for generations to come, serving as a



Bros. Vic, Vartan, and Ara.



G.G. Chapter Master Chuck Paskerian and Grand Master Jeff Hazarian.

remembrance of mans inhumanity to man from San Francisco's highest mountain.

Fraternally yours,  
Brother David Zovickian



Bros. Ara, Leonard and Ralph.



Bros. Kasparian, Zovickian and Muncherian.



1999-2000 Chapter Officers.



Steven Hazarabedian



Vaughn and Myron

## MT. DIABLO

### MT. DIABLO OFFICERS

As the 1999-2000 year comes to an end we give thanks to our officers who have performed admirably over the past year. They are: Varouj Koroyan, Master; Garo Keadjian, Junior Master; Ray Chiljan, Treasurer; Sharvarsh Hazarabedian, Recording Secretary; Armen Donian, Corresponding Secretary; and Armen Boyd, Sr., Historian. Next year's master Garo Keadjian and the chapter will be busy hosting the 2001 Convention.

### TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

On Saturday, May 20, 2000 Mt. Diablo chapter celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary with a dinner party at Boundry Oaks Country Club in Walnut Creek, California. Over fifty Trexmen and guests attended.

Out of twenty-five charter members fourteen are still in the chapter when it was formed in 1975. Also attending were Grand Master Jeff Hazarian, Past Grand Master Shavarsh Hazarabedian, and Sacramento Master Todd Odabashian.

Jerry Tusan organized the dinner and Armen Boyd was the Master of Ceremonies. Jerry did a terrific job in selecting the location and dinner menu and handling reservations. Armen created a display of memorabilia and photo albums he had put together covering the twenty-five years, including the original charter.

Following dinner Armen narrated a program by describing highlights of each year's activities. As he recited the events it brought back many memories and laughs as the audience joined in to participate. Armen did a great deal of research. Following the history lesson each charter member was invited to speak. The comments and humor that followed, was a riot to behold, with a lot of happy memories. Congratulations to Jerry and Armen for organizing this extraordinary event.

### STEVEN HAZARABEDIAN TALK

At the June meeting Steven gave a presentation about the psychology of genocide and the victim society. As he defined various types of human behavior he called upon those in the audience to compare their own personal traits as



Mt. Diablo Convention delegates.



Jerry Tusan and Charter.



Ed and Steve.



Mt. Diablo charter members.



Anniversary Dinner attendees.

they would apply in an oppressive environment. He focused his talk on this issue only. There were many questions and discussion throughout the presentation. Well done Steven.

#### BAR-B-Q AND CAR SHOW

On Saturday June 10th the chapter held a Bar-B-Q and Car Show at Dee Kassabian's California Classics Showroom in Dublin, California. In addition to many cars on display in the showroom Kevork Hagopian invited his Cobra club to show their cars. There were 84 Trex and car club members and their guests. Many thanks to Dee for hosting the event and thanks to Armen Boyd, Armen Donian, Haig Harootenian, Vartan Torosian, Mike Aaronian Jr., and Jack Mooradian for putting on the affair.

**Fraternally,  
Jack Mooradian  
Associate Editor**



Part of the B-B-Q crowd.



Brad with B-B-Q committee.



Dee Kassabian.



Armen the cook.



Mike and Kevork



Ed Hazarabedian



Introducing, The Orange County Junior Chapter

# ORANGE COUNTY

**Sports Banquet:** Bro's. Jack Kayajanian and Nick Paboojian Co-chaired our 14th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Banquet. Once again doing an outstanding job in bringing together three top personalities. Vin Scully, L.A. Dodgers Broadcaster. Chuck Finley, Pitcher for the Anaheim Angels. Frank Chirkinian, former producer for CBS Sports Television and Golf. Plus Bro. Joe Zakarian San Diego Chapter, first Armenian Pro Golfer. 500 people attended. Super Banquet, and thanks to the many Bro's. that helped.

**Fairview Center:** We had a great time at the Fairview Development Center Party entertain-

ing the people with ice cream, cake and drinks. Gifts were passed out to all. "Its always good to give" Thanks to the Bro's and wives for their assistance.

**Horse Racing:** Bro. Ed Harver treated the bro's. to a fun day at the track. PGM Haig's horse is still running somewhere. This event was attended by the Orange County of the Ararat Home.

**Spring Dance:** We had our dance at a new location, in the Holy Martyr's Church Hall. Music was great. Bro. Ara's Armenian Band and Bro. John's American Band had everyone young and old in attendance having fun.

**Potluck:** Kirk and Marge Kazarian's Clubhouse was where we held our big Potluck Dinner night The Keyma that Marge made is to die



Bro. Jack Kayajanian, Co-Chm of Sports Night honoring Frank Chirkinian, Father of TV Golf.



Pot Luck, Bros Mel, Larry, Harry, Ed, Bob, Danny, Kelly, David, Kurk, Archie.



Master Larry, Naz, Ara, Archie, Mooney, Harold, Gr. Off. Chuck, Billy, Haig at Mid Term.



Trex wives, Joyce, Marge, Stella, Susie, Marge, Virginia, Marcia.



Laughlin Stag, Bros Harrold, Pre-GM Archie and Nick, fun time!



Pot Luck dinner at the Kazarian Club House



Bro. Master Larry doing a great job.

for. Thanks, Marge. Bingo was on tap for the remainder of the night Bro. Archie Cholakian: Past Master Archie needs your vote for Grand Master. He is willing to shake your hand, and give you his famous smile at the convention for your vote.

**New Members:** Our Chapter sponsored a new Jr. Chapter with 12 new members.

Thanks to John and Danny Cholakian, Billy Eordekian and Master Larry Sherman.

**Congratulations** to Master Sherman and his officers for an outstanding job this past term.

**Charities:** This year our chapter has donated over \$25,000 to Charities. And were all proud to put on the 71st Annual Convention.

**Meeting:** Join us at the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach the 3rd Wednesday of each



Proud Junior Trexmen

month for dinner. 7:30 P.M. "Trex is alive and well in Orange County"

Fraternally,

PGM Haig Jamgotchian, Assoc. Editor

# CAPITOL CHAPTER

The Capitol City is close to many exciting places to visit within one hour away.

Capitol brothers make a point of taking our wives and friends on exciting tours to the Napa Valley Vineyards. Amador County is just within fifty miles to tour many Gold Rush communities of Sutter Creek, Jackson, Peddler Hill, Fiddletown, Volcano and Murphy's. Many of which are on Highway 49. So rich in our History of lore.

It was a pleasure to host Senator Charles Poochigian, (Selma Chapter) for Dinner a few months ago. We cancelled our meeting night for this special occasion. The Senator talked about what goes on behind the scenes of the Senate Chambers, and the duties of a State Senator. Grand Editor, Bro. Harry Sweet spent over 38 years filming hundreds of Senators and 6 Governors, debating important bills rejected and passed in the Chambers. Governor's Edmond G. "Pat" Brown, Ronald Reagan, and George Deukmejian, with Senator Ken Maddy from Fresno, CA were my favorite friends.

Bro. Vernon and Sylvia Shahbazian welcomed the New Year from, their daughter's home in Honolulu. Bro. Verne has been appointed a National Aide-DeCamp of the Veterans of Foreign Wars

for the 1999-2000 year. This is Brother Verne's second National appointment. His first appointment was to committee and review resolutions being presented at the National VFW Convention in Kansas City and the 100th Anniversary of the VFW was celebrated. Belated congratulations Brother Vernon on your appointments.

Bro. John Dorian and wife Alice celebrated their 50th anniversary cruising for 11 days in Alaska. Many family members went along for the ride. Congratulations to a fine pair. Sad note:

When the Dorians arrived home, a loss of power surge had destroyed their food supply in the freezer and refrigerator.

Monthly activities arranged by our Master



Folsom Dam tour Bros George, Jon, Todd, Richard, and Rod.



Folsom Dam Tour.

Todd Odabashian were. Dinner at the Buckhorn Restaurant in Willows, CA. The Folsom Dam tour recently held for the brothers and their wives. See Photos. Another guest speaker was Patrick Scott. Son-in-law of the Nahigians. Scott talked about his fabulous trip to Japan. A lady exchange student Maiko paid for Scotts trip, upwards of thousands of dollars.

**Fraternally,  
Harry Sweet, Assoc. Editor**



Bros. Greg, Rod and Senator Charles Poochigian.



Patrick Scott talk on Japan.

The Capitol Brothers convey their sadness and sorrows to PGM Dick Ekizian for the loss of his wife Gladys .

Her clock of life was wound but once, and no one has the power to tell when the hands will stop at late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own, live, love, toil with a will, place no faith in tomorrow, for the clock may then be still.

Harry Sweet, Grand Editor

## Sequoia Chapter

The Sequoia Chapter has been about as steady as it can be during the past few months. Sticking with a popular schedule that attracts the Brothers in large numbers, the fraternity has succeeded in keeping the members involved, the interest high and the stomachs filled.

On Sunday, May 7, Bros. Deacon Sirag Kal-fayan and Harry Davidian co-chaired a Memorial Service for our departed brothers of Sequoia Chapter. With all of the widows of our brothers, family members, friends and current Brothers, St. Mary Armenian Church in Yetteem was filled with memories during which all departed Brothers were mentioned, conducted Hoki Hankisd services at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Immediately following the service, Bro. Jerry Poochigian put on a spectacular spread of food for the entire church congregation in the Majarian Hall. Important to our chapter is to remember where we came from and to remember those brothers who were such an integral part of our chapter beginnings. This was the second year of the service and there is no doubt that it will continue for many years to come. Remembering our departed brothers is something that will ALWAYS be the right thing to do.

For our first meeting in May, food was served at the Tulare Live Oak Park for the first in our annual series of area picnics (Tulare, Visalia, Dinuba and Kingsburg). The Tulare Brothers put on a spectacular dinner, which of course was way too much for all that attended.

At that meeting the 2000-2001 scholarship recipients were announced for high school graduates. All four of the following graduates received \$1,000 to go towards their college expenses during the upcoming year. The recipients were Erica Ananian, Lisa Simonian, Brian Poochigian and Melissa Peterson. Brother Harry Krikorian has once again taken charge to insure that our Fraternity through the Scholarship Program is serving our youth.

Our second meeting in May produced a filled banquet room as we had a dinner (food again) meeting proceeded by pictures being taken for the new Trex Yearbook. Bro. Jr. Grand Master (remember his name in 2006) Peter Babagian has followed up diligently to ensure that each of our brothers were included. If you want an Armenian man to show up for anything, Peter remembered that you must provide food.

While on the subject of Jr. Grand Master Peter, he also spearheaded our recent 4th of July Fireworks Booth sales. The totals are not final yet but in 4 days of selling fireworks it appears that we netted over \$4,000. All of the brothers took turns manning the booth and helped the chapter earn more money than we otherwise would have not earned by doing nothing. The money earned will go into our Charitable Fund to be used for our scholarship program as well as donations to various worthy organizations.



Bros. Sirag Kalfayan, John Bazarian, Rev. Fr. Sahak Krishian, Master Bryan Ananian, PGM Dick Ekizian and Harry Davidian.

If you want Armenian men to gather, you must feed them. June 28th, at Visalia Plaza Park, close to 100 Brothers from Fresno, Selma and Sequoia Chapter met and ate plenty of shish kebab, pilaf, salad and desserts. The tables were filled up with renewed acquaintances among brothers who obviously enjoy each other's companies. Some of the brothers may not have enjoyed the company as much as others as heated tavloo games could put a temporary strain on any relationship, brothers or not. Bro. Jerry Poochigian and PGM Abby Mamigonian and many other brothers who cooked, served and cleaned all created an event that cannot be held enough times during the year.

This past April, PGM Dick Ekizian lost his very beloved wife Gladys, who passed away after a long illness. Many Brothers from all three valley chapters attended the funeral service, attesting that the fraternity is very much alive with brotherly love. Their attendance also was a testament to the respect that PGM Dick deserves

for his active and many years of participation in Triple X. Those of us who knew Gladys will miss her grace, style and class that she possessed in a very natural manner. We see the pain that Dick feels and see Gladys in him still and hope that his sense of humor and good nature will once again surface for all of us to enjoy. We can only help PGM Dick by offering our comfort that is the duty of every Brother.

The Brothers of Sequoia Chapter are looking forward to attending the Trex Convention in September and offer our best wishes to the Orange County Chapter.

Bro. Randy Tellalian  
Assoc.. Editor



Widows of our departed Brothers.

## Orange County Juniors

Orange County Triple X created a Junior Chapter on April 19, 2000. They currently have 11 members. Eight members were initiated as Junior Trexmen on April 19, 2000: Ron Arakelian, Harry Bagramian, Greg Derkrikorian, Simon Hovekimian, Henry Hovekimian, Greg Magdesian, Ryan Oganessian, and Jake Simonoff. The group was finalized with remaining three members becoming Junior Trexmen on May 17, 2000: Brandon Oganessian, Eric Oganessian, and Erik Pulatian.

They were given the opportunity to operate the 25th Annual Summer Picnic raffle. Because the picnic had an exceptional turnout, ticket sales were a huge success for the Junior Trexmen. If their first endeavor is any reflection of the group's prospects, their future looks bright indeed. They're really excited about their first event, which is a Halloween Party on October 13, 2000, at the Ararat Home. For more information call the party chairman Eric Oganessian (909) 627-0167.

Ryan Oganessian

## Palm Desert

It's once again a wonderfully warm and beautiful summer in the spectacular Coachella Valley. The best way to summarize the Palm Desert Chapter's 1999-2000 year was "Brothers getting to know Brothers a little better." The notion of Fraternity is growing and the Chapter's events and activities were first class affairs.

The grand finale for 1999 was the Chapter's 2nd Annual Holiday Social hosted by Brother Norman Matossian and his lovely wife Virginia. Their home was open in a classic Christmas spirit with over 50 Brothers and Guest, who feasted on Filet Mignon Shish Kebob and loads of mezzas.

The Super Bowl Party was hosted by Brother Steve Balian and his lovely wife Lilah. A Great Gourmet catered dinner and entertainment with a belly dancer and Middle Eastern music were the highlights of this wonderful occasion. Brother Steve won the Super Bowl pool and generously donated the prize to our local chapter.

May 5th and 6th, the Desert Brothers shared the splendor of the Coachella Valley with the Brothers of the Los Angeles Triple X Chapter and participated in the Golf Tournament and attended the Awards Banquet at the Rancho Mirage Country Club. A surprise belly dancer was the highlight of the evening with much laughter and fraternal camaraderie. Our local Brother Armen Yerijian received a beautiful crystal vase for his excellent golf score in the tournament.

In a charitable note, the Palm Desert Chapter made a generous donation to the Hayrenik Organization and the Ararat Home.

As the year comes to a close, the Palm Desert Chapter looks forward to new goals, increased membership and exciting activities for the coming year.

With Brotherly love,  
Master Omar Kanadjian

## Peninsula Chapter Pictures



Bro. Eal Saroyan (right) greets Master Chef Bro. Mike Michaelian.



Most Wanted: The line-up - Bros. Vazgen Babayan, Earl Saroyan, Norris Gregory, Vic Paparigian.

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