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Monthly Newsletter - June 2023
Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter of Fresno

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August 17, 2023

Alumni Chapter Meetings - 2023

Significant Sig Presentation - Mike Gallo

President's Message

Contributed by Brad Fischer (78-S)

My Brothers,

Plans are in the works to honor Class of 2023 Significant Sig Mike Gallo (70-F) at our August 17 Alumni Chapter dinner meeting. Joining Brother Gallo will be Kenny Jelacich (70-F) and many other brothers from that era.

Our fiscal dues and donations will conclude on June 30 and thank those brothers who provided financial support to our Alumni Chapter. Special recognition to those who made donations in addition to their dues. See Mark Scott's (69-F) article below for an informative Treasurer report.

May the White Cross continue to guide you as you perform good deeds in your community in the months ahead. The world expects more of a Sigma Chi that other men and you demonstrate that.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Brad

**Brad S. Fischer (78-S)
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Significant Sig
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“Our Father, We thank Thee for Thy many blessings, Keep us from harm. May the White Cross guide us and teach us to be true to each other, ourselves, and Thee”.

HANSEN BROTHERS GRADUATE

By Mike Patton, (63-S)

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

Two grandsons of past Consul and Significant Sig **Dante Simi (58-F)**, **Tyler Hansen (17-F)** and **Travis Hansen (20-S)**, graduated this spring from Fresno State.

Dante created an endowment at Fresno State that gives academic scholarships to graduates of Learn-4-Life, a chain of charter schools, and to Fresno State Sigma Chi students. Travis wrote the article that appeared in the Fresno State newsletter, *The Collegian*.



Travis Hansen/The Collegian

Skip (far left), Tyler (middle left), Travis (middle right) and Lisa (far right) Hansen celebrated the commencement of two brothers, Tyler and Travis, who graduated from Fresno State on May 19.

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

TIM COLLINS (IOTA OMEGA '05-S) NAMED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

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



On June 9, 2023, Brother Collins was appointed Athletic Director at Eastern Washington University. Tim was previously Senior Associate Athletics Director for Development for Fresno State. In addition, Tim is the son of Little Sigma Kathy Collins. He and his wife, Renee, have a nine-year-old daughter, Kennedy, and a seven-year-old son, James. We wish Tim continued success in his new career journey.

[See More Detail Here](#)

NAME THE BROTHERS AT THE 2023 WINE TASTING

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



This year our drone photographer took some group shots during the tasting. Can you recognize these brothers?

Treasurer's Report

By Mark Scott (69-F)

Alumni Brothers,

Annual Dues Renewal — If you have paid your Alumni Chapter dues in the past through our online payment portal, you probably received “an invoice” by email on June 1 seeking dues renewal. Our chapter operates on a July 1 fiscal year, so the online system we contract with sends out the invoice automatically on June 1. We are told that the system will send out a reminder again on July 1 whether you have paid or not. Sorry about that, but that’s how the system is programmed.

Let me clarify the Alumni Chapter's policy on dues. Dues are voluntary. We think we do good things with the \$50 dues we collect, but we do not want dues to be an impediment to anyone participating. All brothers are "always welcome here" whether or not you pay the dues.

Secondly, we do not expect brothers to pay dues more than once a year. If you last paid dues on February 1, for instance, you might wish to wait until next February. You can, of course, wait to pay on your own schedule. If you do not recall when you last paid, send me an email and I will gladly look it up.

The Dues & Donations Chart that gets included in the monthly newsletter will be adjusted to show the names of brothers who have paid "within the previous 12 months."

By the way, you can also pay dues by mailing a check to the Alumni Chapter P.O. Box. (See below for the form that you can send with your check.) If you pay that way, you probably did not get the emailed "invoice." If you pay by check, it takes me longer to add your name to the Dues & Donations Chart. I apologize for that. It is simple logistics. We have to pick up the mail, deposit it, report it to me, and update the chart. But you are welcome to pay either by check or online. Or come to an Alumni meeting and drop it off! Every brother is always welcome.

I want to thank those of you who wrote me messages of condolence when it was announced last August that I was appointed the new Alumni Chapter Treasurer. I want to dispel the rumor that I was tagged with this job because I missed an Alumni Chapter meeting -- although I suppose that is good incentive not to miss meetings!

Like all of us, I appreciate so much the years of service from Brothers Fischer, Flores, Patton, Ballinger, Robinson and others before them. Not to mention the generosity of others toward the Foundation and House Corp. People volunteer when they see value in the enterprise. Our collective brotherhood obviously creates value judging by how many of us choose to participate. That's why our Fresno Alumni Chapter ranks consistently among the best in the nation. And our support of the Active Chapter helps them to always be the best Fraternity choice on campus. That's a fact!

To be candid, this Treasurer job I volunteered for is not very complicated. My primary job is to keep track of dues receipts and to manage the checking account. The Housing Corp and the Foundation have their own Treasurers. When you designate donations to those entities, I simply send those funds to Brother Ballinger (for the Housing Corp) or to the Fresno State Alumni Association (which manages our Foundation funds).

The Alumni Chapter maintains two bank accounts — a checking account and a money market account, both no-fee accounts at Premier Valley Bank. As of May 31, our checking account balance is \$2,740.36. These are basically funds from dues. Our expenditures consist of such minor items as: cost of alumni meeting dinners for speakers and up to 5 active chapters brothers, quarterly payments for a small Derrel's Mini-Storage space for chapter memorabilia, monthly fees for our online payment portal, graduation "stoles" for graduating Actives, Derby Day ad and other Active chapter support, newsletter production fees, etc. We pay a \$250 annual fee to the national fraternity and a fee to the

State of California to maintain the foundation nonprofit status. (Brother Brad does all that work.)

The Money Market account has a balance of \$10,472.51. This is a modest Reserve/Rainy Day Fund for the Alumni Chapter. For instance, we are holding a \$2,500 reserve to pay for a Brother Phillip Sanchez Highway 41 Memorial sign, when that is implemented.

As you know, our members have been extremely generous in donations to the Foundation, from which the scholarships to Active brothers are drawn. I do not handle those funds except occasionally on a pass-thru basis. Likewise, the money spent on Memorial Bricks is deposited in the Foundation accounts. I do not handle Bricks, although that term was occasionally used in reference to my free throws back in my Sigma Chi intramural basketball days.....

In other words, the Alumni Chapter runs on your dues payments and it is not a huge fund. As I said above, the \$50 annual dues payments are voluntary, but it does allow a lot of good brotherhood to happen!

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Mark Scott
Fall, 1969

2022-23 Dues and Donations

Note: This is the last Dues & Donations chart for Fiscal Year 2022/23. Thanks to the many (151) brothers who have contributed through dues payments this year. Starting next month, this chart will show the names of all Brothers who have paid dues within the previous 12 months.

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 2023-2024 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 June 13, 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

**Ambassador
Phillip V. Sanchez
MEMORIAL BRIDGE**

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)



With the end of the spring semester, we now have 13 active chapter brothers living in this summer. The house is still standing and all is well.

The active chapter installed new officers, and with that begins the new working relationships with our alumni and governing board. We will be discussing several projects for consideration at the house

I would like to thank my fellow board members for their service and another year of continued support: Steve Coleman ('78-F), Rick Nelson ('65-S), Titus Moore ('09-F), Evan Selander ('12-S) Mark Springer

('09-F), and Grant Petersen ('84-F). I am also happy to announce the addition of our newest addition to the board, former Consul Gio Primavera ('17-F).

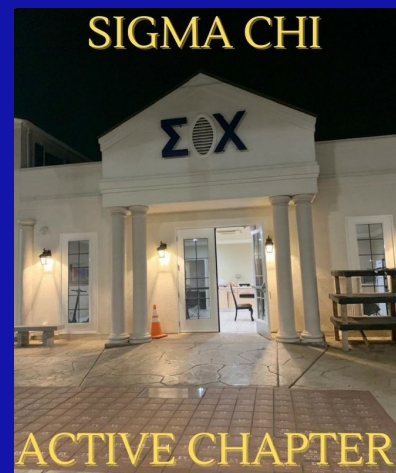
I also wish to thank Alumni President Brad Fischer ('78-S) and Foundation Board Member Mike Patton ('63-S) for their attendance and contributions to our meetings.

In Hoc,

John Ballinger ('65 S)
Housing Corporation President

Active Chapter Update

Contributed by Nicholas Davis, Chapter Editor





Summer has finally arrived and we at the Epsilon Eta chapter are enjoying it. To kick off the summer, we set off to Lake Tahoe for the weekend where we had our annual formal. The lake was beautiful and the weather was perfect. This trip was a great time for all and helped deepen our bonds as a brotherhood. Other than that, June has been a very calm month for the fraternity. We have used some of this time to move rooms around in the house as some brothers move out and others move in. A handful more brothers will be moving in as the summer progresses which will help the house feel much more lively. We will continue to enjoy our summer and plan ahead towards the next school year.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Nicholas Davis

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Significant Sig Presentation - Mike Gallo (70-F)

Visit our events calendar for other upcoming activities:

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

PAST ARTICLES

That you may have missed...

2023 SIGNIFICANT SIG - MIKE GALLO

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TONY FLORES NAMED 2023 TOP DOG

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EPSILON ETA 100 YEARBOOK AVAILABLE

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NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

[Click Here for Article](#)

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<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. 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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