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TREX 2020 ZOOM!



91st Annual Triple X Fraternity Business Meeting

Sunday, September 6th, 2020

Kotinos Barn

30312 Road 196, Exeter, CA 93221

- Gates open at 10:00 am - Coffee and donuts/drinks provided - Grand Chapter Sponsored
- 10:30 am - Start of tavloo tournament... Bro. Shant Dergazarian (tournament chair)
- 11:00 am - Zoom Broadcast Start
- 1:00 pm - Lunch call... The cost will be \$45.00 per person.
- Please respond by August 31st if you will be attending.
- 2:30 pm - Annual Business Meeting Start
- 4:00 pm - or earlier conclude meeting

FROM THE GRAND MASTER...

WHEW! WHAT A RIDE!

Dear Brothers,

The second half of my term as Grand Master may be the most difficult 6 months a grand master has experienced in modern times. I assume that the Grand Masters who remained in office during the World Wars and The Great Depression had experienced substantial difficulties as well.

At the outset of my term, I had looked forward to assisting several Chapters on the further development of the Fraternity by recruiting new members. Due to the pandemic, recruitment, meetings, etc. came to a startling halt. I hope the information given to the Chapters during the initial 6 months of my term regarding membership recruitment is used to build this organization in the future.

Once again, my wife Joy and I extend a "huge thank you" to all of the Trex Brothers and their families for their gracious hospitality we received during the initial 6 months of our term. Fortunately, I was able to attend business meetings at all Chapters; several social events with the Los Angeles Chapter (cigar night, picnic, installation); all social events for the Orange County Chapter; the crab feed with the Oakland Chapter; the Date Festival with the Palm Desert Chapter; and the Wine and Cheese Festival with the San Diego Chapter. Unfortunately, we have been unable to travel after Mid-Term Convention.

I can also report during the second half of my term, I did attend numerous Zoom meetings with all Chapters (that video conferenced) on a monthly basis. I am extremely honored and pleased with the generosity extended by the individual members and Chapters regarding the Fuller Center for Housing in Armenia. As of this writing, we are close to raising \$50,000 in contributions. Hopefully by the end of the term we will have reached our goal of \$52,500, which will allow five houses to be built in Armenia due to the generosity of the Trex Fraternity of California. If any Brothers are traveling to Armenia in the near future and want to visit the offices of the Fuller Center for Housing, please contact me. The Grand Chapter is extremely proud and thankful that the Fraternity was able to UNITE to deliver a treasured gift to the homeless in Armenia. The entire Grand Chapter is extremely proud of the Trex Fraternity for achieving this milestone!

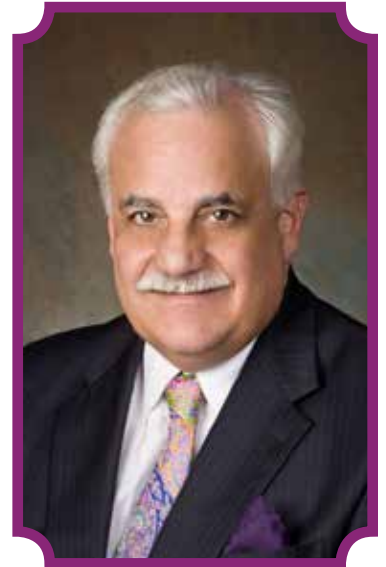
During the second half of this term I continued to enjoy the tremendous support of the Grand Chapter Officers. Junior Grand Master - Brian Melkesian and Grand Secretary - Ralph Dergazarian were extremely helpful providing information and input weekly during these difficult times. Grand Historian John Gulugian, Grand Marshal - John Missakian and Grand Treasurer - Ara Malazian provided valuable assistance when called upon. Finally, thanks to Grand Editor - Steven Sahagian and Grand Webmaster - Mark Antranikian for their efforts.

Hopefully, the Trex Fraternity in California can rebound from the closure caused by this Covid crisis. When trying to plan the future of this Fraternity (i.e., postponing the Convention, establishing an Annual Meeting, etc.). I consulted the various Coronavirus health agencies in Fresno County, Tulare County and San Diego County on a weekly basis. Knowing that there is substantial elderly membership in this Fraternity, I believe that the health and welfare of our existing Brothers was the paramount concern in planning the second half of our term. I am happy to report that we did not lose a Brother from Covid-19 during our watch. I wish the Brotherhood continued good health and humbly thank you for allowing me to serve as your Grand Master.

Very truly yours,



Grand Master Jack J. Kayajanian
2019-20



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Fresno



Brothers,
Parev! Enchbes es?

Hello from the Fresno Chapter and the Central Valley. All is well here with our brothers and families. We are staying safe and sheltered. We are keeping in touch and taking care of each other. Of course, no gin, tavloo, golf, cigars and cognac. We are not flocking to the beaches or attending any Chinatown Festivals.

The Fresno Chapter was excited and happy to host the Mid Term on March 7th, 2020. We hope all the brothers who attended had a great time, stayed healthy and left fulfilled. We thank all the brothers who attended for their support. Also, thank you to Grand Master Jack Kayajanian and the Grand Chapter Officers for their assistance to ensure we had a great meeting.

Thanks to PGM's Bob Juskalian and Steve Bedoian for organizing the events and menus for the Mid Term. Also a big thank you to 10-time Past Master Gary Kazarian and Jr. Master Dave Kandarian (and their crew) who did a fantastic job in the lamb chops!!! Brothers Shant Dergazarian and GWM Mark Antranikian got the Mid-afternoon gaming underway with Tavloo and cards, keeping the troops occupied. Thank you to the Los Angeles, Selma, Sequoia and Fresno Chapter brothers who participated and made the golf outing a great XXX day. We enjoyed a wonderful time at the Sherwood Forest G.C. of the Sierra Foothills.

The brothers here who participated in the statewide Grand Chapter "ZOOM Meeting" on the April 20th were enlightened. So the Fresno Chapter hosted its first ever ZOOM meeting on May 7th with 12 brothers participating. Big thank you to Brother Grand Secretary Ralph Dergazarian for making it happen.

Thank you Fresno Chapter Brother Raffi

Mouradian, Official Photographer of the Fresno Chapter. For more Mid-Term pictures Contact Bro. Raffi.

Coming soon!!!

I am excited to announce the start of my campaign for Grand Master and look for your support. (We do not know the time or the place yet.) Thank you brothers.

Respectfully yours,

Brother Master Kenny Melkonian Jr.
Associate Editor Fresno Chapter



FRESNO CHAPTER TABLE & ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY



HUNGRY BROTHERS LINING UP FOR CHOW
BEING SERVED BY PGM JACK B. VAROUJAN D.S.,
PGM BOB J. & RICHARD B.



MID-TERM GOLF OUTING AT SHERWOOD G.C.; 1ST GROUP BROS. BILL SAHATDJIAN, EUGENE KANDARIAN, DAVE SHAPAZIAN, PGM JERRY POOCHIGIAN & VERNON AVAKIAN



MID-TERM GOLF BROS. MIKE KOURTJIAN, TEV EMINIAN, KENNY MELKONIAN & PGM MEL SHANOIAN



MID-TERM COOKING CREW BROS. DAVE KANDARIAN, GARY KAZARIAN, BILL SAHATDJIAN & PGM JERRY POOCHIGIAN



MID-TERM SERVING LINE BRO. RICHARD JEBEJIAN, PGM STEVE BEDOIAN & RICHARD BEDOIAN



BRO. MASTER KENNY MELKONIAN JR. WITH G.M. JACK KAYAJANIAN & UNKNOWN PERSON THANKING ALL THE BROTHERS WHO ATTENDED THE MID-TERM



BRO. TARJIAN BEDOIAN MAKING SURE ALL BROTHERS ARE SAFE



BROS. VAROUJAN DERSIMONIAN, NISHAN SOGHOMONIAN, TARJIAN BEDOIAN



BROS. DAVID KANDARIAN, PGM JACK BEDOIAN, BILL SAHATDJIAN, MICHAEL HARUTINIAN, PGM BOB JUSKALIAN

Las Vegas

Dear Brothers,

Hello again from fabulous Las Vegas! Like all of you, we have carefully tried to navigate the COVID conundrum and so far we have all managed to stay healthy, thank God. In January, we were able to enjoy a wonderful, family style Armenian Christmas Party at the Shish Kabob House. We had a good turnout including some special invited guests. The party featured live music, dancing, door prizes and of course, lots of great food. Many thanks to the committee for organizing this memorable event.

Although the Governor hasn't allowed us to have monthly meetings lately, some of us did have a little clandestine adventure. Please don't tell but, thanks to an unnamed co-conspirator, we managed to sneak into the Venetian Casino during the shutdown for a felonious photo op (see below). As usual, the Las Vegas Brothers did their best to support local charitable causes and various events put on by our fellow chapters. Also, as suggested by the Grand Sec'y, we are including a spotlight piece:

GET TO KNOW PGM CHUCK PARIGIAN: Our esteemed PGM is 92 years young but he appears decades younger. He grew up in Dearborn, Michigan and moved to California with his family during World War II. He was still in high school and his two older brothers, Albert and George, were already in the service. When the Korean War began, PGM Chuck was drafted into the Army, sidetracking his plans to marry Katy, his fiancée. He got most of his training at Fort McNair in Japan at the foot of Mt. Fuji and still recalls many cold nights there. He served from 1950 to 1952 as an Army combat medic in Korea, attached to the 40th Infantry Division. During the conflict above the 38th parallel, his left hand was seriously injured and Sgt. Chuck was taken to the US Army hospital in Inchon, Korea for surgery to save his hand. When he went back to his combat unit on the front line, his platoon suffered many casualties and the medic who had replaced him was killed.

When PGM Chuck returned home, he felt blessed to be a survivor. He and Katy were finally married and began raising a family. He enjoyed a 35 year career working as a printer, book binder, and supervisor in the publishing field including several years at Life Time magazine. He later went on to own a fast food business, Mack's Burgers, with his partner and best

friend, Mike Ohanian. I imagine they offered a "Big Mack" !

The Triple X remains a very special part of his life. He joined the LA Chapter in 1973 where his older brother George is still a celebrated member at age 97! PGM Chuck served in various positions including the LA Master. After retiring to Las Vegas in 1994, he helped establish the Las Vegas Chapter in 1996 and served as the first Master. He proudly became Grand Master in 2002, is a dual LA Trex member and he truly cherishes the 47 years of brotherhood which he continues to share among Trexmen throughout the fraternity.

PGM Chuck and Katy have been wedded for 67 years and counting ! Their daughter lives in nearby Colorado and they have 4 grandkids and 3 great grandkids. He was an avid golfer and bowler and still enjoys poker at the Elk's Club and fishing for trout. Because of his many interests and friends, it's not easy to keep up with him ... especially since he got his own motorized scooter !

Planning ahead, suffice it to say that, we look forward to getting back to life as usual and seeing you all again at the next convention. In closing, may I wish each of you a continued year of good health, good luck and prosperity. BTW, if you're thinking of coming to Vegas for a visit, come on down. The hotels have plenty of PPE but more importantly, we have plenty of PPK - Pilaf, Paklava and Kebob ! We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, whenever it's legal to do so.

Fraternally,

Bro. Mark Derderian, Assoc. Editor



PGM Chuck Parigian



Easy access to the Strip



VIP private cruise down the strip !



Rare look at the Fremont Street Experience



Clandestine visit to the Venetian Casino !



Bro. Gary Setian and wife Marie dancing at the XMAS Party



Bros Arthur Kasarjian and Armen Anooshian

Palm Desert

Dear Brothers,

Greetings from the Palm Desert Chapter of the Triple-X Fraternity. We hope this article finds all of you and your loved ones safe and healthy.

In February, we held our annual “FAMILY DAY AT THE FAIR” at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. Grand Master Jack Kayajanian attended, along with several PGM’s, Palm Desert members, and visiting Los Angeles and Orange County Chapter brothers. As always, everyone enjoyed delicious Armenian Mezza, snacks, drinks and desserts. The event was once again graciously hosted by PGM Nick Nigosian and his wife Carolon, and was held in the comforts of the hospitality suite and VIP tent provided by the Fair Board. Later, in the evening, everyone enjoyed the nightly musical pageant, which was followed by a VIP reception at the concert stadium.

Our Palm Desert Chapter was very proud to join in with other community members supporting the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4H Clubs. Our Chapter once again donated a \$2,000 scholarship to deserving junior livestock exhibitors at the Fair.

Also, in February, the Palm Desert Chapter gave a \$500 donation to the local YMCA of the Desert.

It was great to see so many brothers at the Mid-Term meeting in Fresno. As always, the Fresno Chapter did a wonderful job of hosting the event at the Clubhouse. Regretfully, our annual “DESERT GOLF OUTING” scheduled for May was cancelled due to the pandemic. This event may still take place in the fall and we will be sure to keep everyone posted.

The Palm Desert Chapter is broken hearted by the loss of our beloved Brother, PGM Greg Avedesian. PGM Greg was a true Trexman in every sense of the word. His friendship, humor and many contributions to our fraternity will be deeply missed, but never forgotten. I for one am honored to have called him my friend, fellow PGM and Brother. Our deepest sympathy goes out to PGM Greg’s wife, Janis and his two daughters, Starr & Joy.

We hope to resume in-person business meetings

soon, which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

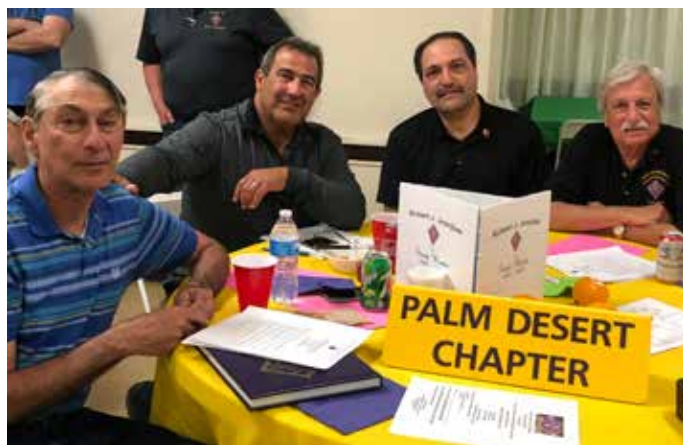
Fraternally,
PGM Greg Safoyan
Associate Editor



PGM Garo honoring PGM Greg Avedesian



Lunch at George’s in Fresno before the Mid-Term Meeting



Mid-Term Meeting 2020



Family Day at the Fair 2020



PGM's and GM Jack with Queen Scheherazade and her Royal Court



GM Jack having fun at our Family Day at the Fair



PGM Nick at our Family Day at the Fair



Dr. George Car Show



Bro. Blaine paying his dues

Golden Gate

Introduction

2020 Who would have thought...?

Well...the venerable Golden Gate Chapter Trexmen started the new year off right with a joint chapter meeting, including our Peninsula Chapter brothers (wait...who showed up exactly?) and Grand Master Jack Kayajanian. It appeared that the GM had a really good time as did the rest of us, and we managed to cover a good amount of TREX business with of course, the requisite mud-slinging.

Then in lieu of our regular February chapter meeting, PGM Garo hosted our annual Valentine's party at his home. Good times, good food, and even dancing!

A few more activities took place, then the Covid fallout halted everything. Well almost everything. Good news and bad ensued, read on...

January Joint Chapter Meeting

We started the New Year off in great fashion by holding a joint chapter meeting with the Peninsula Chapter in order to welcome the Grand Master. But where oh where were the Peninsula Trexmen??? We even held the meeting at the Basque Center on the peninsula! Not to worry, the Golden Gaters plowed on.

GM Jack was very gracious, enjoyed the meeting and chatting with the brothers, loved the meal, then hit his agenda.

- First, was the San Diego Convention...which is now moot! However, he did highlight the San Diego chapter's recruitment process which has attracted younger members who actively participate in the chapter's activities.
- Second, was the 2021 Convention/Cruise, which also has been shelved

- Lastly, GM Jack's proposal was that the TREX fraternity support the Fuller Center for Housing in Armenia. He shared details on how the program worked and suggested each chapter contribute to the effort with all contributions being sent forth by the Grand Chapter. The GG Chapter brothers approved a motion to support the effort!



Brothers Henry Shishmanian, Jr Mstr Mark Dorian, Mstr Richard Surabian and Grand Master Jack Kayajanian



Grand Master Jack Kayajanian telling it like it is!

**February Chapter Meeting
VALENTINE'S PARTY!!!**

In lieu of a meeting the brothers decided to keep partying. PGM Garo hosted our annual Valentine's Party. It rocked, including great food, dancing and serious Valentine's Day discussion by our most experienced brothers...



GGC Brother George Atashkarian and wife Mary shakin' it!



**196 YEARS of VALENTINE'S EXPERIENCE
GG Chapter Brothers
Jack Bousian (100 years young) &
Ralph Kazanjian (only 96 years ;^)**

ONWARD

Naturally, the March chapter meeting was waived for the TREX Midterm in Fresno. The GG Chapter sent its best contingent including PGM Garo Mirigian, Mstr Richard Surabian, Jr. Mstr Mark Dorian, Robert Balian, PGM Chuck Paskerian and Jon Gaule.

The action started in the morning with the tavloo tournament, and last year's champion (yours truly ;^) expecting to repeat. Surprisingly, I was ousted in the first round by a humble elderly brother who did not appear too formidable...until he laid waste to my plans! Moreover, he went on to quash the remainder of the field and claim the championship! Who was this dark horse you ask? None other than PGM Jack Ouzounian! Great work brother, still handing it to the youngsters.



**PGM Garo M. issuing the
"Hottest Bro of the Year" Award
to Bro Vartan Hovsepian**



Brothers Henry Shishmanian, Mark Dorian, Greg Chorbajian and Brian Pinomaki enjoying the smoke outside the Fresno clubhouse



Bro Shant DerGazarian Holding Court at the Midterm

**From the Golden Gate Chapter to all our brothers...stay safe, wear masks, that's just the way it is for 2020!
Fraternally Yours,
Bro Jr. Master Mark Dorian**

So Much for the Good News

Brothers, in great sadness and with heavy hearts, we need to inform you of the passing of a great TREX brother, **Leonard Kaprielian**.

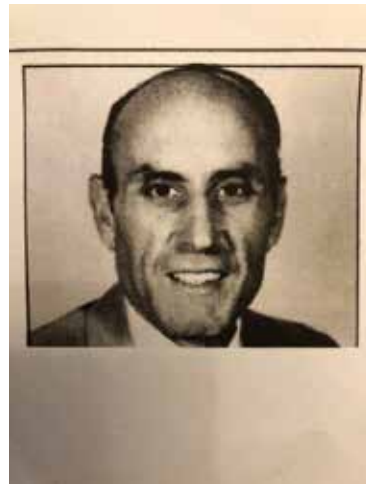
Brother Leonard passed in the middle of the night on March 18, 2020. A Trexman for 72 years, he joined the Triple X Junior Chapter in Fresno in 1948 and initially served as Sergeant-at-Arms. He was highly active and helped the chapter grow to 25 Brothers. Later he joined the Golden Gate Chapter when he moved his family up to Sausalito.

We know that many of you knew Leonard very well and our hearts go out to you as well as his family, and of course Agnes his loving wife.

We are informed that there will be Memorial Services and receptions following for family and friends in Fresno and Sausalito that will be scheduled when the current social distancing restrictions are relaxed. In Fresno, the affair will be at the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church where Leonard and Agnes were married. The celebration of his life in Sausalito will be held at the Spinnaker Restaurant.

Leonard's entire obituary will be read at the annual convention.

RIP Brother



Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The Covid-19 pandemic has not kept the LA Chapter from having meetings and some limited events. Our Master Guy Injayan and his crew are still holding monthly Zoom meetings where we get to see so many brothers not regularly attending – and we love it! Bro Master Guy has kept the meetings short and sweet, while still covering Chapter business. We are pleased to have welcomed Grand Master Jack to several our meetings as well as brothers from other chapters.

We were devastated with the news of the passing of PGM Greg Avedesian. PGM Greg was an icon in the LA Chapter and was loved by everyone that knew him. His quick wit combined with his true affection of his Trex brothers made him memorable to the LA Sr. and Jr. Chapter members. Bro Greg will be missed, and we were thrilled to hear of the J. Gregory Avedesian Memorial Fund. Our condolences to Janice and his daughters Starr & Joy.

We were also saddened to learn of the passing of the wife of our Bro Mampre Pomakian. Justine had been bravely battling leukemia for 3 years. Beside Bro Mampre, she leaves behind 2 daughters, family and countless friends. Justine was just 45. Our condolences are with Bro Mampre and his daughters Ariana and Natalie.

While we had many events planned for the year, we were only able to complete a few of them. Here is a list of them and their highlights.

- Bingo – February – Bro Darren Eminian and his wife Aida chaired the event – Now for 16 yrs! Over 60 people attending, including kids. The kids attending took over the room and declared it their A-HAZ (Ararat Home Autonomous Zone). Bro Shant D ended up clearing out the A-HAZ with his pellet gun and returned the room for Darren to finish the games. This year's big winner was Norma Kourtjian, Wife of Bro Mike "Sheriff" Kourtjian. Bro Mike escorted her back to the car with all her winnings. Bro Ron Roopenian won a few rounds too, ending his dry streak at Bingo. The NFL playoff game pool winner was Bro Tev Eminian, winning 3 of the 4 quarters. Bro Tev was also escorted back to his car by Bro Mike K. Thank you Bro Darren and Aida & Congrats to the winners!

- Midterm – Over 20 LA Bros attending the Midterm meeting in Fresno, marking our last official event of the 1st half of the year. It was great to see everyone and thank our hosts for the dinner and the Grand Chapter for a great meeting.

- Scotch & Strikes Practice Event – Bro Kev Zoryan and his wife Liz were hosting our 1st Scotch & Strikes event at their house. You see, they have a 2-lane bowling alley in their game room (it's really a game house). The Covid shutdown was announced that night and the event was official cancelled, but about 15 Trex couples got together anyway to bowl, sample scotch from across the globe and have a great dinner. Bro Kev and Liz have promised to make this event official when it's safe. Thank you again Bro Kev and Liz!

- TREX Day at the Races – Bro John Saroyan chairs this event at Santa Anita, where we are normally joined by our OC Brothers to bet and watch the horse races. There were no races this year, no fun, no winning no lunch, but somehow, Bro Chris Armen managed to lose money. Thank you Bro John for offering to chair this event and we look forward to it next year.

- Stag-ette – March – Bro Sam Donabedian chaired the event that didn't take place in Solvang. Nobody went wine tasting or played golf. We didn't have mezza or dinner together and didn't get to socialize. Thank you Bro Sam and Linda for your efforts to put this together and we hope we can continue it again next year.

- Partner's Best Ball – May – Bro Matt Matoesian and his committee normally chair this annual event. After the golf match we didn't play, we didn't go to the beautiful home of Bro Matt and Audrey Matoesian. There was no overall winner this year. Many thanks to Bro Matt & Audrey trying to make this happen and we look forward to it next year.

- Armenian Open – June – Bro Zareh Mitilian and his committee normally would have chaired the 65th Annual Armenian Open at the Calabasas Country Club. It would have been a wonderful event with lunch afterward, but it didn't happen. There were no winners and no award ceremony. Thanks to Bro Zareh and his committee for the planning and we hope this can resume next year.

- Family Picnic – June – Bro Guy Injayan and Bro Derik Ghookasian would have Co-Chaired the Annual Family Picnic this year, but we didn't have it. This old school picnic would have been a great time for the families of Trex complete with kebab, tavloo, cards and games for the kids, but it wasn't. Thanks again Bro Master Guy and Derik for your planning. Hoping we can continue this long tradition next year.

Looking forward to seeing you for our convention meeting, either in person or on zoom. We are all looking forward to things opening again so we can continue with our monthly chapter events.

Fraternally,
 Bro Michael Surmeian
 Associate Editor
 Los Angeles Chapter, Triple X Fraternity



Classic PGM Greg Avedesian –At the Turf Club at Santa Anita with LA Jr Bros (R-L) Ray Asher, Mark Mikaelian & Mike Surmeian. PGM Greg was the first to suggest the LA Sr. & Jr. Day at the Races back in 1986. PGM Greg and Bro Lee Neshanian, both legends in LA TREX, set up events like these so Jr & Sr Bros would get to know each other before moving up. PGM Greg will be greatly missed.



This is Bro Matt Matoesian not chairing the 2020 Partners Best Ball handing out trophies. Instead, Bro Matt is standing on his outdoor kitchen demonstrating a classic Armenian folk dance with an Arkansas flair.



Bros Boghos Patatian, Shant Dergazarian and Gary Zakarian at Midterm. Bro Shant and Bro Gary called each other before the weekend to coordinate their black shirts, leaving Bro Boghos feeling dejected left out.



Bros George Barsom, Mike Kourtjian, Zareh Mitilian, Art Avazian and their wives did NOT attend the 2020 Day at the Races. This picture was from several years ago, but recycled purposes of this publication. There were no races, no winnings and no lunch.



Bro Zareh Mitilian gave out no awards, thanked no one and didn't chair the 2020 Armenian Open this year. It didn't take place. Bro Paul and David Abrahamian did win something at some point in the past, but it isn't known when, where, for what or why they won. Congratulations!

Sequoia

Greetings, to all our Trex Brotherhood in California and Nevada. We hope this news letter finds you all doing well with the many changes that have taken place in our society since last spring. We appreciated seeing everyone in Fresno last March at our Mid-Term. Thank You Fresno Chapter Brothers for those wonderful and delicious Lamb Chops, two kinds of Rice Pilaf, Salad and ice cream, which was served to us, and enjoyed by all the brothers.

We wanted to shout out a BIG THANK YOU to Grand Master Jack J. Kayajanian and all the Grand Chapter Officers for the great job they did in leading our first ever Trex zoom meeting. We had over eighty guys on the link and a lot was decided about our up and coming convention, this Labor Day 2020.

We started our February time together with a wonderful Dolma Dinner. This terrific dinner was put on by our two very own Past Grand Masters, Jerry Poochigian and Pete Babagian. It is always such a treat when we Hyes get to fellowship around food from our very own homeland. Thank you guys for blessings us this way. "We loved it".

We were so happy to award Eight Scholarships of \$2000.00 Each to these deserving young students of Armenian descent.

The scholarships winners were...

Brandon Ananian, Kingsburg High School, Grandparents, Bro. Charlie Ananian.

Paul Quiroz, Kingsburg High School, Grandfather, PGM Ron Shanoian.

Ashley Wainwright, Redwood High School, Grandfather, Bro. Basil Pearch.

Nicholas Wainwright, Redwood High School, Grandfather, Bro. Basil Pearch

Gianna Ormonde, Redwood High School Grandfather, Armen Michaelian.

Marcie Movsesian, Tulare Western High School, Great-niece of Harry Majarian.

Jenna Cavanagh, Central Valley High School.

Skylar Ford, Redwood High School.

We congratulate one of our largest graduating group of seniors and happy for them as they continue with their education and careers.

Last spring we were delighted to help sponsor **Brother Gerard Garoian's** niece, Stephanie Ayanian in her production on the featured documentary, What Will Become of Us. This filmed was aired on many PBS Channels across America. What a wonderful documentary on Armenians, and the many successes that have been accomplished since 1915. The entire Sequoia Chapter was very blessed to have made a large donation to her for this worthwhile project.

We were so happy to welcome another New Member, Junior Trex Brother this year. **Stephen H. Babagian**, was unanimously elected to join the senior ranking members. Stephen is the son of PGM Pete, grandson of the late Brother Stephen H. Babagian,

great grandson of the late Brother Peter Babagian, and cousin of PM Brother Tom, and Tom's son, Brother Paul. Welcome aboard Stephen.

We had planned a big celebration this year in April for Sequoia's 70th Anniversary as a Chapter. We were sorry that we had to postpone this event because of the Covid-19. I am sure a lot events had to be canceled in our fraternity because of this. We hope and pray that all of this will soon pass. Thanks for the hard work and time by PGM Ron for doing all the pre-planning and preparation. He put in a lot of hours. We were sad to say so long to our dear Brother Mike Ekizian. Mike was a 66-year member of the Sequoia Chapter. He was born on November 8, 1930, and left us March 9, 2020. Mike's parents were Higy Ekizian and Rose Nersesian. Mike grew up near Dinuba on a grape ranch alongside his two brothers Harry and PGM Dick Ekizian. On March 19, 1951, at the age of 19, he enlisted in the army and served three years. He completed basic training at Hickam Field in Honolulu, Hawaii. He later was trained at a radio school and sent to the front lines in the Korean War to serve as a radio operator. On March 12, 1954, Mike was honorably discharged with a rank of corporal. After his return to Dinuba he met Lesta Bedrosian. They were married in September 1956 for 63 wonderful years. Mike then was off to Fresno City College and later Fresno State where he completed his B.A. degree in 1959. Mike became a woodshop teacher, coached football, basketball and track, and won many championships. He retired in 1990 after a wonderful career in education and serving students. The Ekizians had three wonderful children, Mary, Gayle, and Michael. They were also blessed with five wonderful grandchildren. Mike had many loves in his life besides his wife; he loved woodworking, construction, trips to the coast, and loved farming grapes and raisins. We will miss you, Mike, and your soft and kind spoken words; we know you are with the Lord now.

The Fuller Homes...

We want to thank Grand Master Jack J. Kayajanian for challenging all the chapters to contribute to the Fuller Housing Project.

GM Jack had a vision of all the chapters contributing enough money to build five houses in Armenia at the cost, \$10,500.00 each. It looks like from our last Zoom meeting we as a Trex organization are almost there. Thank you GM Jack for your efforts and vision.

Sequoia Chapter has had the privilege over the years to contribute to the Fuller Housing Projects. Past Master Brother Gary Gostanian has led several trips (at his own expense), with his family and grandkids and built houses in Armenia. In addition to building houses (with Fuller) last summer (2019) with his entire family and grandkids. Sequoia Trex

Chapter has donated an enormous amount of funds to the Fuller Organization. In 2013 we donated \$2,900.00, 2014, \$2,000.00, 2017, \$1,000.00, 2019, \$5,200.00.

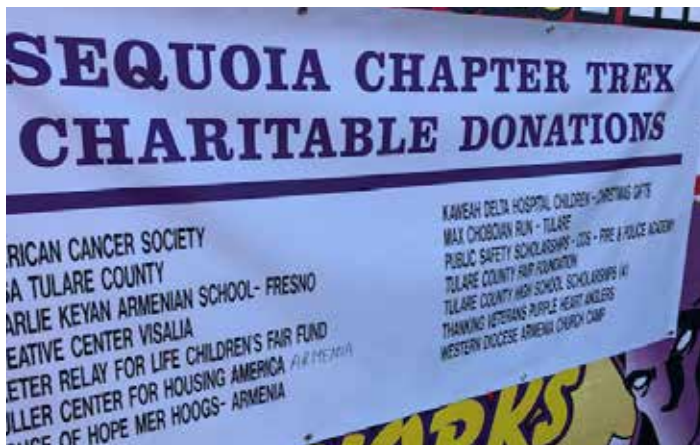
The Fourth of July Firework's Fundraiser booth was a huge success this year thanks in part to our Chairmen **Brother Rick Krikorian**, and all the brothers who gave of their time and efforts. Brother Rick once again did an amazing job of ordering, setting up, and managing the operations for the week. Brother Rick, was so grateful to all the brothers who helped and took shifts, he even named our current Master, Mark Dividian VIP, for showing up every day and helping.

In closing, we all have so much to Be Thankful for. We hope this situation that continues to grip our country will soon subside. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Have a great fall,

PM Brother Tom Babagian
Associate Editor

"Live, for this is the time of your life."
William Saroyan



Sequoia Chartiable Donations



2020 Fireworks



Fireworks Stand open for business



PGM Pete and Bro. Gary



Bro. Gary and Gerard

Orange County

The year started off great with the addition of two new Brothers: Brother Gary Neshanian and Steven Artun. However, as we all know, COVID-19 hit with a vengeance. With no in-person meetings during the last five months, our officers will remain the same from last year; thanks for their dedicated love for Trex. The activities that did not happen this year were the Fairview Developmental Party, Cigar Night, Family Potluck, Laughlin Stag, Annual Trex Picnic and Angels Baseball.

Unfortunately, our Chapter mourns the loss of long time Member Brother Peter Torosian.

We want to thank our Master Brother Simon Hovakimian for Zooming our meetings since April and Grandmaster Bro. Jack Kayajanian for working with the other chapters in their Zoom meetings. We know that all the chapters are looking forward to the time when we can all meet in person again.

Stay healthy and safe!

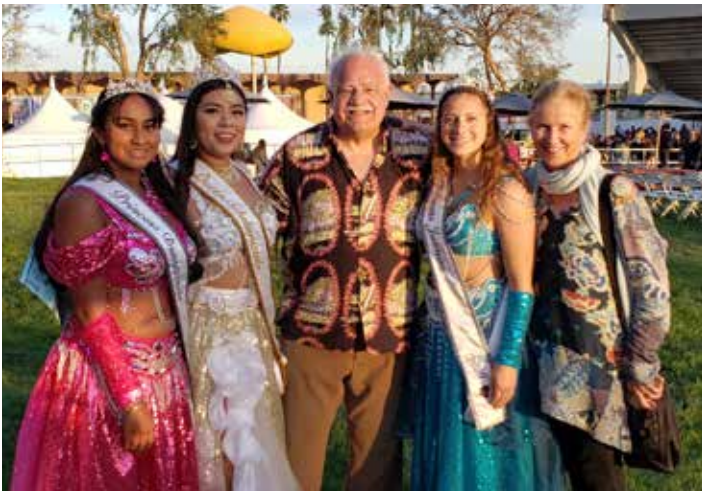
Respectfully submitted,
Brother Haig Jamgotchian PGM



PGM Haig and New OC Brother Gary Neshanian



Master Simon, Bro. Gary and GM Jack



GM Jack and Wife, Royal Court Date Festival



OC Pre-Meeting Tavloo Challenge



Mid-Term 2020

Oakland

Parev, Brothers!

Along with many other Trex chapters up and down the state, the Oakland chapter has been holding our monthly meetings online via Zoom and the know-how of Brother Junior Master Aram “Zoom” Boyd, who produced and managed the tech side of our monthly online meetings... patiently guiding many chapter members (including several brothers in their 80s and even 90s) through the mysteries of using the popular video conferencing tool. Our monthly attendance, surprisingly, has been as strong if not stronger than our usual in-person meetings, and while we haven’t been able to share a meal or play tavloo or cards face-to-face, there were still plenty of opportunities for cigars and libations during our “social hour” before each month’s meeting. Digital brotherhood still counts for something!

Many of our popular annual events – April’s Cigar Night, our Charity Dinner Dance in May (featuring our very own Brotherly Love and the Really Hye Horns), and tailgating at the Oakland Coliseum before an A’s game (this year as part of the team’s first ever “Armenian Heritage Night”) – were cancelled or postponed due to coronavirus concerns. Still, we’ve managed to fulfill our mission of celebrating our brotherhood and supporting local and international charities through fundraising efforts, even at a responsible six feet (or more) of separation!

In April, Brother JM Aram presented a rather large check (see photo) to Tamara Hunter, Executive Director of the Putnam Clubhouse, which helps adults in Contra Costa County recovering from mental illness with a network of support that includes access to employment, education, healthcare, social services, and friendship. Our chapter also made donations in April, and again in July, to local food banks in Alameda, Contra Costa and Sonoma counties as part of our charter and ongoing mission to support local community-based organizations. And finally, we joined with other Trex chapters in supporting Grand Master Jack Kayajianian’s fundraising campaign for the Fuller Center for Housing in Armenia, helping to raise almost \$50,000 (at press time, at least) to support the organization’s mission to provide housing for people in need... in Armenia, and around the world.

For more than 20 years, Oakland chapter brothers have been braving the challenges of the mountain wilderness (swimming, boating, floating, fishing, hiking, eating, and taking long naps in the summer sun) in annual Trex family camping trips. This year,

however, our most recent camping site at Loon Lake, a few miles west of Lake Tahoe in the Eldorado National Forest, was closed to visitors, so we made a few quick moves and relocated our excursion to the nearby French Meadows. Five brothers and their families made the trip this year in what became an “unofficial” Oakland chapter event, forgoing the usual rustic intimacy of shared meals and other group activities in favor of social distancing and such.

Meanwhile, life goes on. We’ll certainly miss our annual statewide convention over Labor Day this year, and wish all our brothers, families and friends the best in health and happiness. We look forward to spending more time in person in the coming year. And remember, Brothers: He who wears a mask today, lives to play another day!
Be safe, be well, and be kind.

Fraternally,
Brother Master Wayne Saroyan
(and Associate Editor)



Trex Putnam House Donation
18 May 2020 Tamara Hunter Aram Boyd



Trex Putnam House Donation 18 May 2020



Harry Sherinian with his catch of the day, 23-pound salmon



Master Wayne Saroyan and Junior Master Aram Boyd demonstrate cigar safety



Another happy Oakland Camper, Bro. Craig Bazigian, at French Meadows, July 2020



Fine dining covid-style at French Meadows, July 2020



Rick and Sherry Mickaels at French Meadows July 2020



Rob Kaljian and Rick Mickaels camping it up at French Meadows

San Diego

As we reflect on the past half year, one word in particular seems to come to mind again and again – unprecedented. No doubt, these times have been unprecedented for all of us: as individuals, as a chapter, as a fraternity, as a country, as a global community. And in the same way we all need the grey days of winter to remind us of just how wonderful the bright blue days of summer are, so too can we appreciate the triumphs and opportunities that have come out of these challenging times even more. Specifically, the San Diego Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity held its first ever virtual Trex meeting in March, continues to enthusiastically plan for the 2021 Convention, and looks forward to awarding our educational scholarships to a number of deserving Armenian college students.

All of the Brothers of the San Diego Chapter were at first disheartened when it became clear that we would not be able to continue to meet in person for dinner on the last Tuesday of each month due to the serious threat of COVID-19. For a time, we would not be able to meet directly to enjoy one another's company, to discuss the goings on of the chapter, and to share a meal at our beloved "Alborz Restaurant." Nevertheless, something awesome was born out of this setback. Under the leadership of Master Jack Pogosian, the San Diego Chapter planned and held its first virtual meeting. As many members connected via Zoom, it didn't quite dawn on us that this meeting had been the first ever virtual Trex meeting in the fraternity's 102-year history!

As the months passed, it also became obvious that the possibility of holding the much anticipated 2020 Trex Convention here in San Diego in September was not going to be likely. With the guidance of Grand Master Jack Kayajanian, the San Diego Chapter made the difficult decision to postpone the important event until 2021. At first, it was certainly frustrating to think that so much planning and preparation might go to waste. But quickly, it became easy to find the silver lining in this situation. Since the San Diego Chapter now has an additional year to plan for the 2021 Convention, we are committed to hosting a Convention 2021 that will be one to remember. We continue to move forward with our planning for September 2021 and look forward to that time when we can all come together in person to celebrate. As they say, absence only makes the heart grow fonder.

In addition, we decided to cancel this year's 12th Annual Wine & Cheese Event at the Rancho

Bernardo Courtyard. Making this decision was also difficult as we all delight in hosting this wonderful event and take great pride in its main purpose, which is to raise money for some very worthy Armenian scholars. But just because we will not be holding this year's event does not mean that we will not be awarding this year's scholarships. At present, we are accepting applications and are eager to award three students \$1,000 each as general scholarship winners, while three more students focused in education will receive \$1,000 each as recipients of the Candyce Kellejian-Bickers scholarship.

Finally, we were all deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our Founding Member PGM J. Greg Avedesian. It became immediately clear that many wanted to honor Brother Greg in a way that not only reflected his passion for the Trex Fraternity but his love of golf. After a discussion with Greg's wife Janis, PGM Joe Kellejian suggested that we begin a Gregory Avedesian Memorial Fund for the Annual Trex Convention Golf Tournaments. With the aid and counsel of PGM Jeff Hazarian and PGM John Casparian, it was decided that 100% of funds raised in Brother Greg's name will be used to improve and support the Annual Convention Golf Tournaments. Additionally, a perpetual trophy will be donated by the Avedesian family and awarded to the tournament winner. Those who are interested in contributing to the fund can donate by check:

AVEDESIAN MEMORIAL GOLF FUND

For: Trex Annual Convention Golf Tournaments

Mail To: John Casparian

6032 Paseo La Vista

Woodland Hills, CA 91367

In closing, we would like to send our prayers to our Armenian brothers and sisters presently living in Armenia. May you be protected and continue to live in peace, free from any outside aggression and beyond all hatred. We also wish all of the Brothers and their families and friends across the state health and happiness during this challenging period in our history. May you continue to treasure the opportunities and the blessings that arise against the backdrop of these unprecedented times.

Brother Jesse T. Shamshoian
Associated Editor



Fun, Fun, Fun at the Trex
Midterm Convention in March 2020



SD Chapter Brothers
Midterm 2020



PGM Greg Avedesian
shortly before he became
a founding member of the
SD Chapter.



PGM Joe Kellejian in his Family Room for the First
Virtual Trex Meeting in 102 Years



LA Trex Zoom Meeting on July 1st, 2020

Selma

Dearest Triple X Brothers,

What a crazy year 2020 has been so far. I'm sure most of us even long for the days of those in-person Mid-Term discussions that seemed so burdensome at the time! Our troubles back then now seem rather quaint in comparison. Since the lockdown, which occurred shortly after the Mid-Term and our last Selma Chapter meeting back in March, there has not been much to do or look forward to. Right when we were going to attempt a meeting again (in July), our wonderful governor closed down our restaurants. Again. So we wait.

While we haven't been able to do much in person, our scholarship committee was very active, overseeing the application process and awarding six scholarships to high school graduates. Our scholarship recipients are: Mary Topoozian, Paul Quiroz, Maya Gengozian, Taylor Simonian, Jonathan Chardukian, and Alison Sahakian. Congratulations to them, and we wish them the best in all of their future endeavors.

Back in February, when life was still normal, we did get a chance to have our monthly meeting at the impressive Fresno County Historical Museum, located at the Fresno Fairgrounds. We enjoyed an expertly led guided tour before dinner, and were honored to have Brian Tatarian, a key figure at the fair and in the museum's creation, join us and provide plenty of great stories and wonderful insights along the way. There were numerous fascinating exhibits throughout the museum, including an award-winning display about the history of Armenians in Fresno County. If you ever get the chance to visit this hidden gem, it's highly recommended – we all had a great time!

Well, we would normally have some fun events and things to look forward to, but we don't really know when or if we will be able to start up again. Seeing all of our plans going by the wayside month after month is no fun, that's for sure. We will hope for the best, hope all of you stay safe and healthy, and we really look forward to seeing all of our brothers again, hopefully sooner rather than later.

Fraternally,

Brother Master Mark Pryor

Brother Mark Antranikian, Associate Editor



The finalists of the Mid-Term tavloo tournament, with our own Bro. PGM Jack ultimately prevailing over Bro. Shant



Clockwise around the table, Brothers Vernon, Larry, PGM Sam, David, and Brent are ready for the meeting after a delicious dinner



Brothers PGM Frank, Marcus, PGM Jack, and Mike smile for the camera at the March Mid-Term at the Fresno Clubhouse



Peninsula

Hello to our treasured Brothers, families, and friends!

The 2019–2020 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

Under normal (non-pandemic!) circumstances, our chapter gathers together for dinner meetings on the third Thursday of each month. Our usual meeting place is 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). With the recently renovated commercial kitchen at their disposal, our talented chefs eagerly await the chance to once again impress a hungry membership! Who knows when that will be possible, but we all hope it happens again before too much longer.

Of course, like everyone else, we have had to cancel all in-person meetings these past few months due to safety concerns with regards to the coronavirus/COVID-19. However, before “social distancing,” shelter-in-place orders, and “non-essential” business shutdowns started occurring in mid-March, we did have a very nice February dinner meeting, complete with a Valentine’s Day theme! And to top it off, we also added two members to our relatively small but fun-loving group, an increase of over 15% to our ranks! Welcome to the Fraternity, new Brothers Tom Riddle and Robert Sohigian! Peninsula is now 15 strong and counting!

At the Mid-Term in March, we had several delegates present for the meeting, hosted by the Fresno Chapter at the Trex Clubhouse. Everyone enjoyed the golf, tavloo, and mezza during the day, and then the Fresno Brothers prepared a delicious dinner to fill our hungry Armenian stomachs! The meeting itself followed... and who knew that it would be the last time for many of us to see each other in person for quite some time! Since then, the Annual Convention planned for San Diego in September 2020 has been moved to 2021, which had the side benefit of solving the problem of finding a host chapter. (Background for those unaware: advisers to the Grand Chapter had been exploring options

for 2021 such as a cruise, since no chapter had volunteered to host. The cruise idea was “torpedoed” at the Mid-Term, and thus plans for 2021 were still up in the air.) We certainly hope that by this time next year, things will be back to “normal,” or at least well on the path back to life as we once knew it!

At the time of this writing, an open-air barn meeting is scheduled to be held in Exeter on the usual annual meeting day of the Sunday prior to Labor Day. Brothers can attend in person (with all due safety precautions), or via a Zoom video conference link. No big convention this year, but hopefully we’ll be able to get some important business taken care of at least.

On behalf of the Peninsula Chapter, best wishes for the future to all Brothers and their families! Stay safe and healthy, and we look forward to better times when all of this craziness is behind us!

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



At the Mid-Term dinner, Brothers Mihran, Larry, and Vartan (Master) are ready to dig in!



Brothers Mark, Mihran, and Vartan (Peninsula Master) pose for a quick photo as the 2020 Mid-Term Meeting at the Fresno Clubhouse wraps up



Brother Vic is flanked by newly initiated members, Bros. Rob Sohigian and Tom Riddle, who proudly display their Trex mugs!



Counting unseen photographer Bro. Master Vartan, two-thirds of our members, plus Oakland guest Bro. George (center), attended in Feb!



Brothers Vicken, Vic, Zareh, and Daryl load up their plates!



Brothers Mihran, Daryl, and Aram say Happy Valentine's Day as Brother Vicken indulges!



Brothers Vicken, Rob, and Tom enjoy the February feast!



Brothers Vic, George, Vazgen, and Zareh take a very brief pause from dinner to pose for the camera!

IN MEMORIAM



Brother Sam Boghosian - Palm Desert

Bro. Sam Boghosian was born in Fresno, CA, on December 22, 1931, and passed away in his Indian Wells home on February 23, 2020, with his wife Judy and daughter Jody by his side.

In college, Bro. Sam played for UCLA and helped the Bruins win their only national championship in football. He graduated from UCLA as an Academic All-American and asset to the 1954 National Championship Football team. His success at UCLA set the groundwork for the man he would become. His passion for people and football lead him into coaching with jobs at UCLA, Oregon State University, the Houston Oilers, the Seattle Seahawks, and lastly the Oakland/Los Angeles

Raiders. Sam helped coach the Raiders to two Super Bowl Championships. Bro. Sam had also interviewed for the head coaching job at Oklahoma at one point, but then he got a job as the offensive coordinator coach for the expansion Seattle Seahawks in 1976. Bro. Sam went on to join his friend Tom Flores with the Raiders where he was the offensive line coach. There, Sam won two Super Bowl Rings. Bro. Sam was a member of the Palm Desert Chapter.

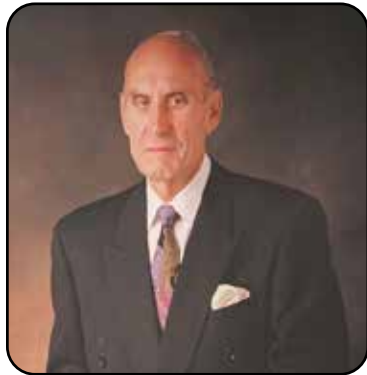
Bro. Sam has passed away of Alzheimer's. Bro. Sam also seemed like a larger-than-life kind of guy. Although he was only 5-foot-9, he just seemed like he would be tough as nails if you pushed him. Bro. Sam was a man of many talents. Dedicated to cultivating lasting and meaningful connections, Sam lived his life in commitment to excellence and to all those around him that he loved so dearly. It was in his blood to help others and leave an impact on every person he met on his journey. As a member of the Triple X Fraternity and the NFL Alumni Association, he utilized his platform to do just that. He raised money and awareness for countless charities, helped facilitate and organize fundraisers, and was always up for a round of golf in honor of a good cause.

He was a lovable guy!

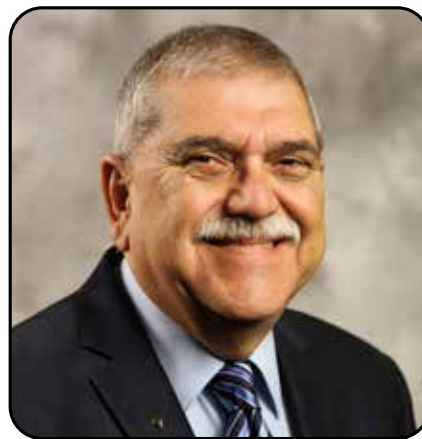
Bro. Leonard Kaprielian - Golden Gate

Bro. Leonard passed away on March 18th, 2020, at home after an eleven-year battle with Parkinson's Disease. He had entered the world as a bouncing ten-pound baby, born to Jake and Rose Kaprielian. Leonard graduated from Sanger High School where

he was a leader and star on the football team. He was courted by the USC football program as well as the Stanford program. He chose Stanford and never regretted it. At Stanford, he was the biggest player on the team, weighing 258 pounds. He was remarkably gentle as well as hard hitting. Five players of Armenian descent from various parts of California were on the Stanford first string. They were Chuck Essegian, Norm Manoogian, Harry Hugasian, Gary Krikorian, and Leonard. They remained friends for the rest of their lives. Following Stanford, Leonard entered the retail business as a member of Firestone tire promotions. While still in Fresno, he met Agnes Dervishian. The chemistry was instant and their friendship developed into courtship and marriage. Nine years later he met Sam Zakessian, owner of ZAK'S BY THE BAY in Sausalito. In 1963 they opened the famous JOLLY FRIARS in San Francisco. The Friars was fashioned after an old English Pub, which soon became a gathering place for locals and transplants. Leonard treasured his relationship with his



Armenian/American Brothers of the Triple X Fraternity. He first became a Trexmen in 1948 when he joined the newly-formed Selma Jr. Chapter. He was instrumental in the growth of the chapter from eight Charter members to twenty-five Brothers. This was the largest Junior Chapter the Fraternity has ever had. In 1949, Leonard served as the chapter's Sgt-at-Arms. His picture was proudly displayed several times in the 1950 Trexmens Year Book, even his baby picture. After college Leonard transferred to the Selma Senior Chapter, then to the GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER IN 1963. In 2005, the Grant Committee honored Leonard by naming the city grants The Leonard Kaprielian Community Grants.



Brother Pete Torosian - Orange County

Bro. Pete was born in Reedley, California, in 1953, and passed away on April 8, 2020, at the age of 67. He leaves behind his beautiful wife Miriam, his son Jacob, and his three

daughters Angela, Susan, and Stephanie. His career was working for State of California. After retirement, he worked at Disneyland in security. He will be greatly missed by his family and all Trex Brothers.



IN MEMORIAM



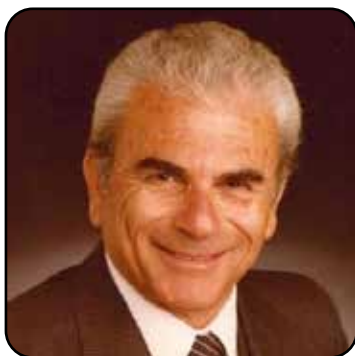
Brother John Gregory Avedesian - Los Angeles - Palm Desert

Indian Wells - John Gregory Avedesian aka Greg, J Gregory, PGM JGA, of Indian Wells, CA died at age 78 in Rancho Mirage at Eisenhower Hospital after a long and valiant battle with cancer. Greg was born in Los Angeles, CA and lived most of his young life in Sierra Madre, CA. He married his wife Janis (Antoyan) Avedesian of almost 49 years in 1971. Together they resided in San Diego, Arcadia, and the Coachella Valley. Bro. Greg was a member of LA and Palm Desert Chapters. Greg was a Distinguished Graduate from the United States Army Officers Academy and finished in the top ten percent of his class. Greg bravely served our country from '65-'67 as Sergeant during the Vietnam War in the Company B, Sig Battalion, 9th Infantry Division, earning several medals. Greg became a business owner and owned several restaurants in the Greater Los Angeles area. As a proud Past Grand Master and member of the Trex Armenian

Fraternity since 1972, Greg devoted endless time and talent, touching the lives of many brothers, their families, and those charitable organizations they supported. As the biggest fan of his daughters in their sports, Greg attended games from elementary school through college. Greg also took great pride in the professional accomplishments of each daughter. Greg loved football, golf, poker, gin rummy, and the horses. More than anything, Greg loved spending time with family and friends, and always brought out the best in everyone around him. Greg is survived by his wife Janis, his daughter Joy Avedesian, his daughter Starr Avedesian, her husband David Marquis, their two children, Gregory and Autumn. Greg loved all animals, including the family "fur-person" Princess, and his two grand dogs, Tucker and Bear. In true Greg fashion, the Avedesian Family will be holding a Celebration of Life when circumstances permit. Greg's ashes will be scattered at sea.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the J. Gregory Avedesian Memorial Fund for the Trex Annual Convention Golf Tournaments. Checks can be made out to "Avedesian Memorial Golf Fund" and sent to:

John Casparian, 6032 Paseo La Vista, Woodland Hills, CA 91367



Brother Baxter 'Buddy'

Hallaian

Los Angeles

October 30, 1922 - June 30, 2020

Bro Buddy was born in Los Angeles, to Aharon and Virginia Hallaian. He graduated from Inglewood High School in 1940, playing football all 4 years. In 1939, at the age of 16, Bro. Buddy joined that

close-knit group of teenagers known as the Los Angeles Jr. Triple X, which had been formed only four years previously. In the two years that Bro. Buddy was a Jr. Trexman, before the outbreak of WWII, he developed strong fraternal bonds with his Brothers, and continued active membership in Trex after the War ended, as a member of the Senior Chapter. During WWII he was awarded a Purple Heart. Bro Buddy was a Private First Class of the 272nd Infantry Regiment, where he served in Belgium and Germany, spending 38 days on the line. After being honorably discharged in 1945, he went on to USC where he earned his bachelor's degree. After graduation, he started his career in the real estate business as well as buying and selling businesses, even taking one public. Bro Buddy was an avid golfer and a 47-year member of Bel Air Country Club. He is survived by Jacqueline, his wife of 60 years. His adult children, Brian, Phillip and Lisa, and his grandson Jared. At the time of his death, not only was Bro. Buddy the oldest living Trexman, but he was the most senior member, having been in our Fraternity for 81 years. The Los Angeles Chapter honored Bro. Buddy in 2019 upon his achieving active membership for 80 years. His speech that night about Brotherhood and the importance of the Triple X in his life made a lasting impression and will be long remembered by those who were in attendance.



Brother Mike Ekizian

Sequoia

November 8, 1930 – March 9, 2020

Brother Mike was a 66-year member of the Sequoia Chapter. Brother Mike was born November 8, 1930, to Higy Ekizian and Rosie Nersesian. He lived as a youngster on a grape ranch on the outskirts of Dinuba

with his parents and two brothers Harry and PGM Dick Ekizian. On March 13, 1951 at 19, he enlisted in the army and served for three years. He completed his basic training at Hickam field in Honolulu, Hawaii, and was later sent to radio school. Upon completion, Bro. Mike was sent to the front lines in the Korean War where he served as a radio operator. On March 12, 1954 he was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal. Upon returning to Dinuba, Mike met his wife Lesta Bedrosian. Bro. Mike attended Fresno City College and later Fresno State where he graduated with his Bachelor's degree in 1959. Mike was a woodshop teacher for 31 years. He coached football, basketball and track. He loved sports and had championship teams. He retired in 1990.

Mike was a father to 3 children; Mary, Gayle and Michael. Mike had many interests and talents. He also farmed grapes and raisins on the Ekizian and Bedrosian ranches. His loves were his wife, children and grandchildren, teaching, his 1954 Pontiac, and the Triple X Fraternity. Brother Mike, you will be sorely missed by all Fraternity Brothers and their families.

TREX CONVENTION 2020 TAVLOO TOURNAMENT

WHO WILL BE CROWNED 2020 CONVENTION CHAMPION?



TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO ALL TREXMEN

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 - SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS 09:00AM - SUNDAY 09-06-20

**TO REGISTER, PLEASE EMAIL BRO. SHANT DERGAZARIAN
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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
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**ON SUNDAY STARTING AT 10:00 AM - OPPONENTS WILL BE ASSIGNED AT RANDOM,
PLEASE BRING YOUR BOARDS**

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