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2026 Mid Term Convention will be hosted
by The Selma Chapter. Set your calendars for
Saturday, March 7, 2026. All details inside!

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Spring 2026

Grand Masters Message



Brothers of our Beautiful Fraternity,

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Grand Master.

Brother Bob Kandarian and the Selma Chapter—thank you for your hard mid-term work.

Here is an update on just some of what your Grand Chapter and important committees have been working on:

Website – Updates ongoing. Digital Directory – Awaiting chapters to revise / correct data. Print Directory – Directories will be at the midterm meeting.

Chapter Insurances – Best practice recommendations are forthcoming.

Let me add that the 2025 - 2026 edition of your Grand Chapter is a formidable one. I feel truly blessed to call upon such talented Brothers for work outside of their Grand Chapter office. I am grateful that they say yes.

Thank you for the warm receptions I experienced at your meetings. I have been to all but four. Here are a few highlights of chapter events I have attended.

Oakland Lobster Fest –The gigantic lobsters, provided by Brother Craig Bazigian, were better than ever—yes, bibs provided! Sequoia Christmas Party –Outstanding food. Santa looked remarkably like PGM Kenny Melkonian! Los Angeles Installation Banquet – A humble and tireless worker, my brother-in-law, Hagop Michaelian, received the Kenny Khetian Award. Master Michael Nigosian is off to a fine start. Orange County Installation – Congratulations to PGM Jack Kayajian as Trexman of the Year. Master Nairi Bagdagulyan runs a good meeting with wit and humor. Note that this is my home chapter, though I am also a proud 1977 LA Junior. Las Vegas Visit – As always, PGM Chuck Parigian sends us a hearty greeting.

Finally, allow me to say that besides the work, I feel that the Grand Master's role is to be that of a caretaker and protector of what we stand for, Brotherhood. I am giving you, my best.

Fraternally yours,
Grand Master, Billy Eordekian



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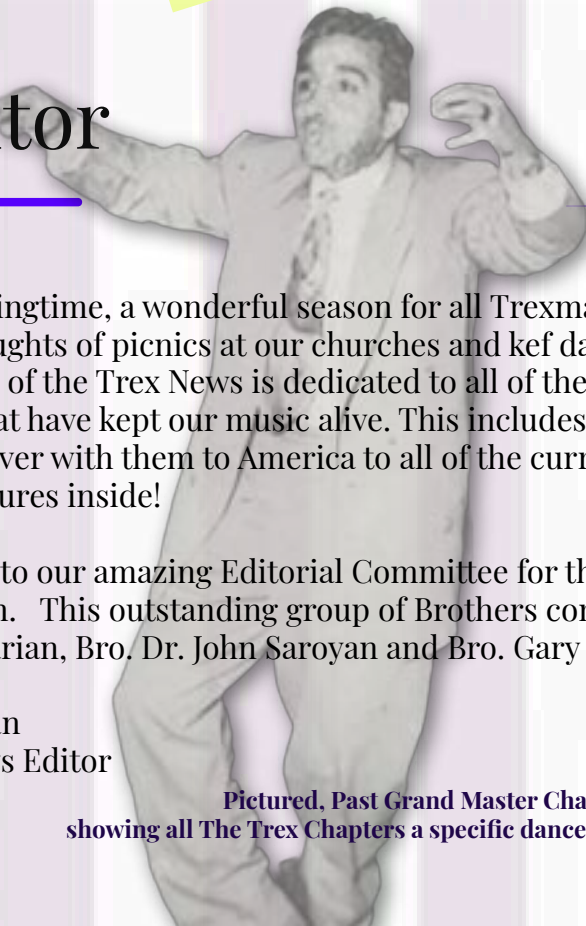
Grand Editor

Brothers, welcome to springtime, a wonderful season for all Trexman and their families. With beautiful warm days, thoughts of picnics at our churches and kef dances come to mind. The front cover of this edition of the Trex News is dedicated to all of the talented brothers from our past, up to the present that have kept our music alive. This includes the Anatolian melodies that our forefathers brought over with them to America to all of the current music that is now part of our culture.....More pictures inside!

Our sincere thanks again to our amazing Editorial Committee for their support and oversight of the Trex News publication. This outstanding group of Brothers consists of PGM Richard J. Jebejian, PGM John Casparian, Bro. Dr. John Saroyan and Bro. Gary Neshanian.

Brother Ralph Dergazarian
Grand Chapter, Trex News Editor

**Pictured, Past Grand Master Charles Chitchjian (1967-68),
showing all The Trex Chapters a specific dance at the 1947 Annual Triple X Convention**



**Mid Term Convention 2026 is being
hosted by the Selma Chapter
on
Saturday, March 7th
at the
Hyatt House located at Campus Pointe
on the Fresno State Campus**

- **Coffee and pastries at 8:00 am**
- **Tavloo Tournament starting at 9:00 am**
- **Mezza starting at 11:00 am**
- **Lunch promptly starting at noon**
- **Business meeting to begin at 1:00 pm and adjourn by 3:30 pm**



Further details contained within



96th Annual Trex Convention















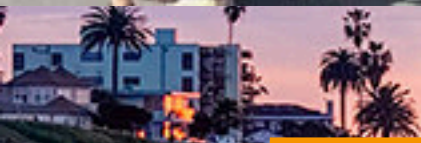












Hosted by the San Diego Chapter



Thank you to the San Diego Chapter for all of the amazing work that went into making the 96th annual Trex Conventions the highlight of the year!

PGM Bro. Kenny Melkonian Jr, JGM Bro. Michael Harutinian, GS Bro. David Shapazian, GT Bro. Aaron Krikorian, GM Bill Sahatdjian, GH Bro. Sam Donabedian Sr. , GE Bro. Ralph, Dergazarian and GWM Bro. Mark Antranigian

Grand Chapter 2024-2025

Fresno

Brothers, greetings from the Fresno Chapter. We have had several great meetings these past six months. Many of us also attended the annual convention in San Diego, where we had a fantastic time.

Later in the year we hosted an amazing preview of the Armenian Museum of Fresno, where all three Valley Chapters members and guests came together for a wonderful dinner and time to learn a little bit more about our American Armenian heritage in Fresno and of our history.

In December we celebrated Christmas with fellowship and cheer!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at this years Mid Term Convention to be held in Fresno on March 7th.

Our Executive Board for this year is as follows,

- PGM Steve Bedoian, Master
- Nishan Soghomonian, Junior Master
- PM Richard Bedoian, Recording Secretary
- Arlen Tanielian, Corresponding Secretary
- PM Michael Harutinian, Treasurer
- Michael Basmajian, Sargent at Arms.
- Varoujan Der Simonian, Associate Editor

Brother Varoujan Der Simonian,
Fresno Chapter, Associate Editor









Andranik Ozanian, commonly known as General Andranik (Armenian: Անդրանիկ; 25 February 1865 – 31 August 1927) was an Armenian military commander and statesman, the best known as a key figure of the Armenian national liberation movement. From the late 19th century to the early 20th century. Hero to the Armenian people.

The Fresno Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity and General Andranik! Read below.....



LEE HALLAJIAN
"Lovely"



MOSE HACHIGIAN
"Huck"



SAM DONABEDIAN
"Little-boy"

One of these was the entering of decorated cars in the nationally known Raisin Day Parade. Then, at the funeral of General Antranik, which was held in Fresno, Triple X chartered an airplane to fly above the procession and scatter flowers over his grave. This act earned much favorable comment, as General Antranik was a greatly honored and beloved man. Then, during the years the Triple-X boys were younger and more athletic, we entered a basketball team in the Fresno City League, and made a very favorable showing.

Now Triple X is not primarily a charitable organization; yet we strive to do our share of the

Coming, The Triple X Fraternity Exhibition at the Armenian Museum of Fresno.

Brothers Sam Donabedian Sr. Grand Chapter Historian, PGM Kenny Melkonian, Varoujan Der Simonian and committee.

groups to make some charitable enterprise they were sponsoring a success. Thus we feel that we are

Golden Gate

Introduction

The past half-year of 2025 for the Golden Gate TREX was interesting to say the least. Again, we had more memorials to acknowledge, and birthdays to celebrate. But the Annual Convention in San Diego, contemplation of plans for fun events and charitable fundraising, and our on-again off-again plans for a Christmas Party kept us all involved through the end of the year.

June Meeting

We reviewed the Donations Committee recommendations, the Fund-Raising Committee's recommendations and the '25-'26 Board Nominations Committee slate.

And we were happy to host Brother Master Steve Hovsepian of San Diego who visited to inform us of the Annual Convention activities scheduled on the Labor Day weekend and his candidacy for Grand Master. In addition, Bro Ara Malazian of the O.C. Chapter attended stumping for Grand Historian.

July Meeting

The brothers finalized the board nominations for the 2025-2026 TREX year. Also designated were the Chapter's delegates for the Annual Convention. Many birthdays were celebrated including Sister Elise Kazanjian's, a key contributor to the Chapter in the name of her husband, the venerable Brother Ralph Kazanjian (deceased) a 70+ year Golden Gate Trexman.

August Meeting

The highlight of the proceedings was the swearing-in of a new brother, Eric Panosian. Bro Eric was a member in good standing many years ago but resigned due to a work promotion that required an extraordinary commute.

And sadly, we mourned the loss of long-time brother and great Trexman Vartan Hovsepian who was a pillar in the Golden Gate Chapter. We miss his knowledge, leadership, camaraderie and participation by him and his wife in many of our community events.

And of course, the Golden Gate Chapter supported the Oakland Chapter's annual charitable golf tournament. GG Brother Mark Dorian is pictured with Oakland Brothers Craig Bazigian and Allan Melkesian.

September Meeting

The highlight of late August and beginning of September was the Annual Convention on Labor Day weekend in San Diego. The San Diego TREX Brothers put on a fantastic weekend of activities.

In addition, GG PGM Garo Mirigian gathered nominations for the Al Nalbandian award and presented the plaque to two outstanding Trexmen; Mark Derderian and San Diego's Anthony Gostanian.

October Meeting

New Master Greg Ovanessian welcomed the brothers and honored guests and delivered his vision and plans for the new TREX year. We followed with a brief meeting and swearing-in of the new Board members then proceeded to enjoy the evening with a successful transition of master and other board members.

November Meeting

INFLATION!! Whaaat?? Due to the rising cost of living, new Brother Master Greg raised the price of fines from \$1 to \$2, a 100% increase!!!

We were visited by Bro David Shapazian of the Selma Chapter who came to inform us of the next annual Convention that will be held in Reno, NV and that he is campaigning to be the next Grand Master in 2026-27.

And, sadly, Bro Master Greg read the obituary of Brother Jack Bousian, our 105-year-old brother and 73-year Trexman. An artist, a veteran of WW2, and a career in advertising. Truly a kind and wonderful man.

December Meeting

Well, to have a Christmas Party or not? We waffled back and forth. Finally, it was decided to have a meeting as usual, but expanded to include ganeekner, yerehaner and a few ex-yeghparner we're trying to get back into the fold. It turned out to be a smash hit! Hot party on a really cold night. Merry Christmas all! That's it from the great COLD north, brrrrr.

Looking forward to an eventful New Year!

Bro. Past Master Mark Dorian
Golden Gate Chapter Associate Editor



Brother Hagop Koujakian (sponsor) with Bro Master Panos Aristakessian administering the oath for
new Brother Eric Panosian



Swearing-in of the new Board Members



San Diego's Anthony Gostanian



Visiting Brother David Shapazian holding court!



Uber Trexman Mark Derderian



2025 Golden Gate Chapter TREXMAS Event



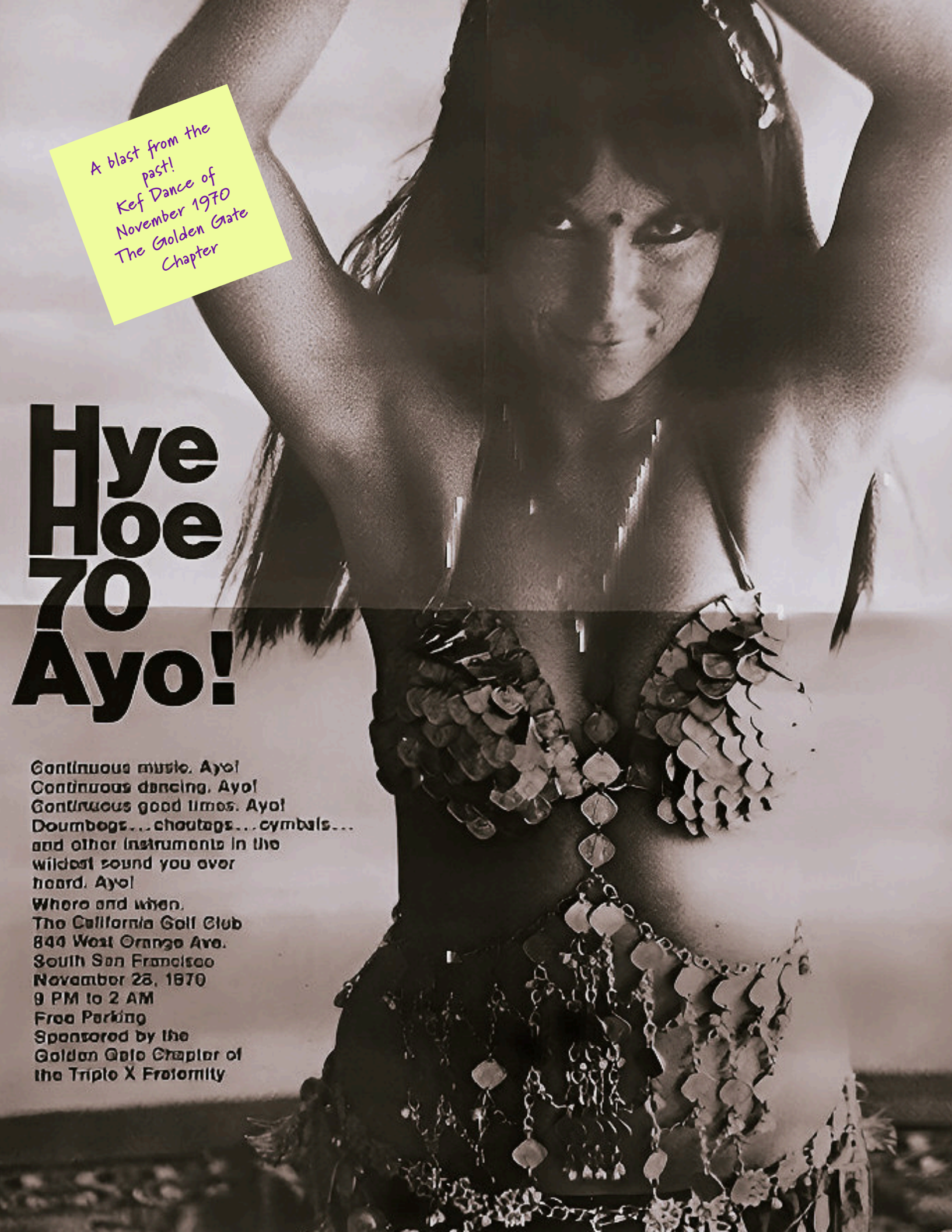
A fine mix of Golden Gate, Oakland and Peninsula brothers at the business meeting

Oakland Chapter's Charitable Golf Tournament

GG Brother Mark Dorian is pictured with Oakland Brothers Craig Bazigian and Allan Melkesian.







A blast from the
past!
Kef Dance of
November 1970
The Golden Gate
Chapter

Hye Hoe 70 Ayo!

Continuous music. Ayo!
Continuous dancing. Ayo!
Continuous good times. Ayo!
Dumbbells... chautags... cymbals...
and other instruments in the
wildest sound you ever
heard. Ayo!

Where and when.
The California Golf Club
844 West Orange Ave.
South San Francisco
November 28, 1970
9 PM to 2 AM
Free Parking
Sponsored by the
Golden Gate Chapter of
the Triple X Fraternity

Las Vegas

Greetings Brothers, we want to report that Past Grand Master Charles Parigian has moved into a long - term care facility about 5 months ago. As some of you are aware Bro. Chuck is the heart and the spirit of the Las Vegas Trex Chapter and we wish him all the best. We are also happy to say that he is still somewhat active and tries to make our meetings and events when possible.

Our chapter is still having our regular monthly meetings. Mostly at restaurants. Our December meeting was held at the Shish Kabob House here in Las Vegas. It was well attended and we had a lot of fun!

We are currently focusing on bringing in prospective members and always welcome brothers who have moved into the area.....as long as you are in good standing.

Please join us when you are in the Las Vegas area.

Past Master Ara Gueyikian, M.D.
Las Vegas Triple X Fraternity
Associate Editor



Los Angeles

2025 Convention – Congratulations to the Brothers of the San Diego Chapter for putting on a wonderful Convention. The LA Brothers and our families enjoyed the Friday night event, the repeat performance of “The Gong Show” all stars including our very own Bro. Mike Arzouman on Saturday along with golf and tavloo tournaments, the business meeting breakfast on Sunday along with ladies brunch and harbor cruise and the culmination of the weekend with dinner at the Old Town Mexican Cafe. Much fun was had at the Double Tree Hotel in Mission Valley, hosted by San Diego Brothers.

For the first time since COVID 19 on Sunday, September 28th, The LA Chapter hosted our 68th Annual Ararat Home Picnic. The Event Chair Past Master Michael Surmeian put together an excellent team of brothers to handle the set up, cooking, serving and entertaining for over 2,500 attendees. A special thank you to all of the wives and family members who helped out with the serving and logistics for the event that day.

This event has been a long time LA Chapter tradition and continues to be a great opportunity to share the Los Angeles Chapters commitment to our local communities.

On Sunday, October 26th we held our annual installation banquet at the Porter Valley Country Club. The event was chaired by Bros. Varoujan Movsesian and Stephen Arakelian who once again hosted an excellent event. Bros. Past Master Steve Hampar, Past Master Michael Surmeian and Past Master Chris Armen utilized their extensive tech skills to put together an homage to the out going Past Master Vahe Devian’s leadership and life accomplishments put to the theme song of Sanford & Son, truly something to behold.

Joining us this evening from our Grand Chapter were, Grand Master Billy Eordekian, Grand Historian Sam Donabedian Sr., and Grand Editor Ralph Dergazarian.

We also celebrated the recognition of our Past Master Sam Donabedian Sr. 50th year Anniversary as a member of the Los Angeles Chapter. He is one of the many special Junior Trexman alum who remains in leadership roles within the fraternity and has been a dedicated member since his start while attending school at USC in 1975. We also honored three brothers who achieved their 25 year milestones this year. These are Bros. Harout Diramerian, Jimmy Melikian and Martin Titizian. Congratulations gentleman.

The culmination of the evening was presenting Brother Hagop Michaelian as our Trexman of the Year. There is no better brother than he at your side.



On Sunday, October 12th we hosted our LA Trex Chapters 86th Annual Family Picnic. which was co chaired by Past Master Shant Dergazarian, Past Master Ralph Dergazarian and Brother Hagop Michaelian with the support of their amazing committee which comprised of Past Master Gary Zakarian, Past Master Guy Injayan and Brother Raymond Asher. Thank you also to Deanne Dergazarian, Janis Casparian and Gail Michaelian for prepared the amazing side dishes, fruits and deserts!

Many of our brothers assisted with the days tasks, some as early as 6:00 AM. A special thanks to Past Master Vahe Devian, Past Master Walt Hekimian, Brother Lev Michaelian, Brother Ron Ohanesian, Brother Michael Arzouman, Brother Gary Neshanian and Brother Ed Costantian for your dedication in making this one of the best Sunday afternoons in the park for us in many years. Check out the pictures!

We also have a special thanks to all of the Junior Trexman who joined us. The Kebab was skewered, sides were prepared, the pinata went up for the kids and everyone enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the longtime venue of the Verdugo Park Recreational area in Glendale.

In late December, we lost our previous dedicated co chairman of the Family Picnic, Bro. Richard Taminosian, his wonderful spirit and demeanor will be greatly missed.

Brother Steve Chelebian and Brother Master Michael Nigosian co chaired the Stag Weekend at Fantasy Springs Casino in Indio, CA. Past Grand Master John Casparian and his wife Janis were kind enough to host mezze Friday evening in their home for all the Brothers as they arrived in town for the weekend. On Saturday, the golfers spent a beautiful day on the links and were joined later by Brothers from the Palm Desert Chapter for dinner.

After dinner entertainment included an 80's throwback band and the musings of the Red Hot Cholo Peppers (definitely an experience)! On Sunday after checkout, before heading home, many of the Brothers stopped by the Armenian Festival being held at St. Garabed Armenian Apostolic Church in Rancho Mirage for some delicious Kebab and entertainment including Past Grand Master Vaughn Vartanian and his band mates.

On Saturday, December 13, 2025 Brother Master Michael Nigosian and his family hosted the Candy Cane Lane Christmas Event for the Los Angeles Brothers and Guests. Over 60 guests enjoyed good food, great company and all the holiday joy that the famous Candy Lane Cane provides during the Christmas Season.

Brother Master Michael Nigosian Los Angeles Chapter and Co Associate Editor
Bro Ara Malazian



























House of Hope, Mer Hooys

During the month of October, PGM Richard Jebejian and wife, Barbara made a visit representing the Triple X Fraternity to the residential center in Yerevan of the Mer Hooys charity (also called House of Hope–Mer Hooys). This is a nonprofit organization that supports at-risk and disadvantaged girls in Armenia. It operates a safe environment where girls from impoverished, unstable, or abusive backgrounds are given a safe home, education, life skills training, psychological support, and opportunities to build a positive future. The work they perform is to help these girls build confidence, life skills, and long-term stability — steering them away from risks such as human trafficking, homelessness, or exploitation.

Many of our chapters have and do continue to donate to this charity annually. Please contact PGM Bro. Richard if you would like any additional details on how you or your chapter can be a bigger part of the life changing work that is being performed here.

House of Hope – Mer Hooys, Inc is a 501c3 Tax exempt organization, Tax ID #26-3824036

Oakland

This article has NOT been created using AI, so any mistakes are those of its all-too-human author. Thank you for your elephants.

Parev, Brothers, and welcome to the Spring 2026 edition of “What’s Happening in Oakland!”

Let’s start with a brief look back at August 2025, when the chapter hosted our Fifth Annual Oakland Trex Charity Golf Tournament, held at the scenic Callippe Preserve Golf Club in Pleasanton, with all proceeds from the event and post-game auction donated to three SF Bay Area charities: the Alameda County Food Bank, Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank, and Second Harvest Food Bank. Armed with clubs, cigars, appropriate head coverings and refreshing beverages, almost 60 golfers (59, to be exact) puttered over hill and dale, searching through underbrush or trawling water hazards for their lost balls, and generally enjoying a wonderfully sunshine-drenched day. Thanks to everybody who participated or helped organize our late-summer fundraiser; stay tuned for dates and more news about our sixth annual event coming later this year!

In September, we were honored by the presence of our illustrious Grand Editor, Bro. Ralph Dergazarian, at our monthly meeting, which also bore witness to the swearing in of our new chapter officers: Marcel Langevin (Master), Ed Minasian (Jr. Master), Jim Taylor (Treasurer), Craig Bazigian (Recording Secretary), Rob Tashjian (Corresponding Secretary), Rob Kaljian (Sgt. at Arms), Rick Mickaels (Custodian), Wayne Saroyan (Associate Editor & Webmaster), and Harold Koojoolian (Historian), who were all sworn in by PGM Gregg Chorbajian.

Our incoming Board of Directors (all past Masters, who began their terms in January 2026) is comprised of Jerry Tusan, Ron Mickaels, Vartkes Avakian, Craig Bazigian, Nick Stathakos, Rob Tashjian, and Rick Mickaels. Oh, and we were also honored with a grilled luleh kebab dinner prepared by Bro. Jerry Tusan; never mind that it was our fourth luleh dinner in 2025... it was still delicious!



October was a quiet month, but...

November. Ah, November. As many brothers know, our November meeting takes a back seat to the Oakland chapter's annual Lobster Dinner, with fresh crustaceans flown in direct from Maine for the occasion and prepared – along with baked potatoes, salad, and lots of butter, and oven-baked chicken for our seafood-averse diners – by Bros. Craig Bazigian and Steve Donekian. A yearly highlight is the three-pound lobster awarded by drawing, and last year's big winner was Bro. Van Kouzoujian! So, Brothers, if you want a chance to win the lottery for the 2026 Lobster Dinner (or simply enjoy one of the one-pounders everyone else gets, along with all the joys of Brotherhood with your Northern California neighbors), be sure to mark your calendars and pay your Oakland brothers a visit on the third Tuesday this November!

We were also joined at the Lobster Dinner by our esteemed Grand Master, Bro. Billy Eordekian, along with Selma chapter Bro. David Shapazian, who reminded us that Selma is hosting this year's Labor Day weekend Convention in fabulous Reno, Nevada ("The Biggest Little City in the World"). Regrettably, PGM Kenny Melkonian was waylaid on his way north by a major traffic accident near Tracy, and missed our sumptuous seafood supper.

Oh, and speaking of missed sumptuous suppers, 2025 was the second consecutive year the Oakland chapter opted ***not*** to host a TrexMas celebration (you're a mean one, Mr. Grinch!), but our Brothers Across the Bay in the Golden Gate Chapter generously extended us an invitation to join them... which some of us, I hear from unconfirmed sources and no photos, attended. Ahem.

January 2026 began on a rather sad note with the passing of Bro. Henry Shishmanian after a long and well-fought battle with cancer (and properly eulogized elsewhere in the Trex News) Bro. Henry, a dual member of the Oakland and Golden Gate chapters and a Trexman since 2006, will be memorialized in our annual Spring Cigar Night, which will be renamed in his honor.

And that, Brothers, is all the news that fits!

Fraternally,
Bro. Wayne Saroyan
Triple X Fraternity Oakland Chapter
Associate Editor





The legend of Bro. Craig Bazigian, "The Rock".....continues



Orange County

Brother Trexman,

In July, Brother John Cholakian headed the efforts to lead the group into the 47th 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. This event is one of Orange County's finest not only because of the turnout, but because many of the Brothers work extremely hard to put this event together and the showing of Brotherhood really shines through. We look forward to seeing you at our next Picnic in July.

Many of our Orange County members attended the wonderful Convention in September and our thanks to the San Diego Chapter for hosting a great series of events. Orange County is proud to be represented on the Grand Chapter by Billy Eordekian as Grand Master, Simon Hovakimian as Junior Grand Master and Ralph Dergazarian as Grand Editor. Grand Master Billy has continued his trek through the chapters and visited many of them prior to the beginning of 2026.

As Convention approached, our chapter held its annual election of Officers which are as follows:

- Master: Nairi Bagdagulyan
- Jr. Master: Stephan Artun
- Treasurer: Brian Boghozian
- Recording Secretary: Henry Hovakimian
- Corresponding Secretary: Chris Granger
- Sargent of Arms: Terry Hanoian (serving his record setting 38th year)



Building off of the picnic and convention, Orange County's new Officers and Board Members were sworn into office at our Installation Banquet. With over thirty Orange County Brothers, wives, and members of the Grand Chapter in attendance, the event was a hit and thank you to Brother Brian for continuing to head this event.

In addition to installing new Officers and Directors, Orange County welcomed our newest Brother Greg Chenarian. Prior to joining the Fraternity, Brother Greg helped a tremendous amount at the picnic and had a lot of fun at our annual Laughlin Stag. Brother Greg's years of playing hockey truly showed as he withstood the rigors of our interview. In a case of "what a small world," Brother Greg is also my son's assistant ice hockey coach and these compliments are not intended to get my son more ice time during games

Finally, Orange County is celebrating it's 50th Anniversary on February 21st at St. Mary's Armenian Church in Costa Mesa. Many Brothers have been planning this event for months and it is sure to be a once in a lifetime event. We hope to see as many Brothers from other Chapters support this event.

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 octriplex.org for all upcoming events.

Junior Grand Master Bro. Simon Hovakimian
Orange County Triple X Fraternity
Associate Editor











Palm Desert

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

The Palm Desert Chapter would like to start by congratulating the San Diego Chapter on hosting a very successful convention this past Labor Day weekend. In addition to the many wonderful events, the Sunday morning Men's Breakfast Business Meeting was well run and well attended. Thank you San Diego Chapter and great job!

Following the conventions breakfast meeting, a few Palm Desert brothers met on brother Bobby Melkesian's boat in San Diego where we were treated to a cruise around the harbor. It was a great way to wrap up a fun weekend. Thank you Brother Bobby.

As we have over the past 18 years, the Palm Desert Chapter was a sponsor at the St. Garabed Armenian Church Cultural Festival in Rancho Mirage this past November. In addition to our chapters annual sponsorship, many of our brothers once again assisted with the cooking and working the bars at the two day event. It was great to see several of our brothers from the Los Angeles Chapter who stopped by the festival Sunday on their way home from their stag weekend.

Also in November, we welcomed our newest brother, Keith Chuchian, who was sworn in after surviving his interview. Welcome Brother Keith!

Grand Master Billy Eordekian attended our monthly meetings in both October and once again in December when he was accompanied by Junior Grand Master Simon Hovakimian. Christmas came early as Grand Master Billy treated everyone to their drinks at the December meeting. Thank you Grand Master, that was very kind.

Our chapter is planning for what will be our 28th Annual Palm Desert Chapter Golf Outing. This year it will be held at the "Bermuda Dunes Country Club" on Saturday, April 25. All brothers are welcome to sign up for a fun day of golf and lunch along with our drawing to be held at the luncheon following play. Contact any Palm Desert Brother for more information.

Please note this very important change. The Palm Desert Chapter monthly business dinner meetings are now being held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month instead of Wednesday. As always, all visiting Brothers are welcomed to join us.

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

Wishing all of our brothers and their families health and happiness.

Fraternally,
PGM Greg Safoyan,
Palm Desert Chapter Associate Editor





Peninsula

TREX PENINSULA CHAPTER Established 1950

Greetings from the Peninsula Chapter to our beloved Brothers, families, and friends! Hope everyone is having a good 2026 so far! For 2025–2026, our chapter has decided to once again keep the same officers as the previous year, which are as follows: Master – Brother Tom Riddle; Jr. Master – Brother Mihran Kassabian; 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 small but mighty and fun-loving group meets on the third Thursday of the month, so if you happen to be in the Bay Area during that time, stop by and say hello – 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). You won't be disappointed – our talented chefs are known for making some of the best meals in the entire fraternity!

Despite having to cancel a few of our monthly dinner meetings last year, we did have an outstanding gathering last August. The weekend before the Annual Convention, we gathered together at the beautiful home of Vic and Linda Khachooni for a great Peninsula Chapter tradition: the “Picnic at Vic's”! It was very well attended by many members and their significant others, and everyone enjoyed the beautiful day full of fun, fellowship, and of course, an amazing selection of fantastic food! It was a beautiful day, and the sunset view from the backyard deck overlooking the valley was an amazing way to conclude the evening!

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 Selma Chapter at the brand-new Hyatt House hotel in Fresno. Best wishes for a great meeting there, and a healthy and prosperous 2026!

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



San Diego

Convention Hits All the Right Notes in San Diego!

San Diego hosted the annual Convention over Labor Day Weekend, and it was nothing short of legendary. With great attendance at all events, our chapter was thrilled to host the convention and show off our city.

Kef Night – 254 Strong!

We kicked things off with an epic Kef Night that brought 254 brothers together for an unforgettable evening of passed hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, and brotherhood. The room was buzzing with conversation and laughter as brothers reconnected over great food and drinks. This was the perfect overture to an incredible weekend!

Tournament Time – 36 on the Green, Brothers at the Boards

A great golf tournament with 36 brothers took place at the Riverwalk Golf Course. Meanwhile, the annual Tavaloo Tournament took place with brothers hoping the dice fell the right way. The competition was friendly and fierce, and everyone made it back—ready to eat and drink at the awesome hospitality room (and a thank you to the wives of several brothers who led this effort)!

Dinner & Dancing – 301 Brothers Making History

Here's where the convention truly came alive. 301 brothers gathered for an unforgettable Dinner & Dancing event, and we had our very own Bro Steve Hovsepien kick off the evening with traditional music. Having one of our own brothers opening the night with authentic Armenian melodies set the perfect tone for an incredible evening. The music, the dancing, the brotherhood—it all came together beautifully. This was the crescendo of the weekend!

Breakfast & Business Meeting – 145 Strong Start

145 brothers started Sunday morning with a solid Breakfast & Business meeting. While the golfers nursed their sore swings, the surfers were still riding the high from Saturday's waves, and the late-night dancers recovered, we handled chapter business and set the tone for another great year ahead.

Ladies Lunch & Harbor Tour – 50 Ladies Enjoying the Bay

While we were in meetings, 50 ladies enjoyed a luxurious lunch followed by a scenic San Diego harbor cruise. Beautiful views, great company, and well-deserved relaxation—the perfect counterpoint to our business session!

Old Town Mexican Café – 74 Brothers, Authentic Flavor

74 brothers gathered at the Old Town Mexican Café for some of San Diego's best traditional Mexican cuisine. Great food, cold drinks, and the kind of easy conversation that only happens when brothers get together. A perfect encore to the main convention events!

The Trex UNSANCTIONED Surf Session 🐬

In San Diego, there are so many things to do and some brothers took advantage of the natural beauty in San Diego for an unofficial event – surfing in Pacific Beach! So on Saturday morning at 8:00 AM sharp (while the golfers were busy chasing their sanctioned balls), a crew of brothers showed up at Pacific Beach for the Trex UNSANCTIONED Surf Session. We met at Bro Todd's house, grabbed some extra boards, and hit the water. No wetsuits needed—the water was warm and the waves were perfect. Those who participated had an absolute blast, catching waves and living their best unsanctioned lives. After surfing, we held the Post-Surf Burrito Summit (also unsanctioned) where we walked a few blocks to a local taco shop for some proper San Diego-style breakfast burritos. The ocean has its own rhythm, its own music—and that Saturday morning, we were all in tune with it.

2025 / 2026 Leadership

Following the convention, we started our fiscal year in September swearing in our 2025/2026 officers. Our slate of officers is now:

- Master - Anthony Gostanian
- Secretary - Todd Sarouhan
- Jr. Master - Berj Arakelian
- Sergeant at Arms - Ara Garabedian
- Treasurer - Artun Kutchuk
- Good & Welfare Officer - Andrew Burns

Our officers continue to be advised by our sage board of directors: Jim Sahagian (Chair), Armen Derderian, Anthony Gostanian (Master), Kenny Gorvetzian, Steve Hovsepian, PGM Joe Kellejian, and Greg Semerdjian.

New Brother

In November, we welcomed a new Brother – Anthony Derderian. Bro. Anthony is the son of long time member Bro. Armen Derderian and brother to Kevin Derderian, a member of the San Diego Junior Chapter. We're thrilled to have Bro. Anthony join us.

Scholarships and Wine & Cheese Event

Due to the convention, we skipped the 2025 Wine & Cheese Event; but fear not for we expect it to make a triumphant return in 2026! But we still were able to distribute our annual scholarship awards and in fact, we broke our record. We distributed \$20,000 in awards this year, driven in part due to the success of the convention (as well as generous donations from certain brothers) to 18 recipients.

Annual Christmas Party – A Night to Remember

On Saturday, December 13th, we took over Tahona in Old Town San Diego—and we mean the whole place. The entire restaurant plus their exclusive speakeasy, Oculito 477, was ours from 5 PM to 10 PM. 100 brothers and families came together for what turned out to be one of our best holiday parties yet. The vibe was festive, the food was incredible, and the drinks were flowing.

The Evening Featured:

- Generous buffet dinner with Tahona favorites and made-to-order tacos
- Premium open bar with craft cocktails, beer, and wine
- Access to the private speakeasy Oculito 477 (adults only)
- Professional photographer onsite
- Photos with Santa
- Outdoor cigar area

The speakeasy added that perfect note of exclusivity to the night, and seeing everyone celebrate together—from the youngest members of our families to our most senior brothers—reminded us what this brotherhood is really all about.

A huge THANK YOU to the brothers who were "mistletoe sponsors" and made this event possible. And special thanks to Bro. Todd and Bro. Alex for all the hard work in putting this together!

Looking Ahead

What a second half of 2025! From hosting the convention to catching waves to celebrating the holidays in style, San Diego Trex has been on a roll.

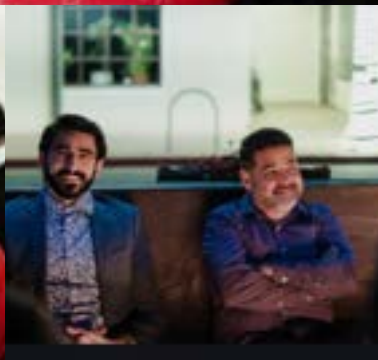
The Music theme ran through everything we did—from Bro Steve's traditional melodies at the Dinner & Dancing, to the rhythm of the ocean at our surf session, to the festive soundtrack of our Christmas party. Music brings us together, moves us, and reminds us that we're part of something special.

Here's to more brotherhood, more memories, and more moments where we're all in perfect harmony.

Stay tuned for 2026!

Fraternally,
Bro Todd Sarouhan
San Diego Chapter, Associate Editor





San Gabriel Valley

A warm welcome Brothers from the San Gabriel Valley Chapter. We are proud to announce our new executive board for the 2025 - 2026 year.

- Master Michael Amerian
- Junior Master John Ohanesian
- Treasurer Vicken Kedjidjian
- Recording Secretary Vasken Gourdikian
- Corresponding Secretary Arthur Kokozyan
- Sargent at Arms and Associated Editor Shant Dergazarian

In August we honored our out going Inaugural Chapter Master Jim Terzian who wonderfully served two years to ensure that we were conducting our meetings and fund raising efforts in accordance with the Triple X Fraternity by laws and traditions. We want to thank you whole heartily for leading us in the exemplary way that you did!

We honored Past Master Jim with a plaque to recognition his service and dedication. This was only a small token of our pride in him. Also at the dinner meeting we awarded Bro. Steve Lazarian with his 50 year plaque and acknowledged him for all of the hard work that he put into our chapter during its formation. We are fortunate to have him as one of our members!

Also we honored our Trexman of the Year who won by a unanimous vote conducted by the Board of Directors, Brother Vicken Kedjidjian for the year for 2024-2025. His hard work in keeping our finances in order and even taking on event chairmanship opportunities made him the easy choice!

In September, many of us attended the amazing Annual Triple X Fraternity Convention held in San Diego. We had an great time being around other brothers from all over the state and also having fun at the various events that they put on for their guests. At the annual business meeting we are happy to report that one of our founding charter members Bro. Sam Donabedian Sr. was voted to his role on the Grand Chapter as our Grand Historian for a two year term. We wish him all the success possible in his duties as a valued director of the fraternity.

On Thursday, October 9th we held our 2nd annual Thursday night football, dinner meeting. Co Chairs Bro. Vicken Kedjidjian and Bro. Shant Dergazarian put on an A Class event! Dinner was top notch and we had a halftime bourbon Tasting hosted by Mission Liqueur Featuring Angel's Envy. Raffle for best jersey worn and amazing fun had by all who attended.

We are all looking forward to seeing you all at the Mid Term Convention being held on March 7th in Fresno.

Fraternally yours,
Brother Past Master Shant Dergazarian
San Gabriel Valley Chapter, Associate Editor

PS. Save this date! Sunday, May 17th, 2026. SGV's Third Annual Car Show Classic in beautiful Pasadena, CA!





San Gabriel Valley Trex Chapter's Third Annual Charity Car Show Classic

SAVE THIS DATE, Sunday, May 17th, 2026

Time, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

at the

AGBU Cultural Center located at

2495 E. Mountain St

Pasadena 91106



**DJ music and raffle auction!
Amazing food and drinks .
Admission to all is free!**

**Bring the kids for the fun zone and
there will also be a cigar lounge
provided for our guests**

**To enter your cars or have
questions, please contact us at:
info@sgvtrex.org**

All proceeds to support local Armenian Charities

**The San Gabriel Valley Triple X Fraternity is a registered 501(C)(3)
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Selma

Hello Fellow Trexmen,

The Selma Chapter wishes you all a fantastic 2026! For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, our Master is once again Brother Mark Pryor, with Brother Kenny Abrahamian now serving as Junior Master. Officers and members of the Board of Directors were installed by our very own (and newly minted) PGM, Brother Kenny Melkonian, at our September meeting.

In August, we held our ever-popular annual Kheyma Dinner. Brothers PGM Sam Bagdasarian and Ed Nikssarian did a fantastic job heading up the meal preparation – the kheyma was amazing! Then at the end of the month, many of us headed down to San Diego for the Annual Convention. Congratulations to all of the San Diego Brothers involved in putting on a wonderful and fun-filled weekend! Every event was sold out, and a good time was had by all at each and every one. And on a personal note, yours truly was fortunate enough in the Tavloo Tourney on Saturday to survive some very tough matches and end up earning another nameplate on the perpetual PGM Jerry Poochigian Memorial Trophy. The competition definitely isn't easy!

This past September, we were invited by Fresno Brother Varoujan Der Simonian to visit the Armenian Museum of Fresno, where he is the curator. There was a wonderful photographic exhibition on display by Robby Antoyan called "Fresno Armenians: 50 Years Ago." Robby was there available to comment and answer questions, and also spoke briefly at the dinner held there later in the evening. It was a great historical account of older Armenians at various Fresno events and locations in the summer of 1975. We hope to be able to attend more of these types of special events in the future.

Our popular Turkey Bingo Night was held in November at the California Armenian Home AACL Hall. There was a hosted bar and a delicious chicken kebab dinner, followed by many bingo games where every winner got some cash along with their very own frozen turkey! Fantastic job by bingo caller and committee chairman Brother Aaron Krikorian, and also big thanks to all the Brothers who helped out that evening. It's always a ton of fun – put it on your calendar for next November if you've never attended!

Speaking of the calendar, our Selma Chapter will be hosting both the Mid-Term and the Annual Convention this year. The Mid-Term will be held on March 7th at the brand-new Hyatt House Fresno/Campus Pointe, and the Annual Convention will be in Reno at the Silver Legacy during Labor Day weekend. Also, save the date of Friday, March 20th – we'll be having our action-packed Charity Poker Tournament at Club One Casino in Fresno (with a delicious buffet dinner included). Hope to see many of you at some or all of these fun events!

Fraternally submitted,
Brother Mark Antranikian,
Selma Chapter Associate Editor







Sequoia

Greetings to Trex our Brother's in California and Nevada. Hoping you all had a wonderful New Years and Christmas. The Holidays' sure seem to come around faster and faster each year.

We would like to thank the San Diego Chapter for hosting the outstanding 96th Annual Convention over Labor Day Weekend. What a great time was enjoyed by the Brothers' and their Families who attended. The following Brother's represented the Sequoia Chapter, Master Gerard Garoian, PGM Ron Shanoian, PGM Peter Babagian, PGM Chuck Simonian, Brother Bryan Ananian, Brother Alex Hovannisian, Brother Ryan Surabian, Brother Kevin Skaff and Sequoia Jr. Aram Babagian. It was such a beautiful setting, and so many activities, great food, and fellowship. We were truly Blessed by all your hard work and planning over the entire year to make this happen.

We are so thankful to be able to make a BIG DONATION to the Charlie Kenyan Armenian School Building Fund. This donation will be a total of \$100,000. The donation will be spread over a 5 year plan to help build a new and modern school. We were blessed to donate two tables at a fund raiser for Charlie Keyan Armenian School, PROOR Dinner on September 20, 2025. We had a party of 20, along with their wives attending this event.

We continue to make Donations supporting Armenian causes in and around our community. Some of our donations included, Visalia Sportsman Association dinner, November 1, 2025, (\$2010.00), House of Hope (Mer Hoogs) Armenia, (\$1000.00), Monte Melkonian Monument (\$1000.00), Kef Time Fresno, Sponsorship (\$1800.00) two tables, January 24, 2026, Tri-Chapter Social at the Armenian Museum of Fresno on September 25, 2025, (\$200.00). Yettem Historical Monument totaling \$6000.00. Also, \$1000.00 to the Mulkay Middle School Band, supporting the band director of the school, Olivia Vartanian.



We were sad to say so long to our Trex Brother George Kouchoukian on 11/24/2025. Brother George joined Sequoia Chapter 50 years ago and was our senior member. He left us at the young age of 93. He was also a Veteran Pilot, from the Koran War. We will miss you George.

During our November Dinner that was hosted. By Brothers PGM Kenny, PGM Ron, and Master Gerard. We were served a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner with Smoke Turkey and Ham with all the Armenian Traditional Trimmings. It was great to have experienced a full course Thanksgiving Dinner together with all our Trex Brothers.

We were so Happy and Thankful to see our new Grand Master Billy Eordekian visiting our Chapter. We also enjoyed some members of the Grand Chapter which included Grand Editor Ralph Dergazarian, Grand Historian Sam Donabedian Sr. and PGM Richard Jebejian. Thank you all for the visit and Grand Master Billy, for his encouraging words.

We would like to send our Congratulations to Brother Stephen and Serena Babagian on the birth of their daughter Nezryn Marcy Babagian on 12/19/2025, weighing in at, 7 lbs. 3 oz., 21 inches. Proud Grandparents are, PGM Pete and Mary Babagian, Ed Bonn, Cynthia and Michael Escobedo.





Our Christmas Party this year was held at Kotnos Barn. This was one of our biggest events of the year, which included 140 adults and 25 children. We want to thank Brother Dean, wife Megan Ametjian and staff for the delicious Prime Rib. This Christmas Dinner was hosted by Sequoia Chapter for the entire Armenian Trex Families in our community. We asked all adults to bring an unwrapped toy as a donation for the children in the hospital. This year we delivered enough toys to last a full year for the children. Thanks to all the Trex Brothers.

We even had a visitor at the Christmas Dinner from the North Pole (PGM Kenny M) appeared and gave out special toys to the children who attended the dinner. Santa had a great helper (Terri Hacobian), getting the children excited about Christmas. During our Christmas Dinner, PGM Ron awarded 50 year pins to these five dedicated Trex Brothers. They are, Gary Krikorian, Rick Krikorian, Steve Yahnian, Mark Kazarian and Father Vartan Kasparian. Congratulations Brothers.

We were honored to have wives of Brothers who have gone on before us attending our Christmas Dinner this year. These wives included Julie Poochigian, Vars Hovannisian and Renee Yahnian. Thank You Ladies for attending.

This was a very full and exciting year for Sequoia Trex Chapter. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Mid-Term in March and wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy 2026 New Year.

Blessed,
Past Master Tom Babagian
Sequoia Chapter of Triple X Fraternity
Associate Editor









Los Angeles Juniors

Brothers,

As the new year kicks off, we would like to take a moment to look back on all the good times we shared as LA Junior Trex members. This past year was full of great memories—from our golf outings and UFC fight nights to the parties hosted by Bro. Luke Surmeian. We had no shortage of fun along the way.

The Junior Trex also showed up at Convention where it counted most, with an astounding 3 members, and with Bro. Luke and Bro. Chad giving it their all in the golf tournament.

As we head into the new year, we're excited to welcome new members and keep building the brotherhood of having fun and good times we've created.

- Master - Kris Mikaelian
- Junior Master - Nareg Ghookasian
- Recording Secretary - Chad Bailey
- Treasurer - Nick Mikaelian
- Corresponding Secretary - Luke Surmeian

Fraternally yours,

Bro. Master Kris Mikaelian

Los Angeles Junior Triple X Fraternity Associate Editor

Established in 1935
Celebrating our 90th Anniversary



DJR Employee of the Month - Luke Surmeian

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Hello Brothers, One and All:

Before I get started telling what has been happening in Los Angeles, I would like to congratulate Bro. Haig Jamgotchian and his blushing bride, Marsha. Although I was not present at the wedding, I hear it was a typical Fresno blow out.

Congratulations to our new brothers, Russ Roopenian, Bob Tashjian and Bob Paulson. For the most part there has been hardly anything happening in L.A. Due to the fact that social activities have been few and far between.

The Los Angeles Juniors are glad to regain their old sponsor, Ray Hovey. With the combination of Ray, Harry K., John E., Kick J., Dennis D., things will really be popping around here.

We had a car wash on March 4 and 11th. Everything ran smooth and we made about \$100.00 clear. ("Thanks to Rose for ehlping with the tickets".)

Although Ralph Semerjian and Dennis Develot were both captains of our basketball team it did not help us win any games. We ended up in third place. Which is not so bad after thinking it over. Inasmuch as there were only three teams in the league to start off with. It could have been worse!!!

The Brothers are looking forward to baseball season. Although I am not sure what their basic reasons are. Whether it is physical or just that they are all glory hogs at heart like me. My prediction for the starting line-up is as follows:

1 st.b.	Dick T.
2 st.b.	Charles M.
SS	Russ R.
3 st.b.	Bob T
LF	Dennis D.
SF	George B.
RF	Dick J.
P	John E.
C	Harry K.

Chum Alexanian the first of the Los Angeles Jr. Bros. on the road to fame and fortune. He has for the past few days been showing his art works at a private showing in Southgate. We are all very hopeful that something big will come of this.

Richard Jebejian
Associate Editor

San Diego Juniors

Officers 2025-2026

- Master - Samuel Garabedian
- Junior Master - Kevin Derderian
- Treasurer - Aidan Kutchuk
- Recordering Secretary - Johnnathan Dergazarian
- Corresponding Secretary - Blake Atayan-Nave
- Member - David Nersisyan
- Member - Jonathan Heaverlo





Sequoia Juniors

Sequoia Junior Triple X Fraternity is proud to present our
2025 -2026 Executive Board of Officers



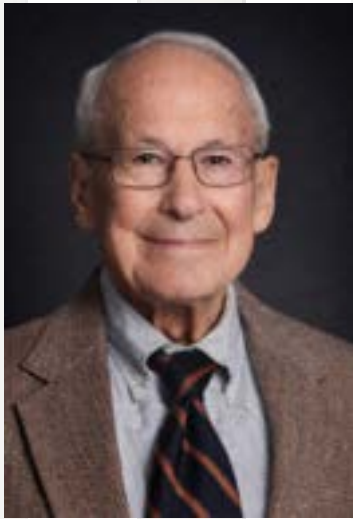
Bro. Master Aram Babgian

Junior Master Bro. Tommy Sesock, Recording Secretary Bro. Chase Margosian and
Treasurer Bro. Shane Sesock



**Congratulations to Junior
Bro. Chase Margosian on his
marriage in November**

In Memoriam



Brother Jack Bousian Golden Gate Chapter Member Since 1952

Jack Bousian of Hayward, the San Francisco Bay Area's oldest World War II veteran and oldest living artist, passed away of natural causes at 105 years old on October 22, 2025. Jack was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, friend to many, and Armenian-American community member.

A California native, Jack was born on January 14, 1920 in Sanger in Fresno County, where many Armenian families had settled after escaping the Armenian Genocide. His grandparents were killed in the Genocide, but his parents, Boghos (Paul) and Zarouhie (Rose) Bousian narrowly escaped, coming to the United States.

When Jack was five, he moved with his parents and older brother Lee to the Bay Area, where he grew up during the Great Depression, working as a child in his father's grocery store to help make ends meet.

Jack graduated with honors from the California College of the Arts in 1942. Immediately after graduation, he was drafted to serve in the U.S. Army in World War II. When the Army discovered that he had graphic design skills, they assigned him to draft maps for the war effort with Company B, 660th Engineers Topographical Battalion, stationed in London. The unit's main task was to create the maps for the June 6, 1944 Allied invasion of Normandy. Due to the secrecy of this work, Jack and other servicemen were put in isolation while they worked on the maps. After the D-Day invasion, the company designed maps for the Allies' movements through France and across the Rhine River into Germany. With the liberation of Paris in 1944, the company moved its base to Paris, where they focused on mapping Bavaria and northern Austria. The company continued its mapping work right up until V-E Day (Victory in Europe Day). During his time in the Army, Jack made many lifelong friends with the men in his unit.

After the war, Jack pursued a career in advertising. In the 1950s and 1960s, known as the "golden era" of advertising, he worked in New York and San Francisco as one of the original "Mad Men" ("Madison Avenue men") of advertising. During this time, he worked as an art director at the industry-leading firm BBDO.

Jack married his wife Barbara Boyajian Bousian at St. John Armenian Church in San Francisco in 1965. They lived on Diamond Heights, where they had their son Mark. In 1970, they moved to the charming coastal town of Westport, Conn., where they had their daughter Adrienne.

Jack started his own graphic design business, Graphics One Associates, in Stamford, Conn., and worked there as Creative Director in the 1970s and 1980s.

Jack matured as an artist in the 1980s and was a prolific Abstract Expressionist painter and sculptor of bold and fascinating pieces. He explored figurative and nonfigurative artwork through acrylic painting, mixed media collages, pen and ink drawings, and wooden sculptures. As trends moved toward Pop Art and Minimalism, he remained inspired by the expressionist tendencies of controlled spontaneity, bold brushstrokes, freeform composition and unconventional materials. True to form, when asked what his paintings meant, Jack usually replied, “whatever you want them to.”

Jack and Barbara moved back to California in 1988, settling in the Central Valley, where Jack became a grape grower. In 2004, they returned to the San Francisco Bay area, settling in Hayward to be closer to their daughter Adrienne, husband Alex, and granddaughter Sophia, their pride and joy.

Jack began jogging daily in the 1950s, before it was popular. He ran every morning, even during snowy winters in Conn., and he continued to do so until he was 100 years old. After that, he switched to walking one to two miles daily without walking aids up until a few months before he passed. Jack strongly believed that vigorous daily exercise is the key to maintaining good physical and mental health.

Until a few months before he passed, Jack would accompany Mark on trips to Trader Joe’s, the public library, and other local spots. He attracted a lot of public attention on these trips, as people in the community knew his age and were amazed whenever they saw him walking out and about.

Jack continued to make regular visits to his doctors and dentist until he passed. The staff in the offices were amazed when they saw him walk in the door, and they wanted to know what his secret was.

In recent years, with more time available to him, Jack had been especially active with his painting. During the COVID pandemic, he quarantined at home in Hayward and produced over 400 unique pieces. When he was unable to get art supplies during the early stages of the pandemic, he did whatever it took to continue creating art in his backyard “art laboratory,” often on the back of paper grocery bags. In the last years of his life, Jack created a groundbreaking series of mixed media compositions depicting the horrific and emotional story of the 1915 Armenian Genocide, juxtaposing words of the Turkish perpetrators with graphic photographs and emotion-laden abstracts.

Jack's art works have been displayed at the California College of the Arts alumni exhibit, Gump's San Francisco, Fresno State University, Silvermine Guild Arts Center in Connecticut, Western Advertising Show, Armenian Museum of America in Massachusetts, and more. In 2024, the California College of the Arts honored him as their oldest living alumnus at the age of 104.

Jack was a devoted father and grandfather who always put family first. He was hardworking, disciplined, understated, caring, energetic, funny, and unfailingly positive and upbeat. Jack was a member of the Armenian Trex Fraternity Golden Gate Chapter, St. Vartan Armenian Apostolic Church in Oakland, and St. John Armenian Apostolic Church in San Francisco.

Jack was predeceased by both parents and his brother Lee. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Barbara Bousian and son Mark Bousian, both of Hayward; daughter Adrienne Bousian, son-in-law Alex Long, and granddaughter Sophia of Berkeley; brother-in-law David Boyajian of Belmont, MA; three nieces and their families; and many extended family members. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jack's name may be made to the Armenian Trex Fraternity Golden Gate Chapter, St. Vartan Armenian Church in Oakland, St. John Armenian Church in San Francisco, or the California College of the Arts in San Francisco.



BBDO



In Memoriam



Brother Henry Shishmanian Golden Gate and Oakland Chapters Member Since 2006



Henry Vartan Shishmanian, born on January 31, 1951, was a devoted son, brother, veteran, and man of faith whose life was marked by service, loyalty, and quiet strength.

Henry graduated from Herbert Hoover High School in Fresno, where he began a lifelong commitment to community and leadership. As a young man, he was a proud Sea Scout, experiences that helped shape his sense of responsibility, discipline, and service to others.

He went on to serve his country honorably as a United States Navy veteran during the Vietnam War, a role he carried with deep pride and humility. His military service reflected his strong character and unwavering dedication to duty.

Throughout his life, Henry remained actively involved in his church and the Trex Fraternity, finding purpose in fellowship, faith, and service. These communities were central to his life and values, and he gave generously of his time and heart.

Above all, Henry was a loving son and brother, deeply devoted to his family. He will be remembered for his kindness, loyalty, and the steady presence he offered to those who knew and loved him.

His legacy lives on in the lives he touched and the values he upheld.

In Memoriam



Brother John Armen Oakland Chapter Member Since 2016

John Edward Armen, a beacon of hope and inspiration, peacefully passed away on July 23, 2025 at the age of 67, surrounded by loved ones, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born on February 16, 1958 to Edward and Genevieve Armen in the vibrant city of San Francisco, John was the youngest child and the only son in a brood of three.

He earned a degree in Business from San Diego State University and later, a Master's Degree in Organizational Management, showcasing his determination and perseverance. As a licensed insurance agent, John excelled, spreading joy and warmth with his infectious laughter and jolly demeanor.

Blessed with three wonderful children – Nathaniel, Andrew and Abigail – his love for family was evident in all he did. His passion for baseball and the San Francisco Giants was inspiring, and he cherished his moments spent playing catch with his children.

After meeting and remarrying Maria Abigail, John's life was filled with even more love and purpose. With a heart full of devotion, John loved to impersonate celebrities like Jack Nicholson, spreading laughter and cheer. John was also an active member of the Triple X Armenian Fraternity, joining the Oakland Chapter in 2016.

His unwavering faith and connection with God, along with his Armenian heritage, were a testament to his strength and character, inspiring all who knew him. Despite facing numerous health challenges – including two back surgeries, Parkinson's disease and cancer – John's spirit remained unbroken: a shining example of resilience and hope.

His legacy will live on, inspiring future generations to face life's challenges with courage, faith and determination.

In Memoriam



Brother Richard Taminosian Los Angeles Chapter Member Since 2019

Richard Edward Taminosian, aged 68, passed away on December 20, 2025. He was born on August 12, 1957. Richard was a resident of Santa Clarita, California.

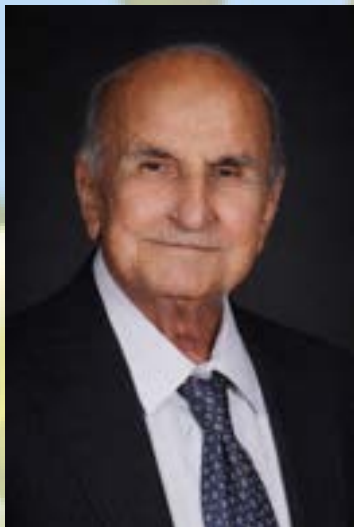
Richard was the founder and creative director of Racks 4 Retail, and headed a unique and innovative design firm specializing in merchandising displays and product development. Throughout his years of experience and knowledge, he built an excellent reputation in his field and always continued to focus on new and innovative ways to present and communicate his client's needs by providing his customers with unsurpassed services and creative solutions.

As a Trexman, he never said no to anyone and even during his illness he always helped out in anyway that he was needed.

He leaves behind his wife Arpie and their two daughters.



In Memoriam



Brother George Kouchoukian
Sequoia Chapter
Member Since 1964

USA

George John Kouchoukian was born on November 2, 1932, in Visalia, California. He came from a family that immigrated to the United States around 1910 from Çomaklı and Kahramanmaraş, Turkey. His parents were John and Victoria Kouchoukian.

George served honorably in the Korean War and spent much of his life working in agriculture as a farm foreman and grape producer. Farming was his lifelong passion, and he loved talking about trees, crops, land, and farming well into his later years.

George was a devoted member of the Sequoia Triple X for over 50 years and deeply valued the fellowship it provided. He looked forward to meetings even during the COVID years. Last year, George attended the 75th Triple X Anniversary dinner with Zeynep and was proud and joyful to celebrate alongside fellow members.

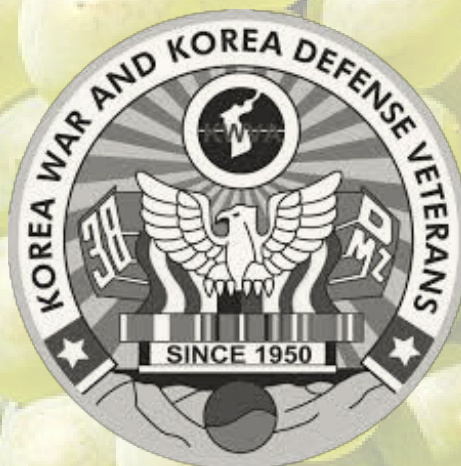
George was known for his loving heart, kindness, and warmth. He loved good food, driving, watching Jeopardy, and working on his car. He enjoyed teaching those he loved simple car care—how to check the oil, listen to the engine, and take pride in maintaining a vehicle. During road trips, George loved singing and dancing in the car, especially to Armenian music, filling the journey with laughter and joy.

He flew to Virginia to visit Zeynep and Scott and shared many memorable road trips with Zeynep along Highway 1 and throughout California, including Pismo Beach, Cambria, Big Sur, Monterey, Palo Alto, Three Rivers, and Fresno. His joy was infectious, and his presence brought light wherever he went.

In his final years, George lived with strong faith, humility, and resilience. He shared a close bond with his step-granddaughter Angie and with his caregiver Josie, whom he loved like a daughter. George also formed a deep, family bond with Zeynep and Scott. Though not connected by blood, they were connected in their hearts—George became family. He lovingly called Zeynep his “granddaughter,” and they were grateful to celebrate his final birthday with him on November 2, 2025.

After several months in the hospital, George passed away on November 24, 2025. Details regarding his burial or cremation are unknown; however, George will live forever in the hearts and prayers of those who loved him.

Goodbye, our Anush Dede. May you rest in eternal peace.





Mid Term Convention 2026

Hosted by the Selma Chapter
Saturday, March 7th, 2026

Hyatt House located at Campus Pointe on the Fresno State Campus

5078 N. Chestnut Ave
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Room Rates: \$164.00- \$179.00 - plus taxes. Breakfast Included

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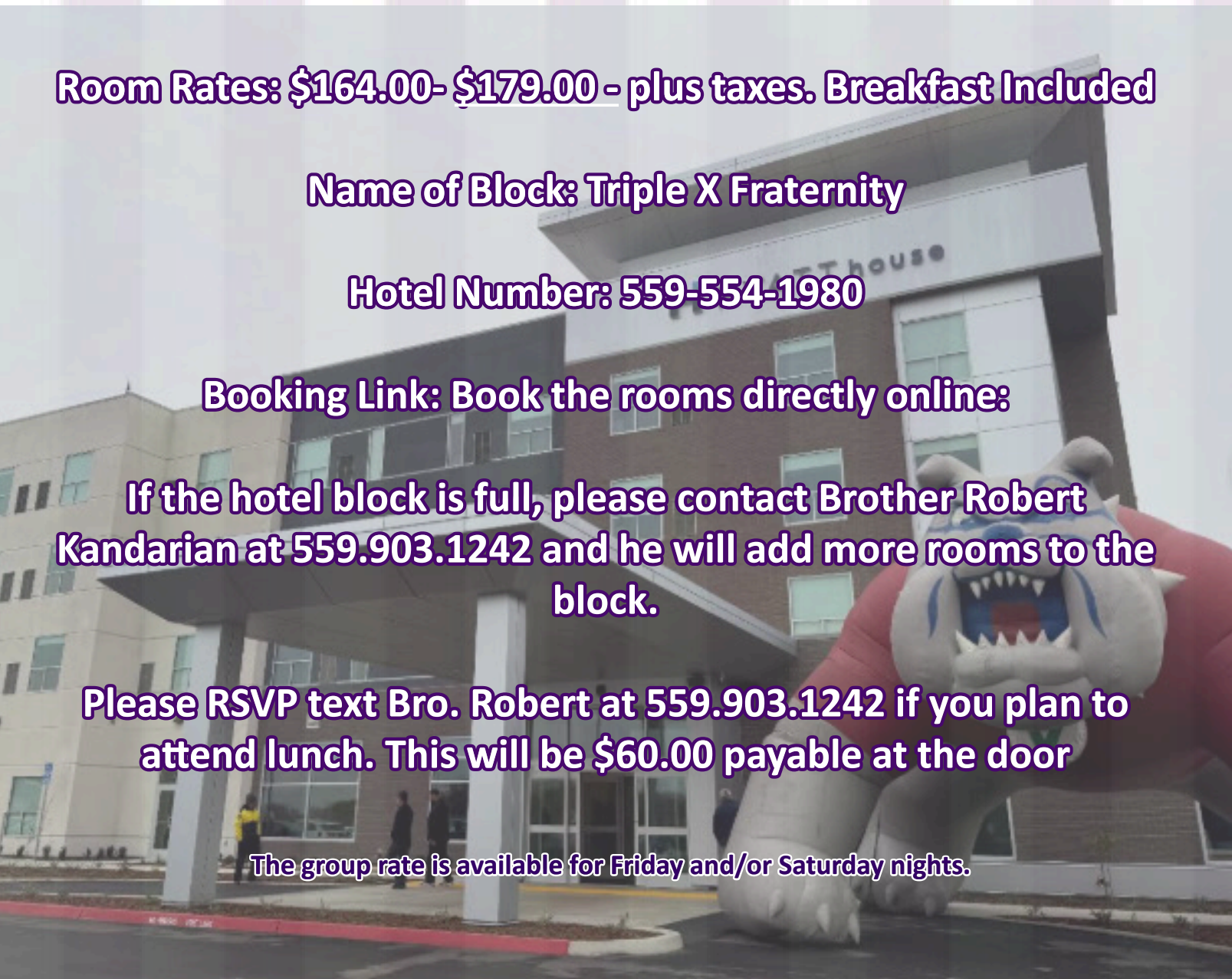
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If the hotel block is full, please contact Brother Robert Kandarian at 559.903.1242 and he will add more rooms to the block.

Please RSVP text Bro. Robert at 559.903.1242 if you plan to attend lunch. This will be \$60.00 payable at the door

The group rate is available for Friday and/or Saturday nights.



TREX'S - MID TERM - CONVENTION 2026 TAVLOO TOURNAMENT



TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO ALL TREXMEN AND GUEST

**ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 - SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS 01:00PM
FRIDAY MARCH 06, 2026**

TO REGISTER, PLEASE EMAIL BRO. SHANT DERGAZARIAN
SHANTDERG@YAHOO.COM - CALL OR TEXT 626.712.1403.

RULES:

SINGLE ELIMINATION

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

ALL GAMES WILL BE HELD AT HYATT HOUSE
**ON SATURDAY - MARCH 07 STARTING 09:30 AM SHARP - OPPONENTS
WILL BE ASSIGNED AT RANDOM - PLEASE BRING YOUR BOARDS.**

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE MEETING

PGM Gregory Avedesian Memorial Golf Fund

Mission Statement

Origination Background: When Past Grand Master Greg Avedesian passed away, his widow Janis and daughters Starr and Joy, had a family discussion regarding an appropriate entity for the expected donations in lieu of flowers. Options included cancer organizations and churches among other worthy recipients. Janis recalled that Greg often mentioned how much he looked forward to the Annual Triple X Conventions. His favorite event at these Conventions was the golf tournament. He once mentioned to Janis that he had a vision of the golf event being a more prestigious part of the weekend's activities.

Origination: The family decided to have the donations directed to a newly established fund that would be available to directly support the Host Chapter's staging of the golf tournament at the Annual Triple X Convention.

Fund: A DBA was established in August 2019 to collect the original donations and to continue to seek additional donations for those donors who would like to support the continued development of tournament. To assure that the funds were used according to the family's vision, Janis appointed 3 Past Grand Masters to the Committee: PGM Joe Kellejian, PGM Jeff Hazarian and PGM John Casparian.

Main Purpose of the Fund: In order to meet PGM Greg's vision, the Fund Committee has determined that the fund will be used to establish a separate Interchapter Competition each year within the Annual Convention Golf Tournament. For the Interchapter Competition, each Subordinate Chapter may submit a 2-man team which consist of Brothers who are in good standing with that Chapter. The winning team's players names and the Chapter will be engraved onto a permanent perpetual trophy. (Rules of the Interchapter Competition will be included as an addendum.) The Fund will provide all awards for this competition which will include the permanent trophy, engraving and separate awards to the top team or teams.

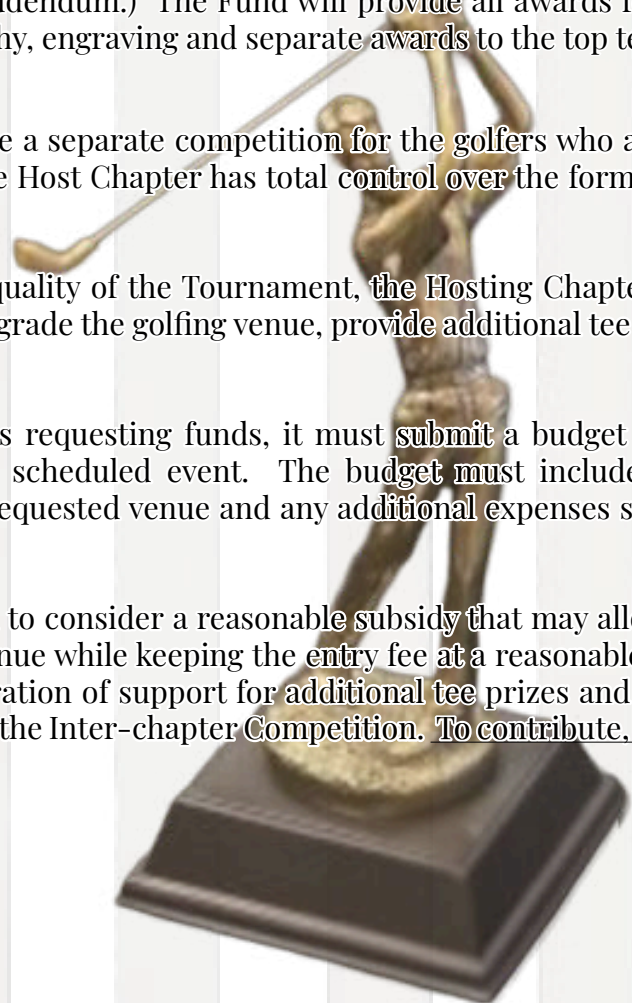
Note: We anticipate that the Host Chapter will have a separate competition for the golfers who are not part of the Interchapter Competition. As usual, the Host Chapter has total control over the format and awards offered for that separate competition.

Additional Use of Fund: In order to improve the quality of the Tournament, the Hosting Chapter may request additional funds for purposes such as to upgrade the golfing venue, provide additional tee prizes or other qualified expenses.

Procedure to Request Funds: If a Host Chapter is requesting funds, it must submit a budget to the Committee no later than two months before the scheduled event. The budget must include their recommended entry fee, the cost of green fees of requested venue and any additional expenses such as awards, tee prizes and/or any other items.

Fund Allocation: The Fund Committee is prepared to consider a reasonable subsidy that may allow the Host Chapter to upgrade to a higher quality golf venue while keeping the entry fee at a reasonable level. In addition, the Committee is open to the consideration of support for additional tee prizes and better awards for the entrants who are not participating in the Inter-chapter Competition. To contribute, please contact one of the brothers shown below

Fraternally yours the committee members,
PGM John Casparian, jcasparian@aol.com
PGM Jeff Hazarian, hyegolfer@me.com and/or
PGM Joe Kellejian, joekellejian@yahoo.com







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