

TREX NEWS

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Triple X Fraternity

48th Mid-Term Convention

Saturday, March 2, 2002

Fresno, California

FRESNO CHAPTER CLUB HOUSE

630 S. ARGYLE ST., FRESNO

- **Mid-Term Golf Tournament**

SHERWOOD FOREST GOLF CLUB, 79 North Frankwood
Sanger, California, 10:00 a.m. Sharp!
(See particulars and entry blank on back page.)

- **Fresno Club House Open FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

(Friday: Open 9:00 a.m. - Cold Cuts for Dinner - For Info. Call 559-875-4458)
(Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for Tavloo, Gin, Pinochle, etc.
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch available)

- **Cocktails & Mezza 6:00 p.m. - Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

Fresno Club House - 630 S. Argyle, Fresno

- **Business Meeting - 8:00 p.m.**

Members Only



Grand Master's Message

The dynamics of our living as free Americans has been challenged, and our thoughts now may be primarily elsewhere, but the threat to our freedoms continues, and we must remain diligent against our enemies.

As Americans of Armenian descent, we are bound together by the horror inflicted on our ancestors during the 20th Century, and immigrant discrimination that has been inflicted by ignorant peoples on those they do not understand.

This has been the very root of creation of our Triple X Brotherhood. While we do not, and should not discuss these issues every time we meet, I feel it is fitting to discuss them in this time of America's need.

It is a good time to re-evaluate just how fortunate we are to be living in this great land, and also to re-consider the value and need of our foundation and roots as fellow Americans of Armenian descent.

Oh yes, we are a passionate people, and will disagree and become perturbed with each other over trivial incidents..... but our heritage has also been the foundation of our individual strengths, and the Triple X helps each of us carry on this tradition.

It is a time to remember this, and the strength of our forbearers to have survived. It is the time to pass the "feeling"... yes it is a feeling of comradie and unspoken sharing of joint trials of Armenian and immigrant American life that our younger generation has not experienced personally. They would feel this comradie if they were Brothers, an aid in times of life's trials, becoming stronger Americans of Armenian descent.

By the time you read this, it is hoped we will have a Grand Chapter Web Master to coordinate Chapter Web Sites aiding in Triple X communications: for proactive recruiting, reporting Triple X Chapter activities to all Chapters, etc.

Look around you, my Brothers, we are an aging group, and it is a time to bring more young men into our fold, and reach out again to those Brothers who have been paying their dues, but no longer attend. Maybe their life circumstance has changed and we should now contact them.... and there are also some wonderful young men among the newcomers. We should contact good candidates and be pro-active in soliciting these men to join or re-join Triple X to keep us strong.

In my travels to the Chapters, I have noticed that young men run some chapters, and this is good, but all Chapters need to work on this. Each Brother of mine should consider who would be

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FRESNO

Greetings from the Fresno Chapter At this time, we are recuperating from Christmas and New Years. We wish all our sister chapters the Lord's blessings for the coming New Year.

August 16 - Clubhouse Dinner The deluxe lamb chop dinner was enjoyed by all. Jr. Master Harry Tanielian and Jack Gahvejian barbecued the chops ; PM Ed Shirin made his usually good salad and Naz Chaderjian made the pilaf. Armenians at their best.



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an appropriate new Brother and talk to him about the merits of Triple X, not excluding older worthy candidates as well.

I wish you and your families Health and Happiness with a Capital "H" during the year.... And please think about this, and if you agree, take action to bring in some new members.

Charles K. Paskerian
Grand Master

September 20: Forty members and wives enjoyed the outing to Mono Lake Casino. Dinner was great but there wasn't a report as to winners or losers.

October 18 - Jerry Tarkanian Appreciation Night: This annual event is chaired by Brother Mike Emerzian. The "Shark" always enjoys Armenian food, particularly shish kebab and pilaf. When he travels with the Fresno State Bulldog basketball team, Armenians in other cities seek him out to bring him favorite dishes he enjoys. At appreciation night, Tark gave us a preview of what to expect of his team. Brothers Paul Najimian, Harry Tanielian, and Jack Bedoian, Gary Kazarian, Jack Gahvejian, Gary Garabedian all helped prepare the food and Richard Shirin and Bob Markus presided over tickets at the door.

November 15 - GRAND MASTER DINNER NIGHT: Grand Master Charles Paskerian honored us with his presence and his words of wisdom. Dinner was delicious lulu kebab. Gary Kazarian and Gary Garabedian in charge of the lulu kebab; Ed Shirin, salad; Jack Gahvejian, Naz Chaderjian, pilaf. In attendance at this meeting was our 76 year member Art Rustigan.



Jerry Tarkanian tells it how it is.



Master Salad Chef Ed Shirin and Naz Chaderjian.



December 9 - CHRISTMAS PARTY: We had a great turnout of members and their families. The voices of the children, so excited, was everywhere. The menu of hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings was the menu of the day. Santa came and distributed 40 plus kids gifts. Assistant Jr. Master Jack Bedoian and his wife Alberta and brother Richard Bedoian purchased and wrapped all the gifts for the children for the fraternity. An awesome task. Santa Claus was Michael Najimian. Steve Bedoian provided all the children with individual balloon animals. He was attired in his clown outfit. Thanks to the usual group who always help prepare the menu.



Where is Santa?

As is his usual custom, John Kojigian donated the beautiful Christmas tree, beautifully decorated. John Kojigian and his wife Virginia have no little ones now, but they do this for us yearly.

IN MEMORIAM: JACK SELVIAN Brother Jack passed away on September 14 at the age of 80 years. He was a Trexman for 53 years. He served his country in the U. S. Air Force during World War II. For many years he served as a grocer of his own store, and farmed in the Malaga area. He also was co-owner of Chestnut-Disposal. He was active in civic and charitable groups. He is survived by his wife Vi Selvian, his daughters Susan Millard and Betty Gross and his sister, Jessie Bingham. Our sincere condolences to them all.

Santa (Michael Najimian) arrives.

To all Trex brothers and their families **SHNORAVOR SOORP DZNOUNT YEVR NOR DAREE!!!**



76-year member Art Rustigian and GM Chuck Paskerian.

In light of what happened on September 11, 2001, God grant this country the wisdom and strength and ability to endure what is ahead for us and may God Bless Us All.

Fraternally—
Nazareth Chaderjian.

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Summer issue of Trex News is July 7, 2002.

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B-B-Q Time in Fresno

Golden Gate

All hail Brother Charles Paskerian, exalted Grand Master from the most beautiful city in the Trex realm. Never has a more dedicated brother aspired to lead our organization. May he reign long and we prosper.

Golden Gate finished 2001 in style at San Francisco's venerable Presidio Golf Club. Accepting a gracious invitation from our Oakland Brothers, we teamed up for the Christmas bash of the millennium. Good food, good cheer and good friends in one of San Francisco's most beautiful settings (along with ample free parking) made it an affair not soon forgotten; thanks for including us, Oakland.

2002 shows no let up in Hye quality good times. Our Valentine's Day affair takes us to another San Francisco institution, North Beach's renowned Beach Blanket Babylon. Big fun and bigger hats are guaranteed for all. And with trips to Sonoma County's wineries and the back alleys of Chinatown on tap it's clear Brother Master Ralph Kazanjian has big things in store for those of us lucky enough to call Golden Gate home. Not to be missed will be our summer sabbatical to one of Northern California's crown jewels, Lake Tahoe, for a little one on one with some Lake Trout, courtesy of Brother Jerry Vorperian. Now, Bro. George, we miss you. With all this to do, won't you please come out to play.

On a more personal note, it was nice to see Brother Richard Barberian at our last meeting. We wish him well with the recent passing of his wife Penny. We are relieved to have Brother Anoosh Kasparian back in the fold after going mano mano with his hospital's ill advised pharmaceutical regimen, and hope that 2002 brings a renewal of health for Brother Avedis Tehlirian.

Finally, Golden Gate notes the confluence of California's recession and the conclusion of

Brother Master Ralph's gorgeous remodel in the statuesque Fontana Towers on Fisherman's Wharf . Coincidence, we think not.

See you in Fresno!

Fraternally yours,
Bro. David Zovickian



GG Bro's at Giants Game



Bro. David, Laura, son's Noah and Ben.



PGM Al Nalbandian and Ayda



Geny Levon and Bonnie Koojoolian



Bro. Armen and Rita



Arlene and Bro. Vartan Hovsepian

Capitol

In November four Bro's. of the Capitol Chapter and their wives took a wonderful 16-day cruise through the Panama Canal. Enjoying the trip were Leon and Mary Bajakian, John and Alice Dorian, Rod and Becky Jorjorian, Richard and Flora Nahigian. Joining their group was fellow Sacramentan Florence Muktarian, her daughter Jean and Jean's husband Larry Avedisian is a member of the Selma Triple X Chapter. The group of ten were congenial traveling companions and are looking forward to a possible cruise to the Mediterranean.

Aboard the Crown Princess the highlight of the cruise was the day spent going through the Canal. Women enjoyed shopping at the various stops and all found some great bargains they could not pass up. Everyone enjoyed the fine dining, relaxing on deck, swimming, and playing cards. For entertainment there were occasional visits to the Casino for a little sidebar fun.

While relaxing on the deck one afternoon John Dorian was approached by a gentlemen who began asking him questions about where he went to school. It turned out he and the gentleman, George Stephanian had graduated together from high school in 1941. George, who still lives in the Detroit area, said he recognized John because he had not changed. Our maitre de arranged for George and his wife to join our group for dinner where he and John did a lot of reminiscing. It really is a small world.

The Capitol Bro's. Enjoyed another year of monthly activities. In February Dinner with the wives at the Buckhorn Restaurant in Willows. Kef Night was a huge success donating \$1700 to locale charities .

Our picnics, travels to the wine countries, patio parties, auto museums and Christmas parties were all well supported. Thanks to Bro's. Leon Bajakian, Master Leon Hagopian, Richard Fathy, Todd Odabashian and Richard Nahigian.

Bro. Vernon Shahbazian, a former Flt. Officer, found his old discharge papers from his Army Air Corps day's Aug. 8, 1946. On the same list was 1st Lt. Peter Onnigian. Neither man knew each other until Bro. Onnigian joined the Capitol Trex 38 years later in 1984. Both separated from Beale AFB in Marysville Ca. Small world.

PGM Joe Hagopian has re-cooperated from a fall on his hip during a trip to his bank. He prob-

ably had so much dough on his shoulder he fell down and broke his hip.

Fraternally,

Harry Sweet, Assoc. Editor



Bro's. Leon Bajakian, John Dorian, Richard Nahigian, and



Santa, Scott Khatoonian Richard Nahigian



Bro's. Todd, George and Richard

Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

Time has flown by, as the Mid-Term convention is right around the corner. The Brothers of the Los Angeles Chapter send our heartfelt greetings to all of you. Since the Summer 2001 issue of Trex News, we have had a number of spectacular events. It all began in July when we held our annual Wives Night Out affair – a private cruise on a luxurious yacht. We had approximately 50 Brothers, wives and guests attend this event complete with mezza and food and drink. To our surprise, the yacht's crew was all-Armenian, who previously served together in the Armenian navy. Bro Tev began dancing to the Armenian music playing in the engine room and before we knew it, the entire crew was drinking ouzo and dancing with Bro Tev. Tragically, the yacht rammed a coast guard cutter and the entire crew was held for questioning.

We want to congratulate the Brothers of the Mt. Diablo Chapter for the wonderful convention they hosted. Trex 2001 was a great time for all the Brothers and families that attended.

In September we hosted our annual picnic at the Ararat Home of Los Angeles. Bro Gabe Kaprelian and Ken Khteian organized the set up and execution of the picnic. With the help of so many Brothers, their wives and families, this was the most successful picnic in the Home's history. There were over 1,100 dinners served,



During one of the band's breaks Bro Vaughan Vartanian took over the stage and performed an unplugged hip hop version of Smoke on the Water.

and trust me, that is no easy task. When interviewed after the picnic, Bro Gabe said, "In spite of the idiots cooking the meat and the slackers shishing it, this picnic came out pretty damn nice". Bro Ken said, "Gabe is a real pain to work with! If it were not for me this event would be a flop". As a simple working stiff at the picnic, I can tell you that seeing the teamwork between these Brothers at the picnic makes me want to do more and more. It really brings out the best in all of us.

In October we held our annual stag outing at Lake San Marcos, where the event was attended by Brothers from all 78 Chapters. Basically what this weekend boils down to is three days and two nights of golf, cards, TV, Tavloo,



A few Bros contemplate jumping overboard during the Wives Night Out cruise after the chartered yacht rammed the Coast Guard Cutter.



Bros from various chapters break bread together at our annual stag outing at Lake San Marcos.

food, drink, and more golf – in other words, we are doing the work of the Lord. Bro Tev again organized this event that was wonderful and a special thanks to Bro Russ Roupenian for all his assistance.

Sometime during the 4th quarter the Los Angeles and Orange County Chapters held a joint installation banquet. Bro. Danny Cholakian of Orange County and Raffi Dergazarian of Los Angeles co-chaired the event (both former Jr. Bros mind you). The event was held at the Friendly Hills CC and was first class all the way. The evening began with cocktails and casino style gaming. We all enjoyed the 18-ft mezza table complete with every Armenian appetizer you could think of (thanks to the wonderful ladies of our OC brothers). None other than our Grand Master Chuck Paskerian and his wife Diane and Governor George Deukmejian and his wife Gloria attended the banquet. Our keynote speaker was Bro. Ken Khachigian of Orange County. Bro Ken shares some fond memories of his service to our State and Nation as speechwriter to both Governor Deukmejian and President Ronald Reagan. After swearing in the new officers, it was back to the blackjack tables where everyone was a winner. Fantastic job Bros Raffi and Danny!

Our annual Gin Tournament was held in November and this year marked the 9th anniversary of this event. PGM David Maseredjian has chaired this event since its inception. Although the event began at Brookside CC, it ended in the living room of PGM David's house (Brookside closes at midnight). Since the tourney did not finish until after 1 am, it really doesn't matter which team won it.

In December we held two events. On December 8th Bro's Gary Dergazarian and Michael Surmeian co-chaired the Annual TreXmas Eve Kef Night Dance at the Ararat Home of Los Angeles. This year was the most successful year for the event to date. Over 520 people attended the event, shattering previous year's records. On a sad note, Bro William Kevorkian took ill during the event after over-dosing on 3 strips of licorice. I am sure the 17 glasses of Smirnoff he sipped had nothing to do with his problems. Before he took ill, Bro William maneuvered his way to the middle of the dance floor and gave Bro Steve Mikaelian a lap dance to the Gap Bands famous hit, You dropped the bomb on me. The cover charge for the event was worth watching



Bros Randy Avaizian and Gary Dergazarian were just standing around instead of working at the Ararat Home Picnic.

that dance alone. Seriously though, to run this event, 58 different work positions are needed. In other words, 58 different Brothers need to help out that night to make it come off right. Our LA Brothers are there to fill all of those positions and we all work together to have fun and raise funds for the Ararat Home. Thank you to all the LA Brothers for their contributions.

On December 16th, Bro William Kevorkian chaired the LA Chapters family Christmas Party. Bro William had not quite recuperated from the previous weekends Kef Night so his wife Dianna jumped in to run the event. There were over 60 people in attendance, made up of Brothers and their families. After a nice lunch Santa Claus visited us and there were plenty of games for the kids.

On a more serious note, since the last Trex News, we have all suffered the National Tragedy now commonly referred to as "the events of September 11th". On that day, over 3,000 innocent people were murdered in New York, Washington D.C. and in a field in Pennsylvania. These people came from all walks of life, were of different origins, and practiced different religions. Most of those lost were Americans like you and me. Like your Chapter, the Los Angeles Chapter grieves for those lost, prays for our President, his advisors and our service men and women serving overseas and at home.

Warmest fraternal regards,

Bro. Michael Surmeian

Los Angeles Chapter, Associate Editor

Orange County

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Corresponding Sec.	Harold Bazarian
Sgt. at Arms	Rob Tusan
Treasurer	Chris Kazarian
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Our 26th Annual Picnic was wonderful. We served over 900 dinners, which included Shish Kabob with desserts, watermelon and fruit. We had wonderful live music and games for the kids. People enjoyed seeing old friends. Thanks to Bro. Art Kazarian and his entire team who chaired the picnic. Special thanks to the wives who helped with serving, baking and making the most delicious pilaf.

Mt. Diablo did an outstanding job putting on their convention. Our brother PGM Archie Cholokian praised our fraternity encouraging us to grow and bring brotherhood to Trex.

A joint installation with the L.A. Chapter was a First Class event. Grand Master Charles Paske-rian helped install the new officers. The mazza was incredible, thanks to Marge, Stella, Ellen and Marie and all those who helped. Looks like we might do this again next year.

The Arrowhead Stag had over 25 bro's. who ate and ate. Snored and snored. Sounds like fun. Thanks to Bro's. Malcolm and Art for the use of



**PM Billy presents Danny Cholokian
Trexman Of the Year Award.**



**Bro's Wives: Louise, Marie, Stella, PGM Archie
Marge, Krista. Best Mazza makers in the U.S.A.**



**Installation Dinner: L.A. and Orange Co. Master Ara, GM Charles, Master Mel, PGM Archie,
Marie, Diane, Sharon, Stella.**



New Officers: Bro's. Chris, Ron, Harold, Mark, Master Ara, and Richard enjoy the Achievement Trophy.



PGM's Bro. Haig, Aram and Herb. Decades of Royal Trexman.

their homes. Three days of fun.

Bro. Master Ara Papazian has a fun filled calendar of events for 2002. He has a great team to back him up.

Brother Albert Antoyan departed our chapter this past year. He was a true Trexman and always had a kind word to say and he loved his chocolate. It's brothers like Albert that keeps Trex alive and he showed his love for his Brother Trexman. We will sure miss him.

Our meetings are now at the Clubhouse Restaurant at South Coast Plaza on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Dinner at 7:30 PM and meeting at 8:30 PM. Come join us.

Respectfully submitted,
PGM Haig Jamgotchian
Associate Editor

Orange County Juniors

In 2001, the Orange County Junior Triple X has surpassed expectation. We have held two parties this year and have continued to support our Senior members with their annual picnic and other functions they have held. The two parties we have held will not be forgotten very soon.

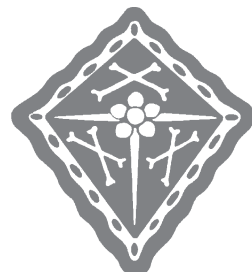
Last October 2001, we were able to give back to our community a two thousand dollar donation to the Ararat Home of Los Angeles California.

Our Jr. Trex Chapter was strong in 2001. We will continue to grow. In 2002. There is another party in the works for the beginning months of 2002, so stay tuned for that. We will continue helping our great Senior members in all their activities and will prove that we are the best Junior Chapter in Triple X.

Fraternally
Bro. Simon Hovekimian



Bro's. Henry Hovekimian, Jack Hadjinian, Erik Pulation, Eric Oganessian, John Yeldesian receiving \$2000 check from Simon Hovekimian.



Peninsula

GREETINGS Brothers and Families! Peninsula Chapter officers for 2001 - 2002 are Master - Andy Nalbandian Junior Master - Vazgen Babayan Corresponding Secretary - Larry Karabian Recording Secretary - Kip Garabedian Treasurer - Vic Khachooni Custodian/Sergeant at Arms (and Head Chef) - Mike Michaelian TREX 2000 Committee Chapter Rep. Joe Keshishian

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. . Mountain View Art and Wine Festival Our annual fundraiser with the Peninsula Chapter food booth at the Mountain View Art and Wine Festival on September 8 and 9 was a blast. We had fun working and bantering with the Greeks next door, who kept feeding us and telling their customers we were eating Greek food. Of course we reciprocated with our superior Armenian kabob. Thanks to Bro. Vazgen Babayan, Bro. Vic khachooni and all for a successful event. Bro. Larry Karabian, of Shaver Lake and Bro. Zareh Salmassian of Petaluma were there to help control the Greeks.

Annual Picnic at Vic's The annual picnic at Vic and Linda Khachooni's in October was well attended by members, families and friends. We had a good time visiting, eating and listening to Armenian, Blues and Jazz by Bro. Bud Kalafian on the keyboard. Thanks to Linda and Vic for again hosting this event at their beautiful Los Altos Hills home.

Honors Peninsula is proud to report Bro. Mike Michaelian was honored in November at the 60 year reunion of the Mount Pleasant High Providence football team as the Rhode Island State champs. Bro. Mike was a running back, who passed and kicked as well as played defense and set a few records along the way. He still works out in the gym and is in great shape. Abris Bro. Mike from the rest of us couch potatoes.

Chapter Christmas Party We had a fine Christmas party with families and friends at our hall. There was mezza with wine followed by a prime rib dinner with all the trimmings. Bros. Vic khachooni, Vazgen and Kip along with Master Chef Bro. Mike made it happen. Bro. Zareh, wife Kathrine and daughter attended from Petaluma. Santa Claus made an appearance with gifts and there was a surprise at each table following desert. Thanks to all.

A joint dinner meeting is being planned with Capitol and other chapters in April/May at which

Bro. Harry Sweet will share some of his slides and stories as a WW II. aerial photographer. We are looking forward to the Midterm and another year of TREX fellowship and wish all a Happy New Year!

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Nalbandian, Sr.

LAS VEGAS

We are extensively developing new avenues of entertainment for our TREX Fraternity Brothers to make 2003 Convention unlike any other. This, the very first Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. We are going to make it unforgettable.

Please make sure that you will not miss our 2003 Convention. SEE YOU ALL HERE!!



Bro's Karney Ovian, Ralph Barzekoff, Master Gil Surabian and Sam Artinian are meeting at "Surabian Hall" Lots of fun and well attended.



Bro's. Sam Artinian, Arpiar Babikian, Gr. Marshall Charles Parigian, Master Gil Surabian attended the Mt. Diablo Convention. Look at they're smiles and one can tell how much fun they had.



Bro. Jack Mooradian and wife Armik

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Bro. Dewey Deovlet, 75 year Traxman.



Mt. Diablo Bro's at Reception Table



GM Charles and Wife Diane



Bro. Ara shows Sharifa how to Hula.



Bro. Hazarabedian

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Bro's. Art Hazarabedian, Nubar Tashjian and Mark Hazarabedian



GM Charles gives PGM Archie his plaque



GM Archie presents Lee Terzian award to Bro. John Chotakian of Orange County.



Odyssey Pro.



Chapter Masters 2001-2002 Good Show

Selma

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the San Joaquin Valley!

We've been busy since the Mt. Diablo Convention where Selma Chapter was proud to have our very own Brother Haig Aivazian, Jr. bestowed with the Triple X 'Iron Man' Award. This special award was presented by the Grand Chapter in recognition of Bro. Haig's perfect attendance record since joining the fraternity in 1956. Outstanding, Bro. Haig! Everyone values his friendship, and his example of fraternalism is truly worthy of the 'Iron Man' Award. (By the way, when you see Bro. Haig be sure to ask about his pumpkin pie story).

Our new officers were officially sworn in at our annual Installation Dinner on September 28th. Outgoing Master Harry Kutumian officially passed the gavel to new Master Newton Krikorian. Congratulations to "Hot Sauce Harry" and his fellow officers for a successful year at the helm. Harry was one of the most consistent masters we've had in years. You could always find him playing tavloo in the back of the room.

Our 2001-2002 Officers:

Master	Newton Krikorian
Jr. Master	Matt Peters
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Critic	Harry Kutumian
Custodian	Bob Boyajian
Sgt. At Arms	Jason Musser

At the dinner we also presented our Annual Trexman of the Year Award to Brother Jack Bedrosian. If you've ever volunteered on a committee, you'll usually see Bro. Jack helping too. He is one of our hardest working members and it was a well-earned honor.

We also recognized our fellow brothers who have achieved 50 & 25 Year membership status. Each Brother receives a beautiful plaque honoring their achievement. They are as follows:

50 Years: Charles Garabedian.

25 Years: Malcolm Dedekian, Phil Manoogian, Charles Poochigian, Robert Poochigian, Karnie



Master Harry Kutumian and Bro. Haig Aivazian Jr. with his 'Iron Man' trophy.



Grand Master Charles Paskerian on his official visit to Selma Chapter.



CHAPTER HONOREES: (LtoR) 100% Attendance Kay Paboojian and Haig Aivazian Jr. 25-Year Member Phil Manoogian, Master Newton Krikorian, Past-Master Harry Kutumian, 25-Year Member Robert Tutunjian.



25-Year Member Karnie Tutunjian receives his award from Master Newton

Tutunjian and Robert Tutunjian.

In November Bros. Phil Manoogian and Jack Bedrosian chaired our annual Turkey Bingo Dinner. Bros. Ken Melkonian, Sam Bagdasarian, Dennis Rustigian, Brent Simonian and Abby Mamigonian prepared an outstanding chicken & shish kebab dinner. Bros. Phil & Jack ran the bingo games while filling in for absent Brother Oscar "I'm Out of Town that Day" Kasparian. Although the crowd was a little smaller than normal that didn't stop us from having a good time.

December brought our annual Christmas Party as Bro. Ken Melkonian made sure we all got into the Holiday spirit. Unfortunately Santa Claus was unable to attend because his suit was at the cleaners. Still all the children had a great time and that's what it's really all about. Thanks, Bro. Ken for a fun night!

In December we also swore in new brothers Larry Avedisian and Tim Kuckenbaker. Everyone is anxious to see our new clean-up crew in action. (Just kidding) We hope you enjoy a long and rewarding experience in the fraternity.

On a sad note we regret to announce the passing of our fellow Brother M.K. Garabedian, who was a member of the fraternity since 1947. Our condolences are extended to his family and he will be missed.

2002 CONVENTION: Selma Chapter will host the Annual Convention from August 30 thru September 1, 2002 in Fresno. The Convention Committee has been making plans since Fall and the final details are coming into place. Watch for a complete report at the Mid-Term Convention in March!

Fraternally,
Bro. Perry Mamigonian,
Associate Editor



'Hot Sauce' Harry officially passes the reigns over to new Master Newton Krikorian.



Oscar Kasparian presents the "Trexman of the Year" award to Jack Bedrosian



Jack Bedrosian thanks Charlie Garabedian for donating a new American flag to the chapter. This flag was actually flown over the U.S. Capitol Building.



XMAS PARTY: Everyone wants to know where's



DINNER MEETING: Ming's Chinese Restaurant



Mt. Diablo brothers at convention

MT. DIABLO

CHAPTER OFFICERS

The 2001-2002 chapter officers are: Ray Chilian, Master; Steven Hazarabedian, Jr. Master; Garo Keadjian, Treasurer; and Myron Konjoyan, Treasurer.

2001 CONVENTION

The highlight of the year for Mt. Diablo was to host the Trex Convention at the Sheraton Concord Hotel. Twenty-eight of the chapter brothers attended events, along with their spouses and twenty brothers at the business meeting. Brother Chuck Paskerian from Golden Gate Chapter was elected Grand Master and two Mt. Diablo members were elected to Grand Chapter; Raffi Kachadourian was elected Jr. Grand Master and Jerry Tusan elected Grand Marshall.

Convention chair Aram Boyd and Master Garo Keadjian put together a terrific team to

put on the convention. On Friday Night Ed Hazarabedian chaired the welcoming party with a mediterranean dinner and a live band. Saturday morning Dee Kassabian hosted the golf tournament at Boundry Oaks. Saturday night was chaired by Steven Hazarabedian where the band Big Bang Beat performed. Sunday morning business meeting was chaired by Kevork Hagopian. The wine bus tour was hosted by George Rustigian. Sunday Kef Night was chaired by Tanil Matosian and Jerry Tusan with dinner prepared by Pomegranate Restaurant and the fabulous entertainment by Guy Chookoorian who kept people dancing all night. There were many others who contributed to the convention. The chapter should be proud of themselves.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

At the convention Shavarsh Hazarabedian and Jerry Tusan received twenty-five year membership plaques. Harvey Hanoian was also a twenty-five year member. Art Hazarabedian



Mt. Diablo Chapter officers



Convention Chair



Outgoing Master Garo



Convention welcome committee Tanil and Jack



Breakfast at the business meeting

received his plaque from last year.

ARMENIAN SUMMER GAMES

On Saturday, August 4, 2001 the Western Armenian Athletic Association held its 2001 summer games in northern California. The track and field events were held at Compolino High School in Moraga and the basketball games at Tice Valley Community Center in Lafayette.

A number of Mt. Diablo Trex members participated in the following ways: Armen Boyd is co-director of the association in field events and a track timer, Seno Garabedian helped in the long jump, and Jack Mooradian was a track timer. Shavarsh Hazarabedian played in tennis doubles. Working at the lunch were Ed Minasian and George Atashkarian. Haig Harootenian attended and Richard Demirjian of Oakland Chapter is an association official. Congratulations to all the officials and participants who bring together the spirit of olympic competition.



Armen Donian at Convention Kef Night

Fraternally,
Jack Mooradian, Associate Editor



Jerry, Shavarsh, Art with 25-year plaques



Seno and Armen



Haig with Richard



Wine country tour bus

SAN DIEGO

The fall of 2001 certainly was remarkable for all of us as we witnessed 9/11 events that changed our world and changed each of us in some way. San Diego Triple X responded with a charitable donation collected from the brothers and donated for the benefit of families of the lost rescue workers. We were gratified for the letter of leadership and call to help that was distributed by Grand Master Charles Garabed Paskerian, PM Joe Geragosian, who delivered an extremely accomplished and profitable year, has earned a big thank-you from our Brothers in San Diego. Under PM Joe's administration, San Diego Trex organized the 2001 Hye Ball, largest event in our history apart from the annual convention.

After five of the brothers attended the 2001 Convention in Mt. Diablo, San Diego Trex. began the fall season with new energy and excitement under the new Master, Steve Hovsepien.

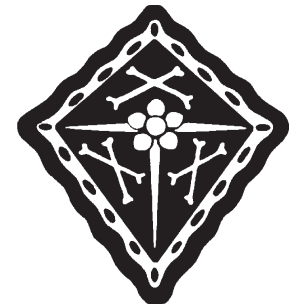
On October 27, 2001, Master Steve Hovsepien, and PGM Joe Kellejian and PM Steve Kradjian and their wives attended the Joint Chapter



Bro.s Greg and guest Anahid, Hovsep and wife Carri Bro. Jerry and wife Jeanette at Christmas party.

Installation Banquet for Orange County and Los Angeles Counties, to support their neighboring chapters. Master Steve Hovsepien played clarinet with the Armenian band that night, and the San Diego contingent enjoyed the casino tables and the nostalgic speech of Bro. Ken Khachigian.

The San Diego Triple X Fraternity held its annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16, 2001 at the home of Master Steve Hovsepien. The Trex brothers and their wives or significant others had a great time socializing and enjoying each other's company, while feasting on Armenian mezza, a Greek style dinner and a variety



San Diego Brothers enjoying Christmas Party.

of drinks and desserts. The party featured a visit from Santa Claus (Bro. George Banerian) and pictures with each of the couples on Santa's lap. The evening was capped off with the group's annual gift exchange, which of course led to a little thievery of some of the more prized gifts, but all in all was a lot of fun. The Christmas Party, an annual event for the San Diego brothers, is always a fun, well-attended event, and this year's party was no exception.

Look for the 25-year span of pictures and history of the San Diego Triple X Fraternity in the upcoming Trex Yearbook, that Bro. PM Jerry Tashjian, one of our founding brothers, has been working on diligently with the Yearbook Committee.

Have a blessed and exciting 2002.

Fraternally,

Bro. Steve Kradjian



Claudette Hovsepian, Peggy Semerdjian, Bro. Dick



Bro's Greg Babikian and wife Mariann. Harry Guseliman and wife Alice, PGM Joe Kellejian and wife Mary.

Oakland

Seerehlee Yeghpayrneruh,

All is well with the Oakland Chapter. Last fall, Brother Al Yeremian organized a day at the ball park to see the mighty Oakland A's. The event was a great success with a lot of brothers in attendance. The brothers and their families had a tailgate party before the game with lots of good cooking. In hindsight, if we had only paid the six dollars for each hot dog and box of Cracker Jacks inside the Oakland Coliseum, the A's may have been able to afford Jason Giambi's salary. Now he's a New York Yankee. Regardless, a return visit to the old ball park is in the works for the upcoming 2002 season.

In December, Brother Paul Koojoolian chaired our annual Christmas party at the Presidio Golf Club House in San Francisco. The Brothers from the Golden Gate Chapter joined us and together we dined on hors d'oeuvres, with steak or salmon entrees. After everyone loosened their belts a notch, there were chocolate truffle for dessert. Following dinner, there was a gift exchange.

On a charitable note, due to the tragedies of September 11, the Oakland Trex made a donation to the firefighters of New York.

Finally, our chapter has a great line up of events for 2002. Such events include, our annual Crab feed fundraiser in march, a golfing trip to Graeagle, CA in May and an annual family picnic and family camping trip in July.

Respectfully submitted

Craig Bazigian



Oakland Brothers hovering over mezza waiting to attack.

Palm Desert

With all the chaos and unrest in the world today, we are fortunate to be a part of an organization where the fraternal bond we share is one of family and can help to give us comfort in these sometimes unsettling times.

The Triple X Fraternity of Palm Desert had a record-breaking year in 2001. We initiated five new members and held several successful events. Master, George Kirkjian has exciting plans for this coming year. We are not only hosting the Desert Outing that Los Angeles has successfully held here in the desert for more than 20 years, but we have many more events planned.

The 2001 Digital Convention was well attended by our Palm Desert Brothers. Thank you to our Mt. Diablo brothers for hosting a great weekend.

Our Newly Elected Officers for the year 2001-2002 are:

- Master Bro. George Kirkjian
- Jr. Master Bro. Armen Yarijian
- Rec. Secretary Bro. Neil Huether
- Treasurer..... Bro. Ken Surabian
- Corres. Secretary Bro. Nick Nigosian
- Sergeant At Arms Bro. Dennis Sherinian

In October, we held another Prospective Member night at Osko's Restaurant, where some desert residents were able to come, participate



Triple X Holiday Kef

and learn more about Triple-X. As a result from that evening, we received two new member applications.

At our December meeting, two new members, Brothers, Greg Der Kevorkian and Buddy Melkesian, were welcomed into our chapter. Some out of town brothers also participated in the initiation of long time friends. We were privileged to have had three Past Grand Masters in attendance, PGM Bob Juskalian, PGM Archie Cholakian and our own PGM Greg Avedesian. PM Harold Bazarian also came with our Orange County brothers. The Palm Desert Brothers truly enjoy initiation meetings and celebrate in the traditional Triple X style.

On December 16, 2001, we had a very successful Holiday Kef, which was held at the Olympia Restaurant. Desert Trex brothers, families and



Palm Desert brothers and guests at December Meeting



PM Nick Nigosian, PM Doug Yavanian, Master George Kirkjan, PM Omar Kanadjian and PGM Greg Avedesian



Virginia & Norman Matossian & Mary & Vaourjan Mkrтчian and Inger & Armen Yarijian

friends enjoyed delicious Greek food and had a wonderful time dancing to Armenian, Greek and American music. Many of our Los Angeles Brothers joined in on our Kef. It was a nice way to celebrate the holiday season.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Mid-term in Fresno. In the meantime, we welcome all visiting brothers to our meetings held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Wishing you health, happiness and peace in the coming New Year 2002.

Fraternally,
Master, George Kirkjan



Master George and wife Tammy Kirkjan at the Holiday Kef



Triple X Holiday Kef



New officers sworn in by GM Charles Paskerian

Sequoia

Our first project in 2001 was the opening of our new metal building at the California Agricultural Farm Show in Tulle. The building and equipment cost \$45,000. The building is equipped with cooking facilities to serve shish kabob, chicken kabob plates, pilaf salad, and lulu kabob all for the price of \$6.00 or all-of -the above sandwich for the price of \$5.00. This farm show attracts over 1 million people from around the world.

Our next outing was our monthly picnic in Visalia, Tulare, Dinuba and Kingsburg. The brothers in charge serve a variety of foods from steaks, shish kabob, lamb shanks to good ol'e BBQ chicken with trimmings.



Three Great Trexman

Fresno and Selma chapters attend the festive events, for a great HYE time.

A train ride to Modesto was our next adventure for a fabulous rack of lamb dinner. A good cigar and a belly dancer made the evening a day to remember.

Plans are in the process of having a similar event this coming March. All brothers are invited to attend.

Our last gala evening was the Installation Banquet with Grand Master Chuck Paskerian

And his lovely wife Diane attending. Dinner was held at the famous Vintage Press Restaurant. Over fifty brothers and wives joined in for a grand evening. The enclosed pictures were taken during this event.

Finally our yearly Children's Christmas party was held at Shakey's Pizza Parlor in Visalia with 30 children receiving gifts from Santa Claus.

Fraternally Yours,
Bro. Richard Sheklian
Associate Editor



Bro. Tev Eminian accepts 50 yr. awards for Aran Vaznaian.



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