



Joseph W. "Joe" Markling '80

Has been elected to membership in the

Beta Phi Hall of Honor Class of 2014

Brother Markling was raised in Southern California until he moved to Tucson in the sixth grade. He graduated from Canyon del Oro High School in 1975 and enrolled at Arizona State until he realized "it was not the place for me."

After transferring to the UA, Tom Scott, a high school friend and a future member of the Hall of Honor, suggested he check out Sigma Chi Fraternity. He then pledged and joined the re-founding class (initiated January 1978). He served the chapter as Quaestor, Pro Consul and Consul. He graduated with a degree in finance. I worked almost full time as a truck driver during school delivering precast concrete to phoenix several days a week

After graduation he served Sigma Chi as chapter advisor at Cal State, Northridge; a member of the Beta Phi Capital Campaign Decade Team, and the Sigma Chi Building Corporation.

Brother Markling is a founding member of the Moorpark High School's Aquatics Booster Club. He served as the club's president for five years.

He began his professional career when a Sigma Chi brother working for CBRE piqued his interest in real estate, whereupon he spent 22 years at CBRE before becoming a senior vice president for Lowe Enterprises. In 2010, he returned to CBRE, the world's largest real estate services firm as senior managing director.

Brother Markling also serves as an officer of the California Business Properties Association, which named him Corporate Partner of the Year in 2014. He is also the former Chairman and CEO of the Building Owners and Managers Association International.

"I learned more about leadership during my time with the Brothers of Beta Phi than in any class at the University of Arizona," he said. "Looking back I realize that the man I am today is, in large part, because I understand what it means to be part of something that has meaning and I am proud to have played a part in its success. I will always be proud to be associated with Sigma Chi. I wear it like a badge of honor."