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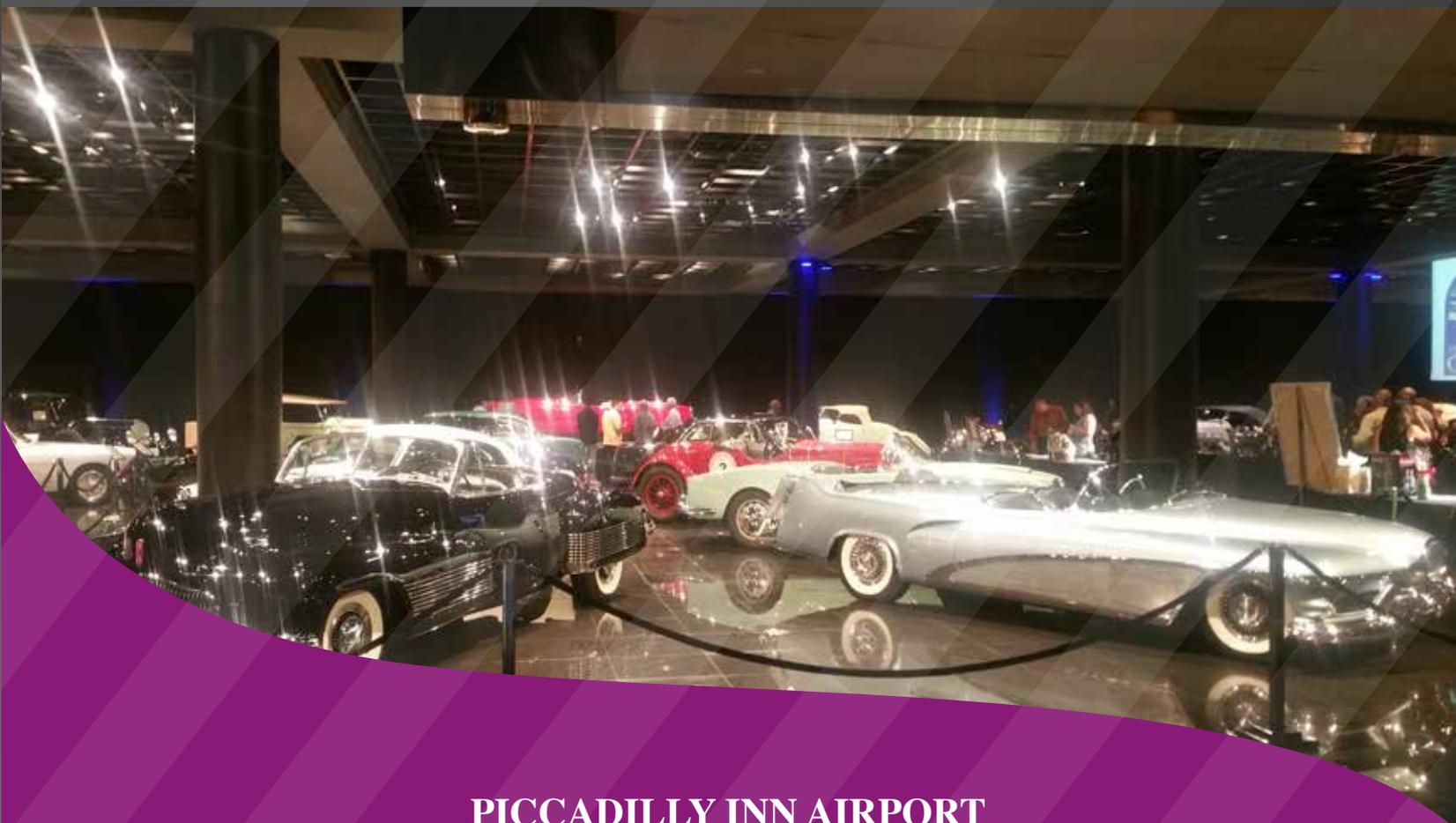
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Saturday, March 3rd, 2018

Meet and Greet – 5 to 6pm

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FROM THE GRAND MASTER...

Dear Brothers of the Triple- X Fraternity,

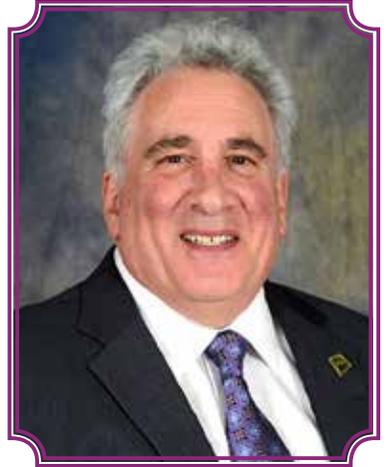
One hundred years ago (1918) our fraternity was founded by eight young men of Armenian heritage in Fresno, California. From that point in time, our fraternity has grown and expanded to encompass many areas of California North to South and part of Nevada.

Our eight, Triple-X Founding Fathers would have been very proud to see what we have done as an organization! They originally, hoped to have and limit the organization to “thirty” members (XXX). Look where we are today with nearly 700 members! I too, share in this great feeling of pride as a member of this fraternity.

I am still in the process of making my visits throughout California and Nevada. I have visited the larger thriving chapters and the smaller chapters. I have gathered inspiring ideas from many chapter visits and plan to visit every chapter before my term ends. My one concern, as our fraternity enters its centennial year, is that we make sure our organization is strong and healthy enough to sustain and endure its 200th year birthday? The continued growth and health at our local chapter level is crucial and key to our organizations longevity into future. We need to mentor our younger members and be more proactive in providing healthy, youthful activities that will encourage and attract young Armenians to join our local fraternities!

In short, more than words can express, it is an extreme honor for me to be part of this great fraternity and to be your Grand Master! Please always feel free to share your ideas with me and I will bring them to the attention of our Grand Chapter and my “Super Duper Fantastic PGM Advisory Board”!!!!!!

Let us all join the Valley Chapter Trio (Fresno, Selma and Sequoia) in helping them to throw one heck of a successful centennial convention!



Fraternally,
Brother Gregg B. Chorbajian
Grand Master 2017-2018
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Oakland

Parev Brothers,

Well the 2017 Triple X Convention is behind us and Oakland Chapter was pleased and thankful for the support given by all the chapters around the state. Our convention chairman, Bro's GM Gregg Chorbajian and Stuart Arakelian did an outstanding job. We cannot speak about the convention without mentioning the untiring work by many of the Oakland members towards making this convention a success that it was. This was truly a whole chapter effort. Kudos to all the event chairman and their committees.

Besides the convention Oakland has had a full menu of events. We started off since the Midterm with a night at the "A's" game. Of course the obligatory tailgate party was a must. Under the leadership of Bro Ron Mickeals the food and drink flowed and everybody had a great time. By the way the "A's" pulled out a win in the ninth inning.

The next major outing of our chapter was the Annual Chapter Camping trip to the Sierra's. This year's location was the beautiful Loon Lake. Reports from the brothers stated that the weather was great, the food outstanding and the brotherhood uplifting. Our Brother Rick Magarian has been the spearhead on this annual outing and he and his committee always put on a first class event.

November was a very busy month for the chapter. We led off the month with our annual Fall Cigar Night. This event was hosted by Bro. Drew Mickaels at his beautiful home in the East Bay Hills. This event has turned into being one of the most popular events in the Chapter. Brothers come and partake in the fellowship whether they are cigar smokers or not. It was rumored that the Bay Area Air Quality Control was going to call an alert due to all the smoke emanating from Bro. Drew's house but that was unconfirmed. The other event that happens every November is our Oakland Chapter Lobster Feed. We invite brothers from all the Bay Area Trex Chapters to join us in devouring crustaceans. As always Bro. Craig Bazigian and his crew do a great job of preparing the food and presenting the critters. This year's turnout of over forty members from the Bay Area Chapters was really great. The giant lobster was won this year by Brother Rick Mickaels.

The Oakland Chapter will be sponsoring a Charity Dinner Dance on Sat. May 5 at the Elks Lodge in Alameda. The event will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Oakland and Mer Hooys Armenia. The evening includes a fabulous buffet dinner. Oakland Chapter's very own band, Brotherly Love, featuring the Really Hye Horns, will provide the music for the evening.

Brotherly Love was the featured band at our Sunday Night event at the last convention. For tickets contact Bro. Rick Magarian. This charity fund raiser is a new event for Oakland Chapter. It is part of our continued effort to raise money for various charities that we support throughout the year. More information on this event will follow.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Harry Sherinian
Oakland Chapter Associate Editor



Bro. Archie Kamian with Lobster

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Oakland Bro's at Convention



Selma

Here we are getting ready for Mid-Term, it seems like we just left Pleasanton. Thanks to our Oakland Brothers for a great convention. The Valley chapters are working hard to give the fraternity a fitting convention to commemorate our 100 years. 100 years is something to be very proud of, hopefully something you'll want to be part of.

We got back and swore in our new Master David Shapazian . His first event was to welcome Fresno State's Men's Basketball coach at our Sports Night. Bros. Grant Bedrosian and Marcus Marotian put on a great night. Brothers from our valley chapters helped make it a successful event.

In October we enjoyed our Installation dinner, our guest of honor was our new Grand Master, and we were also, happy to have Bro. Jim Taylor from the Oakland Chapter. In addition to swearing in our new officers for the year, we recognized our Trexman of the year Bro. Grant Bedrosian. As we have in past years, we were glad to host several of the wives of departed brothers.

In November we had a great turnout for our annual Turkey Bingo (with dinner of course). Bro. Arron Krikorian chaired the event, understand he gave the bird to 24 contestants. Bro Ed Nikssarian chaired the kitchen duties, as usual, some not cooked enough, some cooked too much. Can't please everyone, though everyone had a great evening, and that counted and included those who chose not to drink.

December found Bro.Oscar Kasparian chairing the Christmas party for the kids. Bro. Oscar revived this a couple years ago and we thank him for stepping up. He saw a need and took care of it.

Sadly we have to report the loss of Bro. Harry Eritzian. Bro. Harry had been a member since 1984.

2017 is behind us and we need to focus on the greatness of this fraternity turning 100. Hope all of us finds the time and desire to spend it together at convention Labor day weekend.

Fraternally,
PGM Pete Cholakian
Associate Editor



Some of the Brothers at A's tailgate party



Tailgate Party

Peninsula

Hello fellow Trexmen! Our expanding Chapter of Peninsula Trexmen gathers together on the third Thursday of each month for our regular dinner meetings, led by Master Vartan Berberian. Our normal meeting place is 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); however, since last October, we've had to move elsewhere temporarily while the industrial kitchen there is under another renovation. Thankfully, our Treasurer Vic Khachooni and his lovely wife Linda have graciously opened their beautiful home to the Peninsula Brothers each month while we await the completion of the renovation. Fear not, the tradition of amazing meals prepared by the talented chefs in our Chapter continues, no matter the location! If you're ever in the Bay Area on a third Thursday evening, you're always welcome to join us for some great fun, food, and fellowship!

At the Annual Convention in Oakland this past September, I'm happy to report that there were six Peninsulans in attendance – a full 40% of our membership! Despite the record-setting heat in the East Bay that weekend, everyone had a great time at all of the amazing events and at the fun and productive business meeting. The entire weekend was very well done and held at some amazing venues – kudos to the Oakland Chapter and all involved in putting together such a first-class convention!

We did receive some sad news at the Convention, as former Peninsula member Earl Saroyan informed us that one of our longtime former Brothers, Rudy Cazanjan, and his wife Gloria, were involved in a solo automobile accident on I-280 earlier in the year, and both had passed away from their injuries. As mentioned in the last Trex News issue, we also lost another dear friend and longtime former Brother this past summer, Aram Salmassian, after a long illness. Our deepest condolences and sincere thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends – may our dearly departed rest in peace.

For the October dinner meeting, we had a fun Halloween/Okttoberfest-themed gathering at Vic and Linda's abode. It was quite well attended and the food was amazing, of course! Then the holiday festivities continued, with a special Thanksgiving dinner in November and then joining the Golden Gate Chapter in December for a wonderful Christmas celebration. I'm sure most of us gained several pounds during the holiday season, but I'm also sure it was quite worth it!

We wish a very happy and healthy 2018 to all Trex Brothers and their families! Looking forward

to seeing everyone at the upcoming Mid-Term Meeting in Fresno as we celebrate the Triple X Fraternity Centennial Year!

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



Bros. Vic, Mihran, Vazgen, Zareh, Ruben, & Vartan helping out at the NorCal Annual Picnic in Petaluma



A summer BBQ dinner meeting is always an amazing experience



The Oakland Convention meeting attendees Bros. Larry, Kip, Vic, Mark, Daryl, and Vartan

Las Vegas

Dear Brothers,

Greetings from the 3rd hottest Chapter, right behind Palm Desert and of course, Oakland! We have been chillin' and enjoying our common bonds of Las Vegas fellowship and brotherhood.

Thanks to our dearly departed Bro. Arpiar Babigian, we experienced both ends of the emotional spectrum this past year. In August, several of our Trexmen and wives joined in a festive celebration of Bro. Arpiar and Anns' 50th Wedding Anniversary at none other than the fabulous Shish Kabob House. They were an especially well liked couple throughout Las Vegas and L.A. which made it all the more difficult for us deal with the ensuing changes in his medical well being. A few months later, following a short illness, we lost our beloved Bro. Arpiar, one of the founding members of the Las Vegas Chapter. May God illuminate his soul.

The Las Vegas Chapter was a strong supporter for the awesome Oakland Convention, especially considering the heavy fines levied upon yours truly at our annual business meeting. At least it was for a good cause. I, for one, am not easily impressed but each night was spectacular IMHO. Live music with a variety of gorgeous showgirls (a.k.a. the Trex wives) was unforgettable and my hat is totally off to the Oakland Brothers for achieving peak performance in the face of adversity.

I am referring of course to the unforeseen impact to the Convention from the esteemed Palm Desert Chapter. Not only did P.D. bring the bulk of the outgoing Grand Chapter, they also enlisted the aid of 2 more "heavy hitters" (PGM Greg A & PGM Nick N). On top of that, as sort of a twisted gesture of Brotherly Love, the Palm Desert entourage apparently summoned the aid of their Coachella Indian Tribal Spirits to ensure a very "warm welcome" for all the visiting Conventioneers. And when I say "warm", I mean to say ... sweltering, scorching, baking, roasting sizzling, blistering, boiling and let's not forget catastrophic HEAT WAVE! That being said, the Las Vegas and Palm Desert Bros felt right at home with the 115 F temperature ... just another day in paradise!

We donated to local churches and the Armenian-American Cultural Society which sponsored a beautiful tribute to our Armenian heritage at the Clark Country Main Flamingo Library where over 400 guests enjoyed a remarkable display of traditional Armenian dancing, music and singing with our Bro. Andy Armenian as one of the organizers.

On a somber note, all of our Trex Brothers were affected in one way or another by the deadly mass shooting on October 1st. Many thanks to our California Brothers who reached out to check on our well being. Thankfully, none of us attended the tragic Route 91 Harvest Festival but many of us know someone who did and, suffice it to say, their lives will never be the same. Rest assured, nothing can quell the strong spirit of Trex Brotherhood in Las Vegas! On a personal note, I had attempted to get COMP VIP tickets to the ill-fated Sunday night event from my casino host. Fortunately, I'm such a "low roller" that I was unable to qualify for the hard-to-get COMP tickets. The next day, I thanked my Host for saving my life. Amen.

Las Vegas took pride in supporting our fellow chapters, namely the impressive Wine and Cheese Fundraiser in San Diego and the Armenian Festival in Rancho Mirage where our Palm Desert brothers "cook up a storm" each year! In addition, we have proudly welcomed a new member, Bro. Petros Artsrunian.

As you may know, we've recently broken ground on our new "Trex Clubhouse" here in Vegas, a.k.a. "Raider's Stadium!" and our new Trex slogan is ... "JUST WIN BABY!" BTW, if all the other Chapters can chip in a little, then I think we can get the naming rights for about \$15M for ... THE TREX DOME! Any takers?

To close out the year, some of our brothers helped to celebrate our PGM Chuck Parigian's 90th birthday. FYI, PGM Chuck is one of the oldest living PGMs, having attended his first Trex meeting on horseback! A wonderful party was held at ...wait for it ... The Shish Kabob House! BTW, they now have a 2nd location in nearby Henderson so, in case you want to try a double-header, you can enjoy lunch at one location while working up an appetite for dinner at the other. That's how we roll!

In closing, may I wish each of you an extra special year complete with Grace, Harmony and of course a little Brandi. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Shish Kabob house on Flamingo, 3 miles west of the strip. In the meantime, let's celebrate at the next Mid-Term "After Party" at ... Chez Denny's in Fresno!

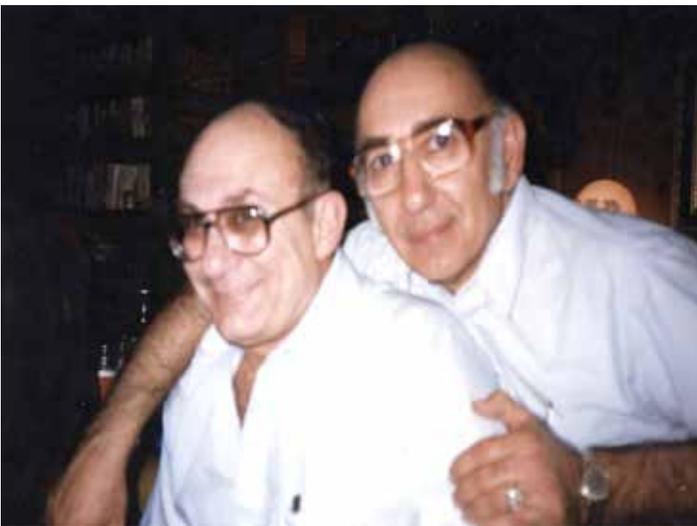
Fraternally,
Bro. Mark Derderian, Editor



The last 3 remaining Charter Members in July at Bro. Arpiar & Ann's 50th Wedding anniversary... combined age = 240! After losing Bro. Arpiar (at left), now only 2 left ... combined age 190 !



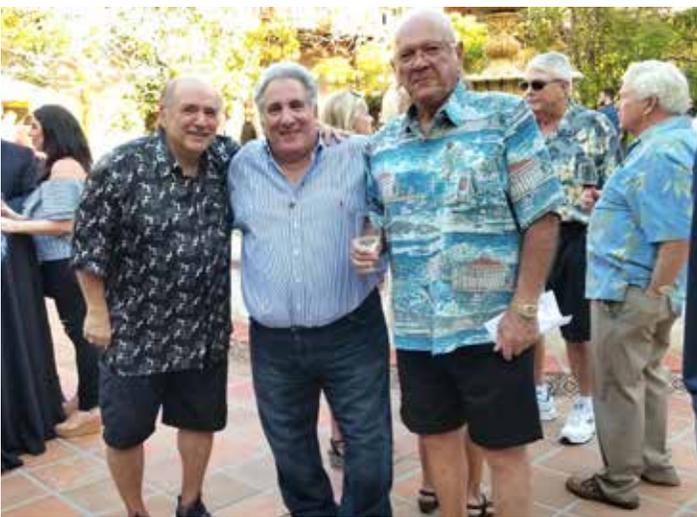
Misbehaving Bro. Mark getting body slammed by PGM Greg S and PJGM Bobby ... it was rough I tell ya !



Dearly departed Brothers Pat Ruzgerian (OC) & Arpiar Babigian (LV) - Brotherly Love is eternal.



Impressive Armenian Dancers at the Annual Clark County Library Cultural Celebration



Bro. Mark & PGM Greg A help to steady the footing of GM Gregg (center) at San Diego's "All you can Drink" Wine & Cheese Fundraiser !



Wife Katy and Esteemed PGM & Poker Champ Chuck Parigian, celebrating 90 years young !

Sequoia

Greetings Trex Brothers and families. Hope this finds you all in good health, and enjoying another New Year.

We would like to thank all the brothers from the Oakland Chapter for all the hard work they put in on the 88th Annual Trex Convention. We all enjoyed the beautiful Livermore Valley Wine Country setting. Each of the events was so well planned and was enjoyed by all the brothers who attended. The dinner and dance affair that took place at Palm Center in the Vineyard was very special along with the music. Thank You all again for this spectacular event.

We were blessed with the election of new officers to lead our Sequoia Chapter in 2017-2018...

Master.....Gary Gostanian
Junior Master.....Brian Poochigian
Treasurer.....Archie Zarkarian
Recording SecretarySarkis Enfiedjian
Web Master.....Richard Tamouzian
CustodianKevin Skaff
Sgt. Of ArmsJames Karakashian
Historian – EditorTom Babagian
Hospitality.....PGM Ron Shanoian

We would like to thank all these brothers for their leadership this year.

We have a get well wish for our Treasurer Archie Zarkarian. It seems that he was mowing his lawn and somehow the lawnmower took off after him and now he may be facing knee surgery. Speaking of knee surgery, our new Master Gary Gostanian recently had laparoscopic knee surgery and we hope Gary and Archie are doing well.

We would like to send out a BIG CONGRADULATIONS to Brother Dean Ametjian on his recent marriage. Marriage can be a real blessing.

PGM Ron Shanoian has been working hard to meet our Year Book deadlines. I know this has been a project trying to get brothers to come together for a picture, and find old pictures of Sequoia Chapter. Thanks Ron for all your efforts. We sure appreciate your efforts.

We held our annual Public Safety Appreciation Fundraising Banquet last June and it was a big success. We had it this time at the Wyndham Hotel (former Holiday Inn) in Visalia. We gave several scholarships to deserving students who are planning a career law enforcement and Fire/ EMT. We also had a silent auction and raised support for the scholarships. We had dignitaries from the community supporting our efforts. Thanks to all the brothers who made this all possible.

We received a wonderful “Thank You” note from Ashot Yeghiazaryan, President of The Fuller

Center for Housing in Armenia for our donation. The organization this past year has assisted 57 families into decent housing. In the nine years since its inception in 2008, FCHA has assisted over 600 families. This year alone, five international and sixteen local volunteer teams were hosted (altogether over 300 volunteers). A few years ago our current Master, Gary Gostanian and his grandkids visited Armenia and worked in remodeling and upgrading houses in Armenia. We are so proud of Gary and his grandkids for their contribution to Armenia and, The Fuller Center for Housing in Armenia.

We closed out our year with a wonderful Christmas Celebration. We had a terrific catered dinner that Master Gary arranged. Santa Clause even appeared that night. A big thank you to Mark Kazarian who does an outstanding job in this role each year. Thanks also go to Brother Rick Krikorian who supplied all the presents that Santa handed out to the children. It was a truly wonderful time to be together. We also had a successful toy drive that night, and we asked brothers to help with these worthy causes. We would like to say a special thanks to Master Gary and Brother Brian Poochigian for delivering the toys collected to needy kids in our local hospital here in town.

Sequoia Chapter would like to wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces at the Mid-Term Convention this March 2018. A thought for this new year is to remember to always, “count your blessings each day”.

Associate Editor,
P.M. Tom Babagian



Brother Brian and is Pride Possession



Fresno Chapter lamb chop dinner with Bro. GM
December 2017



PGM Ron and Janice



Sequoia Brother Oakland Convention



Janice Shanoian and Olga Sarouhan
Oakland Convention



Master Gary Gostanian and Brian Poochigian Gifts for
Kaweah Delta Hospital Children Ward



PGM Pete Can I eat this.



Orange County

Master.....Bro. Robert Oganessian
Jr. MasterBro. Rob Tusan
TreasurerBro. Sarven Tomaskesis
Corresponding Secy...Bro. Brent Melkesian
Recording Secy.....Bro. Don Kazanjian
Sgt. at Arms.....Bro. Terry & Larry Hanoian

Board of Directors:

2 year term: Bros. George Ampagoomian,
Ara Malazian, Wayne Najarian
1 year term: Bros. Jon Agajanian,
Jonathan Chortanian, Simon Hovakimian

Our Bro Master Brian Melkesian did an outstanding job as Master for two years that's a great Trexman... once again we donated money to Armenian Eye Care Project, Ararat Home Los Angeles, Choc Children's Hospital any Armenian Rose Parade Float. It's a good feeling to give it away to great causes. Our 42nd annual picnic was a great success we had over 300 in attendance, the shish kabob was delicious and the music and the kids game went off fantastic. Thank you to the Chairman brother John Cholakian who was assisted by Bro. Wayne Najarian. Also brother Art Kazarian without him we would be lost. Thanks to the wives who helped to serve ..

Thanks to the Oakland chapter for a fantastic convention it was over the top.

Our installation for the new 2017 and 2018 officers was a first class event. We had our Grand Editor brother Steve Sahagian with us for the evening. We presented our lifetime achievement award to Past Master Wayne Najarian and the Trexman of the year Award to Past Master Brother Jack Kayajanian .

Our annual Christmas party with Mr. and Mrs. Santa was a huge success. All the kids got to talk to Santa and receive presents from him. Thanks to PM Ron Sarohan and PM George Ampagoomian and their wives who did a super job planning and executing this fun night. Toys were collected for toys for tots. We also had entertainment and photography done by our fabulous magician.

We are looking forward to a banner year under the direction of Master Bro. Robert Oganessian. We have two new Brothers who joined our Fraternity Bro. GREG SANOSSIAN and Bro. AL ADAMS with more to come.

Meeting held the third Wednesday of every month at JT Schmidt restaurant, 2415 Park Ave., Tustin
Cocktails at 6 PM dinner at 7 PM and meeting at 8:30

Respectfully submitted,
Brother Haig Jamgotchian, PGM.



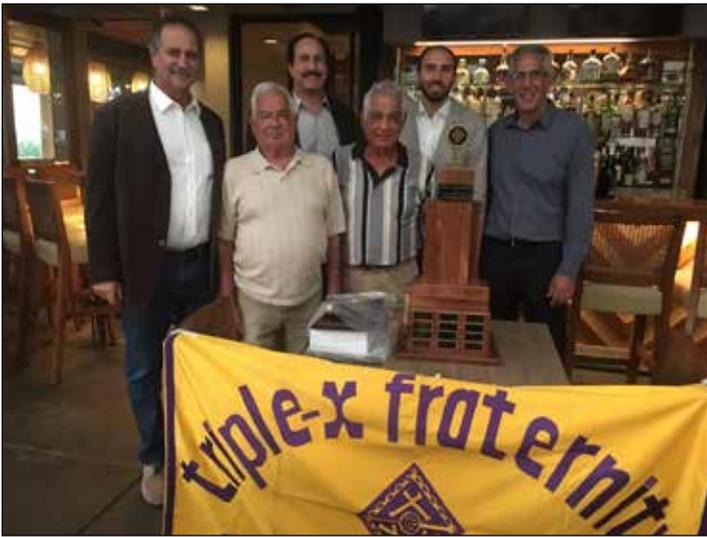
OC Brothers 2018 Picnic KEBOB TIME



2018 OC Picnic Morning Work Force



Our Deligate Brothers
2018 Oakland Convention



Achievment Award 2017
Orange County Chapter



Ampagoomian's and Sarouhan's with
Mr. and Mrs. Gaghand Baba



Brother Wayne Najarian Recieving
OC Lifetime Achievment Award



Brother Jack Kayajanian Recieving
OC Trexman of the Year Award



New OC Brother Master
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Oganessian

Golden Gate

Greetings from the Golden Gate Chapter to all our TREX Brothers. We MUST begin this article by once again congratulating our Oakland Brothers on an awesome convention. They truly went way beyond expectations – both with their creativity and hard work in putting together an outstanding and fun-filled weekend.

And, talk about hospitality, what other chapter would go so far as to adjust the weather in order to make the Grand Master feel at home.

That said, our Golden Gate brothers have been quite busy since the convention. With the election of a new executive board, there are lots of activities to report. Of course, immediately after the convention, the Bay Area hit right into the church festival season.

And, it's a Golden Gate Chapter practice for our guys to volunteer to work and serve at all of the Armenian church festivals. So, our Barbeque Crew was out in full force, and our work crew helped where ever needed.

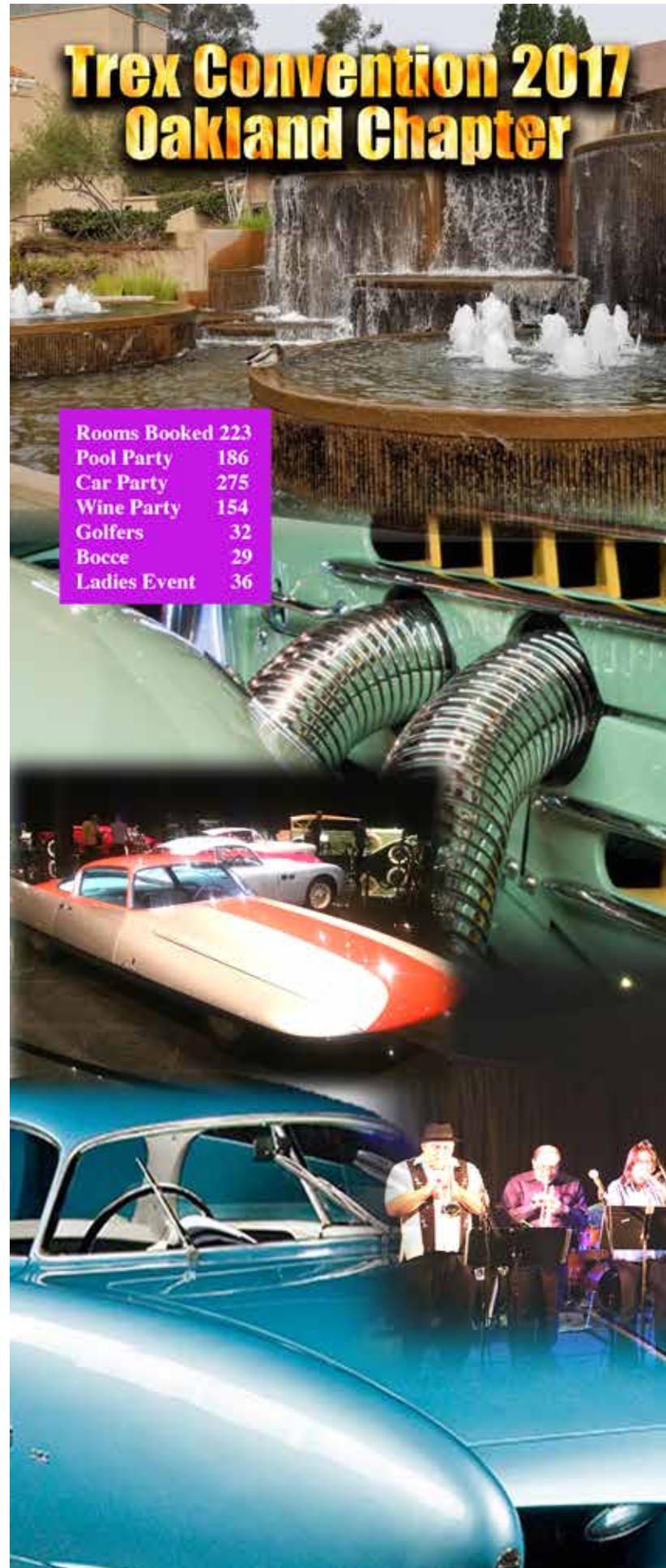
In October, we had our first "KEF" outing – organized by our new KEF committee. For this first event, several of our brothers and their wives attended the world premier of the live stage production of "Prince of Egypt." A great show and a good time... complete with crime scene tape and 12 cop cars surrounding the theatre complex after the show. Can't say we don't have EXCITING events?!

In late November, our chapter planned an early celebration of the holiday season with a night out with the ladies – at an outstanding Chinese restaurant. Granted that most of our group had NO IDEA what we were eating, but it was another fun evening – with games, laughter, and that good old fraternal spirit.

Our January meeting just happened to fall on the very day of PGM Garo's birthday, so his chapter brothers surprised him by inviting our wives to enjoy their dinner in a different part of the restaurant before joining us in our meeting room for some cake and a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday.

We're ending this first half of our term with a belated Valentine's Party at the beautiful Harding Park golf course – with yet another dinner with our wives, Grand Master Gregg Chorbajian, and a few prospective new members. This event is always a great time, as well as another excuse to spent time with our awesome chapter brothers.

We're looking forward to seeing all our brothers at Mid-term. See you soon!





Weekly Forecast

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
				
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
115° 72°	113° 72°	106° 70°	100° 70°	100° 68°

The Oakland Chapter of the Trex Fraternity Welcomes Brothers, Families and Friends

Brotherhood

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Mt. Diablo

Greetings Brothers and Friends from Mt Diablo

Our Officers for 2017-2018 are as follows:

Master..... Tanil Matosian
Jr.Master Myron Konjoyan
Recording Secretary..... Jack Mooradian
Treasurer Ed Hazarabedian
Corresponding Secretary Jerry Tusan

Mt Diablo was proud to assist the Oakland Chapter in supporting them monetarily and with volunteers in the hospitality room during the Labor Day Convention. Thanks to Mt Diablo Brothers and their wives for attending most of the Convention events, Tanil Matosian, Al Kaljian, Garo Keadjian, Kevork Hagopian, Seno Garabedian and Ed Hazarabedian. Several Brothers also purchased ads in the Convention Booklet, which was first class. Oakland Brothers really know how to throw a Convention in the Livermore Valley. It was very organized from beginning to end. Congratulations again.

During 2017 business meetings, we had Brothers from Mt Diablo spend 15 minutes sharing their life stories. Brothers Garo Keadjian, Seno Garabedian and Jerry Tusan took turns during the summer months.

New Grand Master Gregg Chorbajian attended the September meeting to share his vision on Trex for the upcoming year. Several of the Oakland Brothers also attended our meetings to promote the convention.

We surprised Brother Al Kaljian at the Breakfast meeting Sunday morning, by presenting him with a certificate for 74 years of service as a Trexman in Good Standing. We will formally present him with a 75 year pin in 2018. Also in 2017 Brother Seno Garabedian completed 50 years as a Trexman!

The November Oakland Meeting and Lobster Feed were also enjoyed by several Mt Diablo Brothers. Once again, Brother Craig Bazigian knows the secret recipe for cooking a delicious lobster dinner. Hope to see everyone at the Mid-Term meeting and 100th Year Centennial Convention in Fresno!

Respectfully Submitted
Brother Jerry Tusan-Mt Diablo



Brothers Tan Matosian, Armen Boyd, Jerry Tusan, Ed Hazarabedian at Convention Hospitality



Master Tan and Marilyn Matosian and Jerry Tusan at Convention event

100 th Anniversary Trexmen

Brothers:

Please contribute old photographs and other memorabilia to your Chapter's Trexmen liaison for inclusion in our upcoming landmark publication!

The Older the Better!





Brother Al Kaljian
Receiving 74 year certificate from Jerry Tusan



Master Tan presenting perfect attendance to Brothers
Jack Mooradian & Myron Konjoyan with
GM Gregg Chorbajian



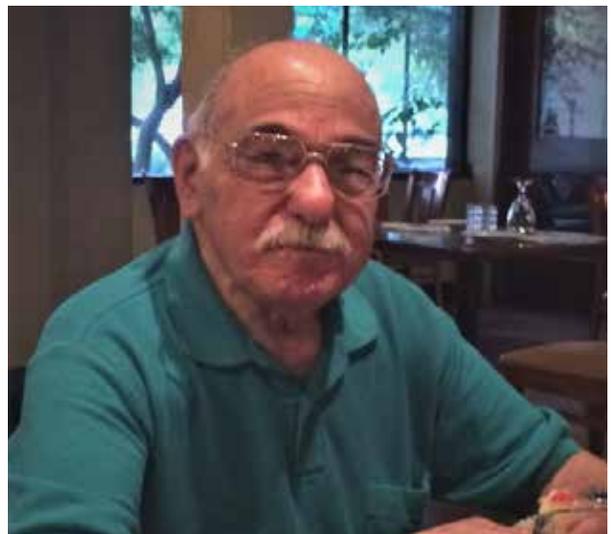
Brothers Garo & Pat Keadjian, Seno &
Dickie Garabedian, Kevork & Grace Hagopian
at Convention Event



Mt Diablo Brothers



Brothers Al Kaljian, Dee Kassabian,
Master Tan Matosian and Jerry Tusan
at Oakland Lobster dinner and meeting



PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian celebrating his
Birthday at a Trex Meeting

Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The LA Brothers would like to congratulate the Oakland Chapter on a fantastic convention as well as our new Grand Master Greg Chorbajian and all the Grand Officers on their election. So many great events packed into the weekend! The LA Chapter was in full force at the convention with over 100 Brothers and their families in attendance. We are looking forward to heading to Fresno for the 100th Anniversary Convention in 2018 hosted jointly by the Fresno, Selma and Sequoia Chapters. We were also very proud of our very own Bro Shant Dergazarian (Grand Secretary) for being named the first recipient of the Bro Albert Nalbandian Outstanding Trexman Award. Besides being honored at the Convention meeting, Bro Shant was also honored at the LA Chapter's Installation Banquet. Congratulations Bro Shant!

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 Matt Matoesian was this year's Club Champion and which was announced at our Annual Installation Banquet. Rounding out the top 3 spots were Bro Ken Gorvetzian in 2nd Place and Bro Zareh Mitilian taking 3rd. Congratulations Bro Matt and many thanks to Bro Lev for chairing this important event.

Bro Jimmy Melikian again hosted our Annual Cigar night 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. Thank you Bro Jimmy & Connie, for your generosity in underwriting the event as well as your vision for the Scholarship Fund and to PGM Jeff Hazarian for working with the Armenian Departments of various universities 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, Galen Petoyan & 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.

In October Bro Tev Eminian & PGM Mel Shanoian co-chaired our Annual Stag Outing at the

Pala Mesa Resort near Temecula. After about 20 years, these two LA TREX legends have decided to let another group take over this event. The weekend boils down to two days of golf, great food, drink & fraternalism. 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! This was the swan song for Bro. Tev and Bro. Mel and their committee in organizing this great event. The past attendees can't thank you enough for the hard work in making it such a great even for as many years as you have done it (over 20 yrs)! We are looking forward to Bro Sam Donabedian and his committee and the great things they will do for this very enjoyable event.

This year's winner of the Ken Khteian Award for Trexman of the Year was Bro Guy Injayan. Bro Guy has been running the LA TREX Family Picnic for many years and is always participating in events, helping whenever he can and generally has a great attitude. He is a great family man and his wife Karine can be seen at most any LA TREX Event. Congratulations Bro Guy for setting a great example for us all.

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 John Missakian (aka Kassim). This year's program included another video presentation featuring "man on the street" interviews and respected business owners to see how good a job Bro John did as Master of the LA Chapter. 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 PGM David Maseredjian and Bro Ara Ishkanian (first ever back to back winner), 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 Kirk Shanoian served as Santa this for the 1st time. Being physically fit, Kirk was not the best candidate for the job. With no pillows added, Santa looked ill and weak. No wardrobe malfunctions this year, but he did perspire quite a bit, making for awkward sweat stains on the costume. Thanks to the Brothers and their wives for a great event.

Sadly, we lost 2 of our most beloved members – Bro Sudy Ayvazian (67-yr member) and Bro Jimmy Gondjian (61-yr member). Please see their Eulogies within the TREX NEWS. Despite these devastating losses, 2018 will be another great year for the LA Chapter and we look forward to more great events with our Master, Michael Mooradian and his executive team.

Regards,
Bro Michael Surmeian
Associate Editor



(R-L) LA TREX legends Bro Lev Chaloukian & Bro Dikran Devian with his lovely wife Manoush Devian at the LA TREX Installation Banquet.



(R-L) PGM Mel, Bro Mike Kourtjian and Bro Tev Emenian enjoying the 2017 annual Stag outing. Bro Tev and PGM Mel have served as event Co-Chairman for many years.



Master Mike Mooradian (left) presenting Bro Guy Injayan the Ken Khteian Award for Trexman of the year.



LA TREX Ararat Home picnic - Bro Ron Housepian instructs the serving line volunteers to be less productive than the LA TREX kitchen volunteers. Bro Gabe Kaprelian knows this is an impossible request and doomed for failure.



LA TREX children and grandchildren at the 2017 Family Christmas Party. The person in the middle dressed as a polar bear is Bro Kirk Shanoian.

Fresno

GREETINGS FROM FRESNO BROTHERS

Everything at the Fresno chapter is running smoothly. Master Steve Bedoian has been very creative in coming up with incentives to increase meeting attendance by giving a \$5 off discount on the next dinner event if you attend. Our JR. Master PGM Bob Juskalian has been spear heading delicious dinners at our club house with the help of Bro. David Kandarian and Bro. Kenny Melconian , PM Gary [lambchop] Kazarian , not to forget the cooks: Brothers Bill Kandarian, Pete Chilpigian and Tarjian Bedoian. I should also mention the salad maker team of M & M. our appetizer team of PGM Jack Bedoian and PM Richard Bedoian.

We had a very nice Christmas dinner headed by Bro. Bill Kandarian and his committeeTHANK YOU ALL. In the up coming months Master Steve is planning movie nites, ice cream socials and gaming parties, we hope all the brothers will come and enjoy the good times and see old friends.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Michael Basmajian Assoc. Editor



Arlin, Gary ,Chris



Gary & Gary



Alberta & Denise



Tarjian & Aram



Tarjian, Rick & Richard



Grandmasters



Steve the next Grand Master



Sam & Chris



Varoujan, Pete & Bill

Los Angeles Jr.'s

Hello Brothers,

The Los Angeles Junior Chapter has been making much ado about nothing. We have been enjoying our personal growth and success in our school and careers throughout 2017 and now look forward to bigger and better things in 2018. We are excited for upcoming events through our Fraternity and cannot wait to spend more time with our Brothers this coming year. Wishing all of you much success in 2018.

Fraternally yours,
Los Angeles Junior Chapter



Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

The year 2017 was a great year for the Palm Desert Chapter of Triple X Fraternity. We hosted several successful events and continue to be known in the community for our social and charitable contributions. Thank you to Bro. James Towery, who served as our Master, for a job well done and to all of our Palm Desert brothers for a great year!

Hoping to get away from the summer heat in the desert, Pleasanton experienced record heat over the Labor Day weekend, resulting in a “hot” 2017 Convention. The Oakland brothers were quick on their feet to implement “plan B” to keep us cool and comfortable at the hotel and each of the unique event locations. Thank you to our Oakland brothers for hosting a wonderful, fun-filled convention in Northern California! Our congratulations to Grand Master Greg Chorbajian.

In October, we had a nice turnout for our Installation and Awards Banquet held at Castelli’s Ristorante in Palm Desert. With four Past Grand Masters (three from our Palm Desert Chapter), we all enjoyed a wonderful evening together. Thank you to PGM Greg Avedesian for chairing this great event.

Our Palm Desert Chapter’s 2017 – 2018 Officers are
MasterBro. James Towery
Jr. Master.....PM Chris Markarian
Rec. Secretary.....Bro. Sarkis Bedrosian
Treasurer.....PM Koko Mazmanian
Corresponding
SecretaryPGM Nick Nigosian
Sergeant At
ArmsBro.Edmund Shadman

In November, several brothers volunteered their time at the annual Armenian Church Festival in Rancho Mirage. Helping with cooking and serving of the delicious Armenian foods is a fun day of brotherhood and charitable contributions.

Our annual “Family Day at the Fair” at the Riverside County Date Festival is set for the three-day holiday weekend and will be held this year on February 17, 2018. We hope that you can all come and enjoy our desert hospitality, at this annual event.

The popular and annual Palm Desert XXX Golf Outing and 50/50 Reverse Raffle is scheduled for May 5, 2018. It is being held again this year at The Classic Club,

the home course of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic. The weather in the desert in May is perfect for golf and could also be your “lucky” month for winning the cash prize raffle. Get your tickets soon and come enjoy an exciting evening of delicious mezza and fun!

Mark your calendars for our annual events 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 Mid-term in Fresno.

The Palm Desert brothers are all looking forward to this year’s annual Triple-X Convention held in Fresno, as we celebrate the 100th year of the Triple-X Fraternity.

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

Happy New Year 2018.
Fraternally, PGM Nick Nigosian,
Corresponding Secretary



PALM DESERT BROTHERS VOLUNTEERING
PM Howard Chuchian, PGM Greg Safoyan and PM Koko Mazmanian cook at the Armenian Festival in Rancho Mirage



- PALM DESERT INSTALLATION BANQUET 2017
 Janis Avedesian, PGM Nick Nigosian, Carolon Nigosian, PGM
 Greg Avedesian, Mary Kellejian, PGM Joe Kellejian, Bernita
 Saroyan, and Bro. Eral Saroyan



PALM DESERT INSTALLATION BANQUET 2017
 Zenda Saradarian, Elise Alchian, Bro. Vic Saradarian, Alice Sa-
 foyan, PM Greg Kirkjan, PM George Kirkjan, Tammy Kirkjan, and
 Bro. Sarkis Bedrosian



PALM DESERT INSTALLATION BANQUET 2017
 PGM Greg Safoyan, Kim Safoyan, Wendy, PM Bobby Melkesian,
 Jaci Tutunjian, Sonia Matossian, and Master Jim Towery



PALM DESERT INSTALLATION BANQUET 2017
 PM Chris Markarian and Ani Markarian, and their family



PALM DESERT MEETING



PALM DESERT INSTALLATION BANQUET 2017
 PGM Nick Nigosian, PGM Joe Kellejian, Elise Alchian, PGM
 Greg Avedesian, PGM Greg Safoyan

San Diego

For the San Diego Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity, the Summer and Fall of 2017 were filled with some great events, including our Summer Picnic, our 9th Annual Wine & Cheese Tasting and our Annual Christmas Party. All of the events were a great success and fun for all who attended.

On Sunday, 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.

On Saturday, October 15th, our chapter held its 9th Annual Wine & Cheese Tasting event at the beautiful Rancho Bernardo Courtyard. Enthusiasm and participation in this event has continued to grow throughout the years and this year was no exception. Nearly 150 guests were in attendance, including Armenians, as well as many non-Armenians, from the San Diego community. We also want to thank those brothers from other chapters who made the trip to San Diego to support us. The event is our primary fundraiser 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 one of our newest members, Bro. Greg Khosharian, for offering his culinary talents as a professional chef, to prepare the food and create the elegant design and table settings for our guests. Lastly, a very special thanks goes out to Alan Yaghjian, who has kindly allowed us to use the Rancho Bernardo Courtyard all of these years.

We have been fortunate to welcome many new members to our chapter over the past couple of years and, in September 2017, we continued the trend initiating a new brother, Harold Koloogian. Harold is a great guy and we know he will become a valued member of our fraternity.

On Saturday, December 9th, we held our annual Christmas Party at the Aladdin Restaurant in San Diego. 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.

Bro. Steve Hovsepien



IN MEMORIAM



Bro. Arpiar Babigian - Las Vegas

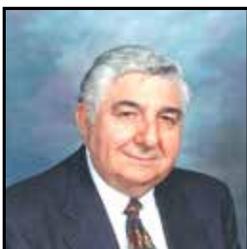
December 16, 1931 - November 23, 2017

Bro. Arpiar was a beloved Charter Member of the Las Vegas Chapter and was a longtime community leader in Las Vegas. He was born December 16, 1931 in Los Angeles to Arpiar Harutune Babigian and Berjanoosh Abajian Babigian. The family moved to Downey, CA in 1935 and in 1936 he was joined by a sister Betty Jean Babigian. He attended Downey High School where he was a track and football letterman. After high school he was drafted into the US Army and fought in the Korean War with the 839th Engineer Aviation Battalion, earning multiple honors, and medals.

After the war, he began classes at Fullerton College and he drove a truck for his father's trash hauling company, Arrow Disposal. During these years he was active in the Mason's Knights Templar and the Al Malaikah Shriners.

When he retired in 1992, the family moved to Las Vegas where he worked hard on uniting the Armenian community. In 1996, Bro. Arpiar became one of the founding members of the Las Vegas Trex and later served as Treasurer.

Bro. Arpiar was a man of few words but those words spoke loudly. His legacy of service honoring our cherished Armenian traditions, inspires us all to be better citizens and better Trexmen. May God illuminate his soul.



Bro. Harry Eritzian - Selma

July 8, 1934 - November 28, 2017

Having lost both of his parents at age 11, he moved with his sisters, aunt, and uncle from Richmond to Fresno in 1948. His late sisters Mary and Charlotte raised him and sent him to Bellarmine College Preparatory High School in San Jose where he graduated in 1954 and then to U.C. Berkeley-U.C.S.F. School of Pharmacy where he graduated with a B.S. in Pharmacy in 1958.

Upon graduation, he moved back to Fresno and worked as a pharmacist for Potter Drugs until opening his own pharmacy. He attended and was an active member of the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church. He was also an active member in the Fresno-Madera Medical Association, Selma Triple X Fraternity.



Bro. Mardy Marderosian - Fresno

April 18, 1926 - December 22, 2017, at age 91. Mardy was born in Boston, MA. Being the only son, he grew up with three sisters, Betty, Mary, and Veronica. At 17 years old, Mardy joined the United States Navy and was stationed in Alameda, CA, eventually bringing his whole family to the west coast. Coming to Fresno, CA, with a Navy buddy who was visiting family, Mardy met the love of his life, Muriel, at a dance at the Fresno Hotel. They created a beautiful family and celebrated 70 years of marriage on November 15, 2017. Family and

friends were important to Dad. He and Mom enjoyed many wonderful times traveling with friends and spending time at the family cabin in Shaver Lake, and at their beach house in Pismo. Dad and Mom established a successful business, Allied Appraisal, until Dad's retirement at age 60. He was a member of the Saint Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church, the Knight's of Vartan, AGBU, and the Triple X Fraternity.



Bro. Sudy Ayyvazian - Los Angeles

Member of the L.A. Chapter for over 65 years. He was born on November 5, 1921 in Fresno, CA In 1944, Sudy joined the Army, and trained in the Medical Core at Camp Barkeley, Texas. He was shipped out to Germany during the Battle of the Bulge, but soon after his arrival, Germany surrendered.

Sudy worked at the Herald Examiner for 25 years. While on strike at the Herald Examiner, Sudy set out to become a longshoreman and with much persistence, got it, giving him a job he loved until he retired in 1991 at the age of 69.

Throughout the years, Sudy pitched for the Los Angeles Triple X Chapter's Softball team where he was an ace. He also loved golf and played until he switched to more subdued sports. Later he loved to play cards with his Los Angeles Trex Brothers and others from St James Church. In his advanced years, he enjoyed contributing to St James Church, the Fellowship Club, the Ararat Home and to anyone he felt was not as fortunate as he.



Bro. Jimmy Gondjian - Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Chapter and the entire brotherhood of the California Armenian Triple X Fraternity lost a devoted long-standing member of the Fraternity to which he belonged for 61 years.

Jim's monthly Good and Welfare reports at the monthly LA Trex meetings will be missed. These reports kept Chapter members informed on the health and status of other Brothers. Gondjian was born April 10, 1921 in Kerman, California to Vartouhi and Misak Gondjian. He was the second of six children. His family moved to Los Angeles in 1928 and lived in a duplex on Gramercy Place.

Jim retired at the age of 75, but never lost his passion for golf. Four months after retiring, Jim was hired as a golf marshal at his home away from home, the Mountain-gate Country Club where he served for 26 years. As one would expect, worked there until two days before his passing.

Brother Jim you will be sorely missed by all Fraternity brothers and their families;

MAY YOU REST IN PEACE.

Grand Editor...

Welcome to Trex News, 2018. Thank You to all the Brother Associate Editors from each Chapter for your articles and photos.

New design changes this year to the front and back cover. Inside larger text will making articles easier to read. Adding high-resolution digital photos and digital printing, give this publication its updated look.

2018 we celebrate 100 years since the birth of the Triple X Fraternity. One could only imagine what is was like in 1918 when our 8 Founding Brothers laid the foundation that has lasted one century.

Looking forward to being part of the next 100 years...

Bro. Steven Grand Editor

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MID-TERM MEETING 2018

Saturday, March 3rd, 2018

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