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Monthly Newsletter - September 2023
Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter of Fresno

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ALUMNI DUES/DONATIONS

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership

President's Message

Contributed by Brad Fischer (78-S)

My Brothers,

Our Active Chapter displayed focus and determination with their Spring Pledge class with

12 bids accepted. We met and celebrated these pledges at Preference Dinner on September 18. Now the 6-to-8-week pledge program begins. Save the date and plan to join us at the Epsilon Eta Fall Initiation at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday October 21. More details to follow.

For those local or visiting our area, I hope to see you at one of remaining Fall Alumni Chapter meetings. Our next one is Thursday, October 19. Guard well the White Cross of Sigma Chi and support our Active Chapter with a successful Fall semester. May they add new luster.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Brad

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“And we may have the high and proud satisfaction of knowing that our beautiful White Cross, at once the badge of our society and the emblem of purity, will never be worn over any breast which does not beat with pure, generous, and noble emotions, and by no man who is not a man of honor.”

Isaac M. Jordan, Founder

**FRESNO HOUSING
CORPORATION**

RECOGNIZED

Contributed by Tony Flores, (56-S)



We received a call from **Tom Sumulski**, Grand Trustee Chair, that the Sigma Chi Housing Corporation – Fresno received Outstanding House Corporation Gold Award recognition! Congratulations to Housing Corporation President **John Ballinger** (65-S) and the members of the board for working to get our Epsilon Eta Chapter this deserving award...

In Hoc,

Tony Flores, (56-S)

Order of Constantine

Significant Sig

Grand Trustee, Sigma Chi International Fraternity

Active Chapter Update

Contributed by Nicolas Davis, Chapter Editor

The school year is officially in full swing and spirits are high here at the house. This semester we are looking to be students of fair ability and excel in all of our classes. At the time of writing, we are in the midst of rush week, and we have had a solid turnout so far. Recruitment Chair Charles Brown has been hard at work putting together our rush events. Events include tailgate and house tours, Thursday Night Football, Friday night kickback, and last but not least, Steaks and Sigs. We have many potential new members who we are excited to teach the ways of the White Cross.

Many have even expressed interest in moving in, so the house may be full in a week. Other than that, the brothers have been enjoying the Fall 2023 semester so far, and we are looking to make the most of it and bring new luster to the White Cross.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Nicholas Davis | Chapter Editor

BROTHERHOOD OPEN CHI GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Evan Selander, (12-S)

Celebrate brotherhood at Riverside Golf Course on Friday November 3, 2023.

\$125.00 per brother.

For registration call **Russell Pike** (15-F) at (702) 680-5758 or **Nick Sheehan** (20-S) at (559) 392-9588.



Lunch With The President

Thank you to **Tom Downing** (62-F) for coordinating a lunch session with Fresno State President, Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval. The event was in the Haak Conference Room at the Fresno State Library. The luncheon with the President was result of a successful bid during the silent auction at our April Sigma Chi Scholarship Wine Tasting.

Conversations covered the Big 12 Football Conference, campus infrastructure improvements, Measure E and Fresno State's role in the region. The

afternoon concluded with a tour of the rarely seen hallway wall that chronicles the events that occurred during each university president's term.



(L-R – Bill Smittcamp (73-S), Jerry Waters (62-F), Bill Matesso (63-F), Tom Downing (62-F), President Jiménez-Sandoval, Mike Patton (63-S) & Brad Fischer (78-F)

SIGS IN THE NEWS

Mike Falge (87-F) is the 2023 President of the Rotary Club of Fresno. Mike is the retired President and CEO of Murphy Bank in Fresno.

NAME THE BROTHERS

By Mike Patton, (63-S) Order of Constantine, Significant Sig & President of the Fresno Sigma Chi Endowment.

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Name the brothers at the 2023 Fresno Sigma Chi Wine Tasting. This year our drone photographer took some group shots during the tasting. Can you recognize these brothers? We are close to setting the date for the 2024 tasting which will take place again in John and Susan Ballinger's backyard. We are

considering adding a beer tasting possibly from Sequoia Brewery. We would be interested in your comments on this option. Please send your comments to mike@rmpatton.com.



TREASURER'S REPORT

By Mark Scott (69-F) Order of Constantine, Significant Sig & Grand Trustee of the Sigma Chi International Fraternity.

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Just a quick report on our Alumni Chapter finances. Thanks to very healthy dues renewals over the summer, our bank accounts are in good shape. The Checking Account has a balance of \$6,811.51 as of September 1 and our Money Market account (rainy day fund) is holding steady at \$10,475.25.

Back in May, I thought it would be nice if I started sending thank you notes to dues payers the way Brad Fischer has done. (I'm no Brad Fischer!) But then

came the June 1 and July 1 automatic dues renewal notices and something like 70 to 80 of you sent in payments. And then I took a fulltime job for 6-8 months.

So. I am sorry about those nice, personalized thank you notes. Just know that I am thanking you as I retrieve your payment from the website, record it on the excel spreadsheet, update the dues chart, and reconcile it in the checking account. Thank you!

Included in this month's newsletter is the latest list of chapter dues payers. It shows names of all Brothers who have paid dues in the last 12 months. If your name has disappeared from the chart, it may be because I removed names of Brothers who have not paid since August 1, 2022 (13 months ago). If you think I am wrong, and Heaven knows I might be(!), please send me an email so I can correct our records.

As always, dues are optional — but much appreciated. If you are donating separately to the Foundation or other Chapter programs, bless you for that! I only see payments that come with dues. Dues can be paid online or by mailing a check to the Chapter P.O. Box 7803 Fresno CA 93747-7803.

2023-24 Dues and Donations
Current Alumni Members List
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024
(as of September 10, 2023)

This chart shows the names of all Brothers who have paid dues received during the last 12 months, as of September 10, 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,
Dave Barnes, **Greg Baxter**, Don Beauregard,
Tom Beggs, Dale Blickenstaff, John Borasi,
Richard Bratz, Jim Calandra, Larry Calvino^{^*}@,
Joe Chappell, Steve Crawford, Rob Crossland,
Tom Downing^{***}, Michael Elliott, E. Enns,
Richard Fox, Dexter Hardcastle, **Colin Kelly**,
Bob Koligian, Gary Kuhl, Ron LaRocca, Jeff Linder,
John Marinovich^{**}, **Bill Matesso**, Ed Musolff*,
Rick Nelson*, Ron Nelson, 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***

1970's

David Arakelian, Dick Arakelian, Bill Arnold^{***},
Stephen Bachand, Amos Bagdasarian, Pat Beggs,
Bruce Berger, Norm Bishop, Peter Britton, Mike Chin,
Gerald Chooljian, Steve Coleman, Mike Crowley,
Kenny Duncan, Russ Efird^{**}, Bruce Ekmanian^{**},
Ken Esraelian, Brad Fischer, **Mike Gallo**,
Bob Garavello, Rodney Gavroian, Doug Haas,
Rob Hauser*, Wade Hedrick, Marv Helon*,
Jon Hollenbeck, **Darryl Horowitz**, Jim Hutton,
Larry Johnson, Kenny Jelacich*, Rich Klopstein,
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 Vuovich[^], Kirk Wethey,
Kevin Wren, Richard Wright, Wayne Yamagiwa
& Chris Yocum.*

1980's

*Joel Armstrong, Richard Bambauer,
Randy Garabedian, Marc Graham, Mike Green,
Alan Hansen, T.A. Heckel, Don Heckman*,
John Hughes, Jeff Little, Brian Lockhart, Chris Morse,
Mike Price, Mike Riggs, Matthew Rowan, Mike Rush,
Doug Sampson & Darin Tockey.*

1990's

*Rob Bell, Brandon Cohrs, Kenneth Eynaud,
David Folly, Pat Geil, Donny Gill, Nathan Labiak
& Preet Purewal.*

2000's

Chad Calhoun & Matt Helon

2010's

*Jared Bertoni, Mike Colgate, Tyler Davies,
David Dickstein, Dusty Lacefield
& Donnie Mayjoffo.*

One-Year Complementary Membership

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

Trent Benevedes, 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

***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.***

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
Thursday October 19, 2023, 6:00 PM
Old Spaghetti Factory - Fresno

ALUMNI DINNER MEETING
Thursday November 16, 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

[Click Here for Information](#)

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. 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-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.

<https://fresnosigsalumni.org>





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