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"I will endeavor to retain  
the spirit of youth"  
~Sigma Chi Creed, George  
Ade ΔΔ 1887

## A Special Evening for a Special Sigma Chi

### 25th Annual Sigma Chi Brotherhood Dinner

Over the past 25 years we have had many special guests recognized at our annual Sigma Chi Brotherhood Dinner, but few have contributed to our chapter in the ongoing and generous manner of our special honoree this year, Jim Dora '58.

### Dora Receives Order of Constantine

Jim Dora was recognized for his sustained contributions to the chapter for the past 50 years by being inducted into the Order of Constantine, Sigma Chi's highest honor for service to the Fraternity. The award was presented by Past Grand Consul Dick Hester at the 25th annual Brotherhood Dinner held on April 13th at the Delta Delta Chapter House. Along with a record number of alumni in attendance, also present were Jim's wife, Shirley, son, Jim, Jr., and daughter, Libby Troeger.

### A Lifetime Contributor

In his remarks Brother Hester noted that throughout his career, Jim has lent his expertise, time and financial resources to Delta Delta and the General Fraternity. As the owner and operator of a large number of Holiday Inns and other hotels, his knowledge of building construction, facility design, food service and property management have guided a number of projects at the Delta Delta chapter house. When the chapter house kitchen was revamped 30 year ago, Jim led the project with his expertise and financial support. Jim again stepped forward in 2003 to help lead the Chapter House Renovation Campaign that raised \$7.4 million to restore his beloved fraternity home.

### Recognized for His Accomplishments

Jim received the Significant Sig Award in the Great Hall in 2001. In 2002, he attended the Balfour Workshop as a Distinguished Visitor. He attended the 2004 Grand Council and the 2005 Grand Chapter where he was inducted into the Sigma Chi Hall of Fame. He was a member of the International Fraternity's Strategic Planning Committee from 2003 to 2005, and Jim served on the Board of the Delta Delta House Corporation from 2007 through 2013. In 2015 Delta Delta honored Jim with the first Ben Taylor Award for his lifetime contributions to Delta Delta.

### Beloved and Respected by His Brothers

Bernie Sergesketter '58, Jim's pledge brother, also remarked that there were 18 brothers who wrote letters of support for Jim Dora's nomination for the Order of Constantine. Of these writers, two are Past Grand Consuls, two are current Grand Trustees, ten are Significant Sigs, and ten are members of the Order of Constantine. As Bernie read one of these letters from Vince Pegan '10, it was clear that Jim had touched the lives of brothers over multiple generations.

Jim's daughter, Libby Troeger, also read a letter written by her son, Wade, a Sigma Chi at Indiana, who noted how much he learned about the values of Sigma Chi growing up around his grandfather.

To view Jim's Order of Constantine presentation go to [A Special Evening for a Special Sig](#).

A number of our alumni brothers gathered for a photo op at the 25th Annual Brotherhood Dinner.



Past Grand Consul Dick Hester (L) presents Jim Dora '58 with the Order of Constantine.



Jim Dora '58 (L) with pledge brother, Bernie Sergesketter '58.



### A Thank You to Our Alumni and Undergraduate Brothers

The evening was made complete by the hospitality of the undergraduates who arranged for an outstanding meal and plenty of refreshments for the alumni guests. Special thanks go to Max Long and JT Gamett, the Alumni Relations chairs who organized the event, and Consul Rajiv Samagond and Butch Brose for getting the chapter house ready.

We would also like to thank all the alumni who attended. It is very rewarding to get to hear your stories and gain from your experience and insight. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.



Joe Gamett '87 (L) with daughter Alyssa,  $\Delta\Delta$ 's Sweetheart, and son JT '18.

