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It's all in the Family!
grandfathers, fathers, uncles, sons,
brothers, cousins and nephews

2026 Trex Convention will be hosted
by The Selma Chapter. Set your calendars for
Labor Day Weekend, September 4th, 5th and 6th in Reno, Nevada 2026.
All details inside!

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Summer 2026

Grand Masters Message



It has been an enjoyable ride this past year traveling the state.

I had the privilege of visiting every one of our colorful chapters, and most, multiple times. While each chapter has its own unique character, what I enjoyed most were the colorful Brothers I had the privilege to meet. We all genuinely enjoy our fraternity and one another. In the end, that's what it's about.

Thank you to my home chapter of Orange County. I've been missing and looking forward to being home.

Thank you to our Past Grand Masters and a few non-PGMs for your input and support.

Thank you to our Grand Chapter officers. Some of you went over and above the call of duty. We did a lot.

There are so many Brothers I could name as caring and diligent Trexmen, but I will not do that here. You know who you are. You do not covet recognition. This too is what being a Trexman is all about.

Allow me to recognize Brothers who I wish were still with us: Los Angeles Chapter's Steve Eordekian, my father, and my uncles, Jimmy Durkin and Kay Hovsepien. These Brothers along with PGM David Maseredjian helped mold me into the Trexman I am today.

To those Brothers I had disagreements with, I want you to know that I care about you just the same. I must admit though, in some cases you ended up being right! Again, this is what our fraternity is about. We debate but we are Brothers.

When I took the reins, the question I heard most often concerned our printed directory. Thank you for the efforts by our committee members. The work was challenging, but you got it done!

One thing I know for certain is that I gave our fraternity everything I had. My hope is that, overall, you believe our Grand Chapter had a positive influence.

Finally, most of you have seen my small convention banner with the words, "Speak Well of a Brother." Its message was not about me—it has always been about us. Remember our oath, "If I cannot speak well of a brother, I will not speak ill of him." Those words reflect the spirit of our brotherhood and the values that have sustained us for 108 years.

I served at the pleasure of our great fraternity. It was an honor.

Thank you.

Fraternally,

Brother Grand Master, Billy Eordekian



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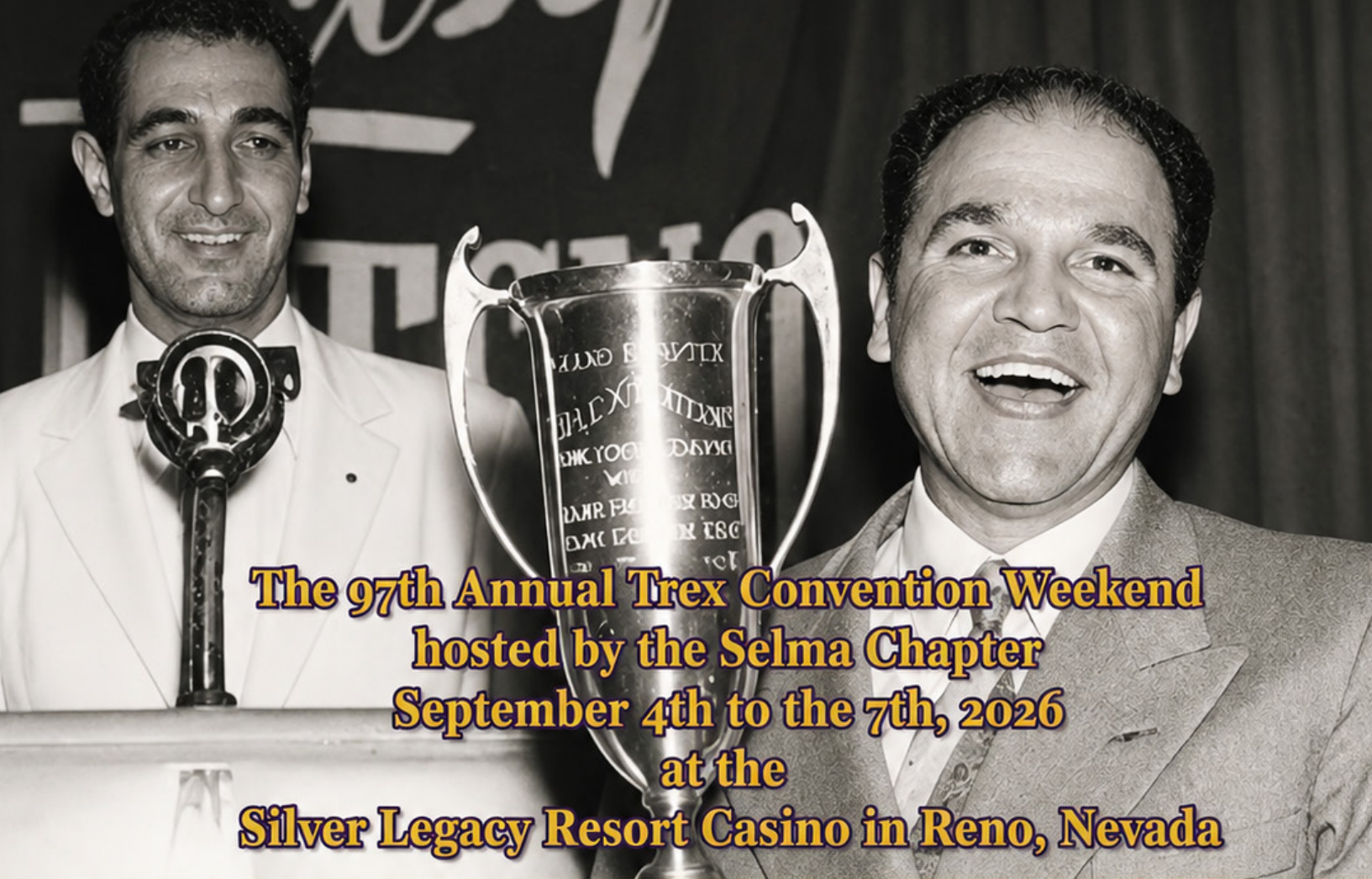
Brothers, our annual Trex Convention is just around the corner and this year we will be celebrating our 97th! The Selma Chapter has been working hard in preparing a wonderful destination weekend for all of us to be remembered fondly. We hope to see you all there.

This edition of the Trex News is dedicated to our many members who joined the Fraternity because of their grandfathers, fathers, father in laws, uncles, cousins or perhaps their real brothers! Everyone has their own unique story of who inspired them to join.

I hope that you will enjoy this Summer 2026 edition and a look at the remarkable history again of the Triple X Fraternity of California. "Its all in the family"

My sincere thanks to our amazing Editorial Committee for their support and oversight of the Trex News publication. These outstanding group of brothers consists of PGM Richard J. Jebejian, PGM John Casparian, Bro. Dr. John Saroyan and Bro. Gary Neshanian. A special thanks also to Bro. Raffi Mouradian and Bro. Mark Derderian for their wonderful help with many of our pictures!

Brother Ralph Dergazarian
Grand Chapter, Trex News Editor



**The 97th Annual Trex Convention Weekend
hosted by the Selma Chapter
September 4th to the 7th, 2026
at the
Silver Legacy Resort Casino in Reno, Nevada**

• **Friday, September 4th**

Hotel Check in and Registration opens up at 3:00 PM

Slot tournament for members and guests only. Fun, food and fabulous prizes 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

• **Saturday, September 5th**

Golf Tournament shuttle leave hotel 7:15 AM

Tavloo Tournament 10:00 AM

Slot Tournament, free entires included with the purchase of banquet tickets 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Dinner/Dance banquet 6:30 PM to 11:00 PM

• **Sunday, September 6th**

Mens buffet breakfast 8:00AM to 9:00 AM

Business meeting 9:00 AM

Ladies buffet breakfast 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Dinner at Louis' Basque 5:30 PM



2026 Mid Term Convention hosted by the Selma Chapter















Fresno

Annual Report Triple X Fraternity - Fresno Chapter

Socializing and building strong bonds with Fraternal Brothers is the focus of our Social Dinner get together. In keeping with Fraternal brothers' traditions, each month the brothers enjoy socializing and having different cuisines for our dinner meetings, including Armenian (at Georgia Shish Kabab), Italian (at Cosmopolitans), and Japanese (at Yoshino's). The Annual Christmas Party at 500 Club is another family event that brothers enjoy with family and friends.

Tri-Chapter Social Club:

Fresno, Sequoia, and Selma chapters (members and wives, friends, relatives), had a get together at TableMountain Casino. It helps the Fraternity's overall cohesiveness when family members are invited to socialize, too, and they look forward to seeing each other, and members at other events, too.

Fresno brothers also participate in the annual Keyma events - at two Tri-chapter dinners. We will not disclose who makes and serves the best Keyma! Come and judge for yourself - and tell us who makes the best Keyam between the two chapters and Fresno Bro. Nishan Soghomonian!

- Sequoia Chapter's annual Keyma dinner - a gathering where Brothers also enjoy Bro. Master Gerard Garoian, PGM Pet Babagian and PGM Ron Shanoian provided brothers with fantastic meals including Keyma at Kotinos Barn in Exeter generously provided by Bro. Dean Ametjian.
- Selma Chapter hosts Keyma Dinner spearheaded by PGM Sammy Bagdasarian, Bro. Ed Nekserian, and other fraternal brothers.

Charitable Giving: Traditionally, the Fresno Chapter gives to various nonprofit and charitable organizations. This year, as in the past, we made contributions to:

- California Armenian Home
- Armenian Museum of Fresno
- Homenetmen Scouts, Troop #12, Fresno-Sassoon Chapter (in support of their travel expenses jamboree trip to Armenia from July 19th - August 5th. Nine scouts from the Fresno-Sassoon Chapter will travel along with other Scouts from Southern California Chapters and Bay Area)
- Food Bank, and others.

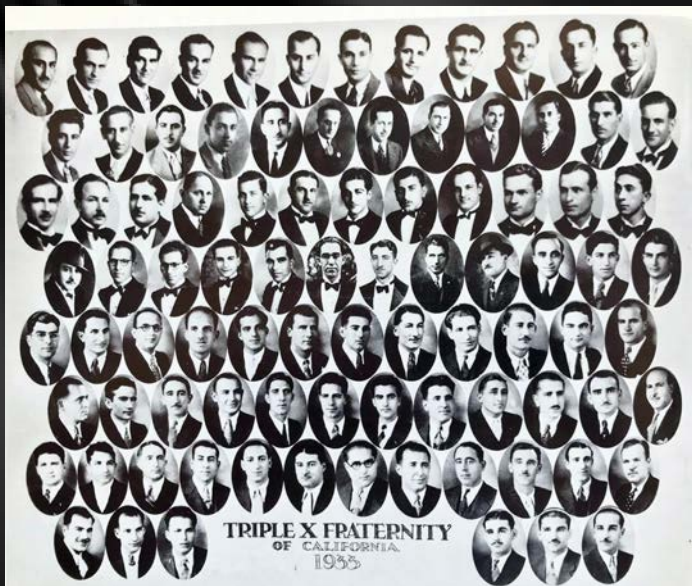


Art and Culture: Fresno Chapter, along with Selma, Sequoia, Los Angeles, and Orange County Triple X Chapters, contributed to a special exhibitor by a local artist Carol Tikijian titled "Bloodline" at the Armenian Museum of Fresno. The exhibit depicted artists' family history and their experience once they settled in Central California. Brothers from Triple X Grand Chapter along with hundreds of guests attended the opening reception. Thanks to the support from the Triple X chapter, the engaging exhibition was so popular that it lasted six months. This followed by another exhibition titled: Cool Classic, Exotic Classic Cars Art Show, Book Presentation and Signing by the artist, author, and race car enthusiast Vasken Bedirian, of Pebble Beach, CA. The exhibition opens July 6th – July 31st, with the presentation reception on Thursday July 16th. Fresno, Sequoia and Selma Chapter Triple X brothers are invited to enjoy great hospitality. Two of our Fresno chapter brothers, Harry Marcus and Harry Buchaklian have collaborated and are participating in this exhibition. Brother Harry and Harry are childhood friends, fraternal brothers, and hot rod car enthusiasts, who enjoyed socializing with others in the valley including Richard Peters, Blackie Gagaian, a well-known race car driver from Fresno.

Vasken Bedirian's paintings of classic cars are on display for the audience to view. Brothers Harry M. and Harry B., contributed by providing pictures of the Good Ol' Days when they used to enjoy times with their other car enthusiast friends. Photos from Harry Marcus classic cars brochures, and Harry B's car photos will be presented during the video exhibition.

Submitted by Associate Editor, Bro. Varoujan Der Simonian





The Fresno Chapter,
Established and Founded
in 1918

Golden Gate

Introduction

The beginning of 2026 for the Golden Gate TREX was full of promise for get-togethers and charitable giving. But instead, sadly, we lost one of our long-time and most active brothers, Henry Shishmanian. After a 6-year fight with two forms of cancer, Brother Henry moved on to the hereafter. Native of Fresno, joined the navy, served a tour in Vietnam, and had a fine career in the San Francisco Police Department. An extremely generous person, he served the Armenian Community, gave generously to others, and was our King of Cigars. RIP Brother.

It took the wind out of our sails.

Moving onward, we planned fun events and charitable fundraising and tried to keep our spirits up.

January Meeting

We gathered at our usual meeting place, the Basque Cultural Center. Brother Master Greg updated everyone on Brother Henry Shishmanian's passing and upcoming services. Then he read a brief eulogy/history of his longtime family association with Bro Henry, and as a professional colleague. We then recapped our successful Christmas Party and said hello to the new year. Our plans included a Valentine's party, getting it together for the Midterm Convention and a Casino Bus Trip.

February Meeting

We were blessed with the attendance of our very own (living) PGM, Bro Garo Mirigian. And after the business meeting, including election of Midterm Convention delegates, we surprised PGM Garo with a belated birthday cake! Sister Elise Kazanjian was also honored, having had a BIG birthday as well (9....)

March Meeting

The highlight of the evening was the presentation by Sevag Krevanian, Director of the Council of Armenian American Organizations of Northern California (CAAONC). He updated us of their collective mission to save and maintain the khatch atop Mt. Davidson in San Francisco. The Golden Gate Chapter belongs to the organization, and we donate to CAAONC annually. A couple of our brothers and sisters are on the board.

Golden Gate TREX at the Midterm Convention

The Golden Gate Brothers showed up in force at the Midterm Convention in Fresno. A BIG turnout all around and very well organized by the Fresno Brothers. We came, we voted, we participated in a couple of Grand Master special meetings where we heard concerns from chapters & PGMs; especially concerning multi-chapter membership. We were also happy to reunite with Brother Anthony Saroyan of the Fresno chapter, who rejoined the Golden Gate Chapter.



April Meeting

The Brothers were worn out from all the doings in March. And coupled with the fact that we changed our future meetings to the first Wednesday of each month, the April meeting was too soon and was attended by only its most active members. Hence it was short and the dinner was good.

May Meeting

Similarly, the May meeting was called off as several brothers were traveling and Bro PM Mark decided to play in the LA TREX Armenian Open for the 5th straight year! What a great golf tournament and charity event. This sandbagger won a “closest-to-the-hole” prize!

June Meeting

Our June Meeting was a special event that featured a guest speaker, Paul Tour Sarkissian, Law Office LLP, an attorney who spoke to the chapter and friends about Trusts and Wills.

We had about 35 attendees and met in a new location, the Sapore restaurant in Burlingame. Not only was it informative but all who attended raved about the food, presentation, and the camaraderie in this “new” possible meeting location for the Chapter. Furthermore, the event functioned as a recruitment activity as well.

Signing off from the great Armenian North! See you at the Annual Convention,
Brother Past Master Mark Dorian
Golden Gate Chapter Associate Editor



Golden Gate Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity
Established November 1st, 1928





Las Vegas

The Las Vegas Chapter has continued to hold its monthly meetings, primarily at local restaurants. While we have not organized any additional chapter activities outside of these gatherings, our members remain engaged.

We were honored to recently welcome our Grand Master, Billy Eordekian for a visit. It was a wonderful opportunity to spend time together.

We look forward to reconnecting with everyone at the Annual Convention!

Brother Ara Gueyikian

Las Vegas Chapter Associated Editor



Los Angeles

Greetings Brothers, what an amazing last 6 months the Los Angeles Chapter has had since seeing you at the Mid Term! Brother Master Michael Nigosian has done an outstanding job.

Our events started out with the Armenian Heritage Night at the Los Angeles Kings Hockey Game. This annual outing was chaired by Past Master William Kevorkian and was enjoyed by over 70 people. The highlight of the night was receiving a beautiful commemorative shirt and then at the end of the game getting escorted on the ice to take a group picture. We were joined by the San Gabriel Chapter who was also there holding the same event for their brothers and family! We are so thankful to Bro. William and his wonderful wife Diana for their leadership on this.

Our next event was the Annul Stagette weekend in Solvang hosted by Past Master Sam Donabedian Sr and his wife Linda! This could not of been a more perfect weekend of visiting local wineries, group lunches and dinners and staying at the award winning Hotel Corque in the downtown area of the city. This has become a mini Trex Convention and we want to thank Bro. Sam for starting this fantastic outing many years ago that has become one that we all look forward to!

Our next event was our annual "Wives Night Out" that has been a staple of our chapter since the 1940's. This night was again Co-Chaired with the dynamic duo of Bro. Hagop Michaelian and Past Master Ralph Dergazarian. Dinner was first class Mexican cuisine with a theatrical performance of Brigadoon at the Pasadena Playhouse afterwards. We cant wait to see what these two will have planed for us next year!

The 69th Annual Armenian Open took place since we last saw each other. This was held at the Moorpark County Club. This was chaired by Bro. Steve Chelebian and his committee. It was an outstanding day of golf, great food and company.

The end of the Summer season always means our famous theme LA Chapters parties are held! This year was all about the 1950's! This beautiful event was held at the home of Bro. Charles and Rosalie Maseredjian in Toluca Lake, CA. Our Co Chairs were lead by Past Master Gary Dergazarian and comprised of Past Master John Missakian, Past Master Guy Injayan, Past Master Gary Zakarian and Brother Ara Ishkhanian. This was a night to remember, with great food, music and a chance to honor the 1950's Los Angeles Junior Trexman. Nice MC job by Past Master Ralph Dergazarian!

We look forward to seeing you at the Selma Hosted 97th annul convention in Reno, Nevada over the Labor day weekend.







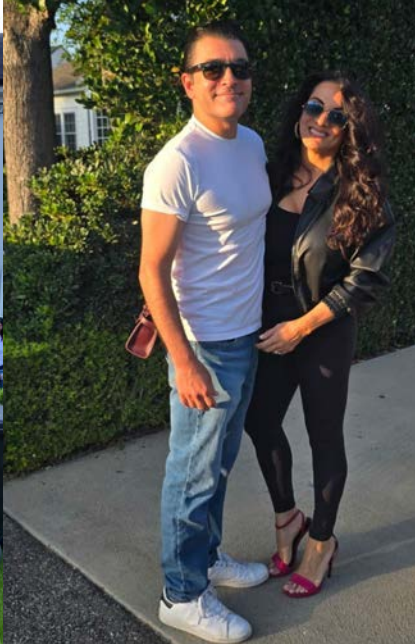


















69th ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



Oakland

Parev, Brothers!

Once upon a time. In the beginning. It was a dark and stormy night. A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.

All great stories start with a great beginning.

And for the telling of this particular tale, we draw your attention to the city of Oakland, over on the “other” side of the San Francisco Bay. In late 1949, a group of 10 young Armenian men got together at the Oakland home of John Mickaels: John and Robert Mickaels, Ralph and Jim Boghosian, Richard and Robert Baronian, Al Yeremian, Harry Halajian, Aram Mazmanian, and Ed Farahadian. These men enjoyed each other’s company, good food, cards, and group discussions. They had previously come in contact with each other through the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU), and wanted to meet on a more social level, removed from politics and religion, yet still be able to enjoy their common Armenian heritage.

At a picnic in Tilden Park in Berkeley the next summer, four brothers from the Golden Gate Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity approached a few members of this East Bay group with the suggestion of joining Trex, which ignited the spark that led the Oakland Chapter to be chartered on February 3, 1951.

And now, in 2026, the Oakland Chapter celebrates the 75-year anniversary of that momentous beginning.

Over the years, we’ve hosted several Labor Day weekend conventions (most recently in 2017), and six Oakland brothers have gone on to serve as Grand Masters. Two original Brothers from the founding Junior Chapter — Past Master Rick Mickaels and Past Grand Master and Gregg Chorbajian — are still active in the Fraternity and the Oakland Chapter; our last living founding member, Brother Al Yeremian, passed away two years ago at the age of 97.

So that’s the past; now, the future!



On Friday, October 16th, we'll be hosting our Sixth Annual Oakland Trex Charity Golf Tournament at the scenic Redwood Canyon Golf Course in Castro Valley. This fabulous 18-hole golf facility is nestled away among the rolling hills of the East Bay and is home to some of the most beautiful golf scenery in Northern California, and ideal for golfers of all levels.

The deadline for registration and sponsorships is Monday, October 19. To sign up for this year's tournament, please visit oaklandtrex.org/golf.

And on Tuesday, November 17, it's time again for our annual Lobster Dinner, which precedes our regular business meeting. Join us for a meal of mouth-watering fresh Maine 1-pound lobster (plus one ginormous 3-pounder, which will be raffled off to one lucky Brother) — or, if you prefer, chicken rather than lobster — and all the fixings... plus our usual mezza along with a no-host bar and, of course, cigars (smoke 'em if you bring 'em).

Doors open at 5 pm at our usual meeting location: the Italian-American Hall, 2712 Encinal Avenue, Alameda. Please RSVP by [date] to Bro. Craig Bazigian at cbazig@comcast.net.

That's it.

Bro. Wayne Saroyan

Associate Editor, Triple X Fraternity Oakland Chapter



September 1966 – Oakland Chapter party to celebrate the election of Jim Taylor, Jr as Grand Master. Bob Shahbazian, John Chorbajian, Harry and Margaret Sherinian, Ed Kevorkian and Florence Kassabian







Oakland Trex 6th Annual
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sunshine, and brotherhood

FRIDAY

October 16, 2026

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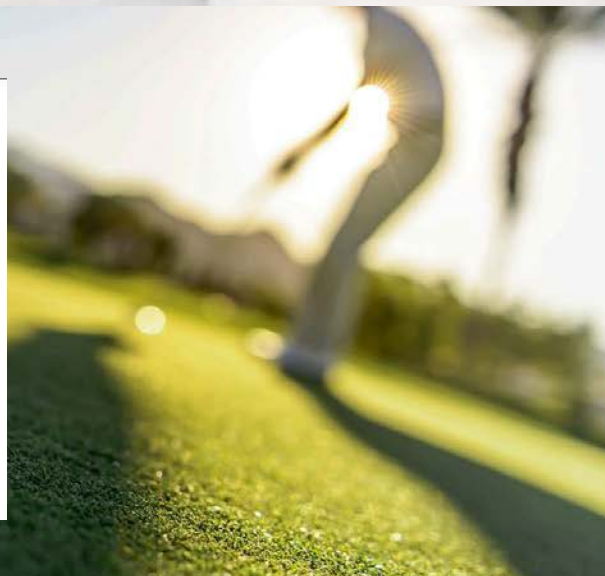
17007 Redwood Rd. Castro Valley, CA, 94546

REGISTRATION FEE:

- \$ 175 per player
- Includes green fee, cart, and lunch

8AM Shotgun Start, Scramble Format

oaklandtrex.org/golf



Orange County

Brothers, led by Master Nairi Bagdagulyan and Junior Master Stephan Artun, the Orange County chapter has had an event filled calendar and thins are only going to heat up for the second half of the year.

In February, Orange County celebrated its 50th Anniversary. This amazing event was chaired by the vary capable Brothers of Ralph Dergazarian and Brian Melkesian and it was an absolute success! Others seasoned super stars of this committee were Brothers Al Adams, Bryan Boghosian, John Gulugian, PGM Harold Bazarian, Nairi Bagdagulyan, Rob Tusan, PGM Jack Kayajanian, Stephan Artun and Chris Granger. All of which worked tirelessly to make this evening one that would not be soon forgotten. Pictures on the next few pages!

A very special thank you to Past Junior Grand Master Levon Michaelian and his work on the committee for spearheading the creation of the program booklet for the evening. What he delivered was and extremely detailed chronicling of the 50 year history of our chapter! This booklet is a keepsake and a now a detailed record of this milestone anniversary.

Also, our sincere thanks go out to Monique, wife of Brother Mark Hachigian and mother to Brother Steven Hachigian. She was fully responsible in ensuring that the hall was properly decorated and that the tables and center pieces were fitting for such a formal evening. She exceeded our expectations, again. She and the other many wives are the amazing support that we have in our chapter. We are grateful.

Brothers came from all over California and Nevada to celebrate Orange County and were greeted by many of the Founding Brothers. In addition to some excellent shish kebab and Armenian delicacies, the night included speeches and anecdotes of Orange County's formation, Junior Chapters, Charitable Contributions, and impact Trex as had on the local Orange County community. Everyone left the venue with a renewed enthusiasm for Trex that will carryover into the Annual Picnic. Check out the pictures on the next few pages!

In April, the annual family potluck was held in Irvine and chaired by Brothers John Gulugian, Ari Gulugian, Jon Agajanian and Ara Malazian. Special thanks to Tracy Gulugian and the other wives who help each year. With over 70 in attendance from Orange County and other chapters, it was a good time filled with a wide ranging variety of delicious food, laughter and family fun.



As he does every year, Brother Don Kazarian chaired the Laughlin Stag which is held during Kentucky Derby. As usual, he outdid himself with a fully stocked hospitality suite and dining at the best restaurants Laughlin has to offer. We were fortunate to have Brothers from Los Angeles and this event continues to be outstanding. In a first for Trex, Brother Larry Kaprielian picked the Kentucky Derby Winner but later admitted to using AI. Although some of the Brothers were sad to see Brother Larry expelled from Orange County, all Brothers welcomed Brother Google Geminian to the group.

In June, Brothers Art, Kris, and Alec Kazarian hosted Cigar Night in Anaheim Hills. They have been hosting this event for a few years now and it seems to grow and get better each year. There was plenty of food and drink as well as Fraternal-ism that exemplifies the hospitality that Orange County has to offer.

Orange County's 48th Annual Picnic will be taking place on July 19, 2026 at Mason Regional Park in Irvine starting at noon Brother John Cholakian is heading this event and continues to create a perfect day out for Trexmen, family and friends. Attendance has been rising over the last few years and some late comers were almost deprived of the opportunity to sample some of the best food in the County. Get there early and stay for the events. If you mention this article, you will receive some extra pita bread.

The Orange County Chapter looks forward to seeing everyone at the Convention over Labor Day Weekend in Reno.

Fraternally

Brother Past Master Simon Hovakimian

Associate Editor of the Orange County Chapter and Proud Member, Junior Grand Master





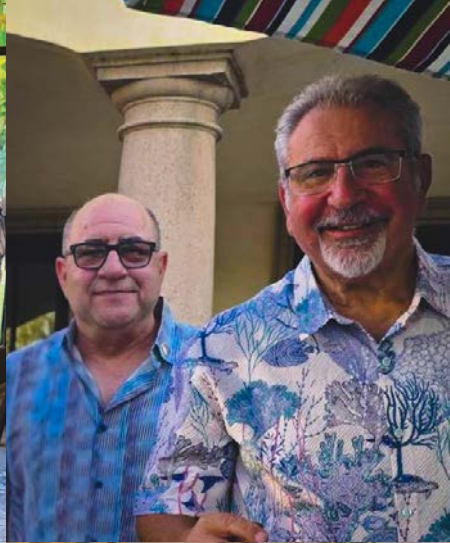














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Palm Desert

Triple-X Brothers, greetings from the Palm Desert Chapter. Master Howard Chuchian did an outstanding job as our Chapters Master this year, and we want to thank him for his dedication and his hard work.

In January, the Palm Desert Chapter welcomed our newest Brother, Matthew Melkesian.

In February, Carolon, Nicole and brother Michael Nigosian hosted “A Day at the Fair” in Indio at the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival in Indio. The Nigosian’s provided delicious food and drinks and brothers and their families from throughout Triple-X attended. This day was especially important as it included a plaque presentation for our very own late brother PGM Nick Nigosian honoring him for his 40 years of dedication and support of the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival.

Our chapters annual “DESERT GOLF OUTING” was held on April 25 this year at the beautiful Bermuda Dunes Country Club in Bermuda Dunes. Along with Grand Master Billy Eordekian in attendance, Brothers from several different chapters were among those who participated in the golf, luncheon and drawing. A big thank you to Brother Gordon Chuchian who arranged the venue and to Brother George Kirkjan who once again sponsored the luncheon following the golf.

Along with all of the Brothers who helped with our golf tournament, we would especially like to thank Brother Greg Kirkjan, Master Howard Chuchian and Brother Sarkis Bedrosian for their hard work in making our big yearly fundraiser a success once again. A bonus highlight was Brother Bobby Melkesian’s near hole in one on the par 3 hole #7.

As we do every year, the Palm Desert Chapter kept busy donating to several charities over this past year. The contributions included donations that were made locally and nationally.

For any Triple-X Brother who would like to join us, our chapter meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Fraternally
PGM Greg Safoyan
Palm Desert Chapter Associate Editor







3rd Annual Nick Nigosian Memorial Car Show
 Come share Nick's love of Classic Cars under a beautiful Desert Date Grove



100 Year Anniversary of Nick's 1926 Buick

Saturday, March 21, 2026 12:00 pm ~ 4:30 pm

Palm Desert Aquatic Center
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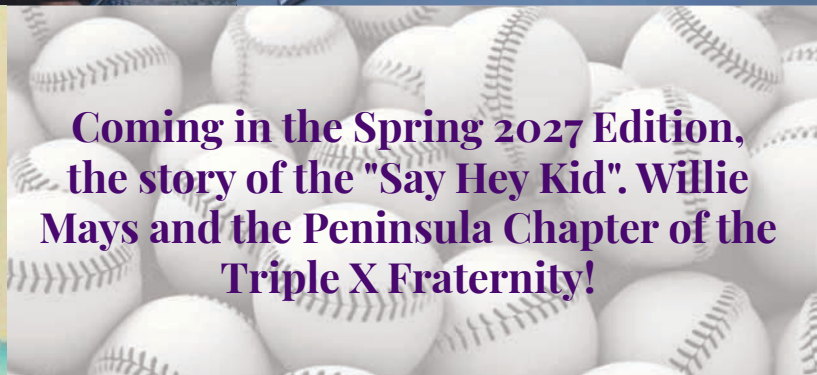
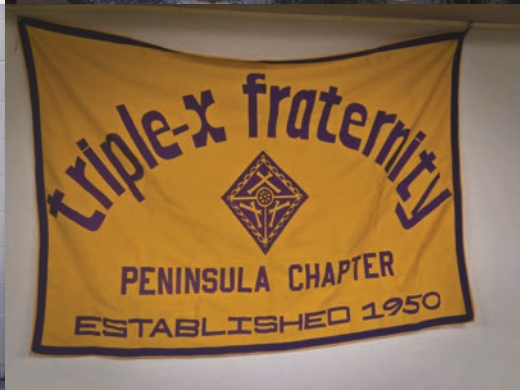
Greetings from the Bay Area's Peninsula Chapter to our beloved Brothers, families, and friends! Our officers for 2025-2026 are the following: Master – Brother Tom Riddle; Jr. Master – Brother Mihran Kassabian; Treasurer – Vic Khachooni; Corresponding Secretary – Mark Antranikian; Recording Secretary – Kip Garabedian; Associate Editor – Mark Antranikian; Sergeant at Arms – Aram Darmanian; Historian – Kip Garabedian; Custodian – Vic Khachooni; and Webmaster – Mark Antranikian.

Unfortunately, we've had to cancel a few meetings in recent months due to members being unable to attend for various reasons. Our dinner meetings are held at the Los Altos Masonic Building, located at 146 Main Street in Los Altos, California (enter from the back of the building on the parking lot side). We're well known throughout the Fraternity for having some of the best meals of any chapter, expertly prepared by our own talented Brothers, so if you're ever in the area during a meeting night, be sure to stop by and say hello!

We haven't had any special events recently, but are hopeful that another "Picnic at Vic's" will be planned soon. The recurring event is always a fantastic place for members and their families (and sometimes prospective members) to gather together at the beautiful Khachooni home, where everyone enjoys a fun-filled afternoon of camaraderie, games, and of course every Armenian's favorite: amazing food!

We extend our best wishes to the Selma Chapter as they organize the special destination Annual Convention in Reno! We look forward to seeing many of our fellow Trexmen there at the Silver Legacy to reconnect with old friends and forge new bonds!

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



Coming in the Spring 2027 Edition,
the story of the "Say Hey Kid". Willie
Mays and the Peninsula Chapter of the
Triple X Fraternity!



San Diego

San Diego Trex News January – August 2026

New Brother – Chris Aslanian

We started 2026 the best way we know how—by growing the brotherhood! In January, we welcomed a new Brother: Chris Aslanian. Some of you may remember Bro. Chris from the convention, where he commanded the room as auctioneer at our live auction. If he can talk a room full of Trex brothers into opening their wallets, imagine what he'll do for the chapter! We're thrilled to have Bro. Chris join us with his boundless energy.



Bro. Chris Aslanian takes the oath, January 2026





Brothers and wives raise a glass of Portuguese vinho — saúde!

Scholarship Luncheon – A Record-Breaking \$20,000!

In 2025, we awarded the most scholarship money in our chapter's history to deserving Armenian students—a total of **\$20,000**! Almost half of that came directly from the success of the convention, so this record is a testament to the entire fraternity that supported it. When Trex comes together, students win.

Since we skipped the Wine & Cheese event last year (hosting a convention will do that to a chapter!), we hosted a Scholarship Awards Luncheon on February 28th instead—and it turned out beautifully. Ten of our 17 scholarship recipients joined us in person to receive their awards and learn a little about the Trex fraternity and what we stand for. Meeting these impressive young scholars face-to-face reminded us exactly why we do this.



*Congratulations to our 2026 scholarship recipients — part of a record \$20,000 in awards!

Tacos & Brothers – An Instant Classic

The calendar officially called it the "Taco Social," but that name doesn't do it justice—so we're calling it what it really was: Tacos & Brothers. In mid-May, we had a huge turnout for what is shaping up to be an annual event of pure brotherhood. Bro. Armen graciously opened up his home and backyard, complete with a taco stand, a full bar, backgammon boards, and even a few hookahs going. Tacos in one hand, dice in the other—what more could a brother ask for?

Best of all, we were able to meet a few potential brothers at the event. If tacos and backgammon are the recruiting pitch, our future is bright. This is officially one of the favorite events of the year—mark your calendars for next May!

Picnic & 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser – Drama, Dollars & Hot Dogs

On August 1st, we gathered for our annual Picnic & 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser, and it delivered on all fronts—sunshine, good food, and high-stakes drama.

A huge thank you to everyone who worked hard to put on the raffle and picnic! And congratulations to the big winners, two of our beloved brothers: Bro. John and Bro. Emil, who split a pot of more than \$5,000!

But let's be honest—the real entertainment was supplied by the ineffable ****Bro. Noubar****, who decided to push his luck as the field narrowed from five... to four... to three... to—*oops*—he pushed it one round too far! Fortune favors the bold, Bro. Noubar, but apparently not **that** bold. We salute your courage (and thank you for the show).

The Trex UNSANCTIONED Surf Session Rides Again!

Longtime readers may remember the infamous Trex UNSANCTIONED Surf Session from convention weekend. Well, brothers, the movement is growing. On August 8th, the UNSANCTIONED Surf Session went multi-chapter for the LA & SD Beach & BBQ Day—and sure, this one was **technically** on the official calendar, but some traditions are too good to rename. UNSANCTIONED it was born, and UNSANCTIONED it shall remain!

The morning started at the world-renowned surf spot **Trestles**, where the crew paddled out for a morning session. Getting there is half the adventure: a mile walk each way, while carrying a longboard, we might add. Bro. Todd and Bro. Anthony made the trip up from San Diego, and Bro. Ara and Bro. Steve represented the LA chapter. Orange County's Bro. George came out too, though he wisely kept his feet on dry sand and sent his granddaughter Hailey into the lineup to surf for the family. Smart delegation, Bro. George! Three chapters, one lineup- fun waves and even better company.

After working up an appetite in the water, it was time for the food portion of the day - last year it was the Post-Surf Burrito Summit, and this year it graduated to a full-blown BBQ at Bro. Lev's house in San Clemente. About 25 people showed up, including wives and kids - Bro. Todd's daughter Bella among them! The spread was something special: an amazing meza of Armenian appetizers followed by overnight-cooked brisket with all the fixings. Fun, delicious, and full of brotherhood across chapter lines.

A big thank you to Bro. Ara & Steve for organizing and wrangling the RSVPs, and to Bro. Lev for opening his home and manning the BBQ. There's already talk of making this an annual tradition—with San Diego hosting next year. Challenge accepted!



The UNSANCTIONED crew at Trestles - three chapters, one beach, zero regrets

Looking Ahead

What a first stretch of 2026! From welcoming Bro. Chris, to raising a glass of vinho, to a record-breaking \$20,000 in scholarships, to Bro. Noubar's legendary raffle gamble, to surfing Trestles with our LA and OC brothers—San Diego Trex keeps proving that when brothers gather around a table (or a taco stand, or a backyard, or a lineup at Trestles), great things happen.

Here's to more brotherhood, more memories, and more moments worth writing home about.

See you in the next issue!

Fraternally,

Bro Todd Sarouhan

San Diego Chapter



San Gabriel Valley

Hello Brothers and Friends, it gives me great honor to report to you all that the San Gabriel Valley Chapter is having an amazing year. These last six months since we have seen you at the Mid Term convention have been very busy for us as we are preparing and planning first class arrangements in being your hosts for the 98th Annual Trex convention here in Beautiful Pasadena next year! Further details to be shared with all at the Selma hosted convention this year in Reno, Nevada.

Our Master Bro. Michael Amerian and his board have done an amazing job in leading the chapter with many drives for raising money for worthy charities and helping empower the brothers who chair our events with wonderful support. You cant fail with leadership that wont let you fail!

The chapter under the chairmanship of Bro. Jirair Tossounian organized our first Kings Hockey Night in downtown Los Angeles. This particular evening, the stadium was holding their Armenian Heritage Night! All guests met earlier in the evening before the game, had dinner and were then treated to a commemorative shirt for event. Needless to say, they were in the colors were of the Armenian flag! We all had a great time and this brother is on the fast track to being one of our leaders in the very near future.

On Sunday, May 17th, 2026, all of our all star brothers came together under the leadership of Brother Arthur Kezian and Past Master Ralph Dergazarian to organize our Third Annual Charity Car Show in Pasadena. Over 100 cars in attendance. Amazing food, music, trophies and just the best family fun! A special thanks to these outstanding men and brothers who gave so much in preparation and that day to make this an overwhelming success! **Bro. Dickran Tevrizian, Bro. Vasken Gourdikian, PGM Richard Jebejian, Bro. Shant Dergazarian, Bro. Vicken Kedjidjian, Bro. Arthur Kokozyan, Bro. Jack Hadjinian, Bro. Harry Hindoyan, Bro. Master Michael Ameirian, Bro. John Ohanesian, Bro. Aram Yeghiayan, Bro. Hagop Michaelian, Bro. Al Cabraloff and Bro. Harry Kouladjian.** Without these outstanding men the day would of not gone as smooth as it did.

On July 7th, our chapter attended a Dodger Game chaired by Bro. Jirair Tossounian. It was a sell out game and also for the chapters amazing events! Bravo Jiro!

Lastly, it was our honor to present many local charities funds we had raised, two of which were a sizable donation to the Sahag Mesrob School in Pasadena that had burned down last year during the devastating fires. and the other was to the Ararat Home for the Aged that continues to do amazing work for our elderly.

We look forward to see you in Reno, Nevada over this Labor day weekend in early September and invite you to be our guest at any of our chapter meetings, held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Brother Past Master Shant Dergazarian
San Gabriel Valley Chapter Associate Editor















Selma

Greetings Fellow Trexmen,

With yet another fiscal year coming to a close, I'm happy to report that it's been a productive, fun, and successful one for the Selma Chapter. In addition to our usual monthly Board of Directors meetings and business meetings, we've also had several special events. We were also honored to have our esteemed Brother Grand Master Billy Eordekian present at several of our functions and meetings throughout the year.

While we didn't have a separate installation and awards banquet last October, we did present several of our members with 25- and 50-year plaques and/or pins at our February meeting. Congratulations and thank you, Brothers, for all your many years of service and dedication to our Fraternity!

Our chapter hosted the Mid-Term this March at the newly opened Hyatt House Fresno/Campus Pointe hotel. It was a great facility, with plenty of room for our meetings and events. The tavloo tournament had 14 participants, and our Selma Chapter ended up taking the top three spots, as yours truly came in third, with Brother Harry Kutumian besting Brother PGM Jack Ouzounian in the final for the victory. There was also a delicious short rib lunch buffet before the meeting – the day was quite successful. Special thanks to Brother Robert Kandarian for all his work in organizing the event and working with the new hotel staff as they were still figuring out some things themselves!

At our chapter's March meeting, four new Selma Trexmen were initiated into the Fraternity: Brothers Charles Garabedian, Jr.; Charles Garabedian III, Dan Potigian, and Hovsep Tanielian. Congratulations and welcome to our newest members! Then the following week, we held our popular Charity Poker Tournament fundraiser at the Club One Casino in Fresno. Big thanks to Brother David Shapazian for a job well done in chairing the poker committee. We had a fantastic turnout, with some people just showing up for the great buffet dinner which preceded the poker. It was held in a newly rebuilt area of the casino, which is a huge private room complete with a large bar and big screen TVs! At the end of the evening, many Trex Brothers did quite well, and one of our Selma members, Brother Azad Deeb, finished in second place!



In contrast to most of our news, unfortunately we also suffered losses, as two of our long-time members, sibling Brothers Sam Esraelian and Pete Esraelian, passed away within two months of each other. They both joined Triple X in the 1950s, and each served the Selma area in many ways throughout their lives – they will be greatly missed by all who knew them. They were true Selma Brothers in every sense of those words.

In June, we honored our seven high school seniors who were the very deserving recipients of our annual scholarship awards, the committee of which is headed by Brother Grant Bedrosian. The awardees and their families were our guests for a delicious Italian buffet and then introduced themselves to the Fraternity. All of the students were quite accomplished, with impeccable grades and a multitude of achievements, and we wish them nothing but the best as they enter the next exciting phase of their lives!

To help fund those scholarships and other donations throughout the year, we held another fundraiser in July – our “America 250” fireworks stand! Held in the same location as last year, sales started slowly but built up each day, and by the end we had pretty much sold out of nearly everything! Thanks to Brother Ken Abrahamian for spearheading this successful annual fundraiser.

On August 20th, we will be hosting our famous annual Kheyima Dinner, this time at a new location: St. Gregory Armenian Church in Fowler. Then in September, we’re putting on the biggest event of the year: the Triple X Fraternity Annual Convention, being held on Labor Day weekend at the Silver Legacy Hotel in Reno! We look forward to seeing everyone there for some fun and games!

Fraternally submitted,

Brother Mark Antranikian, Associate Editor

See you all in Reno!







Sequoia

Hello, and greetings from the Central Valley of California. It is exciting to see summer come around again, and enjoy the wonderful vine ripe fruit's that comes our way, from the hard working Hye Farmers. The year 2025 ended with our wonderful Christmas Party, and toy donations, to our local hospital children. We wanted to say a big thank you to Selma Chapter for hosting our Mid-Term Convention on March 7th, 2026. The Hyatt House located at Campus Point on Fresno State Campus was a beautiful venue for this well attended event. We enjoyed the wonderful lunch, fellowship, and the new facility.

We were excited to attend Selma's Chapters 7th Annual Charity Poker Tournament on Friday March 20th, 2026. The Sequoia Chapter donated seats at the table for Sequoia Brothers. We were thankful to have Brothers' Gary Krikorian, PGM Kenny Melkonian and Lou Berberian attend this fun event. We were blessed to help support and attend with our wives the Armenian Studies Program from Fresno State and their annual Banquet on March 22, 2026. These Brothers' were able to attend, PGM Ron and Janice Shanoian, Master Gerard and Ian Garoian, Lou and Tyna Berberian, and Archie and Kathy Zakarian. It was a great evening having the opportunity to support these young Armenian Students, and their achievements.

The Sequoia Chapter had the privilege of supporting and attending the Economic Stability Project Fund (ESPF) with the Knights of Vartan on the afternoon of April 19, 2026. The following brothers were able to attend, PGM Ron Shanoian and Master Gerard Garoian. This is a wonderful event that helps displaced Armenian Families get back to work, gives support, and encouragement. We were also happy to be able to support one of the local school district in Cutler Orosi. The JUSD Casino Royal Fundraiser on April 17, 2026 Thank you Brother Richard Tamouzian for bringing this to our attention.

The Sequoia Chapter was once again blessed to approve a \$5000.00 donation to the Skilled Nursing Facility at the California Armenian Home in Fresno. Thank you Brother Mark Kazarian for bringing this to our attention, and to our Board of Directors. The Sequoia Chapter approved this wonderful donation, we know it will be a blessing.

The Sequoia Chapter donated \$1000.00 to Daniel and Mikelle (Yahnian) Hairabedian to help with many personal expenses for their very young 18 month old granddaughter, Nora. She was diagnosed with a terrible life threatening disease. Mekelle is the daughter of our late Brother Bryan, and Renee Yahnian. We send our prayers to their family.

We continue to donate to our communities that helps young kids. The donation of a \$1000.00 to CASA of Visalia for the Once Upon a Dream Gala Dinner, and Auction Night in Monte Carlo took place on Friday May 8, 2026. Master Gerard and Sylvia and PGM Ron and Janice represented Sequoia Chapter.



In addition we helped the St. Mary Armenian Church of Yettem fund raiser, (as a Platinum Sponsor} of a \$1000.00. This was their 48th Armenian Food Festival held on May 21, 2026 to our community. We had one scholarship winner apply this year. We will honor him at a dinner. Our graduate is Wyatt Hatton, of Tulare Union High School.

We also helped sponsor a Yettem Monument Marker that was dedicated on April 25, 2026 at St. Mary Armenian Church in Yettem. Sequoia Brother, PGM Chuck Simonian conducted the presentation. His hard work and dedication helped bring about the monument. This monument will long represent our Armenian Community here in the Central Valley. We had several officials in attendance including U.S Congressmen Jim Costa, and Tulare County Supervisor, Board Chair Amy Shuklian. St. Mary's Armenian Church in Yettem is now a Historical Landmark. We were excited and happy to welcome two new Brothers to Sequoia Chapter.

In May we voted on Raffi Soghomonian of Visalia. In June we voted Diego Berberian also of Visalia, and who just graduated from Fresno State. Welcome to the Sequoia Trex Brotherhood.

We were sad to say so long to our Brother Dodd Yahnian who joined Trex Fraternity in 1957. Dodd was a 69 year member. He was a wonderful brother who always took an interest in others. He always would ask me, "where have you been, and how are things going for you". He raised a wonderful family, and will be dearly missed by all of us. We are looking forward to our annual Firework's Both Fundraiser. Thanks to all the Brothers who donate their time for this wonderful event over the week of the fourth of July. Such a Blessing for so many years.

We wanted to personally say "THANK YOU", Master Gerard Garoian for leading Sequoia Chapter these pasted two years. The leadership you modeled encouraged us all, and was such a great blessing.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Reno, as Selma Chapter will be hosting the 97th Annual Trex Convention. It's going to be a great destination.

Past Master Tom Babagian
Sequoia Chapter Associate Editor
Safe Travels









Los Angeles Juniors

**The Los Angeles Junior Triple X
Fraternity celebrates our 91th
anniversary this year!**

The first of the Junior Chapters

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**See you all in Reno, NV over the
Labor day weekend!**





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Although we are the Sequoia Juniors, we are based in Fresno Ca...
Senior Brothers in the Fresno/Selma Chapters, have your sons and
grandsons reach out and help us plant the Seeds of Life-Long Brotherhood.

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In Memoriam

Brother Vartan Hovsepian
Golden Gate Chapter
Member Since 1959



I'd like to start with a short poem read by his wife Arlene at Vartan's memorial...

"I read of a man who stood up at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on a tombstone from the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and then spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For the dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth, and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house...the cash. What matters is how we live and love, and how we spend our Dash."

Brother Vartan Hovsepian was born on February 10th, 1931, in San Francisco to Mardiros and Siranoush Hovsepian, and joined his two older sisters, Roxanna and Julia. Soon after Vartan's birth, sister Rosalind joined his family.

Following graduation from High School, he enrolled at San Francisco City College, but that was cut short by the Korean War conflict and he was drafted into the Army and shipped off to the front lines in Korea, where he served for 18 months as a "Forward Observer". He returned safely and, using the GI Bill afforded him, he resumed his education by transferring to the University of San Francisco where he earned a degree in Accounting. His first job was with the Social Security Administration.

Vartan was an active member in the Armenian Youth Federation prior to Korea and resumed his involvement by becoming a Senior Advisor and chauffeur to the Junior AYF Rosdom Chapter...where and when he met his wonderful wife to be, Arlene, whom he married in 1961. His involvement in the Armenian community in San Francisco also extended to the St. Gregory Armenian Church community, where he served as chairman of their second Annual Bazaar on the new church grounds.

Starting their young family, Vartan and Arlene moved to the East Bay and soon became very involved in St. Vartan Church in Oakland with Vartan joining the Parish Council and Arlene joining the ladies society. Their friendships made through all the organizations they volunteered in over the years remain to this day.

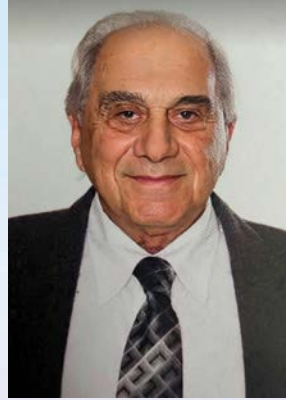
In 1959 he joined the Triple X Fraternity - Golden Gate Chapter and was totally involved for 66 years. With the exception of Sargent-at-Arms, he held all the chapter's executive body offices over those years, including Master and Treasurer several times. He also served on the Grand Chapter during PGM Charles Paskerian's term. In addition, Brother Vartan took on the task of establishing the Golden Gate Chapter as a Charitable Trust within the State of California. After accomplishing that, he maintained the trust and the chapter's 501 (c) (3) status until his decline.

Vartan was a pillar in the Golden Gate Chapter and Triple X Fraternity. We will miss his knowledge, leadership, camaraderie, and endless participation in our community by him and his wife Arlene.



In Memoriam

Brother Bill Kandarian
Fresno Chapter
Member Since 2006



William Say Kandarian, fondly known as Bill, passed away on February 11, 2026, in Fresno, CA. Born on June 13, 1942, in Fresno, CA, to Say and Rose Kandarian, Bill was a cherished member of his family and community.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, his brother David Kandarian, and his children Michael, Will Kandarian, and Laura Dinsdale. Bill was also adored by his eight grandchildren.

He lived in Fresno and farmed in Sanger, a passion he held dear. Bill was a proud member of the Triple X Fraternity and was known for his love of people and his welcoming nature.



In Memoriam

**Brother Dodd Yahnian
Sequoia Chapter
Member Since 1957**



Dodour “Dodd” Yahnian was named after his father’s father, Dadour, a name in Armenian that means “gift” or “present.” That fitting name reflected the way Dodd lived his life, as a gift to his family, his friends, and the Visalia community he called home for over nine decades.

Born in Visalia to Aram and Roxie Yahnian at Kaweah Delta Hospital on September 5, 1931, Dodd embodied the values of hard work, loyalty, and deep-rooted stability. Whether building homes with his own hands, teaching the next generation, or simply showing up consistently for those he loved, Dodd’s steady presence brought comfort to all who knew him. He died peacefully on April 8, 2026, at the home he built in 1968, and loved so deeply.

Dodd attended College of the Sequoias and Fresno State College, juggling three jobs as a messenger for banks and offices, cleaning at night all to fund his education. Committed to teaching as well as building, he earned his teaching credential and started at Visalia Union High School (Redwood High School) instructing woodshop and driver’s education from 1954 to 1960. He obtained his contractor’s license in January 1959 and soon resigned from teaching to begin his construction career in 1960. He later returned to teaching in the 1980 and 1990s to teach a construction law night class at COS.

In 1950, Dodd met Michelle “Sally” Findley, the love of his life, and they married on November 24, 1954 at the St. Mary Armenian Church in Yettam. They started in a simple home rented from Michelle’s family, then a bigger home for their growing family near Visalia Cemetery, and eventually to Sowell Street.

They welcomed son Steven in November 1955, daughter Janet four years later, and son Marc four years after that. Inspired by Sunset Magazine house plans, they carved an acre from the family orchard to build a home; he finished building their home in 1968, returning to live next door to his parents and his childhood home. Dodd was able to spend a few years as his parents’ neighbor, working alongside his father in the family orchard, until his father passed away in 1977 and his mother in 1981.

By the 2010s, Dodd began traveling far, from time spent in Australia visiting his brother-in-law Bill and wife Carolyn, to his trips to Las Vegas, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and to Hawaii to attend Marc and Leslie's wedding. One of his last major trips before 2020 was to a building convention in Las Vegas. In the years that followed, friends and family continued to get him out and about: from drives through the countryside, community functions to Triple X dinners with his son Steven. In 2025, he was overjoyed to attend a Garabedian family reunion in Kingsburg. Though age eventually caught up with Dodd, he never complained, and his mind and wit remained sharp to the end.

Dodd was immensely proud of his children and grandchildren and deeply grateful for the care and companionship of those who supported him in his later years. On the night before his passing, he shared the story of his life from his father's arrival in the United States to his childhood, to meeting Michelle when gas was just 12 cents, to building a business, guiding his children through college and marriage, and watching his grandchildren grow into intelligent, accomplished women.

At the heart of his story were his Armenian heritage, his parents, his children and grandchildren; his friends and family; and, above all, his beloved wife. His final words to Bebe were, "I'll see you mañana," and to Bebe's daughter, Selena, he gently said, "Goodbye," a departure from his usual "Bye-bye."

Dodd lived on, worked on, and passed on the family land. Family was everything to him, and his life stands as a testament to a life well lived. He will be dearly missed and forever remembered.

Dodd was preceded in death by his parents, Aram and Roxie; his wife, Michelle; his sister Charlotte Potts; his brothers-in-law, John Jonigian, Don Potts, and Bill (Carolyn), and Richard Findley; and his sister-in-law Jeanne Vanoni. He is survived by his children, Steven (Ann), Janet (Jonathan) Chilingirian, and Marc (Leslie); his grandchildren, Jenna, Jessica, and Jillian Chilingirian; his sisters Theresa Jonigian, Louise, and Sharon; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.



In Memoriam

**Brother Pete Esraelian
Selma Chapter
Member Since 1956**



Pete Esraelian, born November 12, 1932, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2026, at the age of 93.

Pete was a lifelong resident of Selma and a respected community leader whose public and private career spanned more than 35 years in devoted service to the community he deeply loved.

Pete graduated from Selma High School in 1950, where he was a three-sport athlete, a member of two championship football teams, and a proud member of the Selma High School Marching Band, which performed in the 1950 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena.

He continued his education at Reedley College, graduating in 1952. While attending Reedley College, Pete was a two-sport athlete and a member of a championship track team. He later earned his degree from California State University, Fresno in 1954 while also serving two years in the Fresno State Air Force ROTC program. Pete was especially proud to be the first member of his family to graduate from college.

In 1965, Pete became Selma City Administrator, serving simultaneously as City Clerk, Finance Officer, and Planning Officer. During his tenure, he modernized City Hall operations and advanced City Council meeting procedures, helping establish Selma as one of the leading rural cities in Fresno County.

In 1978, Pete transitioned into banking, becoming Branch Manager and Vice President of the Selma branch of Guarantee Savings and Loan, later Glendale Federal Bank, where he served for 22 years until retirement. Retirement, however, did not slow Pete down for long. He later worked part-time as a crop insurance adjuster for Rural Crop Insurance Services (RCIS).

As if his professional and civic commitments were not enough, Pete also farmed a 20-acre Thompson raisin vineyard, a labor of love he faithfully maintained for nearly 45 years.

Pete's dedication to Selma extended far beyond his career. He served two terms as President of the Selma Chamber of Commerce beginning in 1964. He was instrumental in placing the iconic Highway 99 billboards proclaiming Selma as the "Raisin Capital of the World." Pete also played a key role in bringing then-California Governor, later President of the United States, Ronald Reagan to Selma to speak at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

During his time as Chamber President, Pete co-founded and promoted the Selma Marching Band Festival, a beloved tradition that continues today on the last Saturday of October in downtown Selma.

Pete received numerous honors throughout his life, including being named Selma Citizen of the Year in 1968 and Selma Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 1992.

He was a 50-year member of Rotary International through the Selma Rotary Club, where he served as past president and earned recognition as a five-time Paul Harris Fellow. Pete also served as Trustee and Past President of the Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District, Chairman of the City of Selma's 1980 Centennial Jubilee Celebration, charter member and Director Emeritus of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame, past City of Selma Ambassador, two-time Selma Marching Band Festival Grand Marshal, two-time Selma Citizen of the Year, member of the Measure S Committee supporting tax revenue initiatives for police staffing and fire protection, member of the Caltrans Highway 99 Beautification Project through the Selma corridor, founder and chairman of the K.O. Graffiti Program in Selma, and Past Master of the Selma Triple X Armenian Men's Fraternity.

Pete and his beloved wife, Dee Neece, were longtime faithful members of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church in Fowler.

Pete was married for 65 wonderful years to the love of his life, Dee Neece Esraelian, following what family members lovingly described as a storybook first date. Together, they traveled throughout the United States during retirement, always returning home to Selma, where Pete took special pride in maintaining his yard, especially his cherished sago palms.

Pete's love for Dee Neece remained as strong in his final days as it was at the beginning of their marriage. He was never shy about sharing the words engraved inside his wedding ring for 65 years: "One life, one love."

Pete is survived by his devoted wife, Dee Neece Esraelian; his son, Jeff Esraelian and wife Flora of Fresno; his daughter, Stacey Anderson and husband Norm Anderson; his son, Randy Esraelian; and his four beloved grandchildren, Connor Esraelian, Carson Esraelian, McKay Anderson, and Cooper Anderson.

Pete was one of five children born to Setrak and Anna Esraelian of Selma. He was preceded in death by his sister, Rose Bozigian, and his brothers, Charles and Sam Esraelian. His brother, Sarkis Esraelian, is his only surviving sibling.

Pete will be remembered for his unwavering love of family, steadfast faith, remarkable work ethic, and lifelong dedication to the Selma community. His legacy of service, leadership, humility, and love will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." - Matthew 25:23

In Memoriam

**Brother Sam Esraelian
Selma Chapter
Member Since 1956**



Sam Esraelian

With profound sadness, we say goodbye to Sam Esraelian of Selma, California, whose vibrant spirit touched the lives of many. Sam left this world on March 14, 2026 at the age of 96, leaving a void in the lives of so many people. You can send your sympathy in the guestbook provided and share it with the family.

He was predeceased by: his parents, Setrak Esraelian and Anna Esraelian; his siblings, Rose Bozigian and Charles (Margie); and his daughters, Gail Esraelian and Pam Poochigian.

He is survived by: his son Brian Esraelian (Alicia); his granddaughter Peyton Esraelian; his son-in-law Gary Poochigian; his grandchildren, Brett Poochigian and Heather Poochigian; his brother, Sarkis Esraelian Esraelian; and his sister-in-law DeeNeece. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.



In Memoriam

**Brother Pete Chilpighian
Fresno Chapter
Member Since 1956**



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Peter George Chilpighian Sr., a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and recent great-grandfather, on February 9, 2026. Pete is survived by his loving wife, Isabel; sons, Peter (Patty) Chilpighian and Jon (Karyn) Chilpighian; grandchildren, Christi and Kyle Standring, and Kyle Chilpighian; great-grandchild, Oliver Standring; stepdaughters, Jennifer Ounjian and Jeannine Tackett; and step-grandchildren, Jendayi, Oumawale and Inikko Auque, and Liam Tackett.

Pete was born on August 13, 1938, in Lowell, Massachusetts. His parents, Ester and Kevork (George) Chilpighian, who were married in Marseilles, France, on April 25, 1928, moved with their youngest son, Pete, and his older sisters, Ann, Rose, and Violet, from Lowell, Massachusetts, to Fresno, California, in June 1944. As a child, Pete was active, spunky, and fearless. During elementary school, he delivered newspapers and helped his parents with chores around the house. He attended Roosevelt High School, where he played football, competed in swimming and gymnastics, and ran track.

Pete served in the National Guard for several years, where he learned to weld and repair jet engines. On June 6, 1964, he married Charlotte Smith in Fresno, California. They had two sons, Peter and Jon. Pete worked at Christian Brothers Wineries, performing various maintenance and welding duties. Charlotte passed away on August 19, 1991.

Pete retired from Christian Brothers Winery in 1998. On September 29, 2001, he married Isabel Ounjian, and they enjoyed nearly 25 years of marriage. As a young man, Pete loved riding motorcycles, playing cards, working on cars, and socializing with friends. As a family man, his interests expanded to include fishing, camping, and building a variety of wood and metal projects. Later in life, he focused on restoring cars and motorcycles and traveling to exotic locations.

He cherished simple daily pleasures: morning coffee, playing cards with friends, and spending time with his family. Pete will be remembered for his infectious personality, unwavering devotion to his family, and deep loyalty to his friends. He was a hard worker who knew how to have fun and truly enjoyed life to the fullest.

In Memoriam

**Brother Gregory Soligan
Capital Chapter
No longer in existence**



Gregory Soligan, 83, of Lodi, California, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2026. Born in Sacramento to Harold and Rose D'Costa Soligan, Greg lived a life centered on family, friendship, service, and community.

A graduate of C.K. McClatchy High School, Class of 1960, Greg earned his AA degree from Sacramento City College and attended Hayward State University. He proudly served in the U.S. Army and received an honorable discharge in 1968.

Greg worked for Glidden Paint Company for 23 years before opening Valley Paints in Lodi in 1990. He later owned and operated The Merlot Banquet Hall for 20 years, creating a welcoming place for many community celebrations. He was an active member of the Triple X Armenian Fraternity Club, Lodi Lions Club, and SIRS Club, and volunteered with Meals on Wheels.

Known for his warm smile and wonderful sense of humor, Greg loved a good joke, poker, golfing, fishing, and, most of all, time spent with family and friends. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend who will be deeply missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Greg is survived by his beloved wife, Carole Soligan; daughters Lori Soligan and Kelly LaMattina; grandchildren Kelsey Van Wagner, Sam Eigenberger, Emma Eigenberger, and Elliot Eigenberger; sister Linda Sprecher; and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Greg's life on April 25 at 11:00 a.m. at Wine & Roses, Lower Sacramento Road, Lodi. Please bring your smiles and memories. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of San Joaquin, 3888 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204, or The Salvation Army.



TREX'S - 97TH ANNUAL CONVENTION 2026 TAVLOO TOURNAMENT



TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO ALL TREXMEN AND GUEST

ENTRY FEE:\$25.00

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2026

TO REGISTER, PLEASE EMAIL BRO. SHANT DERGAZARIAN
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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

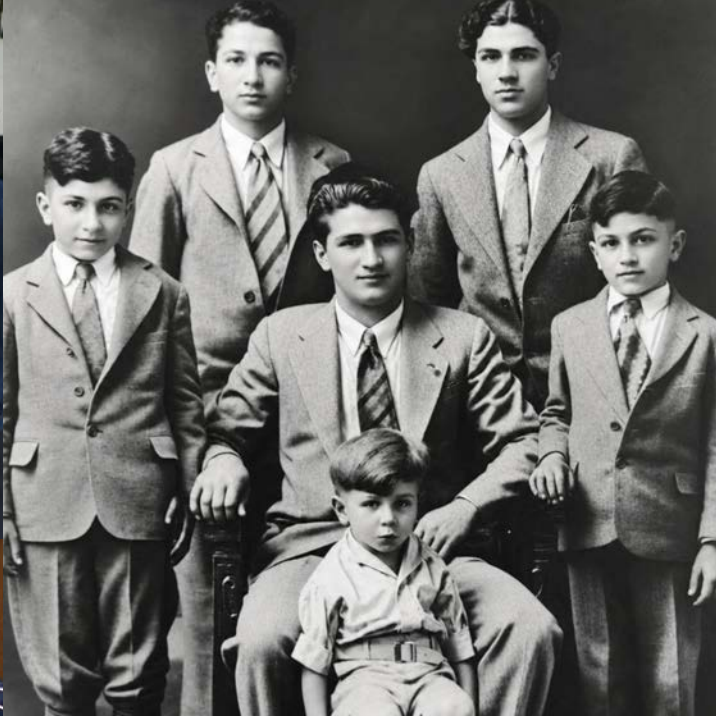
ALL GAMES WILL BE HELD AT THE SILVER LEGACY RESORT CASINO
ON SATURDAY - SEPT, STARTING 10:00AM SHARP - OPPONENTS
WILL BE ASSIGNED AT RANDOM - PLEASE BRING YOUR BOARDS.

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE MEETING



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