

January 31, 2023



# **SIG-NIFICANT NEWS**

*Monthly Newsletter - January 2023*  
*Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter of Fresno*

## **FEATURED**

### **2023 TOP DOG – JOHN “TONY” FLORES**

*[Click here for information on 2023 Top Dog Awards](#)*

### **RICHARD E LEACH, ALL HONOR TO HIS NAME**

*SEE ARTICLE BELOW*

### **BUSINESS DIRECTORY AVAILABLE NOW**

*SEE ARTICLE BELOW*

### **WINE TASTING - TICKETS AVAILABLE**

*SEE ARTICLE BELOW*

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*<https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/events>*

### **ALUMNI DUES/DONATIONS**

*July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023*

*[www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership](http://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership)*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*Contributed by Brad Fischer (78-S)*

My Brothers,

I hope the New Year is off to a successful start for you, family and friends.

We have great news in the New Year from the Fresno State Alumni Association that **John “Tony” Flores will be part of the 2023 Top Dog class!** Brother Flores is the recipient from the Graduate Studies Program. He will be the 15th Sigma Chi to receive a Top Dog award and five of those brothers were also the Distinguished Alumni Award recipients.

For those local, join us at our next Alumni Chapter dinner meeting on Thursday February 16, 2023. Save the date for our March 16 meeting when Coach Jeff Tedford joins us. I’m sure we’ll hear about the LA Bowl victory and what lies ahead for 2023.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

**Brad**

**Brad S. Fischer (78-S)  
Cal State - Fresno 1981  
Significant Sig  
President**

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*“Character without action has little meaning in this world. But leadership—acting in accordance with your character—can change the world.”* **Bill George, Georgia Tech 1964, Order of Constantine and Significant Sig, former chairman and CEO Medtronic**

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***For more information on the 2023 Top Dog***

# **RICHARD E. LEACH**

## **ALL HONOR TO HIS NAME**

*Contributed by Jack Tacchino (66-S)*



On December 7, 2022, Brother **Rick Leach**, (64-S) entered Chapter Eternal at the age of 77. He was an educator at Clayton Valley High School.

A private Celebration of Life was held on Saturday January 28, 2023. Memories can be sent to [RickLeach129@gmail.com](mailto:RickLeach129@gmail.com) or post at the Diablo Valley Cremation link below.

<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/26652056/richard-e-leach>



## ***7th ANNUAL WINE TASTING*** ***APRIL 22, 2023***

*Contributed by Mike Patton, 63-S  
Order of Constantine & Significant Sig*

Again, this year the wine tasting event will be held at Susan and **John Ballinger's** (65-S) beautiful backyard near Fort Washington Country Club. We have moved the date up a few weeks to take advantage of cooler weather, and we will be able to increase the number of attendees to 125 by utilizing a portion of the yard left vacant last year.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

The wine committee is composed of brothers **Greg Baxter** (67-S), **Rob Bell** (95-F), **Larry Calvino** (69-S), **Steve Coleman** (78-F), **Sergio Ilic** (87-F), **TA**

**Heckel (82-F), Tom Licouris (70-F), Titus Moore (09-F), Jim Norquist (69-F), Mike Patton (63-S) and Mark Springer (09-F).**

Our website is ready to take your reservation and credit card payment of \$50/person, just click the link below:

[Click Here for Website](#)

then click “BOOK NOW” at the bottom of the page.

You can also mail a check to Fresno Sigma Chi Endowment, P.O. Box 7803, Fresno CA 93727-7803. If mailing a check, please note your guest’s name on the check so we can prepare a name tag.

Your payment for the event may be tax deductible since our endowment is a 501c3.

## ***FRESNO SIGMA CHI BUSINESS DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE***

*Contributed by Mike Patton, 63-S  
Order of Constantine & Significant Sig*

We have completed the 1st phase of the Fresno Sigma Chi Business Directory, and it has been distributed to the 230 brothers who have participated so far. If you would like a PDF copy please email me at [mike@rmpatton.com](mailto:mike@rmpatton.com).

The purposes of the directory are:

- To get to know our brothers by knowing what they majored in during their university years and what they are doing now.

- To allow us to patronize our brothers.
- To provide a means to mentor undergraduate brothers who have similar interests or majors.

If you would like to participate, please provide the following information:

- Your degree(s) or majors
- The company where you work or the last place you worked before retirement
- Your title or position
- Your work phone (or cell phone if more convenient)

If you are retired, please note this. I'll use me as an example: BS-Mechanical Engineering, MBA, Patton Air Conditioning, President/Owner-Retired, None

So far 230 brothers responded to the request for information. I was blown away by the number of brothers who had post-graduate degrees (94), who were owners (80), who were presidents or vice presidents (68) and who were licensed professionals (83). It would be easy to conclude that Fresno State Sigma Chi had initiated an impressive list of brothers over the last 70 years.



# Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter of Fresno

## Alumni Business Directory

January 1, 2023

Email: [fresnosigs1952@gmail.com](mailto:fresnosigs1952@gmail.com)

Website: <https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org>

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7803, Fresno, CA 93727-7803

This directory is provided as a tool to stay connected as alumni of The Sigma Chi Fraternity. Our goal is to sustain the spirit of brotherhood and enhance the luster of the White Cross.

This information is for personal and private use. It is prohibited to be used for marketing or other business promotion and gain. Thank you for your ongoing support to provide updates of any changes to your personal information or that of other alumni with whom you are in contact. Please email data corrections to [fresnosigs1952@gmail.com](mailto:fresnosigs1952@gmail.com). Thank you for upholding the high standards of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

## *All Honor To His Name*

*Click on underlined names for links to tribute pages*

Jerry Evangelho (58-S), August 6, 2022

Lance David Hairabedian (82-F) October 20, 2022

Stephen J. Huffman (71-F), November 15, 2022

Richard E. Leach (64-S), December 7, 2022

Don Ormsbee, (66-S), November 20, 2022

Clair Ridge, (52-T) November 9, 2022

Robert Russell, (54-S), April 17, 2022



Consider a memorial donation to the White Rose Memorial Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made from our website, <https://fresnosigsalumni.org> or sent directly to the Fresno State Alumni Association:

<https://fresnosigsalumni.org/donation>

Sigma Chi White Rose Memorial Scholarship Fund  
% CSUF Alumni Association  
2625 E Matoian Way, SH124  
Fresno, CA 93740

## **2022-23 Dues and Donations**

***Dues are \$50.00 and donations for 07/01/22 to 06/30/23 are being accepted.***

***Online payments can be accepted today at:***

***[www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership](http://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership)***

***Checks payable to the Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter of Fresno can be mailed to PO Box 7803, Fresno, CA 93747-7803.***

[Download 2022-2023 Dues Appeal Form Here](#)

***Dues and donations support our activities, events, newsletter production and distribution. Dues also allowed us to host five Active Chapter Brothers at our monthly meetings, provide Sigma Chi branded graduate stoles, support Derby Days, recruitment and other unplanned situations.***



# ***Current Alumni Members List***

***July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023***

*(as of January 4, 2023)*

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## ***1950's***

Homer Potts 52-T; ***Tony Flores***,  
*Bob Buckenberger*, Jim Green<sup>^\*</sup>, Byron Justus,  
Joe Monachello, *Frank Small\**, Ron Weiner,  
Leo Wilson & Norm Winslow.

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## ***1960's***

***Mike Alaga, Tom Barham, Dave Barnes,***  
***Greg Baxter, Don Beauregard, Tom Beggs,***  
***Dale Blickenstaff, John Borasi, Richard Bratz,***  
Marv Broderson, Jim Calandra, Larry Calvino<sup>\*^@</sup>,  
Steve Crawford, Rob Crossland, ***Tom Downing***,  
Michael Elliott, E. Enns, Richard Fox, John Garcia,  
***Colin Kelly***, Bob Koligian, Gary Kuhl, *Ron LaRocca*,  
Buck Levis, Jeff Linder, *John Marinovich\*\**,  
Ron Nelson, Jim Norquist, Dan O'Brien,  
***Mike Patton\****, Gary Renner, Don Ruiz,  
Dennis Schmal, Mark Scott<sup>@^\*</sup>, James Tatum,  
Ted Tuckloff, ***Tim Vaux*** & Don Witzansky

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## ***1970's***

*Dick Arakelian*, Stephen Bachard,  
Amos Bagdasarian, Pat Beggs, Bruce Berger,  
Peter Britton, *Mike Chin*, Steve Coleman,  
Mike Crowley, Kenny Duncan, Bruce Ekmanian,  
***Brad Fischer, Jon Gallinetti***, Mike Gallo,  
Bob Garavello, Tony Guerriero<sup>\*\*</sup>, Doug Haas,  
*Marv Helon\**, Jon Hollenbeck, ***Darryl Horowitt***,  
*Jim Hutton*, Kenny Jelacich<sup>\*</sup>, *Rich Klopstein*,  
Tom Kusaka, Tom Licouris, *Michael Lynch\**,

Paul Porter, Bruce Quan, **Bill Robinson**,  
Mark Sanchez, Jim Sandrini, Glenn Scott  
**Bill Smittcamp**\*\*\*^, Bob Soligian^\*\*, Larry Spikes,  
Kyle Stephenson, Gary Tremblay, Chris Visser \*,  
Steve Vucovich^, Kirk Wethey, Kevin Wren,  
Richard Wright & Wayne Yamagiwa

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## **1980's**

Tim Ganatta, Randy Garabedian, Michael Green,  
T.A. Heckel, Don Heckman\*, John Hughes,  
*Mark Jason, Justin Kempton*, Jeff Little,  
Brian Lockhart, Chris Morse, Mike Price, Mike Riggs,  
Matthew Rowan, Doug Sampson,  
Darin Tockey & Les Walker.

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## **1990's**

Brandon Cohrs, Pat Geil, David Folly,  
Jeff Hibbard, *Nathan Labiak*,  
Preet Purewal & Billy Purewal.

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## **2000's**

Chad Calhoun, *Aaron Encinias*,  
Matt Helon & Titus Moore.

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## **2010's**

Jared Bertoni, Tyler Davies, David Dickstein,  
Dusty Lacefield & Scott Moore

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## **One-Year Complementary Membership**

Welcome to our one-year complimentary members  
from the **Fresno State Class of 2022**:

*Jordan Ayerza, Sham Batth, Taj Gill,*

Raj Johal, Nolan Long, Connor Martinez,  
Matthew Morillas, *Gio Primavera*, Christian Reta,  
Gabe Rodrigues, McKay Romero & Nick Sheehan.

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**Order of Constantine, Significant Sig**

**Headquarters Award**

*Consuls who served Epsilon Eta*

+ Chapter Eternal

\* Plus \$0-\$50, donation Alumni Chapter

\*\*Plus \$51 -\$150 donation Alumni Chapter

\*\*\*Plus \$151 or more donation Alumni Chapter

^ Donation Endowment Fund or White Rose Memorial Scholarship

@ Donation to the Housing Corporation

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***PAST ARTICLES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED***

***EPSILON ETA 100 YEARBOOK AVAILABLE***

***[Click Here for Information](#)***

***ARGUMENT FOR THE GREEK SYSTEM***

***[Click Here for Article](#)***

***NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE***

***[Click Here for Article](#)***

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***JOB OPENING POSTING BOARD***

***Have openings and would like the Alumni and Active Chapter Brothers to take advantage of them? Email us at [fresnosigs1952@gmail.com](mailto:fresnosigs1952@gmail.com) and we'll get the word out!***

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***Save The Date!!!***

***ALUMNI DINNER MEETING***

***February 2023 Alumni Chapter Dinner Meeting***

***Thursday February 17, 2023, 6:00 PM***

***[Old Spaghetti Factory - Fresno](#)***

***ALUMNI DINNER MEETING***

***March 2023 Alumni Chapter Dinner Meeting***

***Thursday March 16, 2023, 6:00 PM***

**Old Spaghetti Factory - Fresno**  
**Speaker - Jeff Tedford**  
**Head Coach, Fresno State Football**

**ALUMNI DINNER MEETING**  
**April 2023 Alumni Chapter Dinner Meeting**  
**Thursday April 20, 2023, 6:00 PM**  
**Old Spaghetti Factory - Fresno**

**ALUMNI DINNER MEETING**  
**May 2023 Alumni Chapter Dinner Meeting**  
**Thursday May 18, 2023, 6:00 PM**  
**Old Spaghetti Factory - Fresno**  
**Speaker - K.C. Chen**  
**Former Chair, Finance & Business Law,**  
**Craig School of Business**  
**and**  
**Chief Investment Officer**  
**R. Stephen Heinrichs Trading Room**

Visit our events calendar for other upcoming activities:  
<https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/events>

## **SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS**

**FACEBOOK – SIGMA CHI ALUMNI – FRESNO STATE**  
<https://www.facebook.com/FresnoStateSigmaChi>

**LINKEDIN – FRESNO STATE SIGMA CHI PROFESSIONAL NETWORK**  
<https://linkedin.com/groups/13688055>

## **SIGMA CHI REACH OUT App**

Sigma Chi has created a mobile device App for Active and Alumni members. Topic include Get Help Now; Law Enforcement & First Responders; Alcohol and Drugs; Prevention Education and many others. Look in your mobile device store for the following App.



For those iPhone users: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/sigma->

## ***Sigma Chi Scholarship & House Corporation Donations***

You can now make scholarship donations using our website.

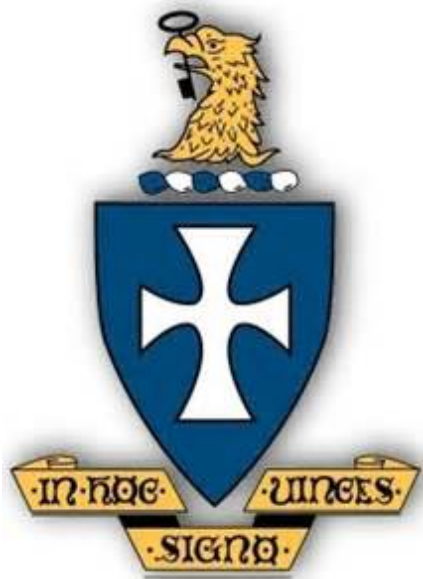
<https://fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership>

## ***Sigma Chi's Highest Honor***

Visit our website to view the list of honorees of the Order of Constantine, Significant Sig and Seven Lights Alumni Award.

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