

May 20, 2023



SIG-NIFICANT NEWS

Monthly Newsletter - May 2023
Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter of Fresno

FEATURED

WINE TASTING DRAWS 100

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SIG FEATURED IN GREAT NORTHWEST WINE MAGAZINE

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

ALUMNI DUES/DONATIONS

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership

SAVE THE DATE

August 17, 2023

Alumni Chapter Meetings - 2023

President's Message

Contributed by Brad Fischer (78-S)

My Brothers,

Our final Spring Alumni Chapter meeting was held on May 18. Mark your calendar for August 17, 2023, for our first meeting of the Fall semester. Tentative plans are to honor Class of 2023 Significant Sig, Mike Gallo (70-F).

At the May 1 Epsilon Eta Chapter meeting we presented the Senior Ceremony and awarded 11 Sigma Chi Class of 2023 graduate stoles. Thank you again to those who pay dues. Part of your dues support this purchase as well as hosting five Active Brothers at our monthly meetings.

As we enter the hot summer months may the White Cross be your guide to safe travels. Also, always check out the International Fraternity website below for any monuments or memorials that might be in the vicinity you are visiting.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Brad

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<https://sigmachi.org/history/monuments-memorials/memorial-sites>

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"It was the Founders' belief that a fraternity that has members of 'different temperaments, talents and

convictions' will thrive better than the fraternity that has members who are alike."

The Norman Shield 46th Edition

WINE TASTING DRAWS 100

By Mike Patton, (63-S)

*Order of Constantine & Significant Sig
Chair of the Endowment Board*

The 2023 Fresno Sigma Chi Wine Tasting was enjoyed by 100 participants. As we meandered around Susan and **John Ballinger's** (65-S) backyard, one of the most beautiful in Fresno, we snacked on hors d'œuvres from Sam's Deli. **T.A. Heckel** (82-F) poured wine from his personal wine cellar which we tasted as we chatted with our Sigma Chi brothers, some of whom we had not seen for years.



Tom Kusaka (79-F) sponsored (6) undergraduate brothers who helped immensely at the entrance giving

out name tags after helping set up the tables and chairs. Although the event is really a brotherhood event, the silent auction and wine raffle raised \$28,485 for our endowment which is managed by the Fresno State Alumni Association. Epsilon Eta's endowments has more than \$50,000 for scholarships to Fresno Sigs. The amount given to each brother was raised to \$3,000 for the 2023/2024 school year. Our scholarships are given to reward academic excellence, and 40% of the Active Chapter are on the Dean's List.

For a list of brothers who registered, please [click here for more information!](#)

BROTHER MARK PASCULLI (81-F) FEATURED IN GREAT NORTHWEST WINE MAGAZINE

*By Mike Patton, (63-S)
Order of Constantine & Significant Sig
Chair of the Endowment Board*



On April 7, 2023, Mark and his wife, Lori, were featured with the headline, Rolling Hills Vineyard: 2023 Idaho Winery To Watch. Mark donated (6) of his fantastic wines to the 2023 Fresno Sigma Chi Wine Tasting event which took place on April 22. Although Mark received his Fresno State degree in accounting, Lori was raised on her grandparent's vineyard in the San Joaquin Valley. Our wine committee tasted Mark's wines last year, and they were compared to more expensive Napa wines. They were judged equal or better in quality, and it turned out this was his first vintage. Obviously, they learned fast. You can order

wines at their website, Nick the buyer.

<https://www.rollinghillsvineyard.com>

[To Read the Entire Article, Click on this Link!](#)

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

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 May 11, 2023)

1950's

Homer Potts 52-T; **Tony Flores**, Bob Buckenberger, **Jim Green**^{*}, Rodger Jensen*, Byron Justus, Joe Monachello, **Frank Small**^{*}, Ron Weiner, **Leo Wilson**^{*}, & Norm Winslow

1960's

Mike Alaga, Alex Audelo, John Ballinger, Tom Barham, Dave Barnes, **Greg Baxter**, Don Beauregard,
Tom Beggs, Dale Blickenstaff, John Borasi, *Richard Bratz*, Marv Broderson, Jim Calandra, Larry Calvino*^@, *Joe Chappell*, Steve Crawford, Rob Crossland, **Tom Downing**, Michael Elliott, E. Enns, Richard Fox, John Garcia, Dexter Hardcastle, **Colin Kelly**, Bob Koligian, Gary Kuhl, *Ron LaRocca*, Buck Levis, Jeff Linder, *John Marinovich***, **Bill Matesso**, Ed Musolff*, Rick Nelson*, Ron Nelson, Jim Norquist, Dan O'Brien, *Steve Pallios*, **Mike Patton***, Wes Qualls**, Gary Renner, **Dave Reuland**, Don Ruiz, Dennis Schmal, Mark Scott@^*, Jack Tacchino, James Tatum, Ted Tuckloff, **Tim Vaux**, Jerry Waters*, & Don Witzansky

1970's

David Arakelian, *Dick Arakelian*, Bill Arnold***, Stephen Bachand, Amos Bagdasarian, Pat Beggs, Bruce Berger, *Norm Bishop*, Peter Britton, *Mike Chin*, Steve Coleman, Mike Crowley, Kenny Duncan, Russ Efird**, Bruce Ekmanian**, Ken Esraelian, **Brad Fischer**, **Jon Gallinetti**, **Mike Gallo**, Bob Garavello, *Rodney Gavroian*, Tony Guerriero**, Doug Haas, Wade Hedrick, *Marv Helon**, Jon Hollenbeck, Darryl Horowitz, *Jim Hutton*, Kenny Jelacich*, *Rich Klopstein*, Tom Kusaka, Tom Licouris, *Michael Lynch**, *George Matoian*, *Mark Pasculli*, 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

1980's

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

1990's

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

2000's

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

2010's

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

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.

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

MEMORIAL BRIDGE PROJECT



Plans continue to name a memorial bridge on Highway 41 at Alluvial Avenue to honor Order of Constantine, first Epsilon Eta Consul, Ambassador **Phillip V. Sanchez** (52-T). More to follow in the months ahead

All Honor To His Name

Click on underlined names for links to tribute pages

Michael J. Avila (94-F), February 13, 2023

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

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

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

Jimmie Johnson (58-S), August 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

Melvin Carlos Upp (52-T), July 8, 2022

Charles Edward Tucker (75-S), December 27, 2020



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

Housing Corporation Update

Contributed by John Ballinger (S'65)



Unbelievable! Another school year bites the dust! Finals are winding down and we will have at least 14 active brothers living in this summer.

We are happy to announce the addition of former Consul Gio Primavera ('17 F) to our housing board. His skills as an accountant, will be a positive addition to our team.

Future board endeavors include investigating how to

improve the house electrical service, and up-scaling the kitchenette area. We also have to tackle the front yard lawn erosion problems. The beat goes on.

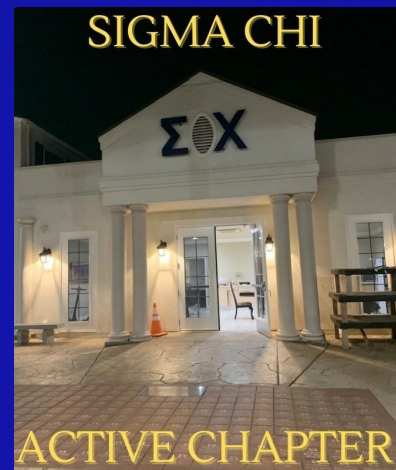
A shout out to Dennis Schmal (69 'F) and others who traveled to our hugely successful wine event. It was wonderful seeing so many of you. Check out the photos that Mike Patton has posted and will continue to update. Cheers!

In Hoc,

John Ballinger ('65 S)
Housing Corporation President

Active Chapter Update

Contributed by Nicholas Davis, Chapter Editor





As the school year comes to an end, we are excited to close out a great year. Finals are on the horizon and many of us have been working hard being students of fair ability to ace all of our exams. Derby Days has wrapped up and after a long but fun week, we are proud to say we raised 16k for Valley Childrens and cancer research. These philanthropic efforts would not have been possible to the many alumni who generously donated, so we thank you all. Derby Days also would not have been possible without the hard work of Logan Mann, who did a great job serving as Derby Daddy. His efforts here and throughout the year for the betterment of our house and brotherhood also earned him the Brother of the Year award, an award the chapter decided to give to the brother who worked the hardest and did the most for the Epsilon Eta chapter. On another note, we also recently announced our 2023 sweetheart, Briana Newman of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Bri could not be more excited for her new role and is ready to represent us and the values of Sigma Chi. We are excited to wrap up the year and look forward to what is on the horizon. We close the book on the 2022-2023

school year and wish everyone a great summer.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Nicholas Davis
Chapter Editor

SAVE THE DATE!

ALUMNI DINNER MEETING
August 2023 Alumni Chapter Dinner Meeting
Thursday August 17, 2023, 6:00 PM
Old Spaghetti Factory - Fresno

Visit our events calendar for other upcoming activities:

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

PAST ARTICLES

That you may have missed...

MIKE GALLO NAMED SIGNIFICANT SIG

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TONY FLORES NAMED 2023 TOP DOG

[Click Here for More Information](#)

EPSILON ETA 100 YEARBOOK AVAILABLE

[Click Here for Information](#)

NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

[Click Here for Article](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

FACEBOOK – SIGMA CHI ALUMNI – FRESNO STATE

<https://www.facebook.com/FresnoStateSigmaChi>

LINKEDIN – FRESNO STATE SIGMA CHI PROFESSIONAL

SIGMA CHI REACH OUT App



Sigma Chi has created a mobile device App for Active and Alumni members. Topics 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-chi-reach-out/id1472427192>

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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