

August 20, 2023



SIG-NIFICANT NEWS

Monthly Newsletter - August 2023
Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter of Fresno

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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ALUMNI DUES/DONATIONS

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

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President's Message

Contributed by Brad Fischer (78-S)

My Brothers,

At our August 17 meeting, we honored Significant Sig Mike Gallo (70-F) as a member of the International Fraternity Class of 2023 awardees.

Thank you to Significant Sig Jeff Burnside, (Washington State 1980) for his part in the presentation. Brother Burnside is with the Sigma Chi Foundation and was the emcee at the Significant Sig Awards Gala at the 84th Grand Chapter held in June. Others helping with the presentation were Order of Constantine & Significant Sig Mike Patton (63-S), Order of Constantine Bill Robinson (70-F) and Kenny Jelacich (70-F).



(L-R) Significant Sig Mike Gallo 70-F & Order of Constantine & Significant Sig Mike Patton 63-S

We wholeheartedly say "thank you" to Dusty Lacefield (12-F) for his monumental service as Chapter Advisor of the Epsilon Eta Chapter. Dusty's leadership and guidance made an everlasting impression on our Active Chapter. Congratulations Gio Primavera (17-F) who was recently appointed to succeed Brother Lacefield.

Across the nation schools are back in session and our Epsilon Eta brothers are gearing up for the Fall recruitment that begins on September 11 with Preference Dinner on the September 18. If you know a young man attending Fresno State worthy of membership, you can send his contact information to our email address listed below.

For those local or visiting our area, I hope to see you at one of our Fall Alumni Chapter meetings. Our next one is Thursday, September 21.

Guard well the White Cross of Sigma Chi and make each day an opportunity to add new luster.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Brad

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"The little band was, if possible, over-stocked with physical courage, nervous energy, and overleaping ambition to place The White Cross high in the heavens" - **Founder Benjamin Piat Runkle** describing the Seven Founders at the time of founding of The Sigma Chi Fraternity, Summer 1855.

***Housing
Corporation***

Update

Contributed by John Ballinger (S'65)



In another week it will be off to the races! The fall semester begins and we should have 14 active brothers living in the house.

Over the summer we experience a number of power outages in one section of the house. This week we will have Westech electrical attempt to rectify the situation. The active chapter is also helping to prepare the house for a visitation from newly enshrined Significant Sig, brother Mike Gallo and friends.

Our next project is putting a sink and garbage disposal in the kitchenette areas to help with the cleanliness of the area. Other projects are also under consideration.

This month's shout out is directed to brothers Tom Beggs (F '68), Mike Elliot (F '68), and Patrick Beggs (F '72). Thank you all! Mike Patton ...you're ok too!

In Hoc,

John Ballinger ('65 S)

Housing Corporation President

Active Chapter Update

Contributed by Nicolas Davis, Chapter Editor

The start of school is right around the corner and the house could not be more excited. While the summer has been a great break from school, we are ready to

get the year started. Due to generous alumni donations, 12 brothers in the house have received academic scholarships. This includes 6 new move-ins which would not have been possible without the help of the scholarship. Our gratitude could not be expressed enough. The house feels more lively than ever with all the new faces living here. A new school year also brings a new rush class. We have been recruiting all summer and plan to have a great Fall '23 class. Recruitment chair Charles Brown has been hard at work planning events and designing flyers and shirts. On another note, on August 17th we welcome Significant Sig Mike Gallo. We look forward to his visit and are preparing the house for his arrival. We cannot be more excited about the start of the 2023 school year and we are looking to make the most of it and bring more luster to the White Cross.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Nicholas Davis | Chapter Editor

CONGRATULATION WADE HEDRICK (74-F)

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

Unbeknownst to us, brother **Wade Hedrick** 74-F did not graduate from Fresno State. His wife, a Delta Gamma did, as did his two daughters, also Delta Gammas. Relatively late in life, Wade decided to return to Fresno State and complete his degree in mass communications and journalism. In his class, believe it or not, were a couple of undergraduate Sigma Chis. Wade graduated from Fresno State in December 2022, better late than never. Congratulations brother Hedrick!



Pebble Beach Beat-the-Heat Bash

Contributed by Mike Patton (63-S)

On August 4, John Ballinger 65-S, Patrick Beggs 72-F, Tom Beggs 68-F, Mike Elliott 68-F and Mike Patton 63-S (and wives) rendezvoused in Pebble Beach to get out of the heat. The three-night, 4-day party was the result of a successful bid during the silent auction at our April Sigma Chi wine tasting. While it was 105F in Fresno during the weekend, we had a high of 63F.

Besides having fun and eating too much, we learned that Mike Elliott, after completing his MBA at USC,

had started a soft pretzel manufacturing company that evolved to be the largest prepared Mexican food manufacturer and distributor in North America. He named the company Don Miguel Foods after himself, so that is what we called him all weekend. A few years prior to the pandemic, he sold the company to Hormel Foods.



(L-R) Mike Patton, Tom Beggs, John Ballinger, Patrick Beggs & Mike Elliott

2023-24 Dues and Donations

Note: This chart shows the names of all Brothers who

have paid dues received during the last 12 months, as of July 9, 2023. Special thanks to the 70+ Brothers who have renewed since June 1.

Dues are \$50.00 and donations for 07/01/23 to 06/30/24 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, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (as of August 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, Art Renney, **Dave Reuland**, Don Ruiz,
Dennis Schmal, Mark Scott@^*, Brian Stout,
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, Rob Hauser*, Wade Hedrick,
*Marv Helon**, Jon Hollenbeck, Darryl Horowitz,
Jim Hutton, Larry Johnson, Kenny Jelacich*,
Rich Klopstein, Tom Kusaka, Tom Licouris,
*Michael Lynch**, *George Matoian*, *Mark Pasculli*,
Paul Porter, Bruce Quan, **Bill Robinson**, Don Ruiz,
Mark Sanchez, Jim Sandrini, Glenn Scott,
Bill Smittcamp*^**, Bob Soligian^**, Larry Spikes,
Kyle Stephenson, Gary Trembley, Walt Trembley,
Bill Van Skike, Chris Visser*, Steve Vucovich^,
Kirk Wethey, Kevin Wren, Richard Wright
& Wayne Yamagiwa

1980's

Joel Armstrong, Richard Bambauer, Tim Ganatta,

Randy Garabedian, Marc Graham, 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

Rob Bell, Brandon Cohrs, Kenneth Eynaud,
David Folly, Pat Geil, Donny Gill, 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, Donnie Mayjoffo & Scott Moore

One-Year Complementary Membership

Welcome to our one-year complimentary members
from the ***Fresno State Class of 2023***:

Trent Benevides, Christian Cruz, Travis Hansen,
Tyler Hansen, Bassel Khoury, Luke Karagozian,
Adam Peters, Seth Preheim, Victor Rosas,
Christopher Sousa, Matthew Tatum & Jordan
Vasquez

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

All Honor To His Name

07/01/23-06/30/24

Click on underlined names for links to tribute pages

Robert D. Smith (54-F) - June 21, 2023

Paul Hokokian (73-S) - June 27, 2023

Gary Zarounian (75-S) - July 12, 2023

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



SAVE THE DATE!

ALUMNI DINNER MEETING
2023 Alumni Chapter Dinner Meeting
Thursday September 21, 2023, 6:00 PM
Old Spaghetti Factory - Fresno

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

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

SEMI-CENTURY SIG MEMBERS 2023

The International Sigma Chi Fraternity proudly recognizes the following brothers as a Semi-Century Sig attesting to his membership of 50 years duration. At our Fall Alumni Chapter dinner meetings a certificate and lapel pin will be presented to the following Class of 2023 honorees.

Spring 1973: Kevin Crandell, Jake Gallinetti, Randall Haw, Duane Metzger, Charles Morehead, Bill Smittcamp & Steve Vucocich

Fall 1973: Gerald Chooljian, Mark Ducas, Bruce Ekmanian, Ken Esralian, David Hovannissian, John Hovannisisian, Mike Kaia, Tony O'Dell, John

Savona & Brad Standring

All Honor to His Name - Paull Hokokian, 73-S Chapter Eternal

Our fall alumni dinner meetings will be a special time to recognize this Class of 2023 Semi-Century Sig members. Each will be recognized with a personalized certificate and lapel pin.

Contact us at fresnosigs1952@gmail.com if you are not listed and worthy of membership. Honors will be mailed in December for those not able to attend an Alumni Chapter dinner meeting.

PAST ARTICLES

That you may have missed...

2023 SIGNIFICANT SIG - MIKE GALLO

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EPSILON ETA 100 YEARBOOK AVAILABLE

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NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

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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. 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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