



# TREX NEWS

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Triple X Fraternity

## 49th Mid-Term Convention

Saturday, March 8, 2003

Fresno, California

FRESNO CHAPTER CLUB HOUSE

630 S. ARGYLE ST., FRESNO

### ◆ Mid-Term Golf Tournament

BRIGHTON CREST COUNTRY CLUB

21722 Fairway Oaks Lane, Friant, Calif. (Across Street Table Mountain Casino)

*(See particulars and entry blank on back page.)*

### ◆ Fresno Club House Open FRIDAY & SATURDAY

(Friday: Open 5:00 p.m. - 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.

Steak Dinner: \$12.00 - RSVP Jim Tikijian 559-834-5627

Fresno Club House - 630 S. Argyle, Fresno

### ◆ Business Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Members Only



## Grand Master's Message

It is with great pleasure that I greet you, my Brothers, and to advise you that in my travels to many of your Chapters I have found the spirit of brotherhood stronger than ever before. The examples you have exhibited has earned The Triple X Fraternity respect from the entire Armenian Community. You have made me proud of your achievements and I will be forever grateful for the honor you have bestowed upon me as your Grand Master. I would like to convey this message to you. Let us not sit back and become complacent as we have a great deal of work that must still be done. Let us work together and make the light of brotherhood shine even brighter.

Charles Parigian  
Grand Master

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# SELMA

Greetings and happy new year from Selma. The raisin market may be depressed, but the Selma Brothers certainly aren't. Spurred on by preparing for the annual Convention, the Brothers are full of enthusiasm. Its been an eventful year.

To help get fired up for the upcoming Convention, we had our annual Keyma Dinner in July. Brothers PM Kenny Melkonian and Sam Bagdasarian Jr. did an outstanding job of preparing the Keyma (except the meat was just a little under cooked).

The high point of the year for the Selma Chapter came in August with our hosting the annual Convention. Co-Chairmen PGM Jack Ouzounian, PGM Jack Bedrosian, and PM Pete Cholakian and their dedicated Convention committee brought everything together Labor Day weekend. The Friday night affair included a buffet dinner followed by an exciting casino night and raffle. Convention guests could choose to play golf, tavloo or gin on Saturday morning. The main event of the weekend was the International Food and Wine Tasting Festival which was held on the beautiful grounds of the California Armenian Home. This charitable

event was planned and organized by PM Patrick Balakian. Over 400 people enjoyed a variety of food, wine, and entertainment from all over the world. On Sunday morning a spirited business meeting and brunch was held at the hotel Ballroom. Meanwhile the trex wives trekked to the nearby Roger Rocka's Music Hall for brunch and a live play. Convention activities concluded Sunday evening with the Awards Banquet and Ball. Outgoing Grand Master Charles Paskerian introduced newly elected Grand Master Charles Parigian and his new Grand Officers. Our own PM Pete Cholakian is serving as Grand Junior Master. PGM Kay Cloud was awarded his 50 year plaque. Congratulations Brothers!

In September, outgoing Master Newton Krikorian handed the gavel over to new Master Sam Bagdasarian Jr. An Installation Dinner was held at the Airport Piccadilly Inn to recognize Brother Sam and his new slate of Officers. Veteran Brother Sam Esraelian was honored with the "Trexman of the Year" Award for always being there with a helping hand. Also Brothers M Sam Bagdasarian Jr., Donald Attoian, Gary Bagdasarian, PM Robert Garabedian, and PGM Jack Ouzounian received their 25 year plaques. Congratulations Brothers!

Also in September our own Brother Randy



**Convention 2002 Committee:** Front row, kneeling (l to r): Chuck Jamgotchian, Pete Cholakian, Brent Simonian, Frank Korkmazian, Dick Boyajian, Perry Mamigonian. Second row, standing (l to r): Harry Kutumian, Jim Tikijian, Ken Melkonian, Oscar Kasparian, Jack Ouzounian PGM, Sam Bagdasarian, Sam Esraelian, Pete Esraelian, Phil Manoogian, Mike Kilijian, Robert Srabian, Jack Bedrosian PGM. (Missing: Patrick Balakian and Newton Krikorian).

Garabedian was given the task of setting up the sound system for the California Armenian Home's 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration. Great job Randy.

The big news for Selma in November was our annual Turkey Bingo. This year Brothers PM Oscar Kasparian and PGM Jack Bedrosian talked Turkey and it paid off! Over 200 loyal friends of Triple X filled the House, making Turkey Bingo a big success. How come PM Matt Peters wasn't at Turkey Bingo? Overseas on his honeymoon is no excuse for a trexman! Congratulations Brother Matt.

In December, Selma Chapter initiated new member Brother Joey Sahakian into Triple X Fraternity. Brother Joey is already active in Fraternity events. Congratulations Brother Joey. Also in December rookie Brother Larry Avedisian showed he is no rookie by organizing the annual Christmas Party like a real pro. Almost 100 children and adults had a great time singing X-mas songs and opening gifts from Santa Claus (who returned this year after finally getting a new suit from Macys). He sure needed one.



Santa (K. Melkonian) and his helper.



Law Enforcement Night.



Bro. Joey Sahakian is congratulated upon being initiated as a new member.



Convention 2002 Registration



December Christmas party

As 2002 draws to an end, all the Brothers of Selma pass along their get well wishes to Brother Robert Kaprielian. We also extend our deepest sympathy to PM Brent Simonian and his wife Judi, and Brother Roger Simonian on the loss of Brent's son Jeff, who died on December 20, 2002 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Well, that wraps up 2002, and we look forward to a great 2003 and meeting our fellow Trexman at the Mid-Term in March. See you there.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bro. Newton Krikorian



# CONVENTION 2002 HIGHLIGHTS

## HOSTED BY SELMA CHAPTER



# FRESNO

## Board Members

Master.....Jack Bedoian  
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Harry Tanielian

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS** and best wishes to all Trexmen and their families for the year 2003. The year 2002 hullabaloo is gone and forgotten. OR- **Hazarin Gesa meg hazaar eh, addel chega.**

We had a fun last half year of 2002 as follows:

**July 18,** Dinner out at the Mexican Restaurant Casa Baladez. Heartburn anyone?

**August 15:** Lamb chop dinner at our clubhouse. No one should have missed this one. It was “oh so good”.

**September 12:** Due to Jerry Tarkanian’s illness, **Tarkanian Night** was cancelled and will be held January 24, 2003. Ray Appleton, a popular Fresno TV personality will be Master of Ceremonies.

**October 17:** New Women’s Basketball Coach, Fresno State, Stacey Johnson was honored with a dinner. Mike Emerzian chaired this event. She was warm delightful, beautiful. We hope the basketball team performs as good as the coach is pretty — if so, Fresno State Women’s Basketball Team should put their university on the map.

**November 21 - 2004 Convention Planning Dinner:** Dinner was held at our clubhouse with Co-Chairmen PGM Ed Hokokian and Master Jack Bedoian seeking input for events of the convention. We enjoyed the steak dinner; well worth the nominal price of \$5.00. Much was accomplished.



Clown Steve Bedoian with kids



Clowning around with adults.



B-B-Q Crew



Winners 1st Place Annual Convention 2002. Golf: Gary Kazarian, Paul Najimian; Tavloo Mike Devejian; and Gin Richard Shirin.



Bob Markus, outstanding Service; Master Jack Bedoian; Past Master Paul Najimian.



PGM Sam Krikorian with 50 year plaque.



Fresno Christmas Party



Santa (Paul Najimian) and MC Mike Emerzian.

Speaking of Conventions, Selma Chapter's Convention over the Labor Day weekend just missed the Howard Johnson Hotel closing because of financial difficulties. Selma put on a well planned convention in spite of all this. Fresno Chapter scored a clean sweep at the convention — PM Gary Kazarian, PM Paul Najimian, won the Golf Tournament. PM Richard Shirin won the Gin Tournament and new brother Mike Devejian won the Tavloo Tournament.

**December 15 Christmas Children's Party and Dinner:** Sounds of Christmas rang throughout the clubhouse with full attendance. Brother Steve Bedoian, resplendid in clown attire made balloon animals for the children. After a delicious dinner and dessert, Santa appeared with gifts for the children. (Santa AKA Paul Najimian) Kudos to Jack and Alberta Bedoian for taking time to purchase and wrap all gifts. Also assisting them, Brother Richard Bedoian. Thank you all and to all a good night.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Robert Krikor Soligian passed away on October 1, 2002, age 77. He became a lifelong Trex member of Fresno Triple X Chapter (50 years.) After graduating from Fresno High School he joined the Army Air Corps and was stationed in Calcutta, India. Returning from the Service, he joined the family floral business. He was a member of St. Paul's Armenian Church and various philanthropic organizations. He enjoyed family, friends and sport activities. Our sincere condolences to his wife, Annabelle and his immediate family.

**The Year 2003:** Shnoravor Soorp Dzounount Yev nor dari.

Fraternally, Nazareth Chaderjian

## NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Summer issue of Trex News is July 7, 2003.

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# Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

The Triple X Fraternity of Palm Desert continues to be a positive impact in this small desert community. The energy and enthusiasm our members possess along with the strong fraternal bond we share help to contribute to our continued growth. In the year 2002, we welcomed five new members into the fraternity and held several successful events.

The 2002 Convention held in Fresno was well attended by our Palm Desert Brothers. We were happy to be represented by five delegates. Thank you to our Selma brothers for hosting a great weekend. At the Sunday night convention banquet, our Palm Desert Chapter was awarded with the prestigious "Triple X Achievement Award" for the year 2001 – 2002. We, of course, are very honored and happy to have received such an award. Thank you Past Master, George Kirkjian, for a job well done!

In October, we held an Installation and Awards Banquet at Castelli's Ristorante. We installed our newly elected officers for the year 2002-2003 and celebrated the Achievement Award with our members and their wives. We were happy that our new Grand Master Charles Parigian and his wife were able to attend. Also in attendance were Past Grand Master Greg Avedesian and Past Grand Master Joe Kellejian, from the San Diego Chapter.

Our Palm Desert Chapter's 2002 – 2003 Officers are:

- Master ..... Bro. Armen Yarijian
- Jr. Master ..... Bro. Neil Huether
- Rec. Secretary..... Bro. Greg Safoyan
- Treasurer ..... Bro. Ken Surabian
- Corresponding Secretary ..... Bro. Nick Nigosian
- Sergeant At Arms..... Bro. V.J. Mkrтчian

We held another Prospective Member night in October, at Vicki's of Santa Fe Restaurant in Indian Wells. Several interested men were able to come, participate and learn more about our Triple-X Fraternity. As a result from that evening, we have received two new member applications.

On December 15, 2002, we held our annual Holiday Kef at the Olympia Restaurant. Desert Trex brothers, families and friends enjoyed delicious Greek food and had a wonderful time dancing to Armenian, Greek and American music. Some of our Los Angeles Brothers joined in on our Kef. It was a nice way to start off the holiday season.

New Master, Armen Yarijian, has set a full calendar with many exciting events planned for this coming year. Plans are already underway for this year's "Family Day at the Fair" and "Desert Golf Outing", and we all look forward to this year's convention in Las Vegas.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the March Midterm, in Fresno. In the meantime,



Installation and Awards Banquet: Master, George Kirkjian, receives 2001-2002 Triple X Achievement Award from GM Charles Parigian.



Installation and Awards Banquet: PGM Joe Kellejian, Grand Master Charles Parigian, Master Armen Yarijian and PGM Greg Avedesian.



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we welcome all visiting brothers to our meetings, which are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Wishing you health, happiness and peace in the coming New Year 2003.

Fraternally,  
Master, Armen Yarijian



**Installation and Awards Banquet:** Tammy Kirkjan, Shirley Chuchian, Master Armen Yarijian, PM George Kirkjan, Inger Yarijian, Marbee and Guyrun Amirghan, and Howard Chuchian



**Installation and Awards Banquet:** Mary Mkrтчian, Virginia and Norman Matossian, V.J. Mkrтчian, PM Omar Kanadjian, and Rita and Oscar Donoian



**Prospective Members Night:** Bros. Buddy Melkesian, Stanley Avedisian, Gary Funtas, V.J. Mkrтчian, Bobby Melkesian and Steve Balian

# LOS ANGELES

Dear Brothers:

Since our last Trex News report, the Los Angeles Triple X Chapter has remained very busy. Unlike our last newsletter submittal, the following is written in complete sentences, we've used spell-check, and the humor has been left to the professionals.

The Chapter held a Western Night in July at the home of Past Master Armen Hampar. The event was chaired by Brothers Mike Surmeian, Chris Armen, and Steve Hampar. Over 80 Brothers and guests attended. Food was catered by Chris and Pitts. Line dancing was enjoyed to the music of Hip Shot. Brother Harry Kosharian won the Rodeo Clown Award, while there was a tie for the Haus Cartwright award between Past Master Mel Shanoian and Bro. Vaughn Vartanian. The appropriateness of these awards speak for themselves.

In September, the Chapter elected its new Executive Board. They are:

Master..... Bro. Ralph Dergazarian  
 Jr. Master ..... Bro. Gary Dergazarian  
 Recording Sec. .... Bro. Shant Dergazarian  
 Treasurer ..... Bro. George Titizian  
 Corresponding Sec. Bro. Jim Terpanjian  
 Srgt-at-Arms ..... Bro. Yerevant Nahabedian  
 Chairman of the  
 Board..... Bro. Jack Khteian



Wives Night Out.



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For the first time in the 75 year history of the Los Angeles Triple X Chapter, the executive board has three Brothers who are brothers. While the Chapter is very proud of this event, it's almost unanimous that the Chapter could survive another 75 years without a similar trio of Trexmen.

In mid-September the Chapter held its annual Stag Outing at the Rio Bravo Resort (just outside of Bakersfield). Past Masters Brothers Tev Eminian and Mel Shanoian chaired the event. About 30 golfers attended the two-day event that included dinner, swimming, cards, and tavloo. Courses played included Rio Bravo and Kern County.

Also in September, the Los Angeles Chapter sponsored the 50th annual Ararat Home Picnic. Brother Richard Jebedjian chaired the event. Past Masters Gabe Kaprelian and Ken Khteian were Chairmen of food preparation and distribution. Bro. Bob Simonian was responsible for drinks. Bro. Shant Dergazarian handled games and parking. Entertainment was provided by Brothers Vaughn Vartanian and Eddie Belezikian and the Oasis Band. In all, over 75 Brothers helped cook, serve, clean-up, and manage the event. The Picnic was a great success. An estimated 2000 guests attended and approximately 1200 dinners were served.

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Partner Gin Tournament was held at the Brookside Country Club in November. The event was chaired by Past Grand Master David Maseredjian. Once again, Bro. Dave had no help in putting together what has become a very anticipated event. Because of its popularity, the Tournament has been limited to 24 participants. Over the past 10 years more than \$9,000 has been awarded in prizes. This year Past Master Mike Shakar and his partner took first prize.

In December the Chapter held its annual Kef Night at the Ararat Home. The event was chaired by Bro. William Kevorkian. An estimated 500 people attended. Music was provided by Richard Hagopian's band. Past Master Bro. Mike Shakar is credited with the excellent mezza table. Past Master Steve Michaelian coordinated the bar and bartenders. More than 40 Brothers helped during the evening, at one time all behind the bar helping Bro. Steve.

Brother Father Sarkis Petoyan will be a featured speaker at our January 2003 meeting. Father Brother Sarkis joined the Los Angeles Junior Triple X Chapter in 1978 and moved up to

the Los Angeles Senior Chapter in 1985. Brother Father Sarkis is currently the parish priest at St. John Armenian Church in San Francisco and a member of the Golden Gate Chapter. Father Brother Sarkis will be speaking about his annual pilgrimage to Armenia which he and Yeretzgeen Talin make every year. Their pilgrimage includes leading 20 to 25 parishioners throughout Armenia and providing financial support for a school, an orphanage, and a sister parish located in remote areas of the Country.

The Executive Board has put together a busy calendar of events for this year. Event Chairmen are enthusiastically volunteering to make this a successful year. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Ararat Home in Mission Hills. All Trexmen are welcome to attend.

Fraternally,

Bro. Galen S. Petoyan



Armenian Open



Armenian Open

# Los Angeles Juniors

Dear Brothers,

Since being elected master of the L.A. Junior Triple X fraternity for the year 2003, we have planned many activities and functions. I am truly honored to work with such a loyal group



Left to right, brothers Greg Shanoian, Vartan Tashjian, Greg Samarge, and Harout Diramerian at a poker social.

of brothers. I look forward this year as master, to serve the fraternity to the best of my ability. The brothers that will be working on the advisory board with me this year, are as follows: Brother Yeghia Tchakmakian (Junior Master), Brother Harout Diramerian (Treasurer), Brother Eddy Hamayan (Recording Secretary), Brother Jimmy Arakelian (Corresponding Secretary), Brother Papken Pakhchanian (Sergeant At Arms), Brother Ara Soghomonian (Historian) and Brother Michael Hollis (Pledge Master). We currently have twenty-four members and we are growing. Although we are working hard towards our careers and trying to secure our futures, we as a group understand how important it is to keep our fraternity strong. We appreciate the full support that the senior brothers constantly give us. We also give



special thanks to our senior advisor Brother Vaughn Vartanian. We look forward to meeting other chapter members and enjoying good fraternal spirit in the year to come.

Fraternally yours,  
 Brother Jacob Maseredjian  
 Master 2003



Left to right, brothers Vartan Tashjian, Greg Shanoian, Harout Diramerian, Yeghia Tchakmakian, Kirk Shanoian, Greg Samarge, Derek Keludjian, Papken Pakhchanian, and Garo Tchakmakian at a monthly meeting.



Left to right: Brothers Yeghia Tchakmakian, Jimmy Arakelian, William Maseredjian, and Jacob Maseredjian sitting around at a meeting.



Starting front to back: Brothers Jimmy Arakelian, Vartan Tashjian, Garo Adomian, William Maseredjian, and Jacob Maseredjian enjoying each other's company at a Triple X Interview.

# San Diego

## TRIPLE X SAN DIEGO ENJOYS EVENTFUL YEAR

This year at San Diego Triple X a wonderful year has unfolded under the leadership of Master George Banerian, one of our original Founding members since 1975. Master George has brought smiles and happiness to many, many children and young-at-heart people over the years in his endearing role as Santa Claus extraordinaire!

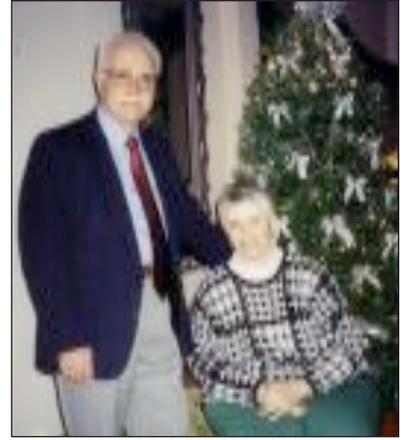
So it was at the 2002 San Diego Triple X Christmas party at San Diego's Armenian restaurant, Sam's Place, owned and masterfully operated by Brother Sam Peltekian, where our brothers and their wives gathered for a spirited Christmas dinner, gift exchange, and, yes, the visit of Santa Claus with the children and young-at-heart. Brother Armen Derderian and his lovely wife Sevan brought delight to us in the person of their young son, Anthony, Trexman-to-be in 2022. Yes, Anthony, there is a Santa Claus!

September 24, 2002, was the first meeting honoring the newly elected officers. The meeting was held at Sams Place Restaurant. The 2003-year calendar was established, and the Trexman 2000 Yearbooks were handed out. Our thanks to PGM David Maseredjian for his devotion and leadership spearheading the Trexman 2000 Yearbook program. It was a massive undertaking and we appreciate his dedication and efforts for its success.

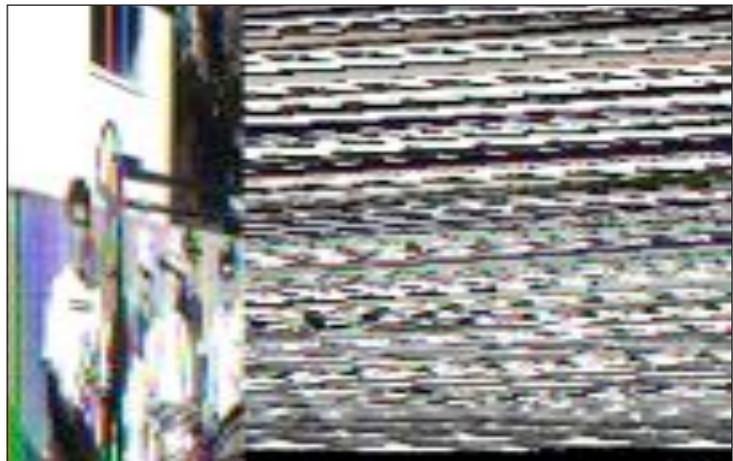
This year, San Diego Triple X will host the annual Hye Ball on Saturday, May 3, 2003 at Ocean's Eleven Casino in Oceanside, CA, by the generous gift of Operating Partner/Owner Mr. Haig Kellegian.



Mrs. Seta Khosharian and Mrs. Maida Markarian



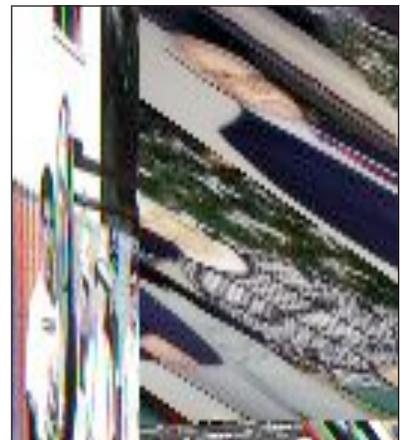
Brother Vahan Serpekian and wife Arus



**Hot Topic Meeting:** It seems that our new Master George Banerian, retired Navy, was notified by the V.A that he was pregnant (with twins). Miracles never cease! Especially for one who has been our Santa for the past 28 years. Here the Brothers gather around Master George Banerian holding a cake celebrating the announcement of his expected twins. Steve Hovsepian is holding the official V.A document stating the fact.



Santa and his helper — Master George Banerian and his wife Arpi.



Mrs. Seta Khosharian and son Greg who were presented a gift moment of the Trex 2000 Yearbook in memory of Vartan Khosharian.



Fun and food for all who attended another outstanding Christmas Party

Proceeds of the Hye Ball will go to support Junior Achievement of Armenia, and the San Diego Trex 2003 Scholarship Award recipients. To obtain applications and further information about the scholarships, please contact PM Harry Guzelimian at the address listed in the Trex directory.

Here's to wonderful year ahead!  
PM Steve Kradjian



George Banerian presenting a plaque to outgoing 2002 PM Steve Hovsepien



Brother Armen Derderian with his wife, Sevan, and future Trexman-to-be Anthony

## Golden Gate

For the second year in a row, Golden Gate joined its Oakland brothers for a year-end holiday soiree. With San Francisco's venerable Presidio Golf Club as the setting, we teamed up for good food, good cheer and good friends in one of San Francisco's most beautiful settings (along with ample free parking). Without question an affair not soon forgotten; once again, thanks for including us, Oakland.

2003 shows no let up in Hye quality good times. Our Valentine's Day affair takes us to another San Francisco institution, the American Conservatory Theater, for its production of Dazzle. And spring will be in full bloom for our trip to Gilroy's Bonfante Gardens.



# Oakland

Dear Brothers,

Oakland Chapter continues its proud tradition of providing exciting fraternal activities in the greater East Bay area for Trexmen of all ages. The end of summer saw several well attended and enjoyable events, including the Family camping trip hosted by Past Master Rick Magarian, a Golf Outing hosted by P.G.M. Jeff Hazarian, and a large showing at the annual Convention hosted by our brothers in the Selma Chapter.

**The Family camping trip:** Located in the East Bay hills, Brother Rick once again led a

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## Golden Gate (cont.)

Yet this all pales in comparison to Bro. Master Armen Bagdasarian's summer excursion. With Mt. Ararat as a backdrop, our June gathering will be in the lobby of Yerevan's Ani Hotel. This promises to be an outing not to be missed.

Finally, Golden Gate announces the news of the millenium, the welcoming of 6, count 'em 6, new members: Brothers Brian Hovey, Vasken Farajian, Michael Kostanian, Garo Mirigian, Hagop Koujakian, and Eric Panosian.

See you in Fresno!  
Fraternally yours,  
Bro. David Zovickian



faithful following of Trexmen and their families through a weekend filled with good food, outdoor games, story telling and old-fashioned camaraderie.

**Golf Outing:** This was an inaugural event that appears headed for many repeat performances. It began as an outing for 3 foursomes of our brothers at the Poppy Ridge Golf Course, where the elevation-changing venue showed off why it is considered championship level golf. The brothers then retired to a modified 19<sup>th</sup> hole at Brother Jeff's home for a wine-tasting introduction into the Livermore Valley appellation, home to 25 wineries.

**Convention:** Approximately one-fourth of our chapter attended the Annual Convention and witnessed with pride our Brother Past Master Paul Kamian serve as the Grand Secretary, and our new master Stuart Arakelian get sworn in. We thank Selma Chapter for providing a fine time for all who were able to make the trip.

Upon our return to Oakland, the Chapter fulfilled its charitable pledge to St. Vartan Church by presenting the parish with a newly built custom-designed barbeque in time for its christening at the annual bazaar.

**Charitable Gift:** Brother Past Master Harry Sherinian led the effort and spent many hours selecting an outfit that would commit to building a barbeque that would not only exceed the expectations of the cooks, but serve the church for many years to come. He did it! The new barbeque was the hit of the annual bazaar and kept the Triple X Fraternity name on the lips of everyone who observed the men (the majority of which are Trexmen) working to produce hundreds of shishes cooked to perfection.

Under Brother Master Stuart's leadership, a full calendar of events has been kicked off for the new year, including our first Lobster Feed, the annual Christmas Party, serving the less fortunate at St. Vincent De Paul, and a family



Event Chair Koojoolian and his lovely Wife



Masis Gozurian and Harold Koojoolian

ski-trip before traveling down to Fresno for the annual mid-term convention.

**Lobster Feed:** At our November meeting, master cooks, Brothers Past Master Craig Bazigian (a new father once again), Robert Tashjian and Steve Donikian secured three dozen live lobsters for a thanksgiving feast second to none. Of course, several brothers wanted to have lobster races complete with wagering, however the cooks kept the crustaceans under careful wraps until their baptism into the boiling waters. Coupled with baked potatoes, melted butter, salad, sourdough bread, and two types of pies... the brethren present were treated to a gourmet meal that would have made Scoma's restaurant at Fisherman's Wharf proud. There was a quick groundswell of support at the meeting that followed to permanently appoint the trio to new positions as the Chapter Chefs! We have come a long way in epicurean delights since the infamous 'taco salad' episode of some years past.

**Annual Christmas Party:** Ho, Ho, Ho, twas the month of December, and the Oakland Chapter's Christmas Party was merrier than ever! Holiday cheer was experienced by the brothers and their spouses at our annual Christmas Party held in San Francisco at the Presidio Country Club, under the able direction of Brother Paul Koojoolian. Once again, Golden Gate Chapter graciously accepted our invitation to join in the celebration, and more than 75 people from our two chapters were in attendance. With a panoramic view of the City and 100+ year old redwood trees as a backdrop, reminiscent stories were told by six of the Bay Area's Past Grand Masters, Christmas ornaments were exchanged, and everyone enjoyed superb cuisine.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Several brothers have signed up to once again donate their services to the St. Vincent de Paul kitchen by assisting in providing hot meals to those who come into the mission at the holidays.

Each brother who has served at the mission on behalf of the Triple X Fraternity in the past has taken away with him a renewed impression of humanity and what it means to help others who can not help themselves at this time.

**Family Ski-trip:** At this writing, a family ski-trip is being planned that

would see several brethren and their families traveling into the Sierra's for a weekend of skiing and frolicking in the snow. As this is another inaugural event for the Oakland Chapter, we will have to wait to report on the details of how everyone fared.

**News Flash!** On the drawing board is a Joint Chapter Triple X Fraternity Day at Golden Gate Fields Horse Race Track, sponsored by Oakland Chapter and under the guiding light of P.G.M. Charles Hazarian. More details to follow.

Until then, respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Hazarian, P.G.M.



PGM's Sark Sarkisian, Chuck Paskerian, and Chuck Hazaian.



Golf Tournament Refreshments.



Oakland Trex BBQ

# Orange County

## 2002-2003 Officers

Bro. Master	Bro. John Cholakian
Jr. Master	Bro. Bob Cutler
Treasurer	Bro. Kris Kazarian
Rec. Sec.	Bro. Rob Tusan
Corres. Sec.	Bro. Jeff Kalunian
Sgt. Of Arms	Bro. George Ekizian

**Board of Directors:** Bob Cutler, Naz Horasanian, Nick Paboojian, Haig Jamgotchian, Larry Sherman and Jerry Palanjian. Web Master Bro. Ron Sarouhan.

Bro. Master John has a fantastic team. We are all looking forward to a great year.

Our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic was better than last year. We had more room and the food and music were fantastic. Bro. Art Kazarian and Marge Kazarian and all the Brothers and wives who helped did an outstanding job with over 900 dinners sold with all the profits going to charity.

The Selma Convention was great at a hotel, which was very interesting – we all had a wonderful time. Looking forward to the convention in Las Vegas this coming September.



2002-2003 Officers: Bros. Kris, Jeff, Bob, Master John, George, Rob, G.M. Charles Parigian.



Past Master Ara, Trexman of the Year Kurk Kazarian.



Selmas Convention 2002 - Good looking Brothers.



Arrowhead Stag: Bros. Kurk, Archie, Bob, Naz, Robert, Ed, Pat, Jack. These Brothers are well fed. See them smile.

The Installation was First Class with Grand Master Charles Parigian swearing in the new officers. Always enjoy an evening with he and he lovely wife Katie. We were entertained by Nicole and Ryan Mekenian and Bro. John Mekenian and his band.

It was fun to dress up and fellowship with the members and their wives. Bro. Kurk Kazarian was our Trexman of the year. We can always count on Kurk to be there for us.

Our Stay outing in Arrowhead was very relaxing at Bro. Art Kazarian and Bro. Malcolm Boghosian's homes. We had too much food – also the clean mountain air was very refreshing. Everyone had a story to tell. Some stories were reruns from last year. We were all happy that the Anaheim Angels won the World Series.

Our Sports Night is February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott in Newport-Fashion Island. Jerry Tarkanian will be Honored as well as the Anaheim Angels. Past Master Jack Kayajianian and Bro. Nick Paboojian always do an outstanding job. **You can't miss this one.** Our chapter has given over \$20,000.00 to many charities during 2002. We know that it is better to give than to receive. It has been a blessing to all the Brothers.



Bro. Master John with new Officers: Kris, Bob, Jeff, Rob and George.



Annual Picnic. Kids having fun.



Annual Picnic. Tony helping with the dessert.



Bro. Master John giving our donation to the Ararat Home of Los Angeles.



"Expert shish kebab chefs". Bros. Harry, Pat, Johnny, Kelly & Ron.

We meet at the Newport Beach Golf Course at the Tee Room the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Come join us when you are in town.

Respectfully submitted.  
PGM Bro. Haig Jamgotchian

## Orange County Juniors

Over the past year, the Juniors of Orange County have continued to do to what we do best: support our brothers, have a good time, and raise money for charity. In July, we helped run the raffle at our senior brothers annual picnic and I am safe to say it was one of the best raffles in years. Not only have we helped our Orange County brothers, but also we have thrown our support to the Los Angeles Seniors and juniors at the events they have held this year. This year, we were proud to add Haik Petrosian to our ranks and he has brought much more than we could have ever expected. It is almost needless to say that that we have a good time. It doesn't matter where we go or how many of us attend, Orange County brings the party. Whether it be the clubs on Sunset Boulevard or front row seats at the Staples center for the Los Angeles Kings, the Orange County Junior Triple X continues to shine. Finally, we are proud to say Brother Mark Khachatoorian won the Lee Terzian Award making it two years in a row for Orange County. In 2003, the Orange County Juniors look forward to another successful year.



Master Jack Mooradian (left) congratulates outgoing Master Ray Chiljian.



Two Garos: Garo Keadjian (left), and Garo Sedrakian (right).

# MT. DIABLO

## Chapter Officers:

The 2002-2003 chapter officers are: Jack Mooradian, Master; Harvey Kamian, Jr. Master; Mike Aaronian, Jr, Treasurer; Myron Konjoyan, Recording Secretary; Armen Boyd, Corresponding Secretary.

Congratulations to Brother John Dichian who received his 25 year plaque and to Armen Boyd for perfect attendance during 2002.

Mt. Diablo Triple X is all about fun, brotherhood and socializing. Master Jack is a very energetic and organized Brother who always follows an agenda and keeps the meetings fun and discussion topics to the point. He further has continued having different Brothers give a short talk at every other meeting which has improved attendance and increased our knowledge. Brother Master had a Board meeting immediately after taking office in September at his home "Board Room", equipped with a conference table, kitchen and bathroom. 12 Brothers attended and exchanged some great ideas while dining on fine wines, beer and pizza.

During October, a "thank you" gathering was held in the beautiful backyard of past Master Ray Chiljan's home for the Convention committee. It was a chance to unwind and relax from a most successful 2001 convention. There was an array of food, drinks and entertainment enjoyed by all. Thanks again Brother Ray and Anita.

During the October meeting and keeping with Master Jack's plan, our presentation was by Brother Dee Kassabian on automotive technology. It proved quite interesting. Brother Dee is the owner of Kassabian Motors in Dublin, CA.

Our annual Christmas party was held in December in lieu of our business meeting. 32 Brothers and their wives enjoyed delicious mezza prepared by Father Nature's Shed in Danville followed by a full course meal, wine and surprise raffle. The event was chaired by Brother Master Jack and co-chaired by Brother Jerry Tusan.

Brother Master formed an "ethics committee" this year and presented an underachiever award to Brother Armen Boyd, a rather large yam. I'm sure he is keeping that yam on his fireplace mantle.

Our Charity committee worked diligently and we are proud to donate over \$3,000 to the fol-



Christmas Party



Christmas Party

lowing charities: Armenian Technology Group, Armenian Soup Kitchen of Armenia, NorCal Armenian Home and Mt. Davidson Cross committee.

Brother Kevork Hagopian made the daily newspapers during the Auto Show at Moscone Center in San Francisco. He was instrumental in securing space at the show for some beautiful classic show cars around the area. Good job Brother Kevork.

We thank Brothers Raffi Kachadourian, Jr. Grand Master, and Jerry Tusan, Grand Marshal, for their hard work in serving on the Grand Chapter in 2001-2002. Brother Jerry was elected to stay on another term.

Best wishes to our new Grand Master Brother Charles Parigian! See you all in Vegas!

Fraternally  
Jerry Tusan



Brothers Wives enjoying themselves.

# Sequoia

Dear Brothers:

Greetings from the Sequoia Chapter which is located in the lush agricultural San Joaquin Valley. This past year has been a busy one for our club members who have been involved in a variety of activities. The year began with the election of our new slate of officers. The following individuals will lead us in 2003: Master: Peter Babagian Junior Master: Bryan Yahnian Corresponding Secretary: Jack Barsamian Treasurer: Gerard Garoian Sergeant-at-Arms: Bryan Ananian Custodian: Abe Kazarian Associate Editor: Archie Zakarian

Our chapter is a philanthropic one, donating to various organizations throughout the valley. One of the ways we earn money for charity is through our annual fund raiser at the International Ag Expo Farm Show held each February in Tulare, California. Each year our brothers work together for three intense days, cooking up succulent shish kebob and pilaf for thousands of world travelers to enjoy. We have varied our menu from year to year, sometimes offering a sandwich, sometimes a plate. We have even answered the call of those with special dietary needs by offering a delicious chicken kebob on a stick. Our esteemed supervisor who oversees the entire event is Brother Abe Kazarian who has been an active, dedicated member for thirty-eight years. Assisting Brother Abe this year will be Brothers Bryan Ananian, Bryan Yahnian, Jack Barsamian.

Five months later, we hold our second major fund raising event - a fireworks booth in Visalia from July 1-4. While we don't have a supervisor for this event, we invariably have several brothers pitch in to cover the days. Many of our sons who are 18 are easily enlisted to help out, especially since they get to see all the latest fireworks available.



Outgoing Master Bro. Harry Krikorian



New corps of officers for 2002-2003.



Brothers enjoying Kingsburg lamb shank dinner-meeting.



Chairmen Bro. Russ Zakarian, Bro. Jerry Poochigian - Kingsburg dinner-meeting. Jerry's special lamb shank dinner.

In spring, our scholarship committee has its work cut out for it, going over several applications. We have seen an increase in applicants who are extremely qualified and talented.

The highlight of our otherwise miserably hot summer is our picnic meeting schedule. We conduct our meetings in the different towns where our brothers live. We travel to such towns as Dinuba, Kingsburg, Tulare, and Visalia where we are treated to delicious

food, fun and brotherhood. We began this a few years ago to see how it would work, and now it is a tradition of summer.

With fall, students are back to school, days shorten and we are pretty much in our daily routines. December finds us taking a break from holiday madness to get together for our children's Christmas party. Over the years, we've seen our group change and grow. Several members who once brought their children, now bring grandchildren. It's a wonderful time for students home from college to get together with old friends. One thing that hasn't change though is the menu ... it's been pizza as long as I can remember!

The Triple X Fraternity is steeped in many traditions, but none would have been possible without the vision of the founding fathers. The Sequoia Chapter was greatly saddened to lose one of our founding fathers and a true "brother" and friend to young and old alike. The passing of Brother John Bazarian has left a void in our club and hearts - "God Bless you, Brother John."

An important ideal of Triple X is to build for the future and in honoring that tradition, we welcomed a new member, Brother Sarkis Enfiedjian.

On behalf of my brothers of Sequoia Triple X, I would like to wish each and every brother throughout the state good health and happiness through 2003.

Fraternally Yours,  
Archie Zakarian  
Associate Editor

# CAPITOL

Capitol chapter's newly elected officers for 2002-2003 are:

Master:	Glenn Simjian
Jr. Master:	Peter Onnigian
Secretary	David Richardson
Treasurer	John Malkasian
Associate Editor	Harry Sweet
Photographer	Leon Hagopian
Advisor Critic	Leon Hagopian
Sunshine	Harry Artinian

**MEMORY: ON A VERY SAD NOTE:** December 12, 02, **Brother Richard Nahigian, Bro. George Kapanagian** with their wives were en-route to Fresno, CA. on a shopping trip. As bro. Richard took the Shields off ramp, it is presumed but not confirmed that bro. Richard suffered a stroke, and was unable to negotiate the off-ramp. His 1998 Mercury Mountaineer hit a tree. His wife Flora Nahigian age 79, was in the front seat and was killed on impact.

Bro. George's wife Valentine Kapanagian 72, sitting behind Flora was transported to the University Medical Center in Fresno and later died of her injuries. Both of the brothers were listed in critical condition. As of this writing in late December, bro. George has been transferred to Kaiser Hospital in Redwood City Ca.

The loss of both wives is a terrible shock to the Sacramento Armenian St. James Church Ladies Aid Society. Love for Flora and Valentine knows no limit to its endurance.

Love for them will live in the hearts of family, friends and parishioner's forever.

Brothers of the Capitol chapter leave this message in remembrance to Flora and Val:

*"You were both more precious than rubies; and all the things thou cast from your hearts, will never be forgotten. The length of days both you contributed from your right hands to your left hands, left nothing but riches and honor. Both of your ways are ways of pleasantness and your goals were for peace. Flora and Val you gave brotherly kindness of LOVE."*

Hats off to Master Leon Hagopian for a wonderful two-term duty as Master, for 2001 and 2002. You were right there bro. Leon. The outings you set up for the chapter brothers were right on target. Our annual Kef Night charitable

affair party was well received by the 125 people attending. Thanks to Bro. Richard Fathy for chairing the event, and kudo's to bro. Jake Bajackian and several brothers who helped cook and serve the dinners.

The Capitol Chapter honored our outgoing Master Leon Hagopian with a luncheon at Luau Gardens and at the same time we say thank you to our wives for helping out at picnics, making pilaf, desserts, pastry, dolmas, and many other things they do for us. Thank you, wives.

Brother Verne Shahbazian and wife Sylvia continued their stateside travels in 2002. In February, they spent a week in Scottsdale, Arizona playing golf with Sylvia's people from Saskatchewan, Canada. Then in October they flew to New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Biloxi, Mississippi to attend the reunion of the 436<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Group, the Army Air Force unit which brother Verne served as a pilot in Europe



George Kapanagian (left), Richard Nahigian (right)



Flora Nahigian (left), Valentine Kapanagian (second from right)

# Peninsula

GREETINGS Brothers and Families!

Peninsula Chapter officers for 2003 - 2004 are:

Master - Andy Nalbandian

Junior Master - Vazgen Babayan

Corresponding Secretary – Zareh Salmassian

Recording Secretary - Kip Garabedian

Treasurer - Vic Khachooni

Sergeant at Arms – Aram Salmassian

Custodian (and Head Chef) - Mike Michaelian

Chapter Committee 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. Board of Director meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at a selected locale.

The Peninsula Chapter continues to enjoy fellowship and gourmet food prepared by Bros. Vazgen Babayan, Vic Khachooni, Mike Michaelian and Kip Garabedian. Bro. Vic Papparigian continues to improve and has resumed attending meetings. Bro. Zareh Salmassian attends all the way from Petaluma and always has an interesting, fun story to share. Also much gratitude and thanks go to Bro. Mike Michaelian for his unfailing support, even during a time of great personal loss and to 50 + year member Bro. Joe Keshishian for his support of chapter activities, including all the work in helping with the preparation and distribution of our 2000 TREX

Book. Abrek ! What a great group of Brothers!

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual fundraiser with the Peninsula Chapter food booth at the Mountain View Art and Wine Festival on September 7 and 8 was a success. The Brothers supported the operation with much enthusiasm and camaraderie. Thanks to Bros. Vazgen Babayan and Vic Khachooni for again heading this important event.

The Annual BBQ Picnic at Vic and Linda Khachooni's in Los Altos Hills in October was an enjoyable event as always. Bro. Bud Kalafian entertained with Armenian songs on his keyboard by the pool. The Brothers and guests, gathered around the charcoal brazier, toasted, drank and sang into early evening, bringing memories of previous generations now gone but never forgotten.

We are sorry to report that the Chapter Christmas Party was cancelled due to the passing of Bro. Ruben Kazarian's Father and the tragic deaths of Bro. Mike Michaelian Son Bobby at 49 from heart failure and Bro. Vazgen's Sister Valentine in an automobile accident Dec 13 on the way to Fresno. Our heartfelt sympathies go to Bro. Ruben, Bro. Mike, Bro. Vazgen and their families.

We are looking forward to visits from our Grand Master Chuck Parigian and other Brothers and the Midterm in March. We wish 2003 to be a kinder and happier new year for all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Nalbandian

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## Capitol (cont.)

during World War II.

Bro. David Richardson had wedding bells on his front door last September, announcing the name of his new bride MaryBeth. Congratulations brother David and MaryBeth. All the brothers welcome a new lady among our group. Another pilaf maker is born. Hurray.

Brother Richard Fathy, saves a lot of gas by not driving his car to the monthly meetings. His dog Morely and him do a 7½ mile run from his home to the meetings. A workout well deserved. It's the master & his dog.

My term as Grand Editor for the past 7 years has been a pleasure to serve the fraternity in this capacity. It has given me knowledge in preparing photographs and scripts for printing the TREX NEWS. Due to my recent stroke, I cannot perform my duties any more, until further notice. But I have enjoyed working with PGM Jack Ouzounian while learning. Thank you Bro. Jack, it's been a fun time.

Fraternally,  
Harry Sweet, Associate Editor

# LAS VEGAS

GET READY FOR 2003

Greetings Brothers from your Las Vegas Brothers.

We are in gear and have started working on the best ever Annual Triple XXX Convention for 2003 to be held in Las Vegas.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

We are indeed proud and very honored to have two of our Las Vegas Brothers elected as Grand Chapter officers this year.

Brother Grand Master Charles Parigian and Brother Grand Treasurer Shavarsh Papazian. We know them well and they will do a great job for The Triple X Fraternity.

We had our First Annual Christmas Party this



Kay Hovsepien (90th Birthday) and GM Chuck Parigian.



Master Sam Artinian, Haig Atamian, G.M. Chuck Parigian, PM Kirk Bazoian.



Ralph Barzekoff, Marlene Barzekoff, and Vickie.

year in December - it was a great success and we are planning to institutionalize the party so that it will be an annual event. We had a very good attendance at the party and thank all the Brothers who helped make it the success it was. We plan keeping all of our Triple X Brothers advised of the date and place for next year so that you will be able to attend this affair - and be assured it will be the best bargain Las Vegas will have to offer because you will be guaranteed to be a winner.

This coming year we know is going to be the most important year for your Las Vegas Brothers since our Chapter was formed.

Fraternally submitted

Brother Armen Anooshian



Some of our Ladies helping: l. to r. Connie Anooshian, Katy Parigian, Kanar Aslanian, Mary Jane Perry. Not pictured Joanne Balgochian.



Marge Kazarian, Jeni Papazian, Katy Parigian, Mary Parigian.



Kirk Bazoian, Linda Bazoian, Shavarsh Papazian, Grand Master Chuck Parigian.

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21722 Fairway Oaks Lane, Friant, Calif.

(Across Street Table Mountain Casino)

**Saturday, March 8, 2003**

**First Tee Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Applications and Checks MUST be mailed in  
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**Entry fee \$70.00 per player**  
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**670 E. Dovewood, Fresno, CA 93710**



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