



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My name is Douglas Bull and I was recently re-elected to the alumni board and elected to serve as President of the ZA Alumni Association. For those of you who do not know me, I graduated from Slippery Rock in 1978 and was a member of the PSI pledge class.

In order to keep the lines of communication open and to share what the Alumni Board is working to achieve to support the chapter, the Alumni Board plans to regularly communicate in this manner with the alumni, honorary members, little sisters and daughters of the crossed swords. If you are receiving this, you had originally asked to be kept informed of the recolonization process and your information has been passed on to the Alumni Board.

On behalf of the alumni, I want to welcome the chapter back to Slippery Rock. It was hard work and dedication from all of you that made possible this current group of students who are now brothers of Theta Chi.

I am also pleased to report that as of June 9 the Zeta Alpha Chapter is now the largest fraternity on campus at Slippery Rock! Also note by the pictures at the end of this section you will see the Theta Chi Flag is now displayed in the Smith Student center with all the other fraternity and sorority flags. Ours being first in line!

In the past year, the Alumni Association with help from the Chapter Advisory Board and the new brothers were able to do many things.

Let me list just a few:

The Brick Fund

This money has been set up so that these funds can **ONLY** be spent on buying Bricks at the Alumni House in Slippery Rock to commemorate brothers who have passed. We have spent over \$1,000 this year buying bricks and we are in great financial shape to continue way into the future. The display at the Alumni House is the largest display of any organization and we had to recently add a new anchor brick and start a new display.

The General Fund

I want to thank everyone who made their donations that made this fund possible. Out of this General Fund we have given over

\$10,559 to cover such one-time expenses as the charter fee and ceremony and costs associated with setting up the chapter, added additional money to the Brick fund, and supported homecoming activities. With the exception of homecoming and brick fund, 100% of these funds were spent on getting the chapter back and supporting the young men of Theta Chi. The support of the chapter and students is 100% of the Alumni Association's reason for being. Again thank you all for what you have done!

2018-2019 Board of Directors

The new board was constituted with the election that was completed on May 10, 2018. Myself and Brother John Farrar were re-elected to a two-year term and we welcomed Brother John Merski to the Board to a 2 year term. On May 20, brother Donald "Doc" Hannon was elected by the board to fill a vacancy that had been created. I wish to welcome the new board members. At that meeting of the Board, the officers for 2018-19 were elected and they were Doug Bull President, John Farrar, Treasurer and John Merski, Secretary and we will serve in those positions until the elections in the spring of 2019.

ZA Alumni Web Site

Minutes of Board meetings are always posted on the website <http://www.zachapter.com> They are usually up within 2 weeks after a meeting and are marked as "submitted date." Once approved at the next meeting the "approved date" is noted.

We also just created a section on the website for "Positions Available". This is where if you are looking for a job, check it out. If you have a job opening, please post it and you will be helping out a fellow brother.

The minutes of the annual meeting held at 7:00 a.m. on June 9 at Tam O'Shanter should be up on the site within the next 30 days.

Chapter Eternal

Charter member Brother Gregory "Mickey" Boris (240-007), passed away in February of 2014. Here's a link to his obituary. <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/gregory-boris-obituary?pid=176454463&view=guestbook> a brick is being purchased for the alumni house patio.

Snaps!

Brother Mike Bariski was recognized on April 30 in Pittsburgh with Coach of the Year Honors! As we understand it, his team will be intact for next season!

June 24 Alumni Board Meeting

Though the minutes of the June 24 Alumni Board meeting are still

being prepared, I just wanted to highlight two actions taken by the Board.

- The Board approved the funding request prepared by the Chapter approved by the Chapter Advisory Board and submitted to the Board on May 9, 2018. The funding will cover activities of the chapter "outside" the normal operation of the chapter including participation in Theta Chi University, the Initiate academy, interaction with other chapters in the area and the CAB/Chapter training retreat. The total funding request for the year approved was \$1,700.
- The Board approved taking one half of the funds raised by the 50/50 raffle at the golf outing (\$200) and donated that money to the Resolute Man Book Scholarship Fund.

Homecoming 2018

Do not forget to put on your calendar Saturday October 13, 2018. That will be Homecoming at SRU when they take on Edinboro. For several years Theta Chi alumni in the area have gathered at Slippery Rock that weekend and tailgated before the game and shared memories and enjoyed football.

Looking Ahead

I would just like to say that the purpose of the alumni association is to support the chapter and to help it grow and flourish. Remember, you were young once and you may have needed some help. That is what we are here for.

The goal over the summer months is for the Alumni Board to work with Brother Ron Burke, who serves as the Chapter Advisory Board Scholarship Advisor, and the Slippery Rock University Foundation to establish a fund in addition to the Resolute Man Book Scholarship fund to support the chapter and its members in educational and developmental needs based scholarships and then to promote this to the Alumni for support.

Brother John Farrar who is serving as the Alumni Board fundraising chair and Brother Ron Burke, will be working together to put this plan in place and under their leadership the Alumni Board will be contacting you over the next several months for any help you may be able to give.

I am excited about the prospects and the opportunities that face us as we work together to help the Zeta Alpha Chapter flourish and grow and establish itself as a force on the campus of Slippery Rock.

Let us extend an Assisting Hand together.



Treasurer Report - John Farrar

Balance Ending May 31, 2018

Combined Total: \$ 9,476.45

Brick Fund: \$2,550.00

General Fund: \$6,926.45

Balance Ending June 23, 2018

Combined Total: \$ 10,405.45

Brick Fund: \$3,801.00

General Fund: \$7,324.45

Between May 31, 2018 and June 24, 2018 a check was written to Brother Suprano in the amount of \$100.00 the purchase of one additional brick for recently deceased Brother, with funds to be deducted from the Brick Fund in memory of Gregory "Mickey" Boris.

In conjunction with the trip for the Golf outing I stopped the local branch for First National Bank and officially established the second account for the Brick Fund. The second account is linked and funds can be transferred using on line banking between the accounts as needed.

During the Golf Outing two fund raising events took place, the first being the traditional passing of the can for all in attendance to support the Brick Fund in memory of Brothers who have passed away to the Chapter External. The passing of the can raised \$631.00 which has been added to the new Brick Fund Account.

The second fundraising activity held at the golf outing was the 50/50 raffle that was handled by Brother Sablowski which yielded net proceeds after distributing the winnings of \$398.00. I would like to thank Brother Sablowski and his helper Brother Heimerdinger for their efforts during the outing.

26th Annual Golf Outing



The 26th Annual Golf Outing was held at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course on June 9, 2018.

Charter member Larry Young (005) attended the Golf outing for the first time and is eager to track down with Board member "Doc" Hannon and charter member Jack McMahon other charter members to support the new chapter of Theta Chi. Brother Larry was one of several first timers at the event this year.

We were thrilled to see Brother David Price attend the Golf outing even while battling all of his health issues he made the 1 ½ hour trip to be with his brothers and continue to work for the success and growth of the new chapter. Keep him in your thoughts.

The Friday before the Golf outing an event was coordinated by Jim Clarke at the Grove City Country Club and the Cookout for Brothers who arrived early on Friday Night hosted by Brothers Al

Lichtenwalner and Jack Shivetts. Thank you brothers.

We wish to thank Brother Ron Burke for bringing Jack King and his sons and Larry King's daughter for brothers to meet them at the golf outing and share stories and brother's memories of Brother Larry.

We would like to thank brothers for their generosity for supporting the brick fund and contributions to the alumni association and to the scholarship fund.

For the first time in 25 years, a team from the existing chapter participated in the outing. Six of the new brothers attended the golf outing (four played as a team) and they were meeting and mixing with the alumni. We appreciated their attendance and participation.

According to Brother Suprano, who did another magnificent job coordinating the event, we had in excess of 50 golfers with about 65 participants in the dinner afterward and approximately 70 participated at sometime during the day including Brothers Alan Copeland, who is the CAB chair for Ohio State and he brought along Jim Greesling.

We would also like to offer a special thank you to everyone who contributed prizes for the event.







