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# FROM THE GRAND MASTER...

Brothers,

So far, I have visited most of our chapters. Each chapter has its own style and character. Some of the meetings I have attended have been very businesslike and others have been total chaos. By that I mean in order to be a brother in some of the chapters I have visited, you must be able to be insulted, made fun of, teased, “and most important be able to dish back the brotherly love and abuse that was directed upon you”. Brothers, what I am trying to say is “To be a member of the Triple X is in our blood”.

I feel that to be with your fellow Armenian brothers and their families is very precious to all of us. Being part of your Armenian communities or churches, and sharing your Armenian heritage with your brothers is truly a gift. We as members of Triple X have a indescribable deep bond with each other. When one or two or more of us meet, whether it is to have coffee, at church, or just passing by on the street, there’s comfort and the feeling that a bond surrounds each of us. In my opinion, other Armenian organizations will never have the love and bond we have for each other, and to be honest are envious of us and our fraternity. We work hard to find Armenian men to bring into our fraternity that shares our values, and will develop in time the fraternal and brotherly love for each other. With our 100th anniversary upon us, it is incumbent that each and every one of us help our fraternity to grow so it will last another one hundred years.

In the words of my grandmother that arrived in America in 1918 with “literally” the shirts on my family’s backs, “first god, you live in America, it’s the best country in the world, you be the best American you can be, and NEVER forget your Armenian Heritage.



Respectfully,  
Brother Grand Master Richard J. Jebejian  
2021 - 2022



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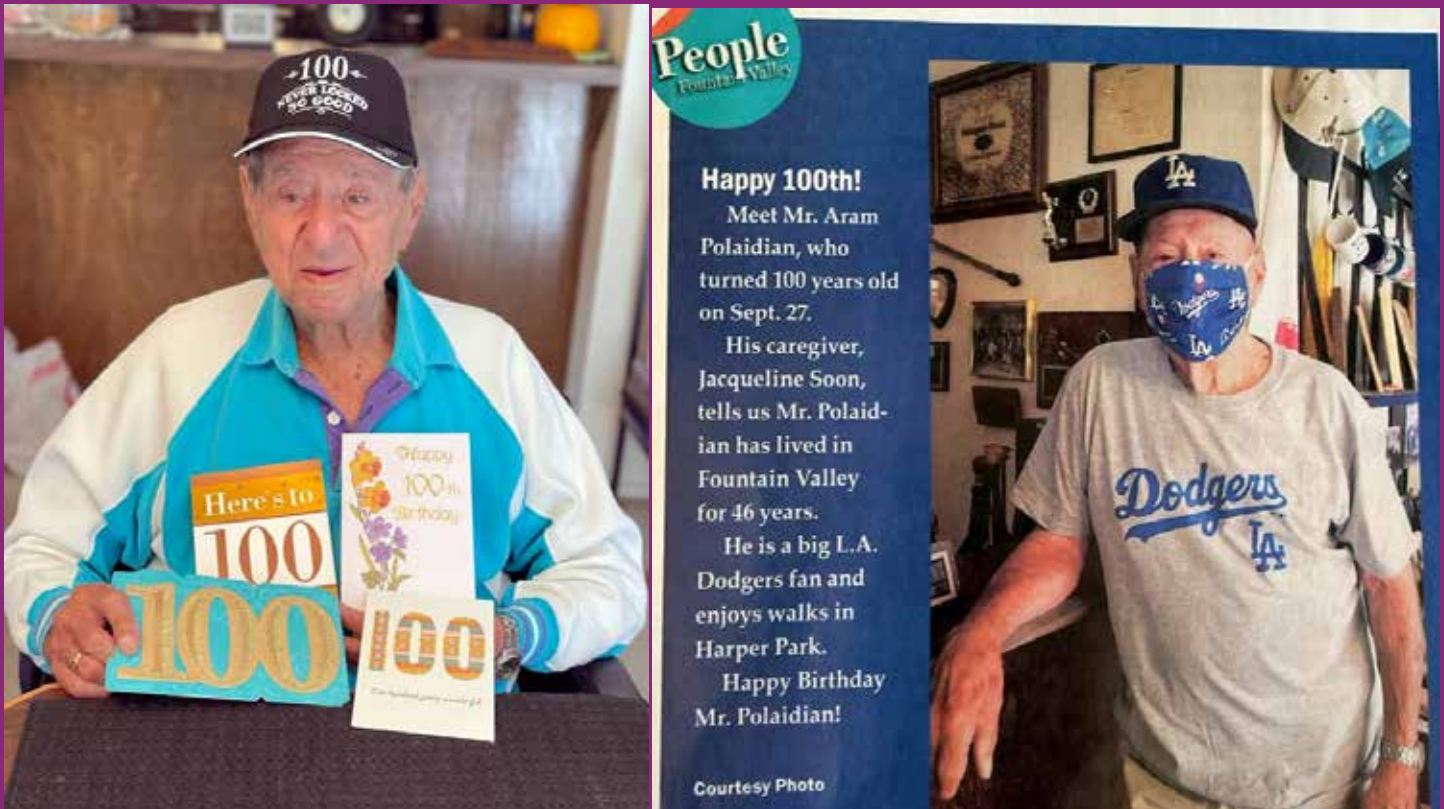
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# Congratulations PGM Aram Poladian!

LA Chapter would like to wish our very own PGM Bro Aram Poladian congratulations on his 100th birthday! PGM Aram joined the LA Chapter in 1949 and has served in about every position possible. PGM Aram served as Grand Master of our great Fraternity during the 1981-1982 term. Several years ago, PGM Aram began lost his sight and has been unable to attend meetings, but when he did, he was among the cornerstones of the LA Chapter. In the TREX Centennial, there are many pictures of PGM from the 50's to the 90's enjoying conventions, golf and outings with his LA TREX brothers. Bro Aram reaches out to his TREX brothers today and gets regular calls from them. Happy 100th Birthday PGM!



**Golden Gate - Upcoming News in next issue...**

**Las Vegas - Upcoming News in next issue...**

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# Los Angeles

TREX Brothers,

The LA Brothers would like to thank PGM Chuck Simonian for serving as Grand Master of our great Fraternity for the last year. While PGM is a member of the LA Chapter under dual membership, the Sequoia Chapter is very lucky to have him as a home-grown brother. In the same breath, we congratulate Grand Master Richard Jebejian and all the Grand Officers on their election. GM Richard was originally an LA Jr Trex Bro and rose through the ranks of the LA Sr Chapter. The LA Chapter was in full force at the Manvention taking up over 3 tables at the meeting. We also congratulate the Sequoia Chapter for hosting a wonderful event that weekend!

The Chapter's Golf Club Championship chaired by Bro Zareh Mitilian concluded with Bro Mark Mikaelian as this year's Club Champion. Runners up were Bros Matt Matoesian & Garo Papazian. When interviewed about his win, Bro Mark thanked the LA Associate Editor for showing him how NOT to play the game. Congratulations Bro Mark and many thanks to Bro Zareh for chairing this important event.

Speaking of golf, the LA Chapter has a very successful 65th Armenian Open Golf Tournament at the Calabasas Country Club. PGM John Casparian and his committee of Bros Zareh Mitilian, Art Avazian, Jeff Hazarian and Steve Chelebian worked very hard to put on a great event. We had about 100 golfers this year and net proceeds went to the Armenian Wounded Hero's Fund. From tee sponsorships and donations, we raised \$10k for them and made a sizeable donation to the Ararat Home too thanks to the generosity of one of our brothers who wished to remain anonymous. Among the TREX participants, Bro Matt Matoesian was crowned Golfer of the Year. All flight winners were given trophies, some of which were made in the image of our dearly departed Brother Jimmy Gondjian – who was the backbone of this even for over 50 years. After golf, the Club loosened their restriction, and a great Armenian dinner was catered by Z's Catering and served to us by the Ladies of the LA Trex. Thank you PGM John C and your committee.

Bro Kev Zoryan hosted a wonderful event at his house called Scotch & Strikes! Bro Kev has a 2-lane bowling alley in his game room complex. Brothers were matched up randomly on teams of 3 and bowled against each other for fame, recognition and prizes. Bro Kev provided all different types of scotch for us to sample through the night as well as a great dinner for us. It was truly a memorable night. Bowling went on till late with the winners being the team of GM Richard Jebejian, Bro Luke Eskigian and Bro Kev's son Michael Zoryan. When interviewed, GM Richard and Bro Luke thanked the LA Associate Editor for showing them how NOT to play the game. Thank you Bro Kev and wife Liz for a terrific evening! Just about

every month Bro Shant Dergazarian has been organizing the LA Chapter Wellness Hikes. Bro Shant teams up with different brothers for a hike in a various location around LA. Hikes end with a great lunch destination or lunch at a brother's house. For example, when Bro Shant teamed up with Bro Jeff Bogosian, the hike was along the beach and ended with lunch at Trump National Golf Resort. November's will end at the home of Bro John & Rene Missakian. These events have proven to be a great way to have brothers, wives and kids spend time together and get to know each other much better. The events have been very successful and when asked why, Bro Shant thanked the LA Associate Editor for not attending any of the hikes. Thank you Bro Shant for your leadership here.

To offset all benefits of the Wellness Hikes, Bro Jimmy Melikian opens his beautiful house up in September for the Annual Jimmy Gondjian Memorial Cigar Smoker Night, named after Bro Jimmy Gondjian. This is a personal event by Bro Jimmy but attended by many LA TREX Bros to raise money for future college scholarships. Thank you Bro Jimmy and Connie for your hospitality.

In October Bro Sam Donabedian and his two sons Bros Sammy and Adam co-chaired our Annual Stag Outing, this year at the Sycuan resort near San Diego. A weekend of two days of golf, great food, drink & fraternalism. Cash prizes were awarded for the golf winners both days. Lots of gin and tavloo was played too. Outstanding work Bros Sam, Sammy and Adam.

Because of the regulations in Los Angeles, we were unable to host the Annual Ararat home picnic again this year. We were also forced to postpone the Stand & Deliver Comedy Night (where LA Bros do standup comedy routines), the LA Installation Banquet & Family Christmas Party. We look forward to these events in the coming year. Except for the Stand & Deliver Comedy Night, we are all looking forward to the rest of these events resuming in 2022. Only PGM David M is looking forward to the Stand & Deliver Night.

The LA Chapter is very thankful to our outgoing Master, Bro Derik Ghookasian for his leadership during the year and keeping the meetings going and members involved. Derik's executive body did a great job. Besides zoom meetings, we had in-person meetings at a restaurant where we welcomed 6 LA Jr Bros into the LA Senior Chapter. Our new Master served as Derik's Jr. Master. Bro Master Gary Dergazarian and his executive team have many events planned during the year. His first meeting was an exciting one at the home of one of our brothers with close to 50 Brothers in attendance as well as some prospective members prior to the meeting. After the meeting it was initiation time. Bro Armen Doyan and Bro Garrett Hazarian were both brought into our group in a double initiation run by PGM David Maseredjian.

A very memorable night for them and we are happy to see our chapter growing every year.

We have a full calendar of events planned so read your meeting flyers carefully, so you don't miss anything.

Regards,  
 Bro Michael Surmeian  
 LA Chapter Associate Editor



Bro Shant on his knees begging the LA Associate Editor to join them on the Wellness Walks. A great series of events created by Bro Shant to get LA TREX Bros and their families to get to know each other better all while staying active.



STAG 2021! LA Jr. Master Bro Sam Donabedian chairs the Stag event. L-R: Bros Sam Donabedian (Chair), Shant Dergazarian, Adam Donabedian (Co-Chair), Sammy Donabedian (Co-Chair), Co-Trexman of the 80's decade OC Bro Bill Eordekian, PGM Mel Shanoian and Vahe Devian.



Scotch & Strike Night at Bro Kev Zoryan's Bowling & Game complex. Thank you Bro Kev and Liz for a very memorable night that we hope to repeat in the future.



The LA TREX is extremely proud to share the Ararat Home of Los Angeles was named by Newsweek Magazine as the #1 Nursing Home in California. The LA Chapter supports the Ararat Home financially, its Board of Trustees is comprised of several LA Trexman and its Chief Operating Officer for many years is our Past Master Derik Ghookasian.

This monumental achievement is something all Armenians should be proud of.



What a view! The 9th Annual Jimmy Gondjian Memorial Cigar Night at the Home of Bro Jim & Connie Melikian. The event is attended mostly by Trex Bros from both LA and OC as well as wives. All proceeds go to scholarships at Fresno State.



Have you ever seen so many Armenian Golfers in 1 place at 1 time? LA TREX 65th Armenian Open at Calabasas Country Club where we raise \$10k for the Armenian Wounded Hero's Fund and the Ararat Home of Los Angeles.

# Los Angeles Jr.

TREX Brothers,

Before the end of 2021, the L.A. Jr. Trex had some great events and opportunities for further growth. In July, our group admitted two more members, David Estepanian and Jack Nalbandian, bringing the LA Jr. Trex to 11 members. With the help of Sr. Trex member Patrick Kevorkian, the two initiates were driven around Porter Ranch to complete several tasks, followed by rigorous interviews. Besides regularly scheduled meetings, several recruitment and brotherhood events were held.

LA Jr. Trex members participated in the Armenian Open and some even gather on Saturdays with Sr. Trexmen to play. In addition, a bowling event was held at Bowlero Bowl and several parties consisting of potential members and other young Armenians took place. Due to scheduling conflicts, we have been having hybrid meetings where several members physically meet and the remaining member join via Zoom. Regardless, we have made sure to maintain group participation and have many things planned going into the 2022. We are looking to make a trip to Lake Arrowhead on Presidents day weekend and have another recruitment party a short time after that. We have four potential recruits who we agree would make great additions to the LA Jr. Trex. Again, the entire group is very grateful and would like to thank the LA Sr. Trex for their continued support in keeping the LA Jr. Trex alive.

Luke Surmeian  
Master, LA Junior Trex



Bros David Estepanian and Jack Nalbandian were enlisted a series of vigorous tasks, followed by traditional interviews on their initiation night.

LA Juniors go golfing at the Armenian Open held at Calabasas Country Club. L-R: Chad Bailey, Kris Mikaelian, Frank Chelebian, Nick Mikaelian, Luke Surmeian, Stephen Matoesian and Sr. Trex Bro Justin Matoesian.



Keeping up with the group! LA Jr. Trex have a regularly scheduled meeting at the Surmeian house planning future recruitment and brotherhood events

# Sequoia Jr.

To all Trex Brothers,

This past fall we have re-started the Junior Chapter of Sequoia Trex. Our Master is Aram Babagian, Tommy Sesock is Junior Master, Chase Margosian is our Secretary, and Shane Sesock is serving as Treasurer.

Our new members are all outstanding men looking forward to learning more about Armenian heritage and how we can help out Armenians in need.

Our first meeting was held at a Fresno State Football tailgate, where we set the goal to expand our chapter in 2022. We are very excited to have brought the Junior Chapter back so we can contribute new members and keep our great fraternity growing.

Our first event is still a work in progress, it will likely be a golf tournament this spring in Fresno. When we can confirm the details all brothers will be notified.

We are all honored to be the new generation of the Sequoia Chapter and are looking forward to being the best men and brothers we can be.

Fraternally,  
Master Aram Babagian.



Bro. Stephen Babagian, Jr. Shane Sesock, friend,  
Aram Babagian, and Thomas Sesock



Jr. Chase Margosian and Fraternity Sisters



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# Sequoia

Brothers,

The significance of being part of the Triple X Greeting Brother's from across California, and Nevada. We hope our new's letter finds you and your families in good health, as we begin the year 2022.

We ended the summer with a very successful firework's booth sales, for our annual fund raiser. We appreciated the hard work of Gary and Rick Krikorian and all the brother's that served during the 105\*degree heat wave. We also elected new officers for our Sequoia Trex Chapter which included...

Master .....PGM, PM, Pete Babagian  
Jr. Master.....Alex Hovannisian  
Secretary .....Gerard Garonian  
Treasure.....Archie Zakarian  
Web Master .....Richard Tamouzian  
Corresponding Secretary.....Richard Sheklian  
Custodian, .....Kevin Skaff  
Historian Editor.....Tom Babagian  
Sergeant of Arms.....Bryan Ananian  
Hospitality, .....PGM Ron Shanoian

We are thankful to these Trex Brothers' who are serving in leadership positions this year. The Sequoia Chapter was very excited to host the 2021 Trex Convention here in Visalia. We want to thank all the brothers who were able to attend and Archie Zakarian who helped with the registration. If you missed this one, you really missed a lot.

We want to give a BIG THANK YOU , to Brother Dean Ametjian and his wonderful wife Megan for hosting our fun event at Tulare Golf Course. The Labor Day weekend started on Saturday with a golf tournament at the Tulare Golf Course. Brother Mark Avedian did a great job setting up a fabulous tournament. The players had a great time eating and drinking and playing around of golf with their Trex Brothers . That evening, the games and eating continued. Brother Dean put on a dinner spread that you would not believe. Everything from lamb chops to tri-tip sandwiches, Basturma, Sojouk , String Cheese and a table of deserts with cookies, pies, and cakes. Then if you were still hungry a larger table of fried fish, onion rings and other goodies for the brothers to enjoy. The games were also a great success. Thanks go out to Brothers Rick and Gary Krikorian for setting up the games and registering everyone. We had about 65 Brothers in all attending the Saturday night event that our Sequoia Chapter helped to under right part, so all could enjoy.

The winners from Saturday's game night are as follows, Golf Winners: Gary Krikorian, Gregory Krikorian, Tim Aharonian and Charlie Sarabian

Games Winners:

Tavloo Tournament:

Brother Harry Kutumian - Selma Chapter

Two-Man Corn Hole Tournament: Tie two teams;

John Saroyan and Gabe Kaprelian - Los Angeles Chapter

Ian Garoian and Gerard Garoian - Sequoia Chapter

Gin Tournament:

John Missakian and Steve Mikaelian - Los Angeles

Two-man Putting Tournament:

Gary Gostanian and Rick Krikorian - Sequoia Chapter.

It really warmed our hearts to be together with other chapters after being so shut in for most of the year.

On Sunday morning for our business meeting, we were once again treated to a breakfast extravaganza put on by Brother Dean, his wife Magen and her sweet mom, Tina Moody. GM Chuck Simonian, once again did an outstanding job of leading our meeting, as well as the support from the Grand Chapter. How blessed we are to have such talented men leading our Fraternity.

We were all sad to say so long to three dedicated Trex Brothers. Brother Joe Donabed Jr., Born July 4, 1948, and left us on July 08, 2021. Joe worked in city government for over 45 years. Born in Fresno, and a 25 year Sequoia Chapter Brother. His grandfather and my grandmother (Victoria Donabed Chavor) were brother and sister.

PGM Jerry Pcoochigian Born Out.5, 1950 left us on August 11, 2021. PGM Jerry was a real leader in our chapter. He was born in Fresno, and joined our Sequoia Chapter in 1976. He worked hard as a Financial Planner and worked closely with his best friend PGM Pete Babagian. Jerry loved his Armenian Brothers and loved to hang out with them. Jerry was a 45 year member of Trix and loved his family. His wonderful wife Julie (Naskashian), whom he was married to for 44 years, was the joy of his life. Jerry leaves behind a son, daughter and grand kids. He was a fun guy and brought a lot of smiles to our faces, and we are sure going to miss him.

We also said good bye to Brother Sarkis Yahnian, who was born Dec.18, 1932 and left us Oct.19, 2021. Brother Sark was born in Visalia and lost his dad at age three. With four sisters he had to grow up fast and assumed a lot of the head of the house duties. Being raised on their walnut farm, he helped his mom with many of the farming duties. In 1953-1955 Sark was drafted into the army and served two years. The Yahnian family attended St. Mary's Armenian Church in Yetttem. This is where he met Sylvia (Sousamian) and dated and later married. The Lord blessed them with three sons, the late Bryan Yahnian (mentioned in our September Trex News article, 2021), Richard, and David Yahnian. He was also blessed with some wonderful Daughter-in laws, ten grand children,



and five great-grand children. Sark was a Trex member for over fifty years. He also was a long time member of the Knights of Vartan. I will always remember Sark bringing up his fishing boat in the summers to Dinky Creek, and fishing and barbequing for all his Armenian brothers of K.V.

We closed 2021 with a spectacular end of the year Christmas Party. This beautiful dinner was hosted by Sequoia Trex and catered by Dean and Megan Ametjian at their beautiful barn. Trex Sequoia Chapter selected a Prime Dinner with all of the side dishes and beverages you could imagine. We had 97+ folks and their families attending. We asked everyone to bring an unwrapped new toy for the kids in our local hospital. Santa Claus even showed up to hand out the toys, thanks to our wonderful Brother Mark Kazarian. We were even blessed with our new Grand Master, Richard J. Jebejian and his wife attending our Christmas Celebration.

We were so thankful to be able to celebrate another exciting Trex year with our Hye brothers and our Armenian ethnic culture. We thank God for our parents, and grandparents who survived, and made it to America so that we could live, and raise our families in the greatest country in the world. Have a wonderful, Healthy, and Happy New Year.

PM Tom Babagian  
Associate Editor



Bro. Dean Christmas Party



Dean and Tina Annual Meeting



Dean and Megan Annual Meeting



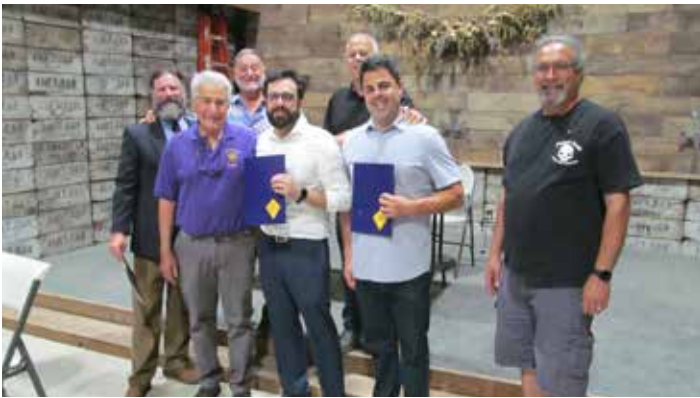
Sherry Babagian and Julia Poochigian



Bro. Mark Avedian and Family



GM Richard and Barbara and PGM Pete Babagian



Sequoia Trex Gary and Russull Gostanian, Mark and Markie Avedian, Gerard and Ian Garoian GM Chuck



Tom, PGM Pete, PGM Ron GM Richard



Santa and Bro. Andrew



Santa Sequoia Children 2021

## Palm Desert

Brothers,  
Greetings from the Palm Desert Chapter of the Triple-X Fraternity. Happy New Year! We hope this article finds you and your family happy and healthy.

Palm Desert Chapter's 2021 – 2022 Officers are:  
 Master .....Bro. Greg Kirkjan  
 Jr. Master .....Bro. James Towery  
 Rec. Secretary .....Bro. Sarkis Bedrosian  
 Treasurer .....Bro. Rob Carian  
 Corresponding Secretary .....Bro. Jim Towery  
 Sergeant at Arms .....Bro. Howard Chuchian

Many thanks to Bro. Howard Chuchian, who served as our Master for a second time around in 2020-2021. With yet another challenging year for all of us to contend with, Bro. Howard did a great job throughout his term as master and held in person meetings every month during the year.

PGM Nick Nigosian, PGM Greg Safoyan and Bro Sarkis Bedrosian were in attendance at the September Business meeting, which was held at Kotinos Barn in Exeter, CA. Many thanks to Brother Dean Ametjian and his family for their hospitality and for providing this wonderful venue to our fraternity once again. The food was delicious and plentiful and our annual business meeting was fun and productive.

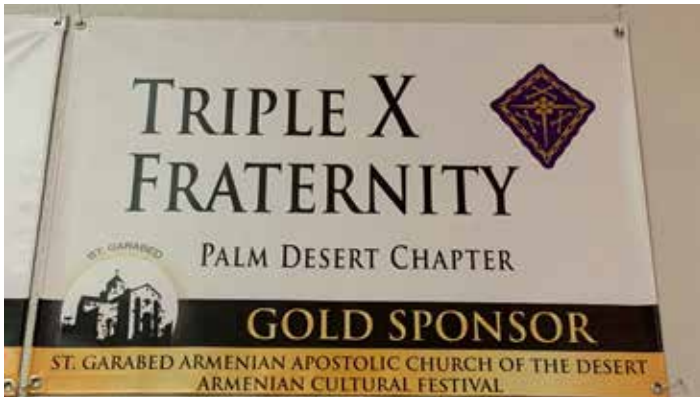
In November, our chapter was a Gold Sponsor at the St. Garabed Armenian Cultural Festival in Rancho Mirage. In addition to our sponsorship, Bro. Master Greg Kirkjan and many of our brothers assisted with the cooking at the 2 day event.

Mark your calendar and start planning ahead for our 24th Annual Palm Desert Chapter Golf Outing and 50/50 Reverse Drawing. It is planned for Saturday, May 07, 2022, and is once again being held at The Classic Club in Palm Desert. The golf tournament will be followed that evening by a cocktail party where our exciting 50/50 Reverse Drawing will take place. Even if you don't golf, be sure to get your tickets for the drawing soon and come enjoy an evening of fun and excitement!

Our business dinner meetings are normally held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. As always, all visiting Brothers are welcomed to join us.

We look forward to hopefully seeing many of you at the Mid-Term meeting in March.

Stay safe and healthy.  
 Fraternally,  
 PGM Greg Safoyan,  
 Associate Editor



Armenian Cultural Festival 11-21



Grand Chapter Meeting 09-21



November business meeting



Oath of office

## Orange County

Brother Trexman from the Orange County Chapter. As we come to the end of 2021, we are fortunate to install a new set of officers:

- Master .....Brent Melkesian
- Jr. Master .....Al Adams
- Treasurer .....PGM Harold Bazarian
- Recording Secretary .....Nairi Bagdagulyan
- Corresponding Secretary .....Jonathan Chortanian
- Sargent of Arms .....Terry Hanoian

A first for Orange County is that that Bro. Nairi transcribes the meeting notes in Armenian and recites them in Danish. . . this has led to the meetings taking over three hours due to the confusion but we are hopeful the Brothers will freshen up on their Danish for the start of 2022.

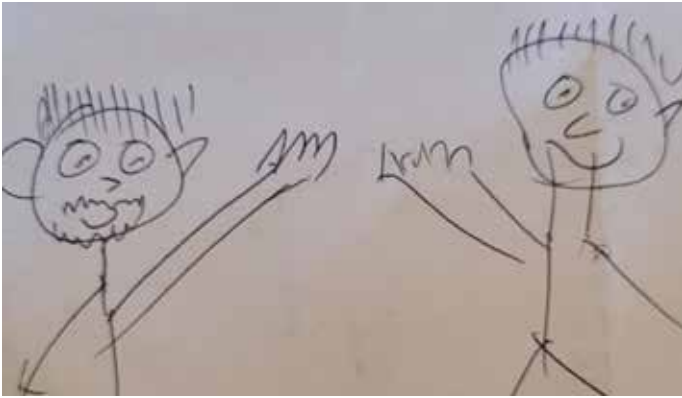
The Installation Banquet was our first major event and was well attended with over fifty in attendance welcoming Master Brent and the rest of his Officers to the head table.

Past Grand Master Brother Jack Kayajanian recieved the 2020 Trexman of the Year Award for his work as the Grand Master and championing the donations for Fuller House (at this point five houses are in construction). In addition to PGM Jack, Junior Master Al Adams recieved the 2021 Trexman of the Year for all his work as Corresponding Secretary for the last two years. Bro. Al kept the Brothers informed of all the happenings when we were unable to be together and is just an all around great Brother.

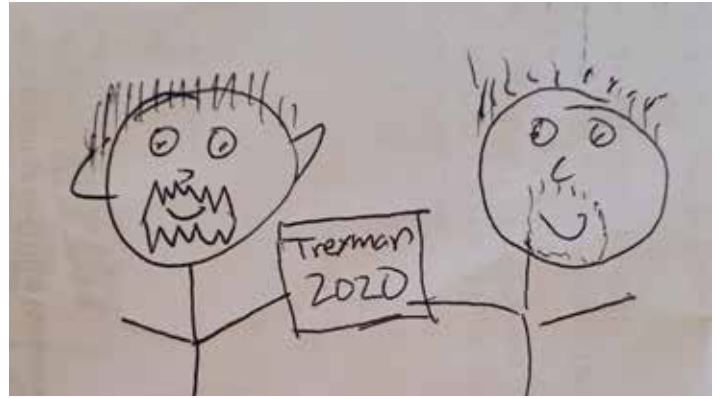
We concluded our year with Brother George Ampagoomian chairing our Christmas Party and it was a good time by all in attendance. All the children recieved toys from our substitute Santa as the real Santa got diverted to the ER after being rear-ended on the 405 . . . . We later found out Santa will be fine but two reindeer will be deeply missed.

We look forward to seeing everyone in person in 2022 at our Potluck and Picnic.

Fraternity yours,  
Simon Hovakimian



Past Master Simon giving a high five to 2021 Trexman of Year Bro. Al Adams (artist rendering)



Past Master Simon presenting PGM Jack Kayajianian with 2020 Trexman of the Year (artist rendering)



Master Brent and Jr. Master Al enjoying the Christmas Party with their wives



Some of the Trex kids enjoying festive drinks at the Christmas Party.

## Peninsula

A very happy 2022 to our beloved Brothers, families, and friends! Our chapter has once more decided to carry over our officers for this year – making it easy to figure out during the ongoing uncertainty in the world.

Our 2021–2022 Peninsula Chapter officers are as follows:

Master .....	Vartan Berberian
Jr. Master .....	Ruben Kazarian
Treasurer .....	Vic Khachooni
Corresponding Secretary .....	Mark Antranikian
Recording Secretary .....	Kip Garabedian
Associate Editor .....	Mark Antranikian
Sergeant at Arms .....	Aram Darmanian
Historian .....	Kip Garabedian
Custodian .....	Vic Khachooni
Webmaster .....	Mark Antranikian

Although we canceled our September dinner meeting, the good news is that we have had meetings nearly every month since then, with the exception of December due to the holidays. Our famous chefs are happy to be back at the barbeque and in the kitchen preparing those oh-so-delicious meals for all who attend each month! They

always get rave reviews from members and guests alike! We meet on the third Thursday of each month, normally 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). If you're ever in the Bay Area on a meeting day, be sure to stop in.

Like every other chapter and fraternity member, the Brothers of the Peninsula Chapter all look forward to the Covid situation improving so we can get back to normal activities, and perhaps even planning some new events during the year. In the meantime, we'll continue to enjoy our brotherly fellowship each month as we get together for fantastic food, drinks, and games.

We're looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Mid-Term Meeting, being hosted this March in Fresno by the Selma Chapter. Take care and best wishes to all for good health and happiness in 2022!

Fraternally submitted,  
 Brother Mark Antranikian  
 Peninsula Chapter Assoc. Editor/Corr. Sec./Webmaster  
 Grand Webmaster



Brothers Aram and George are caught admiring the Peninsula Banner



Brothers Daryl, Vic, Vazgen, future member Harry, Brothers George, Aram, Kip, and Mihran with wine and mezza



Enjoying the Halloween festivities are Brothers Daryl, Kip, Mihran, Vazken, Vic, and Aram, along with prospective member Harry (3rd from left)



Prospective member Harry poses with Brothers Vic and George



Shown taking a break from all the eating and drinking are Brothers Mihran and Vic



The great mezza table at the October Peninsula meeting is about to be ransacked by Brothers Kip, George, and Daryl!

# Selma

Hello Fellow Trex Brothers, Families, and Friends,

Well, it's been yet another crazy year, full of ups and downs as we continue to try to get back to normalcy and hope that this pandemic subsides soon. Some of our usual events during the year have been affected, but at least we've been back to having our regular monthly board and business meetings since last March, enjoying some great food and fun times as we hang out with our fellow Trexmen.

In August we were able to host our annual Tri-Chapter Social/Keyma Dinner, and it was a great success. Although attendance was down a bit from the normal crowd, it was still a good turnout and everyone there had a great time as they enjoyed the fantastic meal. A big thanks to everyone who helped out on the hard-working crew, led by Brother PGM Sam Bagdasarian and Brother Ed Nikssarian.

The somewhat scaled-down Annual Convention, hosted by the Sequoia Chapter in September, was well-attended by our Selma Chapter brothers. The amazing food and wide variety of games at the Tulare Golf Course on Saturday was not to be missed! And the abundance of food continued on Sunday morning before the meeting at Kotinos Barn in Exeter. Anyone who enjoyed both buffet meals on Saturday evening and Sunday morning surely gained a few pounds – I know I did. Great job on putting on a fun and successful weekend, Sequoia Brothers! And congratulations to the newly elected Grand Master, Brother Richard Jebejian, and all of the new Grand Chapter officers – best wishes for a productive and enjoyable year.

We held our annual Installation & Awards Dinner at Pardini's in October. It was an entertaining evening, and GM Richard was able to join us and help out with some awards and the installation of our new chapter officers. He also made it a point to honor five 50-plus-year members who were in attendance, namely Brothers Dick Boyajian, Chuck Jamgotchian, Kay Paboojian, Oscar Kasparian, and PGM Frank Korkmazian – congratulations and well done, Brothers! Also, hats off to Brother Tom Potigian, who is not only our new Master, but also received the Selma Trexman of the Year award!

Our annual Turkey Bingo fundraiser had been scheduled for November, but we decided to cancel it due to low preregistration numbers. We hope to have it back in 2022, bigger and better than ever. In the meantime, we did create a new event for us this year, a Valentine's Dinner which will be held at Pardini's on February 17th.

Unfortunately there is some sad news to report, as we lost a longtime member with the passing of Brother Milton Torigian in November. He joined the Triple X Fraternity

in 1960, and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him – our deepest sympathies to all of his family and friends.

On the plus side, we are happy to announce that our chapter has added a couple of new members in the past few months. Please give a warm welcome to new Selma Brothers Gabriel Soto and Ken Abrahamian! Congratulations – glad to have you aboard!

Our chapter is also honored to be serving as host for the upcoming Mid-Term, being held on March 5th in Fresno at the Piccadilly Inn Airport. We look forward to seeing many of you there soon!

Fraternally,  
Brother Mark Antranikian, Associate Editor



A very prestigious brotherly gathering at our Installation & Awards Dinner - they each have over 50 years of service in the Triple X! Many thanks and congrats to Brothers Kay Paboojian, Dick Boyajian, Chuck Jamgotchian, PGM Frank Korkmazian, GM Richard Jebejian (LA), and Oscar Kasparian, flanked by a relative newbie, Master Tom Potigian.



GM Richard gives the oath of office to our incoming 2021-22 officers and board members



Brothers line up to get a plate featuring delicious keyma at our popular annual feast



Our famous Keyma Dinner in August was enjoyed by all



Surrounded by Brothers Joey Sahakian, PGM Sam Bagdasarian, and Larry Avedisian, Brother Dennis Rustigian shows his approval of the keyma feast



Selma Brothers ready for action after enjoying a delicious pre-meeting breakfast



New Brother Gabriel Soto is sworn in at the September meeting by PGM Jack Ouzounian as Master Tom Potigian looks on



PGM Jack Ouzounian gives new Brother Ken Abrahamian his membership pin at our November meeting



The fun is about to begin at our December meeting!



The tavloo action is underway at the Tulare Golf Course clubhouse. Selma Brother Harry Kutumian (center, wearing SF cap) ended up winning the tournament

# Fresno

Brothers,

As the saying goes ... “A picture is worth thousand words.” Getting together with our Fresno Trex brothers is always fun. Years ago, when I used to be on stage quite often, once our late PM Bro Ed Shirin gave me two brotherly advices: “GG” and “M&M” and so here I am honoring his memories by following his guidance. During the past few months, brothers have been active and enjoying leisurely get-togethers at various local restaurants. Our chapter welcomes Chris Gates to our fraternity. Special thanks to Bro Nishan, his wife Debbie and daughter Sarah Soghomonians, for hosting a fabulous dinner for the brothers at their beautiful backyard. Under the watchful eyes of several PGMs, Bro Master Michael Hartunian and his executive team are doing a great job in guiding our Chapter toward a brighter future.

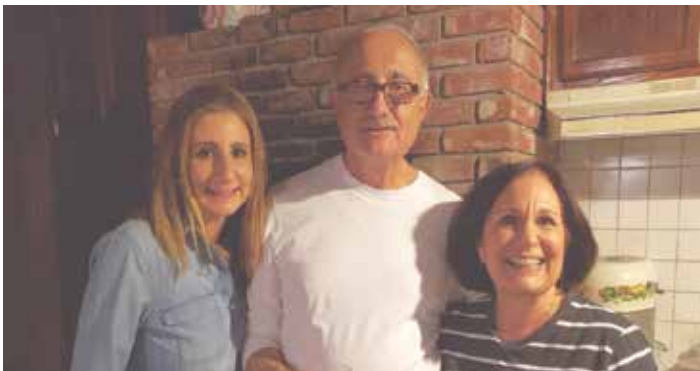
Respectfully submitted by  
Bro. Varoujan Der Simonian



GM Bro Richard with PGMs during Roman Christmas dinner



Fresno Trex Brothers during the Convention



Bro. Nishan with daughter Sarah and wife Debbie hosted a fabulous dinner for the brothers



Thanks Bro Nishan and Family for hosting a get together for us.



PGM Steve, and Bro Master Michael welcome Chris Gates to our chapeer



Bros. Ara and Levon - we have no Sushi at an Italian table.





Bro. Harry wondering what is going on behind his back with Bros Haig and Chris



Life gets better when Trex brother are together



Bro Pet we know, eggplants are your favored dish



PGM Bob with his wife



GM Bro Richard- help me understand what's on the wall



The other Italian Restaurant

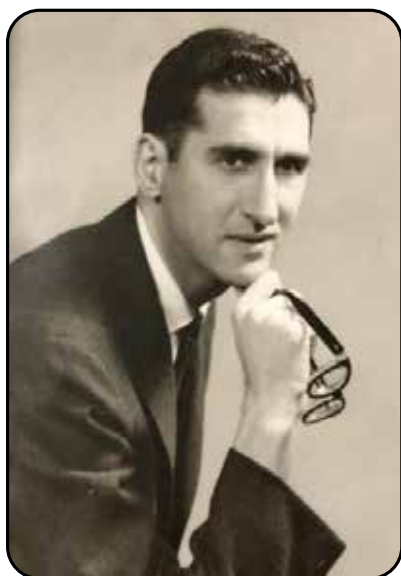


It's great to have Bros and their wives join us during Roman Christmas



Thanks Bro Nishan

## IN MEMORIAM



### **Brother Edward “Ed” Minasian Mt. Diablo**

Edward “Ed” Minasian died peacefully October 14, 2021. He was born November 6, 1924 in Lawrence, Massachusetts to Toros and Haiganoush Minasian. The son of Armenian genocide survivors, Ed grew up with a fierce pride in his Armenian heritage and strong love for his birth country the United States. After serving in the US Army Air Corps during WWII he studied history at UC Berkeley graduating with honors in 1950. While at Cal he was active in the Armenian Students organization (known then as Alpha Rho Mu) serving as organization president and forming friendships he cherished throughout his life. Upon graduation he began a lifetime career as an educator starting in Oakland at Fremont High and later McClymonds High. In 1956 he embarked on his greatest adventure moving to Nurnberg, West Germany for two years to teach American History at the American air base. While there he travelled extensively visiting over a dozen European countries, parts of the Middle East and even made it past the “Iron Curtain” twice. He continued teaching high school in Oakland when he returned and later enrolled in the Masters program at Berkeley which he completed in 1961. He began teaching American history at Laney College in 1964 and remained there until his retirement in 1993.

Ed was an active member in the Armenian community throughout his lifetime. He served on Parish Council at St. Vartan Church in Oakland, Ca; was a founding member of the Triple X Fraternity Mt. Diablo Chapter; chaired the Norcal Armenian retirement home committee. He authored, “Musa Dagh” which chronicled the influence of the Turkish government and subsequent suppression of the filming of Franz Werfel’s “Forty Days of Musa Dagh” in Hollywood.

In 1964 he married Goldie Kuzirian; she was the love of his life. Their marriage was blessed with a son, Edward Toros and lasted 54 years until Goldie’s passing in 2018.

Ed is survived by his son, Edward T. (Kristian) Minasian, his nephews, Robert (Karen) Tarpin and Ronald (Dorothy) Ajemian, nieces, Caroline (Robert) Brownson and Roberta Schmitt, and many grand-nieces and nephews.



### **Brother Dikran Devian Los Angeles**

On December 17th, 2021 the Los Angeles Chapter lost one of its legendary members. Bro Dikran was born on August 29, 1929 in Cairo, Egypt. Bro Dikran grew up in Egypt and before long was married to his bride Manoush, came to the United States, had 2 sons (Bro Ara and Vahe) and started a high-end and successful photo color lab

business, from which he eventually retired. Bro Dikran joined the LA Chapter in 1984 and served the Chapter in all positions. Bro Dikran was an avid golfer and could be found every Saturday playing with his LA Trex Bros at Simi Hills. Golf was 2nd only to his family. Bro Dikran leaves behind his wife Manoush, son Vahe & Daughter-in-Law Jackie Devian, Son Ara & Daughter-in-law Cindy Devian, Grandchildren Nicholas, Taylor Devin, Amanda & Andrew as well as Great-grandchildren Jack & Hayes Devian. The LA Chapter will miss Bro Dikran’s smile and sincerely love he freely shared. He had a great business and comedic mind. We will also miss his pranks during our meetings and the hug and kiss he gave everyone when he saw them.



### **Brother William J. Maseredjian Jr. Los Angeles**

Oct. 1, 1975 - Feb. 19, 2021

Bro. William Jr. known by his friends and family as “Billy” enjoyed 26 years membership, first as a Jr. Trexman and later Senior Membership. A graduate of U.S.C. earning his degree in Biology, Bro. Billy professionally entered the field as a Microbiologist with Baxter Bioscience. Away from work, Billy enjoyed other activities which included his skills in machine work and woodwork. He enlisted these attributes in developing innovative RC model airplane parts etc. His interests were wide and varied as demonstrated by his ability to craft classic collector autos from frame up. As a young man he actively participated in many sports including Trex baseball. Bro. William was a Trexman at heart in every sense of the word...always uplifting, conscientious and true to his word. Billy is survived by wife Ruby, son James, parents William Sr. and Melanie, brother to Christopher and Carrie Loved by his many cousins, uncles and aunts, Billy’s life and spirit are deeply cemented within our memory. His love for life and warm smile are greatly missed by all.

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# TREX MID TERM - CONVENTION 2022 TAVLOO TOURNAMENT

WHO WILL BE CROWNED 2022 MID TERM CHAMPION?



**TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO ALL TREX MEN**

**ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 - SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS 03:00PM - FRIDAY 03-04-22**

TO REGISTER, PLEASE EMAIL BRO. SHANT DERGAZARIAN - [SHANTDERG@YAHOO.COM](mailto:SHANTDERG@YAHOO.COM),  
CALL OR TEXT 626.712.1403.

**RULES: SINGLE ELIMINATION \***

1. WINNER IS FIRST ONE TO WIN 5 GAMES (1 SET) AND THEN WILL ADVANCE TO NEXT BRACKET.
2. NO TOUCHING OF DICE UNTIL THE OTHER PLAYER HAS FINISHED HIS OR HER MOVE.
3. DICE MUST HIT THE BACKWALL & MUST LAY FLAT ON THE BOARD OR A CHECKER AND MUST LAND ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE TABLE
4. "HIT & LIFT" and "HIT & RUN" INSIDE HOME BOARD IS PERMITTED UNLESS DECIDED OTHERWISE BEFORE THE SET HAS STARTED.
5. YOUR MOVE IS CONSIDERED FINAL ONCE YOUR HAND IS REMOVED
6. GAMMON RULE APPLIES ("Marse"), IT IS WORTH 2 GAMES.
7. NO "BACKGAMMONS" (Triple games).
8. ANY DISPUTES WILL BE HANDLED BY NEARBY WITNESS.
9. 1<sup>ST</sup>. 2<sup>ND</sup>. 3<sup>RD</sup>. PLACE WINNER RECEIVE CASH PRIZES. FULL PAYOUT

**ALL GAMES WILL BE HELD AT THE PICCADILLY INN (AIRPORT) IN THE LOBBY SECTION**

**ON SATURDAY STARTING AT 10:00 AM - OPPONENTS WILL BE ASSIGNED AT RANDOM  
- PLEASE BRING YOUR BOARDS.**

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE MEETING**

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

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