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## MID TERM CONVENTION

MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

SATURDAY MARCH 4TH

CLUB HOUSE OPENS AT 1:00 PM

COCKTAILS BAR OPENS AT 2:00 PM

MEZZA 5:00 PM • DINNER 6:00 PM

MEETING 7:00 PM SHARP

*Trex Convention 2016  
Palm Desert Chapter*



# FROM THE GRAND MASTER...

Dear Brothers,

What an honor it is to serve as your Grand Master this year. I cannot begin to describe the amazing reception and hospitality that I have received during my travels over the past several months.

We truly have a special brotherhood that we should all be very proud of. While similar in many ways, every chapter has its own unique identity. It really is incredible to think that we will be celebrating our 100th anniversary as an organization next year!

As many of you know, one of our goals this year was to oversee the smooth transition to our new Grand Editor. As you can see from this very publication, our new Grand Editor Steven Sahagian has done an excellent job, and I thank him for all of his hard work.

Other Grand Chapter goals this year include providing any needed assistance with the ongoing planning of the 2018 Centennial Convention and Yearbook, continuously looking for new and creative ways to grow our membership, encouraging and supporting the creation of some possible new Junior Chapters and looking for more efficient ways to obtain timely and accurate information from the subordinate chapters.

I want to gratefully acknowledge all of the members of our Grand Chapter and PGM Advisory Board for their dedication and continued support. Additionally, I would like to thank the Fresno Chapter for hosting this year's Mid-Term. I hope to see many of you then.

I look forward to my continued travels and work in the months ahead and I thank you for the opportunity to be serving as your Grand Master.



Fraternally,  
Brother Greg Safoyan, GM  
2016-2017

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## Sequoia Chapter Jr.'s

Brothers... where is all this awesomeness coming from? The Sequoia Jr. Trex. We could itemize every act of valor in our newsletter but instead we will just give you the group highlights. Most of our brothers are spread all over California as students or professionals, seeking fortune in their respective fields. We are making strides in our own way towards success and we are constantly contributing to the Armenian community.

As an organization we have made donations to ORRAN Organization and we have volunteered here in Visalia, helping out at Visalia Creative Center during birthday club activities. We could say things like "best chapter ever" or "make Trex great again" but why would we? Trex is an ongoing project that has no bounds in its awesomeness. We are always looking to recruit or take on bigger projects.

Be sure to look out for our next event.

Love always,

The Sequoia Juniors.

Forever the life of your party

## Los Angeles Jr's

Hello Brothers!

Convention was a blast! The hotel was luxurious. The events were extravagant. The pool party was a hit. We want to thank everyone who helped put the weekend together, we had a great time. Between the parties and relaxation, we took time to bring in three new members Lucas Surmeian, Nick Mikaelian and Kris Mikaelian. These guys have been helping out at many events for quite some time and it was finally time to bring them home to the Fraternity. We hope everyone who participated in the interview enjoyed and for those of you who missed out, it was quite interesting. Since then we have enjoyed joining our local senior chapter at some recent events. One of which, the Ararat Home Picnic, is always a treat. We enjoyed live music and great food prepared by the Los Angeles Chapter. We are planning to have a fantastic 2017 and have some great things ahead for ourselves. We are very much looking forward to the convention this year and seeing everyone there.

Wishing the best to all our Fraternity Brothers and their families.



## Fresno

Greetings fellow Brothers from the very soggy birthplace of this fine and proud fraternity!!

As of this writing FRESNO chapter may be on it's way to becoming financially stable for the next five years or so. Through the untiring efforts of our Master Steve Bedoian who has almost secured a lease-to-buy contract on the club house. What is great about this is we can still have our monthly meetings and a couple of fund raisers as well as cooking some killer dinners for our brothers here in the club house as well as collecting a monthly rent!! The cold and rain of December has minimized our meetings, and even caused us to cancel our Christmas party. Since the last letter we have enjoyed many good DINNERS spear headed by PGM Bob Justkalian, Master Steve Bedoian and assisted by PGM Jack Bedoian, PM Richard Bedoian also a guest chef PM Gary Kazarian making his famous lamb chops plus the BBQ team, salad makers, money takers, dish washers and drink mixers etc... THANK YOU All!!!! In closing we want to send Brother Bill Kandarian's wife Linda all the best in health in 2017. I must also say I am sorry for the missing pictures, our chapter loves to have their pictures taken and I have many, but my computer is not able to send them to Brother Shant Dergazarian in L.A. I would usually just take them over to Brother Jack O. at his shop on Blackstone Ave. here in Fresno...

Respectfully submitted  
Bro. Michael Basmajian

# Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The LA Brothers would like to congratulate the Palm Desert Chapter on a fantastic convention as well as our new Grand Master Greg Safoyan and all the Grand Officers on their election. It's not easy putting such a weekend together and they did a great job! The LA Chapter was in full force at the convention in Palm Desert with close to 100 Brothers and their families in attendance. We encourage all chapters to support these conventions including the upcoming convention hosted by the Oakland Chapter.

The Chapter's Golf Club Championship was in full swing during the Summer. Bro Lev Chaloukian chairs the annual tournament as well as organizes "Saturday Golf" for our Brothers and friends. Bro Lev keeps the matches moving, ensures the brackets are well maintained and manages the overall tournament. It was a grueling competition with players having matches every week. Bro Tev Eminian was this year's Club Champion and was awarded the first-place trophy at our Annual Installation Banquet. Rounding out the top 3 spots were Bro Mike Kourtjian in 2nd Place and Bro Paul Abrahamian taking 3rd. Congratulations Bro Tev and many thanks to Bro Lev for chairing this important event.



Bro Tev Eminian (left) being presented the Trophy for winning the 2016 Trex Golf Club Championship by Bro Lev Chaloukian

Although we had to postpone our Annual Cigar Night hosted by Bro Jimmy Melikian at his beautiful Palos Verdes home, the event has raised a sizeable amount over the years and thanks to Bro Jimmy's vision, the LA Chapter started a Scholarship Fund for Armenian college students. The CSUF Armenian Studies Dept. administered this year's \$2,000 scholarship for the most deserving student.

Thank you Bro Jimmy, for your generosity in underwriting the event as well as your vision for the Scholarship Fund and to PGM Jeff Hazarian for working with CSUF's Armenian Dept. for making this vision become reality.

In September the LA Chapter hosted the Annual Ararat Home Picnic chaired by a great committee made up of Bros William Kevorkian, John Casparian, Shant Dergazarian, Joe Ouzounian, PGM David Maseredjian, Galen Petoyan, Richard Jebejian & Michael Surmeian. With the help of almost all our members, Jr. Chapter Bros, wives and many of their kids, we served well over 1200 hearty meals. This is the Home's biggest event of the year and our Chapter is proud to make such a significant contribution of our time and talents to the Home.



L-R: Winners of the least productive award at the 2016 Ararat Home Picnic. A 4-way tie between Bros Johnny Yaldezian, Mark Boranian (reigning champion), John Zorigian & Robbie Hastigan. Congratulations Brothers!

In October Bro Tev Eminian & PGM Mel Shanoian co-chaired our Annual Stag Outing at the Pala Mesa Resort near Temecula. Two days of golf, great food, drink & fraternalism. This year we welcomed even more Bros from the Sequoia Chapter as well as our Palm Desert Bros. Cash prizes were awarded for the golf winners both days. Lots of gin was played too with several marathon games on Friday and Saturday nights. All we can say is outstanding work Bro Tev, PGM Mel, Bros Martin Titizian, Armen Titizian & Gabe Kaprelian!

Later in October Bro Stephen Arakelian and his wife Nicki & Bro Varoujan Movsesian and his wife Lauren chaired our annual Installation Banquet at the beautiful Porter Valley Country Club to honor our outgoing Master PGM Jeff Hazarian. The past event Chair Bro Gary Zakarian provided counsel to these Bros, who did a great job as did PGM John Casparian for organizing the seating chart.

We were honored to have Grand Master Greg Safoyan attend the banquet too. This year's program included a new installment of "LA TREX Photo Jeopardy" for PGM Jeff, complete with embarrassing pictures making for a fun time with lots of laughs. The coveted Ken Khteian Trexman of the Year Award was won by one of our most dedicated brothers, Michael Mooradian for all the hard work he and his wife Cheryl did as the Convention Chairman for the very successful 2015 Trex Convention. There was a unique Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Bro Jimmy Gondjian, who joined the LA Chapter in 1956 and is still among our most active Bros. There were many other awards and recognitions that evening making it a fantastic event. Outstanding work by Bro Varoujan and Bro Stephen with special thanks to their wonderful wives too.

In November Bros Grand Master John Casparian and Stan Roopenian chaired the Annual Gin Tournament. The players battled past midnight when the winners were determined. The winners this year were the pair of Bro Tev Eminian and Bro Ara Ishkianian, who will split possession of the coveted Gin Tournament Trophy during the year. All players were treated to an unbelievable dinner and drinks. Thank you for the great event Bros Grand Master John and Stan.

In December Bros Martin & Armen Titizian and their beautiful wives Candice & Lara chaired our Family Christmas Party. We had over 75 families, children & grandchildren enjoy the event complete with a great meal and incredible desserts by Lara Titizian. There were crafts for the kids, gifts and a visit from Santa himself. Bro Armen Titizian served as Santa this for the 2nd time. Weighing in at only 170 lbs. and no pillows added, Santa looked ill and malnourished. All the children and many adults burst into tears when Bro Armen walked in the room dressed as a feeble Santa. Many feared Santa was addicted to opioids and could be going through withdrawals. Thanks to the Brothers and their wives for a great event.

2017 will be another great year for the LA Chapter and we look forward to more great events with our Master, John Missakian and his executive team.

Regards,  
Bro. Michael Surmeian  
Associate Editor



LA TREX Family Christmas Party – Bro Armen frightening all the children and ensuring nightmares for days to come.



R-L: Bro's Galen Petoyan, PGM David Maseredjian and Bro Mike Surmeian meet for an annual secret committee meeting during the 2016 Installation Banquet. PGM David was the MC for the night, Bro Mike oversaw entertainment & Bro Galen did nothing as usual.



Bro Jimmy Gondjian (center) surrounded by his "fans" after being awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding service to the LA Chapter.

# Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

The Palm Desert Chapter of the Triple-X Fraternity had a very busy and successful year in 2016. We held several successful events, hosted a successful Convention and continue to be known in the community for our social and charitable contributions. Thank you to Past Master, Vic Saraydarian for a job well done and to all of our brothers for a great year!

Your Palm Desert brothers and the Convention Committee hosted the 87th annual Triple-X Convention over Labor Day weekend, at the beautiful JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa. Several brothers and their families enjoyed a weekend getaway in the desert as they “Lived and Played Like Stars”. Beautiful weather, spectacular views, a fun pool party and star quality entertainment made the weekend a very memorable and successful convention. We had record-breaking attendance at our Saturday night event where over 475 people attended. We would also like to thank everyone who supported our Convention Booklet. Thank you to Convention Chairman, PGM Nick Nigosian, and his committee for their great planning and their time devoted towards putting together a fantastic weekend. Let’s all plan to support the Oakland Chapter at this year’s annual convention.



PALM DESERT CONVENTION COMMITTEE  
GM Greg Safoyan, Janis Avedesian, PGM Greg Avedesian,  
Carolon Nigosian & PGM Nick Nigosian

Palm Desert is also proud to have our Brother Greg Safoyan serving as the Grand Master this year. Grand Master Greg has already visited many chapters up and down the State and is looking forward to our Mid Term Convention coming up soon.

We held our annual Installation and Awards Banquet at Castelli’s Ristorante in Palm Desert on October 30, 2016. We installed our newly elected officers for the year 2016-2017 and enjoyed the evening with members and their wives. Our new Grand Master, Greg Safoyan officiated the installation of the Palm Desert officers.

## 2016 – 2017 Officers

Master .....PM Varoujan “VJ” Mkrtchian  
Jr. Master .....Bro. James Towery  
Rec. Secretary .....Bro. Sarkis Bedrosian  
Treasurer .....PM Koko Mazmanian  
Corresp. Secretary.....PGM Nick Nigosian  
Sergeant At Arms .....PM Armen Karimyan

The Palm Desert Chapter would like to welcome new member Brother Edmund Shadman, who survived his interview by the Palm Desert brothers.

Our annual Christmas Kef was held on December 17, 2016, at Kirkjan Family Hall in Rancho Mirage. It was an evening filled with delicious food, dancing, and holiday cheer, that was enjoyed by our brothers, their wives, friends and families. Thank you to Master VJ Mkrtchian for organizing this very successful holiday event.



PALM DESERT CHRISTMAS PARTY  
GM Greg Safoyan and family  
Bro. Buddy Melkesian & PM George Kirkjan

Our annual “Family Day at the Fair” at the Riverside County Date Festival is set for February 18, 2017. We hope that you will come and enjoy our desert hospitality at this annual event. Also, this year’s “Desert Golf Tournament” will be held on May 6th. It is being held again this year at The Classic Club. We will also be holding our annual 50/50 reverse Raffle that same evening. Get your tickets soon and come enjoy an exciting evening of delicious mezza and fun!

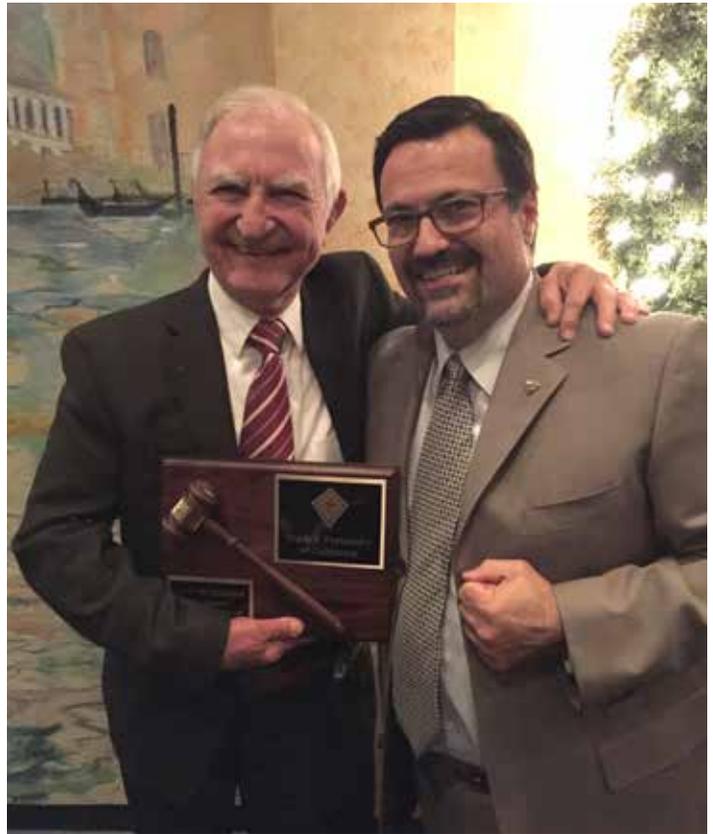
Mark your calendars and watch for more information on other upcoming events throughout the year. Everyone is invited to come down and enjoy our Desert and participate in these events. Our brothers look forward to your visits and also to seeing everyone at the annual Midterm in Fresno.

As always, we welcome all visiting brothers to our meetings, which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Happy New Year 2017

Fraternally, PGM Nick Nigosian,  
Corresponding Secretary



**PALM DESERT BROTHERS @ THE ARMENIAN FESTIVAL**  
Palm Desert Brothers volunteer at the Armenian Cultural Festival



**PALM DESERT INSTALLATION**  
Past Master Vic Saraydarian and Master VJ Mkrтчian



**PALM DESERT MEETING**  
PGM Nick Nigosian, GM Greg Safoyan,  
New member Bro. Edmund Shadman and JGM Bobby Melkesian



**TRIPLE-X BUSINESS MEETING**  
PGM Greg Avedesian and PM Armen Yarijian



**PALM DESERT INSTALLATION 2017**  
GM Greg Safoyan, Bro. Koko Mazmanian, PM Armen Karimyan,  
Master VJ Mkrтчian, Bro. Sarkis Bedrosian &  
PGM Nick Nigosian

# Las Vegas

Dear Brothers,

We're busy gearing up for New Year's Eve here in Vegas. Our resolutions are too numerous to mention but suffice it to say that we will be "doubling down" on the Triple X spirit ! In fact, this is a good time to announce that we are trying to boost our treasury reserves this year with our latest "get rich quick scheme" ! It's our very own "TRIPLE X" slot machine. "Unbelievable" you say !? ... well, the included photo is worth a thousand credits!

To start off the year, we had a nice installation dinner meeting at the famous Shish Kabob House for the incoming executive body consisting of Master Ruben Grigorian and Jr. Master Mesrop Khachikyan. The other officers this year are Bro. Shavarsh Papazian, Treasurer, Bro. Vigen Khachikyan, Recording Secretary, Bro. Daniel Peche, Corresponding Secretary, and Bro. Bob Bezdikian, Sergeant at Arms.

Several of our Vegas brothers and their wives enjoyed the "Super Star" treatment when we attended the awesome Labor Day Convention put on by the amazing Palm Desert Chapter. Great place, great people, great party, great pool and great photo ops...i.e. Elvis, Frank, Sammy and Dean!

For our October meeting, we were unable to get our private room at the Shish Kabob house so our generous Master, Ruben Grigorian, decided to invite everyone to his house for a fabulous dinner meeting with all the trimmings. He barbecued and his lovely wife Rose baked, so needless to say the food and the festivities were fantastic.

Although not an official Trex Event, our Chapter was one of the strong supporters that contributed to a very impressive cultural event held in the auditorium of the Main Clark County Library. The event was a sell out with 400 guests and almost 100 performers. Our own Bro. "Andy" Armenian was one of the prime movers coordinating this wonderful celebration which showcased our rich cultural heritage featuring Armenian songs, National dances and musical performances in honor of the 25th Anniversary for Armenian Independence Day. Entertainment was provided by Las Vegas Armenia Dance Academy, Armenian Dance School of Las Vegas and other local "Hye-Flyin" musicians!

We also donated to the Ararat Home of L.A. and to the Armenia Fund, as part of their annual nationwide telethon appeal. I am delighted to report that we've

had a great turnout for our Centennial Yearbook photos. Thanks to Bro. Daniel's suggestion, we were able to hook up with a major professional photo studio where we went to get plenty of ... exposure.

We are now in the final planning stages for our Annual Armenian Christmas Party. This time, we will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Las Vegas Triple X Chapter, again at the estate of Master Ruben and his charming wife Rose. FYI, we still have our diplomatic immunity from last year so we don't expect the party to be featured on the evening news.

BTW, we are looking forward to an upcoming visit from the Grand Master and his desert entourage. We will do our best to prepare and, no worries, we plan to celebrate with our focus purely on thoughts of "Hope" and "Charity" ... and "Destiny" and "Grace"! Please join us the next time you're in town and looking for a thrill ! As the very old song goes, "...if Jackson won't get it ... Franklin sure will." We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, typically at the Shish Kabob house on Flamingo, 3 miles west of the strip.

Fraternally,

Bro. Mark Derderian, Editor

## The Passing of Brother Peter Boghossian

I just received sad news from Bro. Peter's son that he has reunited with his wife in heaven. He was a Past Master of Las Vegas Chapter and well loved in the community.



***"Blazing TRIPLE X"  
Come and try your luck !!!***



Charter Member PGM Chuck Parigian with his "Hollywood Walk of Fame" PGM Honor



Bro. Mark Derderian and Bro. Jim Sahagian (San Diego) Reach agreement that the Palm Desert Convention is a huge success!



Trex wives Rose Grigorian and Jeni Papazian setting up the feast !



Dinner meeting at Bro. Ruben's Grigorian's with Bros. Zohrab Topalian, Daniel Peche, and PGM Chuck Parigian



Dinner meeting with Master Ruben Grigorian, Bros. Andy Armenian and Bobby Bezdikian



Installation by PGM Chuck Parigian: Bros. Vigen, Mesrop Khachikyan, Ruben Grigorian, Daniel Peche & Shavarsh Papazian

# Orange County

## 2016–2017 Officers

Master ..... Bro. Brian Melkesian  
Junior Master ..... Bro. Sarven Tomaskesis  
Treasurer ..... Bro. Rob Tusan  
Corresp. Secretary ..... Bro. Brent Melkesian  
Recording Secretary ..... Bro. Don Kazanjian  
Sergeant at Arms ..... Bro. Larry and Terry Hanoian

### Board of Directors

Two-year term Brothers Jonathan Chortanian,  
Jon Agajanian and Robert Oganessian

One year term Brothers John Cholakian,  
Mark Hachigian and Steven Sahagian

Our master brother Brian Melkesian was such a great master that he and the brothers decided to have him be master for a second term. What a great term we will have. This year donations were made to the Armenian Eye Care Project, Ararat Home, Los Angeles, Choc children's hospital and the Armenian Rose Parade float.

Our 41st annual picnic was a great success. We had over 300 in attendance. Shish kebab was great with Armenian dancing and games for the kids. Thank you to our new chairman brother John Cholakian and assistants brother Wayne Najarian and Bro Art Kazarian and of course our members and wives who are always a huge help to us.

We had a great time at the Palm Desert chapter convention and are looking forward to the Oakland chapter convention this year.

Our installation was a first-class event we had the honor of having our grand master brother Greg Safoyan and Grand editor Steve Sahagian with us that night. It was held at Bayside restaurant in Newport Beach. Our trexman of the year award goes to brother Rob Tusan who is truly a great Trexman.



Brothers Don, Brett, Master Brian, Henry, John & Jeff  
“Brothers Hardly Working”



Morning Set-Up at OC Picnic

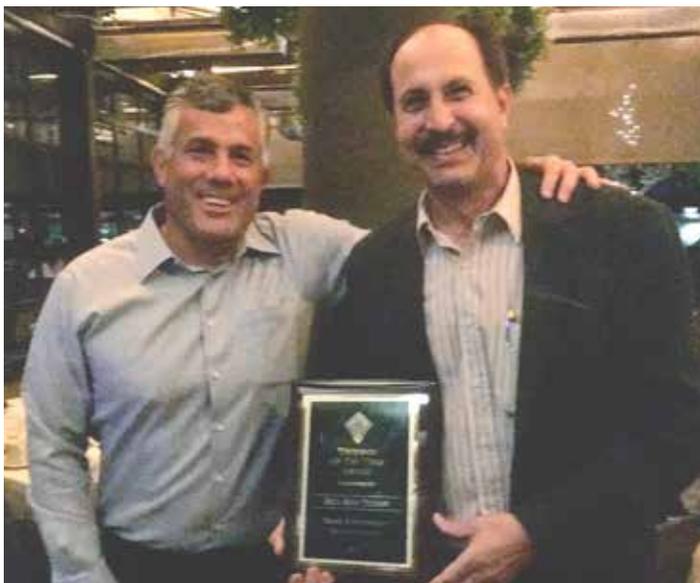


Tasting the Kebab Before the picnic Brother Art approved it.

Our wine tasting party was held at Bayside restaurant in Newport Beach. Chairman brother Jack Kayajian did an outstanding job. We had many varieties of excellent wine and raise \$12,000 for charity. Our new project is to benefit the UCI American studies program. They have already over 80 students to start the program. Our annual Christmas party was again an outstanding event put together by brother Ron Sarouhan and George Ampagomian and their wives. Mr. and Mrs. Santa had fun with all the kids. We also had a magician who fooled all of us. All the toys that were collected that night went to toys for tots.

Our meetings are on the third Wednesday of every month at JT Schmidt restaurant, 2415 Park Ave., Tustin. Cocktails at 6 PM dinner at 7 PM meeting at 8:30

Respect fully submitted,  
Brother Haig Jamgotchian, PGM.



Brother Master Brian Presents Trexman Of the Year  
Bro. Rob Tusan



Brother Mike 95 years young - PGM Haig



Brother Jack, Karen, Brothers John, Mark & Larry

## Grand Editor...

Welcome to my first newsletter as Grand Chapter Editor. For thirty-eight years, Brother Jack Ouzounian did an excellent job with each chapter's words and photos. From the typewriter to computer, the Trex News went out to all the Brothers. Bro. PGE Jack must have spent a lot of hours printing five hundred plus newsletters and sending them out by hand. THANK YOU Brother Jack for all your years of dedicated and exceptional contributions to the Trex Fraternity. We all thank you and your family. Past Grand Editor Bro. Jack will be a tough act to follow, but I will do my best.

I want to thank all the associate editors from each chapter. Some of the articles were ready to print and others only needed a little work. Thank you to Grand Master Brother Greg for his help with the Trex News. I also want to thank Grand Secretary Brother Shant for his incredible help. I am proud to be an officer of this Grand Chapter.

You will see some little changes being made to the Trex News. If you would like to see something added or removed, please let us know. The Trex Organization can only grow stronger when there is good communication to its Brothers.

On March 4th the Fresno Chapter will be hosting Mid Term at the Trex Club House. Come join all your Brothers for some good food and camaraderie...

Brother Steven Sahagian  
Grand Editor



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# Mt. Diablo

Hello Brothers!

Mt Diablo Chapter is pleased to announce the following officers for 2016-2017:

Myron Konjoyan-Master

Ray Chiljan-Jr. Master

Ed Hazarabedian-Treasurer

Jack Mooradian-Recording Secretary/Sunshine

Jerry Tusan-Corresponding Secretary.

We continue to meet the 2nd Thursday at Alborz Persian Restaurant in Walnut Creek.

Brother Steve Noroian has been busy as our auctioneer at business meetings in accepting bidding for anonymous wrapped treasurers from the Brothers. Not only is it fun, it brings in some extra money to our savings account.

Grand Master John Casparian attended the July meeting. He offered insight on the upcoming Convention in Palm Desert, 2018 Centennial Convention, year-book project and positive status of the organization.

Our July Patio Party was chaired by Brother Ray Chiljan at Round Hill in Alamo. Due to the warm weather we were seated inside this year. Over 28 Brothers, wives and friends attended for the traditional BBQ and lavish buffet.

The Palm Desert Convention over Labor Day was attended by Brothers Kevork Hagopian and Jeff Apkarian. They were impressed with the organization of the entire convention weekend. Brothers PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian and Brother Ed Hazarabedian were presented with their "Perfect Attendance" certificate at the September meeting. Congratulations to you both. Several Mt Diablo Brothers attended the November Lobster Dinner/Oakland Meeting. Brother Craig Bazigian really knows how to cook those lobsters!

Our Christmas Party this year was held in December at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo and chaired by Brother Ray Chiljan with Brother Aram Boyd and Jerry Tusan coordinating the RSVP. We invited Oakland Chapter to join us which was a lot of fun! 65 people attended for a beautiful buffet meal, complimentary selections of wine, thanks to Brothers Rick Michaels and Jerry Tusan and a music concert by members of the Oakland Chapter!

Unfortunately in October, we lost Brother Vic Vasgerdsian. Vic was Master from 2014 to 2016 and held various other offices throughout his 41 years as a Mt Diablo Trex Member. He will be missed by all. Our condolences to his wife Hasmig and Family.

Looking forward to the Oakland Convention over Labor Day!

Respectfully Submitted:  
Bro. Jerry Tusan-Corresponding Secretary.



Brothers Al Kaljian, Harvey and Archie Kamian, Jerry Tusan and Dee Kassabian at Oakland's Lobster Dinner



Oakland Brothers in Concert at the Christmas Party



Master Myron Konjoyan presenting PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian and Ed Hazarabedian Perfect attendance certificates

# San Diego

For the San Diego Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity, the Summer and Fall of 2016 were filled with some great events, including our Summer Picnic, our 8th Annual Wine & Cheese fundraiser and our Annual Christmas Party. All of the events were a great success and fun for all who attended.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the Trex brothers and their families enjoyed their annual Summer Family Picnic. The event was coordinated by Bro. Danny Tevrizian and was held at the picnic grounds in Fairbanks Ranch. About 25 adults and kids were in attendance. There was plenty of good food, fun conversations around the picnic tables and enjoyment of each other's company under the beautiful San Diego sunshine. The kids had a blast running around, playing with each other and exploring the park.

In September, over the Labor Day weekend, many of the San Diego Trex brothers traveled to the desert to enjoy the fun and hospitality at the annual convention, which was hosted by the Palm Desert Chapter. The events, food and fraternal friendship made the trip a memorable one for those of us who attended. Compliments to the Palm Desert Chapter for organizing a world class event.

On Saturday, October 15th, our chapter held its 8th Annual Wine & Cheese Fundraiser at the beautiful Rancho Bernardo Courtyard. Nearly 125 guests were in attendance, including Armenians, as well as many non Armenians, from the San Diego community. Also present were GM Greg Safoyan and PGM Greg Avedesian. The event is San Diego Chapter's primary fundraising event and provides funds for our Student Scholarship Program, which offers scholarships to college students of Armenian descent. This year, our fraternity awarded six students with a \$1,000 scholarship each.

All of the San Diego brothers, led by PGM Joe Kellejian, worked hard at making the event a success, both socially and financially. We also want to thank the Trex ladies (better known as the "Trexettes") for their hard work and efforts in preparing the food and creating the elegant table settings and design. Lastly, a very special thanks goes out to Alan and Joanne Yaghdjian, who kindly allowed us to use the Rancho Bernardo Courtyard once again this year.

We have been fortunate to welcome a number of new members to our chapter over the past year. In October 2016, we continued the trend by initiating a new brother, Artur Nersisyan. Artur is a great guy and we'll know he will become a valued member of our fraternity.

On Saturday, December 4th, we held our annual Christmas Party at the Alborz Restaurant in Del Mar. Brothers, together with their wives and families, enjoyed the food and spent much of the evening "catching up" with each other during the Christmas season. As always, the evening included our annual gift exchange, which resulted in a fun time for all, as well as a visit from Santa Claus (thanks to Bro. Harry Nalbandian), who handed out gifts to all the kids.

Submitted by  
Bro. Steve Hovsepien



2016 Scholarship Award Recipients



2016 Wine & Cheese mezza




  
 For The  
**Triple-X Princess  
 CONVENTION  
 2018**  
 Palm Desert

Convention Attendees	
Rooms Booked	383
Friday	249
Pool Party	118
Saturday	482
Sunday	144





# Sequoia

Hello to everyone from the beautiful Central Valley of California. A Happy New Year to all of you. This has been a very exciting year for our Sequoia Trex organization. We were happy to elect one of our very own PGM Pete Babagian as our Master this year. He has done an outstanding job of leading us this year.

We were all so blessed to be able to attend the 87th Annual Convention Sponsored by Palm Desert Chapter over Labor Day Weekend. We wish to thank all the brothers who made this magical weekend happen. A very special "Thank You" to PGM Nick and Carolon Nigosian, PGM Greg and Janis Avedesian, Grand Master Greg Safoyan, and wife Kim, who for many months, days and hundreds of hours labored to put together a wonderful Trex Convention. We were able to hear Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. and an Armenian Elvis Presley sing to us over dinners. We danced the night away with the Oasis Armenian Band. Many of our wives enjoyed the Ladies Brunch and Painting Experience. They were able to express their artistic side with a beautiful canvas painting that Sherry my wife painted, and is now displayed in our living room.

We have been busy working on Yearbook Pictures and have had a successful first round. We now will be working on make-ups. Thanks to all the brothers who participated and PGM Ron Shanonian for his great help with this project.

We welcomed back a former members Mark Avedian, and Joe Donabed. We are so pleased you made it back. We missed you both

In September we were sad to say so long to a fifty-two year member, Abraham Kazarian. Abe was born January 15, 1925 and passed away September 07, 2016. He lived his whole life in Tulare and had many friends. In high school he played sports and was in the band. He later joined his father in farming and was very successful in growing cotton and fruit. He loved sharing goota, watermelon, Armenian peppers and beautiful tomatoes from his garden with his family and the Trex brothers. Abe was instrumental in instituting the Shish Kebab sandwich at the World Famous Farm Equipment Show held annually in Tulare California. Abe was a very open minded person, loved hearing different points of view and meeting people from different walks of life. The last time we saw him was at our Hot Dog Club at Costco that meets once a month. Abe blessed us with the prayer before we ate. Later that week we heard, while he was working on the farm he stepped into heaven to meet the Savior. We were blessed to have had the opportunity for

so many years to know Abe, and his loving family.

We had a wonder Instillation Dinner at Double LL Steak House and installed our new officers.

Special thanks goes to Gerard Garoian for making kayma for one of our Trex dinners. It was a wonderful time together and there was a lot of hard work and love put into this meal.

We ended the year with our annual Christmas Party held at the Lakes. We had a wonderful dinner, a good turnout and Santa Clause made and appearance and gave out presents to all the children. A big thank goes to PGM Ron Shanoian, our Hospitality Chairmen, PGM Jerry Poochigian and the all brothers that help make this event possible each year.

We also continue to donate too many charities including, a Veterans groups, a young girl's orphanage in Armenia, Children's Toys at Christmas time, Fuller Homes in Armenia, and Walk for Life, Cancer Group. Looking forward to seeing you this spring at the Mid-Term.

Hoping you all had a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sincerely, Love One Another,

Bro. Tom Babagian P.M.

Associate Editor



Bro. Serge Ananian Easy Rider



PGM Ron and Bro. Brian Christmas Hospital Donation



2016 Scholarship Winners



Installation Dinner



Installation Dinner PGM Ron and PGM Pete



New Bro. Joe and PGM Pete



New Bro. Mark and PGM Ron

# Golden Gate

## GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER EDITOR'S REPORT

July thru December 2016

### **THE GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER**

How have we been? We've been busy! What with all the picnics and bazaars and birthdays and holiday parties' and good community deeds, could we have done more? You bet we did! A number of us had a blast at the Annual Convention in Palm Desert, other chapters' meetings (get ur Lobster!) and welcomed the new Grand Master in fine fashion too!

From July to October our Barbeque crews were out and about helping at the picnics and church food festivals...



**The GGC Barbeque Crew  
At the Calvary Food Festival**

Vartan Hovsepian, Ara Kaprielian, Richard Surabian,  
Hartley Appleton, Hagop Koujakian, and Henry  
Shishmanian

### **September - Annual Convention**

Big fun in the desert! Marvelous resort hotel and grounds. From dinners and dances to pool parties and golf tournaments. Imagine that, a pool full of high Hyes

😊 It was a popular attraction for sure!



And of course the Men's Breakfast, where we helped vote in the new Grand Master!



**The GGC Delegates**



**GGC Editor and New GM**

And speaking of the New Grand Master, when he came to visit us in SF, PGM Garo Mirigian showed him around the Bay Area over the course of a couple of days, taking him to the landmark sites like Fisherman's Wharf, Golden Gate Bridge, and of course our Clubhouse at Auntie Lou's...

More convention: Yours truly teamed up with some Oakland Bros Craig Bazikian & brothers Vartan & Hratch, and took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the golf tournament! It was easy as drinking beers and shots!

Speaking of Oakland brothers, a few of us GGC bros attended their November monthly meeting which was a **Lobster fest.**



Let me tell you, these guys know how to do it! From the pre-meeting kef and full on bar to the Lobster, desert and cigars...I may join that chapter too!



PGM Garo Mirigian at the Oakland Lobster Fest  
(Do all those brothers look well fed or not? Hah!)

**GGC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION**

The Golden Gate Chapter continues to grow. Under the leadership of Bro Hagop Koujakian our roster continues to expand. Bro Hagop's *RESOLUTION* is that he will get twenty (20) new members by this time next year... or he'll run to LA and back!...Just kidding! Go Bro Hagop!

**BIG AUGUST BIRTHDAY!!!**

Brothers, our matron saint and chapter mascot, dear old Aunty Lou, turned 110 years old in August 2016, an incredible feat by any measure.

And it was determined that she is the oldest person in the City (and most likely a third of the United States?)

**The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognized  
August 11, 2016 as  
Lucille Mirigian Day!**



Aunty Lou turns 110yrs Young

**ANOTHER RESOLUTION!**

The GGC brothers elected to alternate meeting places. Since we're growing the chapter, we're not always fitting into Aunty Lou's Clubhouse. So we'll meet at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco, and 51 Commonwealth Avenue, the St Gregory Church meeting hall. Other venues may present themselves too.

*~ SAD ENDING ~*

**EULOGY FOR BROTHER**

It is with great regret that we report the passing of our long time brother, Ara Sahakian. He died peacefully at the age of 85 on July 25th, 2016 in San Jose California.

Ara came to the United States from Baghdad Iraq, in 1958 and quickly became an American citizen. He was a member of the Golden Gate Chapter for over 50 years, and held various chapter offices as well as Chapter Master.

He is survived by his two sons, Gregory and Michael, two grandchildren, his sister Anahid Sarkisian, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

*Keep singing Brother*



# Peninsula

Greetings, fellow Trex Brothers, families, and friends!

Peninsula Chapter officers for 2016-2017

Vartan Berberian, Master

Mark Antranikian, Junior Master

Kip Garabedian, Recording Secretary

Mark Antranikian, Corr. Sec./Assoc. Editor

Vic Khachooni, Treasurer

Historian - vacant

Sgt. at Arms - vacant

Vic Khachooni, Custodian

Our relatively small but growing Chapter of Peninsula Trexmen gets together each third Thursday evening for our monthly dinner meetings. Our gatherings are held at the Los Altos Masonic Building, located at 146 Main Street in Los Altos, California (enter from the back of the building on the parking lot side). We gather in a nice lower-level banquet room, and nearby our renowned chefs do their great work in the recently renovated industrial kitchen. It's been rather rainy as of late, but when the weather's warm, we will often meet and barbecue outside in the convenient courtyard patio. The Peninsula Chapter is well-known for serving up great meals each month thanks to our hard-working and talented Brothers – nobody ever leaves a meeting hungry! If you're ever in the Bay Area during one of our meeting days, be sure to join us!

In September, Larry Karabian and I were the lone Peninsula representatives at the fantastic Annual Convention weekend hosted by the Palm Desert Chapter. Held at the massive and luxurious JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa, I'm sure I can speak for everyone in attendance by saying it was a fun-filled and memorable Labor Day weekend. Pool parties, golf, great food & music at the dinner dances, and lots to explore at the resort. I can't forget to mention the awesome Hospitality Suite with plenty of delicious mezza & drinks available. The meeting went smoothly & I was even surprisingly presented the "Amazing Photoman Award" by PGM Garo Mirigian for appearing in the most pictures in the Trex News! Huge thanks go out to all of the organizers for such an outstanding weekend of events.

At our October meeting, after eight years of serving as our Master, Ruben Kazarian decided to step down, and recommended that Vartan Berberian take over as the new Master. Vartan was unanimously elected – congratulations and best wishes for a successful run! And thank you so much Ruben for your dedicated service, hard work, and leadership for all these many years!

I'm happy to report that after a slow but steady decline in membership, we have added several members during the past year or so. Welcome, Brothers Vicken Balian, Mihran Kassabian, Mardig Devletian, and Garo Oustayan!

The holidays brought a couple of exceptional events to our Chapter. In November, we joined the Golden Gate Chapter for a delicious steak dinner and meeting in South SF at the Basque Cultural Center, with special guest Grand Master Greg Safoyan also in attendance. Then in December, Vic and Linda Khachooni graciously hosted a wonderful Christmas party at their beautiful home – a great time was had by all!

Wishing all Brothers and their families a joyous 2017! Looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Mid-Term Convention in Fresno!

Fraternally submitted,

Brother Mark Antranikian

Peninsula Chapter Jr. Master/Corr. Sec./Assoc. Editor  
Grand Webmaster



PGM Garo presents Bro. Mark with the Amazing Photoman Award



PGM John visits with Peninsula Bros. Mark & Kip



Peninsula initiation of Bros. Mardig & Garo



Another great BBQ at the Peninsula meeting



Feeding frenzy at the Peninsula Chapter



Enjoying the meal

**88th Trex Convention**  
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*Women's Outing • Winery Event*

# Oakland

Parev Brothers,

Oakland Chapters new Executive Board is as follows: Master, Armen Boyd, Jr. Master, Aram Boyd, Treasurer, Paul Demenjian, Rec. Secretary, Rick Michaels, Corresponding Secretary, Don Manoogian, Sgt. at Arms, Paul Kamian, Custodian, Brian Pinomaki, Historian/Editor, and Harry Sherinian. With this leadership Oakland Trex expects a great year.

Continuing Oakland Trex's commitment to work and donate to local charities, we had a very successful day working at the Alameda County Food Bank. About a dozen of the brothers showed up and packaged fruit that will be given out to needy families in the county. Oakland Chapter has always donated financially to the Food Bank in the past also. It was an interesting morning to say the least and of course, there were no food fights.

Bro. Rick Magarian led a group of Oakland Trexmen and families to the high Sierra's Frenchmen Meadows for our annual Family Camping Trip. As usual, the food was great and the brothers and their families enjoyed hiking, swimming and telling stories around the camp fire. This event is an annual event and has been enjoyed by brothers and their families for several years. Kudos for Bro. Rick Magarian and his committee for putting this event together.

Our outing to an Oakland "A's" baseball game was a big success. Bro. Ron Mickaels put together a great day with good seats at the Coliseum and of course the eat-arama prior to the game. Unfortunately the "A's" lost the game but the food and the comradely between our members and families made it a great day. We keep hoping that the A's will be contenders again someday. This has become an annual event and is looked forward to by members and their families.

The Brothers from the three Northern California Chapters ate well and had a good time at Oakland's Annual Lobster Feed. Over fifty brothers joined in and partook of the lobster dinner. Bro. Craig Bazigian took charge, as usual, of this epicurean feed with the help of his assistant cook Bro. Steve Donikian. Our Grand Master Greg Safoyan was able to attend this function and I am sure he ate his fill. On this night we also swore in a new Trexman to the Oakland Chapter by the name of Van Kouzoujian. GM Greg performed the swearing in. This Lobster Feed has become the highlight of the year when it comes to our dinner meetings. Of course there was the 5lb. lobster that was the prize of a raffle drawing. The large crustaion was won and eaten by Brother Jan Armen.

Brothers, plans for the 2017 Convention are going along smoothly. Co-Chairman Gregg Chorbajian and Stuart Arakelian have matters well in hand and have planned a great many new and creative events for our enjoyment. This convention is being held in the beautiful wine country of the Livermore Valley. This convention is shaping up to be a must attend function. A lot more information will coming your way and look forward to seeing and hearing a lot more about this event at the Trex Mid-Term Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bro. Harry Sherinian  
Oakland Chapter Associate Editor



Trex Brothers at Lobster Feed





Oakland Trex Eating at Family Camping Trip



Rick Magarian Leader at Frenchmen Meadows



Lobsters Galore



Bro's Yeremian and the Kamian Bros. at Lobster Feed



Oakland Bros. Having Comradery



Oakland Trex at A's Game

# Selma

Hello, fellow Trexmen!

The Selma Chapter is ready for another great year! This past fall saw our previous Master Mike Kilijian pass the gavel to new Master Larry Avedisian. Other officers serving this year include Jr. Master Sam Bagdasarian (PGM), Secretary/Corr. Sec. Frank Korkmazian (PGM), General Fund Treasurer Jason Tikijian, and Charitable Trust Treasurer Aaron Krikorian. All of the incoming officers and board members were honored at our annual Installation Dinner, held in October at the fantastic Elbow Room Bar & Grill. Congratulations also went to Yirjanik Ohanian, who was named Selma Trexman of the Year. The dinner was delicious and the restaurant's large patio room was packed with Trexmen and their families, who all enjoyed the great evening.

In August, we hosted a Tri-Chapter Social, featuring the famous keyma dinner prepared by PGM Sam Bagdasarian and Ed Nikssarian. The place was packed as usual, and I'm quite sure that no one left the evening hungry!

Selma Chapter was well represented at the Annual Convention in Palm Desert on Labor Day weekend. It was at an amazing venue, the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa, and each and every event was well planned and lots of fun for everyone. Great food, fantastic entertainment, and a successful meeting thanks to all the organizers of the Palm Desert Chapter for a job well done!

We've recently added two new members to our rather exclusive club. A warm welcome to new Brothers Mike Gostanian and James "Tip" Cooper!

Our 4th annual Sports Social was held in September, this time in the large AACL Hall at the California Armenian Home. Featuring Fresno State Basketball Head Coach Rodney Terry giving his remarks about the upcoming season, attendees were also treated to a great kebab dinner and hosted bar. Plenty of raffle prizes and a live auction completed what turned out to be a most successful event.

In November, we held our annual Turkey Bingo to benefit our Charitable Trust. Also held at the California Armenian Home hall, it's always a very popular event, and this year was no different. A packed house enjoyed the tasty barbecued chicken dinner, with the fun and games and prizes afterwards. A turkey in every (bingo) pot!

Speaking of the California Armenian Home, we also decided to make a donation of \$10,000 to them, with half being earmarked towards a new sound system in

the AACL Hall, and the other half going towards their building fund to help with the completion of their large ongoing expansion project.

Our annual Children's Christmas Party was held in mid-December at John's Incredible Pizza Company. Several children and grandchildren of Selma members enjoyed a great all-you-can-eat pizza and pasta buffet, and then tried their luck at a plethora of carnival and video games, and went on some kiddie rides as well.

Master Larry has brought up the idea of potentially starting up a Selma Junior Chapter. There are no definite plans to report on yet, but further research and discussion will be happening in the months ahead to see if the idea is viable.

It is with regret that I inform you that we lost a couple of treasured long-time Brothers recently. Sympathies go out to the families & friends of Avis "Chili" Chilingirian and Haig Aivazian Jr. – both had been members since 1956. Among other things, Chili was known for organizing large parties and entertainment benefits for Triple X. And without Haig, Selma meetings and Trex Convention meetings will never be the same without his famous jokes, which were delivered like a pro and always had the room rolling. Both will be greatly missed by all who knew them.

Fraternally,

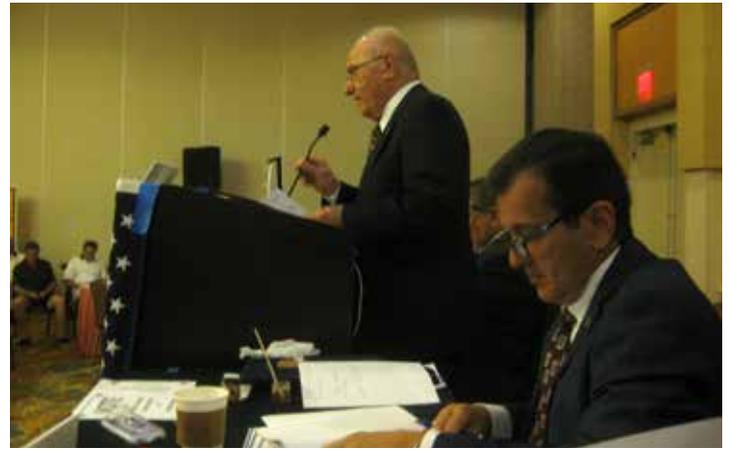
Brother Mark Antranikian  
Selma Chapter Associate Editor  
Grand Webmaster



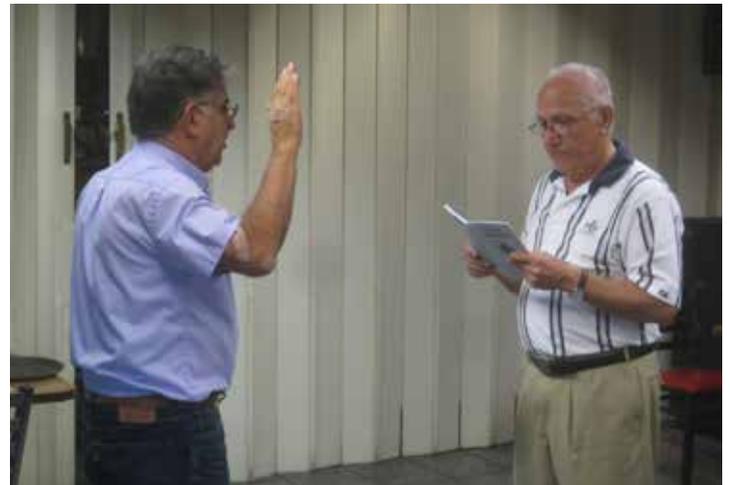
Turkey Bingo BBQ chicken dinner crew



PGM Frank found Selma's Charter



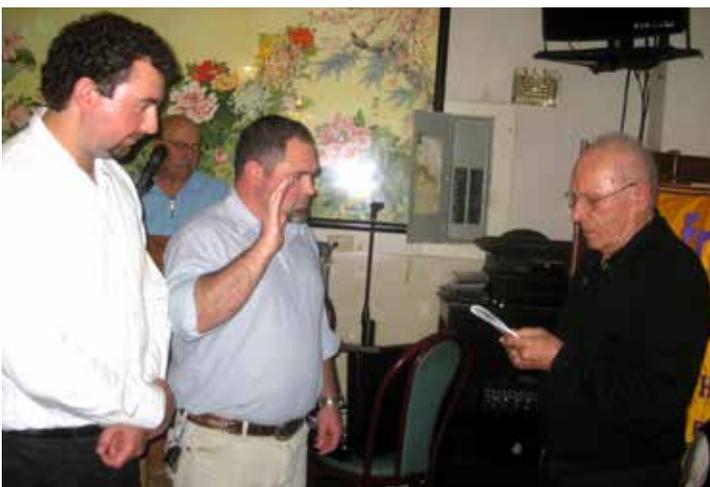
PGM Jack gives his Grand Editor farewell speech



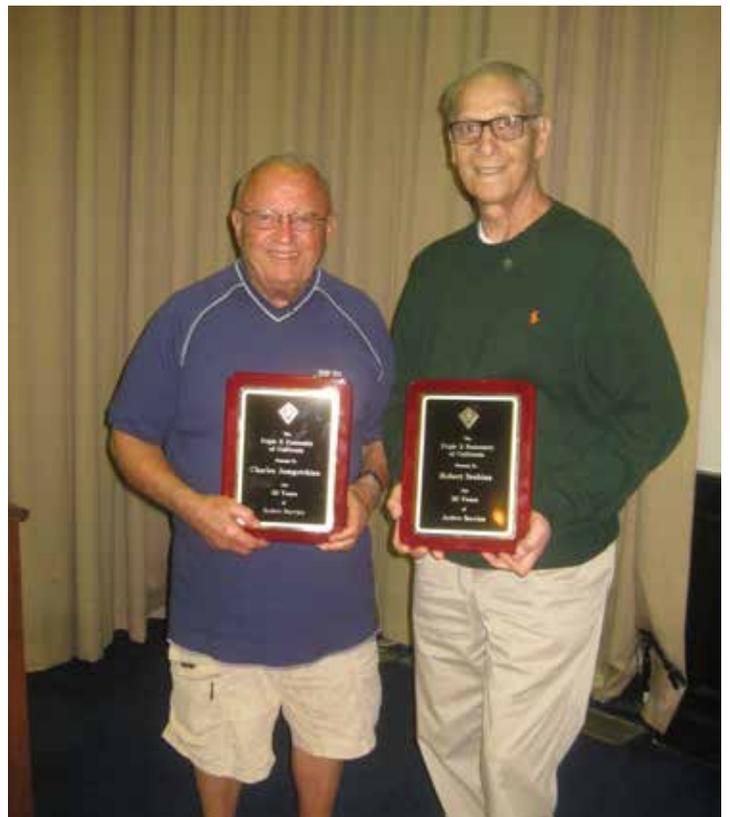
PGM Jack swears in Bro. Mike



New Selma Master Larry at the Installation Dinner

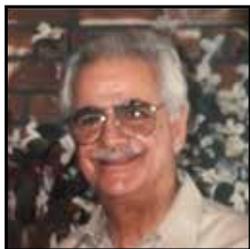


Bro. James being initiated by PGM Jack



Bros. Charlie & Robert receive 50-year plaques

## IN MEMORIAM



### **BROTHER JACK GAHVEJIAN FRESNO CHAPTER**

In the arms of his family, Jack Gahvejian went home to his Lord and Savior peacefully on Monday, January 23, 2017. Jack Hagop Gahvejian was born

on October 28, 1928, to Armenian immigrants, Mugrdich and Vasilouhy Gahvejian. He was one of seven children, five sisters, and one brother. He is survived by Lucille, his loving wife of 63 years; daughter Jacklyn Hollingsworth and husband Bob; daughter, Leslee Minas and husband Bobby; daughter, Lisa Moody; and grandchildren, Aram and Katie Williams, Marina and Eleni Minas, and Kevin and John Michael Moody. He is also survived by his brother, John Gahvjian and wife Lori; sisters.



### **BROTHER CARL MARDEROSIAN LOS ANGELES CHAPTER**

January 22, 1930 - November 15, 2016 – Brother Carl Marderosian, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and Trexman, passed away

after a brief battle with cancer. He was nearly 87 years old. Carl was born in Los Angeles in 1930. Bro Carl was a highly-accomplished businessman, starting his own trash company after learning the business from his father. He was married to the love of his life, Jeannette Takakjian for over 60 years. Together they had twin boys, Chris and Jeff and daughter Nicolette. Over the years, he was blessed with 8 grandchildren and one great grandchild that he loved deeply. He was a very active member of the Los Angeles Chapter for over 30 years where he enjoyed playing cards and golfing with his fraternity brothers. Carl is survived by his wife Jeannette, sons Chris and Jeff, daughter Nicki, daughter in law Nancy, son in law Dan Laporta, sister Margaret, and eight grandchildren. and numerous relatives and friends. A memorial service was held Monday, November 21st at Saint Peter's Armenian Church where there was standing room only.



### **BROTHER HARRY HUGASIAN LOS ANGELES CHAPTER**

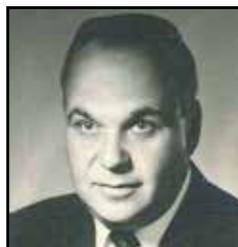
Harry Hugasian, the first Armenian to ever score a touchdown in a Rose Bowl game, passed away on September 3, 2016. He just celebrated his 87th birthday on August 29th with his family. Harry was born on August 29, 1929 in Hollywood, CA. The family moved to South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, only to return to Pasadena, CA for his senior year where he excelled at four sports in high school. Harry would head off to college and play football, baseball and basketball at Stanford University. He excelled in football and helped lead his team to the Rose Bowl in 1952. His love for football and his passion for the game led him to play for the Baltimore Colts and the Chicago Bears under the legendary Coach Pappa Hallas. Harry would meet the love of his life, Nancy Waterman who he would marry and raise a family with in South Pasadena. Harry is preceded in death by his wife Nancy, his parents Vahan and Barbara Hugasian and his sister Marian. He is survived by his children Jon and his wife Lori, Stephen, Tammy and her husband Will, Paul and his wife Adriana, his grandkids Jaimie, Elise, Scott, Ajalynn, Brittany, Austin, Ashley and Dillon, along with many nieces and nephews. Harry lived life to its fullest and will be missed. Hurray for Harry, Hurray at last, Hurray for Harry because he has gone to be with Nancy at last!



### **BROTHER VIC VASGERDSIAN MT. DIABLO CHAPTER**

September 19, 1932 - October 25, 2016 Vic was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1932. His parents, Helen (Haigouhi) and Harry (Haroutin) emigrated to the U.S. following the Armenian genocide in Turkey. He grew up loving and playing ice

hockey and sandlot baseball. He graduated from high school at the age of 17 and joined the U.S. Naval Reserve, then joined the U.S. Marine Corps. serving on board four aircraft carriers, including the Oriskany, and was in one of the first helicopter units rescuing downed pilots in the South China Sea. After his discharge from the Marines he moved to California and entered college, achieving an Aeronautical Engineering degree in only three years. As an aeronautical and nuclear engineer, he worked for Silkorky on helicopters, General Dynamics and Rocketdyne on the Atlas rocket program, Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station, Mare Island on nuclear submarines, and Alameda Naval Air Station on jet aircraft. He was a founding member of St. Andrews Armenian Apostolic Church in Cupertino and was very active in numerous fraternal and military organizations including the Elks, Triple X Fraternity, American Legion Post 517, Marine Corps Detachment 942 and the Devil Dogs unit. Semper Fi!

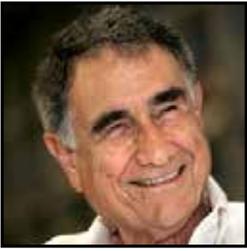


### **BROTHER AVIS CHILINGIRIAN SELMA CHAPTER**

Avis Chilingirian passed away on Thursday, September 15, 2016. He was born on November 3, 1929 to parents, Mihran and Edwanda (Hopelian) Chilingirian.

They named him Avedis meaning "good news". Avedis grew up in his parents "mom and pop" grocery store, Bargain Grocery at 362 Van Ness, located in what was then called Armenian Town near downtown Fresno. In 1946 he had the thrill of meeting Frank Sinatra. Chili's constant clowning almost got him kicked out of school. He graduated in 1947 and attended City College. He was drafted into the army in 1950. While stationed at Fort Ord, California, he was assigned to Special Services as Head of Entertainment. While in the service, he got to meet and work with many of the top named entertainers of the day. He brought his troops to Fresno for performances at St. Paul Armenian Church's bazaars, Triple X Fraternity, and to promote blood drives. Upon leaving the service, he received a job offer as an agent in Hollywood, but was unable to accept due to family responsibilities. In 1954, he married Diana Sarabian. They had a daughter, Lisa in 1958 and a son, Jonathan in 1962.

# IN MEMORIAM



## **BROTHER ART ASTOR ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER**

(December 7, 2016) Art Astor, veteran Southern California broadcaster and owner, died this morning, following a short illness due to cancer. He was 91.

Born in Fresno to Armenian-immigrant parents who came to this country to escape the genocide, Art lived in Southern California since he was five. Following a tour of duty with the Air Force, he graduated from USC with a degree in communications. Over a long and distinguished career, he has held management positions with two national rep companies, RKO (gsm of KHJ and KRTH), Rollins Radio (gm at KDAY), and evp and gm of Drake-Chenault Enterprises. Art became an owner in 1983 when he purchased KIK/fm (later COOL 94.3) and an AM/FM combo in San Francisco. In 1987, he added two more stations to the group by purchasing an AM and FM in San Diego. Later, he purchased KSPA in Ontario. Art's automobiles were his second passion in life. He owned over 200 classic cars. "In broadcasting, two years employment at the same station is a miracle," emailed Jeff Gehringer. "I was lucky to work with Art for 18 years. He was a class act. He is one of the last independent owners in Southern California." Art Astor was a renowned entrepreneur and collector. He was born in Fresno to Armenian-immigrant parents. After a tour in the Army Air Corps (earning him the Air Medal with four clusters) he took a communications degree from University of Southern California in 1949 on the G.I. Bill.

## **BROTHER ABE KAZARIAN SEQUOIA CHAPTER**

January 15, 1925 - September 07, 2016 Brother Abe Kazarian, passed from this life to eternal life on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 due to a sudden heart attack. Abe was a native Tularean, living his entire life in a town where he made many friends. He graduated from Tulare Union

High School where he played sports and was a member of the band. Upon graduation, he joined his father in farming. Over the years, Abe farmed everything from field crops, such as cotton to fruit. He shared his love of growing food with his son and grandsons. He was familiar face, especially at the local coffee shop where he invariably entertained listeners with stories and jokes. He was a colorful character who left a positive impression upon young and old.

Over the years, Abe belonged to numerous clubs, most notably the Sequoia Chapter Trex Armenian Fraternity. Brother Abe was a 52 year member of the Sequoia Chapter Trex Fraternity. He was honored to have his son Mark Kazarian, grandson Josh Fernandes and son-in-law's Archie Zakarian and Richard Nunes as Sequoia Trex brothers. He, along with fellow Trex Brothers instituted the shish kebab sandwich at the Tulare Farm Equipment Show. He also donated to the TRMC, senior citizens center, Tulare Historical Museum and restoration of community ballparks.

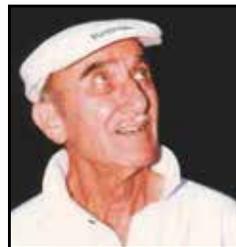
One of Abe's outstanding traits was his interest in different ideas and subjects. He loved being around people and loved work. In fact, he was working up to the day of his death. His example of hard work as a Trex Brother serves as a legacy for all.



## **BROTHER MALCOM BOGHOSIAN ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER**

Malcolm Boghosian, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle passed away from complications after a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) on November 4, 2016 in his home

in Newport Beach, California. His positive outlook and courage were an inspiration to all. The attention, kindness and love shown to him by his family and friends was greatly appreciated. Malcolm was born on April 4, 1933, to Hagop Boghosian and Victoria Beneyan Boghosian of Pasadena, California. As a child, growing up during the depression, Malcolm spent long hours helping his father clean oriental rugs for pennies. He also spent endless hours playing with chemicals he got dumpster diving from CalTech and dreaming about becoming a chemist. From 1950-1951, he attended Pasadena City College before he transferred to the University of California at Berkeley, where he joined the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. After a year and a half, he transferred to the University of Southern California (USC) where he earned a Doctorate of Pharmacy in 1956 and later a Master's degree in Pharmacy in 1961. He graduated from USC with admission to the Rho Chi Society, an academic honor society in pharmacy. Throughout his 25 years with Allergan, Malcolm served in a number of positions before he retired in 1980, including Production Manager, Director of Research and Development, General Manager for Herbert Laboratories, Director of Pharmaceutical Laboratories, Vice President/Dermatology Research and Development and Senior Scientist for new venture research and development. He formed his own company, Paulson Laboratories, around 1975, where he developed a revolutionary method of delivering oxygen to the roots of plants. The new plant food was named Oxygen Plus, which he later sold to Allergan. The number of people touched by his creativity is immeasurable. For many years, he served on the Board of Councilors for the USC Pharmacy School, and in 1981, was honored as the outstanding alumni at the USC school of Pharmacy. In addition, he served on the Foundation Board at Pasadena City College and at the time of his death was an associate member. He also greatly enjoyed his 56 years as member, "Brother Malcolm" of the Armenian Fraternity, Triple XXX (30 original members).



## **BROTHER HAIG AIVAZIAN SELMA CHAPTER**

Haig Aivazian Jr., age 95, of Fresno, California, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 19, 2016. He left this world embraced by the sounds of laughter, stories and praise from those who loved the man who always had a joke. Haig was born on May 11, 1921, in Fowler, California to Haig Sr. and Virginia (Budjian) Aivazian. He graduated from Fowler High School and attended Fresno State College. On June 30, 1951, he married Ruth Aivazian of Los Angeles, California. Fresno became their new home, where he was a driver-salesman for most of his career. Sadly, Haig was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 58 years, Ruth; his daughter, Donna Kaprielian; his parents; his sister, Madeline Melikian and her husband Mitchell; and his brother in law, Sunar Chuchian.

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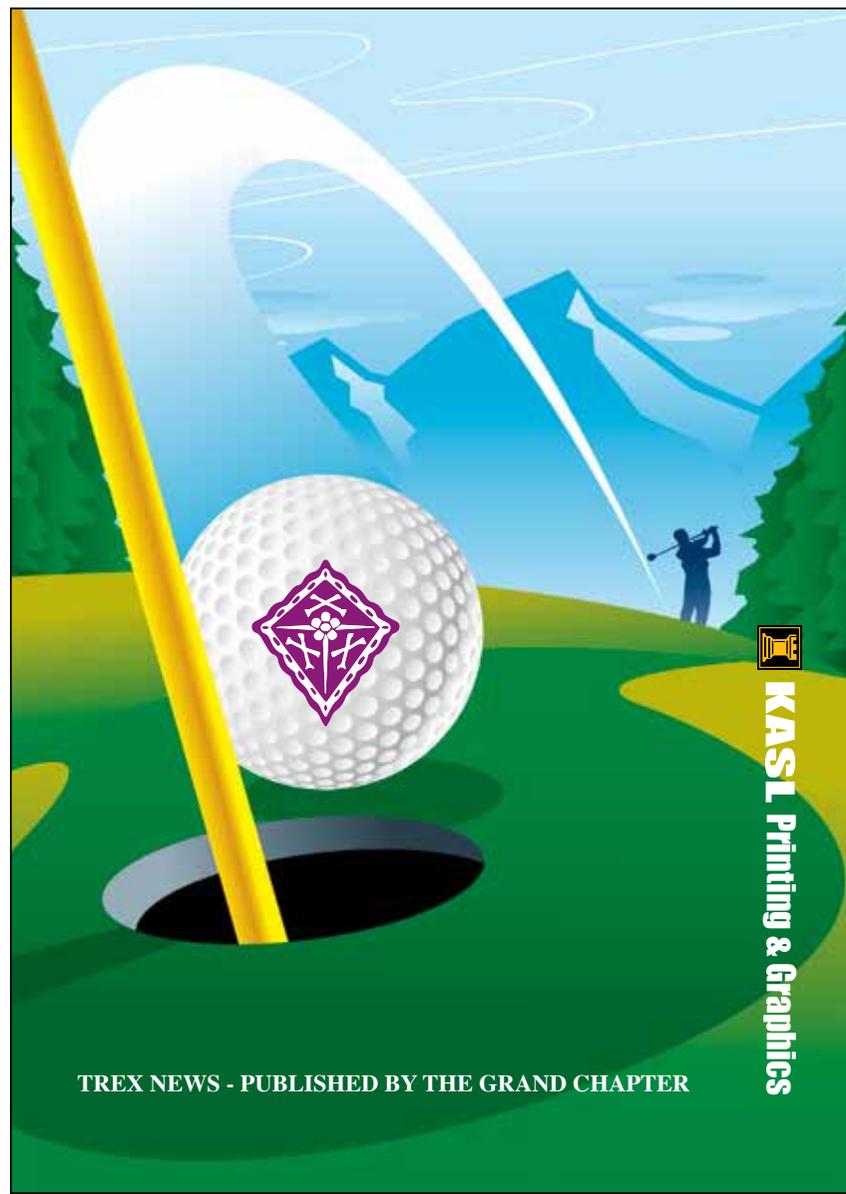
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