



Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity Alumni Newsletter

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

It is time to make sure our membership database is up to date. It helps with communication and Brothers being able to reach you. We would appreciate that each Alumnus and especially our recent Alumni from the last couple years would take a couple minutes and visit the ZA searchable database ([click here](#)), check your record and if it needs updating, if so, let us know. (Remember the password is Boston.)

To make it easy for you, there is a Member Record Update Form located on the website just below the ZA Alumni Brothers Searchable Database link. **Or just [click here](#) and do it now!**

Thank you for your help.

Dillon Pusateri
Alumni Board Secretary

President's Message

Dear Brothers,

As we reflect on the events of 2023, one milestone stands out as a testament to our enduring brotherhood - the 30th Annual Golf Outing that was held in June. With over 45 participants ranging from seasoned alumni to recent graduates and current chapter members, it was a truly unforgettable day.

The fairways echoed with laughter, memories, and a healthy dose of friendly competition. It was heartwarming to see the bonds of brotherhood spanning generations, with shared memories and new connections forged on the greens. To all who attended and contributed to this momentous event, I extend my heartfelt thanks.

Homecoming 2023: Anticipating a Grand Reunion

Looking ahead, we have our sights set on the upcoming Homecoming on October 21st, 2023. This event promises to be a grand reunion, a chance for us to come together, celebrate our shared history, and embrace the bright future that awaits our fraternity.

We are eagerly anticipating a tremendous turnout, and we invite each and every one of you

to join us for this momentous occasion. Whether you're a seasoned alum, a recent graduate, or a current chapter member, your presence will be the cornerstone of what is sure to be an unforgettable day.

A Testament to the Strength of Our Brotherhood

Both of these events serve as powerful reminders of the enduring strength of our fraternity. The connections we forge and the memories we create are the foundation upon which we build not only our individual lives but the legacy of Theta Chi itself.

I extend my deepest gratitude to all who have contributed to the success of these events, from the dedicated volunteers to the Alumni Board Members. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and they are instrumental in shaping the future of our chapter.

In closing, let us continue to carry the spirit of Theta Chi forward, knowing that our bonds of brotherhood are unbreakable. Together, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

Wishing you all continued success and looking forward to a memorable Homecoming.

Fraternally,

Sky Pederson
President, Theta Chi Alumni Association
Zeta Alpha Chapter

2023 Golf Outing



The 30th Zeta Alpha Alumni Golf Outing was an outstanding success for 2023. Just over 50 alumni, brothers, & friends were in attendance. The event was held at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Hermitage, PA and took place on June 10, 2023. Here are some highlights:

- Nearly 30 percent of the participants were composed of recent graduates or current members which is a testament to a connection that is being made and strengthened between the past and the future of the Zeta Alpha Chapter.
- Every attendee on Saturday received a **FREE hotdog and drink** compliments of the Zeta Alpha Alumni Association.
- Thanks to the efforts of **Brother Stephen Pennell** with the help of **Brothers Mitch Wilson and George Musko** for selling 50/50 raffle tickets during the event and with the generosity of those in attendance, we were able to raise \$340. **Brother Dan Angelucci**, who won the raffle, donated \$320 of the winnings back to the Alumni Association! Thank you, Brother Dan!
- The Putting Contest was a huge success with appreciation to **Brother Patrick Russell** for organizing and donating a \$100 gift certificate prize to the winner. The contest was won by **Brother Gary Donelli** who donated \$55 to the Alumni Association after

competition.

- Prior to dinner of chicken or burgers the group was addressed by current **Zeta Alpha Chapter President Brother Tyler Ross** and from **Zeta Beta and Honorary Zeta Alpha and Grand Chapter Secretary Alan Copeland** jointly presented Golden Guard Awards to **Brothers James Brandis, Gary Donelli, Paul Herbert, Mark Heimerdinger, John Kreuzer and Rodney Nicholson** for their 50 years of service to the Zeta Alpha Chapter.,
- Special "Thanks" are extended to **Brothers Michael Bariski and Sky Pederson** who donated the competition prizes for the event. **We also appreciate additional prizes donated by brothers who attended.**
- We even had some participants that showed up who did not register in advance but shared in the brotherhood of the event.
- Friday evening brothers gathered at the Radisson Hotel pavilion for a pre-outing brotherhood event hosted by **Brother John Farrar** at his expense. Thank You brother John!

THIS YEARS FOURSOMES

- Alan Copeland, Brody McKenna, Andrew Koley, Colin McPherson
- Joe Suprano, Ed Kostail, Patrick Russell, Jim Dunn
- Mason Pritchard, Mike Ambrose, David Stotka, Kevin Krepinevich
- Mike Bariski, Jeff Miller, John Farrar, Dan Van Wie
- James Brandis, Tom "ZZ" Chappel, Sean Kearney, Mark Caratelli
- John Kreuzer, Gary Donelli, Rod Nicholson, Dan Angelucci
- Joe Hemple, Jack Hare, Tyler Ross, Jake Cubins
- Andrew Auth, Eric Lehman, Matt Pecoraro, Cooper Collins

T-Sign Donations

Living the Theta Chi Motto "An Assisting Hand" could not be more dramatically displayed through the generous contributions of many Zeta Alpha Alumni and friends of Theta Chi through the purchase of T-Signs to support the Helping Hand Fund that were displayed during the Golf Outing.

In 2023, brothers stepped forward to commemorate pledge classes, brothers who had passed to the Chapter Eternal or to commemorate achievements of fellow brothers by purchasing T-signs and direct donations for the 2023 outing! Support was outstanding.

Fraternity honors should be given to Alumni Board Members **Sky Pederson** and **Logan Tupper** for heading up the effort and for helping us raise \$1,500 in tee signs for the event that will be added to the Helping Hand fund to benefit undergraduate Brothers bringing the endowment to almost \$32,000.00.

A T-sign for Gold and Silver sponsors for significant contributions to the Helping Hand Fund over the years were also displayed at the outing and are displayed here.

If you were not able to attend the outing, the t-signs are displayed here for your enjoyment and our appreciation.

Again, thank you to all those who contributed.

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Gold SPONSORS

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 DAN ANGELUCCI
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THE ALUMNI BOARD EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO
 HAVE SUPPORTED THE HELPING HAND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

THETA CHI GOLF OUTING
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 GARY PERDUE
 SKY PEDERSON
 REED PEDERSON
 PATRICK RUSSELL
 NICK TROMBETTA

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THETA CHI GOLF OUTING
CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE ZETA ALPHA CHAPTER
 ON A SUCCESSFUL 2021/2022!

OVERCOMING ADVERSITY, UTILIZING CREATIVITY
 MAINTAINING DETERMINATION, REMAINING RESOLUTE
 & ALWAYS OFFERING AN ASSISTING HAND.

VERY PROUD!

THETA CHI GOLF OUTING
GARY PERDUE SAYS

"YALL GIVE TO THE
 HELPING HAND FUND
 BROS!"

ZETA ALPHA CHAPTER
IN MEMORY OF BROTHER

**J. PATRICK
 SCULLEN**

ALWAYS THERE FOR HIS BROTHERS!

ZETA ALPHA CHAPTER
IN HONOR OF THE

1971 PI PLEDGE CLASS
**50 YEARS OF
 BROTHERHOOD!!**

THETA CHI GOLF OUTING
IN MEMORY OF BROTHER

 **KEN
 KNAUSS**

THETA CHI GOLF OUTING
**LINCOLN PARK
 BASKETBALL**
MIKE BARISKI
SPONSOR

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ZETA ALPHA CHAPTER
IN HONOR OF THE
**ALPHA BETA
 PLEDGE CLASS**
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WHITE DUNN
& BRENNAN
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 IN HONOR AND APPRECIATION
 TO THE FOUNDERS OF OUR THETA CHI
 GOLF OUTING
**CHUCK BOYLAN &
 JOE SUPRANO**
 WHO TOOK IT OVER AND KEPT IT GOING
 THANK YOU BROTHERS
 SPONSOR

THETA CHI GOLF OUTING
 PHI PLEDGE CLASS
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 RAY CARINCI, TOM LAICHA
 & NICK TROMBETTA**
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THE TAU PLEDGE CLASS
 REMEMBERS OUR BROTHERS

**DAVID A.
 MINETT**

**WILLIAM A.
 "FRITZ" TATIC**

THETA CHI GOLF OUTING

 PLEASE SUPPORT THE
**HELPING HAND
 SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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 WELCOME BROTHER
ALAN COPELAND
 ZETA BETA HONORARY ZETA ALPHA
 & GRAND CHAPTER MEMBER
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THETA CHI GOLF OUTING



HONORING
MABLE POE
"GRANDMA" BLYTH



"GRANDMA" BLYTH REACHED OUT TO ZETA ALPHA THETA CHI AND HELPED THEM REALIZE, WITH LOVE, THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY.

"THE LADY IN THE BLUE HOUSE TAUGHT US ALL LESSONS. WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL"

SPONSOR

Thank you to those who contributed!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Angelucci • Michael Bariski • Patrick & Robin Burke • Jim Dunn • Gary Eckert • John Farrar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Fox • Kevin Krepinevich • John Merski • Patrick Russell • David Stotka • Nick Trombetta |
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We would also like to express a special "Thank You" to **Brother Jack McMahon** for his regular monthly donation to the Helping Hand Fund.

Photo Highlights from the Golf Outing

Thank you to the brothers who shared with us photos from the golf outing so we could share them with those who could not participate. Below are the photos we received.

Additional -photos are available on the website. [Click here.](#)







Special Presentations



With this being the 30th outing for the Zeta Alpha Chapter the Alumni Board felt it was a perfect opportunity to recognize two brothers that kept the outing running during that time.

At this special event, Grand Chapter Secretary Alan Copeland assisted the chapter in recognizing **Brother Charles “Chuckie” Boylan** for founding the outing in 1992 and **Brother Joe Suprano** for taking the reins and keeping the outing functioning until 2019 when it was taken over by the newly founded Alumni Association created after the re-chartering of the Zeta Alpha Chapter in 2018.

Each were presented a Theta Chi Citation.

The citations reasonings presented to Theta Chi International and read to the Brothers in attendance read as follows:

Charles “Chuckie” Boylan:

The Zeta Alpha Chapter lost its charter in 1989.

Prior to that, the chapter had held a summer party each year where members and alumni would gather and share brotherhood. Because of the loss of the charter, this ended. Under the leadership of Brother Charles “Chuckie” Boylan the Theta Chi Golf Outing was established and held each year beginning in 1992 to maintain contact between members of the Zeta Alpha chapter. Missing only one year due to COVID 19.

This started as a small endeavor of no more than 8 alumni. To give a perspective of the effort at the time, it started with sending postcard invitations to brothers for whom addresses were available!

Each year attendance grew and kept the spirit and hope of re-establishing the Zeta Alpha Chapter alive.

Now as many as 60 brothers and friends attend each year.

His efforts to begin and conduct this event for years kept brothers connected in a way that eventually helped provide the alumni support for the recolonization of the chapter in 2017.

Brother Boylan served as a founding member of the Alumni Board in 2017.

Joe Suprano:

Brother Joseph Suprano assumed the responsibility of coordinating the Theta Chi Golf Outing held each year from Brother Boylan.

It was his efforts to continue the tradition until he turned the reins over to the Alumni Board after 2019 to keep brothers connected in a way that eventually helped provide the alumni support for the re-colonization of the chapter in 2017.

He also served on the alumni Board from 2017-2019.

Brother Suprano, after a recommendation from Brother Dan Angelucci, began "passing the can" at outings to collect funds to establish a Commemorative Brick Fund.

The purpose of the fund was to cover the cost of placing a brick (which costs \$100 each) on the Slippery Rock University Alumni House patio with the name and notation of being a Theta Chi recognizing that the Initiated Brother had passed on to the Chapter Eternal. Though at the time Theta Chi had no presence on campus, this display has become the largest display on the patio recognizing over 32 brothers at Slippery Rock University and is a display for which every Zeta Alpha member is proud.



The Board also submitted a request and was granted a Theta Chi Citation for Brother Doug Bull. Board Member Farrar presented the citation to Brother Bull at his home in Dallas. Pictured here from Left to Right are Brother Gary Perdue, Brother Doug Bull (displaying his citation) and Brother Gary Eckert.

The rationale for his citation is printed below:

Douglas M. Bull served on the alumni Board from its creation in 2017 to 2021 and President of the Alumni Board from June 2018 until June 2021. He was instrumental in the creation of and approval of the Alumni Bylaws creating the Zeta Alpha Alumni Chapter of Theta Chi, Inc.

During his four year term on the Board and while serving as President, the chapter was rechartered in April of 2018, the Alumni Board created the Helping Hand Scholarship Fund and brought it to a \$25,000 endowment status to support Chapter Collegians in need, established separate accounting for the Memorial Brick fund to commemorate the passing of Zeta Alpha Chapter Brothers to the Chapter Eternal and began the process of involving more recent alumni in the Alumni Board creating a strong foundation for years to come.

Message From the Zeta Alpha Chapter President President Ross

Dear Alumni and friends of the Zeta Alpha Chapter,

The active brothers at Slippery Rock University have finished up their first month of classes and chapter meetings.

The chapter has voted on 7 bids, and they were all accepted at



our final rush event. It will bring our membership to 26. It was a good rush week to spend time with the brothers and now future brothers of Theta Chi fraternity.

The chapter is excited to announce we will be hosting a cornhole tournament on Saturday, October 14th where we will be sending half of the proceeds to the USO.

I would like to thank all of you for your support over these past few years, it is obvious that the Zeta Alpha Chapter would not stand without all your help. I hope as time goes on our Alumni relations and brotherhood will continue to grow.



This year's homecoming will be on October 21, 2023. Slippery Rock will take on Penn West California at 1:00 p.m.. Please read below for additional information regarding tailgating and get-togethers.

The Zeta Alpha chapter at Slippery Rock University would like to invite you to our homecoming celebration this year. The event will be hosted by the current brothers of the Zeta Alpha Chapter on October 21, 2023.

For now, Vice President Lucian Dean and I will be the two contacts regarding homecoming. Please email Chapter Advisor Krepinevich at kwkcae@websiteassist.com with any questions or concerns regarding the event. He will pass the information on and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

The homecoming tailgate will be held at Lot A outside Milhalik-Thompson Stadium Complex just below the stadium. We have 3 spots 145-147 for this event and hope to see you all there. Food will be provided. Hours are 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. **To review tailgating rules click here.** We would appreciate all attendees to adhere to the rules on our behalf. The chapter has a house at 244 Elm Street and welcomes anyone who wants to check it out after the football game! Please park on the Elm Street due to lack of parking in the shared driveway.

Zeta Alpha Chapter President
Tyler A. Ross

Theta Chi Fraternity Initiative Academy

Three members of the Zeta Alpha Chapter attended the the Initiative Academy July 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. - July 16, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the University of Indiana in Bloomington, Indiana.

They included **President Tyler Ross, Vice President Lucian Dean, and Marshal Jacob Cubins.** This 3-day event is an opportunity to work in a cohort group to focus on brotherhood, professional networking, and growing oneself as a leader.

Normally, only one representative per chapter attends but due to availability the chapter took the initiative and was able to send 3 brothers to take advantage of this event. The costs of the event on site is covered by chapter members dues. The Alumni Board agreed to pay

up to \$150 in travel expenses as long as the chapter provided receipts. The 3 drove together to keep costs down and have expressed incredible excitement about the experience and what they learned.

In addition, by completing the Academy **each earned the Resolute Man designation** bringing the number of Resolute Men in the Zeta Alpha Chapter now to six. Currently the chapter with the most Resolute Men is 16.

Pictures from the event are displayed below.



Resolute Man - President Tyler Ross



Resolute Man - Vice President Lucian Dean



Resolute Man - Marsal Jacob Cubins



Zeta Alpha Brother with Grand

Mark Your Calendar

Pull up your calendar and mark **June 8, 2024** for the 31st Zeta Alpha Theta Chi Fraternity Golf Outing to be held at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course. We have confirmed spaces and will be providing more information in future newsletters but wanted to make sure we were on your schedule!

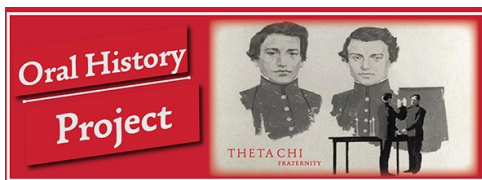
Sad News

We would like to pass along the sad news that Alumni Board member and Charter member Logan Tupper lost his father Frank Tupper Jr. who passed away on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at the age of 54. If you care to reach out to Brother Logan, he can be reached at logan.tupper@outlook.com

A GoFundMe page has also been set up to assist with funeral, memorial service, and provide assistance with time off for the family during this difficult time. If you wish to extend a helping hand, contributions can be made via GoFundMe:

<https://www.gofundme.com/ff/in-memory-of-frank-tupper-jr>

It's Legit!



Brothers have asked us about an email you may have received from John Berghoff, Chief Development Officer of the Theta Chi Foundation. He is asking that you call a number to verify your contact information for Theta Chi's records. Many of you have changed your address, phone or even email (but then they

would not have been able to send this to you!) and Theta Chi is trying to get the database current.

It only takes a couple minutes to do this. We know that they especially do not have this information on most of the brothers who have graduated in the last 5 years or brother with whom they have lost touch over the years.

Yes this is legitimate!

Additionally they are working on the Oral History Project. Theta Chi has contracted with a company called Publishing Concepts in Dallas, Texas to create a digital and hardbound history of Theta Chi in the words of brothers.

After the collection of your data for Theta Chi, they will ask if you would like to participate in the project. There is no obligation to participate.

Some things to know.

We encourage you to call and tell your story. There are many of our brothers today that do not know your story and this is your opportunity to share.

They will ask you three questions and we suggest you think about them in advance so you don't stammer and studder your answer because what you say is recorded for posterity!

The questions generally are:

1. What does Theta Chi mean to you.
2. How have you stayed connected after graduation.

3. How has Theta Chi helped you in your career.

Afterward, the interviewer will try to sell you a copy of the hardbound or digital final product, or various combinations of a T-shirt, sweatshirt and travel bag.

When done they will send you an email with your updated data and recorded answers so you can hear what will be included.

You do NOT have to make a purchase to participate! But feel free if the items interest you!

Of course with any venture like this, the company conducting it will make a profit from it and the foundation will get a piece.

If you have an interest, you can contribute to the Theta Chi Foundation where 100% of the donation will go directly to the foundation. For more information on how to donate to the Theta Chi Foundation, [click here](#).

<http://zachapter.com>

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