

Edward P. Roski Jr. ***Southern California '62*** **Oxford Cup Roll No. 052**

Edward P. Roski Jr., *Southern California '62*, is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of one of the oldest and largest privately held real estate firms in the United States. Founded in 1948, Majestic Realty Co. owns more than 50,000,000 square feet of property, with projects located throughout Southern California and in several major metropolitan areas nationwide.

Combining his passion for business with a love of sports, Brother Roski is co-owner of the Los Angeles Kings, the Los Angeles Lakers and the Staples Center. He is also an adventurer. An avid traveler, Roski has hiked Mt. Everest, K2, Mt. Kilimanjaro, and rode his bike across Mongolia, Russia, Ireland, China and Burma. His passion for adventure led to membership in the Explorers Club.

Roski takes an active role in area cultural activities, serving on the boards of the Bowers Museum of Cultural Art, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment Commission and the California Science Center. He also serves on the Board of Regents at Loyola High School and the Board of Trustees at the University of Southern California.

He continues to give back to his community, contributing to various committees and raising funds for worthwhile organizations such as the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels, Walt Disney Concert Hall, L.A. Convention 2000, March of Dimes, Friends of Child Advocates, Inner City Arts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Public Council and The City of Hope. A well-respected civic and community leader, Roski has received numerous accolades including The City of Hope's "Spirit of Life" award in October 2003, Project Restore's Los Angeles Heritage award and his alma mater's Asa V. Call Achievement award.

Born in Oklahoma and raised in Southern California, Roski was a walk-on football player at USC. He graduated in 1962 with a B.S. in finance and real estate, and served as an officer in the United State Marine Corps from 1962 to 1968. He and his wife Gayle have three children, Patricia, Edward III and Katrina, and four grandchildren.

— *Thomas C. Oliver, Central Michigan '98, editor, The Beta Theta Pi*