

November 2024



Sigma Chi

FRESNO ALUMNI CHAPTER

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PIERROT, MD

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

ALUMNI DUES/DONATIONS

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership

President's Message

Contributed by Brad Fischer (78-S)



Worthy Brothers,

Fall 2024 was an amazing success for our Epsilon Eta Chapter at Fresno State. On November 10, 2024, eighteen young men became brothers of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. This was a well-executed Initiation and I encourage you to join us for our Spring 2025 Initiation (details to follow).

This is a month of giving thanks. Your dues and donations make a significant difference. Keeping alumni chapter communications flowing and supporting our Active Chapter are just a few examples of your return on investment of dues and donations. Thank you to those who have contributed so far for 2024/2025 and we welcome others to join us.

We have much to be thankful for with a strong Active Chapter, Alumni Chapter, Housing Corporation and Scholarship Endowment Board. The world expects more of a Sigma Chi than other men and our alumni demonstrate through our leadership and support in the communities we serve.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Brad

**Brad S. Fischer (78-S)
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"I say these words in all sincerity; That Sigma Chi has given me favor and distinction; that the bond of our fellowship is reciprocal, that I will endeavor to so build myself and so conduct myself that I will ever be a credit to our Fraternity. "

George Ade, PURDUE 1887, portion of the Sigma Chi Creed, The Norman Shield

www.sigmachi.org/history

SIGMA CHI ALFRESCO TAPAS DINNER & WINE EXTRAVAGANZA

On October 27, 2024, Brothers Sergio Ilic (87-F) and T.A. Heckel (82-F) hosted this fabulous event to raise money for the Fresno Sigma Chi

Endowment that provides scholarships for our undergraduate brothers. Sergio is a master at the barbecue while T.A. is Epsilon Eta's renowned wine expert. Michelle Heckel and Becky Ilic were keys to the event's success needless to say.



Left to right: T.A. Heckel (82-F) & Sergio Ilic (87-F)

Fore more details and pictures of this event:
[Click Here for More Information](#)

PAST GRAND CONSUL TO SPEAK AT JANUARY DINNER

EVANSTON, Ill. (Oct. 4, 2024) — The Sigma Chi Foundation Board of Governors has announced that 68th Grand Consul Michael Greenberg (Illinois-Wesleyan 1982) has accepted the position of President effective Monday, October 7, 2024.



68th Grand Consul Mike Greenberg, Illinois-Wesleyan 1982

Past Grand Consul Mike Greenberg will attend and speak at our January 16, 2025 alumni dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory. As far as we know, this is the first visit to our chapter by a former Grand Consul since we affiliated with Sigma Chi in 1952.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVE

Headquarters expectation of an alumni chapter is at least one community service project per year. This could include a blood drive, help at a food distribution center, neighborhood clean-up and numerous other activities.

This community service is not just a Fresno project,

it can occur wherever you live. Have an idea? Also, we need a Fresno area chair for an event. Send an email to fresnosigs1952@gmail.com

OPENING FOR MEMORIAL WARDEN

By Seven Lights Alumnus Sam Mann (91-S) - with edits

Brother Mann is the Warden for the Harry St John Dixon Memorial in Fresno. He is looking for a replacement to take over these duties. The following describes his current responsibilities.

“Once a semester, I am contacted by the Epsilon Eta Chapter Magister to set a date for the pledges visit the memorial. I call the cemetery in advance to let them know we will be out there so they can let their security company know. I have the chapter bring white roses and candles.

At the memorial I read a short outline based off what memories from Brother Bob Long, Order of Constantine (52-F) as his records were lost. The we have the Magister lead everyone in the White Rose ceremony.

There is a Headquarters appointed Chairman of the Monuments and Memorials committee. Meetings are held occasionally or through emails. A yearly report is submitted that describes any events held at the monument, its condition etc. Periodically, I would get a request from an alumnus, including Grand Consul's and Historian's to show them the site.”

Interested alumni in taking over the responsibility as Warden and maybe expanding the role are asked to send an email to fresnosigs1952@gmail.com. Please include a statement supporting for your

nomination.

VOICE OF OUR ALUMNI

"I found the comments about Merlin Olsen memorable. In 1959-60 I traveled to visit a girlfriend at Utah State. Attended the "Sig" meeting and had the chance to meet and shake hands with Merlin. Long before he became a household name. My second encounter with an NFL great since I went to high school with Tom Flores."

Norm Winslow (57-S)

"A big congrats to the active chapter brothers in recruiting 21 pledges. Great accomplishment."

Ron LaRocca (61-F) Past Epsilon Eta Consul

To John Ballinger (65-S). "I'm sure the presentation of the fraternity house was a big part of getting the potential pledges committed to Sigma Chi. Thanks to you for your big part in making the house a point of interest."

Ron LaRocca (61-F) Past Epsilon Eta Consul

2024-2025 DUES & DONATIONS

Contributed by Mark Scott (69-F)

Dues are \$50.00 and donations for 07/01/24 to 06/30/25 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.

Note: Dues Appeal Form for 2024-2025 is now available:

Note: This chart shows the names of all Brothers who have paid dues received during the last 12 months, as of November 23, 2024.

1950's

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

1960's

Mike Alaga, John Ballinger^{***}, Dave Barnes, Don Beauregard, Tom Beggs, Dale Blickenstaff, *Richard Bratz*, Lindsay Brehm, Marv Broderson^{***}@, Jim Calandra, Larry Calvino^{*}@, *Joe Chappell*, Steve Crawford, Rob Crossland, Larry Dorsey^{*}, ***Tom Downing***^{^***}, Pete Eliopoulos, Michael Elliott, Elwood Enns, Richard Fox, John Garcia, Dexter Hardcastle, ***Colin Kelly***^{***}, Bob Koligian^{*}, *Ron LaRocca*, Jeff Linder, *John Marinovich*^{**}@, Dan Mueller, Ed Musolff^{***}, Ron Nelson, Jim Norquist, Dan O'Brien, *Steve Pallios*, ***Mike Patton***^{***}@, Wes Qualls^{**}, Gary Renner, ***Dave Reuland***, Don Ruiz, Dennis Schmal, Mark Scott^{***}, James Tatum, ***Tim Vaux***^{***}, Jerry Waters^{^***}, Matt Wittkins^{**}, Don Witzansky.

1970's

David Arakelian^{**}, *Dick Arakelian*, Bill Arnold^{***}, Steve Bachand, Amos Bagdasarian, Bruce Berger,

Norm Bishop, Peter Britton, *Mike Chin*, Steve Coleman, Mike Crowley, Mark Ducas, Kenny Duncan, Bruce Ekmanian*, Ken Esraelian*, **Brad Fischer**, **Jon Gallinetti*****, Bob Garavello, Tony Guerriero*, Doug Haas, Wade Hedrick, *Marv Helon**, Jon Hollenbeck, Darryl Horowitt, *Jim Hutton**, Kenny Jelacich*, Dave Kandarian, Tom Kusaka, Tom Licouris, Mitch Long, Mike Lorenzen, *Michael Lynch**, *George Matoian*, *Mark Pasculli*, Paul Porter, Bruce Quan, **Bill Robinson**, Don Ruiz, Mark Sanchez***, Jim Sandrini, Glenn Scott, **Bill Smittcamp*****, Kyle Stephenson, Serge Tomassian, Gary Trembley, Walt Trembley, Bill Van Skike, Chris Visser***, Steve Vuovich, Kirk Wethey, Kevin Wren, Richard Wright & Wayne Yamagiwa.

1980's

Greg Anderson, Joel Armstrong, Chris Cole, Barry Folly, Randy Garabedian, Mike Green, T.A. Heckel, Don Heckman, John Hughes, Frank Huttlinger (S.D. St.), Sergio Ilic, *Marc Jason*, Kenneth Lehman, Brian Lockhart, Chris Morse, Mike Price, Matthew Rowan & Doug Sampson.

1990's

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

2000's

Chad Calhoun, *Aaron Encinias*, Matt Helon, & Frank Puccio.

2010's

Dusty Lacefield & Scott Moore.

Welcome our one-year complimentary membership,
Fresno State Class of 2024 – Cooper Liles, Max
Mahoney, Logan Mann, Roman Wells & Trey Wood.

**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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALAN PIERROT, MD**

('59 Theta Theta, University of Michigan)

By Central Valley Community Foundation

Each year, the Association of Fundraising Professional California Valley Chapter celebrates National Philanthropy Day, honoring the incredible work of individual, foundation, and corporate philanthropist, as well as fundraising professionals.

Congratulations to Board Chair, Emeritus Dr. Alan Pierrot who has been awarded the Distinguished Achievement Special Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals! Dr. Pierrot is honored for his outstanding philanthropy and community impact contributions. He has led with dedication and passion for many years.

Congratulations
DR. ALAN PIERROT



CVCF Board Chair Emeritus
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT SPECIAL AWARD

Association of Fundraising Professionals
Central Valley Chapter

SAVE THE DATE

2025 Alumni Chapter Dinner Meetings

Old Spaghetti Factory, Fresno

No-host cocktails followed by dinner.

Thursday, January 16, 2025

6:00 PM PT – Alumni Chapter Dinner Meeting

Keynote Speaker: Michael Greenberg

68th Grand Consul & Sigma Chi Foundation President

(Illinois-Wesleyan 1982)

Thursday, February 20, 2025
6:00 PM PT – Alumni Chapter Dinner Meeting
Keynote Speaker: Garrett Klassy
Director of Athletics, Fresno State

8th Annual Wine Tasting Experience
Saturday, April 26, 2025
3:00 - 6:00 PM (PT)
Susan and John Ballinger's Home
Details to Follow

Visit our events calendar for other upcoming activities:

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

ALL HONOR TO HIS NAME

07/01/2024- 06/30/2025

Edward “Ed” Boswell (58-F) July 20, 2024

James "Jim" Calandra (60-S) July 22, 2024

Gene Goltz (63-F) February 9, 2021

Rick Nelson (65-S) September 10, 2024

John Crookham (90-S) September 9, 2024

J. David “Dave” Jensen, Jr. (67-S) July 20, 2024

***Mark C. Thomas (94-F) October 29, 2024**

(*) Notes those added this month.

Names underlined are links to obituaries on memorial sites



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PAYABLE TO THE FRESNO STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2625 E MATOIAN WAY M/S SH124
FRESNO CA 93740-8000

THE MAKING OF EPSILON ETA'S FIRST 100 YEARS

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

The backstory of the making of our 100-Year book can be found by clicking the link below:

<https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/the-making-of-epsilon-etas-first-100-years/>

Epsilon Eta Collection at Fresno State

We have recharged our efforts to build a collection of Sigma Chi Epsilon Eta materials at the Special Collections Department at the Fresno State Library. The following is a partial list of items:

Three Sigma Tau pledge paddles (Order of Constantine **Oran McNeil** 52-T & **Dick Beers** 52-T)

Archive items from Gene Andrade 56-F, Order of Constantine Bill Matesso 63-F, Order of Constantine Chuck Sant'Agata 56-S and Order of Constantine Glenn Sheets 52-T

First Outstanding Pledge Award paddle 1952-1961
(donor Warren Williams 61-S donor and last brother
listed

70th Epsilon Eta & 100th Sigma Tau Anniversary
items

Your Alumni Chapter donated on your behalf to
cover the cost of archival storage containers and
fees for these items. A fund has been established at
the Fresno State Foundation for the Sigma Chi
Collection at the Fresno State Library. You can
donate at:

[https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1692/lg23/form.aspx
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Select University Library and note Sigma Chi
Collection

Mail your check to:
Fresno State Foundation
Fresno State Advancement Services
5244 N Jackson Ave., KC45, Fresno CA 93740-8023.
Note: University Library/Sigma Chi Collection

***PAST ARTICLES YOU MAY HAVE
MISSED FROM EPSILON ETA
COLLECTION AT FRESNO
STATE***

***SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED AT
PREFERENCE DINNER***

At our Fall Preference Night, we proudly celebrated the 2024-2025 scholarship recipients, with 17 brothers awarded a total of \$52,000 to support their studies this academic year. Your continued donations to our endowment fund make this possible —thank you for your support!



NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

FACEBOOK – SIGMA CHI ALUMNI – FRESNO STATE

<https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/newsletter-archive>

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.

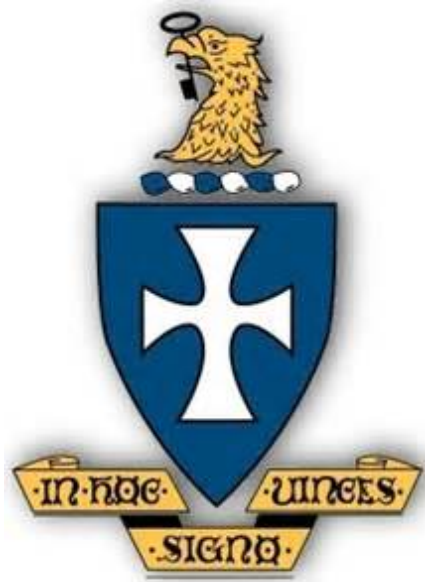
<https://fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership>

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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