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# TREX



# NEWS

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## 2024 MID-TERM

HOSTED BY THE FRESNO CHAPTER  
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024



**Grand Chapter**  
**1928**

**The Club House**

630 S. Argyle Ave., Fresno, CA 93727

Open from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

9:00 AM — 11:00 AM • Donuts and coffee

11:00 AM — 1:00 PM • Mezza

Lunch at 3:00 PM — Mid-Term Meeting will follow

**Piccadilly Inn Airport**

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# FROM THE GRAND MASTER...

Dear Brothers,

I appreciate this opportunity to welcome you all to the 2024 Midterm Convention. It's shaping up to be a great day with golf, tavloo, cards, fellowship, food, and drink! These types of events really show that no matter what chapter we are in, we are all brothers that enjoy each other's company. A Big Shout Out and thank you to Master PGM Steve Bedoian and the entire Fresno Chapter for planning and hosting this excellent event!

I admit, that this year's meeting is a little bitter-sweet as we take note and reflect on those brothers that have passed since the convention. We will miss them all but especially the brother that was instrumental in the formation of the chapter in Palm Desert, led the fraternity as Grand Master all while entertaining us at every convention and celebrating his birthday with us each year at Midterm. I am referring to our brother Past Grand Master Nick Nigosian. As we all know, Brother Nick would not like us to dwell on his passing but rather celebrate each day with our brothers and families.

I have had the wonderful opportunity and warm reception to visit many chapter meetings and events since the convention and it is truly a pleasure to see old friends and meet new ones. For those Chapters I have not yet had the pleasure to visit, rest assured I am on my way!

The Grand Chapter is working to have the digital directory, along with the final written directory available to everyone on or before the convention. With your help, and the leadership of PGM Chuck Simonian, the committee Chair, I am confident we will make this deadline. The digital directory will serve as a starting point for the fraternity in collecting historical information that can be used by future generations of Trex brothers.

I am also happy to say that our newest chapter, San Gabriel Valley, under the leadership of Master Jim Terzian and his officers and board of directors, is a strong example of what can be accomplished when Armenian men come together and have both vision and stamina to start a new Chapter and become brothers. The chapter has a large and strong brotherhood with regular meetings and great events. If you are in the area, please take the time to visit and get to know our brothers in San Gabriel.

In closing, I would like to thank the Grand Chapter officers for their efforts in implementing the next stage of planned projects; they all know their responsibilities and have worked together well for the betterment of the fraternity. I also thank our advisory committee of Past Grand Masters that have given me support, leadership advice, and served as a strong sounding board for me. Finally, thank you to all our Masters and every member of this fraternity for greeting me warmly and having nothing but the best interest in the growth and well-being of our fraternity. Thank you for your confidence in me as your Grand Master and I look forward to a successful remainder of my term in office.



Safe Travels  
Michael Mooradian, GM  
2023-2024



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# 2024 Tournament of Roses Parade, Pasadena Brothers Enjoyed Breakfast and Parade



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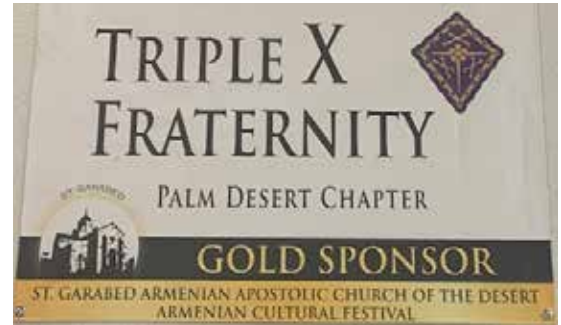
# Palm Desert

Happy New Year 2024!

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

Palm Desert Chapter's 2023 – 2024 Officers are:

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



The Palm Desert Chapter would like to thank Bro. Sarkis Bedrosian, who served as our Master in 2022-2023 and has stayed on as Master for this year as well. Bro. Master Sarkis has done an outstanding job and helped our chapter have another successful year which included monthly business meetings, a prospective members night, our annual golf tournament, volunteer work, and the distribution of multiple charitable donations.

Bro. Master Sarkis and several of the Palm Desert Brothers were in attendance at the September Business meeting hosted by the Los Angeles Chapter that was held in Pasadena. Thank you to the Los Angeles Chapter for all of their hard work in putting on a fun filled convention weekend and successfully voting in their very own Bro. Michael Mooradian as our new Grand Master.



The Palm Desert Chapter welcomes our newest brother, George Pchakjian, who somehow survived his interview. Brother George has hit the ground running as he is this year's Recording Secretary for our chapter.

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.

Please mark your calendar and start planning ahead for what will be our 25th Annual Palm Desert Chapter Golf Outing. It will be in April this year and will include our exciting 50/50 reverse drawing. Even if you don't golf, you can still get your drawing tickets and come and join us for a cocktail party the night before the tournament when the drawing will take place. More details will be available at the Mid-Term meeting.

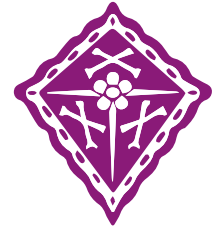
Our monthly business dinner meetings are normally held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. As always, all visiting Brothers are welcomed to join us. We look forward to hopefully seeing many of you at the Mid-Term meeting in March. Wishing all of our brothers and their families health and happiness.

Since the time this article was originally written, the Palm Desert Chapter, Los Angeles Chapter, and entire Triple-X Fraternity, lost one of its most cherished members. As everyone knows, PGM Nick Nigosian passed away recently. As a founding member of the Palm Desert Chapter, 50 plus year member of the Los Angeles Chapter and a Past Grand Master in 2008-2009, PGM Nick was the epitome of a Trexman who loved our fraternity and he will be missed beyond measure. Our heartfelt condolences continue to go out to his wife Carolon, daughter Nicole and our fellow Trex Brother, Michael Nigosian.

Fraternally,  
PGM Greg Safoyan, Associate Editor



**The Palm Desert TREX 26<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Two Man Scramble Golf Tournament  
Saturday April 6, 2024 @  
Shadow Mountain  
Resort and Club Palm Desert**



73-800 Ironwood St. Palm Desert, CA 92260  
[shadowmountainresort.com](http://shadowmountainresort.com) (760-346-6123)

Player Entry Fee - \$150 (Team Entry Fee - \$300 with Tee Prizes)

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**50/50  
RAFFLE DRAWING  
UP TO 300 TICKETS  
AVAILABLE @ \$100**

Cash Prizes, Top 2 in Flight, Closest to the Pin, Long Drive,  
\$25,000 Hole-in-One (Split 50/50 with Player and PD Trex)

**Check in Starts at 7:15am Shotgun Starts at 8:00am**

Lunch Following Golf at Shadow Mountain Resort and Club

**Raffle, Heavy Meza & No Host Bar at the Kirkjan Family Hall, Friday April 5 @ 5:00pm**

**Make Checks payable to: PD TREX (Tax Deductible 501C #5020917)**

**Mail to: c/o George Kirkjan, 75-130 Mediterranean Avenue #101A, Palm Desert, CA 92211**

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## Las Vegas

Greetings brothers from the Trex Las Vegas, headed by the mighty Master Brother Rick Charshafian, and the invincible Brother Arthur Kasarjian and the Porsche team leader for the Las Vegas Grand Prix driver Brother Dr. Ara Gueyikian. We had a very busy year this 2023 between Formula One, World Boxing Championships and UFC. In October we had The Golden Gloves here in Las Vegas with two of our brothers participating, and the whole gang of brothers were at ringside, it was officiated by our beloved Brother Past Grand Master Charles Parigian. In November we had the Grand Prix of Las Vegas on the Strip, and the Pole position was manned by none other than our Brother P.M. Dr. Ara Gueyikian with Team Porsche who received a nice citation presented to him by the Marshall of Las Vegas. The rest of the time we have monthly meet ups and sometimes we are fortunate to have celebrities pop in and out of those fantastic feasts held at the famous Shish Kebab House, so if you are going to be in town on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, give us a call and we will buy you dinner.

Best Regards,

Brother VJ Taslakian PM (Assistant Deacon)



Las Vegas Sphere



Trex Meeting

# Orange County

Brother Trexman,

In July, Brother John Cholakian headed the efforts to lead the group into the 46th edition of the Annual Picnic. Brother John took over as Picnic Chairman around 10 year ago and he has put his mark to make sure the Picnic continues to be the signature event on the Orange County calendar. With just over 300 meals served, the great Hosharian Band, and kids' games coordinated by Past Grand Master Haig Jamgotchian, the event is truly a favorite and a must to attend if you are able.

Many of our Orange County members attended the wonderful Convention in September and our thanks to the Los Angeles Chapter for hosting a great series of events. Not only is it a treat to catch up with the Brothers from all the Chapters during convention, it was really great to see the Brothers from the new San Gabriel Chapter (though many of them looked really familiar). As Convention approached, our chapter held its annual election of Officers which are as follows:

Master .....	Al Adams
Jr. Master .....	Nairi Bagdagulyan
Treasurer .....	PGM Harold Bazarian
Recording Secretary .....	Stephan Artun
Corresponding Secretary .....	Robert Petrosyan
Sergeant of Arms.....	Terry Hanoian

Building off of the picnic and Convention, Orange County hosted the second annual So Cal Kef Time event in October at Bagramian Hall in Montebello. Brothers Ralph Dergazerian and Brian Melkesian co-chaired this event and with help from John and Ari Gulugian, PGM Harold Bazarian, Sarven Tomaskesis, Rob Tusan and Fred Cartozian as well as many other Brothers, the event did not disappoint. Neither the mezza nor the alcohol nor the dancing stopped until early Sunday morning.

In November, the new Officers and Board Members were sworn into office at our Installation Banquet. Brother Don Kazarian and his wife Leslie opened up their home for the event and with over thirty Orange County Brothers, wives, Grand Master Michael and Cheryl Mooradian and members of the Grand Chapter in attendance. It was a beautiful daytime event that lasted into the night. Thank you to the Kazarians for their generosity and hospitality which is always second to none. In addition to installing new Officers and Directors, three new Brothers were brought into the Chapter: Harry Bazerkanian, Simon Nahigan, and Chris Granger.

In a first for Orange County, the three competed in a two hour event consisting of physical endurance, mental resilience, and emotional willpower that left them bent but not broken but rebuilt in the spirit of Trex. It should be noted that many of the attending Brothers fell asleep around 1 am, but were nonetheless glad to participate in a first of its kind event. All three new Brothers have shown themselves to be potentially great Trexmen and we look forward to their contribution to the group.

We concluded our year with Brother George Ampagoomian chairing our Christmas Party along with Olga Sarouhan (wife of late Bro. Ron Sarouhan) at the Mile Square Golf Course on December 10. Brother George always puts together a great event and everyone who attends always has a great time and it really the icing on the cake for a great year for Orange County Trex. The annual event allows Brothers and families to bask in magic of Holidays as well as bask in the magic of a Magician who always entertains the kids. Santa Claus made a special appearance and took many pictures with the Brothers and their families. Unlike years past, there were no Santa or reindeer catastrophes, but possibly a few bad little children who snuck in through the backdoor when no one was looking.

If you are in the area, don't forget that our meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at the Elks Lodge in Santa Ana and check out our website at [octriflex.org](http://octriflex.org) for all upcoming events.

Fraternity yours,  
 Brother Simon Hovakimian  
 Associate Editor and Board Certified Cheese Stringer



Brother George, Rob and Sarven taking a quick break at the Picnic



Brothers prepping for the Picnic



The third best shishing team in Orange County



Brothers Stephan, Rob, Sarven and Steven getting ready for the rush of So Cal Kef Night 2



2023-2024 Officers Sitting  
PGM Harold Bazarian, Al Adams  
and Nairi Bagdagulyan  
Standing Terry Hanoian, Stephan Artun  
and Robert Petrosyan



Orange County Brother  
at the Convention



Bro. Jon Agajanian receiving a  
Certificate of Achievement  
in the Field of Excellence



Newest Brothers, their Sponsors and a PGM  
(left to right) Harry Bazerkanian,  
Onnic Tchullian, PGM Harold Bazarian,  
Chris Granger, Henry Hovakimian,  
Simon Nahigan and Ari Gulugian.



Brothers  
enjoying the view  
at the Installation



Passing of the Masters gavel from  
Brother Brent to Brother Al



As his last official act as Master  
Bro. Brent Melkesian awarding Trexmen of  
the Year to Brothers Brian Melkesian  
and Bro. Ralph Dergazerian



Future Grand Master  
Billy Eordekian  
Three PGMS  
PGM Archie Cholakian  
PGM Harold Bazarian,  
PGM Haig Jamgotchian



One of the newest Orange County  
Brothers Santa Claus

# Golden Gate

GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER EDITOR'S REPORT

July - December 2023

## Introduction

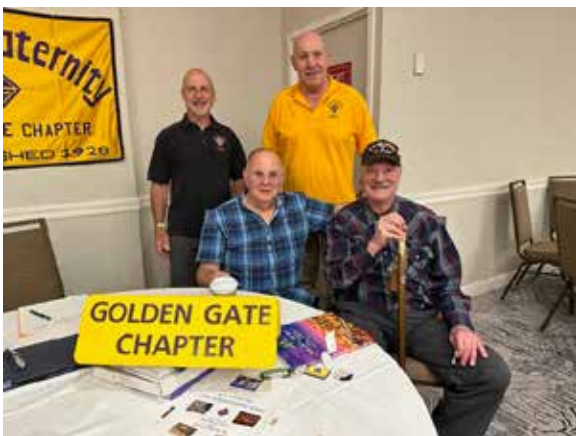
The Golden Gate Chapter was very active this year from chapter meetings to picnics to golf tournaments, partying, and volunteering.

## Summer Business and Fun

It started with a well-attended chapter meeting in July where we initiated our charity committee and selected our delegates to the annual convention.



Golden Gate Trexmen at the July Meeting



The Golden Gate contingent at the Annual Convention in Pasadena

Outgoing Master Mark Dorian led the Golden Gate contingent at the annual convention, pictured here with incoming Master Richard Surabian and PGMs Garo Mirigian and Charles Paskerian. Bro Master Mark read a couple of eulogies and PGM Charles pointed out that the incoming Grand Master's banner needed to be

lowered so that the American Flag was higher than all banners in the room! (shad amot!)



Golden Gate Executive Trexmen at the annual ANB Picnic in September

One of the surprises of 2023 was the effort of Bro Peter Kaljian of the Oakland Chapter, who initiated a men's group in the North Bay Area where he lives. His intention is ultimately to create a new TREX chapter. He also is part of the "Armenians of the North Bay" (ANB) a loosely formed organization that is quite active in keeping the North Bay Armenian population informed and connected. He held several men's group meetings and included PM Mark Dorian, Bro Hartley Appleton and was advised by PGM Garo Mirigian. Pictured above is the Executive branch of the Golden Gate Chapter enjoying themselves at the ANB's annual picnic at a member's beautiful horse ranch in Petaluma.







**Master Mark Dorian, Bro Craig Bazigian, Bro Allan Melkesian at the Oakland Chapter's Golf Tournament**

The Oakland Chapter's annual golf tournament is becoming quite a wonderful fund-raising event. The Golden Gate Chapter gladly supports the event and sponsors a couple of holes.



**October 2023 GG TREX Meeting**

The Golden Gate Chapter was proud to accept a new Brother into its fold. Mardo Aristakessian, brother of Jr. Master Panos Aristakessian was sworn in by our three PGMs – Brothers Sark Sarkisian, Charles Paskerian and Garo Mirigian.

Bro Mardo and brother Panos started Golden Gate's own musical band, a virtual dynamic duo!



**Golden Gate's famous BBQ Crew at St. John's Church Food Festival Oct 28, 2023**

As usual, the Chapter's BBQ Crew was in charge of the shish and luleh kebab cooking. We handled it with ease (and a lot of fun!) Two days of fire and heat!



**GG Trexmen at the Oakland Lobster feed November 2023**

Bro Craig Bazigian of the Oakland Chapter organizes the lobster feed every year. The winner of the drawing gets a 3-pound monster! It's a great event.

We're looking forward to big things in 2024!

# OAKLAND

Parev, Brothers!

Your Oakland Chapter brothers hope the first few months of 2024 have greeted you with health and happiness. Here's a look back at our Chapter events and such in the second half of 2023...

Our summer, as usual, kicked off with our annual July camping trip. Rather than revisiting our usual location, Loon Lake (up in the High Sierra, west of Lake Tahoe), we opted to change things up a bit and spend a few days at the mile-high French Meadows Campground and Reservoir in the heart of the Tahoe National Forest. The weather was glorious, the scenery gorgeous, and the family-time fun as we spent time together hiking, swimming, floating, basking in the sun, and, of course, eating (and drinking). It was a smaller group than usual, given all our summertime vacation plans, but was still a relaxing and enjoyable few days away from the hustle and bustle of daily life here in the East Bay (and points beyond).

With September came the annual election of new Chapter officers: Bro. Nick Stakathos, Master; Bro. Rick Mickaels, Jr. Master; Bro. Aram Boyd, Recording Secretary; Bro. Rob Tashjian, Corresponding Secretary; Bro. Armen Phelps, Custodian; and yours truly, Bro. Wayne Saroyan, Sgt. at Arms and Associate Editor. The new and returning officers were all sworn in during our October meeting.

Also in October, we hosted our third annual Charity Golf Tournament at the scenic Callippe Preserve Golf Club, nestled in an oak-studded valley near Pleasanton. With more than 60 golfers registered to play, a splendid time which included pre-game breakfast, post-game luncheon and auction and lots of cigars (of course!) – was had by all, and refilled our Chapter coffers as well: this was our most successful event to date, and raised money to support myriad local and international charity organizations. Big props to Bro. Stuart Arakelian for serving as Chairman of this great fundraiser!

November means lobster, and the year's annual Lobster Dinner, which began in a cloud of cigar smoke, was well-attended as we feasted on fresh 1.5-pound Maine lobsters, prepared by Bros. Craig Bazigian and Steve Donikian, and capped by a drawing for one monster 3-pounder. The big winner: your faithful correspondent! Last – but certainly not least – our year concluded with a fabulous Trexmas Dinner at the tiki-themed Trader Vic's Restaurant on the Berkeley-Emeryville waterfront. Thanks again to Bro. Rick Mickaels for hosting another fabulous yuletide event!

We're all looking forward with anticipation to a peaceful and prosperous 2024, and hope to see you at the Spring Mid-Term gathering in Fresno. And if you find yourselves in the neighborhood around the third Tuesday of the month, please join us for an evening of brotherhood, cards, tavloo, mezza, dinner and drinks with your Oakland brothers. Oh, and cigars, too!

Fraternally,  
Bro. Wayne Saroyan  
Associate Editor, Oakland Chapter



Happy Oakland Trex campers at French Meadows in the Tahoe National Forest  
July 2023



Brothers Rick Mickaels, Craig Bazigian, George Kamian and Nik Stathakos with shish kebabs in hand at French Meadows in the Tahoe National Forest



Callippe Golf Preserve in Pleasanton, site of the Oakland Chapter's Third Annual Charitable Golf Tournament and fundraiser  
October 2023



Cigars and refreshing beverages at the Oakland Chapter's Third Annual Charitable Golf Tournament and fundraiser  
October 2023



Brothers  
Robert Balian, Robert Kaljian and  
Ron Mickaels  
Oakland Chapter's Third Annual  
Charitable Golf  
Tournament and fundraiser



Brothers Vartkes Avakian, Hratch Avakian  
and Steve Shartzter  
Oakland Chapter's  
Third Annual Charitable  
Golf Tournament and fundraiser



Brother Craig Bazigian serves up plates of fresh Maine lobster at the Oakland Chapter's annual Lobster Dinner (November 2023)



Brothers Craig Bazigian Steve Donikian getting ready to cook up a box of fresh Maine lobster  
Oakland Chapter's annual Lobster Dinner



What's our annual Lobster Dinner without cigars and brotherhood?



More cigars before a feast of lobster at the Oakland Chapter's annual Lobster Dinner

# San Gabriel Valley

Brothers,

As the most recent and newly Chartered Chapter of our long and storied Triple X Fraternity, in some 26 years, since the addition of the Palm Desert chapter in 1998, the San Gabriel Valley Chapter is off to a phenomenal start. Officially founded at our annual Mid Term Convention in Fresno on March 4th, 2023, hosted by our Sequoia Chapter at the Tulare Golf Course.

We are proud to share that we successfully hosted our first and inaugural Meet and Greet on Wednesday, April 12th, 2023. Shortly thereafter, we hosted our first official SGV TREX Chapter Meeting on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023, where a large group of new and exceptionally qualified men were sworn in as the charter members. The Oath of Initiation was given by Past Grand Master Larry Avedisian, and the Charter was official signed by himself and Grand Secretary Ralph Dergazarian. Since that inaugural meeting, we are proud to report that we have hosted 10 such successful Dinner Meetings, due to the generosity and graciousness of our newly initiated Brother Robert Shahnazarian, we are able to hold our regular dinner meetings at the beautiful Noor Events Venue's - Sofia Ballroom. Not resting on those accomplishments, our Chapter quickly mobilized and enthusiastically attended and participated our first official Triple X Convention over Labor Day Weekend - September 1st through the 3rd, 2023 at the Hilton Pasadena. We successfully hosted our first social event, which was our First Annual 'End of Summer Party' on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at the residence of Brother Greg and Gina Felikian in Sierra Madre, California. It was attended by well over 125 Trex members (SGV, LA, and OC Chapter members), their wives, and invited guests. This event was chaired by Brother Paul Kalemkiarian and his committee.

Our most recent event was the SGV Trex Fraternity's Valentines Dinner and Social - Saturday, February 10th, 2024. This was a well-attended and fun evening where our wives and significant others were able to get better acquainted. This event was chaired by Brother John Ohanesian and his committee. Given all these successes and accomplishments, we are very excited and encouraged by the positive trajectory of our chapter and look forward to growing exponentially over the coming new 2024 year.



We would of course be completely remised if we failed to express our profound respect and appreciation to the honorable Judge Bro. Dickran Tevrizian (Ret.) whose vision it was to originally found the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity over 2 decades ago and it has only been under his steady, steadfast and experienced leadership that our Chapter was formed and has grown as it has over the course of the past 11 months. SGV Chapter Officers:

We are also honored to have Brother Jim Terzian to serve as SGV Chapter Master

Bro. Cameron Kalunian to serve as Junior Master

Bro. Vicken Kedjidjian and Hon. Dickran Tevrizian (Ret.) to serve as Co-Treasurers

Hon. Judge Bro. Michael Amerian to serve as Recording Secretary

Bro. Boghos Patatian as Corresponding Secretary

Bro. Shant Dergazarian as our Sergeant at Arms

Bro. GE Steven Sahagian who serves as our Associate Editor

Brothers PGM Bro. Richard Jebejian, Bro. Steve Lazarian, Bro. Sam Donabedian Sr., Bro. Hon. Michael Amerian, Bro. Hon Dickran Tevrizian, Bro. Cameron Kalunian, Bro. Boghos Patatian and Bro. Shant Dergazarian as its members on the Board of Directors. We thank all of our brothers and Chapters who supported and advised us through this establishment and growth process and look forward to making many new and lasting memories with each of you.

Bro. Steven Sahagian,  
SGV Associate Editor



SGV Monthly Meeting



New Brothers  
Brother PGM Larry



Valentine Party 2024

# Sequoia

Greetings Trex Brothers from around our state, and Las Vegas, the Super Bowl City. It seems amazing how this past year went by so quickly, and here we are, starting the New Year, 2024. We would like to thank the L.A. Chapters for hosting, “Back In the Hye Life Convention”, over Labor Day weekend. We all had a great time visiting with many of the “Movie Stars”, dancing together, enjoying the cuisine, visiting with friends and family, and enjoying all that Southern California has to offer. Thank you again L.A.Trex.

We elected new officers to serve our Sequoia Chapter for the 2023 - 2024 year. Thank you for serving! Brothers:

Master .....	Darwin Hacobian	Corresponding Secretary .....	Richard Sheklian
Jr. Master .....	Mark A. Avedian	Custodian .....	Charlie Davidian
Secretary .....	Kevin Skaff	Historian/Editor.....	Tom Babagian
Treasurer .....	Archie Zakarian	Sergeant. of Arms.....	Andrew Melkonian
Webmaster.....	Richard Tamouzian	Hospitality .....	PGM Ron Shanoian

We celebrated November with a Sequoia Installation of officers, and an outstanding dinner at the Vintage Press Restaurante. We would like to thank our Trex Brother David Vartanian, (Manager/Owner) for treating us to an outstanding and delicious dinner. We had over 70 folks in attendance at the dinner including The Honorable Judge Joe Kalashian and wife Mari, and The Honorable Mayor of Visalia, Brian Poochigian, wife Adrienne, and family. We also honored the wives of our past Brothers, and attending this dinner were Betty Krikorian, Rene Yahnian and Julie Poochigian.

We were blessed to have our Grand Master Michael Mooradian and Junior Grand Master Levon Michaelian and their wives in attendance from Southern California. They installed all our new officers at this Installation Dinner.

We were happy to wish the best to our Sequoia Brother, Sarkis Enfieljian and his wife Hasmig who recently moved to Southern California to be closer to their family. Sarkis has been a member of Sequoia Chapter since 2002. We wish him well at the new San Gabriel Valley Chapter.

Also at the dinner, we honored Brothers Hagop Karakashian and Alan Torosian for their 25-year membership with the Sequoia Chapter. The Sequoia Chapter was honored to receive the Triple X Fraternity Achievement Trophy which was presented to PGM Pete Babagian who served as our Past Master for the past two years. Our three Past Grand Masters, Pete Babagian, Ron Shanoian and Chuck Simonian were honored for their service. The Sequoia Junior Brother Aram Babagian (PGM Pete’s Son) was also honored for winning the Lee Terzian Junior Trexmen of the Year. We are all so proud of these Brothers and their accomplishments.

We would like to congratulate Brother Kevin and Lynn Skaff on the birth of their third child, Juliette Azniv Skaff, who was born on December 20, 2023. The proud grandparents are Mike and Judy Skaff and Brother John and Gladys Saroyan. Congratulations also to Brother Alex and Alysse Hovannisian on the birth of their son, Avo John Hovannisian, who was born on December 10, 2023. The proud grandparents are Karen Hovannisian and the late Brother John Hovannisian, Jr., and Barret and Caroline Arakelian. Avo’s great grandparents are Vars Hovennisian and the late John Hovannisian Sr. Congratulations.

A quick reminder: the Midterm is just around the corner. Fresno Chapter will be hosting on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Sequoia Chapter celebrated our end of the year Christmas Party on December 13, 2023 at Kotinos Barn, owned and managed by Brother Dean and his wife Megan Ametjian. They prepared the most delicious Prime Rib Dinner, serving over 130 meals to our Trex Brothers, families and friends. We even had Santa Claus, Mark Kazarian, visit us from the North Pole, and he gave out presents to all the children. We want to thank Brother, Father Der Vartan Kasparian for offering the opening prayer. The Christmas Celebration was a Hugh success. We were thankful for Brother Brian Poochigian, Honorable Mayor of Visalia, and his family, who were in attendance and helped get our toy drive started.

We were blessed by the generosity of the people in attendance at our Christmas Party who donated toys for the children in our local hospital. Sequoia Chapter also had a gun raffle at the Christmas party and the Brothers and guests really stepped up and gave generously. This donation of \$2500.00, along with the \$5000.00 from our Chapter’s donation, totaled \$7500.00 which will go to the children of Artsakh. We thank the Sequoia Chapter and the Armenian Community.

We thank God for all the many blessings he sends our way. We want to wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year in 2024. Please remember to Pray for Armenia. Happy New Year!

Tom Babagian P.M.  
Associate Editor



Janice and Lucy



Sequoia Past Juniors and their wives and the Convention in L A



PGM Pete Babagian Accepting Sequoia TREX Achievement Award Trophy for 2022-2023



Grand Master Mike awarding Bro. Aram Babagian Junior Trexmen of the Year



Bro. Aram Babagian - GM Michael Lee Terzian Award



Grand Master Michael



Grand Master Mike Mooradian Presents awards to PGM Pete Babagian, PGM Ron Shanoian at our Installation Banquet



Installation Dinner at the V. P. Pete Babagian Family



Sequoia Christmas Toys to Hospital Children Floor Master Darwin and Brother Brian

Sherry Babagian and future TREX Brother, Niko Babagian son of Brother Paul and Grandson of Brother Tom at the Sequoia Christmas Party









# Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The LA Chapter is very grateful to all those that supported the 94th Annual Convention. As you know, all the events were sold out and very well attended. We are also very thankful to all those that supported the Commemorative booklet with advertising and to all our very generous sponsors. The funds raised from the booklet and sponsorships allowed us to offer an incredible hospitality suite to all our guests. We hope you enjoyed all the events, hospitality suite, but most of all, fellowship with your fellow brothers and families. We also congratulate now-PGM Larry for the past year and welcome our very own Michael Mooradian as our new Grand Master and his executive board.

The Chapter's Golf Club Championship chaired by Bro Zareh Mitilian concluded with LA Jr Bro Chad Bailey as this year's Club Champion. Runners up were Bros Michael Surmeian & Mark Mikaelian. Congratulations Jr Bro Chad and many thanks to Bro Zareh for chairing this important for so many years. After many years, Bro Zareh is stepping down and our new Golf Chairman will be Bro Vahe Devian. Both these Brothers have our gratitude for volunteering for this very important role.

Our Wellness Hikes continue in the summer and fall with the last one in August. These are great events chaired by Bro Shant Dergazarian and Bro Richard Taminosian. Locations are scouted out and comfort stations prepared before everyone arrives. The hikes are led by different Bros and usually everyone goes for a nice lunch afterward. These are great events for Trex Families to get to know each other better too. Thank you Brothers for creating and chairing these important events.

In October Bros Sam and Sammy Donabedian co-chaired our Annual Stag Outing, this year at Marriott Desert Resort in Palm Desert. A weekend of two days of golf, great food, drink & fraternalism. 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 and Sammy.

On October 30th the LA Chapter held their Installation Banquet 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 Michael Mooradian and his wife Cheryl present that night and appreciated his comments to our Chapter that evening. We honored Bro Michael Arzouman on his 50 year membership in the LA Chapter as well as the outgoing executive board. Bro Chad Bailey accepted his 1st place trophy for both the LA Chapter's Club Championship as well winning 1st Place with his fellow Jr. Bro Luke Surmeian at the Convention Golf for the Fraternity-Wide Tournament. Trophies were also given for 2nd and 3 place winners in the LA Chapter's Club Championship. Thank you to all the generous sponsors that night and to Bro Varoujan and Stephen for a great job.

On January 1st Bro Shant Dergazarian organized a New Year's Day breakfast at St. Gregory Church located on the Rose Bowl Parade Route. While this was not an official TREX event, TREX Brothers from 4 different chapters were present and sat for a great photo. Really great work!

Tragically, we lost two brothers recently. Bro Marx Kamashian and PGM Nick Nigosian. Both were powerhouses in the LA Chapter and long-time members. Please see the eulogies included in this edition of the TREX NEWS. Both will be greatly missed, and their loss is devastating to our Chapter.

Bro Matt Matoesian is our new Master supported by Jr. Master Vahe Devian. Also on the Board are Bro Ray Hovsepian, Bro Ed Constantian, Bro Michael Nigosian and Bro Steve Ekmekji. We are very grateful to Past Master Bro Sam Donabedian and his board for their hard work and dedication over the last year. Looking forward to seeing you all at Midterm in April.

Regards,  
Bro Michael Surmeian  
LA Chapter Associate Editor



Saturday Night event



L-R – PGM David Maserdjian, Bro Gary Dergazarian, Grand Master Michael Mooradian (a day before he was elected) and Bro Ron Ohanessian at the Saturday Night event at the 94th Annual Convention



L-R – Bro Steve Hampar, Convention Booklet Chairman flanked by Bro Mike Surmeian & Bro Mark Estephanian, Convention Bro-Chairs being honored at the 2023 Installation Banquet



Bro Tev Eminian, LA Chapter's Dance Commissioner was off the hook with his fast footwork and charming smile



Always looking for answers at the bottom of a bottle, Bro Chris Armen bartends at the LA Hospitality Suite. Flanked by his life coaches, Bro John Saroyan and Bro Mike Arzouman



Master of Ceremonies Bro Gary Dergazarian congratulating 50 Year Member, Bro Michael Arzouman on his achievement at the 2023 Installation Banquet



Wellness Walk! Bro Shant Dergazarian and Bro Richard Taminosian organize these wellness walks for our Trex families



Convention Casino Night Committee Bro Derik Ghookasian, Bro Gary Zakarian, their wives Adrine and Aileen and the entire committee pose for a picture at the event. Thank you all for your hard work and generosity in making the event a success

# Fresno

Submitted by Bro. Varoujan Der Simonian, Associate Editor

*You know the saying, at Triple X Fraternity, the more you put into it, the more you benefit from our brotherhood. Such was our time together during the most recent months. The pictures speak loud and clear the wonderful time that we shared together. From being part of PGM Jack Bedoian's 85th birthday celebration, to a joint dinner with Selma Chapter Trex Brothers, to Cosmo's Italian Dinner, to Table Mountain Casino, Christmas Celebration and more.*



The 85th birthday dinner celebration of PGM Jack Bedoian hosted by Bro Jack's wife Alberta Bedoian was truly remarkable. Holy Trinity Church Hall was packed with family members, relatives, friends, and Trex brothers. Thank you, Alberta, for your generosity. Trex Brothers are proud of you and Bro. Jack, and we appreciate your kindness and service to our community!



Brothers at PGM Jacks Bedoian's 85th Birthday!



Ready for *Keyma* dinner with Selma Trex Brothers.



Ask Bro Joey about the Club One Pho Lunch...



At Table Mountain Casino Dinner, Friendship and Fun.



PGMs Ron, Sam, Bob, Larry, Steve, and Ed during Christmas dinner. PGM Popken's 5:40 am pre-breakfast snack



Delegates Bros. Varoujan, Billy, Kenny, Nishan, Richard, PGMs Bob and Steve agree with Bro Shant, Bro. Michael deserves Larger award!



Fresno Trex Golf Club: L to R: Bros Kenny Jr. Candidate for Grand Master 2024; 6x PM Gary, JM Nishan, Bob, Michael, and Varoujan– and the trophy goes to Junior Master Bro. Nishan – courtesy of Bro Michael Basmajian.

# Peninsula

Salutations from the Peninsula Chapter to our beloved Brothers, families, and friends! Yet another year has gone by, and 2024 is well underway! Last fall, at our September meeting after Convention, we had a change in leadership: congratulations to our new Master, Brother Tom Riddle, and our new Jr. Master, Brother Mihran Kassabian – we wish you all the best and know you’ll do an outstanding job! Thank you to Brother Mihran, who served as our Master last year, and can now claim the coveted title of Past Master! The other Peninsula Chapter officers for 2023–2024 remain the same as in 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; and Webmaster – Mark Antranikian.

Our chapter has been active in the local community, with several of our members donating their time and energy to monthly events of the NorCal Armenian Senior Services organization, and we have also donated money to the Council of Armenian-American Organizations of Northern California (CAAONC), which is responsible for the restoration and maintenance of the 103-foot Mount Davidson Cross in San Francisco, which they purchased from the city in 1997.

Last April, we were honored to have a return visit of then-Grand Master (now PGM) Larry Avedisian, who was accompanied by then-Grand Marshal Dan Boyajian and PGM Sam Bagdasarian. These visitors from the Selma Chapter had a great time – the fantastic food and fellowship at our meetings is always a big draw! By the way, if you happen to be in the Bay Area on the third Thursday of the month, stop by and see what all the fuss is about – we love visitors! We normally meet 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).

During our August meeting, just as the food was about ready to serve, there was a widespread blackout in our meeting town of Los Altos, so instead of canceling, our resourceful Brothers decided to move the event (and the food!) to the home of Brother Vic Khachooni, which is located less than 15 minutes away. Everyone had a wonderful evening, and liked it even better than the normal Masonic clubhouse venue! We also had some special entertainment for the evening, with Brother Mihran playing piano while Brother George Bilemdjian sang!

In September, several of our Peninsula Brothers took a trip to Beaumont Farms in Petaluma to volunteer for NorCal Armenian Senior Service’s Annual Picnic. Everyone had a great time, and our Brothers were happy to play a big role in the day’s success!

At our October meeting, we welcomed Donald and Malte Axel as guests who were visiting from Europe. They were grateful for the interaction and discussions, and were intrigued by the concept of Trex as an Armenian group and the get-togethers we have. Maybe there’s a European Trex chapter in the making!!

We hope all is well with our Trex Brothers, and look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Mid-Term Meeting, being hosted this March by the Fresno Chapter at the clubhouse. All the best for a healthy and prosperous 2024!

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



Brother George B. sings at the August meeting while Brother Mihran accompanies him on piano



We were honored to have then-GM Larry Avedisian return for another visit to our chapter in April



Brothers Mark, Ruben, Vic, and Kip at the Annual Convention meeting in Pasadena



The August dinner venue was moved to Bro. Vic's backyard deck at the last minute, and everyone had a great time!



Brother Vic prepares some delicious kebab for the NorCal Annual Picnic



Brothers Vartan, Allan, Vic and Vazgen man the BBQ at the NorCal Annual Picnic in Petaluma last September



The amazing food for the April meeting is ready for the grill!



The delicious feast is ready for our December meeting!



Brothers Vic and Mihran fill their plates at the August gathering

# Selma

Selma Triple X held elections for new officers at our August meeting, and the handoff of the gavel to our new master occurred at our September meeting. Our annual Installation & Awards Dinner was held on September 28th at the Vineyards in the California Armenian Home where we installed our new Master Brother Mike Gostanian. These brothers were also installed: Jr. Master - Ken Abrahamian, Secretary - Frank Korkmazian PGM, Treasurers - Vernon Avakian and Larry Avedisian PGM, Associate Editor - yours truly David Shapazian, and Sergeant at Arms - Joey Sahakian. Brother Marcus Marootian was announced as Selma Trexman of the Year and was presented with a nice plaque – congrats and thanks for your continued service and dedication, Bro. Marcus! A delicious dinner featuring a choice of NY steak or apricot chicken was served to all those who attended, which included some of the widows of brothers who have passed away.

A week before installation, committee chairs PGM Sam Bagdasarian and Brother Edward Nikssarian prepared our annual Kheyma dinner which was held on September 21st. Over eighty Brothers and their guests attended the always-popular event.

Brother Aaron Krikorian organized the resurgence of our annual Turkey Bingo which is always held before Thanksgiving, this time landing on November 11th. We had over one hundred and seventy individuals in attendance at the AACL Hall at the California Armenian Home. A great time was had by all, and especially by the winners!

The Selma Chapter is trying to bring back two events from the past which are the Poker Tournament and the Mystery Trip. We will keep everyone updated as “Cardshark” Frank Kormazian PGM and “Mystery Man” Dan Boyajian work their magic.

In October, we initiated our newest member, Brother Roger Parvianian, who will be an excellent addition to the chapter. Welcome, Brother Roger!

As of this writing, we have learned of the passing of PGM Nick Nigosian. Our deepest sympathies from the entire Selma Chapter go out to the Nigosian family. Our fondest memories of his Business Meeting banter and his Sonny Bono impersonation are indelible memories that will be cherished amongst the chapter as well as many close friends therein.

Fraternally,

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



Bro. Marcus is being presented his Selma Trexman of the Year award from Master Bro. Mike at our Installation Awards Dinner in September



Newly minted PGM Bro. Larry receives a horned helmet to commemorate the occasion from his Grand Marshal Bro. Danny at our September meeting



Bro. Aaron uses his auditing skills to verify a winning bingo card



Bro. Gabe Soto knows bartending; he awaits your order at the annual Turkey Bingo night!





Brothers PGM Mel Shanoian, Bryan Ananian, & PGM Larry Avedisian try in vain to stay warm as they watch PGM Larry's granddaughter race at Ventura Raceway's Turkey Night Grand Prix on Thanksgiving weekend. Incidentally, Jade Avedisian is the first female driver to win a Midget Series national championship!



We were honored to have Brother Grand Master Michael Mooradian attend our November meeting



Bro. PGMs Jack and Frank display their Al Nalbandian Memorial Awards for exemplary service, which was also shared this year by the late Bro. Rick Magarian of Oakland



Bro. PGM Pete administers the oath of office to the incoming officers and board members at the Installation & Awards Dinner



Turkey Bingo returned in November and was once again a rousing success and a lot of fun!



Bro. Master Mike is ready to get the January meeting going!

# San Diego

2024 will be an extraordinary year for the brothers of San Diego. Established in June 1974, we will be celebrating our 50th year anniversary as a chapter in the Triple X Fraternity. We have scheduled our '50/50 Raffle' on June 29th and are planning to make it a very special event to help commemorate this achievement. We hope many of you will be able to participate and join us for the celebration.

We had an amazing 2nd half of 2023 with lots of gatherings and fellowship, including our annual Wine & Cheese fundraiser for Armenian student scholarship awards and our annual family Christmas Party. Our membership continues to grow and remains very active, with great participation from the brothers.

On Saturday, November 11th, our chapter held its Annual Wine & Cheese event at the Fairbanks Ranch Country Club. Enthusiasm and participation for this event continues to grow, with nearly 250 guests in attendance, including Armenians, as well as many non-Armenians, from the San Diego community. The event is our primary fundraiser and provides funds for our Student Scholarship Program, which offers scholarships to college students of Armenian descent. This year we had the largest number of scholarship applicants ever and much thanks goes to Bro. Robert Aboolian and the scholarship committee for leading the effort. As a result, we were able to award 17 scholarships to outstanding college students, of which 15 received General academic achievement scholarships and 2 were awarded the Candyce Kellejian-Bickers scholarship for outstanding achievement in the field of Education. Thank you to Bro. Honorable Larry Burns and Bro. Dick Semerdjian for being our scholarship awards Masters of Ceremony. Of course, the event would not be complete without a live auction, which included two vacation homes donated by Bro. Stuart Arakelian, as well as the skillful leadership from our master auctioneer PM Armen Derderian. A special award was given to PGM Joe Kellejian, with the awarding of a 'Champion' wrestling belt in recognition of his 40+ years in leading the effort for our Wine & Cheese events. Also, we want to offer a special thanks to PGM Chuck Simonian and Jr. Grand Master Levon Michaelian for attending our event, as well as to all those brothers from other chapters who made the trip to San Diego to support us.

Over the past several years we have been fortunate to welcome many new members into our chapter and, as a result, our membership has grown significantly. In November 2023, the trend continued with the initiation of a new brother, Myles Grashian, into our chapter. Myles is a fine and enthusiastic young man, who we know will become a valued member of our fraternity.

On Sunday, December 3rd, we held our annual family Christmas Party, which we were able to celebrate at the beautiful new St. Sarkis Armenian Church right here in Del Mar! The party was well attended and ended up being a huge hit with many kids and grandkids. We enjoyed amazing food from Amardeen Restaurant and, along with our annual gift exchange which was handled merrily by Bro. Noubar Markarian, we were surprised by a special visit from Santa Claus (thanks to Bro. Harry Nalbandian), who handed out gifts to all the kids. Much thanks and appreciation go to our Jr. Master Anthony Gostanian who took the lead on all things Christmas and did an amazing job.

Planning for our 2025 Convention is in full swing as we work to ensure a weekend full of fun activities, fellowship, food, and refreshments here in sunny San Diego, "America's Finest City". Past Master Steve Hovsepien, with his experience as co-chairman for the prior two San Diego conventions in 1997 and 2005, is leading the effort to make it an outstanding convention for all the brothers in 2025. Also, don't forget to vote for him at our convention in 2025 for Grand Master. In our 50-year history, he will be only the 2nd Grand Master from San Diego.

We normally gather on the last Tuesday of the month for cocktails, dinner, and our meeting. Please feel free to join us if you are in town. We continue to support a variety of San Diego charities and causes including Armenian Student scholarships, St. Sarkis Armenian Church, TCOYD (Take Control of Your Diabetes), Homenetmen, and many more!

We are looking forward to a full calendar of events for 2024 in celebration of our chapter's 50th anniversary, including our '50/50 Raffle' on June 29th, our 'Day at the San Diego Fair', and of course our 'Wine and Cheese Fundraiser' on October 12th.

Best Wishes, Master John Mardikian and your San Diego Brothers

For more information about our Chapter events,  
please contact me at [johnhmdardikian@gmail.com](mailto:johnhmdardikian@gmail.com)



2023 Trex Scholarship recipients



GM Michael Mooradian initiates newest member Myles Grashian



PGM Joe Kellejian receives 'Champion Belt' for 40+ years leading the Wine & Cheese events



San Diego Brothers - 2023 Wine & Cheese



Santa with the Trex Kids



Santa with Trex Keebler Elves



Santa with Trex Wives Posse

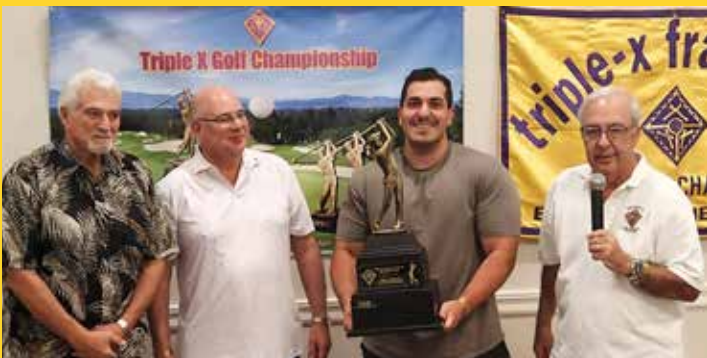


Trex Christmas Party 2023

# LA Juniors

Looking back on the year, it has been a successful campaign for the LA Junior Trex. In August, our group admitted two more members, Nareg Ghookasian and Michael Gharapetian, bringing the LA Jr. Trex to 13 members. With the help of Sr. Trex members Adam Mikaelian and Patrick Kevorkian, the two initiates were driven around Porter Ranch to complete several tasks, followed by rigorous interviews. Besides regularly scheduled meetings, several recruitment and brotherhood events were held. LA Jr. Trex members participated in the Armenian Open and some even gather on Saturdays with Sr. Trexmen to play. In addition, we have also had several fight night viewings held by member Luke Surmeian to gather our group of members. Finally, the LA Junior Trex had a great time at the Trex Convention, helping Seniors with different events as well as enjoying some brotherly time together. Due to scheduling conflicts, we have been having hybrid meetings where several members physically meet, and the remaining members join via Zoom. Regardless, we have made sure to maintain group participation and have many things planned going into 2024.

Kris Mikaelian  
Master, LA Junior Trex



LA Jr. Luke Surmeian accepting the 1st Place Perpetual Trophy for both him and LA Jr. Chad Bailey. They were the first winners of the PGM Greg Avedisian Golf Tournament held at the 94th Annual Convention. The award was presented by the Golf Committee consisting of (L-R) PGM Joe Kellejian, PGM Jeff Hazarian & PGM John Casparian



LA Jr. Bros (L-R) Armand Hairabedian, David Estephanian, Shant Deyirmencian and Michael Gharapetian having a great time at the 94th Annual Convention



LA Jr. Bro Chad Bailey was crowned Champion, winning 1st Place in the LA Chapter Golf Club for 2023. The coveted trophy was presented by none other than Bro Zareh Mitilian, our dearly loved Golf Commissioner



(L-R) LA Jr. Bros Luke Surmeian, OC Bro Justin Matoesian and LA Jr. Bro Stephen Matoesian comparing who is the most "jacked" at the 94th Annual Convention



LA Jr. Bros (L-R) David Estephanian, Chad Bailey and Luke Surmeian enjoying the hospitality suite at the 94th Annual Convention



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# IN MEMORIAM



**Brother PGM Nickolas Nigosian, Jr.**  
**LA, Palm Desert Chapter**  
**March 1, 1949 - January 1, 2024**

Nickolas Peter Jerry Nigosian, Jr. was born on March 1, 1949 in Burbank, California. He was the second child born to parents, Nick and Gohar Nigosian. His sister, Patricia, who was 13 years older than Nick was like a second mother to him. Nick grew up at the Nigosian family home in Los Angeles on Fairfax Ave. When Nick was young, his father worked as a furrier in Beverly Hills making fur coats for movie stars on Rodeo Drive. In 1955 Nick's father began struggling with his eyesight and ability to sew. He made the difficult decision to give up making furs and decided to purchase a date ranch in the Coachella Valley and learn the date farming business.

The Nigosian family commuted between LA and the desert to their ranch house in Coachella to run and grow the newly purchased business. Nick attended several schools in Los Angeles and enrolled into Black Fox Military School in 1965, for his junior and senior year in High School, where he formed lifelong friendships with his classmates, and developed the skills to be a leader in his community, as well as his confident and playful personality. He graduated from Black Fox in 1967 and went on to attend LA City College and then Pepperdine University.

In 1971, Nick's father asked him to come help run the date ranch. Nick encouraged the expansion of the business by talking his parents into purchasing more land and expanded the business from the original 40 acres to 130 acres across 4 ranches and became a worldwide exporter. Nick loved running the Nigosian's Pyramid Date Gardens and did it for over 50 years.

Nick joined the Junior Chapter of the Los Angeles Triple-X Fraternity in 1970. In 1973, Nick invited Carolon to go with him to a LA Junior Triple-X party, which was the start of their relationship. Nick and Carolon were married in 1975 and lived in Indio and ultimately moved to Indian Wells into the house that they designed and built together.

Their daughter Nicole Michelle was born in 1981, and their son, Michael Nickolas, was born in 1987. Nick was an adoring father, always very involved in both of his children's lives and always very proud of their accomplishments. Michael joined the Junior Triple X of Los Angeles in 2007 and is now a very active member of the LA Sr chapter.

Nick was an active Trexman for over 50 years, serving in many capacities in the fraternity, and in 2008 was unanimously elected Grand Master of the fraternity. It was one of his proudest moments. As a PGM he was highly respected and a mentor and role model to his fellow brothers. Nick truly embodied what it meant to be a Trexman, and always made you feel welcome. Nick's closest friends were a group they called the "Hing Yeghpires" meaning 5 brothers. They included PGM Nick, PGM Vaughn Vartanian, PGM Pete Cholakian, PGM John Casparian and PGM Harold Bazarian.

PGM Nick was very involved in the Desert community, holding numerous leadership positions in farming organizations, youth organizations, community organizations and of course the Armenian Church. Everyone knew PGM Nick and he knew everyone.

PGM Nick was very connected to the Armenian Church, both as a child in Sunday School and ACYO at St James. He and Carolon were instrumental in the founding of St Garabed Armenian Apostolic Church of the Desert where they held many leadership roles and made numerous contributions over the years.

Besides his family and friends, PGM Nick loved classic cars and had a beautiful collection of vintage cars. He met many of his closest friends from this hobby, who are planning memorial car shows and events in his honor.

Nick was a generous, kindhearted, fun loving, honest, and well respected man who contributed much to our lives and to this world. He lived a life full of love, laughter, and joy with his family, friends, Armenian community, farming community, classic car community, and found himself among friends everywhere he went.

Nick was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in July and fought this battle with a positive attitude. We unexpectedly lost Nick on January 1, 2024. His memory is lovingly treasured by his Wife of 48 years, Carolon, his children, Nicole and Michael, and by all of his family and friends.

# IN MEMORIAM



**Brother Ara Kaprielian**  
**Golden Gate Chapter**  
**May 1, 1934 - September 9th, 2022**

Bro. Ara Kaprielian passed away after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born in Fresno on and grew up in San Francisco. At the age of 20 he joined the US Army, attended the Army Language School in Monterey, California and then was stationed in Germany. When he completed his military service, he attended the University of San Francisco. He then went on to work at Macy's in San Francisco where he met his future wife, Ursula, and later worked in the computer department of the Levis Company.

He was a member of the Golden Gate Chapter - Triple X since 1959, was a two-time Grand Chapter Treasurer as well as the Golden Gate Chapter treasurer for over 15 years. He was proud of his time with the TREX and often recounted the great experiences he had at the conventions and good times with his fraternal brothers.

He will be remembered as a loving and caring man by his wife of 58 years, Ursula, his sons Christopher and Peter and their wives Petra and Angelina; and granddaughter Sophia.

His Golden Gate Brothers mourn his loss.



**Brother Marx Kamashian**  
**Los Angeles Chapter**  
**Born 1933 - October 10, 2023**

Bro. Marx was born in Detroit, Michigan. Passed away at 90 years old. He leaves behind his loving wife of 68 years, Margaret and Daughters Peggy, Marilyn and Marci and their families. He was the 2nd of six children of Abraham and Perouz Kamashian, who both escaped the Armenian genocide to build their American dream.

Bro. Marx joined the LA Chapter in 1979 and served in many capacities over the years, including Master in 1992. Marx loved to play cards after meetings with his Trex Brothers. Marx was a pharmacist and served the community around him. Kamashian Pharmacy was open for 57 years and nobody ever walked out of his pharmacy without the medicine they needed for a sick child or family member.

Bro. Marx was honored by the Red Cross for opening his pharmacy doors and giving people medicine they needed after the 1994 earthquake. When the large chain stores locked their doors to protect inventory, he was open and giving away what people needed. Bro. Marx will be missed by his LA Trex Brothers and of course, his loving family.

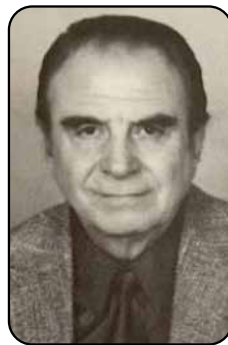


**Brother Khatchig Jigirian**  
**Golden Gate Chapter**  
**Born 1938 - May 6, 2023**

Brother Khatchig was born in Aleppo, Syria in 1938. His family then moved to Qamishli, Syria for a short time before moving to Beirut, Lebanon in the late 50s. It was in Beirut that Khatchig entered the industry that would define his lifelong career jewelry. He, along with the family opened a small jewelry boutique on Hamra street Beirut's fashionable shopping district. There he stayed until 1970 when he made the decision to immigrate to the United States.

After a short visit to the East Coast and Los Angeles, Khatchig made his way to the San Francisco Bay Area, a place he would call home for the rest of his life. Upon settling in, he connected with the local Armenian Community and joined the St. Gregory Church Choir where he would meet his future wife, Judy Hagopian. The two hit it off immediately and were soon married on December 27, 1970. Bro. Khatchig also enjoyed his membership in the Triple X Fraternity for 41 years.

Khatchig was a very proud Armenian and served his community for many years. He was ordained a deacon in the Armenian church while in Syria and later served as archdeacon here at St. Gregory Armenian Church for 40 years. In addition to participating in the weekly services, he was member of the church Board of Trustees and volunteered on various fundraising committees for the church and affiliated KZV Armenian School.



**Brother Ara Gholdoian**  
**Orange County Chapter**  
**July 1932 - September 11, 2023**

Bro. Ara Gholdoian passed away at his home in Laguna Hills. He was surrounded by his loved ones and he is survived by his wife Virginia.

Bro. Ara was a beautiful soul and a one of a kind human being. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Ara was proud to be an American but he was of an Armenian descent. He served this country, his community and gave more than he received. He had a wonderful sense of humor, impeccable joke-telling skills and he was the life of the party. Bro. Ara joined Orange County Chapter in 1978. Ara was a self taught clarinet player and he performed for many special occasions and events. He was a watermelon connoisseur and loved eating it with his great grandchildren. He shared a very special bond with his family and we will cherish all the memories we shared. Ara inspired many people throughout his lifetime and he will be forever remembered!

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TAVLOO TOURNAMENT**

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

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**ON SATURDAY - MARCH 02, 2024 STARTING AT 10:00 AM - OPPONENTS WILL BE ASSIGNED AT RANDOM - PLEASE BRING YOUR BOARDS.**

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE MEETING**

**TREX MID TERM - CONVENTION 2024  
PING PONG TOURNAMENT**

WHO WILL BE 2024 MID TERM PING PONG CHAMPION?



**PING PONG TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO ALL TREXMEN**

**ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 - SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS 03:00PM - FRIDAY MARCH 01, 2024**

TO REGISTER, PLEASE EMAIL BRO. SHANT DERGAZARIAN - SHANTDERG@YAHOO.COM,  
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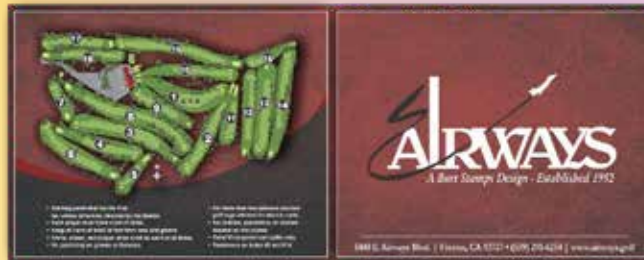
**PING PONG SINGLES RULES SCORING**

1. A POINT IS WON BY A PLAYER WHEN THE OPPONENT CANNOT HIT THE BALL WITH A RACKET OVER THE NET AND ONTO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TABLE.
2. A GAME IS WON BY BEING THE FIRST PLAYER TO WIN 21 POINTS, AND BE AT LEAST 2 POINTS AHEAD OF HIS OR HER OPPONENT. IF BOTH PLAYERS HAVE WON 20 POINTS, THEN THE FIRST PLAYER TO GET A 2 POINT LEAD WINS THE GAME.
3. A MATCH IS THE BEST OF 2 OUT OF 3 GAMES.
4. THE SCORE BEGINS AT 0-0, AND THE SERVER WILL SERVE FIRST. EACH PLAYER GETS TO SERVE FOR FIVE POINTS IN A ROW, AND THEN THE OTHER PLAYER HAS TO SERVE.
5. THE SERVER MUST SERVE THE BALL SO THAT IT TOUCHES HIS SIDE OF THE TABLE ONCE, THEN BOUNCES OVER OR AROUND THE NET, AND THEN TOUCHES HIS OPPONENT'S SIDE OF THE TABLE.
6. WHEN A POINT IS WON, THAT PLAYER ADDS ONE TO HIS SCORE. IF A SCORE OF 20-ALL IS REACHED, BOTH PLAYERS WILL ONLY SERVE 1 SERVE EACH THE

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**2024 MID-TERM GOLF SOCIAL  
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024**



FORM A 4-MAN TEAM (Or We Will Assign You to a Team)

WE WILL PLAY A SHAMBLE FORMAT W/HANDICAPS

EVERY MEMBER WILL USE 3 DRIVES

TEE TIMES START @ 9:00 AM

\$47.00 RECESSION BUSTER

PRIZE FOR WINNERS: FREE MID-TERM DINNERS (\$35 VALUE EACH)

\$5 BUY-IN FOR CASH PRIZES

PLEASE RSVP BY FEBRUARY 23, 2024; FIRST 28-32 PLAYERS

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