



Zeta Alpha Theta Chi Fraternity Alumni Corporation

Brothers,
The Alumni Bylaws direct the Alumni Board to present an Annual Report to the membership on May 1 of each year.

A copy of this report shall be posted on our website at <http://www.zachapter.com> under the Alumni Board Section of the site. Remember, to access the "Brothers only" section the password is: **Boston**.

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE ANNUAL ZETA ALPHA GOLF OUTING! MORE INFORMATION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT BELOW BUT YOU CAN CLICK HERE AND REGISTER NOW. THE DEADLINE IS MAY 27!

Just remember, everyone needs to register. Just because one person registers and lists who they are playing with, does NOT register those with whom you are playing!

Results of the Election of Directors and Officers by the Secretary

I would like to begin with reporting the results of the election to fill the three (3) vacancies that needed to be filled effective June 1, 2023.

Advance notifications of vacancies to be filled for 2021-2023 were announced to the membership in the March Alumni Update soliciting nomination of candidates to fill identified vacancies.

An announcement providing information on each candidate nominated and a ballot was distributed on April 10, 2023. The balloting occurred by electronic ballot between April 10 and April 25, 2023 by members of the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, in good standing, no longer attending Slippery Rock State College/University or enrolled in a school with no collegiate chapter of Theta, Chi, Honorary members voted in by the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, and Initiates of any Theta Chi collegiate chapter voted into the corporation by the Board of Directors.

Each person voting could cast a ballot for up to 3 of the 3 candidates running. The results of the balloting is as follows:

- Brother Michael Bariski received 47 votes 83.93% of the votes cast.
- Brother Sky Pederson received 51 votes 91.07% of the votes cast.
- Brother Dillon Pusateri received 49 votes 87.5 % of the votes cast.
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A total of 56 ballots were cast.

Brothers Mike Bariski, Sky Pederson and Dillon Pusateri were elected to fill the three Director positions for the period of June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2025.

Congratulations to these three brothers.

Following the election, a meeting was held on April 30, 2023 with the newly

constituted members of the Directors who would hold their positions as of June 1, 2023 and an election of officers was conducted. At that meeting, the following officers for the period of June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024 were elected:

- President Brother Sky Pederson
- Treasurer Brother John Farrar
- Secretary Brother Dillon Pusateri

With the election of the 3 new Board members, comes the retirement of Brother Patrick Russell who has served on the Board for 4 years serving as the Secretary over the last 2 years. The Board expressed its appreciation to Brother Russell for his service and especially for his service as Secretary.

Patrick Russell
2022-23 Secretary

Report of the President

We are now just a month and 10 days away from the 30th annual golf outing.

That's right, **THE 30TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING!!** What started out as a small group of brothers getting together for golf, has now turned in to 50+ brothers from all around the country flocking to Tam O'Shanter for a weekend of fun. I want to give a shout out to Brothers Chuck Boylan who started this tradition over 30 years ago and Brother Joe Suprano who took the reigns and keep it going! I am really looking forward to seeing everyone this year for what is transpiring to be the largest turn out in history!

Please mark your calendars for June 10th, 2023, at Tam O'Shanter golf course. We encourage you to reach out and bring at least one other brother, so we can make this outing the biggest ever!

The alumni board has been hard at work over the past several months. Please take some time to read about the accomplishments below.

The 30th Zeta Alpha Theta Chi Golf Outing is planned for June 10, 2023 at Tam O'Shanter golf course in Hermitage, Pa. Mark your calendars, and make sure you have done what you need to do by MAY 20, 2023 to attend the golf outing!

[You can register online by clicking here!](#)

Anyone attending needs to register by then, submit money for T-Signs and what you want on the sign in by then, let us know if you want to play golf by then or if you are just planning on attending by then so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Brother Sky Pederson is coordinating T-signs this year. You can indicate your interest in purchasing a T-sign when you register or email Brother Sky at pedersonsky@outlook.com he will let you know where to send your TAX DEDUCTABLE donation and gather the information you would like on your T-sign. He will also be reaching out to those who purchased T-signs in the past. We have Venmo account available for T-sign payments that will go directly into the Alumni Board bank account.

At the same time, each of us who have contributed to the fund (many who have been highlighted in previous newsletters) should be proud of our unselfish efforts in offering an "Assisting Hand" to brothers in need.

Like last year, you will now be able to register directly on line, just click on any

register online link to register. We are **NOT** asking for any money in advance. We are believing in the tenants of Theta Chi and believe your word is your bond. If you say you are coming and say you are going to pay, we expect you to keep your word. So tell us what you would like to eat and bring either cash or a card.

As President of the Zeta Alpha Alumni Chapter Board I want to thank the entire brotherhood for their support throughout the year. This was a much more normal year for everyone and we have seen that not only for the Alumni but also for the Chapter.

As an Alumni Board we have been able to achieve some big things for which we can all be proud and have been working hand-in-hand with the Chapter and Theta Chi International. I would also like to point out that the minutes of every meeting of the Board is usually posted to the web site within 2 weeks of every meeting for any member to view, though not official until approved at the next Board meeting.

See you at the golf outing!



Homecoming 2022

On October 15th 2022, the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity welcomed Zeta Alpha alumni, friends, and family to "The Rock" for the annual homecoming tailgate celebration.

For the first time in a long time, it was sunny and 60 degrees for the event! But we did struggle with 25 mph winds most of the morning.

Both the Theta Chi and the USO flag identified the hospitality tent. Over 60 brother, alumni, & family and friends enjoyed the event, which also served as a fundraiser for the USO, a national fundraising project for Theta Chi.

At the April board, the Alumni Board approved up to \$300.00 reimbursement to the chapter for food and supplies for the Homecoming celebration. The chapter provided receipts for \$303.74 in supplies.

The alumni board appreciates the effort put forth by the chapter to organize the event and welcoming alumni back to campus. Lastly, the Chapter plans to host Alumni on October 21, 2023 at Homecoming again this year.

Chapter Eternal

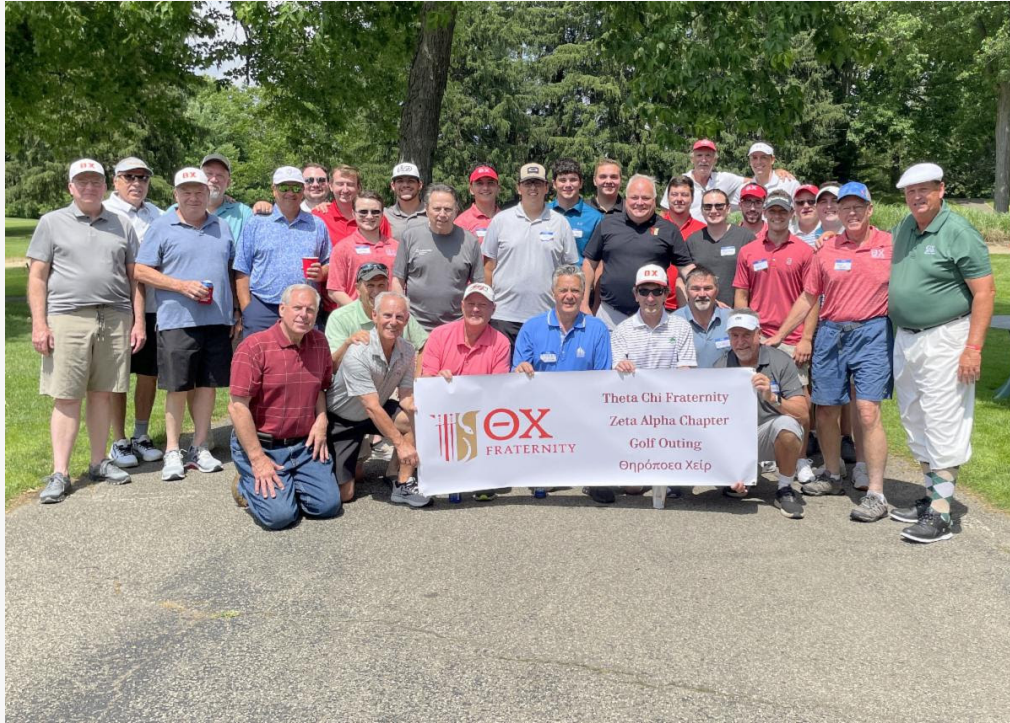
The Board will approve for the purchase of (2) memorial bricks this year to be placed at the Alumni House. One each for Brothers **Scott D. Kohler** and **Terrance C. Dilbert** who passed to the Chapter Eternal during the year. Annually, in May the board appropriates funding of \$100 each for commemorative bricks for brothers who passed on to the Chapter Eternal during the year. The Secretary orders the bricks through the SRU Alumni Foundation and bricks are installed by that year's Homecoming.

Elections

As noted by Secretary Russell, the annual Alumni Board Elections were just completed and Brothers Michael Bariski, and Sky Pederson were re-elected for another 2 year term. I want to extend a hardy welcome to our new Alumni Board member Brother Dillon Pusateri. I would also like to thank retiring Board

member Patrick Russell. Having worked with Brother Russell and watched his commitment to the Alumni and his strong work ethic to continue to always put the chapter first in all of his efforts.

I am heartened to see more and more brothers step forward to help us in our vision of developing the Alumni Association to continue to advance the goals and objectives of the chapter, enhance the cooperation between the Chapter and the Alumni and to encourage more and more involvement in the Alumni Association by the collegians as they graduate to assume the role of running the Alumni Association in the future.



2022 Golf Outing

The 29th Zeta Alpha Alumni Golf Outing was an outstanding success for 2022. Nearly 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 11, 2022. Here are some highlights:

- Nearly 50 percent of the participating golfers 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** complements of the Zeta Alpha Alumni Association.
- Thanks to the efforts of **Brother**



Sky Pederson
2022-23 President

Treasurer Report

We continue to work hard maintain the books of the organization and work with the SRU Foundation on the accounting for the Scholarships. A report is part of every Board meeting and included in the minutes that are posted on the <http://www.zachapter.com> website after every Board meeting to keep the finances of the Alumni Association as transparent as possible.

All expenditures are approved by the Board and checks must be signed by two members of the Board before being issued. The Scholarship funds are kept by the Slippery Rock University Foundation, regularly reported to the Treasurer and are tax exempt donations and expenditures must be authorized by the Board. The Brick Fund and the General Fund are accounted for separately.

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Pennell for selling raffle tickets during the event and with the generosity of those in attendance, we were able to raise \$275. **Brother Joe Suprano**, who won the raffle, donated his share of the winnings back to the Alumni Association! Thank you, Brother Joe!

- Prior to dinner of chicken or burgers the group was addressed by current **Zeta Alpha Alumni President Brother Sky Pederson**, Current **Zeta Alpha Chapter Vice President Brother Jack Hare** and from **Zeta Beta and Honorary Zeta Alpha and Grand Chapter Member Brother Alan Copeland**
- **Silver Legion & Golden Guard award members** were recognized for their 25 year and 50 year membership in Theta Chi.
- Special "Thanks" are extended to **Brothers Michael Bariski and Sky Pederson** who donated the prizes for the event.
- Finally we wish to thank the brothers who donated a record \$2,500 to the Helping Hand Fund through T-sign donations or direct donations this year!

Scholarship Accounts

Resolute Man Scholarship Fund

Balance as of May 1, 2022 = \$107.10

Income

- None

Expense

- Funds released to Helping Hand Scholarship Fund - \$107.10

Balance as of May 1, 2023 = \$0.0 - Fund Closed

Helping Hand Scholarship Fund

Balance as of May 1, 2022 = \$26,017.87

Income

- Donations from 2022 Golf Outing and T-signs = \$ 2,525.00
- Resolute Man Fund Rollover - \$107.10
- Individual Donations - May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023 - \$ 811.37
- Interest for 2022 = \$ 689.24

Expenses

- Scholarships awarded May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023
- Total \$500

Balance as of May 1, 2023 = \$ 29,650.58

- Total Endowment Account = \$ 25,000.00
- Total Interest Account = \$ 4,650.58

Now that the Theta Chi Helping Hand Fund is an Endowment, the Slippery Rock University Foundation will prepare each year a Scholarship Report. The Scholarship report will be distributed to the Alumni Board and will be reported to the membership in the newsletter that is distributed after the Board receives the report. The Scholarship Report covers the period of July 1 – June 30 of each year. Please note the report though covering July 1 – June 30 usually is not distributed to the BOD until November.

Now that the fund has reached endowment status it is broken down into two accounts. The endowment account and an interest account. Both are combined to generate interest for the account. But any interest is placed into the interest account and the interest account is used for awards. The endowment account is not touched.

Any interest earned is deposited into the interest account each year by the end of July.

The chapter is allotted \$1,000.00 each year 1/1 - 12/31 to award scholarships. The scholarships can be in any amount from \$5.00 to a maximum of \$500 per student per calendar year. If the chapter does not spend the money during the year the money rolls over to the next year.

So, for 2023 the chapter not only has the \$1,000.00 available but also has \$1,500 of unused money available or a total of \$2,500.00 available. This means of the \$4,660.58 in the interest account up to \$2,500 could be used during 2023.

Brick Fund

Balance as of May 1, 2022 = \$ 2,231.00

Income

- None

Expense

- None

Balance as of May 1, 2023 = \$ 2,231.00

The Alumni Association ending balances in the Brick Fund used to purchase Bricks at the Alumni House at Slippery Rock is \$2,231.00 dollars. There were no additional funds raised for the Brick Fund in 2022 as the balance was deemed sufficient by the BOD to cover obligations for the coming year. The funds are used solely for this purpose, and was started by Brother Suprano at the Annual Golf outing by passing an empty coffee can among the brothers in attendance to make cash donations. Annually the Secretary orders a brick to be placed at Slippery Rock Alumni House Patio to honor Brothers who has passed on to the Chapter Eternal.

Balance as of May 1, 2023 = \$ 2,231.00

General Fund

Balance as of May 1, 2022 - \$4,846.94

Income

- 50/50 raffle - \$ 275.00
- Meals - \$ 555.00
- Misc - \$ 12.90

Expenses

- 50/50 Raffle payout (Joe Suprano donated winnings) - \$ 0.00
- Meals - \$ 481.00
- Drinks - \$ 136.00
- Hot dog and Drink for participants (includes tax and tip) - \$ 179.00
- Tax & Tip - \$ 154.00
- T-signs cost - \$ 80
- One time Tax Exempt Registration with IRS - \$ 600
- Reimbursement for Chapter for partial Homecoming subsidy - \$ 300

Balance as of May 1, 2023 = \$ 3,759.8

The Alumni Association General Fund is used on any expenditures approved by the Board of Directors (BOD) for the purpose of supporting Alumni events, Chapter events and cost of operating the Alumni Association.

There were three expenditures approved by the BOD in 2022 from the General Fund. As has been done in the past the BOD authorized spending to sponsor the "Hot Dog and Drink" for all attendees at the golf outing.

In addition the BOD has annually helped the undergraduate Chapter's cost to host the tent at the Home Coming Game for Alumni at Slippery Rock. This year's approved expenditure was \$300, which the Chapter used to purchase food and drinks at their tent. The Chapter must to submit receipts for the cost of items purchased. The chapter submitted receipts in excess of the approved amount.

The third expenditure for 2022 was a onetime fee of \$600.00 to the IRS to reinstate our Tax exempt status as an organization. On November 10, 2022 we were officially notified our 501(c)7 status was reinstated retroactively back

to 5/15/2021. In our early formation Brother Clark registered the Alumni Chapter with the IRS. The BOD subsequently discovered a requirement that even though we create no taxable income we had to file yearly tax returns. The fee was a re-instatement fee and penalty that is a onetime charge.

The BOD now has a process to file a 990N tax return annually, and has completed the tax filing for 2022. This will also help keep the Alumni Board's Alumni Corporation Recognition with Theta Chi International and coverage under the insurance policies.

John Farrar
Treasurer

Chapter Advisor Report

The Zeta Alpha Chapter had a busy 2022-2023. Beginning with the Chapter members participation in the 29th Golf outing held in June. Collegiate members were able to participate with alumni brothers, interact and share brotherhood strengthening ties between the alumni (both young and old) and strengthening Zeta Alpha overall.

The chapter made sure that every brother that made a donation to the Helping Hand Fund with a T-sign or cash donation received a thank you letter from the chapter members once they returned to campus in the fall.



Over 500 Theta Chi's from all over the United States and Canada arrived in Washington, DC for the 166th Anniversary Convention of Theta Chi Fraternity July 22-25, 2022 during one of the hottest weeks so far of the summer!

Indivisible! The theme of the convention promoted the successes of the Fraternity over the last 3 years as not only the Fraternity but also every chapter has dealt with the challenges, campus closings and restrictions the pandemic created for Greek organizations nationwide. However during this time, Brothers have not let the issues or distractions fracture or divide the organization but has helped us work harder to work together to continue to promote the basic tenants of Theta Chi. That determination and cooperation and "indivisible" attitude resulted in the Grand Chapter reporting that in 2021-2022 Theta Chi Fraternity:

- Initiated more than 3,500 brothers a record high.
- Added more new chapters bringing the number of chapters to an all-time high of over 160 chapters.
- Crossed the 1-MILLION-dollar mark in fundraising for the USO.
- Initiated our 200,000 the brother.

All this at a time when we "hear" Greek life is dying and things could not be done during COVID-19.

Those who predicted doom could not have been more wrong when it comes to the Brotherhood of Theta Chi!

The opening session displayed a video that covered the accomplishments of Theta Chi this past year but more importantly gives a refreshing idea of the impact Theta Chi is making not only on campuses but also as alumni throughout the country and when we have obtained a link and would encourage you to review (if it does not make you feel good about your involvement in Theta Chi Fraternity nothing will!) the link is:

<https://youtu.be/HJ2Jx64oXDw>. It was an incredible demonstration of both undergraduates and alumni who are making a significant impact on their communities and in their careers.

The convention began on Friday evening with the Kick-Off Diner and Awards with the Zeta Alpha Chapter capturing its 2nd Chapter Excellence award (of only 28 chapters) being presented to President Andrew Coley and Vice President Jack Hare on behalf of the Chapter.

Saturday was filled with the "business" of the Fraternity. As President Darick Brown explained, it was much like the election of the Pope. With the delegates being "sequestered" in the election hall with no bathroom breaks until the 9 outstanding candidates for 4 Grand Chapter positions were elected and a new International President and Vice President were elected. (Fortunately, there were no accidents!) The number of candidates was an indication of the enthusiasm surrounding the success of Theta Chi with several impressive leaders wishing to be involved. (We would like to make a special mention of OUR Honorary Member Alan Copeland of the Zeta Beta Chapter serves on the Grand Chapter.) Later in the day, the School of Fraternity Practices kicked off with sessions for Collegians and Alumni for the next 3 days included:

- Chapter Development
- Accountability
- Goal Setting
- Recruitment Planning
- The Assisting Hand
- Gap Selling and Bids
- Our Sacred Purpose
- Chapter finances
- Competitive Attitude
- Ritual 101
- Recruitment Roundtable
- The Customer Experience
- Professional Development
- Financial Literacy
- Life After College
- Communication
- The Resolute Man
- Leadership Styles
- Know Your Rights
- What is Your Brand?
- More Than a Like
- Alumni Development
- How to Communicate with Your Chapter
- Project Management & Industry Perspective: So, You want to Build?
- Conflict Resolution
- Operations: Navigating Chapter Housing Operations
- The Psychology of Collegiate Greeks
- Theta Chi Fundraising for Local Chapters
- The Evolution of the Fraternity House – Architecture
- Alumni Roundtable
- Volunteer Roundtable



USO Service Project

Saturday ended with the USO Group service project stuffing 4,000 care packages including razors, combs, toothpaste and toothbrushes, blankets as well as a variety of snacks for the men and women of the Armed Services completed in less than an hour!

Memorial Ceremony

Always a solemn and very impressive ceremony occurred Monday morning with the conducting of the Memorial ceremony with the reading of the names of the passing of the brothers who joined Chapter Eternal during the year including Brothers James W. Allen, J. Patrick Scullen (who received special recognition for having served as a Regional Counselor) and William A. "Fritz" Tatich followed by the installation of the new International Officers.



The Convention closed with a bus trip to the Lincoln Memorial and a group photo (the picture appears on the cover of the Theta Chi website <http://www.thetachi.org> - though covered by text we appear on the left side of the picture. Look for us in our green SRU shirts!) and then a trip to the Capitol for Capitol Tours and a Rooftop Reception at the Capitol.

It was an incredible weekend of brotherhood, information, excitement and enthusiasm with ideas for the new school year. Even during the event, President Koley and Vice President Hare were busy messaging with the members of the Executive Board and members with ideas and discussing how ideas learned could be implemented immediately to help the chapter get a fast start this fall.

A new website for Theta Chi "Gear" is now available at <http://shopthetachi.com>. Feel free to visit by clicking the link.

If anything, we have learned that the preservation of our fraternity is important to the preservation of the tapestry of our nation and it is important for each of us to earn our letters every day.

The chapter would like to express its appreciation to Advisor Krepinevich for paying for all of his costs for attending the convention including housing, transportation and registration, freeing up a free registration and housing for an additional chapter member to attend.

We look forward to New Orleans in 2024 and encourage more brothers to attend next time!

Chapter Officer Advisors

The Convention marks the end of one biennium and the beginning of a new biennium and with that will be the renewal of or the beginning of new Officer Advisor terms. Because of this, Chapter Advisor Krepinevich reached out to all current advisors to determine their desire to continue or switch roles and determine what roles may need to be filled for the 2022-24 biennium and all responses were received by July 15, 2022. Every advisor agreed to continue their commitment to the chapter. Advisors stay in contact with their counterparts through emails, texts, phone calls and even visits. We appreciate the alumni's commitment. Advisor Krepinevich attended the Chapter Advisor training in January 2023.

Chapter Activities

The spirits of the chapter were high going into the Fall 22 semester and were looking forward to an exciting year. It would be the first year, since March of 2020, that they would have a full academic year that will appear normal. The primary focus of the chapter between the convention and beginning of the fall semester was preparing and implementing a plan for recruitment to generate as strong a pledge class for this fall as possible. There was again some discussion on deferred recruitment that had been brought up to the Board's attention in reports on 5/31/20, 8/23/20, 7/11/21 and in the newsletter on 11/19/21 and the 5/1/22 annual report.

The semester started August 22nd with freshmen move in beginning on August 18th. Deferred recruitment was discussed and the chapter has taken this up as a challenge. The chapter developed a copy of a business card being distributed by the brothers to as many freshmen as possible about the Theta Chi Mentor Program. During freshmen move in, chapter members assisted with move in, distributed free water and discussed with freshmen and parents the Theta Chi Mentor program. This is a campus/student service program offered by the brothers of Theta Chi Fraternity. It is hoped the chapter can help freshmen be successful in their first semester and can create a positive image in the minds of the freshmen of fraternities for the spring rush. A copy of the **Theta Chi Mentor Program** cards handed out can be found on the <http://www.zachapter.com> website under the Chapter Officer Advisors link.

Additionally, a "**Fraternity Facts**" brochure These shared for the fall recruitment and with freshmen that helps make a very strong argument for participation in Greek life. A copy of the brochure handed out can be found on the <http://www.zachapter.com> website under the Chapter Officer Advisors link.

Chapter Housing

During August, Advisor Krepinevich visited the International Headquarters and met with Bill Russo, the Chief Housing Officer of the Norwich Housing Corporation (who happens to be a Clarion graduate) and requested several pieces of information to be passed on to Secretary Patrick Russell based on discussions at a previous Board meeting. He highlighted several opportunities and challenges but the primary being these three questions:

1. Is the chapter even big enough in the long run to sustain a house?
2. Is the chapter even interested in a house?
3. Is the chapter willing to put skin in the game to have a house?

The chapter has considered these questions and is putting a plan together that fits their needs at this time.

On a related matter, on August 9, 2022 Slippery Rock University announced a new housing policy that all first-year full time students will be required to live in university housing and purchase a meal plan for their freshman and sophomore years at SRU starting in the Fall of 2023. [The link to the article is here](#). There are exemptions but they are very restrictive.

Homecoming

The brothers of the Zeta Alpha Chapter wish to share their sincere appreciation to the brothers and friends of Theta Chi for visiting the Chapter's tents at Homecoming. The Chapter also wishes to thank the Alumni Board for their financial support of the 2022 Homecoming

activities. The collegiate members were impressed with how many people attended and a ratio of people to food consumption and he reported he counted over 60 members, pledges, alumni, parents, friends and guests in the 3 hours of the event.

For the first time in a long time, it was a sunny day in the 60s and other than 25 mile an hour wind gusts it was a beautiful day and the Theta Chi Fraternity and USO flags were displayed and wildly flapping in the wind. It took some creative engineering strategies to keep the tents grounded and the steno burners working. Plans are already being made (with a possible surprize) to rectify some of the issue run into this year.



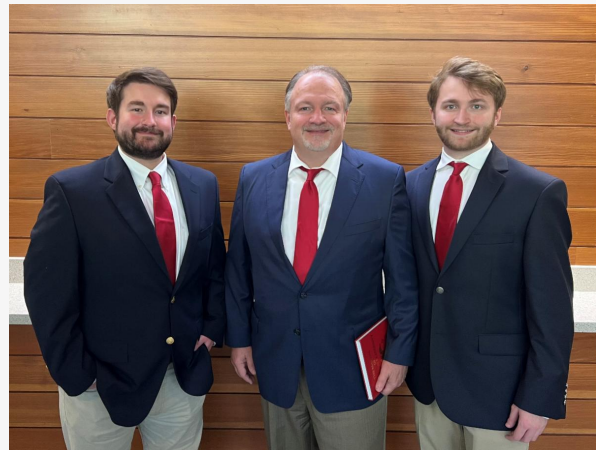
There was a lot of positive interaction between all participants including corn hole competition! Introductions were made at every opportunity and especially between the current members and the charter pledge class to make some connections.

The chapter was also involved in other homecoming related activities including teaming up with 3 sororities and decorating the windows of the Ginger Hill Tavern downtown and submitting an entry in the homecoming parade. President Koley's father was gracious enough to drive the truck to pull the chapter's float.

The chapter also created stickers and collected donations over \$200.00 for the USO.

Installations, scholarships and elections!

The chapter conducted the installation of Iota pledge class on November 6, 2022. This particular installation was special. Mitch Wilson and Clark Wilson are brothers in the Zeta Alpha Chapter, but they are biological brothers as well. The inspiration and impact the fraternity had on Mitch inspired Clark to pledge. The chapter completed the process of



conducting an in-person interview, making a recommendation, completing the unanimous election and filing the application with the appropriate application fee paid by the applicant and Brothers Mitch and Clark's father was installed on November 6 as an Alumni Initiate of the Zeta Alpha Chapter.

The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi annually awards scholarships to brothers seeking graduate or undergraduate degrees who demonstrate outstanding academic performance, service to the Fraternity, school and community, leadership abilities, financial need and other clear personal and career goals. This year more than \$260,000 Sherwood and Janet Blue Scholarships were awarded including a \$1,000 scholarship to Zeta Alpha **Brother Lucian Dean** who served as Chapter Marshal during the 2022 school year.

On November 20, 2022, the Zeta Alpha chapter elected their Executive Board Officers for the 2023 administrative year and they included:

- President – Billy Planic
- Vice President – Tyler Ross
- Vice President Health and Safety – Ben Sullivan
- Secretary – Jimmy Brokaw- Stanley
- Treasurer – Mitch Wilson
- Assistant Treasurer – Brendon Doerr
- Marshal – Jacob Cubins
- Recruitment Chairman – Nathan Belack
- Scholarship Chairman – Jack Hare

During the November 20, 2022 meeting, the chapter also adopted procedures for approving honorary memberships and voted to unanimously award an Honorary Membership into the Zeta Alpha Chapter for Alumnus Brother **Richard Elder**. He served as Grand Chapter President when discussions were initiated to recolonize the ZA Chapter and helped moved the project to the top of the expansion list. He also served the Zeta Alpha Chapter as a Field Executive in 1972/1973. He has been an advocate for Zeta Alpha throughout the recolonization process.

January Training and Planning

The new chapter officers including President Billy Planic, Vice President Health and Safety Ben Sullivan, Recruitment Chairman Nathan Belack and Chapter Advisor Krepinevich attended the January Officers training conducted in Indianapolis, IN January 6-8, 2023. Marshal Jacob Cubins was not able to attend due to a case of strep throat. We were hoping that it would be the first time in 3 years that the full slate of officers were able to receive face-to-face training and all officers were able to attend. Brother Cubins was able to attend a "make-up" one-day session in Indianapolis in early March.



Alumni Board member Bariski had been put in contact with President Planic, Immediate Past President Koley and Vice President Ross (who is a manager on the SRU Basketball team) to arrange a meeting with Roberta Page the SRU Athletic Director. This is in response to correspondence she sent about the article that appeared in the Rock Magazine highlighting Advisor Krepinevich and a letter he sent her about Theta Chi's previous involvement in Rock Athletics. It is hoped that a relationship can be struck to gain support from Rock Athletics for Theta Chi and recruitment and at the same time Theta Chi can provide some support for Rock Athletics. During those discussions, we were able to create a list of over 30 brothers who at one time had been involved in Rock Athletics.

The Executive Board/Chapter Officer Advisors Retreat was held on January 21, 2023 at 244 Elm Street in Slippery Rock at the home of members of the chapter. Officer Advisors, Angelucci, Pennell, and Jackson attended with Advisor Krepinevich and the entire chapter Executive Board. Items highlighted at the training conferences in early January were a big part of the training. Additionally, time was spent with many nuts-and-bolts items concerning the chapter's operation and documentation of those operations. The biggest part of the day was spent planning visible effective programming the chapter can conduct to enhance visibility and to involve members. A fast start with freshmen pledges and the recruitment of upperclassmen for the spring semester was also the priority.

The chapter wishes to extend its appreciation to **Brother Angelucci and Rose** (though we do not know if he checked with her first!) and his offer to have Rose complete some sewing work on the Chapters robes. They were

completed before the installation of the newest pledge class and **they wish to express their appreciation to Brother Dan and seamstress Rose!** Thank you to Brother Dan and Brother Zeke for delivering them in time for the installation!

As noted, 244 Elm Street was home to the training and apparently has become home to the chapter. Currently 3 of the 4 residents are Theta Chis and 3 of the freshmen who are pledging plan to sign contracts for the house for the fall filling the house with Theta Chis. What this means is that for the next 3 years Theta Chi may have a home base for chapter meetings, rituals and functions. This seems to be their plan for now related to any "housing needs" for the chapter. Currently, all awards, paddles, and other Theta Chi related memorabilia can be found at this location.

During the training, the chapter discussed a visible fundraiser to run on campus and Brother Angelucci offered to contact some brothers locally to raise some funds for prizes to support the chapter's efforts. The only requirement was that the chapter develop and submit to him a proposal for the entire project to be supported.

March 24, 2023 was Slippery Rock Giving Day. The chapter's plan was to reach out to raise "operating funds" for the chapter that day. Any contributions made on Giving Day go directly to the Chapters operating fund. Due to processing from the Foundation, at this time we do not know the totals raised during Giving Day. However, any Alumni who donated, the chapter sends it appreciation.

Dr. Karen Riley has been appointed as the new President of SRU as of July 1, 2023. She comes from Regis University and University of Denver in Denver Colorado. The chapter has already had an introductory meeting with her and is scheduling another soon. Discussions concerning deferred recruitment apparently is already on the table.

Finally, Advisor Krepinevich shared that though we have discussed information related to this issue from time to time in newsletters and in reports over the last few years it appears that what current chapter members are paying to be a member doesn't always sink in. He plans to least once a year try to touch on this subject to keep Alumni Brothers informed. As of October 1, 2023, the national dues for a chapter member (including the required insurance which also covers the Alumni liability and officer and director insurance) is \$530 a year and then the chapter adds \$136 a semester to cover local dues and other national fees. **So, to be a member of the Zeta Alpha Chapter in 2023/2024 it costs a member \$802 a year.**



On April 16, 2023, the Zeta Alpha Chapter held it's first pledge class installation at 244 Elm Street in Slippery Rock. The Kappa pledge class was initiated. Now having been through it once in our new home, some logistics changes are in the works for next time!





Resolute Man and Elections

In April Zeta Alpha **Brother Mitch Wilson** attended the Wall Street experience offered by Theta Chi Fraternity along with brothers from NJIT, Alabama, Iowa State, Rhode Island, Arizona State, Florida State, Missouri, RIT and Colgate.

Attendees met with executives at HSBC Bank, Goldman Sachs, and Citibank. They had lunch at The United Nations to learn how we can extend the Assisting Hand globally. Visited an Art Gallery and dinner! By participating in the experience Brother Mitch Wilson is the 3rd member of the Zeta Alpha Chapter to earn his Resolute Man Designation. Congratulations Brother Mitch. Immediately following neophyte installation, the Resolute Man Ceremony was held to formally install Brother Mitch as a the third Resolute Man in the Zeta Alpha Chapter and present him with his pin.

After the installation, the chapter held an election for President to replace Billy Planic who had resigned as President. Chapter Vice President Tyler Ross was

unanimously elected President. An election was then held to fill the Vice President vacancy created by Brother Tyler's election to President. Brother Lucian Dean was elected Vice President for the remainder of the administrative year.

Initiative Academy

The chapter members expressed a great deal of interest in the Resolute Man program and how they could get involved. Information was shared about this year's Initiative Academy. The Initiative Academy is a 3 day leadership training Program offered at Indiana University where the attendees stay at IU's Fraternity House and participate at various locations on campus in a variety of leadership activities. For more information visit <https://www.thetachi.org/the-initiative-academy-session-2> Normally one representative from each chapter is offered a spot, at no charge to the chapter (other than transportation) to attend. However after April 1, the IHQ has opened it to anyone interested. If someone attends they can earn a Resolute Man designation. To date, at least 3 Zeta Alpha brothers have indicated interest in attending and they plan to hopefully have 5 brothers attend.

30th Golf Outing

Currently chapter members are planning to attend the 30th Golf Outing and look forward to meeting more of the Alumni and interacting and expanding relationships with brothers. Some are looking for golfing partners....

It continues to be a pleasure serving the brothers of the Theta Chi chapter at Slippery Rock and if anyone has any questions or concerns I am always available to respond.

Kevin Krepinevich Chapter Advisor

This concludes the Annual Report for the 2022-23 administrative year. The 2022-23 Officers, President Sky Pederson pedersonsky@outlook.com, Treasurer John Farrar jfarrar1956@gmail.com or I patrickrussell2906@gmail.com welcome any questions.

Patrick Russell 2022-23 Secretary

