

*December 2024*



**Sigma Chi**

**FRESNO ALUMNI CHAPTER**

**SIG-NIFICANT NEWS**

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**FEATURED**

**NOVEMBER DINNER NEWS**

***SEE ARTICLES BELOW***

**68TH GRAND COUNCIL TO VISIT  
JANUARY 16TH**

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**LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
FOR WARDEN**

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**A CHANCE MEETING IN  
SAN DIEGO**

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**8TH ANNUAL WINE TASTING  
& SOCIAL EXPERIENCE**

***SATURDAY APRIL 26, 2025***

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

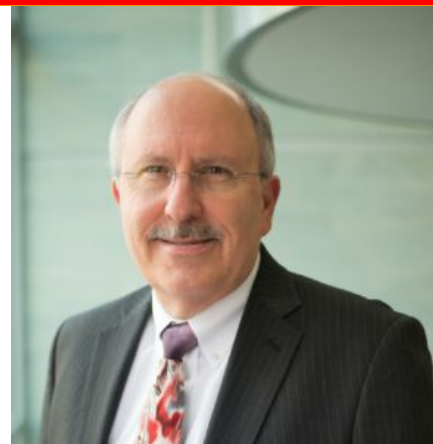
## ALUMNI DUES/DONATIONS

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

[www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership](http://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership)

# President's Message

*Contributed by Brad Fischer (78-S)*



**Worthy Brothers,**

As we close out the year let us reflect on our successes in 2024 and the bright future for our brotherhood in 2025. Whether you live local or afar, the strong arms of brotherhood surround us.

Thank you to those who have paid dues for 2024/25 and special appreciation to those who added a donation. For others, consider making your year-end dues and/or donation to your alumni chapter.

Sending you the very best at Christmas and for this holiday season. Include prayers to those who might be experiencing tougher times. May the White Cross keep you strong and carry you forward into the New Year!

**In Hoc Signo Vinces,**

**Brad**

**Brad S. Fischer (78-S)  
Significant Sig  
Cal State - Fresno 1981  
President**

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<http://fresnosigsalumni.org>**

“You have to be honest, have integrity, be able to cooperate and get along with other people. Sigma Chi is a great place to learn that and that’s why it’s a great thing to join a fraternity.”  
***Jim Palmer, Arizona State 1967, MLB Hall of Fame***

**[www.sigmachi.org/history](http://www.sigmachi.org/history)**

## ***BROTHER McMANUS HONORED AT NOVEMBER DINNER***

Order of Constantine **Bill Robinson** (70-F) presented Significant Sig **Dana McManus** with his honors. This included a certificate, lapel pin and medallion.

Following Brother McManus’s acceptance comments **Kenny Jelacich** (70-F) shared colorful stories of Dana, the Fall 1970 pledge class, and that time at the chapter house.

Attending from the Fall 70 pledge class were: **Peter Britton, Bob Champagne, Russel Efird, Kenny Jelacich, Significant Sig Mike Gallo, Significant Sig Dana McManus, Order of Constantine Bill**

**Robinson,**



**Left to right: Bill Robinson (70-F), Dana McManus (70-F)  
& Brad Fischer (78-S)**



**Significant Sig Dana McManus (70-F)**

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**Please click on the links for more details:**

***Induction at Dinner***

***Named by Sigma Chi International***

## ***SEMI-CENTURY MEMBER HONORED AT NOVEMBER DINNER***

**Wade Hedrick (74-F)** was honored as a 2024 Semi-Century member. Brother Wade continues to enjoy a lifetime career in the auto industry. You'll find him as a loyal member of the Hedrick's Chevrolet team in Clovis CA.



Left to right: Brad S Fischer, (78-S) & Wade Hedrick (74-F)

## ***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](#)

## ***HOUSING CORPORATION UPDATE***

*By John Ballinger, Housing Corporation President (S'65)*

**Dashing through the fog! On behalf of our Housing Corporation members, Season's Greetings to all of you and your families!**

Now down to business. We are in pretty good shape at the house. The Active Chapter did a fantastic job of cleaning and the house for November's Significant Sig reception for Brother Dana McManus (F '70). Kudos to active brothers Michael Alexander and Tito Gomez for spearheading a total group effort!

Several of our new fall initiates are turning in requests to move into the house. We currently have 22 brothers living in, and it appears that we may exceed that number for the first time in over 5 years. It's amazing the impact of large pledge classes.

We are still in search of a few additions alumni to join our board! We are in need of a new secretary. Anyone with a laptop will be considered! It doesn't require a great deal of time outside of meetings. It's also a great way to give back to our chapter.

***John Ballinger (S'65)***  
***Housing Corporation President***



## **A CHANCE MEETING IN SAN DIEGO**

Former Consul and Oakland Triad member Ron LaRocca (61-F) relocated from Atlanta to San Diego



a few years ago after retiring. This November, Ron met a neighbor's son, Rob Paley (91-S), who was visiting from Doylestown, PA. To their surprise, Rob was also initiated at Fresno State. Rob holds a Liberal Arts degree and works as a Senior Sales Executive for Omniya Solar, headquartered in West Deptford, NJ. In addition to residential and commercial solar installations, the company offers roofing and water purification services.

The accompanying photo captures how the bonds of Sigma Chi transcend generations.



## **VOICE OF OUR ALUMNI**

“Received the 50-year pin and certificate. Appreciate it, thank you. Makes me feel a bit older but nevertheless, proud to be a Sig.” Serge Tomassian (74-F)

## **LAST CALL HARRY ST JOHN MEMORIAL WARDEN NOMINATIONS**

***December 31, 2024 Deadline***

*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](mailto:fresnosigs1952@gmail.com). Please include a statement supporting for your nomination.

## ***EX RETURNS TO NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY***

“My name is Desmond Robinson and I am the Director of Fraternity Growth for the Sigma Chi Fraternity Headquarters. I am pleased to announce that Sigma Chi has been invited to return to Northwestern University in the winter 2025 quarter!

If you are aware of any Sigma Chi legacies and/or general students that meet the Jordan Standard and attend Northwestern, please share their contact information with us by utilizing [this referral form link](#), or by clicking the button below.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me with the information provided below.”

In Hoc,

Desmond Robinson,  
**TARLETON STATE 2015**  
Director of Fraternity Growth  
[Desmond.Robinson@sigmach.org](mailto:Desmond.Robinson@sigmach.org)

# 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.fresnosignsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership](http://www.fresnosignsalumni.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:*

[Download 2024-2025 Dues Appeal Form Here](#)

**Note: This chart shows the names of all Brothers who have paid dues received during the last 12 months, as of December 14, 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 Eliopulos, 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.

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## 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, 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 Vucovich,  
Kirk Wethey, Kevin Wren, Richard Wright  
& Wayne Yamagiwa.

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## 1980's

Greg Anderson, Joel Armstrong, Chris Cole,  
Randy Garabedian, Mike Green, T.A. Heckel,  
Don Heckman, John Hughes,  
Frank Huttlinger (S.D. St.), Sergio Ilic, *Marc Jason*,  
Kenneth Lehman, Jeff Little, Brian Lockhart,

Chris Morse, Mike Price, Matthew Rowan,  
Doug Sampson & *Steve Smith*.

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## 1990's

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

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## 2000's

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

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## 2010's

Dusty Lacefield & Scott Moore.

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

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### **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

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# **SAVE THE DATE**

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## **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)*

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**Thursday, February 20, 2025**

**6:00 PM PT – Alumni Chapter Dinner Meeting**

*Keynote Speaker: Garrett Klassy*

*Director of Athletics, Fresno State*

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**8th Annual Wine Tasting Experience**

**Saturday, April 26, 2025**

**3:00 - 6:00 PM (PT)**

**Susan and John Ballinger's Home**

*For Tickets: [Click Here](#)*

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**Visit our events calendar for other upcoming activities:**

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

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***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

\***Edward Chidlaw** (52-T) September 28, 2024

\***Wilbur Kusch** (54-F) November 30, 2024

\***Raymond Stevenson** (55-F) June 4, 2024

(\*) **Notes** those added this month.

*Names underlined are links to obituaries on memorial sites*



**WHITE ROSE SCHOLARSHIP FUND:  
PAYABLE TO THE FRESNO STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
2625 E MATOIAN WAY M/S SH124  
FRESNO CA 93740-8000**

## **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?sid=1692&gid=2&pgid=2469&cid=4681&amount=>

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***

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### ***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. Do you have an event that

our alumni can join to help as a team?

This community service is not just a Fresno project, it can occur where ever you live. Have an idea? Also, we need a Fresno area chair for an event.

Send an email to [fresnosigs1952@gmail.com](mailto:fresnosigs1952@gmail.com)

## **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

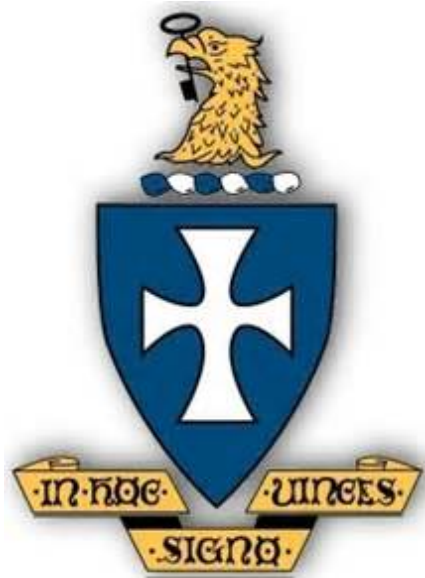
website.

<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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