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ESTABLISHED 2023

Friday, September 1, 2023

Welcome and Registration • 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
LA Hospitality Suite, Hilton Pasadena (Lobby Level) • 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Casino Night, Hilton Pasadena • 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Golf Tournament, Santa Anita Golf Course • 8:30 am Check-in
Backgammon Tournament, Game Room (Lobby Level) • 10:00 am
Welcome and Registration • 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
LA Hospitality Suite, Hilton Pasadena (Lobby Level) • 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Silent Auction, Grand Ballroom Hilton Pasadena • 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Hollywood Hye Nights, Grand Ballroom Hilton Pasadena • 7:00 pm to 12:00 am

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Men's Breakfast Buffet, Hilton Pasadena • (doors open 8:30 am) 9:00 am
Business Meeting, Hilton Pasadena (Trex Brothers only) • 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Ladies' Tour & Lunch, Huntington Library • 10:00 am to 1:30 pm
LA Hospitality Suite, Hilton Pasadena (Lobby Level) • 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Evening of Live Jazz, NOOR Restaurant Old Town Pasadena • 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

FROM THE GRAND MASTER...

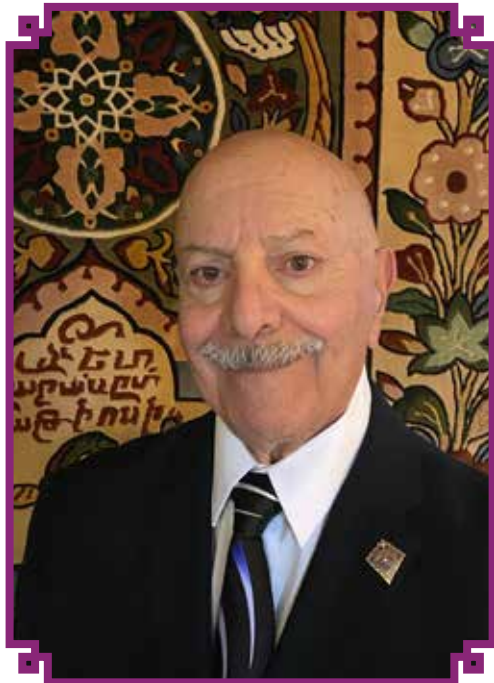
To all my brothers,

I cannot express my gratitude for the warm welcomes I have received in my travels this year. The Brotherhood I have felt, is one of the best experiences in my life. As my term comes to an end, I would sincerely like to thank all the brothers whom expressed their warm welcomes to me during my visitations.

Most all my friends are Trex Brothers. I feel there is a good positive attitude in the fraternity and with this we will grow. I'm very excited about the possibility of new chapters starting. Staying positive will ensure future growth. I can report that the Triple X Fraternity is finally growing at a steady rate. The new San Gabriel Valley Chapter is up and running. All brothers will help them when called upon to ensure their continued success.

In closing I will start by saying this was one of the greatest honor in my life to serve my fraternal Brothers.

Let us all join forces and support THE UPCOMING 2023 LOS ANGELES CHAPTER CONVENTION AS ONLY TREX BROTHERS CAN.



Fraternally,
Brother Larry Avedisian
Grand Master 2022 - 2023



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2023
94TH ANNUAL
TREX

CONVENTION

PASADENA, CA

SAVE THE DATE!

September 1, 2 & 3, 2023

Los Angeles Trex Chapter welcomes
our Brothers, Wives, Family & Friends to the

94th Annual Triple X Convention

WHERE:

Hilton Pasadena

168 South Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, CA

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Palm Desert

Triple-X Brothers,
Greetings from the Palm Desert Chapter.

Founded in 1998, Palm Desert celebrated its 25th year as a chapter this year and thanks to the leadership of our Master, Bro. Sarkis Bedrosian, we had another successful year. Thank you Bro. Sarkis for your dedication and hard work.

In January, our chapter hosted a prospective members night at our church hall in Rancho Mirage. It was a fun evening and was well attended. Many thanks to Junior Master, Bro. Harry Kaladjian for planning and funding this event.

PGM Nick Nigosian, PGM Greg Safoyan, and Bro. Master Sarkis Bedrosian were among the Palm Desert Chapter members who attended the Mid-Term meeting in Tulare. Grand Master Larry Avedisian held a productive business meeting and the food was delicious and plentiful. Thank you to the Sequoia Chapter for hosting this year's Mid-Term.

We were happy to have Grand Master Larry Avedisian and some of his Grand Chapter officers visit our chapter for our March business meeting. During our meeting, the Grand Master presented several of our members with their 25 year pins.

The Palm Desert Chapters annual "DESERT GOLF OUTING" was held this year on May 13th. Brothers from the Palm Desert, Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego chapters were among those who participated in our event. Following 18 holes of golf on the Classic Club Golf Course, we had a luncheon where our 50/50 reverse drawing was held. Along with all of the members who helped and participated, we would especially like to thank Bro. Blaine Carian, Bro. Greg Kirkjan and Bro. Bobby Melkesian who did an amazing job coordinating this year's tournament.

In May, PGM Nick Nigosian attended the first ever meeting of the newly founded San Gabriel Valley Chapter. Congratulations to our newest chapter from your brothers in Palm Desert.

Our chapter meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, and all brothers are welcomed to join us.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Pasadena at the upcoming annual convention weekend on Labor Day weekend.

Fraternally,
PGM Greg Safoyan
Palm Desert Chapter Associate Editor



Mid-Term Meeting



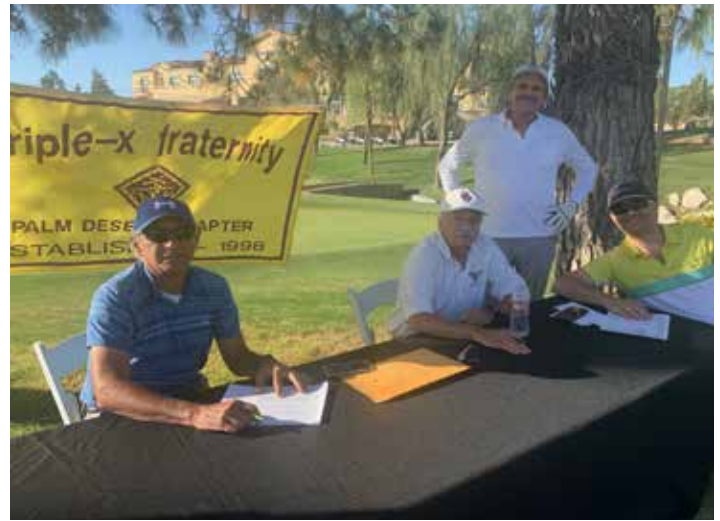
Brothers at the Prospective Members Event



March Business Meeting



2023
Palm Desert Golf Outing



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Palm Desert Golf Outing



Bro. George Kirkjan receiving
his 25-year pin from GM Larry



Bro. Gordon Chuchian receiving
his 25-year pin from GM Larry



Bro. Howard Chuchian receiving
his 25-year plaque from GM Larry



March
Business Meeting

Los Angeles

The LA Chapter is putting the final touches on the 2023 Convention and 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. The 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 Hollywood Hye Nights Dinner Dance with the Hagopian Band and American music DJ. 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 and Bro Lev Michaelian for Jr. 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!

The LA Chapter is being led by Bro Master Sam Donabedian and Bro Jr. Master Matt Matoesian and their executive body. Our meetings happen monthly at the Melkonian Hall thanks to arrangements made by Bro George Titizian. Our social hour and dinner before the meeting and gathering on the patio afterwards make the night complete.

The LA Chapter's Wellness Hikes happen regularly and are chaired by Bro Jr Grand Master Shant Dergazarian and Bro Richard Taminosian. Brothers and their families meet at a specific location for a hike through the woods, beach, or city. These two coordinate with a different Bro each month, picking a different location in the LA area. After the hike, the group has a picnic, gather at a restaurant or at a Bros house for lunch. So many new relationships are built with these events between Brothers, their wives, and children.

The LA Chapter was in full force at the March Midterm Meeting. Grand Master Larry Avedisian presided over the meeting with our Bro Jr. Grand Master Shant Dergazarian by his side. It was a great venue, and the food and hospitality were excellent. Thank you to the Sequoia Chapter for hosting and I know PGM Ron Shanoian worked hard to make that a great day.

Bro Matt Matoesian chaired the Annual Partners Best Ball Tournament at Simi Hills where we had 40 golfers, including several from the LA Jr Chapter. It was a 2-man scramble. After golf, Bro Matt and his wife Audrey host an amazing BBQ gathering at their house close by. Over 80 people attended the BBQ, including many who didn't play golf. Such a fun night. Lots of food, drink, and fellowship along with an award ceremony for the winning team. This year's winners were Bros Steve Hampar and Chris Armen. Bro Steve credited the laser focus of his partner on golf and of course to their two scorekeepers. Taking 2nd Place was LA Jr Bro Frank Chelebian and his partner. Audrey and her crew of Trex wives help make this such a wonderful event and the LA Chapter is very thankful for them opening their home to us.

Bro Richard Taminosian Chaired this year's LA Chapter's

Family Picnic. What a crowd! Despite so many of our chapter traveling, we had a great crowd and had some of our new San Gabriel Valley Brothers present. Family and Friends enjoyed a Kebab meal cooked by Bro Steve Chelebian and his crew of brothers. The balance of the meal was lovingly made by the wives of brothers. There was a tavloo tournament with prizes for the winner. Great job bothers and we sincerely appreciate all the hard work put in by your wives.

Our focus for the summer is the 94th Annual Convention! However, after the Convention, we still have at least 3 big events on Sept 24th, the LA TREX will once again run the Picnic at the Ararat Home of Los Angeles. This is the first picnic for the Home since Covid and we are ready to help prepare the food, cook, serve and make donations. In October we have our Annual Stag Outing at the JW Marriott in Palm Desert Chaired by Bro Master Sam Donabedian. Lots of golf, food, drink and fun. Come join us for a great time. Also in October is our Installation Banquet at the Porter Valley Country Club Chaired by Bro Varoujan Movsesian and Bro Steven Arakelian and their wives. Always a fun night to honor our outgoing and incoming leadership.

Finally, we want to congratulate the new San Gabriel Valley Chapter on their formation and entrance into this wonderful fraternity. Bro Dickran Tevrizian, Jr. Grand Master Shant Dergazarian, LA Master Sam Donabedian (all former LA Jr. Trex Bros) and others with the support of our GM Larry and the entire Grand Chapter helped give birth to this new chapter. Their new Master is Bro Jimmy Terzian (former LA Jr) and his executive committee is made up of many friends and some other former LA Jr. Bros. Welcome to our great fraternity – You are off to a great start.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention in September and we thank you in advance for your support.

Regards,

Bro Michael Surmeian
LA Chapter Associate Editor



LA Jr. Bro Frank C who won 2nd Place in the LA TREX Partners Best Ball with Bro Matt M. Bro Frankie credits his win to his hat, stolen from a clown



Another LA TREX Wellness Hikes Chair by Jr Grand Master Shant D and Bro Richard T. This hike is in the local mountains just above Pasadena



LA TREX Partners Best Ball Chair Bro Matt M with 1st Place winners, Bro Steve H & Bro Chris Armen



Bro David M Jr, with new grandparents and aunt Bro Steve M, Nanette M and Nicole M with future Trexman David III



Bro Ron R with his grandson and future Trexman at the LA Trex Family Picnic



Bros Gary Z, Steve E and Guy I with his wife Karine and Lisa A. Gary D learned how to take selfies at the picnic



Bros Adam D and Bro Michael N enjoying the day at the LA TREX Family Picnic



PGM Nick N and Carolon with PGM Chuck S and Suzie enjoying kebab at the LA TREX Family Picnic



Picnic Chair Richard T and Junior Grand Master Bro Shant Dergazarian announcing the winners of the tavloo tourney.



PGM Nick N, PGM Mel S and Bro Mike K about the hear how Bro Art A got thrown out the picnic courtroom!



Bros Adam and Andrew wondering who is going to clean up this mess at that LA Family Picnic.

Sequoia

Hello Hye Brothers, and greetings from the Beautiful Central Valley of California. We hope all of you and your families are doing well. We are thankful to have completed another year of our brotherhood together. I know all of us have a very special connection (ian or yan) to each other, and truly enjoy our times together as a fraternity.

We wanted to have a big shout out to PGM Ron Shanoian, Brother Gerard Garoian, Brother Dean Ametjian, his staff, and committee members for heading up our Mid-Term Convention. We had a great time together at the Tulare Golf Course. The business meeting and lunch went well, thanks to GM Larry Avedisian, and the lamb lunch was spectacular.

On April 23, 2023, the Sequoia Chapter held a Hokihankist at St. Mary's Church in Yettem to honor our 63 Sequoia Brothers who have passed. There were 23 Sequoia Brothers in attendance. The lunch following the service was appreciated by all 90 plus people who had come to the service. We would like to thank Brother Dean Ametjian and wife Megan for heading up the luncheon. Thank you also to these Brothers who served on the luncheon committee: PGM Pete Babagian, PGM Ron Shanoian, Gerard Garoian, Darwin Hacobian, Charlie Davidian, Tom Babagian, Serge Ananian, Richard Sheklian, Bryan Ananian, Kenny Melkonian, Charles Sarabian, Richard Tamouzian and Mike Tamouzian. Thank you also to Mary Babagian for her assistance.

We were honored to know that Brother Gary Hovannisian will had a solo exhibition at The Creative Center to celebrate his 40+ years as an artist, and as a core member of our Community. The gallery reception and exhibit were held on June 2, at the Jon Ginsburg Gallery here in Visalia. Brother Gary Hovannisian joined the Sequoia Chapter of Trex Fraternity in 2015. He is the son of our late Brother John Hovannisian who was a 50 plus year member of Sequoia Trex Fraternity. Congratulation Brother Gary, you make us proud.

Once again this year we are supporting charities in our community. Sequoia Trex has set aside \$5000.00 to be available to donate \$500.00 each to ten local charities. Last month we were able to donate to the Ride 4 a Reason. This is a biker group who help local people in need.

In the fall of 2023 St. Mary Armenian Church of Yettem is sponsoring a Golf Tournament. We will be taking a vote at the next meeting to donate funds to help sponsor this event. We are more than happy to help our community.

We were honored and blessed to install a new brother, Edwin Hacobian, at our recent meeting. He is the Brother of member Darwin Hacobian. Edwin lives Bakersfield and will drive an hour and a half to attend our meetings. Congratulations Edwin, we love you.

We were pleased to recognize two outstanding graduating seniors this year with scholarships. These two students and their families were honored at our June meeting, each

student receiving \$2000.00. The 2023 scholarship recipients are Lance Nourian and Landon Sesock.

Lance Nourian is a graduate of Tulare Union High School. Parents are Ruben and Shelly Nourian. Lance will be going to Fresno State University, majoring in Kinesiology-Exercise Science.

Landon Sesock is a graduate of Clovis West High School. Parents are Tony and Nicole Babagian Sesock. PGM Pete Babagian is his uncle. Landon is also a Sequoia Junior member. He will attend Fresno City College with plans to transfer to Fresno State University, majoring in Business/Finance. Congratulation to both of our winners.

We had our annual fundraiser selling 4th of July fireworks at the Fireworks Booth. We would like to thank Brother Richard Tamouzian for serving as chairman of the Fireworks Booth. The following Brothers served as co-chairmen for each day:

June 29th - Pete Babagian
June 30th - Archie Zakarian, Charlie Davidian
July 1st - Russel Gostanian
July 2nd - Gerard Garoian
July 3rd - Archie Zakarian, Charlie Davidian
July 4th - Kenny Melkonian

Thanks to all these Brothers and all the other Brothers who volunteered this year.

We look forward to sharing in Los Angeles Chapter's Back In The Hye Life, 94th Annual Trex X Convention to be held at the Pasadena Hilton September 1-3, 2023 The L.A. Chapter has some great things planned for all of us.

Look forward to seeing all of you in the near future.

Associate Editor,
P.M. Tom Babagian



Charlie Davidian
Helping out at the
Fireworks Booth



Paul Babagian helping out
with sales at our
Fireworks Booth



Father Tom and Son Paul Babagian working at the Booth



Mazza Warm at Midterm



Midterm Convention Greeters Brothers PGM Pete, Archie and PGM Ron



Luncheon Hosted by Sequoia Chapter Brothers for our past Brothers and their Families at St. Mary's Armenian Church



PGM Pete, Landon Sesock, PGM Ron, and Lance Nourian, our Scholarship Winners



GM Bro. Larry swearing in our new member, Brother Edwin Hacobian at our June meeting

Orange County

Brother Trexmen,

Master Brent and the Officers of the Orange County have continued their streak of having a jam-packed calendar for the first half of 2023 and this trend will continue well into the summer.

In April, the annual family potluck was chaired by Brothers John and Ari Gulugian and Brother Ara Malazian in Irvine. With over 50 in attendance from Orange County and other local chapters, it was a good time filled with a wide ranging variety of delicious food, laughter and family fun.

Brother Don Kazarian chaired the Laughlin Stag during the first week of May during the Kentucky Derby and as usual, he outdid himself. With Armenian food being brought in from Las Vegas, a hospitality suite that was always alive with activity, views of the Colorado River and just a little bit of gambling, this event continues to be one of the finest and we thank Brother Don for all his efforts. A few of the Brothers are still waiting for their horses to finish the Derby, but we have a feeling they will finish around mid-June.

Speaking of mid-June, Brothers Art and Kris Kazarian hosted Cigar Night in Anaheim Hills. With 25 in attendance, including the Grand Master, some Grand Officers, prospective members, and the OC Brothers, it was a great night of food, card playing, and Fraternalism.

Orange County's 46th Annual Picnic will be taking place on July 23, 2023 at Mason Regional Park in Irvine. Brother John Cholakian is heading this event and is continuing to make this event the perfect day out for family and Trex.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Convention as there is no doubt that the Los Angeles Chapter will host a great event and speaking of great events, if you want to continue the good times, be on the lookout for Kef Time So Cal 2. This event is chaired by Brothers Ralph Dergazarian and Brian Melkesian and will be taking place on October 14 at Bagramian Hall in Montebello. This event sold out last year, so get your tickets as soon as possible at orange-county-trex-fraternity.ticketleap.com.

Fraternally yours,
Brother Simon Hovakimian



Part of the future of Orange County Trex



Gulugians, Agajanians and a Malazian



The Brothers in Beautiful Downtown Barstow



Brothers enjoying a good smoke during Cigar Night



Brothers surrounding Brother Art at Cigar Night



Bros John and Kelly admiring the pilaf at Cigar Night



Bros Gary, Master Brent, Brian, Mark and Simon



Three PGMs and a PM



Bros. Rob, Sarven, Fred, Jon, Wayne and PGMs Archie and Haig

Fresno

One of the benefits of being member of the Triple X Fraternity is building a friendship that lasts a lifetime. We experience and enjoy each other's company beyond the monthly meetings or annual conventions. We get much more from this brotherhood than what we put into it. Our work and family obligations sometimes may keep us away from each other, however, the bond that we create over the years, helps us to connect and refresh our friendship. This becomes more apparent over the years. Brothers invite each other to community gatherings or fundraisers, as well as to leisurely time of having weekly luncheon, or practicing golf together. Keep up the good work, brothers!



PGM Bro. Master Steve Bedoian (L) and PGM Bob Juskalian led the Fresno chapter Mid-Term Convention in Visalia.



Bros. Grand Treasurer Michael Harutinian, Associate Editor Varoujan Der Simonian, and Grand Historian Boghos Patatian coincident meeting at the Annual Kef Time in Fresno



For brothers a *Tavlou* game is like a desert after a Trex dinner.



Brothers having good time during tri-chapter



Meet brothers Gary, Michael, Kenny, Varoujan and Nishan every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM for leisurely practice and good time



Brothers (L) David, Ara, Levon, Varoujan, Alan, Michael, Jimmy and Ralph having good time at Dunte Club hosted by Bro Levon.Tax!



"Brothers, brothers... look who am I with !?!
... If I was only a bit younger..."



PGM, Bro Master Steve Bedoian is a hardworking, behind the scene type: "That's \$2, brother! What's the complaint?"



During a tri-chapter joint dinner Grand Master Larry Avedisian and PGMs, drawing the winning tickets.



Thank you for your service
GM Larry Avedisian!



Bro. Kenny Melkonian II Grand Master for 2024!
He will make Triple X Great Again!



Patience, GM, we know, his
is our Treasurer, too!

Oakland

Parev, Brothers!

Greetings from the Oakland Chapter!

April is usually home to Cigar Night here in Alameda County, and this year, we opted to double our smoking pleasure, beginning with an April 1 (no foolin') "impromptu" cigar night for a smallish group of Brothers hosted by Bro. Stephen Shartzter in the beautifully-landscaped yard of his Danville home. Then, on June 10, a dozen and a half brothers (and one brother-in-law) returned to the Danville hills for a delightful evening of top-notch cigars, top-shelf beverages, a mouth-watering catered dinner and good old-fashioned socializing, Armenian-style, hosted by Bro. Stuart Arakelian.

For decades, our Oakland brothers and families have enjoyed the fun, food, scenic wonders and Brotherhood of our annual camping trips here in Northern California. This year marked our return to an old favorite, the bucolic French Meadows Campground on the south shore of French Meadows Reservoir in the Tahoe National Forest. A smaller-than-usual contingent indulged in 3-4 mid-July days of boating, canoeing, and swimming along with plenty of day hikes and afternoon naps. Life is good.

As you all well know, boasting is a popular pastime among Armenians (especially when there's something worthy to boast about), so this year we can lay claim to another Chapter milestone: our very own personal Chapter chef! Bro. Glenn Yeremian, one of our most recent members (and the son of our chapter's co-founding member, Bro. Al Yeremian, has stepped into the kitchen to prepare a varied menu fresh-cooked meals before each month's meeting, from familiar Armenian specialties to tummy-satisfying American favorites. If you're in the East Bay on the third Tuesday of the month and find yourself hankering for some great food along with cigars, mezza, a no-host bar and more, be sure to let us know... we'll set an extra place just for you. Thanks again, Bro. Glenn!

Need some Unsolicited Advice? Bro. Rick Mickaels, celebrating his (ahem) "retirement age" birthday, showcased his most recent musical sextet, Unsolicited Advice, with a special performance fundraiser at the popular local watering hole Wise Girl on Bastille Day (that's July 14 for you non-Francophiles), featuring two stalwart members of the Oakland Chapter's legendary Brotherly Love and the Really Hye Horns, fellow Trex brothers keyboardist Van Kouzoujian and "space horn" trumpeter Aram Boyd. A bit of R&B, some good-time rock 'n roll, and plenty of dancing the night away... and some much-needed money for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano counties (an annual Oakland Chapter recipient).

And finally, for all you golf-minded brothers, be sure to mark your calendars and "save the date" of Sunday, October 1, when the Oakland chapter hosts our third annual Charitable Golf Tournament on the beautiful, environmentally sensitive fairways and greens of the Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton. First opened to golfers in 2005, Callippe's course with its spectacular views of Mount Diablo, oak-studded valleys, incredible sanctuaries dedicated to native wildlife and the resident Callippe Butterfly, and the Happy Valley Creek winding throughout – was designed to cater to a wide spectrum of players as a premier locale here in Northern California. Along with the day's foursome play, we'll also be offering lunch, a variety of player prizes and awards, and a wide range of alluring auction items for the day's bidders. The annual tourney has become our signature fundraising event of the year, and your participation ensures our ongoing support of numerous worthy charities in Northern California as well as in our native Armenia homeland.

By now, you've (hopefully) received our promotional email flyer for this year's event. For more information, to become a sponsor, or to register for what's sure to become our own signature "Fall Classic," please visit us online! <https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/3rd-annual-trex-oakland-charitable-golf-tournament>. Oh, and be sure to browse your way over to our full-page, tropical-themed ad in this fall's Convention Booklet. Kudos to Master Armen Phelps for coming up with the concept for this year's contribution (and a modest shout-out to yours truly, PhotoBro Wayne, for standing behind the camera and then later "photo-shopping" himself into the assembled group).

Fraternally,

Bro. Wayne Saroyan

Associate Editor, Oakland Chapter



Unsolicited Advice



Chef Glenn



French Meadows Bazig and Rick Mickaels



French Meadows four Brothers



French Meadows River Side



French Meadows Shish Kebab



Trex Cigar Night June 10 2023

San Diego

The San Diego Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity was quite active during the past six months with several events that brought our brothers and their families together for fellowship and just plain old fun with one another. I'm happy to report that our monthly business meetings continue to be well attended averaging between 25-30 bros each month. To keep things interesting, we frequently rotate our meeting venues to allow all the bros a fair commute, varying food menus and a change of scenery. Here are a few of the highlights from our most recent activities.

On March 25th, 2023 we held our 2nd annual 'Meet & Greet' event. Our host this year was Bro Charlie Boghosian at his beautiful Poway home. The event was a lot of fun that saw 35 bros gather as well as a few potential new members. The food was prepared by Bro Charlie himself, needless to say they were out of this world and included a good mix of 'old school' mezza, kebobs, authentic side dishes and Charlie's own artistic culinary creations of shrimp and lobster. The cocktails were 'Top Shelf' all the way and deliciously prepared by a professional bartender. We were very happy to have as guests Bro Billy Eordekian (OC Chapter) and Bro Mark Derderian (Master Las Vegas Chapter) join us for the day. I'm happy to report that Bro Mark D. submitted his application and was approved by our board of directors to be a dues-paying member of our chapter as he already is with the OC, LA and Las Vegas chapters. Very happy to have him on board.

We held a special May 11th, 2023 meeting, at Chicken Charlie's Table restaurant for a formal visit from our Grand Master Larry Avedisian and Grand Treasurer Mike Harutinian to discuss the installation of the new San Gabriel Chapter, the LA convention and other topics important to the future of our fraternity. We thank GM Larry A. for making the long trek to San Diego and his commitment to our fraternal traditions and for his progressive efforts in keeping the Triple X Fraternity relevant and growing.

One of the new initiatives we introduced in the San Diego Chapter this year was called the 'New Bros Event'. This is an event prepared and planned exclusively by our newest and most recent members. The idea is to encourage fellowship amongst themselves while having them plan something fun for the entire Chapter to participate in. I'm proud to say they hit it out of the park. The event was an all-family inclusive 'TRES day at the San Diego Fair' held at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Our bros and their families were treated to a day of fun, food, rides and an all-around good time. A special thanks to Bro Anthony Gostanian and Bro Charlie Boghosian for Co-Chairing this event as well as to all the other bros who contributed to the success of the 'TRES Day at the San Diego Fair'.

Taking a page from the Palm Desert Chapter playbook and with the tenacious lead of our own PGM Joe Kellejian, the San Diego Chapter held it's very own '50/50 Reverse Raffle' with resounding success. We sold 200 tickets at \$100 per ticket for a total raise of \$20,000 of which we awarded \$10,000 in prize money. We drew all 197 names until the final 3 remaining names opted to split the pot each taking home a whopping \$3,333.33 each. Our lucky winners were, Bro Master Stuart Arakelian (Oakland Chapter), Bro Doug Avazian (50 yr. member of the San Diego Chapter) and Bro Artur Nersisyan (current treasurer of the San Diego Chapter). The event was held on the grounds of the new St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Del Mar Ca where we served a light buffet lunch with refreshments and was well attended by over 60 people from the San Diego community. After all expenses, our chapter netted just over \$9000. A big thanks to all our individual brothers Fraternity-wide as well as the Chapters who bought tickets and supported this effort. The proceeds are earmarked for future donations and contributions to be made by the San Diego Chapter to worthwhile efforts within the San Diego community.

In a rather impromptu format, on February 12th 2023-Super Bowl Sunday, we were able to put together a 'Super Bowl' block pool among the San Diego brothers for the big game between the Philadelphia Eagles vs the Kansas City Chiefs done completely online via email. Nearly 20 bros participated in a \$5 per block pool that certainly made the game a bit more interesting. The online banter was certainly entertaining for our brothers with Bro Ed Sahagian taking home the big prize of \$300.

And finally, I would like to introduce to the Fraternity our 2 newly initiated bros Andrew Burns and Berj Arakelian. Both are long time San Diegans with growing young families and are active members in the San Diego Armenian community. I know they will be committed brothers and will contribute much to our fraternity over the coming years.

Respectfully,

Brother Master Armen Derderian



2nd Annual Meet&Greet 2023



2nd San Diego Trex Meet and Greet
Bro Charlie Boghosian home March 25 2023



Bro Anthony and Meghan Gostanian at the Fair



Bro Ara Garabedian and Family at the Fair



Bros Gary Tanashian, Robert Aboolian and
PGM Joe Kellejian at the Fair



PGM Joe Kellejian and Bro Steve Hovsepien
at the Fair



2023 50-50 Revers Raffle Bros Noubar Markarian Joe Kellejian and
Armen Derderian



2023 50-50 Reverse Raffle Bros Steve Hovsepien,
Allen Nalbandian and Joe Kellejian



2023 50-50 Reverse Raffle Bro Gary and Meghedi Tanashian
Bro Armen and Sevan Derderian

Los Angeles Jr.

Dear Brothers,

The LA Junior Trex has continued to have a successful campaign in the 2023 year. We have had several events including bowling, fight nights, and even the occasional party. Our group is very close, and we look forward to the years ahead of us in the Jr Chapter. We sincerely enjoy giving playing golf regularly with the LA Sr Trex Saturdays, thanks to Sr. Bro Zareh. We enjoy giving them lessons on how to drive the ball 300 yards. Jr Bro Chad B recently shot -2 at our home course and Bro Nick M and Luke S regularly shoot below 80. Bro Frank C took 2nd place in the LA Sr's Partners Best Ball tourney. Our low single-digit handicaps have been a curse, but we persevere. Our struggle is real.

We are planning a LA Jr Trex Pool party on Saturday at the Pasadena Hilton during the 2023 Triple X Convention, giving the younger demographics more to do during the day and not cut into Hollywood Hye Nights planned by the LA Sr Chapter for Saturday night. Keep an eye out for Bro David E with his big afro and thick mustache.

We continue to make this group a fun and carefree getting together and to continue the legacy and traditions passed on by past Juniors. We are thankful for the help from the LA Chapter and hope to have a great time at the 2023 Convention!

Bro Kristopher Mikaelian
Master, LA Junior Trex



A few of the LA Jr's enjoying a UFC fight & recruiting event. L-R - LA Jr Bros.- Master Kris M, Nick M, Chad B, Guest Mike G, Luke S, Armand H and David E.



LA Jr. Bros Nick M, David E and Luke S guarding the drinks at the LA Trex Family picnic



Bro Chad B with a fake smile knowing he had to give Bro Mike S 23 strokes for their match. PGM Jeff H and Bro Matt look with pity on poor Chad

San Gabriel Valley

Brothers,

The San Gabriel Valley Chapter was established May 10th, 2023. 62 New Brothers were given the Oath of Initiation by Grand Master Larry Avedisian. Adding 47 more Brothers membership total is 109 Brothers and still growing. The is the first new chapter since adding the Palm Desert chapter in 1998. We have events planned starting this year. Looking forward to this year's convention in Pasadena...

Bro. Steven Sahagian
Grand Editor



GM Larry handing signed charter to Master Jim



PGM Bro. Sam Bagdasarian handing out yearbooks to SGV New Brothers in Inventory since 2018



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A FUN FILLED EVENING THAT WILL SURELY BE REMEMBERED.

Peninsula

A hearty hello from the Bay Area to our beloved Trex Brothers, families, and friends! Our 2022–2023 Peninsula Chapter officers are as follows:

MasterMihran Kassabian
Jr. Master.....Tom Riddle
TreasurerVic Khachooni
Corresponding Secretary.....Mark Antranikian
Recording Secretary.....Kip Garabedian
Associate EditorMark Antranikian
Sergeant at ArmsAram Darmanian
Historian.....Kip Garabedian
CustodianVic Khachooni
Webmaster.....Mark Antranikian

With our membership now up to 18 Brothers, the most it's been in quite a few years, our dinner meetings are even more enjoyable! We did have to cancel our St. Patrick's Day themed dinner in March, but have been going strong otherwise. 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). We're always happy to welcome visitors to our monthly gatherings, so if you happen to be in the Bay Area around our meeting time, please let us know and we'll save a glass of wine and prepare some of our fantastic dishes just for you!

In January, we were honored to receive some visitors from the Central Valley: our honorable Brother Grand Master Larry Avedisian, who was also accompanied by Brother Grand Marshal Dan Boyajian and myself. It was a great evening of fun, food, and festivities! Our GM definitely enjoyed himself – he came back in April for more!

Other than our monthly dinner meetings, we haven't held any special events lately. We hope to plan something fun for our members and families in the near future!

We would love to see an abundance of our fellow Trexmen at the upcoming Annual Convention in Pasadena, which is being hosted by the Los Angeles Chapter. It should be a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable Labor Day weekend!

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



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



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



A toast to another fantastic meal with fellow Peninsula Brothers!



Brother Vazgen gets his share of the feast!



Brothers (and Brothers-in-law) Vic and Tom



Brothers gather around the mezza table - delish!



Brothers Mihran and Allan enjoy a fun game of tavloo before dinner



Grand Master Larry addresses the January gathering



Peninsula Brothers Harry, Allan, Craig, Tom, Jirair, and Vic are about to dig into their amazing June dinner feast!

Selma

As blessed a winter of rain and record snowfall that we had this year, it's even more stunning the cool start to summer that we had! May and June were so pleasant that we didn't have to run off to the coast as much as we normally do. The beautiful weather also helped to make our annual Spring Family Picnic a great success. It was held at Fresno's Woodward Park in May. Delicious food and fun activities were enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks goes out to PGM and current Master Pete Cholakian for resurrecting the traditional event last year! Brothers Mark Pryor and Ed Nikssarian served a picnic-themed meal.

Thanks to the Sequoia Chapter for hosting a fun and successful Mid-Term in March at the Tulare Golf Course. And a special congratulations goes out to our newly formed and approved chapter – the San Gabriel Valley Chapter! Also, we had our own addition to the Fraternity. In February, we initiated our newest Selma Trexman – welcome to the club, Brother Azad Deeb!

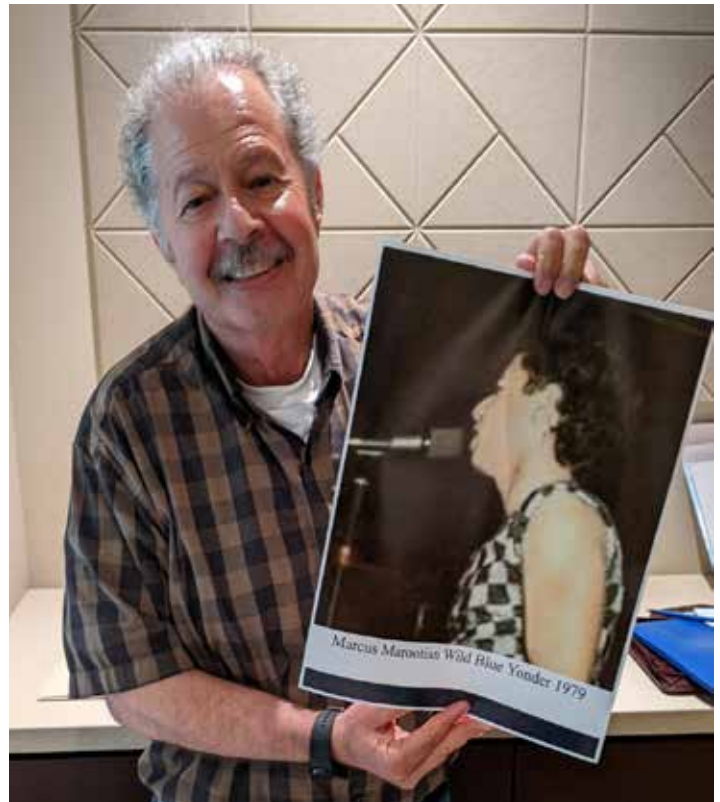
This July, we once again were out there selling fireworks for the second consecutive year. (Of course, the summer weather heated up just in time for us!) The perfect location in the heart of the Fig Garden area at Palm & Gettysburg was secured by our Brothers Robert Kandarian and Ken Abrahamian. We wouldn't even know where to start to have this stand and fireworks sale if it wasn't for these two experts! A big thanks to all of our brothers who worked at the stand, and also to everyone who supported us by stopping by and buying some fireworks! Also, Brother Bryan Ananian has broken his own record being caught sleeping behind the stand under a shade tree for the third time! Good job Brother... it was a perfect picture that's gone viral!!

Our annual scholarship committee members made their decisions and have awarded five scholarships to a group of well-deserving recipients. It was very difficult for the committee this year because there were over 15 applicants and the report was that all of the students were quite accomplished and any could easily have been selected. Congratulations to our scholarship recipients, and thank you to Brother Mike Gostanian for coordinating another spectacular Scholarship Awards dinner on July 20th at The Manhattan Steakhouse & Bar in Fresno.

The Selma Triple X is amazed how fast the year has gone by and that our own GM Larry Avedisian only has a few more weeks left of his term. Thank you Brother Larry for serving our beloved Fraternity. We are proud of the job you have done. See you all in Pasadena!

Fraternally,

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



Back in the day, Bro. Marcus was the lead singer of the local punk band The Subtractions!

Photo from a 1979 gig at Fresno's Wild Blue Yonder.



Brother Marcus is presented a photo from 1979 by Bros Mike, GM Larry, and PGM Master Pete



The Selma Mid-Term contingent is ready for action!



Brothers Fred and Ken enjoy some friendly tavloo action after our March meeting



Bros. Joey and Shant square off over the tavloo board at the April joint chapter meeting



Brothers enjoying the tasty meal at the April joint Central Valley Chapters meeting at the Fresno Clubhouse



New Brother Azad Deeb is sworn in by GM Larry in February as his sponsor Bro. Mark Pryor looks on



Scholarship winners and their families enjoyed a delicious banquet at the Manhattan - congrats to all!



Busted! Nothing can prepare you for the strip search....



Selma Brothers (and brothers-in-law) Ken and Bob did an excellent job spearheading the fireworks stand fundraiser



Brother Bryan has perfected the art of sleep smoking!

GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER EDITOR'S REPORT

Introduction

The Golden Gate Chapter ended the 2022 year with a fabulous Christmas Party and we were looking to roll in our first meeting of the New Year with a bang! The Grand Master and our own PGM Garo Mirigian were to attend. But we, like others, had a rough start to the new year due to severe weather that caused travel issues, the chapter had to cancel its January meeting. PGM Garo was going to cook one of his famous kufta dinners, but oh well, we rescheduled that for May. We moved on as we had an event planned in February, so...

Valentine's Day ❤️

The Golden Gate Chapter has a history of throwing lovely Valentine's Day parties and this year was no different. Thanks again to our PGM Charles Paskerian who hosted the party at the community center within the residential tower of his residence. Beautiful venue, terrific views of the SF Bay, and really exciting and old-world stories from the brothers on how they met their wives.



Bro Peter Kaprielian with his two favorite Valentines



Bro PGM Chuck Paskerian



The wonderful menu was provided by caterer-extraordinaire Hasmig Kozanian who later serenaded us with a love song.



Lovely Desserts

GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER EDITOR'S REPORT

Fast Forward to Spring

The Golden Gate Chapter was well represented at the mid-year convention in Tulare (which was a blast!) and held its own in the golf tournament too, placing third. Big news at the meeting was about the forming of the new San Gabriel Chapter. Subsequently, we've heard great reports of their startup; good going Pasadena brothers!



Master Mark Dorian (seated), Bro Craig Bazigian, Bro Allan Melkesian, Drew Michaels (not shown)

Our April meeting was different!

We invited the wives & partners to our meeting and met at a new restaurant. And we finally got the Grand Master and company to join us. We reserved the restaurant believing it had a private dining room but somehow, we ended up in a very busy area...oops! It was a good party with good company and good food. The meeting was brief with our master standing beside the table halfway down, shouting business over the raucous din of the other restaurant guests.



The April Chapter Meeting

Summer

In June, Bro Henry Shishmanian held an afternoon cigar and lunch party serving excellent smokes and made to order burgers exquisitely prepared by his son. A good time was had by all.



An Afternoon Smoke with Bro Henry

Through June and July the Golden Gate Chapter Brothers will be selecting charities for its annual contributions and electing a new board to be sworn in at the annual convention.

In addition, Master Mark and Brother Hartley Appleton have been assisting some potential brothers from a loosely organized group called the "Armenians of the North Bay" or "ANB". They organize a picnic every year held at a farm with a party barn and have developed a strong social network. Our brothers have met with some very interesting Armenian gentlemen and are indoctrinating them in the ways of the Triple X Fraternity, in hopes that the men in the ANB will form a new TREX Chapter. More details to follow. That's it from the great North.

See you all at the annual convention!

Las Vegas

Hearty Congrats to our outgoing GM Larry “The Tool King” Avedisian & his GC crew for a great job & much respect to the Sequoia Chapter “Mid-Term Meisters” for hosting a terrific Mid-Term. Plenty of great food & great fellowship. On a sad note, we lost one of our most beloved, Bro. Joseph Nakkashian. Even tho his health was an issue the last few years, he was always upbeat. We will miss him greatly.

In the News: Bro. Richard Charshafian was just elected our new Master and since he’s a past Rotary President, we plan to have our elegant XMAS Party at ... ROUND TABLE PIZZA ! Also, we welcomed a new member, Bro. Michael Vanesian, formerly a Sr. Criminalist for the LA Sheriff’s Crime Lab. Based on our own investigation, it seems he retired in Vegas because he heard there were ... A LOT OF BODIES BURIED IN THE DESERT ! Seriously tho, Bro. Michael was just voted in as our new Associate Editor so I thank you all for your loyal readership these past 8 years ... and a quick shout out to our awesome Bro. Ruben Grigorian. Always a smile. Get well, stay well !

Our mini events included the Vegas Premiere of a Star Wars style feature film written, directed & produced by Garo Setian, the son of our own Bro. Gary. Also, we held a fun Charity Poker Tournament. BTW, CHARITY WORKS WEEKENDS AT THE CRAZY HORSE ! Several brothers also attended the April 24th Remembrance Day Event at the Armenian Genocide Monument. It featured dozens of incredible Armenian dancers, all wearing authentic handmade costumes.

We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Shish Kabob House. Join us & bring your Poker face & your Poker money ! BTW, DO NOT MISS the upcoming LA Convention: it will be off the hook, totally fresh, & down with the shizzle ... ya dig?!

Very best wishes to all,
Master Mark Derderian



Bro Ara, Master Mark and Bro VJ at the Vegas after-party



Bro Mesrop seen proudly wearing his custom XXX Gold ring and doing his best Rod Steiger impersonation (Bros Arakel and Arthur having fun)



Bro Daniel attempting to indoctrinate prospective Bro Hunter



PGM Chuck Parigian turning on the charm for his Trex News photo op



Las Vegas Brothers show off their fraternal pride



Master Mark proudly displays his Master of the Year Award



Bro. Bobby relishes his long-overdue Past Master Pin



Bros. Rick, Ruben and Arthur



Youngest Performers at the Genocide Remembrance



Bro Ara, PGM Chuck, and our dearly departed Bro Joseph Nakkashian



Bro. Joseph Nakkashian (Sponsor, now at rest), Master Mark and our newest LV Trexman, Bro. Michael Vanesian



Bros Bobby, Mesrop and Ara



Prospect Hunter with his Grandfather Bro Gary, Master Mark and Bro Ara at the April 24th Genocide Remembrance Event

IN MEMORIAM



Brother Aram A. Poladian, PGM Los Angeles Chapter
September 27, 1921-April 28, 2023.

PGM Aram A. Poladian, a loving and devoted son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, was born Sept. 27, 1921, to Avedick and Naritza Poladian in Fresno, California. The family moved to Los Angeles in 1922 where he attended L.A. schools. He joined the US Coast Guard on December 8, 1941. Returning from military service in 1946, he worked at the family business, then Hovey Dallas Chevrolet, then Royalty Carpet Mills where he retired in 1984 and joined Los Coyotes Country Club where he pursued his passion for golf.

Aram married Pauline Hovey in Feb. of 1949 and living in Inglewood, they had four children, Aram Jr., Bob, Linda and Randy. He was an active member of the community, Los Angeles Chapter of Triple X Fraternity, attaining the distinguished title of Past Grand Master, and a member of the Al Malika Temple of Shriners. In 1975 he and Pauline moved to Fountain Valley where they have resided ever since. He was a powerful force in the LA Trex and was a great source of advice. A special commemoration was included in the TREX NEWS upon him reaching the age of 100.

PGM Aram is survived by his three children, Aram Jr., Bob, and Linda, seven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Aram will be remembered for his unselfishness, devotion and deep love of family and friends.



Brother Joseph Nakkashian Las Vegas Chapter
October 27, 1949 - June 24, 2023

Bro. Joseph was born in Aleppo, Syria on October 27th, 1949. His father was Antranik and his mother Margrit Sarkissian and he had four sisters and one brother. Bro. Joseph graduated from Emmanuel School in Aleppo and served as a member of their Evangelical Youth Organization. He moved to the United States in 1974 and within a very short time, learned the language and improved his career as a Turbine Specialist. He worked on many power plants in the U.S. for Edison and GE and also worked in South America and many other countries. In 1996 when he was visiting Aleppo, he met his soul mate, Hasmig. They were married in March 1997 and lived a happy, loving marriage for 26 years until the very last moment. In 2002, they moved to Las Vegas where Bro. Joseph served as a board member of the Armenian Evangelical Church and sang in their Choir. He has been one of our finest long-term brothers having joined our fraternity back in 2014. He was always very supportive of all the other brothers and eager to participate and help out as needed. He will be remembered for setting a very good example for other Trexmen because he was always very upbeat despite his persistent health challenges and he never spoke ill of any other brother. In addition, he is credited with bringing new members into the fraternity. Bro. Joseph also served the Knights Of Vartan and he faithfully attended St. Geragos Armenian Church in Las Vegas accompanied by his devoted wife, Hasmig, who is the Choir Director there. He was the kindest human.



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