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Sequoia Juniors

FROM THE GRAND MASTER...

To all my brothers,

Things are going well, and I'm looking forward to more visitations and events. I cannot express my gratitude for the warm welcomes I have received in my travels so far. The brotherhood I have felt, is one of the best experiences in my life. Most all my friends are Trex brothers, no matter where I go theirs is a warm welcoming hand extended to me. I feel there is a good positive attitude in the fraternity and with this we shall grow. I'm very excited about the possibility of a new chapter starting which will bring more strength to the body as a whole. Staying positive will ensure future growth.



Fraternally,
Brother Larry Avedisian
Grand Master 2022 - 2023



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WYNDHAM

Visalia

**Wyndham Hotel
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Rate: \$119.00, plus taxes.

Name of Block: Trex2023.

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Mid-Term Meeting at Tulare Golf Course Patio Area

**Mezza on the Patio starting at 10:00 am.
Buffet style Lunch (similar to the Manvention).
It will be served at 2:00 pm Sharp**

Cost: \$50.00

Business Meeting at 3:00 pm to 5 pm

Golden Gate

On a beautiful on Sunday, December 18, the GG Chapter Trex brothers and their wives gathered to celebrate Christmas at a venue in San Francisco with views of The Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz and the Bay Bridge.

Diane Paskerian, PGM Chuck's wife, welcomed the guests with champagne.

Chef Hasmik had prepared an Armenian menu consisting of both Chicken and Lula Kebobs, Pilaff, Hummus, Salad, kufta, Yalanchi, cheese and spinach beoregs plus delicious desserts. BM Mark Dorian and brother Tusan brought the wine.

After mezza and lunch we played and solved puzzles such as identifying: Famous Lovers throughout history (Anthony --- Cleopatra, etc), plus famous landmarks and streets of the world (Wall Street is in NY, Eifel Tower is in - Paris, etc...)

It was a wonderful gathering!

Here are several photos from the event!



Brothers celebrated PGM Sark Sarkisian's and Ralph Kazanjian's joining TREX Fraternity in 1948 - 74 years ago



A surprise cake was brought in after dinner and we celebrated Brother Ralph's 97th birthday!



PGM Sark swore in the new chapter officers Bros. Greg, Hagop, Mark, Richard, Haig and Henry



Los Angeles Jr.

Dear Brothers,

The LA Junior Trex had a successful 2022 campaign holding several events, parties, and hangouts, as well as attending meetings to further the group's intimacy. In the past year, participated in both LA Sr Chapter golf events where we were taught those old guys how to play. In addition to those events, a few of us play in the LA Chapter Club Championship, where we didn't fare as well with our low handicaps. Besides golf, we had a few poker and bowling nights that our members and prospective attended.

We are planning a fun event to take place during the 2023 Triple X Convention, hosted by the LA Sr. Chapter. Keep an eye out for that event. Our goal is to make the Junior chapter a fun environment for our members. I want to thank our outgoing Master, Luke Surmeian and as the new Master, I will do my best to move the group forward and continue its legacy. The LA Chapter has been very supportive, for which we are thankful. Looking forward to seeing you at the 2023 Convention.

Bro Kristopher Mikaelian
Master, LA Junior Trex



LA Jr TREX having a great time at the Yaldezian / Scaff Wedding. (L-R) Master Kris Mikaelian, Sr. Bro Patrick Kevorkian, Sr. Bro Adam Mikaelian, LA Jr. Nick Mikaelian, LA Jr. Luke Surmeian, LA Jr Bro Shant Deyirmencian, LA Jr Bro Armand Hairabedian and Sr. Advisor, Bro Mike S.

LA Jr TREX at the LA Chapter Armenian Open. (L-R) LA Jr Frank Chelebian, LA Jr Luke Surmeian, OC Sr. Justin Matoesian, LA Jr Stephen Matoesian, LA Jr. Chad Bailey, friend, LA Jr. Bro Nick Mikaelian, and LA Jr Bro Master Kris Mikaelian.

Sequoia Jr.

Dear Trex Brothers,

Well the first half of our fiscal year flew by as we were either working full-time or attending classes in our respective schools. We did manage to add a new junior member at convention, Landon Sesock. He's younger brother of Thomas and Shane Sesock, who are also members. We hope to have an event this year in 2023, night time golfing and we're once again we're going to try to put together the steaks and cigars under the stars fundraiser event as well as a golf tournament most likely at Belmont.

To our senior brothers in the Fresno/Selma area, although we are the Sequoia juniors, we all live in Fresno, all but one that is and we would love to have you introduced your sons and/or grandsons to us, we meet regularly when we can in person and we always communicate via social media.

Looking forward to continuing to increase our numbers and hopefully some of you can help us with that goal.

Fraternally

Aram Babagian, Master
Sequoia Junior Chapter



GM Larry and Landon Sesock Sequoia Jr.



Palm Desert

Happy New Year 2023!

Greetings from the Palm Desert Chapter of the Triple-X Fraternity.

Palm Desert Chapter's 2022 – 2023 Officers are:

Master Bro. Sarkis Bedrosian
Jr. Master Bro. Harry Kaladjian
Rec. Secretary Bro. Jim Towery
Treasurer Bro. Rob Carian
Corresponding Secretary Bro. Jim Towery
Sergeant at Arms Bro. Gordon Chuchian

The Palm Desert Chapter would like to thank Bro. Greg Kirkjan, who served as our Master for a second time around in 2021-2022. Bro. Greg did a great job running our chapter and we had another busy and successful year.

PGM Nick Nigosian, PGM Greg Safoyan and Bro Sarkis Bedrosian were in attendance at the September Business meeting hosted by the Selma Chapter and held at the Piccadilly Hotel in Fresno. Thank you to the Selma Chapter for all of their hard work in putting on a successful convention weekend. Congratulations to our very own PGM Nick Nigosian who was one of the 3 recipients to be awarded with the Al Nalbandian Award at 2022 Convention.

The Palm Desert Chapter was proud to see the new “PGM J. Gregory Avedesian Memorial Trophy” on display at this years Armenian Open golf tournament put on by the Los Angeles Chapter. PGM Greg's Wife Janis and his daughter Joy were both in attendance for the trophy presentation to the tournaments inaugural winner.

In November, our chapter was once again a Gold Sponsor at the St. Garabed Armenian Cultural Festival in Rancho Mirage. In addition to our annual sponsorship, many of our brothers assisted with running the bars and with the cooking at the 2 day event.

After having recently received a 50 year plaque from the Los Angeles Chapter, PGM Nick Nigosian was presented with his 50 year pin by the Palm Desert Chapter. PGM John Casparian of the Los Angeles Chapter was on hand for the presentation.

Once again, we ask you to mark your calendar and start planning ahead for what will be our 25th Annual Palm Desert Chapter Golf Outing and 50/50 Reverse Drawing. It is planned for Saturday, May 13, 2023, and will be taking place at The Classic Club in Palm Desert. The golf tournament will be followed by a luncheon where our exciting 50/50 Reverse Drawing will take place during the luncheon. Even if you don't golf, be sure to get your tickets for the drawing soon and come enjoy some fellowship, food, fun and excitement!

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

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

Wishing you all health, safety and happiness!

Fraternally,
PGM Greg Safoyan,
Associate Editor



PGM's Nick and Greg and Bro.Sarkis at the convention business meeting



PGM Garo congratulating the recipients of the 2022 Al Nalbandian Award



Brother Master Sarkis being sworn in at the convention



PGM's and Janis Avedesian with the new J. Gregory Avedesian Memorial Trophy



PGM Greg and Bro. Blaine taking part in the Armenian Open



Palm Desert Brothers at the Armenian Festival



October meeting - Palm Desert Chapter



PGM Nick swearing in the 2022 - 2023 officers



PGM Nick receiving his 50 Year Pin from PGM Greg Safoyan and PGM John Casparian

Orange County

Brother Trexmen,

At the beginning of 2022, Orange County Trex made a conscious decision to try to fit in two years of activities into the last six months of the year and two words can describe our efforts: MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!!!

In July, Brother John Cholakian headed the efforts to bring back the 45th edition of the Annual Picnic after a two year hiatus. With over 350 meals served, the great Hosharian Band, and kids' games by Brother Past Grand Master Haig, the event raised over \$14,000.00 showing that nothing beats a good picnic in the park.

In August, Brother Mark Hachigian put together a baseball night where over twenty Brothers were able to witness the Los Angeles Angels soundly defeat the Hollywood Upstairs Medical School Cadavers, a local minor league affiliate. From there, many of our members attended Convention in September and our thanks to the Selma Chapter for hosting a great event and look forward to next year's Convention.

This year's officers are as follows:

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

As an aside, in order to recoup some of our costs from the purchase of this new equipment, Orange County is proud to be able to rent this equipment out to other chapters if they are having voting issues and we thank Brother Billy Eordekian for storing this equipment in his temperature and humidity controlled garage.

Building off of the picnic, we hosted the first annual So Cal Kef Time event in September. Brothers Ralph Dergazerian and Brian Melkesian co-chaired this event and with help from many Orange County and Los Angeles Brothers, this event was extremely successful. With a sellout crowd of close to five hundred in attendance and music from the Kef Time Legacy Band, the event will be remember for years to come and we hope to build off of this momentum next year.

In October, Brother Past Grand Master Jack Kayajanian and Brother Brian Boghosian held a Wine Tasting Event in Newport Beach. With over eighty in attendance tasting samples from five Armenian affiliated wineries, the event raised over \$17,500.00 with \$15,000.00 being donated to University of California Irvine Armenian Studies program. A highlight of the event was that an unnamed attendee purchased a rare bottle of 1965 Chateau D'Ambria Prune Juice for \$1,400.00 that will undoubtedly be put to good use.

We concluded our year with Brother George Ampagoomian chairing our Christmas Party and it was a good time by all in attendance. This annual event brings our year to a close and allows Brothers and families to bask in

magic of Holidays. Unlike last year, Santa Claus was able to avoid any reindeer related catastrophes and make the event by delivering toys to all the good little children in attendance. We look forward to seeing everyone in person in the beginning of 2023 at our Potluck and Picnic.

Fraternally yours,
Simon Hovakimian



Brother Kelly trying to figure out the right time to turn the kebab



Brothers not respecting the Caution Tape



Brothers in attendance at Convention wondering when their order of basterma was going to arrive



The joys of setting up So Cal Kef Night



Chairman Ralph and Bro. John presenting plaques at Kef Time



A full dance floor at So Cal Kef Night



A full house for Wine Tasting



Unknown Brothers enjoying an unknown event



Part of the Ampagoomian Family and a mysterious stranger

Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The LA Chapter is going to make the 94th Annual Convention one to remember with our Back in the Hye Life theme. The Pasadena Hilton is a beautiful property located just 1.5 blocks from Old Town Pasadena. Hotel rate is an unheard of \$179 per night for this prime location. You can make your reservations now by going to our website 2023trexconvention.com where you can book your room and even sign up and pay for events. Friday will be a Casino Night, Saturday Golf during the day and Dance at night with a live band. Sunday will be our meeting, Wives' Event at the Huntington Library and Sunday's exclusive off-site event (limited capacity). The weekend includes our well-known hospitality suite, backgammon tourney and great fellowship with brothers and families. We also look forward to congratulating our Grand Master Larry Avedisian and his Board for a great year as well as our own Bro Michael Mooradian who is running for Grand Master. The convention packets including the very important booklet ad information should have already been sent to you, but everything is also available on our 2023trexconvention.com website. Thank you in advance for your attendance and support. It will be a great time!

Speaking of conventions, the LA Chapter would like to thank the brothers from the Selma Chapter for putting on the 2022 convention on such short notice. The LA Chapter was in full force supporting the Selma chapter and they should be commended on a job very well done!

What a party! In June we had our summer 70's party at the beautiful home of Bro Mark and Sue Boranian. Bro Master Gary Dergazarian chaired the event with Bro Steve Hampar and Bro Gary Zakarian. Everyone dressed in 70's attire and the DJ played perfect 70's music. Easily over 130 attended and had a great time. Best costume winners were awarded to Adrine Ghookasian and some other guy. Incredibly fun night and we are doing something similar in 2023. Thank you, Bro Mark and Sue, as well as Bros Gary, Steve & Gary Z.

The LA TREX Stand & Deliver Comedy Night finally took place! PGM David Maseredjian and Bro Chris Armen chaired the event at a comedy club on Melrose in LA, open only to TREX that night. Guests were greeted with wine and roving waitress with hors d'oeuvres. After cocktails, the cabaret room was opened, and dinner was served. Just after dessert, the show started. About a dozen brothers performed standup comedy routines and winner was crowned. Bro Scott Wilk just eked out the win from Bro Father Sarkis Petoyan and crowned the winner that night. Bro John Maseredjian professional filmed the entire event, spending hours editing it to make everyone seem funnier than they were. It was a very entertaining night and a special thanks to PGM David and Bro Chris and their wives for all the hard work as well as Br John for all the work in filming and postproduction.

The Chapter's Golf Club Championship chaired by Bro Zareh Mitilian concluded with Bro Matt Matoesian as this year's Club Champion. Runners up were Bros Garo Papazian & Mark Mikaelian. Congratulations Bro Matt and many thanks to Bro Zareh for chairing this important event.

Speaking of golf, the LA Chapter has a very successful 66th Armenian Open Golf Tournament at the Calabasas Country Club. Co-Chair PGM John Casparian and PGM Jeff Hazarian and their committee of Bros Steve Chelebian, Mark

Goshgarian, Vahe Devian and LA Jr. Luke Surmeian worked very hard to put on a great event. We had over 100 golfers this year and net proceeds went to the Armenian Wounded Hero's Fund. From tee sponsorships and donations, we raised \$10k for them and made a sizeable donation to the Ararat Home too thanks to the generosity of one of our brothers who wished to remain anonymous. Among the TREX participants, Bro Matt Matoesian was crowned Golfer of the Year. All flight winners received trophies. After golf, there was a raffle and an excellent Armenian dinner catered by Z's Catering. The LA TREX wives did a wonderful job preparing the banquet room and getting the dinner ready for those hungry golfers. Thank you PGMs Jeff and John and your committee.

In October Bro Sam Donabedian and his two sons Bro Sammy and Adam co-chaired our Annual Staggy Outing, this year at the Sycuan resort near San Diego. A weekend of two days of golf, great food, drink & fraternalism. Cash prizes were awarded for the golf winners both days. Lots of gin and tavloo was played too. We loved having some of our TREX Brothers from other chapters join us too. Orange County and Palm Desert were both represented. Outstanding work Bros Sam, Sammy and Adam.

LA Chapter's Installation Banquet took place after several years of not having because of Covid. We had a great deal to catch up on that night at the Porter Valley Country Club. The event was chaired by Bro Varoujan Movsesian and Bro Stephen Arakelian, and their wives Lauren and Nicki. We were honored to have Grand Master Larry and his wife present that night and appreciated his comments to our Chapter that evening. That night we recognized the Masters and our Chapter officers for the last 3 years, including Bro Guy Injayan and his Board (2019-2020), Bro Derik Ghookasian and his Board (2020-2021) and Bro Gary Dergazarian and his Board (2021-2022). Covering these 3 years, we had 8 FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS (PGM David Maseredjian, Bro Galen Petoyan, Bro Walt Hekimian, Bro Levon Mikaelian, Bro Randy Avazian, PGM John Casparian, PGM Nick Nigosian, and PGM Vaugh Vartanian). Former LA Junior – every one of them! We also recognized 11 TWENTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBERS (Bros Michael Amerian, Chris Armen, George Halburian, William Kevorkian, Jacob Maseredjian, Ara Papazian, Ara Soghomonian, Ardem Tabakian, George Titizian, Hagop Jibilian and Jim Terzian). Much was said that night by our 50-year members, but all had the same theme...it isn't about the 50-year mark, but more about showing up every year and doing your best for the Chapter and Fraternity being top of mind. Thank you to all the generous sponsors that night and to Bro Varoujan and Stephen for a great job.

The LA Chapter is very thankful to our new Master, Bro Sam Donabedian for picking up where Bro Gary left off by keeping the meetings going and members involved. Master Sam fines often, but in small dollar amounts, making the meetings a ton of fun. Over the last year we have added quite a few new brothers with more in the process.

We are looking forward to the coming months with more events and please don't forget to go to the 2023trexconvention.com website and reserve your room and register for events.

Regards,

Bro Michael Surmeian
LA Chapter Associate Editor



LA TREX 70's Summer Party.
Lisa says, don't come knocking if...



Bro Lev & Bro Mark splitting a fat one
at the LA TREX 70's Party.



Hare Krishna recruit with John Travolta,
Ben Gazzara and Lew Alcindor at the
LA TREX 70's party.



Bro Galen and Bro Gabe chilling with some
flower children they met at the
LA TREX 70's Party.



Bro Randy's real hair from the 70's was
bigger than his afro purchased for the party.



All in the family! Bro Adam and
Bro Sammy Donabedian co-chair the
annual LA TREX Stag.



Is that a cigar or sarma? Bro Master Sam
enjoying a smoke with PGM Mel and Bro
Boghos at the LA TREX Stag Outing.



JGM Shant Dergazarian with
Bro Ara Papazian. Bro Ara didn't win that
money; he just took it out of Shant's wallet
at the LA TREX Stag.



Bros Jimmy M and Walt H driving all over
the golf course to get a ruling on who has
the whiter legs. They both won!



PGM John C was paired up with
Bro Art Avazian at the Armenian Open
Just like Saturdays at Simi.



LA TREX 50-year recipients (L-R) PGM David M, Bro
Galen, PGM John C, PGM Nick N, PGM Vaughn V,
Bro Randy A, Bro Lev M and Bro Walt H.
All former LA Jr. Trexman. It was their honor to share the
stage with Grand Master Larry Avedisian at the
LA TREX Installation Banquet.



Bro Tev E thanking our beloved
Bro Zareh Mitilian for his hard
work all year organizing
Saturday morning golf and our
Club Championship.
Thank you, Bro Zareh!

Sequoia

Greetings to all Trex Brothers and families. All of us here in the Central Valley hope you are doing well. It's hard to believe how fast time seems to be flying by. We all have so much for which to be thankful. My mom would always say to me, "Tom, count your blessings, and be thankful." A good thing to keep in mind as we start the new year.

The Trex's main event was the Labor Weekend Convention meeting held in Fresno. We give thanks to the Selma Trex Chapter for hosting our annual Convention and Business meeting once again at the Piccadilly Inn. We were all treated on Saturday Night to a wonderful dinner and entertainment at the California Armenian Home. It was a spectacularly warm evening for the outside event, with Dean Martin, Elvis, and a lot of dancing throughout the night. Our business meeting on Sunday was well attended, and we felt a lot was accomplished. We ushered in our new Grand Master, Larry Avedisian from Selma, who will do a great job of leading our Hye Fraternity.

We elected a new slate of officers for 2022-2023 term.

Our Sequoia Trex Officers for this year are:

PGM Pete Babagian as Master, Brother Alex Hovannisian as Jr. Master, Brother Gerard Garoian as Recording Secretary, Brother Archie Zakarian as Treasurer, Brother Kevin Skaff as Custodian, Brother Bryan Ananian as Sergeant at Arms, Brother Richard Tamouzian as Web Master, Brother Tom Babagian as Editor/Historian and PGM Ron Shanoian as Hospitality. Thank you to all of the Brothers for serving as officers for 2022-2023.

We were sad in August to say so long to one of our very own, two time Past Master, and a wonderful friend, Brother Mark Avedian. Brother Mark jointed our fraternity in 1986 and was a very dedicated brother. Mark was born on June 22, 1952 and departed August 26, 2022. His parents were Mark and Lili Avedian. They lived on a farm in Easton, California. He loved being the oldest of three children, and being in charge of his Trex Brother Aaron, and sister Marsha. Eventually the family built a home near Reedley. Mark worked on the family farm, and attended Reedley High School. He played on his high school golf team with his brother Aaron. Mark also attended Reedley College and played on his college golf team. He graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as a Agri-Business Major. During his time at Reedley College he met his future wife Joan Avedisian. They were married in 1974 and together they raised three wonderful children, Cherilyn, Jamie, and son, Trex Brother Marky. After owning and running a family packing business, Mark went into coaching tennis, volleyball, and basketball at College of the Sequoias. During his coaching career he obtained a real estate and broker's license and opened Avedian Properties with his son Marky. Mark was a very proud father of three children, and grandfather of eight grandchildren. In his final days with us he was blessed to hold his youngest grandson Ethan Avedian, just three months old, According to his son Marky, "Dad was very thankful for all of your friendships and the fraternity. It was a big part of his life in recent years and he really enjoyed it."

The 2022 Inaugural Annual Golf Championship for Trex was held on August 15, 2022. Sequoia golfers who represented the Sequoia Chapter at this Championship event were, Charlie Amasalian and Ryan Surabian. These two guys placed fourth with a score of 157. The winning score was 145. Great job, guys!

Once again our 2022-2023 Charitable fund of \$5000.00 was approved. The brothers can make recommendation of \$500.00 donation to any local charity for chapter approval. The Brothers recommended 2022 Tulare County College Night for a \$500.00 donation and it was approved.

We were all sad once again to say so long to our dear Brother Tim Aharonian who joined Trex in 1976. Tim was born on December 6, 1958 and left us on August 27, 2022. His parents Marvin and Patricia Aharonian made their home in Tulare where Tim grew up. Tim Graduated from Tulare Union High School in 1977 and attended Cal Poly Pomona and Fresno State as an Agricultural Business Major. Tim loved to travel and rode his motorcycle around California and many other states. He loved playing golf, and recently played his dream course at St. Andrews in Scotland. His father once said of him, "He has the most beautiful golf swing I have ever seen." Tim loved the Forty-niners, Giants, friends, family, and all that crossed his path. Tim was a great Trex Brother and we were all blessed to call him our brother for 46 years.

A BIG THANK YOU TO PGM RON for printing out our Sequoia Directory for our brothers. They were handed out at last meeting. If you want one, he will email a copy to you, or pick one up at our next meeting.

We want to say Congratulation to our Newlyweds, Brother Stephen and Serena Babagian recently married. Proud parents are PGM Pete and Mary Babagian. Way to go cousins!

The end of this year came so quickly, and once again we had to say so long to another dear Brother, Basil Perch. He was born January 16, 1942 and left us December 12, 2022.

Brother Basil joined Sequoia Trex in 1976 and was a 46 year member. He grew up in Fresno and attended Fresno City College, and Fresno State where he earned a B.A. Degree and teaching credential. He loved sports, and participated in baseball, football and basketball. Basil worked as a young boy at the family business, Sunnyland Bulgur Company. After working several other jobs, he met his wife, Kathleen, and they were married 53 years. They were blessed with two daughters and a son, Brother Trexmen BJ. In 1993 Basil opened his own construction business and built many of the major buildings in Visalia. His company core values were always, Honesty, Integrity, and Loyalty. This brought him a lot of success. He was just shy of celebrating 30 years as a business owner. Basil served with many Visalia organizations in our community. He was elected to the Visalia City Council from 1989-1995, and was honored to become the Honorable Mayor of Visalia from 1993-1995. We are grateful to have known Basil as a friend, and brother over these many years. He really was a great role

model for all of us.

We were all blessed by our end of the year Christmas Party hosted by our Sequoia Chapter. A BIG thank you to Dean and Megan Ametjian for hosting and preparing our prime rib dinner to perfection. We invited all the Trex families to be our guests, and we had over 120 folks attending. Santa Claus even arrived (Brother Mark Kazarian) and kids enjoyed all the presents that were given out. We also wanted to thank all the Brothers and guests for your generous gifts that were donated to the children at the hospital. Another BIG Thank You to PGM Pete Babagian and Brain Poochigian for delivering the gifts to Kaweah Health Medical Center Children's Ward. We filled the play room full of Christmas toys and smiles. We look forward to seeing all our Brothers at this coming year's Mid Term Meeting. Sequoia Trex will be hosting this event in Tulare. Set your calendars for March 3-4, 2023. We look forward having a Golf Tournament on Saturday and our meeting in the evening. Have a great time until we see you all again.

Yes Hye em,

Tom Babagian P.M,
Associate Editor



Brother Kevin Skaff and family



Bro. Dean and Alex Getting the Big Cut



TREX Brother receiving an award



Bro. Dean and Sylvia and Gerard Garoian Christmas



Sequoia Jr. Initiation 2022 Midterm



PGM Ron Shanoian 50 year plaque

San Diego

The San Diego Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity has had a busy 2nd half of 2022. We are very proud and happy of our Bros. who continue to show up, participate in our Chapter's efforts and contribute their time to the local community in a selfless and quiet demeanor. Here are a few of the highlights from our most recent activities.

First, we could not be prouder of our own PGM Joe Kellejian who received the Al Nalbandian Award at the September Convention. PGM Joe, as most of our Bros know, is a committed and selfless Bro. who is always ready to help and offer his support to any worthwhile TREX cause. He is a valued member of the San Diego Chapter and we wouldn't be as vibrant a Chapter as we are today without his leadership. We are grateful to have him as an anchor in our Fraternity at large.

On Sunday, Sept. 11 our San Diego Chapter hosted the St. Sarkis Armenian Church Social Hour immediately following the morning Mass. A number of our Bros. along with their wives jumped in to prepare a most delicious table with a variety of cheese, deli meats, hummus and bread, olives, fruits, cakes and a number of other snacks that were enjoyed by over 80 members of the San Diego community. Bro Jerry Tashjian proudly setup a table to share our Charter along with past yearbooks of our fraternity to the congregants of our new Church. The event, though solemn on the anniversary of 9/11, was met with enthusiasm and turned out to be quite an enriching event for all that participated.

The San Diego Chapter hosted our 41st Wine & Cheese Scholarship Event on October 2nd 2022 at the Mission Bay Yacht Club. This is our Main fundraising event of the year where we award College Scholarships to deserving Armenian students. The award recipients for 2022 were Sebastian Partow, Celine Khachiki, Angela Ohannessian, Marina Bogosian, Artem Gulyan and Ani Kamajian. We also awarded the Candyce Kellejian Bickers Scholarship in the field of Education to Jacqueline Garabedian. The event was well attended by more than 200 guests who were treated to the finest wines from our region, wonderful views of Mission Bay and a most generous and tasty table of cheeses, fruits and crackers prepared by our own Bro. Greg Kosharian. We were also honored to have among our guests 4 Past Grand Masters who delighted us with their presence.

Over the course of the past 6 months, our Chapter maintained its regularly scheduled monthly meetings that are always well attended by over 50% of our local Bros. Though our normal meetings take place at Chicken Charlies Table restaurant - owned by our own Bro. Charlie Boghosian - and are always fun and can get pretty raucous, our November meeting veered from the norm and was more of a Social Meeting than a typical Business meeting. It was held under

the tent on the grounds of St. Sarkis Church with a special kebob dinner provided by Amardeen Lebanese Restaurant. The Bros. were excited to bring their favorite whisky to share and puff on some cigars along with music to enjoy a night of fellowship and fun. That evening we were happy to initiate 2 new members into our chapter, Bro. Araz Edward Adourian and Bro Sirak Simavoryan.

But the most anticipated event of the year for the San Diego Chapter was our annual Christmas party where we gathered to celebrate the Season with our wives and kids. We had a tremendous turnout with over 60 attendees which included a visit from Santa Claus himself. Our party was again held at the Mission Bay Yacht Club on our own private deck and room with a fine Italian dinner and wine enjoyed by all. We were happy to have Ziggy the Magician to entertain the more than 15 kids that attended our party. He was also gracious enough to be our professional photographer for the day. It was a truly wonderful way to cap off what has been a very busy and progressive year for the San Diego Chapter.

We would like to send out a special thanks to Bro. Master Mark Derderian of the Las Vegas Chapter who was able to join us at both our November Social Meeting as well as our Christmas Party. We look forward to seeing him more often in the coming year.

Brother Master Armen Derderian



PGM Joe Kellejian with the Al Nalbandian Award



2022 Wine & Cheese Group

Las Vegas

Vegas is back in full force ! Welcome to our Special SHOW & TELL EDITION ! More pics & less words, & for even more awesome Vegas pics, please visit www.TrexFraternity.com.

Congrats to outgoing GM Dick Jebejian & his crew ... & a big Las Vegas welcome to our new GM Larry Avedisian & his leadership team. If I may boast, the Vegas brothers have taken a real “shine” to GM Larry & no, I’m not referring to his haircut!

Much respect to the Convention Machine otherwise known as the Selma Chapter for their very “cool” 2022 Convention where the “hottest” topic was the heat!

In the News: Bro Missak welcomed a baby girl named Aslin, PGM Chuck Parigian received his 50 Year plaque, & yours truly was unanimously elected to be the new LV Master, albeit running unopposed. As for charity, the Vegas brothers did their level best to support the local community as well as a myriad of fun events hosted by our sister chapters.

Vegas was honored to host GM Larry & PGM Sam Bagdasarian visiting with their wives & highlighted by visits to the Armenian Genocide Monument in beautiful Sunset Park, the renowned Manan Bakery & Fremont St. downtown. I could reveal exactly “What Happened” but you know the saying !

Other mini events recently included a trip to Allegiant Stadium by Bro VJ (PM) & Master Mark to watch the Raiders beat the almighty Patriots, & the capper was a special Rose Bowl viewing party produced by Bro Ara (PM).

Future events include a fun Hot Air Balloon Fundraiser chaired by Bro Rick & a hike in the Red Rock mountains led by Bros Razmig & VJ.

In closing, spoiler alert, the Raiders are trying to sign Tom Brady. JUST WIN BABY ! We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Shish Kabob House. Come & join us. See you at Mid-Term!

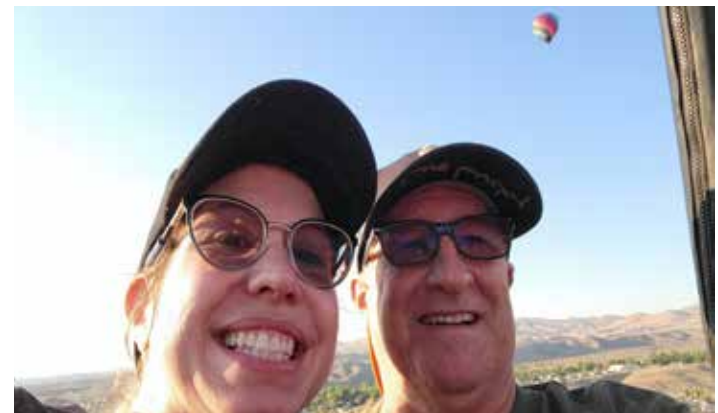
Very best wishes to all, Master Mark Derderian



Master Mark admires Bro VJ_s tribute to Paul Newman



Convention mayhem with PGM Frank Korkmazian, Grand Master-to-be Larry Avedisian _ Master Mark



Bro Rick had a captive audience when he _ Hannah ascended 1500_ in a Hot Air Balloon. He popped the \$1M question _ she said _YES !_



Vegas Brothers gather full force to take over the legendary Shish Kabob House



Bros Bobby, Arthur, Master Mark, Ara _ VJ livin_ large at the Vegas Meeting After-Party



Outgoing Master Arthur Kasarjian is awarded a custom plaque for Meritorious Service designed by Bro VJ



Bros VJ _ Ara celebrate their winnings, hopeful it will be enough to pay their massive fines !



Bro Armen, Master Mark and Bro Ruben look on as PGM Chuck Parigian shows off his impressive 50 year Trexman plaque



Master Mark _ PGM Chuck paying their last respects to esteemed L.A. Trex _Brother_ George Parigian



Vegas Brothers welcomed GM Larry Avedisian PGM Sam Bagdasarian who were in town with their wives, Jean_Debbie, to win the big one !



Bros VJ, Arthur, Ara _ Missak enjoying the Rose Bowl Watch party



Bro VJ conquering Mary Jane Falls at Mt. Charleston just outside Las Vegas



With pre-game coaching from Bro Mark Antranikian, Master Mark is crowned Champion of the Las Vegas Open BG Tourney, albeit the Novice Division !

Oakland

Parev, Brothers,

Warm greetings from all of us in the Oakland Chapter! In September, our 2022-2023 slate of Chapter officers, led by incoming Master Armen Phelps, were duly sworn in by our resident PGM, Gregg Chorbajian, and immediately set out on a whirlwind fall/winter schedule of activity and events. On a sad note, one of our elder members, Bro. Greg Tcherkoyan, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on October 15 at the age of 88 while visiting family on the Central Coast. Bro. Greg was a charter member of the Oakland Juniors when he joined our East Bay chapter in 1953, and served as Master during his time with us; 2023 would have marked his 70th year as a Trexman. He was also a member of the Palm Desert chapter (you can read his full obituary elsewhere in this issue of the Trex News). Our heartfelt condolences to his widow, Seta, and his extended family.

Our second annual Oakland Trex Golf Tournament, chaired by Bro. PM Stuart Arakelian and rescheduled from the Spring to November 12, 2022, drew a field of almost 50 Brothers and FOOTs (Friends of Oakland Trex) for a picture-perfect day of play at the Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore. We're so pleased with the results that we plan on hosting at least one golf event again in 2023 as the centerpiece of our annual fundraising efforts to support local, national and international Armenian and hometown community charities.

To that end, we made numerous year-end donations to a wide array of East Bay food banks, our beloved St. Vartan Armenian Apostolic Church here in Oakland, and several other worthy beneficiaries here and abroad.

November also saw our Chapter's annual Lobster Dinner, spearheaded once again by Bros. Craig "Bazig" Bazigian and Steve "The Deacon" Donikian, and held at our usual Alameda meeting site. Joining us this year were Brothers from the Golden Gate and Peninsula chapters, along with Brother Grand Master Larry Avedisian, PGMs Pete Cholakian and Sam Bagdasarian, and Grand Secretary Michael Harutinian. Bro. Al Yeremian, our senior-most and sole-surviving Charter member, was the evening's BIG Winner, taking home a ginormous three-pound lobster that he and his son, Glen (one of our newest members) enjoyed in the days that followed; the Oakland Chapter, by the way, was chartered 71 years ago, waaaaay back in 1952!

In December, we celebrated the holiday season with the return of our Trexmas festivities, expertly organized by Bro. Rick Mickaels, at the tiki-themed Trader Vic's Restaurant in Emeryville... the site of many Trexmas dinners of yesteryear. An SRO crowd of 30 Oakland, Golden Gate and Peninsula brothers, wives and sweeties sipped tropical drinks and dined on a sumptuous selection of rib-eye, chicken and salmon entrees. No traditional cigars in the parking lot this year, since the first in a steady wave of rainstorms dampened our

enthusiasm to stand out in the cold, wet night for an after-dinner smoke.

Warming Pacific Ocean waters and a lingering group of hungry humpback whales resulted in a late-starting, short-lived crab season, causing us to postpone our annual Crab Feed in January this year, which in years past has drawn a sold-out crowd of more than 300 people from Trex chapters statewide, as well as local community residents, to our popular winter fundraiser over the past 30 pre-COVID years. Looking ahead, we'll be hosting our yearly Cigar Night in April (date and location TBA), and invite cigar aficionados from up and down the state to join us for a night of food and drink, top-shelf cigars and, of course, the special Brotherhood we all share.

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you all at the Mid-Term convention in Tulare this year!

Faternally,

Bro. Wayne Saroyan

Associate Editor, Oakland Chapter



2022 Convention

Hosted by

Selma Chapter

Piccadilly Inn, Fresno Airport

September 2, 3 & 4, 2022

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Brother Mark Derderian



Fresno



At Christmas Family dinner, GM Larry Avedisian flanked by PGM Bros. Steve Bedoian, Sammy Bagdasarian, and PGM Bros. Bob Juskalian, Ron Shanoian, and Ed Hokokian



Bros Pete, and Norman visiting PGM Jack Bedoian



Bros. Pete and Norman, Trex wives, and friends visiting PGM Jack Bedoian to wish him a speedy recovery!



Congratulations! Bro Chris Gates with his fiancée Ani Boghossian



GM Larry Avedisian awards Asst. Editor Bro. Varoujan Der Simonian with 25 year service pin



GM Larry Avedisian is leading, but somehow 6 X PM Gary K ends up in the center



GM Larry Avedisian, PGM Sam Bagdasarian and their wives enjoying Christmas Dinner



JM Bro Nishan and Bro Kenny get their wine directly from the source!

Submitted by Associate Editor Bro. Varoujan Der Simonian



JM Bro. Nishan with his daughter Sarah and wife Debbi at Thanksgiving dinner



PGM Bro. M Steve Bedoian instructing brother how to win the Power Ball



PGM Bro. Master, Steve Bedoian, and Bro. Bill Sahatdjian watching to make sure Bro. Raffi does not pull the winning number from his pocket.



PGM Bro. Papken Juskalian with his wife at XMAS Party.



PGM Ed Hokokian and Bro. Pete Chilpigian recalling the good old days...



PM Brother Richard Bedoian deserves an almost life-time secretary award



Sept 15, 2022 Tri Chapter Dinner at The Vineyards at the California Armenian Home



Who..., our barber..., he is on vacation

Peninsula

A special Peninsula Trex greeting to our beloved Brothers, families, and friends! We hope 2023 is treating you well so far! This past fall, we voted in a couple of new officers congratulations to our new Master, Brother Mihran Kassabian, and our new Jr. Master, Brother Tom Riddle! We wish you much success and know you'll do a great job in your new leadership roles. Big thanks to Brother Vartan Berberian, who served as our Master for quite a few years, and now gets a much-deserved rest! Our other Peninsula Chapter officers for 2022–2023 remain the same as recent years, namely: 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.

This past July, several of our members attended and helped with preparations and barbecuing at the NorCal Annual Senior Picnic, held at the Aslanian family home in St. Helena. It was well-attended and enjoyed by all.

In September, we revived a very popular event, the Picnic at Vic's. Hosted at the beautiful home of Bro. Vic and Linda Khachooni, it's a fantastic day of great fun and fellowship with our brothers and their significant others, and features amazing food prepared by numerous very talented chefs that we are blessed to have in our midst! Everyone there had a wonderful time! Thanks again to Bro. Vic and Linda for hosting, and to all of the Brothers and wives who helped put on such an enjoyable (and delicious) get-together!

That picnic took the place of our September meeting, and we didn't meet in October, but our December meeting provided a special holiday treat – we added four new members! This brought our membership numbers up from 14 to 18 – an increase of nearly 30% in one fell swoop! Welcome to the Peninsula Chapter, Brothers Jirair Tashjian, George Bilemdjian, Craig Bazigian, and Allan Melkesian!

In January, our famous chefs were back in the kitchen preparing an excellent lamb shank meal for our members and some out-of-town Grand Chapter visitors, headlined by our esteemed Brother Grand Master Larry Avedisian, who was accompanied by Brother Grand Marshal Dan Boyajian and myself. The meal was fantastic as always, and it was a great evening for everyone there – tons of great food, fun tavloo games, and entertaining stories. By the way, if you happen to be in the area, we meet on the third Thursday of each month, normally at the Los Altos Masonic Building, located at 146 Main Street in Los Altos, California (enter from the back of the building on the parking lot side). Be sure to stop in, especially if you're hungry!

We hope to see many of you at the upcoming Mid-Term

Meeting, being hosted this March in Tulare by the Sequoia Chapter. All the best for a healthy and prosperous 2023! Fraternaly submitted,

Brother Mark Antranikian

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



The Trex BBQ crew at the July 12 NorCal Annual Picnic



Brother Allan shows off his fantastic lamb shank dinner at our January meeting



A little more sauce, please! Brother Vic Khachooni helps serve a delicious meal to Brother Aram Darmanian as Bro. Master Mihran waits patiently



At our December meeting, Bro. Kip Garabedian swears in four new Peninsula Brothers - Jirair Tashjian, George Bilemdjian, Craig Bazigian, & Allan Melkesian



Brothers Vazgen and Ruben cooking the kebab to perfection at September's Picnic at Vic's



Peninsula Brothers enjoying yet another fantastic dinner prepared by our wonderful chefs!



Brother Jirair receives his new pin from Bro. Master Mihran Kassabian



Jan mtg attendees. Back row - Bros. Allan, Jirair, Aram, George K., Vazgen, George B., Daryl, Mark, & Vartan. Front row - Bros. Harry, Vic, GM Larry, Tom, & Master Mihran. Photographer - GMarshal Dan B



Peninsula Brothers "innocently(?) gather" around the BBQ at Bro. Vic & Linda's house



The Picnic at Vic's wouldn't have been the success that it was without the efforts of these amazing women!

Selma

At our annual Installation & Awards Dinner on September 29, the Selma Chapter was hit with a bolt of lightning when we installed Past Grand Masters Pete Cholakian and Sam Bagdasarian as Master and Junior Master for this upcoming year! The great evening event at the Manhattan Steakhouse was attended by 40 members and 6 widows of passed members. Current Grand Master Larry Avedisian swore in our officers for the 2022–2023 year. The Selma Trexman of the Year was awarded to Brother Ken Abrahamian the same night. An interesting fact is that he had just completed his first year when he was given the award! Three fifty-year pins were awarded to Brothers Kirk Yergat, Jerry Najarian and Jim Antaramian. A big shout out to Brother Mike Gostanian for coordinating the festivities.

On October 20, PGM Sam Bagdasarian and Brother Ed Nikssarian and their committee prepared all the delicious food for our annual Keyma night. Brother Shant Dergazarian entertained us with his stand-up routine as well as hosting capabilities. We were blessed to be able to have many PGMs and Brothers from both Sequoia and Fresno Chapters join us that night as well as Grand Officers from the Los Angeles and Orange County Chapters. Thank you to all the Brothers for their support! We also would like to give a special shout out to Brother Treasurer Marcus Marootian for his many years of service. At our November meeting, we initiated new members Jonathan Chardukian and Mitchel Statler, who were sworn in by Grand Master Larry Avedisian.

On November 10, we learned of the passing of our 50+ year member Brother Kay Paboojian. Our deepest condolences go out to the entire Paboojian Family. On November 19, our annual Turkey Bingo was held after a two year hiatus, an event which Brother Kay had helped with for many decades. He was our annual Bingo caller. This year's event was attended by 140 people and a fun time was had by all. Incidentally, Brother Aaron Krikorian called an entertaining bingo game as he must have been practicing for his future appearance along with his family on CBS's The Price is Right, where his family won big! Everyone should YouTube the episode that Aaron and his family were on. It was very entertaining and made the entire Selma Chapter proud.

At our January meeting, Bro. PGM Ron Shanoian of the Sequoia Chapter presented the newly minted perpetual tavloo trophy, named in honor of the late Bro. PGM Jerry Poochigian, to the winner of the 2022 Convention tournament, our own Bro. Harry Kutumian. It is fitting that he is the first to have his name on this beautiful award, as he and Bro. Jerry were long-time friends and tavloo competitors. Congrats and well done, Bro. Harry!

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming Mid-Term as well as Convention. Happy New Year Brothers! Wishing you and your families good health. Fraternally,

Brother David Shapazian, Associate Editor
(with contributions from Bro. Mark Antranikian)



Selma Brothers are ready to rumble at the Annual Convention!



The future Grand Master Larry (and Grand Marshal Dan) can be spotted at this table, as they anxiously await the Convention Meeting proceedings to begin



We found some Selma Chapter squatters at the Peninsula Chapter table - finders keepers!



Sequoia Bro. PGM Ron Shanoian presents the new perpetual tavloo trophy, named after the late Bro. PGM Jerry Poochigian, to the 2022 Convention tourney winner, Bro. Harry Kutumian!



Brother Yirjanik displays his great custom-made Annual Convention t-shirt



Our new Selma Master, Bro. PGM Pete, proudly displays the Achievement Award trophy that finally came back to Selma!



Bro. Jimmy Antaramian receives his 50-year plaque from Bro. Master PGM Pete Cholakian



Some November post-meeting tavloo action between Bros. Joey and Robert, as Bros. Kenny, Mike, and Danny observe



Bros. PGM Sam Bagdasarian & Ed Nikssarian are a huge part of making our annual Keyma Dinner one of the best events of the year



Proud grandpa Bro. PGM Jack Ouzounian poses with two new Selma Trex members after induction at our Nov meeting, grandson Bro. Jonathan Chardukian and his friend Bro. Mitchel Statler



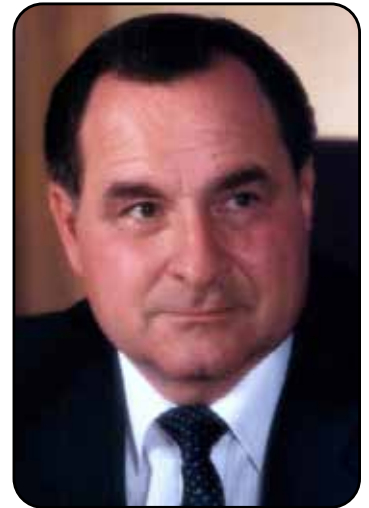
Congrats to Selma Trexman of the Year, Brother Ken Abrahamian and his wife Susan!

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Basil Jivon Perch **Sequoia**

January 16, 1942 - December 12, 2022

Basil grew up in Fresno where he attended Winchell Elementary, Sequoia Junior High, and Roosevelt High School. He earned a bachelor's degree and teaching credential from Cal State University, Fresno. Basil loved sports. He played baseball, football, and basketball while at Roosevelt High School. He played baseball at Fresno City College and was a member of the Rams State Championship teams of 1961 and 1962. He then transferred to Fresno State where he served as an athletic trainer for the Bulldog baseball and football teams. After graduation, he taught PE and coached baseball at Sequoia Junior High. As a young boy, Basil worked during the summers at the family business, Sunnyland Bulgur Company. He also worked at Bedrosian Trucking Service with his grandfather and uncles. Basil met the love of his life, Kathleen Antonino, and they were married on April 3, 1970. Basil was a true Visalian. He strongly believed in building and giving back to the community that he loved. Over the years, he was a member of many community organizations including Downtown Rotary (1976–2022) – Paul Harris Fellow, Visalia Education Foundation (1997–2022), College of Sequoia Foundation Board (1997 – 2001), Triple X Fraternity (1976–2022) Kaweah Health Foundation (1995–2022) and a Founding Member of The Boys and Girls Club of the Sequoias (1999–2022). Basil proudly served as a Visalia City Council member from 1989 – 1995 and served as Mayor of Visalia from 1993–1995. Basil was preceded in death by his parents Jivon and Mary Perch. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Kathy, his daughters Tiffany Perch Wainwright (Daniel), Dedi Perch Somavia (Bryan) and son BJ Perch (Megan).



Brother Dennis Hagobian **Fresno**

January 7, 1943 - August 17, 2022

Dennis graduated from Fresno High School in 1960. In 1962 he met the love of his life Victoria Barsamian and they married in 1964. They had a double wedding with Victoria's sister at Holy Trinity Church. To this day, no other double wedding has been conducted in the church. Dennis, then attended Fresno State and earned a Journalism degree. While at Fresno State, he realized that numbers were his forte. He continued his education at San Jose State in accounting and earned a MBA in accounting from Hayward State. He was the first one in his family to go to college and graduate with degrees and a MBA.

Dennis enlisted in the United States National Guard in 1969 and helped defend our country during the Peoples Park activism. Dennis is survived by his wife Victoria, son Todd and his wife Nicole, along with their children Tyler, Shay, and Ava. Son Chad and his wife Eileen. Son Darren and his wife Pamela along with their daughters Makena and Kaili. Brother Jeff and sister in law Diane. Brother in law Robert II and sister in law Dorothy Juskalian, nieces and nephews.

Brother Tarjian Bedoian **Fresno**

December 2, 1930 - October 2, 2022

Bro. Tarjian Bedoian was born to Krikor and Mary Bedoian in Sanger California. He served in the Korean War in the early 1950's. After the war he returned to Sanger and began a wholesale distributing business. Later his brother joined him and together they built a successful business for over 50 years. On August 4th, 1956 he married Heranoush (Harriet) Minassian. They created a beautiful life over the next 53 years until Harriet passed away in 2008. Tarjian was a well respected member of the Armenian community as well as the community at large. He belonged to several service clubs and associations including: Holy Trinity Mens Society, Triple X, Tigers Club, and Amvets Post 98 in Sanger. He was an Eagle Scout and later a Cub and Scout Master for Troop 204 in Sanger. He was honored by the Korean Minister for Patriots and Veterans Affairs with a medal recognizing his Korean War service and named an "Ambassador for Peace". Also, he was Grand Marshal for the Sanger Veterans Day Parade in 2017.

Tarjian is survived by his sisters Sara Hamilton and Helen Fort; sister-in-law Diana Bedoian; son Leonard T Bedoian (m. Diane); daughter Lynette D McDowell (m. Danny) and grandchildren.



IN MEMORIAM



Brother Gregory Tcherkoyan
Oakland
October 15, 2022.

Greg was born in Detroit, Michigan, the first child of Hratch and Queenie Tcherkoyan. The family moved to Fresno, where Greg completed high school and community college. They were immersed in the Armenian community, and there Greg began a commitment to the Armenian Church that became a cornerstone of his life. He met Seta in 1953, at an Armenian youth group dance; and if he were telling this story, he would say that is when his life really began. He moved to Oakland to be near her; they were married the following year. A first daughter, Kathi, was born a year later, then two more daughters, Patti and Kirsti. Greg was, every day, a hard worker. From a sales job at Sears, he started in the wholesale carpeting business by sweeping warehouse floors. His extraordinarily quick mind and love of people made him a consummate salesman; he became national sales manager for multiple carpeting distributorships. Greg joined the Triple-X Fraternity in 1953 as a charter member of the Oakland Juniors, and at his passing was only a few years shy of his 70th year as a valued and beloved Brother. Among many duties he performed with Trex, he served as Chapter Master. He also belonged to the Palm Desert chapter. He was 88 years old.

He is survived and loved by his wife Seta; daughters Kathi, Patti and Kirsti.



Brother Anooshavan Kasparian
Golden Gate
January 7, 2023

Anooshavan Kasparian was born in Iraq. He graduated from the Baghdad United Armenian school and after attending university for two years, he had to leave and start working to support his family. In 1970, Anooshavan immigrated to the United States and settled in San Francisco. Just as he did in Baghdad, here too he contributed to the community life of San Francisco. He was a member of the Byzantine Chorale. He was a sought-after actor for our community theatre plays. He was the chairman of Hamazkayin San Francisco Nigol Aghpalian chapter and for many years, its librarian for 6 years when he kept the library open every Sunday for those who wanted to check out books. He was elected to the Board of Trustees of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church and served as its secretary for 6 years. He also was a long-time member of the XXX Fraternity, joining the Golden Gate Chapter in 1975. He was married to Silvia Tatian and blessed with two daughters, Maral and Taleen.



Brother Kay Nick Paboojian, Jr.
Selma
April 12, 1942 - November 10, 2022

Kay was born in San Francisco to Kay Paboojian, Sr. and Victoria. Eventually the family and his brother Dennis moved and resided on the family farm in Fowler. Kay graduated from Fowler High School in 1960, and Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. He met the love of his life Rosemary Sahakian through his cousin and two years later they were married in December 1963. Together they resided in San Luis Obispo while Kay completed his studies and graduated from Cal Poly.

Upon graduation Kay was immediately hired by Lockheed Missiles & Space Co., a division of Lockheed Aircraft Corp. in Sunnyvale, CA. Eventually he went into partnership with two of his friends and they started a computer company Pegasus Systems, Inc. in Fresno. He later took on his brother's large farming operation.

Kay was also a member of Peninsula Triple X and later the Selma Triple X Fraternity where he served as Master in 1979. He was an active member for over 50 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Dennis, his stepmother Lilly Hovnanian Paboojian. He is survived by his wife Rosemary of 58 years, his children Paul Paboojian and wife Melinda and their two sons Justin and Jaden, his daughter Aliene Paboojian, Brian Paboojian and wife Anthonette and their daughter Anyssia.



Brother Robert Carl Hovsepien
Fresno
December 5, 1947 - August 28, 2022

Bob lived in Fresno his entire life. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1966 and Fresno State in 1970. In 1972, Bob began teaching at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Madera. After a few years, he decided to make a major career change and began studying to become a CPA. After obtaining his license, he became a partner in his father-in-law's Kerman accounting practice, where he served his clients for the next 40 years. Bob met his great love and partner in life, Janelle, at St. Paul Armenian Church in 1966. They were married on August 5, 1972. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Janelle; three children, Elizabeth Kiler and husband Brian, Allison Giacobbe and husband Jim, and Blake Hovsepien and wife Darci; five precious grandchildren, Charlie Giacobbe, Grace Giacobbe, Patrick Kiler, Nate Kiler, and Autumn Giacobbe; brother Allen Hovsepien and wife Ginny; niece Jessica Berberian; nephew Jensen Hovsepien; and dozens of beloved cousins and friends.



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