October 2026

Sigma Chi
FRESNO ALUMNI CHAPTER

SIG-NIFICANT NEWS

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EPSILON ETA
ALUMNI POKER NIGHT

NOVEMBER 14, 2026
Details to follow

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/events

ANNUAL DUES/DONATIONS

July 1 2026 to June 30, 2027
Dues Cycle is Open
Annual Dues $60.00
July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 Supporters Listing Below
www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership

President's Message

Contributed by Brad Fischer (78-S)



Worthy Brothers:

On October 24, 2026, we welcomed 15 new brothers to our order. It was a celebration at the Epsilon Eta Chapter House with a welcome BBQ

organized by **Steve Smith** (80-F). Thank you Brother Smitty for making a difference in our undergraduate and alumni experience.

As we enter the holiday season we reflect on those brothers who have entered the Chapter Eternal. We also give blessings to those who are experiencing health setbacks and wish them comfort and recovery.

This month, we repeat Grand Consul Temby's quote below. Everyday our actions and behaviors forever reflect upon our brotherhood. Guard well the White Cross of Sigma Chi my brothers!

Friendship, Justice, and Learning

In Hoc Signo Vinces,

Brad

Order of Constantine & Significant Sig
President
(559) 287-1392

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"Brothers, we built this Fraternity on the conviction that friendship, rightly practiced, makes better men of us all; that justice applied fairly to all is an essential part of society; and that a commitment to lifelong learning begets men of wisdom whare are prepared to lead"

74th Grand Consul Ryan Temby – RUTGERS 1990 IOTA PSI

www.sigmachi.org/history

FRESNO STATE SIGMA CHI ALUMNI POKER TOURNAMENT

Nick Palm (24-F) 2026/2027 Consul

Calling All Alumni Brothers!

The Epsilon Eta Chapter is raising the stakes and bringing brothers together for our First-Ever Alumni Poker Tournament!

Join us for an unforgettable evening of friendly competition, brotherhood, and a little poker-room excitement. Our active brothers are fired up to welcome alumni, and the Fall '26 pledge class is especially eager to meet the brothers who paved the way.

Saturday, November 14 · 6:00 PM
Epsilon Eta Chapter House
1456 E. Bulldog Lane
Fresno, CA 93710

Buy-In: $200

The Pot: Half goes to the night's top players, and the other half goes directly toward supporting our active chapter.

Attire: Cocktail
Drinks: Beer and wine provided
Food: A delicious spread of charcuterie boards

This is more than a poker tournament—it's an opportunity to reconnect, strengthen our bonds, and invest in the future of our brotherhood. Whether you're coming to test your poker skills, catch up with

old friends, or meet the next generation of Sigma Chi brothers, we want you at the table!

Let's make this first tournament one to remember. We hope to see you there!

IHSV,

Nick

$24,000 TO VALLEY CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

Contributed by Nick Davis (22-F)
2026 Derby Daddy

On October 14, 2026, representatives of the Valley Children's Hospital Foundation visited our Epsilon Eta Chapter to receive a donation of $24,000. These were monies raised during the 2026 Derby Days.

Sigma Chi at Fresno State has raised over $250,000 for Valley Children's Hospital from many years of Derby Days activities. No other Greek or student organization on campus compares to our success. Thank you to those of you who have donated to this worthy cause.



OCTOBER DINNER EVENT SUCCESS

Our October dinner event was an amazing success. Kara Zografos, Dean of Health and Human Services, was our guest and she was terrific. The very first speaker to host their own raffle prize. **Jordan Vasquez** (16-F) was our big winner! The College issues the most degrees of any College on campus and is a significant provider of nurses in our region.

We presented Kara with our centennial medallion and Epsilon Eta's First 100 Years book.



Left to right – Kara Zografos & Jordan Vasquez (16-F)



Left to right – Kara Zografos & Brad S. Fischer (78-S)

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Contributed by Jordan Vasquez (16-F)

Save the date of December 19, 2026, at 11:00 AM for a wreath ceremony at Veterans Liberty Cemetery in Fresno. We will also lay a wreath at the memorial monument of Harry St. John Dixon and perform a White Rose Ceremony.

Join the Fresno Alumni Chapter to participate in Wreaths Across America. We will soon be sending more information, including a QR code to donate to the wreath efforts and to volunteer.

Please contact me at (559) 341-7768 with any questions or to join the committee.

HOUSING CORPORATION UPDATE

Contributed by John Ballinger (65-S)

So far So good. The active chapter officers have been doing a good job so far of keeping the house in good order and avoiding any damages to date. However, our live-in numbers should be higher as we only have 16 residents.

Once again, a big shout-out to all our brothers who made financial contributions to our recent renovation project. Support came by way of either by direct donations or added funds when paying their dues. Kudos to all.

Finally, it's maybe time for a few of our alumni to consider contributing in another fashion. Please consider helping us out by joining our house corporation. I have enjoyed serving the board for15 years, however we need to think about the future… now! Please contact me should you have interest in making a difference!

IT'S GREAT TO BE A SIG!

John Ballinger (S '65)
House Corporation President

October Chapter Update

This month has been going smoothly as we have worked together as a chapter to welcome our new pledges, who will officially become brothers on

Saturday morning, October 24. We sincerely appreciate Alumnus Steve Smith for coming out and helping our brotherhood practice our parts for the ritual initiation. We currently have 14 pledges, having released those who were not deemed worthy of becoming Sigma Chi brothers.

Our Derby Days philanthropy check was presented to Valley Children's Hospital in the amount of $24,000, raised during our 2026 Derby Days event.

We have exciting plans for the remainder of the month, including hosting our exclusive Halloween event. Our primary focus is developing these future brothers into great and worthy men. So far, our Fall 2026 pledge class is doing very well and continues to demonstrate that they are worthy of becoming great brothers in our active chapter.

We also want to extend our sincere thanks to all the alumni who have supported us throughout this active chapter period. As a brotherhood, we continue to grow stronger, both individually and collectively, while striving to become men of good character.

IHSV!!



2026-2027 DUES & DONATIONS

Contributed by Mark Scott (69-F)

Dues are $60.00 and donations for 08/17/2026 to 06/30/2027 are being accepted.

Online payments can be accepted today:
Click Here for Membership Information

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 2026-2027 is now available:

Download 2026-2027 Dues Appeal Form Here

Note: This chart shows the names of all Brothers who have paid dues that are credited toward Fiscal Year 2026-2027. (For the purposes of this chart, we are counting all dues paid between January and June 2026.). This chart does not include the generous donations to the White Rose Scholarship Foundation.

As of October 14, 2026

1950's

Jerry Bender, *Bob Buckenberger,* Butch Charlebois, ***Tony Flores***, ***Jim Green,*** Byron Justus, Joe Monachello, Homer Potts, Rich Rose, Dante Simi, *Frank Small**, Ron Weiner, ***Leo Wilson*** & Norm Winslow.

1960's

John Ballinger@, Don Beauregard, Tom Beggs, Dale Blickenstaff, *Rich Bratz*, Lindsay Brehm, Marv Broderson***@, Larry Calvino@, Steve Crawford, Rob Crossland, ***Tom Downing****, Michael Elliott***@, Pete Eliopulos, Elwood Enns*, Richard (Bud) Fox, John Garcia, Richard Harris, Greg Johnson, ***Colin Kelly,*** Bob Koligian***, *Ron LaRocca*, Jeff Linder**, *John Marinovich*, Dan Mueller**, Jim Norquist, Dan O'Brien, ***Mike Patton****@, Wes Qualls, **Gary Renner, *Dave Reuland,*** Don Ruiz, Mark Scott@,

Brian Stout***@, Jack Tacchino, James Tatum, James Underhill, **Tim Vaux**, Jerry Waters*, **Warren Williams**, & Don Witzansky.

1970's

Dick Arakelian, Amos Bagdasarian, Bruce Berger, Peter Britton, Mike Chin, Kenny Duncan, Russell Efird***, Richard Egan***, Bruce Ekmanian, ***Brad Fischer****@, **Jon Gallinetti**, Bob Garavello, Tony Guerrierro***, Doug Haas**, Rob Hauser, *Marv Helon**, *Jim Hutton, Rich Klopfstein,* Tom Kusaka, Tom Licouris, *Michael Lynch,* ***Dana McManus**, George Matoian***, Robert Morrow, George Neves**, Larry Paris, Paul Porter*@, Bruce Quan,* ***Bill Robinson***, Mark Sanchez, Glenn Scott, ***Bill Smittcamp****@, Bob Soligian***, Larry Spikes, Kyle Stephenson, Bob Teague, Gary Trembley*, Chris Visser***, Steve Vucovich, Kirk Wethey**, Richard Wright & Wayne Yamagiwa.

1980's

Christopher Cole, Dan Dixon, Randy Garabedian*, **T.A. Heckel**, Frank Huttlinger (San Diego St.), **Sergio Ilic,** Justin Kempton, Jeff Little, Brian Lockhart, James McCorkle, Mike Price**, Mike Riggs, Doug Sampson, Mike Smith, Kraig Thomas** & Les Walker.

1990's

Lee Cendana, Kenneth Eynaud, David Folly, Donny Gill & Preet Purewal.

2000's

Travis Bader & Matt Helon*

2010's

Mike Colgate, Dusty Lacefield, & Scott Moore

Welcome our one-year complimentary membership, Fresno State Class of 2026:

Michael Alexander (23-F), Landon Davis (24-F), Nick Davis (22-F), Emiliano Elacuesta (23-F), Carsen Fusi (24-F), Aron Garcia (25-S), Tito Gomez (22-F), Dom Guerriero (24-F), Noah Hornburg (24-F), Laith Khoury (22-F), Seth Karagozian (22-F), Cooper Lilles (21-F), Zachary Shoup (22-F), Caden Shows (22-F), Ryan Sloan (23-F), Zaid Srouju (22-F).

Order of Constantine, Significant Sig, **Headquarters Awards**
Consuls who served Epsilon Eta
** Plus $0-$40 donation Alumni Chapter,*
***Plus $41 -$140 donation Alumni Chapter,*
****Plus $141 or more donation Alumni Chapter*
@ Donation to the Housing Corporation

SIGS NEWS

Tom Licouris **(70-F).** Fresnoland featured the story and history behind the Uncle Tom's Cabin (bar) located at Tulare & First Street.
Click Here for Article

Rodger B. Jensen (52-T). The Business Journal honors Brother Jensen.
Click Here for Article

Events to Celebrate Brotherhood

SAVE THE DATE

Alumni Poker Night
Saturday, November 14, 2027

Details to Follow

FINAL FALL DINNER

Thursday, November 19, 2026
6:00 PM PT – Alumni Networking & Dinner Event
Old Spaghetti Factory, Fresno

Speaker:
Sam Mann (91-S)
Harry St John Dixon Memorial Monument

Last meeting to celebrate our 1976 Semi Century Sigs attending

RSVP: *fresnoalumni@sigmachi.com* or
text to (559) 287-1392

SAVE THE DATE

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
& WHITE ROSE CEREMONY
AT THE HARRY ST JOHN DIXON MEMORIAL MONUMENT

Saturday, December 19, 2026

Veterans Liberty Cemetery 11:00 AM
1831 W Belmont Ave, Fresno CA 93728

Details to Follow

SAVE THE DATE

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EPISILON ETA CHAPTER

Saturday, February 27, 2027

Details to Follow

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

ALL HONOR TO THEIR NAME

July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Rodger Jensen (52-T) August 5, 2026

*Joe Davis (57-S) Unknown

Jim Nowell ((63-F) January 28, 2026

Randy Handley (67-F) August 2026

Dave Rader (68-F) August 2026

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

BY MAIL:
PAYABLE TO THE FRESNO STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Memo - Sigma Chi White Rose Scholarship
2625 E MATOIAN WAY M/S SH124
FRESNO CA 93740-8000



SIGMA CHI HEADQUARTERS NEWS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW SIGMA CHI TranfORM PROGRAM

Dave Keller. Grand Praetor (95-F) Kappa Theta USC

Introducing the new Sigma Chi TransfORM program; ORM = Officer Resource Map.

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There is already some training for some of the officers here:

https://sigmachi.maplelms.com/local/mycourse

So far it covers the Magister and Risk Manager; Kustos is coming soon. There will eventually be one for each officer that is on E.C.

I'm ready to help or more information: Contact *dave.keller@sigmachi.com* or (408) 507-6250

PAST ARTICLES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

ACTIVE CHAPTER NEWS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Carlos Castillo (26-S), Chapter Editor

Hello Brothers,

This September has been going very well. This chapter is growing so much as a whole. We have officially gave 20 potential new members Bids and all 19 of them have accepted their bids and are very excited to see these young men become great leaders and are looking forward to seeing their impact they will have on our home and exciting things they will bring to our fraternity.

This month, we have been putting together all of our focus on fixing up and working on the house for our rush week which is the most important week of especially for the fall and went very smoothly we have picked up 19 great guys and we can't wait to see all the great things they will do for us and our chapter. We would not have been able to do all of this without the help of everyone and we greatly appreciate everything you guys do for the house we are very excited for the future of this fraternity and the months ahead of us and we are looking forward to a great year in every aspect especially for this new upcoming class Fall 2026.

Also, we have brothers competing in the Greek life basketball league and one of our brothers earned player of the week by dominating their past games. Lastly, we want to thank all of our brothers and alum and are very grateful for everything you guys do for our active chapter and we look forward to this upcoming year with Sigma Chi.

IHSV!!!

SEMI-CENTURY SIGS

Grand Praetor Dave Keller joined us in honoring five brothers from 1976 with their Semi-Century Sig honors at our September event.

Those brothers with updated information in our membership database are: **Alan L. Benzler** (76-F), **David G Gannon, Jr** (76-S), **Rodney K. Gavroian** (76-S), **Robert W. Hauser** (76-S), **Wil Herring** (76-F), **David J. Linzmeier** (76-F), **Phillip G. Parnagian** (76-F) and **Roger Parvanian** (76-S)

If you have contact information on other 1976 brothers, please sent it to ***fresnoalumni@sigmachi.com***



Left to right: Grand Praetor Dave Keller Kappa Theta Chico State (95-F), Dave Gannon (76-S), Rodney Gavroian (76-S) Rob Hauser (76-S) David Linzmeier (76-F) & Roger Parvanian (76-S)

Our brothers from 1976 will receive their Semi-Century Sig honors at one of our Fall alumni dinner meetings that they are able to attend. We will mail honors to those who are unable to attend a meeting.

Other brothers to be honored at a future dinner event or have it mailed to them are: **Alan L. Benzler** (76-F), **Wil Herring** (76-F), and **Phillip G. Parnagian** (76-F).

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SEPTEMBER ALUMNI DINNER EVENT

Head Coach of the Women's Water Polo program, Natalie Benson joined us on September 17, 2026,

and engaged the crowd of over 45. She was skilled in the Jordan Standard and compared them to the pillars of the water polo program. Pride, Prepare, Focus, Fight and Win.

She is the first coach for the water polo program, and this season celebrates with our student athletes their 10th anniversary. She was the first Olympian to be presented with the 100th Sigma Tau/Sigma Chi anniversary medallion. Also, her engagement continued, she was one of the last to leave that evening.

For more details on Coach Benson:
Click Here



Left to right: Brad S Fischer (78-S) & Head Coach Natalie Benson

SIGS NEWS

Order of Constantine Tom Downing (62-F) and his spouse Cynthia are the 2026 Outstanding Philanthropists by the Association of Fundraising Professionals California Valley Chapter. They will receive their award at the National Philanthropy Day Luncheon on November 17, 2026.

Order of Constantine & Significant Sig Phillip V Sanchez (52-T). The September issue of The September Grapevine newsletter of the **Fresno City and County Historical Society** featured Roots of our Valley, Fresno's First Ambassador. An interview for an oral history project was held with Brother Sanchez on May 12, 1978. You can find the 27-minute interview as follows:

https://www.valleyhistory.org/ethnic-oral-history-collection

Former Chapter Advisor Dusty Lacefield (12-F) and Haley welcomed Harlow to the family on August 6th. She was born at UC Davis in Sacramento at 5lbs. 15oz. and 19". She is doing well and her big brother Hudson is a big fan.

NEW FRESNO ALUMNI CHAPTER EMAIL ADDRESS

As of August 1, 2026, we have implemented our new international email address hosted by headquarters. Our new email is ***fresnoalumni@sigmachi.com*.**

Please update your contact list to include this new email. It will take us some time to fully update to this new email.

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PROTECTING THE HISTORY OF EPSILON ETA

By Order of Constantine & Significant Sig
Brad S. Fischer (78-S)

Sigma Chi continues to have the most extensive collection of materials at the Fresno State Library Special Collections Department. What are you doing to save material from Epsilon Eta? Here are some ideas while you hold the items until you are ready to save them in perpetuity at the library.

Items can include, photographs, invitations, programs, clothing, jewelry, award certificates, trophy's, scrapbooks, etc.

Keep materials in a dry and temperature-controlled environment

Avoid folding any materials

Write the names of people featured in photographs on the back using a #2 pencil

Write an explanation of people, events, places, etc. to accompany your items

Place like materials in a box, folder, envelope or Ziplock

SUPPORT THE ONLY GREEK ARCHIVE AT FRESNO STATE

Funds are needed 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 the Fresno State Foundation, Fresno State Advancement Services, 5244 N Jackson Ave., KC45, Fresno CA 93740-8023. Note University Library/Sigma Chi Collection

HARRY ST JOHN DIXON MEMORIAL MONUMENT

Steve Smith (80-F), Warden – (559) 289-5297

https://sigmachi.org/history/monuments-memorials/foundational-sites/

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 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

FOUNDING OF SIGMA CHI

https://sigmachi.org/history/our-history/sigma-chi-founding

Alumni Chapter 1950 Charter

Sigma Chi Fraternity

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come
Greeting

Know Ye

that the Sigma Chi Fraternity has granted and by these presents does grant to the Brothers whose names are listed below and to their duly initiated associates and successors this charter, fully constituting them an

Alumni Chapter

of the Fraternity under the name and title of

Fresno, California Alumni Chapter

of Sigma Chi Fraternity

vested with all the powers and privileges given to and subject to the obligations required of such chapters in the Ritual, Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternity.

Dated this eleventh day of June, 1950

John Neal Campbell
GRAND CONSUL

Russell Easton
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Robert L. Bourne, AΩ'37
Sewell D. Collins, Ω'14
Gabriel Penn Cummings, AT'14
Arthur H. Drew, AΩ'10
Everett H. Goodale, BM'35
Allan F. Hinton, AΨ'07
George W. Huffman, BΔ'35AT'37
Bertram H. Hunter, BΞ'16
Joseph L. Joy, AT'37
Clyde Kelly, BΞ'13
Chalmers S. Lowes, Jr. AT'36
Carlton Ould, T'31
Stef Rue, BZ'14
Paul Stanford, AΩ'16







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