



# Trex News

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF TRIPLE X FRATERNITY OF CALIFORNIA

## 72nd ANNUAL TRIPLE X CONVENTION

Hosted by the Mt. Diablo Chapter

**August 31 - September 3, 2001**

**Sheraton Concord Hotel**



### FRIDAY, AUGUST 31st

REGISTRATION: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hotel lobby.

Afternoon: Mt. Diablo Hospitality Suite open.

Evening: LAUNCH PARTY: full buffet dinner, live music, games, and prizes. 6:00 p.m. No-Host cocktails. Hotel Atrium. \$25 per person.



### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

REGISTRATION: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Hotel lobby

Morning: Golf Tournament, Boundry Oaks Golf Course, Walnut Creek. "Hole in One" contest for Corvette sponsored by Kassabian Motors. 9:30 putting contest, lunch, tee prizes, cart. \$99 by Aug. 10, \$125 after.

Afternoon: Tavloo Challenge. Top two players from each chapter, plus open division. 1:00 p.m. at Hotel Atrium.

Afternoon: Mt. Diablo Hospitality Suite open.

Evening: Dance to the popular hits from the 40's-90's with the musical review of Big Bang Beat. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Sheraton Ballroom. 8:00 p.m. to midnight. No-Host Cocktails 6:30 p.m.



### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

Morning: Men's Breakfast and Business Meeting. 8:00 a.m. to noon. \$15.

Women's Wine Country Tour. Bus trip to Sonoma Valley. \$45 per person. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Includes tours, wine tasting and lunch.

Afternoon: Mt. Diablo Hospitality Suite open.

Evening: GRAND KEF NIGHT. Full Mezza, Mediterranean dinner, and dancing with Guy Chookoorian and his Armenian Orchestra. \$45 per person. 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. Dressy casual. No-Host Cocktail



# GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers:

Serving as Grand Master for the past year has been a great and rewarding experience.

To have the opportunity to meet with so many of our Fraternity Brothers and see the enthusiasm and dedication we show to each other and to our community has been incredibly satisfying.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Grand Chapter Officers, they have been great!

I look forward to seeing each of you at our Annual Convention in Concord.

Our Mt. Diablo Brothers have put a lot of time, effort and imagination into the events for Labor Day Weekend.

I encourage you to get involved in your chapter programs and the Grand Chapter offices.

Participate, get involved, enjoy the brotherhood, see old friends, make new friends and "just have fun"

Fraternally Yours,

Archie Cholakian

Grand Master 2000 - 2001

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# Capitol Chapter

Our 65<sup>th</sup> Year of Trex. September 2001

Our Founding Fathers back in 1936 had no idea what they started joining the Triple X Fraternity, and to have continued for the next 65 years. Kudo's to Bro's. Ed Garabedian, John Kazanjian, Frank Ohanesian, Andy Sarkisian, Harold Soligan, Ruben Sweet, Sam Tarpin and Ralph Yeramian. Anniversary date is December 1, 2001.

These brothers their wives and families really enjoyed the good times in the early days of Trex. They enjoyed many local functions together, like side trips to Yosemite Falls, the Napa Wine Valley, Outings to Scenic Lake Tahoe and cruising the Sacramento River. A few years later many other brothers joined Trex. New members like Sam Boloyan, Aram Jorjorian, Crosby DePaul, John Dorian, Joe Hagopian, Harold Minas and Vernon Shahbazian. Trexmen all the way.

Bro. George Shahinian is recuperating very well after a Biopsy operation on his heart.

Bro. Todd Odabashian flew to the Philippine Islands for his first overseas flight to meet family and friends. While there, among the swaying palms, Bro. Todd met the woman of his dreams, and is saying to this day, "I SHALL RETURN".

Bro. Arthur Tashjian and wife Helen celebrated special birthdays last July 4<sup>th</sup> 2001. Arthur at 90 years and a little later, wife Helen at 85 years. They also celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Speaking of Anniversary's, Many Trex brother's wished Bro. Art many more great years.

Bro. Harry & Mauvis Sweet will celebrate their 59<sup>th</sup> on September 4<sup>th</sup>, a day after Mt. Diablo's Convention in Concord, CA. The Sweet's celebrated early in Kauai, Hawaii..

Our major charity fund raiser was KEF



Bro. Art and Helen Tashjian's 65th Anniversary.



Bro. Art at 90 yrs. goes bowling.

NIGHT. Chairman Richard Fathy reported we made over \$1700. Good food, having fun with the crowd and entertainment makes it all work. Bro's. Jake Bajackian, Sergay Ivazian, Guy Hagopian, Vernon Shahbazian, Richard Nahigian, and many brothers all pitch in to make good shish kabob's to enjoy.

Thank You, to Vartan Gilian a local Jeweler donating a \$75 pocket watch for a prize.

Bro. Sarkis Malkasian recently in Lake Tahoe had a visitor watching TV with him.

A Big Brown Bear wanted to see what the score was. He hollered to wife Marilyn, "Get the camera" "Camera Hell, get rid of the Bear" Smokey climbed down the tree and left.

**PGM Jack Ouzounian and Grand Editor Bro. Harry Sweet wish to thank all the Associate Editors, Masters and fellow brothers in helping Bro's Jack and Harry up-date the 2001 Membership Directory. Believe me brothers the hard work that goes into a project like this is unbelievable. It took many hours, phone calls and faxes to get it done. With your help, we made it. Enjoy the new Membership Directory.**

Fraternally,

Bro. Harry Sweet, Grand Editor



Bro. George Shahinian "Back on the farm."



Attendees of "Son Of Trexman Night"

# MT. DIABLO

## SON OF TREXMAN NIGHT

On Thursday, March 8, 2001 Mt. Diablo Chapter held a recruiting dinner at Buttercup Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Sons of Trex members and prospective members were invited. A total of twenty-six people attended; eighteen members, seven sons, and one other prospect.

Following a nice dinner Master of Ceremonies Brother Dee Kassabian invited each chapter member to introduce their son with each one telling a little about themselves. It was interesting to note how many of the sons had similar job backgrounds. This was followed by the other chapter members introducing themselves and speaking about their Trex experiences and what being a Trex member meant to them. Thanks to Dee and the chapter for putting on this warm and

stimulating affair. There was a good feeling of camaraderie to have our sons with us. A special night for all of us.

Those fathers and sons in attendance were: Tanil and Tan Matosian, Jack and Berge Mooradian, Mike and Mike Jr. Aaronian, Seno and Ara Garabedian, Dee and Brad Kassabian, Art and Steven Hazarabedian, Garo and Armen Sedrakian, and Armen Boyd introducing guest Andre Mansourian.

## 2001: A TREX ODYSSEY CONVENTION COMMITTEES

As this issue of the Trex News is being produced the brothers in Mt. Diablo Chapter are busy at work preparing for the 72nd Annual Fall Convention in Concord, California on Labor Day weekend. Master Garo Keadjian and convention chair Aram Boyd have assembled a great group of people to put on the convention. We would like to acknowledge the brothers for their work



Aram Boyd  
Convention Chair



Garo Keadjian  
Hotel Arrangements



Raffi Kachadourian  
Advertising



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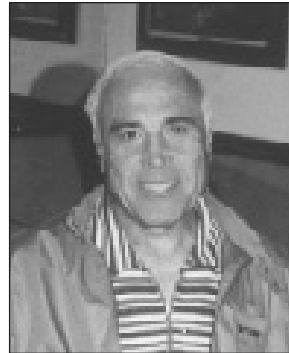




Ed Hazarabedian  
Friday Night



Steve Hazarabedian  
Saturday Night



Ray Chiljan  
Finance



Kevork Hagopian  
Men's Breakfast

by listing the committee chairs.

Organizing the convention is general chair Aram Boyd; handling hotel and other arrangements is Garo Keadjian; advertising and ad sales is Raffi Kachadourian; publicity by Varouj Koroyan; Friday night chair is Edward Hazarabedian; Saturday Night chair is Steve Hazarabedian; co-chairs for Sunday Night are Tanil Matosian and Jerry Tusan; finance conducted by Ray Chiljan; Men's Sunday Breakfast arrangements by Kevork Hagopian; co-chairing the Registration Committee is Shavarsh Hazarabedian and Myron Konjoyan; the Golf Tournament and "Hole in One" sponsor for a Corvette roadster is Dee Kassabian; the Women's wine tour is organized by George Rustigian; the Cyber Tavloo contest is handled by Seno Garabedian and the on-site hotel Tavloo contest is Armen Boyd; and Jack Mooradian is working with PGM Jack Ouzounian of Liberty Printing in Fresno organizing the Convention Book.

Fraternally,  
Jack Mooradian  
Associate Editor



Tanil Matosian  
Sunday Night



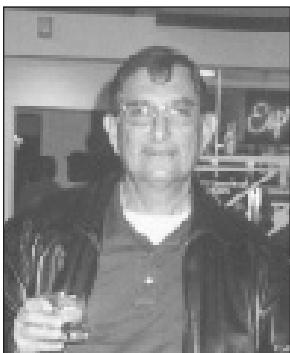
Jerry Tusan  
Sunday Night



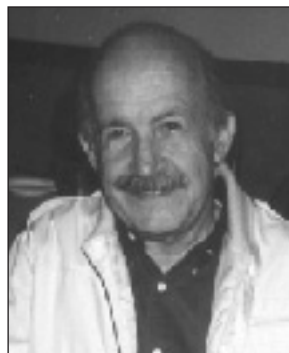
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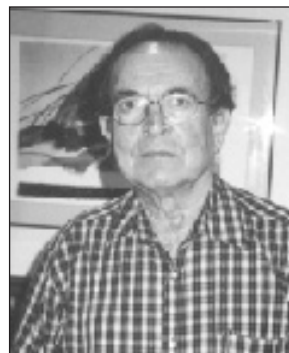
Myron Konjoyan  
Registration



Dee Kassabian  
Golf Tournament



George Rustigian  
Women's program



Seno Garabedian  
Cyber Tavloo



Armen Boyd  
On-site Tavloo

## Las Vegas Chapter:

# And The Beat Goes On

Greetings from “The City of Entertainment” the adult “Disneyland of the World”.

The following officers were elected to lead us through 2001:

Gil Surabian	Master
Sam Artinian	Jr. Master
Karney Oviaan, PM	Recording Secretary
Ralph Barzekoff	Corres. Secretary
Sharvarsh Papazian	Assoc. Editor
Charles Parigian	Historian
Robert Takhtalian	Sgt. at Arms

**Board of Directors:** Sam Artinian, Ralph Barzekoff PM, Kirk Bazoian PM, Karney Oviaan PM, Charles Parigian PM, Gil Surabian Master.

The presence of the Triple X Fraternity in Las Vegas is gaining recognition and prominence as each day goes by. This year we have planned several activities that will encourage stronger focus in establishing our future.

**Projects Planned:** Luncheon trip on Lake Mead. A bus trip to Laughlin, NV. A pool party at Master Gil Surabian’s home. He promised to put water in his swimming pool and invited all the brothers for a B-B-Q. I can assure you that the price of admission will be right. Bro. P.M. Ralph Barzekoff is planning a mystery trip. He refuses to tell us what to expect other than to say it will cost each brother \$40.00.

Our committee is working overtime setting plans for the **Las Vegas Convention in 2003**. Keep these dates open for we assure you that this is one convention you will **NOT** want to miss. Would you believe that in order to avoid a fine for the lack of delegates for the mid-term meeting we had a full slate plus 2 alternates. We wish to thank all members of the mid-term committee for making our visit to Fresno so enjoyable.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2001 Mt. Diablo Convention in Concord, Ca. Judging from their performance at mid-term it is destined to be a great one. We encourage all the brothers to attend.

Fraternally,  
Sharvash Papazian,  
Associate Editor



Las Vegas Bro's. Gil Surabian, Karney Oviaan, Charles Parigian, Shavarsh Parigian, Kirk Bazoian at the Colorado Bell.



Las Vegas Brothers at Mid Term. Full slate of Delegates. Great turnout



Installation Dinner: Bro's. V.J. Taslakian, Robert, PM Karney, and Steve. Apriar, PM Kirk, Sam and Gil Surabian, Master.



2001 Dinner: For: Gil Surabian Master, Bro's. Ralph, Sam, Shavarsh, Charles. Sitting, Bro's Mike, Raymond, Kay and Peter.

# Oakland

Sireli yeghpayrner, September 2001

In a minute, the rest of the story . . .

All continues to be well with the Oakland Chapter. We have been busy with a lot of functions. Our annual Crab Feed Fundraiser was a smashing success. As in past years, the money raised goes to several charitable organizations. Great job by David Leyman who chaired the function again this year. He and other brothers put in long hours to make this event a big success.

Our annual Christmas party was held at Spengers Restaurant in Berkeley. We had a nice attendance. Thanks to Brother Master Rick Michaels for heading up this event.

During the first weekend of May, we had our annual Graeagle weekend outing. This is always a fun weekend with lots of golfing and eating. The way Bro. Paul Koojoolian was hitting the ball, we thought Tiger Woods was playing with us. As with any Armenian function, there was plenty of food. Basturma and eggs for breakfast, lots of mezza during the day and steak for dinner. Now that's amore!

July is the month for our annual Family Picnic. We always have an excellent turnout with lots of kids running around. A big thank you goes out to Bro. Harry Sherinian for organizing this occasion.

Bro. Rick Magarian is heading up a new function mid July for all the Oakland Chapter campers. A family camping trip to the Santa Cruz mountains at Big Basin. Whether or not Bro. Rick was an eagle scout or a tenderfoot, as long as there is enough food, we won't feed him



Bro. George and Sally Kamian Oakland Trex Xmas



Bro. Stuart and Caroline Arakelian Oakland Trex Xmas Party



Bro. Craig and Susie Bazigian Oakland Trex Xmas Party



Bro's. John, Charlie, Harold, Harry and Dennis "Starving Trexmen"

to the bears.

We look forward to seeing you at the convention in September.

And now you know the rest of the story.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bro. P.M. Craig Bazi-

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# SAN DIEGO

## CHAPTER ENJOYS A BANNER YEAR

San Diego's Triple X Fraternity has enjoyed a busy and prosperous year under the enthusiastic leadership of Master Hovsep Geragosian.

After a delegation attended last year's convention, the chapter held its **Annual Christmas Party** in December 2000, at the home of the Mayor of Solana Beach, PGM Joe Kellejian. Bro. Joe and his wife Mary were the ultimate of hosts, and Sam Peltekian of Sam's Ship Ahoy in Solana Beach provided a dinner of a whole roasted lamb! A true Armenian celebration.

In early 2001, twenty brothers and their wives enjoyed an intimate evening's **Dinner at Pacifica Grill** in Del Mar. Organized by PM Harry Guzelimian, the event is one of several to come where brothers will meet in a relaxed setting with their spouses for some fun and friendship.

After years of tireless work, PGM Joe Kellejian oversaw the grand opening of the Solana Beach Public Library this year as Mayor of that fine city. Triple X San Diego Chapter supported the building of the library — the first shared-use library in California — which will serve public schools and citizens of all ages across the region.

The San Diego Trex chapter is ecstatic over the recent success of its annual fundraiser, the **2001 Hye Ball** at Oceans 11 Casino. Co-chaired by Bro. Garo Hachigian and Bro. Armen Derderian, with great help also from PM Jack Hachigian and Master Hovsep, who opened the evening with a warm welcome.



PGM Joe and Mary Kellejian Bro. George Banerian - Santa



Mrs. Seta Khosharian, Mrs. Maida Markarian Mr. And Mrs. Jerry Tashjian



PM Harry/Alice Guzelimian



Triple X Hye Ball 2001 Scholarship winners: and event chairman Bro's. Vahan Serpekian, Garo Hachigian, Hovsep Geragosian, Master.

The event attracted more than 220 guests from across San Diego, Orange County and Los Angeles – the largest San Diego Trex event on record. Emceed by PM Steve Kradjian, with a spirited live auction and raffle called by PM Ardem Kiledjian, inspiring vocal selections sung by Lori Bacila, and great dance music by The Continentals, it was the most successful Hye Ball in our history, raising money for the Triple X Scholarship Program for San Diego's Armenian students and for Junior Achievement of Armenia's (JAA) teacher training program in Armenia.

Several JAA Board of Director members attended the Hye Ball from Los Angeles and Orange County, including Beth Broussalian



of Orange County, who was on hand to share about JAA's work in Armenia and to thank Triple X for their support. Bros. PM Jack Hachigan, PGM Joe Kellejian and PM Steve Kradjian are also proud Board members of JAA.

PM Harry Guzelimian and PM Joe Zakarian organized the Triple X Scholarship Program this year, to benefit four talented college and graduate Armenian students from San Diego. Mrs. Seta Khosharian presented the Vartan Khosharian Memorial Scholarship in honored memory of Bro. Vartan. Bro. Vahan Serpekyan presented three additional scholarships, including one scholarship in honor of Oceans 11 Casino owner, Haig Kelejian, who graciously donated the ballroom for the event.

To celebrate the Hye Ball's success, the brothers held a summer picnic in August 2001 and look forward to attending the 2001 Convention in Mt. Diablo. Here's to a banner year!

PM Steven Kradjian



Clockwise: Hovsep Geragosian Master, Steve Kradjian PM, Vahan Serpekyan, Ardem Kilegjian PM.



PM Jack Hachigan, Bro's. Tevrizian, Kellejian Markarian, and Gerpekyan Fun Time.

# FRESNO

**GREETINGS:** This is the middle of June and the temperature is 103...perfect for baking lavash on the pavement of cement.

## January 4, 2001

The first meeting of the year was a surprise complimentary dinner at the clubhouse. It was such a surprise, I had to jog my memory (it was ribs). Kudo's to Jr. Master Harry Tanielian and Jack Bedoian. Special thanks to new member Gary Garabedian for preparing the delicious barbecue ribs.

## February 15, 2001

Dinner at the famous Basque Restaurant. It's still a great favorite of ours. The turnout was good and the choice of the pork chops, chicken or beef kabob included the full Basque condiments.

## March 2, 2001 Food and Fun Night.

The Fresno Club House was open for the food and fun Thursday night before the Mid-Term convention. Bro's. Jr. Master Harry Tanielian and PGM Jack Bedoian hosted the visiting brothers. Good food and camaraderie was enjoyed by all.

**March 3, 2001 SELMA CHAPTER** brothers hosted the mid-term convention at the Armenian Home Center. Affirm Selma brothers.

## March 8, 2001 Pat Hill Appreciation Night.

Bro. Mike Emerzian chaired a successful night for Pat Hill. With a packed house of guests honoring Fresno State's Football Coach. Pat Hill is a gracious and fun-filled honoree. He talked about the coming year, the expectations he has of this winning team.

## May 17, 2001 Tri Chapter Outing.

Fresno, Selma and Sequoia chapters had a bus trip to the Palace Casino in Lemoore, CA. The bus was loaded as were the brothers. A few brothers were big winners but the rest were not talking.

## June 21, 2001 Ladies Night.

Twenty four members and their ladies enjoyed an excellent dinner at Club One Casino in Fresno. Menu consisted of steak, fish or chicken. Excellent evening for socializing.

## IN MEMORIAM

Fresno Chapter has lost four brothers since our last publication.

**Harry Hagopian**, passed away March 1,

2001. He was 85 years of age and a Trexman for 55 years. Harry, Nate and Mike, the three brothers founded Commercial Manufacturing and Supply Co. which grew to an international scale. Our sincere condolences to his wife of 60 years, Sarah; sons Harry Jr., Larry and extended families.

**Cecil Melikian**, Cecil passed away on March 5, 2001 at the age of 88. He was a Trexman since 1957. Cecil was vice president of Sunland Vineyard Corporation. At one time he was manager of Cameo Winery. He particularly enjoyed the Dinkey Creek outings until ill health prevented his continuance. He is survived by his wife Gladys, son Wayne and family. Sincere condolences to the family.

**Stan Gajarian**, Stan passed on March 12,



Board of Directors Meeting



Bus Trip, Indian Gambling Palace Casino Lemoore, CA. Fresno Bro's. enjoying the trip.



Rest Stop, Bus Trip to Gaming Palace.



"The Waukegan Trex Connection"

2001. He was 64 years of age and a Trexman since 1992. Stan was a buyer for Franzia Winery for more than 25 years. He was an ardent Fresno State Athletic booster and was known as "Stan the Fan". He is survived by his wife Joy, mother Vera, son Sheldon and daughter Lee Ann Keeler. Our condolences and sympathy to his extended family as well.

**Sam Hokoian**, Sam passed away May 29, 2001 at the age of 79. Brother Sam was a Trexman since 1976. He served on numerous committees and held many offices of the fraternity, plus the Board of Directors. He was Grand Treasurer in 1994-1995. An educator and served in the capacity of administrator and counselor. Survived by his wife Mary, sons John, Paul and their families. His brother is PGM Ed Hokokian of the Triple X Fraternity. Our sincere condolences to his immediately and extended families.

On a personal note. Bro. Sam, and his wife Mary have been my wife's and my traveling companions all over the world.

The void left by these brothers is great; however, we do have some wonderful memories of each of them. Rest in peace brothers.

On a happier note, we have a great convention coming up Labor Day weekend hosted by Mt. Diablo Chapter. Best wishes to them and we look forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally, Nazareth Chaderjian  
Associate Editor



Tavloo players, Bro's. Dick Manoogian, Harry Sadoian, Mike Ekizian

# Sequoia

## OFFICERS 2000-2001

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Bryan Yahnian	Sgt. at Arms
George Avedesian	Rec. Sectry.
Archie Kazarian	Custodian
Harry Krikorian	Scholarship
Basil Perch	Scholarship
Vern Hagopian	Assoc. Editor
<b>Board of Directors:</b>	Bryan Ananian,
	Peter Babagian, Jerry Poochigian. George
	Avedesian, John Bazarian, and Jack Bars-
	amian.

What a great team we have in the Sequoia Chapter of 2001. A special thank you goes out to all of the individuals that volunteered their time. The planning and preparation for events we had was tremendous.

Its post time for a few brothers that own race horses. We will have inside information, Say's who? Also the same goes for race car fans. A lot of money is being spent Ha, its all good enjoyment.

July is harvest time for most brothers. The weather and price has taken its toll on all of us that live in the valley.

We have had the same amount of events and charities as listed before. All were good timely events. Hope everyone is well and able to attend Mt. Diablo's Labor Day convention in Concord, CA. Fraternally, over 30 years of Junior and Senior members.

Xmas wish: May God bless all of you and your loved ones.

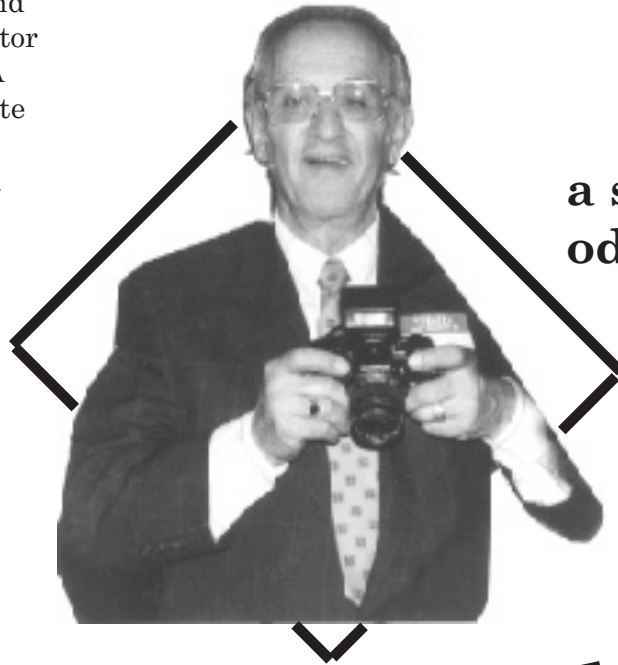
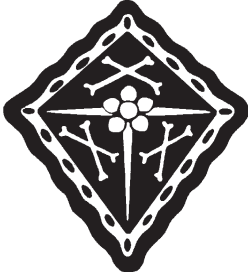
Fraternally, Brother Vern Hagopian.  
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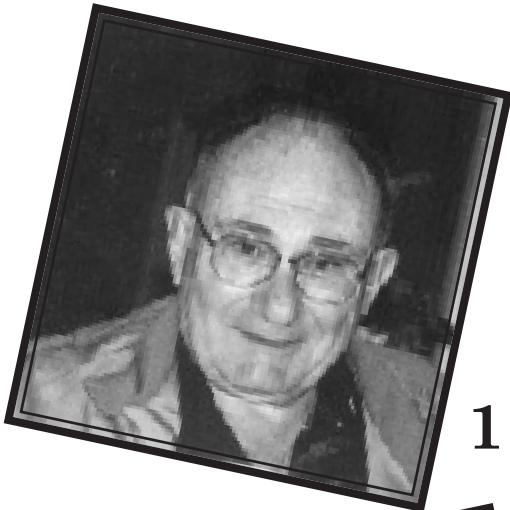


# CONTEST "Identify Your Brothers" WIN a prize

Please list each brothers name on a separate piece of paper by number and mail to Bro. Harry Sweet, Grand Editor @ 4305 Dennis Way, Sacramento, CA 95821-4406. Earliest post marked date will determine winner, announced at Mid-Term convention. GOOD LUCK.



a sweet odyssey



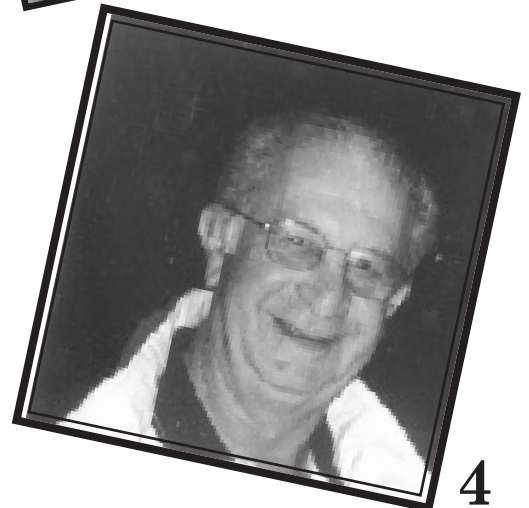
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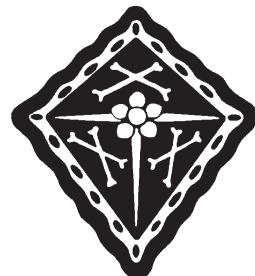


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# Los Angeles Chapter

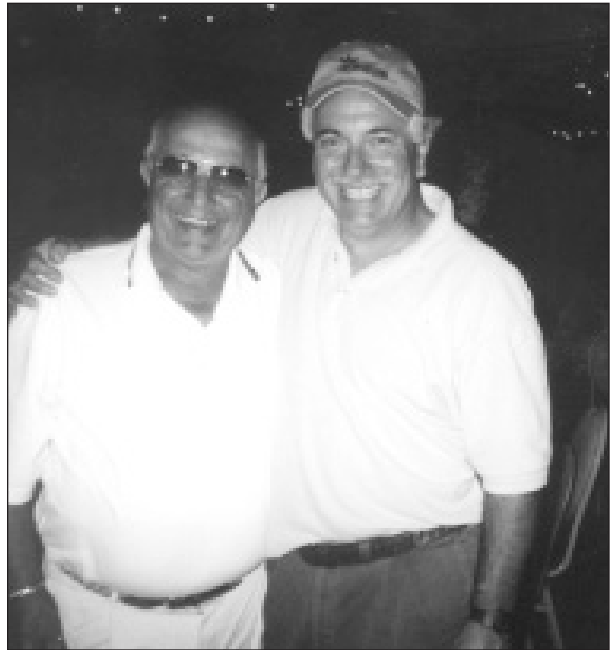
Dear Fellow Brothers:

On behalf of the Brothers of the Los Angeles Chapter, I hope this edition of the Trex News finds you all well and energized. The year 2000 proved to be a very fruitful year for the LA Chapter – it was full of many successful events and many new productive members. So far, 2001 is becoming equally successful.

Master, Bro. Tev Eminian (who has additionally been appointed as Dance Commissioner, a title which carries a life term) chaired the LA Chapter's Dance Night. The event is held in the grand ballroom of the Ararat Home, where LA Brother's and their wives come to learn all the latest Armenian dance steps from Bro. Master Tev. This year, Bro Tev attempted to show us the Scottish Saber Dance and was immediately apprehended by the Home's security force, which mistook him for an overzealous male escort. Upon his release from the police station, the other detainees in the holding cell thanked Bro. Tev for teaching them the shoorch baar.

Our Annual Bowling Night was also held in March. Bro's Ara Bedros and Ralph Dergazarian co-chaired this year's event. Many families attended the event and the place was packed with kids. Everyone had a great time and as usual, the highlight of the evening was the combination tattoo/piercing booth. Many of the LA Brother's children received either their first tattoo or body piercing there that night. It was truly memorable. Thank you Brothers Ara and Ralph.

Our annual Partner's Best Ball golf tourney was held in April and was chaired by Brother Dikran Devian. The event was held at Las Verde's Country Club and was attended by over 60 golfers. After the event there were prizes awarded as well as a fine feast. Most of our Brothers are not interested in the actual event, rather, we all look forward to Brother Dirk's report to the body during the subsequent meeting. For those of us that have become proficient in Dikranlish, we truly enjoy his colorful description of the golf tourney. The reports are usually full of decorated stories and embellishments, none of which actually occurred. After the event, a reconciliation is performed between what actually happened at the event and what was reported. Thank you Brother Dikran and your committee.



Newlyweds Bro Jimmy and Bro Mike Posed for a Picture at the Annual Trex Open.



LA Bros. make final battle plans prior to their golf cart assault on the beer cart.



Bro Ed Tashjian poses with a cardboard cut out of Dikran Devian at the Trex Open.

In June, Bro. John Casperian chaired the Annual Dessert Outing held at the Renaissance Hotel. Brothers enjoyed the beautiful golf course at Indian Wells where Friday's game was a scramble format, while Saturday's was a partner's best ball format. During the day, the wives went shopping the various outlet malls in the area. Former Oakland Raider's coach Tom Flores again attended this event as a guest of Brother Sam Bogozian. The evenings were filled with very nice dinner banquets. Thank you Bro. John and your committee for your hard work.

The Annual Armenian Open was additionally held in June at the Rose Bowl's Brookside Country Club and chaired by Bro. Mike Kourtjian. This year we had over 110 golfers compete for the awards and prizes at the various skill levels. After golf, there was a wonderful banquet followed by the awards ceremony. Thank you again to Brother Mike and his committee for all his hard work.

Finally, on June 24<sup>th</sup>, our Chapter held its annual family picnic. Bro. Ron and Gerry Ohanessian, who with the assistance of their mother and committee, have turned this picnic into a very well attended event. A full shish kebab dinner makes up the menu for this event and if you want to see kids, this is the place for you. For the last few years, the picnic has been held at Verdugo Park in Glendale. For those of you that are not familiar with Glendale, it was not named as one of the safest cities in America. However, it has been named the city with the largest concentration of Armenians. In the center of the park stands the statue of the little known great Armenian war hero, Shant Lou-savor-eech, named after our very own Bro. Shant Dergazarian. Although he never actually fought in a war, he has watched the 1962 movie classic, The Longest Day five times in one sitting.

That brings us to the end of my report. We are looking forward to upcoming events such as our Wives Night Out event – a cruise of the Marina Del Rey Harbor on July 15<sup>th</sup> as well as the upcoming Trex 2001 convention.

Warmest fraternal regards,

Bro. Michael Surmeian

Los Angeles Chapter, Associate Editor

## Orange County

Hi Brothers. We have had a very busy year. Brother Master Billy Eordekian is doing an outstanding job with his officers. Thanks again for Great Meetings and for having **FUN**.

**Fairview Center**-This party is for the disabled and they love the Ice Cream, Cake, Punch and Gifts from us. It's so wonderful to help others and we receive more than we give.

**Laughlin Stag Outing** was great. Bro. Harold Bazarian did an outstanding job. We laughed, told stories, ate and had fun. Over 40 brothers attended.

**Spring Dance** was another success. Just seeing the young and old having fun. - thanks to Marge Kazarian and Stella Cholakian for helping with the food and all the brothers who helped put the dance on.

**Sports night**, Bro. Jack Kayajanian, Nick Paboojian and Wayne Najarian put on another winner. We had Steve Lavin the UCLA Basketball Coach; Dr. Ara Hairabedian, Armenian Hall of Fame; Mo Vaughn from the Anaheim Angels and Big Ben Davidson,



Jr. Master Danny, and Master Billy Eordekian.



G.M Archie and Mrs. Stella Cholakian Archie's beautiful wife.



Ara Hairabedian, Armenian Hall of Fame, Steve Lavin UCLA Basketball Coach, GM Archie. Chm. Bro's Jack Kayajanian, Nick Paboojian, and Wayne Najarian. A-



Bro's. Gr. Sectry. Larry, Treasurer Haig, GM Archie, Gr. Historian Charles. A great team.



Spring Dance: Bro's. Richard, Leo, Kelly, Wayne, Larry. They pour mean drinks



Oakland Raiders. We heard lots of funny stories about sports and raised money for our charities, Children's Hospital and the Ararat Home. Thanks again to all the brothers who helped and "Bro. Jack you did it again."

**Pot Luck** - We love to eat. We had the best Keyma, which our Marge Kazarian makes and the other dishes were sooooo delicious. We played Bingo and watched old videos of

past Trex activities. We have excellent fellowship with our wives and families. Thanks Bro. Kurk for the use of your clubhouse.

Our Jr. Chapter is alive and well. 15 members in all. This is the life of the Fraternity.

Orange County welcomes our 3 new members. Bro's. Gabriel Klanian, Bro. Rob Tusan, and Dr. Roger Ohanesian.

**Meeting:** Come see us when you're in Orange County. We meet at the Balboa Club in Newport Beach, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month at 7:30 P.M. See you at the convention.

Fraternally, PGM Haig Jamgotchian  
Associate Editor



Bro. GM Archie swearing in a new member Bro. Rob Tusan.



Sister Marge Kazarian, at SPRING DANCE. She knows how to put on a spread.

GM Archie, and Orange Co. Bro's. helping the disabled kids, to a grand party Charity benefit, Bro. Harold Bazarian was chairman.



# Golden Gate

A joyful event has occurred to Brother Master David and his lovely wife Laura and their son Noah. Benjamin has come into the world and a Trexman he is already. In our recent tour of Filoli Gardens, little Benjamin was there with the rest of us seeing all the sights and wonders of the Matson Family mansion and estate. He had a great time, but unfortunately we couldn't recruit him yet into the chapter as he still has a little difficulty walking. However, we did recruit two new members John Dahlberg and Levon Jalalian. John is an attorney with a large firm in San Francisco, and Levon is an engineer and a consultant.

We had the great pleasure of having members from the Peninsula Chapter attend our initiation meeting. Things are happening in the Golden Gate Chapter. Not only are we getting more members, but we are also proud to announce that Chuck Paskerian is running for Grand Master. Chuck has been a Trex member since 1974. He has held the office of Grand Historian / Custodian four times. He is an extremely progressive thinker, and is always involved in Armenian functions helping to make people aware of our Armenian culture. He also brings a lot to the table in energy and promotion of the Triple X Fraternity, and holds the Fraternity in high esteem. And he is fortunate to have a charming wife, Diane, to help him. So, bring your family, and your vote to the Mt. Diablo convention at the Concord Sheraton, and let's "MOVE AHEAD WITH GARABED".

Recently one of our members lost his lovely wife, Penny Bar-

Bro's. Seno Garabedian, Levon Jalalian, Charles Paskerian



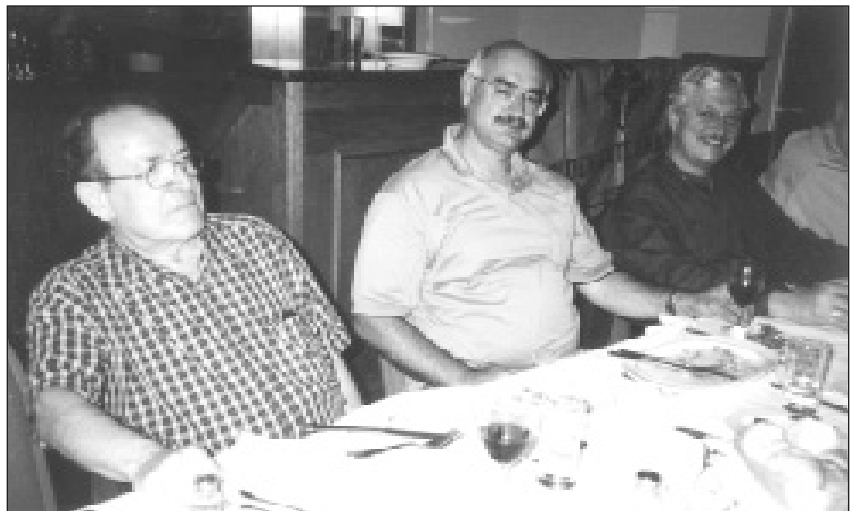
From the City by the Bay, Golden Gate Bro's at Mid-Term

berian. It was a sad loss for us and a devastating one for Richard and his family. Our deepest sympathies are with you Richard.

Jerry Vorperian and Knar, hallelujah, are both recovering from severe illnesses. I spoke with Jerry and he is eager to come to our next meeting. All your brothers are looking forward to seeing you. Avedis Tehlerian's son Ara will soon be married. Congratulations,

Avedis and Rosalie, Ara and George Mardikian, we all miss seeing you and Lillian. come to the next meeting and catch up on the latest.

August 19 the Golden Gate Chapter is going en masse with wives/girlfriends to see the Giants play at Pac-Bell Park. All except for my wife who is returning to China for a three week trip



to see friends and visit some temples. I wish she would change her mind—it only costs \$15 for a Giants ticket.

Sarkis and wife Ann Sarkisian took a trip to New York City, the New England states and eventually wound up in Las Vegas. That was a very unusual trip.

Vartan Hovsepian who just retired from the IRS is becoming a real golf fiend. He and Ara Kaprelian beat the hell out of me on the course. Ara and Ursula are presently in Spain but will be back in time for the convention. Arlene and Vartan helped Ralph and Elise Kazanjian on picking another slab of granite for the remodel of their condo. The re-modeling which has been going on for ten months, is slated for completion soon..

Vic Azizian, where are you? We haven't seen you and Anna lately.

Anooshavan and Sylvia Kasparian's two daughters are Maral, finishing her Masters and Taline, just starting hers. Congratulations!

Al and Aida Nalbandian's daughters are both doing great things.

Elizabeth Malkassian was mentioned in a recent "Newsweek" article about education.

Louise who is currently at UC Santa Barbara is in a master's class for piano, and in one for piano duets. Bravo!

At the convention, you are invited to the Golden Gate Chapter's Hospitality Room.

Fraternally,  
Ralph Kazanjian,  
GG Chapter Editor



Bros. John Dahlberg, David Zovickian, Master.

## Selma

Greetings Brothers,

By the time you read this, our brothers of Mt. Diablo will be tuning up their HAL 9000 to get the 2001: Odyssey out of this world. We're almost in transporter range now. Don't know if I should bring my phaser and decoder ring?

The Selma chapter is finalizing our plans for the 2002 convention so when we get to Concord we'll be taking notes. I'm sure we will have a hard act to follow. Good Luck Mt. Diablo.

Since Mid-term we've been busy with a variety of events. One of our favorite nights is our scholarship dinner. This year like last, we were able to award 5 (five) well deserving young people of Armenian descent \$1000 each, to be used toward their education. We followed that with our Spring Bingo, as usual the night was enjoyed by those who were there.

Every spring we throw ourselves a picnic, this year was no exception our Spring outing is especially fun for the kids( even us old guys).



Co-Chairman Phil Manoogian, Scholarship recipients Brooke Tinnen, Matthew Abajian, Bianca Kaprelian, Amber Agbashian, Nona Noroyan, and Co-Chairman Jack Bedrosian. Scholarship Dinner was held on April 26.



Three PGM's preparing the salad. Bros. Kay Cloud, Haig Kasparian and Jack Bedrosian.



The last three Dinner-Business meetings have been held at the California Armenian Home. Pictured (left) members at our July meeting. Below officers: Master Harry Kutumian, standing; Matt Peters, Sec.; and Sam Bagdasarian, Jr. Master.



A couple of events that will happen by the time you are reading this, every August we finish our year with a Keyma (Kharpert Style) Dinner. This night we also will elect new officers. A new event we'll be taking on this August is an International Food and Wine Tasting. When we get to convention we'll be able to brag about its success.

Not to be left out are the Tri-Chapter dinners and outings we've had with the Sequoia and Fresno Chapters. Many thanks to those brothers who worked to make those fun nights. Those trips to Visalia and The Palace were great fun and a couple bros. even made a couple of dollars.

Can't wait 'til convention! Beem us up Scotty, I hear it's great up there.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Pete Cholakian



Dennis Rustigian getting dinner ready.



Tavloo Tournament: Bros. Sam Bagdasarian and Ken Melkonian. Standing to the right is PGM John Barigian.



Bros. Eugene "Chick" and Eugene A. (Father and Son) Kandarian at our annual picnic.



**Palm Desert Triple-X Brothers at the Spring Picnic at Lake La Quinta**

## Palm Desert

As we come to the end of the 2000-2001 year, the Palm Desert Chapter can look back on a year of growth and fraternal strengthening.

Our membership has grown to 37 members after the initiation of our two newest members, **Bobby Melkesian** and **Charles Topalian**. The five new brothers that joined this year have been a great asset to our fraternity.

We held a **“Family Day at the Fair”** on February 24 at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. Our Palm Desert members and their families enjoyed a beautiful day filled with carnival rides, shows, exhibits, meza, fried chicken dinner and dessert, hosted in the hospitality suite at the Fairgrounds. While on stage with local dignitaries, our chapter was proud to present two scholarships of \$250 each to deserving junior livestock exhibitors. The day culminated with watching the traditional Arabian Nights Pageant. Some families even stayed late to watch the demolition derby!

A **Spring Picnic** was held in May at Lake La Quinta. Dinner was an old fashioned spit-barbequed lamb purchased at the Fair’s livestock auction in February. Many members and their

families, along with some visiting members from the San Diego and Los Angeles chapter, attended this successful event.

To beat the heat of the desert, several members attended the **“Ride and Dine”** Inter-chapter event at the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. Orange County members GM Archie Cholakian and Kirk Kazarian and their wives were among the group of Triple X families to board the rotating tramcars and ride the cables up 8,500 feet to the top of Mount San Jacinto. Everyone enjoyed a barbeque dinner and breathtaking views in the cooler temperatures that were welcomed by all.

With much sadness, we report the passing of our beloved brother, Sunar Chuchian, a charter member of this chapter. Bro. “Sunny” passed away in January at the age of 71. He and his





wife, Shirley, have been active members of the Armenian community in the desert for many years. We offer our sincere condolences to his many loved ones. He will always be remembered and missed by his Palm Desert Brothers.

The Palm Desert Brothers are looking forward to the 2001 Convention :A Trex Odyssey: hosted by our Mt. Diablo brothers. Until then, we wish you an enjoyable summer. We look forward to your visiting our desert for pleasure, an event or a business meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

It has been an honor to have served as the Palm Desert Master this first year of the new millennium. The brothers of this chapter are filled with energy and enthusiasm. Next year's Master, **Bro. George Kirkjan**, has some great plans to continue the growth and success of this chapter.

Fraternally,  
Master Nick Nigosian



Bro. Armen Yarijian, Master Nick, Bro. Rob Carian, Bro. V.J. Mkrтчian, PM Omar Kanadjian, PM Doug Yavarian and Bro. George Kirkjan With Queen Scheherazade and her Princesses at the National Date Festival.



Bro. Armen Yarijian, Bro. Norman Matossian, Bro. Howard Chuchian, Bro. George Kirkjan and Bro. Gordon Chuchian



"Ride and Dine" the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway



"Ride and Dine" the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

# Peninsula

GREETINGS Brothers and Families!

Peninsula Chapter officers for 2000 - 2001 are

Master	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.

A joint dinner meeting was held in March with Peninsula Brothers meeting with the Golden Gate brothers at the South San Francisco Basque Center to hear about and see Ms. Melkonian's Slides of Armenia.

Bro. Joe Keshishian presented a great slide show of Pearl Harbor following our April Dinner meeting with his wife and several wives of deceased brothers attending. The slides were taken by Bro. Joe a few weeks after the Japanese attack. We plan a another showing due to popular demand.

## Los Altos Country Club

In early July, the Peninsula brothers gathered at the Los Altos Country Club, again courtesy of Bro. Larry Karabian, for an evening of fellowship, drinks and good food. An enjoyable time was spent In catching up with events. A few of the brothers stayed after dinner to enjoy cigars and conversations. We especially enjoyed seeing Bro. Earl Saroyan back from Palm Springs and having Bro. Zareh Salmassian join us from Petaluma, where his family now resides.

## Mountain View Art and

### Wine Festival

Our annual fund raiser with the Peninsula Chapter food booth at the Mountain View Art and Wine Festival is scheduled for September 8 and 9 following the TREX Convention. The Chairman of the event is Bro. Vazgen Babayan ably assisted by Bro. Vic Khachooni. Bro. Ken

Masegian will be Joining us from El Dorado Hills as our expert Advisor. We plan BBQ beef and chicken plus a drink and look forward to enjoying our get together and having a very successful event.

## Annual Picnic at Vic's

The annual picnic at Vic and Linda Khachooni's is in the works this year for sometime in October.

## Chapter Christmas Party

We are planning another great evening with families. Stay tuned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Andy Nalbandian



Bros. Haig, Jack, Mooney, Jeff



Las Vegas Brothers

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I should like to see any power of the world destroy this race, this small tribe of unimportant people whose wars have all been fought and lost whose structures have crumbled, literature is unread, music is unheard, and prayers are no more answered. Go ahead, destroy Armenia. See if you can do it. Send them into the desert without bread or water. Burn their homes and churches. Then see if they will not laugh, sing and pray again. For when two of them meet anywhere in the world, see if they will not create a New Armenia.

William Saroyan

Plaque at Fresno Chapter's Clubhouse.



Bros. Richard Nahigian, Garo Nigolian



Bros. Naz Chaderjian and Sam Hokokian

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2000-2001 Grand Officers. Left to right: PGM Haig Jamgotchian, Grand Treasurer; Harry Sweet, Grand Editor; Ken Melkonian, Jr., Junior Grand Master; Archie Cholakian, Grand Master; Charles Paskerian, Grand Historian/Custodian; Larry Kaprielian, Grand Secretary. (Missing from photo Grand Marshal Charles Parigian).