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Saturday - Dinner/Dance
Sunday - Men's Meeting



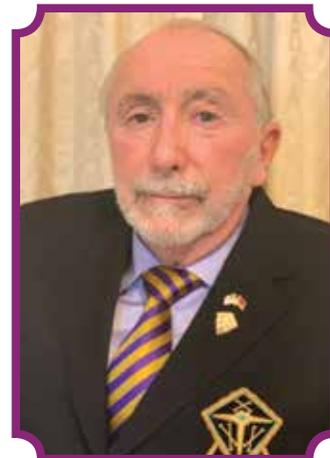
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FROM THE GRAND MASTER...

Dear Brothers,

“I do mean Dear Brothers” Every Grand Master at the end of his term in office takes the time to thank his executive officers, our chapter masters, and his chapter brothers statewide, for making his term as Grand Master an enjoyable year. Without exception I want to make this statement from the bottom of my heart “Thank you brothers for all of your help”. This past year has been “One of the most memorable times in my life”. Without exception, I feel there are not enough words to thank all my brothers that put their trust and faith in me to be their Grand Master for 2021 & 2022. I did my best to visit each chapter and I especially took the time to shake the hand of every brother I met this past year.

The picture I have selected on the front cover of our Triple X Newsletter is symbolic of the perseverance that our grandmothers and grandfathers had over the past years starting in 1915. They worked hard and blended in the different countries throughout the world that they landed in. Lucky for us some of them were able to ensure our existence today being able to be raised and live in the United States. We all feel deeply sad about what has happened in the world these past few years, especially for the Ukrainian people. The Ukrainians today are the Armenians of 1915. The big difference today, the Armenians in 1915 did not have anyone to help them. Our displaced grandmothers and grandfathers persevered and survived entirely on their own.



The Mother Armenia bronze on our cover is one of our most important monuments that we have. It symbolizes what the Armenian people worldwide had to endure in those dark days of 1915. When you look closely at the bronze, it has such a spiritual and meaningful impact for each and every one of us.

The bronze “Mother Armenia” was donated by Brother Jim & Connie Melikian to the Los Angeles Ararat Retirement & Convalescent old age home. It was sculpted and fabricated by Harout Haleblian. It can be found at the front door of the Ararat’s Luther Eskejian Museum.

As my grandmother Jebejian would say to us as we were growing up. “America is the best country in the world, you be the best American you can be, but never forget your Armenian heritage & our past history”. Brothers because of our forefathers we are all lucky to be raising our families and enjoying the freedoms we have living in the United States.

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”

Brothers, the world as we once knew it was turned upside down starting with 9/11, 21 years back and now especially the past 2 years with all its problems has taken its toll on all of us one way or another. As I traveled up and down the state this past year, and meeting as many of my fellow brothers as possible in each chapter, I got the feeling that somehow you and your fellow Triple X brothers have come through it relatively unscathed, with only minor bumps and bruises along the way.

Our fraternity is about to celebrate its 104 years of existence. I cannot express how important it is from chapter to chapter to ask our brothers to work even harder to keep our fraternity updated, doing charitable work in their communities, and keeping the spirit of brotherhood that our founding fathers based our fraternity on alive. It is especially important that each brother in our fraternity attempts to bring in new members into our beloved Triple X Fraternity.

About 4 years ago Sarah Soghomonian the granddaughter of G M Kay Cloud put together an incredible documentary video, it starts with our founding fathers, and tells the story as to why they started our Triple X fraternity. It names our founding fathers and updates our history from 1918 to 2018. This video shows how and why in detail our fraternity successfulness over the past years. I suggest that each brother old and especially new brothers take the time and look at it.

Brothers: If our fraternity is going to last for another 104 years, our longevity and its success rests solely on the shoulders of each and every one of our brothers statewide starting today.



Respectfully
Brother *Richard J. Jebejian*
Grand Master for 2021 & 2022



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Note: limited # of rooms available with pool side access

Reservations code ; Trex Fraternity

Rate: \$ 95 +taxes/ night

Includes breakfast and Free Parking

**Friday Meet and Greet at the hotel, poolside hospitality
Hosted by Selma Chapter**

**Saturday.....Dinner/Dance at the Garry Pavilion
California Armenian Home
6720 E. Kings Canyon Rd., Fresno, CA 93727
\$60.00 per person
Appetizers at 5pm
Dinner at 6pm**

**Sunday..... Men's Breakfast Meeting at the hotel 8am \$30/person
Women's outing - Shuttle to Old Town Clovis for
Shopping & dining
9:30am & 10:30am..Return 2pm & 2:45pm**

2022 Triple X Convention



GRAND EDITOR

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Fresno

Thanks to our energetic Bro Master Michael Harutunian our club had gained four new members this past year. Earlier Bros. Chris and Haig had become members of our great fraternity, and now Charles Hamamjian and Nick Sahatdjian also joined our chapter. Welcome Brothers! We look forward to your participation in contributing to our fraternal mission.

Coach's Night', was back with sounding success! Over 175 people attended this fundraising event featuring Fresno State Football coach Jeff Tedford as our guest speaker. Coach Tedford interacted with the crowd and answered their questions. The event was co-chaired by PGMs Bob Juskalian and Steve Bedoian. Income from the live auction was donated to Fresno State's Bulldog Foundation as well. Thanks to all Trex brothers who helped prepare and serve during this community outreach event. Thank you Coach Tedford for making the night possible, again! Trex brothers and community members always look forward to hearing directly from you on the latest updates on Fresno State Athletic events!

Chapter Brothers were guests at California Armenian Home (CAH), where four Trex brothers serve as Board members. CAH is an extravagant retirement place offering Nursing, Assistant Living, Independent Living and Memory Care services. Take a tour of the facility during the upcoming Trex convention.

Beyond our regular monthly meetings, brothers spend time together at several Armenian restaurants or invite each other to partake in various events. Visit our Facebook Page, like it, and view more pictures. Well done, Brothers!

Submitted by Bro. Varoujan Der Simonian



Bro. Harry Markus with Coach Jeff Tedford. Bro Harry has been recognized for his contribution to the Bulldog Foundation.



Master Michael Harutunian, PGM Bob Juskalian MS and PGM Steve Bedoian during live auction



The cooks at Coach's Night Gary Daloyan, Billy Sahatdjian, Michael Basmajian, Stan Emerzian, PGM Bob Juskalian, Nick Sahatdjian, PGM Steve Bedoian, Bill Kandarian



PGM Bob Juskalian inducting Charles Hamamjian and Nick Sahatdjian to our Fraternity.



Bro Master Michael Harutunian with 50 - year service Pin recipient PM Richard Bedoian



Coach Tedford answering question asked by Sarah Soghomonian



Delegates at the Mid Term convention Bros. Varoujan, Nishan, Master Michael, PGM Garo, Chris, Bill, PGM Bob, PGM Ed, Richard and PGM Steve



Bro. Harry Markus, flanked with younger bros Haig and Chris, knows the secret of staying young



Bros. Richard, PGM Ed Hokokian, Michael Basmajian, Kenny Melkonian, Bro. Master Michael Harutunian, PGMs Bob Juskalian and Steve Bedoian at AJ's Armenian Restaurant



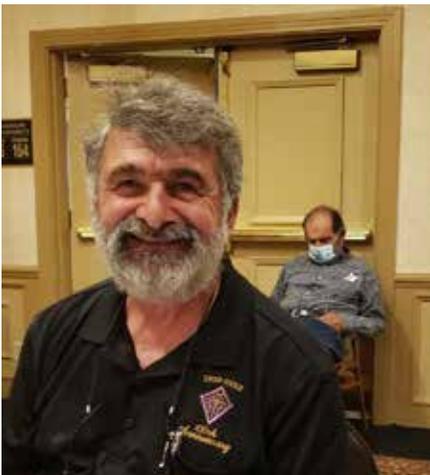
At Alla's Armenian Rest. PGMs Bob Juskalian, Steve Bedoian, Ron Shenoian, Sam Baghdasarian, Ed Hokokian preparing Bro Chris as a future PGM...



Under the watchfull eyes of GM Richard Jebejian, Supervisor Nathan Magsig, candidate for the 5th Congressional District was our guest speaker



Bros. Harry Markus, Raffi Mouradian, Kenny Melkonian, Mitch Bagdasarian, Chairman of the CA Armenian Home, Jim Malkasian, and Varoujan's chair



PGM Steve Bedoian - we just censored the other controversial picture...



Thank you 6 time PM Bro Gary for the new Flag Dedicated to Triple-x founding fathers and Armenian-Americans who served our country!!!

Palm Desert

Dear Triple-X Brothers,

Greetings from the Palm Desert Chapter.

Hard to believe another year has gone by. I am happy to report that under the leadership of our Master, Greg Kirkjan, the Palm Desert Chapter has had a very fun and productive year.

PGM Nick Nigosian and Master Greg Kirkjan were among the Palm Desert Chapter members who attended the Mid-Term meeting in March. Grand Master Richard Jebejian held a successful meeting, and a good time was had by all. Thank you to the Selma Chapter for doing a wonderful job hosting this years Mid-Term.

The Palm Desert Chapters annual “DESERT GOLF OUTING” was held this year on May 7th. Grand Master Richard Jebejian and Brothers from the Los Angeles and Orange County chapters were among those who joined in on a day of fun. The participants enjoyed golf on the Classic Club Golf Course followed by a luncheon. A cocktail party followed golf on Saturday evening where our annual 50/50 reverse drawing was the entertainment for the evening. Co-Chairman Bobby Melkesian and Blaine Carian worked very hard and once again did a fantastic job in coordinating a great tournament and drawing for our big annual fundraising event.

The Palm Desert Chapter was also busy giving back this year. Some of this years charitable donations included donations to the St. Garbed Armenian Church of the Desert, The Coachella Valley Boys and Girls Club, The 4H Club and The Salvation Army. Additionally, a donation very dear to the Palm Desert Chapter was made to The Greg Avedesian Memorial Golf fund.

The Palm Desert Chapter meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and all brothers are welcomed to join us.

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

Fraternally,

Bro. Greg Safoyan, PGM

Palm Desert Chapter Associate Editor



Golf Outing 2022 - PGM Nick, GM Richard, Master Greg and Brothers Sarkis and Larry.



PD Chapter - 2022 Golf Outing Meeting



Brothers Jim, Gordon, Harry and Howard _ June, 2022 Meeting



Brothers Bobby and Howard _ June, 2022 Meeting



2022 Golf Outing - PGM Greg, Bro. Steven, Bro. Jim and Andy



2022 Golf Outing -
Master Greg,
GM Richard



Golf Outing 2022 -
PGM's and GM.



Brothers Bobby, Howard, Blain and George _ June, 2022 Meeting



Palm Desert Chapter _ July, 2022 Meeting.jpeg

San Diego

The San Diego Chapter of the Triple X Fraternity has had a productive first half of the year, including the initiation of several new members, organization of social events, and monthly meetings that were lively and entertaining, as always, under the leadership of Master Armen Derderian.

The San Diego Chapter has been fortunate this year to have welcomed several new members. Over the course of the last six months, we initiated 6 new members – Anthony Gostanian, Hakop Sargsyan, Artun Kutchuk, Gary Tanashian, Ara Garabedian, and Charlie Boghosian. We are very pleased to welcome our new brothers to the San Diego chapter and know that they will become valued members to our fraternity.

On Sunday November 14, 2021, we held our annual Wine and Cheese fundraiser at the Mission Bay Yacht Club to the backdrop of sand, sailboats, and no shortage of sunshine. In addition to wine and cheese, the event showcased both silent and live auctions, with items generously donated by several Brothers and their families. We were very fortunate to have shared this event with Grand Master Richard Jebejian and his wife Barbara, as well as five Past Grand Masters and their wives: PGM Pete Cholakian and his wife Cathy, PGM Nick Nigosian and his wife Carolon, PGM Vaughn Vartanian and his wife Danielle, PGM Harold Bazarian and his wife Kathy,

and our very own PGM Joe G. Kellejian and his wife Mary. We were also joined by a guest of honor, San Diego District Attorney Summer Stephan, who inspired the audience through her words of leadership, all the while paying homage to her Armenian roots. The event was a tremendous success, raising over \$23,000 to fund 7 scholarships for local Armenian college students.

On Sunday December 19, 2021, we held our annual Christmas Party at the Amalfi Cucina Restaurant on Lake San Marcos. The Brothers and their families were able to enjoy one final celebration for the year, capping off a successful yet difficult period of time marked by the disruptions and devastating health consequences of the ongoing pandemic.

On Saturday March 26, the San Diego brothers held a “Tacos & Cervezas” social event at Master Armen Derderian’s lovely home, where they welcomed 8 new prospects with open arms and beer-clutched fists. PGM Joe Kellejian provided a detailed history of the fraternity to the prospects, helping energize and inspire a new wave of brothers into the local San Diego community.

Fraternally,
Bro. Armen Derderian
San Diego Chapter Associate Editor



Xmas party '21 Bro John Mardikian Family



W&C 2021



W&C 2021 GM - PGMs



W&C 2021 PGM's

Sequoia Jr.

Dear Trex Brothers,

This past Spring since the restart of Sequoia Juniors we have all become close friends and better men. Our master is Aram Babagian, fourth generation Trexman & youngest son of PGM Pete Babagian, Tommy Sesock (nephew of PGM Pete Babagian) is Jr Master, Chase Margosian (Son of brother from another mother of PGM Pete Babagian) is our Recording and Corresponding Secretary, and Shane Sesock (also nephew of PGM Pete Babagian) is serving as Treasurer.

Our new members are all outstanding men looking forward to learning more about Armenian heritage and how we can contribute to our Armenian community. We all attended the midterm a few months ago which allowed us to learn how to better run our Junior Chapter. Although we are The Sequoia Juniors, we are based in Fresno and are actively pursuing potential candidates in the Fresno and Visalia area. Brothers if you have any young men that would like to become part of our JR chapter and are at least 16 years of age in the Fresno-Visalia area, please have them reach out to us. We'd love to meet them. We are very excited to have brought the Jr. Chapter back so we can recruit new members and keep our great Fraternity growing. Our first event will be steak and cigars under the stars at The Lakes in Visalia in the middle of August and we are also planning a golf tournament. We look forward to seeing all our brothers at the upcoming convention in Fresno hosted by the Selma Chapter and are honored to be the new generation of the Sequoia Chapter Triple X Fraternity.

With love and respect,

Fraternally,
Master Aram Babagian



Pictured: Aram Babagian, Shane Sesock,
Tommy Sesock
Not pictured (but present)

Los Angeles Jr.

LA Junior Trex has been rolling along in the first half of 2022. We've had several parties with various members and some prospective members attending as well as some poker nights. There were three foursomes of Junior members at the LA Trex Partner's Best ball golf tournament in April. We look forward to having another three foursomes participating in the Armenian Open in August. Soon we will be holding elections for member officers and discuss the Junior activities at next year's convention in LA. The LA Jr's are grateful to our Sr Chapter for their continued support throughout the year.

Luke Surmeian
Master, LA Junior Trex

Los Angeles

The LA Chapter has been meeting in person monthly again thanks in large part to Bro George Titizian securing the Melkonian Center in Granada Hills. Having dinner meetings in person again like old times and great to see our brothers in full force. Our Master, Bro Gary Dergazarian and his Executive Board have events planned monthly for us all to enjoy each other and our families. Meetings are full of a great balance of Chapter business and laughs.

The LA Chapter is hard at work planning for the 2023 Annual Convention in Pasadena, Labor Day Weekend Aug 31 – Sep 4th, 2023. The Pasadena Hilton located in Old Town is a newly remodeled property and is perfect our great fraternity's return to conventions. Back to the Hye Life Again is our theme and we have some great events planned. Look for a Godfather Gaming Night, Saturday Night Gala with a great live band and a Sunday evening off-site patio/rooftop event. Naturally there will be golf and a unique event for the wives at the world-famous Huntington Library in San Marino. Look for free convention opportunities with a raffle and information packets coming out around midterm.

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

The LA Chapter was in full force at the March Midterm Meeting. We were proud to have Grand Master Richard Jebejian preside over the meeting. PGM Richard was originally an LA Jr and has TREX running through his veins. We look forward to the modified convention this September hosted by the Sequoia Chapter.

Bro Matt Matoesian chaired the Annual Partners Best Ball Tournament at Simi Hills where we had 40 golfers, including 8 from the LA Jr Chapter. This year we changed the format to a 2-man scramble. After golf, Bro Matt and his wife Audrey host an amazing BBQ gathering at their house close by. Over 80 people attend the BBQ, many who didn't play golf. Such a fun night. Lots of food, drink and fellowship along with award ceremony for the winning team. This year's winners were LA Jr. Bro Chad Baily and his father Mike. Taking 2nd Place was LA Jr. Bro Stephen Matoesian and his brother, OC Bro Justin Matoesian. Audrey and her crew of Trex wives help make this such a wonderful event and the LA Chapter is very thankful for them opening their home to us.

Bro Richard Taminosian Chaired this years LA Chapter's Family Picnic. What a crowd! Easily over 100 brothers, family and friends enjoyed a Kebab meal cooked by Bro Steve Chelebian and had crew of brothers. The balance of

the meal was lovingly made by the wives of brothers. The usual softball game took place with kids and adults of all ages playing. Great job bothers and we sincerely appreciate all the hard work put in by your wives.

We have lots of events coming up for the balance of the year. June 25th is our Summer 70's Bash at the home of Bro Mark and Sue Boranian. Everyone dresses up in their favorite 70 outfit – Look for bell bottoms, big afros, gold chains, mini-skirts and unbuttoned shirts. Bro Chris Armen is dressing as Lincoln Hayes from the Mod Squad and Bro Boghos will be dressed as Peggy Lipton. Going to be a fun night!

In July, Bro Jr Master Sam Donabedian is chairing the Stag-ette in Solvang. We bring our wives to this event for sight-seeing, golf, wine tasting, hikes, group dinners and great fellowship. We all look forward to this event.

Also in July is a new event called Stand Up & Deliver, chaired by PGM David Maseredjian. It is a stand-up comedy night, except the entertainers are members of our own LA Chapter. There will be stand-up comedy, impressionists, musical performances, prop-comics (Bro Chris Armen), but no animal acts. Except for one comic, all performers are doing so under duress. Awards will be given based on PGM David's personal feelings that night, but an audience vote, and a special sound meter has been procured to make us all feel better about his unilateral decision.

August 15th is the 66th Armenian Open charity golf Tournament at the Calabasas Country Club. PGM Bro John Casparian is chairing the event along with his highly capable committee. The Armenian Wounded Heros Fund is our primary beneficiary for this event, and we hope to help them make a difference in the lives of our fellow Armenians.

In September, the LA Chapter will be joining Grand Master Richard Jebejian at the convention hosted by the Sequoia Chapter. Looking forward to the great events planned for Saturday day and evening as well as the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday.

In October we have our Annual Stag Outing at the Sycuan Resort and Casino near San Diego Chaired by Bro Sam Donabedian. Lots of golf, food, drink and fun. Come join us for the great time.

October 30th is our Installation Banquet at the Porter Valley Country Club Chaired by Bro Varoujan Movsesian and Bro Steven Arakelian and their wives. Always a fun night to honor our outgoing and incoming leadership.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention in September. The LA Chapter will be there in full force and will be ready to tell you all about the 2023 Convention in Pasadena!

Fraternally,
Bro. Michael Surmeian
Los Angeles Chapter Associate Editor



Partners Best Ball Winner LA Junior Bro Chad Bailey, flanked by his father Mike and OC Bro Justin Matoesian and LA Junior Bro Steve Matoesian.



Master Gary D with Bro Mark Gorsharian and Bro Vahe Devian at the Partners Best Ball Golf Tourney chaired by Bro Matt Matoesian



LA Chapter Wellness Hike chaired by Bros Shant Dergazarian and Richard Taminosian. This was a beach walk to the Getty Museum Annenberg Beach House. These are very popular and are a great way for Trex families to get better acquainted.



LA TREX stacking the midterm meeting! L-R Bro Ralph, Hagop, Minas, PGM John, Steve, PGM David, LA Master Gary D, John and Ron. Master Gary is making sure the LA TREX is having a great year and we are!



Bros Steve Chelebian and Richard Taminosian at the LA TREX Family Picnic. Bro Richard chaired the even and Bro Steve was the lead BBQ cook. Great job to Bro Richard, Bro Steve and all those that helped make this a great event for the LA TREX.ers Mihran and Vic



Bros Sam Donabedian, Gabe Kaprelian and Hagop Michaelian at the LA TREX Family Picnic.

Sequoia

Greetings, to all our Trex Brothers' across the Golden State of California, and the Silver State of Nevada.

We were so excited to attend our sixty-eighth Mid-Term meeting this year held at the Piccadilly Inn Airport, in beautiful Fresno. We appreciated Brother Grand Master Richard J. Jebejian and his leadership. We had a good turnout of brothers, some great mezza, and a wonderful tender steak dinner. We were so grateful so many of our Sequoia Chapter Brothers and Junior Brothers were able to attend. They included, thirteen Sequoia Brothers and Sequoia Junior Brothers. Those Attending Brothers were, Bryan Ananian, Mark Avedian, PGM Pete Babagian, Stephen Babagian, Tom Babagian, Sark Davidian Jr., Ian Garoian, Gerard Garoian, Charles Sarabian, PGM Ron Shanoian, Richard Sheklian, PGM Chuck Simonian and Richard Tamouzian. Sequoia Jr. Brothers attending were, Aram Babagian, Chase Margosian, Tommy Sescok and Shane Sesock. These Special Junior Trex Brothers' received their Initiation Ritual into the Trex Fraternity given to them by our Grand Master, Richard J. Jebejian. A special thanks goes out to PGM and Master Pete Babagian for his continued encouragement with his second son Aram and his two nephews Tommy and Shane Sesock joining our Junior Trex. A big thank you to the Selma Chapter for hosting our Mid-Term, and PGM Sam Bagdasarian, Brother Larry Avedisian and all the Brothers in the Selma Chapter for their leadership. We continue to donate to charitable organizations in our community. This year we have set aside a total of five thousand dollars to donate to nonprofits in Tulare County.

Our Sequoia Jr. Chapter hosted our January Diner Meeting. They provided a generous portion of Fried Chicken Dinner, with Wedge Potato's, Potato and Macaroni Salad. They did a great job, we were so blessed and delighted to see our Junior Trex Brothers stepping up and serving all the Senior Trex Brothers. Thank You So Much, "We Love You Guys"

Scholarship Awards

We were blessed this year to have the opportunity to award six scholarships of two thousand dollars each, to these outstanding students in our community who are of Armenian descent. We celebrated their awards with a wonderful tri-tip dinner with their parents at the Kotino's Barn. Our dinner was catered by Brother Dean & Megan Ametjian. Thank you so much for a wonderful dinner.

Our 2022 Scholarship Recipients are...

Jayce S. Ford – Redwood High School
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo – Construction Management
Parents: Brandon and Kara Ford

Rachel N. Majarian – Mt. Whitney High School
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo – Agricultural Communications
Agricultural Law
Parents: Paul and Lisa Majarian

Melissa F. Michaelian – Tulare Western High School
California State University, Fresno – Liberal Studies,
Elementary Education
Parents: Mark and Debbie Michaelian

Ryan C. Shuklian – Tulare Western High School
California State University, Fresno – Business Administration
Parents: Craig and Pat Shuklian
Grant D. Richmond – Exeter Union High School, University
of Irvine or UC Merced – Biomedical Engineering
Parents: Steve and Rosely Richmond

David I. Moos – Dinuba High School
Reedley College Honor Program, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Electrical Engineering
Parents: Eric and Annie Moos

We were all sad to say so long to our dear and beloved Brother, John Hovannisian. John was born on May 31, 1928 in Tulare, California and left us on May 17, 2022, just a few weeks shy of his 94th birthday. His parents were Kasper and Siroon Hovannisian. He was the oldest of four brothers and was a natural leader. John worked side by side with his father at the barber shop, and eventually they both worked together investing in real estate fulltime. On February 3rd 1952 John married Vars Bedrosian, and they remained married for over 70 years. Everyone who met John loved him. When he would arrive at our Trex meetings, he would always greet us with a warm hand shake, his beautiful smile, and is "hi how are you doing?" I can recall the time my wife and I stopped in to have lunch with John and Vars at the Central Coast. What fun we all had together visiting and laughing at their beach house. We were so blessed to have John as a Trexmen for over 70 years. What a great role model for us to aspire to. John is survived by his wonderful wife Vars, his three sons, John Jr. and wife Karen, David and wife Linda, and Gary. John's brothers' Richard, Vernon, and seven grandkids and five great grandkids. What a legacy Brother John has left behind.

July seems to be closing in on us and once again our Sequoia Trex Chapter will be selling Fireworks in our booth. We wish to thank Kenny, and son Andrew Melkonian, our Chairmen, and brothers Gary, Rick Krikorian, PGM Pete, Darwin Hacobian, Dean Ametjian, and all the brothers who helped in the firework's booth.

We were happy to award PGM Ron Shanoian his 50 award for being a great Trex Brother. Congratulations PGM Ron. Looking forward to seeing you all this September in Fresno for our annual meeting. Let us all remember to give thanks each day and pray for our brother who are still facing Covid and have some surgeries coming up. We are all getting better with age, so keep eating Madzoon.

Associate Editor,
PM Tom Babagian



2022 Fireworks Booth



Scholarship Award Winners



Chairmen Ken Melkonian



PGM & Master Pete awarding PGM Ron his 50-Year Award



Sequoia's PGM and Master Pete Babagian working in the Firework's booth



Brothers Mark Avedian and Gerard Garonian

Orange County

Brothers,

Orange County Trex has been in full swing and it has been due to the leadership of our Master Brent Melkesian and the Board of Directors. During the tumultuous election season, Brother Brent promised that Orange County would have more events and new Brothers added to mix and he has not disappointed. We were prepared to welcome fourteen new Brothers into the group but as eleven dropped out when they found out there were Armenians in the group leaving only three interviews: Brian Boghosian, Alec Kazarian, and Alec Maserejian. Brian Boghosian joined in March and joins his brother Glen, who are both following in the footsteps of their father and long time Trexmen, Malcolm. Alec Kazarian joined in May and is a third generation Trexman joining his grandfather Brother Art, his father Brother Kris, and a multitude of uncles and longtime family friends. Finally, since the group believed the only way to improve on one Alec was to find another, Alec Maserejian joined in June and despite identical sounding names, has no relations to the Maseredjians of Los Angeles.

In addition to these three new Brothers, we have many events taking place in a very short time. In April, Brother Ara Malazian headed the Potluck with the help of Brothers John and Ari Gulugian. This was a well-attended event and was enjoyed by all despite Brother Billy Eordekian's insistence on having a kufta fight. Our next event in June was Cigar Night which was hosted by Brothers Mark and Steven Hachigian at their home. There were over 30 Brothers in attendance and many had to be escorted out of the Hachigian home because they refused to follow the very strict Newport Beach curfew of 6:30pm; luckily, no arrests were made.

After a long two year hiatus for unknown reasons, the 45th Annual Trex Picnic will take place at Mason Regional Park in Irvine on Sunday, July 24. Brother John Cholakian and his crew of merry men are back and ready to WOW and AMAZE with kebab skills that are truly second to none. We truly look forward to seeing many of you there to enjoy the great weather, great food, and Armenian Music.

Speaking of Armenian Music, Brother Ralph Dergazarian, Past Grand Master Chuck Simonian, and many other Brothers have been working extremely hard for the last few months to bring forth our marquee event of the year: Kef Time So Cal on Saturday, September 17 at Bagramian Hall in Montebello. This event will feature unlimited mezza, a no-host bar, cigar lounge, and the music of the Hagopian Kef Time Legacy Band. It is an understatement that tickets are selling fast and if you want to attend this event, please go to orange-county-trex-fraternity.ticketleap.com to purchase your tickets before they undoubtedly sell out.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the first post-Covid convention hosted by the Selma Chapter over Labor Day weekend in Fresno. It is guaranteed to be a HOT time.

Fraternally yours,
Simon Hovakimian



An excuse to get PGMs Archie Cholakian and Haig Jamgotchian into this issue of Trex News



Brother John Gulugian, Brother Ara Malazian, and Tracy Gulugian hoping no one realizes that the food has been sitting around since the cancelled Potluck of 2020



Orange County Brothers and Families joined by Grand Master Richard Jebejian at the Potluck



PGM Harold Bazarian swearing in Brother Brian Boghosian as Master Brent Melkesian ponders what job Brother Brian will be better at cooking or serving at the 45th Annual Picnic in July



PGM Harold Bazarian, newly installed Alec Maserejian and Brother Ari Gulugian



(from right to left) Brothers Don Kazarian, Art Kazarian, Fred Cartozian, and an unknown Brothers' finger



Three Generations of Kazarians Brothers Art, Kris and Alec



PGM Jack and Brother Robert discussing the difference between Australian and American lamb



Many Orange County Brothers enjoying Cigar Night

Oakland

Parev, Brothers!

Summer 2022 officially began for the Oakland Chapter with our annual camping expedition to Loon Lake in the “Hye” Sierra, nestled in the mountains at a breathtaking 6,400 feet. A baker’s dozen of brothers and family a smaller gathering than usual enjoyed a three-day trip in early June with our legendary shish kebab dinner, plus snacks, cigars and storytelling around a roaring campfire every night; the water level was at its summer peak, although still cold from the winter snows, and only a few brave souls dipped more than a toe into the frigid water!

Absent from this year’s outing was our beloved “Ranger Rick,” official shishmeister and a founder and driving spirit of these annual summertime trips. Bro. Rick Magarian passed away late last year at the young age of 64, and his absence added a note of sadness to an otherwise delightful mountain getaway far from the hustle and bustle of the Bay Area. Rick joined Trex as a teenager, and was honored as “Junior Trexman of the Year,” along with adding his trumpet playing to the chapter’s own Brotherly Love and the Really Hye Horns (which performed at the 2017 Convention, hosted by the Oakland Chapter) and his heartfelt, enthusiastic participation in all things Trex. His full obituary can be read elsewhere in this issue of the Trex News.

Our chapter grew in size with two new second-generation members: Bro. Armen Phelps II, initiated by PGM Gregg Chorbajian as his proud papa stood watching, and Bro. Glenn Yeremian, whose father Albert remains the only living charter member of our Chapter (founded 70 years ago, and still going strong). We’re delighted to have both men as a part of our Fraternity.

Continuing our journey back in time, April went up in smoke at our annual “Cigar Night,” hosted this year by Bro. Hratch Avakian, with a gathering of around 20 brothers and friends for an evening of stogies and snacks, beverages and Brotherhood.

Several brothers joined the extended family of Oakland’s own St. Vartan Armenian Church for a celebration of our Armenian Heritage at an Oakland A’s baseball game (because, you know, “You can’t spell ‘Armenian’ without the A’s!”). Joining the pre-game tailgating fun was A’s pitcher James Kaprielian, the only Armenian in the entire world of Major League Baseball. While the A’s aren’t exactly at the top of the standings this year, the game action was highlighted when Bro. Craig Bazigian was beaned in the bean with a foul ball while returning from a food and beverage run. Too bad the moment wasn’t captured on the stadium’s JumboTron!

Our two annual fundraisers – January’s annual Crab Feed and our second Golf Tournament – were postponed

this year due to concerns over COVID (and, in the case of the crustacean fest, the high cost of this year’s harvest of those sweet, delectable Dungeness crabs). We’re aiming to reschedule the golf tourney for later this year, and hold high hopes for the return of our popular Crab Feed (or something equally enjoyable) in early 2023. Stay tuned for more news!

Fraternally, Wayne Saroyan
Associate Editor, Oakland Chapter



Brother Armen Phelps 2 is sworn in as a member of the Oakland Chapter Trex by PGM Gregg Chorbajian, right, as proud papa Armen Phelps looks on



Our traditional shish kebab dinner at Loon Lake



Our late Bro. Rick Magarian, pictured here tending the fire at Loon Lake in 2021. He was sorely missed at this year’s annual Hye Sierra outing



This is how the Oakland Chapter spells 'shish kebab' Loon Lake style



Oh what a night! The Oakland Chapter's 2022 Cigar Night, that is



The Oakland Chapter's 2022 Cigar Night



A balmy April evening... just right for this year' Oakland Trex Cigar Night



Oakland A's pitcher James Kaprielian and Bro. PM Don Manoogian at the Bay Area Armenian Community Day celebration



Oakland A's pitcher James Kaprielian at the Bay Area Armenian Community Day celebration

Golden Gate

GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER EDITOR'S REPORT

JANUARY– JUNE 2021

Hello from the Golden Gate Chapter!

The Golden Gate Chapter had a rocky road from January thru late May awaiting the outcome of the contracts associated with the canceled annual convention. As you all heard by now, we were able to come out of it intact financially.

During the lengthy negotiation process with the Hilton Parc Hotel process, Bro Master Mark sent us a message “not to worry, I have it under control”



What...me worry?

Again, we want to thank the Selma Chapter for picking us up and putting together the Annual Convention for this Labor Day.

In addition, due to the recurrent impacts of the pandemic earlier in the year that caused the resumption of ZOOM meetings until recently, our attendance count diminished significantly. I want to thank the brother-stalwarts of the Golden Gate Chapter who did hang-in there and continued to attend: PGM Sark Sarkisian, Bro Ralph Kazanjian, Bro Hagop Koujakian, PM Henry Shishmanian, Bro Robert Balian, PGM Chuck Paskerian, PM Richard Surabian, Bro Vasken Farajian, Bro Greg Ovanessian, PM Peter Kaprielian, Bro Vartan Hovsepian, And Bro Sunshine Director Haig Mekhdjian.

Going forward, we will be hard pressed to fill in the leadership positions next year. Our Jr. Master Peter Kaprielian will be migrating to the Oakland Chapter, the venerable PGM Garo

Mirigian has migrated to SoCal and has joined the LA Chapter...we will be and are missing them both.

Community

What we are doing currently, is re-committing to one of our main goals which is continuing our charitable contributions program. Under PGM Sark, our perennial charitable contributions chair, we are in the process of selecting the most important charitable organizations. We're focusing on the organizations that will have immediate impact to health and safety of Armenians here and abroad, and to local charities in our own communities.



**Golden Gate Chapter Meeting May 2022
@ the Basque Cultural Center**

Plans for Next Year

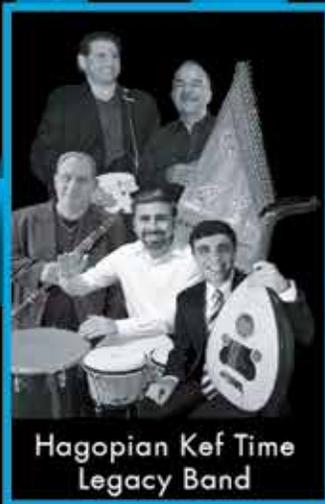
The number one objective is to draw more members into the chapter, especially the younger crowd. We're focusing on more activities both indoor and outdoor such as bowling nights, hikes, meeting at various restaurants etc.

That's it brothers! Here's wishing you the best going forward and a successful annual convention.

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Las Vegas

Dear Brothers,

Hello again from fabulous Las Vegas. I can tell all of you from personal experience that the Vegas Hye Life is back in full force ! All the great entertainers, exciting casinos, delicious restaurants, and tantalizing pool parties are ready to welcome you back as though you never left. Forget your troubles, come on, get happy ! ...and by the way, we extend an especially warm welcome to any of our beloved Trex Brothers who may wish come and visit us ... and their money.

We recently welcomed our newest Trexman, Bro. Richard Charshafian. He is related to one of our esteemed brothers from the renown Oakland Chapter ... but we won't hold that against him. Quite to the contrary, he is a highly accomplished former President of the Rotary Club that we believe will be able to leverage his vast experience to benefit the greater good of our brotherhood. I guess that helps explain why he proposed the novel idea that we conduct all future meetings in the round !

We take this opportunity to applaud the outstanding leadership provided by our outgoing Grand Master Chuck Simonian. His "out-of-the-box" approach and his unbridled enthusiasm for carrying on our fine Trex traditions as well as his fresh thinking for creative charitable endeavors will serve as great examples for the years to come.

... and this is an XLNT opportunity for me to slip in a quick shout-out to the unstoppable PGM Archie Cholakian from our sister chapter in Orange County. His active participation in Trex events continues to inspire us (ahem) younger members who aspire to follow the fine example he has set.

Here's a big tip of the Stetson to our amazing brothers in the Selma Chapter who have fearlessly stepped up to the plate once again to host our upcoming Annual Convention. It's especially noteworthy since they already put on a fabulous midterm meeting. And suffice it to say that they are in good company with the magnificent Sequoia brothers who made us all proud to be Trexmen when they expertly hosted the Labor Day '21 Convention.

We also congratulate our very energetic and forward thinking Grand Master Richard Jebejian and his JGM, Gabe Kaprelian with his unique mix of new age cool and old school wisdom. Along with the super sharp GS Ara Ishkhanian, the thoughtful and insightful GT John Saroyan and the rest of the revered Grand Chapter officers, we are confident that the Trex Fraternity will live long and prosper.

That reminds me to share that Vegas had the opportunity to welcome Grand Master Richard when he visited Las Vegas and had a chance to spend some quality time with our brotherhood at the Shish Kabob House. This is also a

good chance for us to acknowledge the skillful talents of our Master Arthur Kasarjian who is both a master morale booster for our group and a clever tactician who carefully navigated the challenging covid landscape that we all have dealt with.

And here's a special shout-out to Bro VJ Taslakian for his many leadership insights, and to Bro. Armen Anooshian for his endless stream of nonsensical internet anomalies. Between the two of them, there's never a dull moment.

Over the past year, the Las Vegas Brothers did their best to support local charitable causes and various events put on by our fellow chapters. Among these various endeavors were two very successful pizza and ice cream parties for the children at two Armenian churches here in Vegas.

Planning ahead, suffice it to say that we look forward to the upcoming Convention and as usual ... we will bring our own "loaded dice" and our "pre-shuffled" deck of cards!

Like our super bowl bound Raiders, our motto remains steadfast ... **JUST WIN BABY !!!** ... see you there ! In closing, may I wish each of you a continued year of good health, good luck and prosperity. We meet every month, typically the 2nd Wednesday at the Shish Kabob House and if you let us know in advance, we will do our best to schedule our meeting to coincide with your visit.

Fraternally,

Bro. Mark Derderian, Assoc. Editor



Grand Master Richard Jebejian enjoys the Vegas hospitality with Master Arthur Kasarjian and PGM Charles Parigian



Bro. Richard Charshafian laughs off a heavy fine for wearing a designer sport coat



Bros. Bobby Bezdikian, Dr. Ara Gueyikian, Armen Anooshian, Ruben Grigorian, Master Arthur Kasarjian (back row), & Joseph Nakkashian & Charles Parigia



Bros. Mesrop Khachikyan and Rick Charshafian



Bros. Rick Charshafian, Mark Derderian, and Master Arthur Kasarjian celebrating life at Primose



Pizza party madness at the St. Geragos Church



Siblings Charles and George Parigian, amazing Brothers in more ways than one



Vegas Bros believe that Kebob cures Covid



Vegas Trex throws a pizza & ice cream party for the kids

Selma

Hello my Brothers.

By now everyone knows the Annual Convention has moved from the Golden Gate Chapter. The Selma Chapter is now working on hosting what we hope will be a fun weekend for all. With the virus behind us (we hope), maybe we can start getting back to the events that we all look forward to that will include our families. Zoom is a great technology, but it just can't replace personal contact.

As you read this it's our hope you feel confident to make the trip to Fresno for the Convention this coming Labor Day weekend.

Our chapter is breaking out of isolation and had a family picnic for our members and their families at Kearney Park near the end of April. We're trying to work our way back to normal, whatever that was. The day was perfect and those that attended left full. Thanks to Deputy Sheriffs Bros. Dan Boyajian and Mike Sahakian, who provided security for the event.

During the past couple of years, we've brought in several new brothers: Bros. Ken Abrahamian, Gabriel Soto, Matt Mugrdichian, Gary Agajanian, Mike Mirigian, and Armen Arakelyan. Looking forward to these new brothers keeping our chapter healthy.

The end of May we celebrated our 2nd annual Cigar and Brandy Night. Brother Master Tom Potigian headed up this event again. We were honored to have Grand Master Richard Jebejian enjoy the evening and meal with us. Bro. Joey Sahakian opened his hanger doors for the evening. Bros. Joey, PGM Sam Bagdasarian, and Ed Nikssarian put the delicious BBQ steak meal together. We may need to move it from the hangar to the main runway at the airport. Many thanks to the brothers and friends who brought their cars out for display.

We celebrated July 4th with our first time selling fireworks to help raise additional funds. New brother Ken Abrahamian and past master Bro. Bob Kandarian chaired the enterprise and did an outstanding job. We also need to thank all of the Brothers (and a few other helpful friends!) who worked at the stand and made it the big success that it was. We will be able to add to our charitable donations with the proceeds.

We want to thank the fraternity for allowing us to put together this year's Convention. With your support we will make this a great time for all, to reconnect and return to the things we have missed the last couple of years.

Fraternally,
PGM Peter Cholakian
Associate Editor



The Selma Chapter is ready for the tasty Mid-Term meal to commence!



We Selma Brothers are a friendly bunch especially when you feed us well!



New Selma Brother Gary Agajanian being sworn in by Brother PGM Pete Cholakian at our February meeting



Our March board meeting at the Steak & Anchor featured 4 PGMs (Bros. Frank, Sam, Jack, & Pete) joined by a rather motley crew!



Brother PGM Jack Ouzounian congratulates new Brother Mike Merigian after initiating him at our April meeting



Selma Brothers are having a great time at our May meeting at Bro. Joey's hangar



Brothers Joey, Bryan, Eddie, and PGM Sammy BBQing some delicious steaks at our 2nd annual Cigar & Brandy night in May



Brother PGM Pete Cholakian chaired our Spring Outing family picnic at Kearney Park, and everyone had a great time!



Brother Master Tom Potigian presents Brother PGM Frank Korkmazian with his 50-year plaque - congratulations Frank!



Our chapter sold fireworks for the first time this year, and it was quite a success - many thanks to all who helped out!

Peninsula

Greetings to our treasured Brothers, families, and friends!

Our 2021–2022 Peninsula Chapter officers are as follows:

Master – Vartan Berberian

Jr. Master – Ruben Kazarian

Treasurer – Vic Khachooni

Corresponding Secretary – Mark Antranikian

Recording Secretary – Kip Garabedian

Associate Editor – Mark Antranikian

Sergeant at Arms – Aram Darmanian

Historian – Kip Garabedian

Custodian – Vic Khachooni

Webmaster – Mark Antranikian.

Despite canceling in February and April, we have been doing relatively well with having good turnouts for our famous dinner meetings. We meet on the third Thursday of each month, normally at the Los Altos Masonic Building, located at 146 Main Street in Los Altos, California (enter from the back of the building on the parking lot side). Our fantastic chefs are always happy to see and serve guests, so if you're ever in the area, be sure to stop in and say hello!

I'm happy to announce that our chapter has recently added two new members! The first is actually a transfer from the Oakland Chapter, Brother George Kamian. A frequent guest during the past few years, we're very happy to now be able to call him an official Peninsula Brother! The second new addition is actually someone who had been a Fresno Trex member back in the 1950s while he was still in high school. He ceased being a member when he moved to the East Coast to further his education. Fast forward about 60 years or so, he and our Brother Vic Khachooni are both at a wine tasting event in Los Altos Hills. A discussion between them ensues, and ultimately he decides that he wants to join Triple X again. We're thrilled that Brother Harry Emerzian has decided to sign up for another tour of duty, so to speak, and reports are that he is delighted to be a part of our Peninsula Chapter also!

Unfortunately, there is some sad news to report as well. We learned that Brother Larry Karabian, a member since 1973, passed away late last year. He was a beloved Brother and we always looked forward to seeing him at conventions and meetings whenever he could attend. He certainly will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace, Brother Larry.

Our chapter hasn't had any special events recently, but there is talk about planning a couple of fun social gatherings for later this year. We'll see what happens!

We look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Annual Convention in Fresno, which is being hosted with only a few months' notice by the Selma Chapter (taking over

from Golden Gate). Take care and best wishes to all – hope to see you there!

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



New Brother Harry Emerzian receives his pin from Master Vartan



Bros. Vazgen & Vic are grilling up some delicious kebab!



Brother George Kamian makes his transfer to the Peninsula Chapter official, and receives his long-awaited 25-year pin from Master Vartan



Photo op at the March meeting
Bros. Tom, George, Vazgen, Garo, Mark & Mihran in back
and Bros. Daryl, Vic, Kip, Aram & Vartan in front



Oakland guest Bro. Craig joins Peninsula Bros. Daryl & Mihran at the St. Patrick's Day buffet



Bros. Garo, Vazgen, George & Mark enjoying the feast

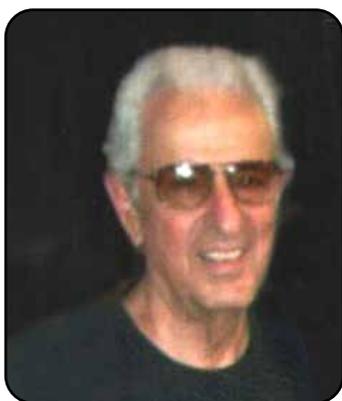


Time to eat!



Brothers enjoying a few laughs after dinner

IN MEMORIAM



Brother Leo Depoian

Orange County

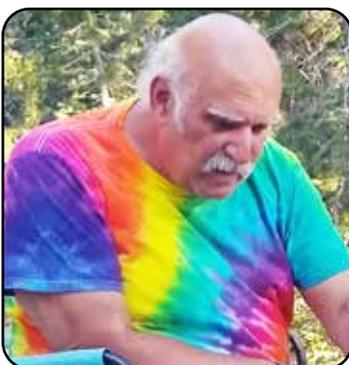
Nov. 25, 1934 - Sept. 30, 2021

How do you summarize a life and a friendship?

Leo was a unique individual. He was always on time or early and unfortunately this time he was taken from us too early. He was a very clear thinker and never afraid to voice his opinion, even if it offended you. Some of us called him the Dean Martin of the OC Chapter. A true mans' man. He was a graduate of USC, a good businessman, good looks, and everything he did was with class, even the way he dressed. He was the whole package and did what he wanted to do. Even owning a Harley Davidson after he retired. He was a diehard USC football fan, and a fan of all sports, along with being very good at the game of golf.

His exterior demeanor was tough and gruff, but if you could get past that, and often times it took some work, then he was your friend forever.

He always had a joke to share and told it with great timing to get the laugh and always laughed with you at his joke. Most importantly he was a great friend and loved his family and Trex brothers.



Brother Rick Magarian

Oakland

Jan 30, 1957 - Nov. 22, 2021

Richard "Rick" Gray Magarian passed peacefully in his sleep at age 64 from complications of recently diagnosed acute leukemia in Oakland, CA. Rick lived life to the fullest on his own terms, fighting various forms of cancer and health issues since

1982, never letting it define him or even letting many know what he was going through. He had passion for life and was deeply connected with everyone he touched: his family and extended family, his music and his bands, the Armenian community, and his beloved home and neighborhood in Alameda, where the family has lived for 33 years and became the center of our world. Rick was a devoted father to his sons, most beloved husband to his wife, Peggy, a beloved member of the Triple X, and an extraordinary friend and family man who will be deeply missed. Rick was born to Harold Myron (of Fresno, CA) and Isabelle Louise (nee Gray) Magarian (of Detroit MI) in Oakland, CA.

Rick attended California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo where he majored in Environmental Engineering, made many lifelong friends, and met his wife, Peggy. Rick began his professional career in mechanical contracting at large construction companies starting with University Mechanical in 1980, followed by Air Systems, ACCO and finally at Turner Construction, where he worked for more than 16 years.

Music was a lifelong passion, both as a band member, playing both trumpet and keyboards as well as scoring and arranging music for his bands, and as an avid music fan.

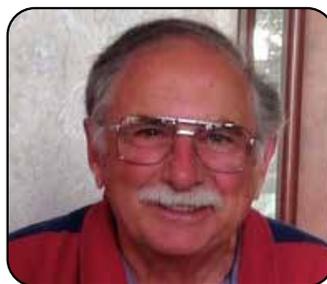
He was passionate about his Armenian heritage and was actively engaged in the Triple X Armenian Men's Fraternity since his late teenage years, starting the annual crab feed, now a major fund raiser, and annual camping trip, with the famous shish kebob barbeque.

Brother Larry Karabian

Peninsula

Bro. Larry Karabian was a long-time Peninsula was quite active in the chapter while living in the Bay later owned Portola Valley Pharmacy until retiring to soon was practicing his craft at a Longs Drugs near his the distance, he kept his Peninsula membership and

He is survived by his wife Dian and sons Cub and



Feb. 20, 1940 - Nov. 23, 2021

Member, joining Trex in 1973. A Past Master, he Area. Born in Fresno, he became a pharmacist and Shaver Lake in 2001. Retirement didn't last, as he new home, and then continued at a CVS. Despite attended many Mid-Terms and Conventions.

Skip. He was loved by all and will be dearly missed.



Brother Naz Horasanian

Orange County

June 21, 1927 - Mar. 6, 2022

Naz was born on June 21st, 1927 in Chicago, Illinois. His parents were Charles and Anna Horasanian. Naz grew up in Chicago and lived across the street from Wrigley Field. He parked cars for the Cubs and Bears home games. The Cubs and Bears were his favorite sports team.

In 1945 Naz enlisted in the Army. He was sent to Osaka, Japan where he served as a Military Policeman guarding the

Emperor's Palace. He received a Victory Medal.

After returning home to Chicago, Naz moved to Pasadena, California with his parents and brother. While attending an Armenian Dance, he met Louise Cartozian and they were married on February 20th, 1960. They moved to San Gabriel, California and had two daughters, Rosanne and Kathy. Naz worked for Vons Markets as a Meat Cutter.

Summer vacations were spent in San Clemente, California. After retiring from Vons, Naz and Louise moved to San Clemente into an ocean view Townhome. Naz would walk the San Clemente Pier in the early morning and fish out of Dana Point Harbor. Naz was on a bowling team and a member of the Armenian Trex Fraternity.

Naz passed away at 94 years old leaving behind his wife Louise, two daughters Roseanne and Kathy, two son-in-law's Steven and Terry and two grandchildren Tyler and Kaitlyn.

Brother Naz joined the Orange Count Chapter in 1993. For many years Brother Naz cut shish kebob for all the Orange County picnics. He loved the fraternity events and meetings.

IN MEMORIAM

Brother John Hovannisian Sequoia

May 31, 1928 – Mar. 17, 2022



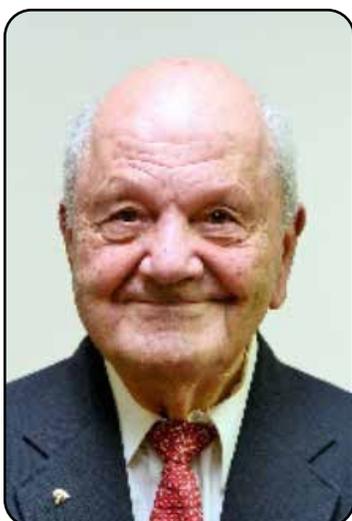
John was born in Tulare, CA to Kasper and Siroon Hovannisian. He passed away peacefully a few weeks before his 94th birthday. As the oldest of four brothers, John was a natural leader. He worked alongside his father at his barber shop and eventually they worked side by side investing in real estate and ultimately transitioned into real estate investing full time, closing the barber shop. On February 3rd, 1952, John married the love of his life, Vars Bedrosian and they remained married for 70 years until his passing. They made their home on the family's land in Tulare where they raised three sons. Everyone that met John felt his heartfelt warmth as he embraced everyone he met with a hug. His work ethic was not as obvious, but John worked until the moment he passed away, leaving opened mail on his desk and circling property in a brochure that he found interesting.

Brother John joined Sequoia Chapter in 1964. He held various office as a brother of Sequoia Chapter. He was Sequoia Chapter Master in 1977.

He is survived by his wife, Vars Hovannisian, son John Hovannisian Jr. and his wife Karen, son David Hovannisian and his wife Linda, son Gary Hovannisian, sister-in-law Diane Bedrosian, brother Richard Hovannisian, brother Vernon Hovannisian and his wife Carol, seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and scores of nieces and nephews.

Brother George Parigian Los Angeles

Feb. 6, 1923 - May 22, 2022



Bro George was born in Boston, MA. From the age of two the family moved to Detroit, Los Angeles, back to Detroit and then Dearborn. George grew up during the depression with his parents, sister and 2 brothers, including PGM Chuck Parigian. Life was tough moving around while his father looked for work. Bro George graduated high school he was hired by Henry Ford Trade School where

he made tools and was studying to be a draftsman. In a short time, he was making \$1.75 per hour and purchased a 1930 Model A. In 1943 Bro George was drafted into the Army Air Corp as a radio operator and technician. After being transferred all around States, he ended up getting stationed in California (outside Riverside). His parents and brother PGM Chuck had since moved to Los Angeles. In 1945 Bro George boarded a ship which ultimately sent him to Australia, then India. After about a year in India, Bro George's overseas detail was complete and headed Stateside where he was discharged and headed back to Los Angeles. George worked with his father in the family business until getting a job as a tool designer. He attended St. James Armenian Church in Los Angeles and attended many ACYO parties and helped form the Armenian Athletic Association. George met Mary, the love of his life in 1947 and the two were married in 1948. George and Mary had children Gary, Linda and Gregory.

Bro George joined the Los Angeles Chapter in 1962 with his sponsor none other than his long-time friend PGM Aram Poladian. Bro George was an active member of the LA Chapter, serving as Master in 1980. He and Mary moved to Las Vegas several years ago. There in Las Vegas, he was an active member of that chapter. Bro George was 99 yrs old and will always be remembered for his wit and good nature. He loved his TREX Brothers and will not be soon forgotten.



Brother Rick Daloyan Fresno

Sep 22, 1942 – May 23, 2022

Richard Harry Daloyan, 79, was born in Fresno to Harry and Virginia Daloian. He died of multiple cancers in his home. Rick grew up alongside his younger brother Gary and sister Sandra Daloyan Fulton, who also died of cancer in 2011.

Growing up, Rick worked at the Daloian family farm, known from World War II on as Fresno Dry Yard located on the south side of Shaw Avenue, between Fresno and First Streets, now

known as Fashion Fair Shopping Center.

Great Grandfather Hagop Daloian escaped the first Armenian Genocide, migrated to America in 1894, and bought properties on Fresno St. off Shaw and Barstow. Rick grew up working on the Shaw ranch and fruit drying yard, driving tractors, bobtail trucks and the first forklift purchased in California in 1958. His first hero was his father, Harry, who he often shared stories and memories about with his children and family.

Rick graduated from Fresno High in 1960 and Fresno State in 1969, where he received a bachelor's degree in Criminology. He initially wanted to become an FBI agent, but pursued other interests. He was the co-owner of Daloyan Distributing and Hanford Walnut Company alongside his brother Gary from 1997 until he retired in 2011, following a freak fire, which destroyed the walnut business warehouses.

He is survived by his longtime partner of 25 years, Barbara Lanini, his son Rick Daloyan and wife Lindsey; daughter Kristy Wheel and husband Nate and brother Gary Daloyan. Also surviving are grandchildren Brody and Trevor Daloyan, Jeremy Scott, Hannah and Aubrey Wheel; nieces Debbie Zuber and Tracy Brandon, along with great nephews Tyler and Matt Zuber and Beau Brandon.

He was also proud to be a 62-year member of the Fresno Triple X Fraternity.

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