



## Message from the President

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and the start of the new semester is just around the corner. The Zeta Alpha Chapter and Chapter Advisory Board are gearing up for a fast start for the new year. I wanted to take a few minutes to recap some of the most recent alumni activities and keep everyone in the loop as we continue to work with the chapter helping them to be as successful as possible and to maintain the connections we all have developed through the years.

What I can say is I left the Golf outing with a renewed positive attitude about our Alumni Association, the willingness of brothers to work together, spend quality time together, talk about things and share ideas in a positive way to work together to help the Zeta Alpha Chapter as it continues to grow and succeed. I see a bright future for the Chapter and the Alumni Association as we work together and look forward to building on the positive foundation that has been laid over the last 12 months.

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## 27th Annual Golf Outing



The 27th Annual ZA Golf outing took place at Tam O'Shanter golf course on June 8th. (Some pictures from the outing appear at the end of the newsletter.)

Brother Joe Suprano did another outstanding job organizing the event and I thank him for everything he has done. I know I am not the only one who made a point to thank and congratulate Brother Joe on his efforts! We had the third highest attended golf outing in the history of the event. In total we had over 63 brothers attend the event. This included 11 current or recently graduated brothers. And I truly believe that is the part that is really special about the outing.

The new brothers are getting involved and want to continue the efforts we started 27 years ago.

Included in this year's event was free hot dog, chips and beer/soft drink for all

participants. The Alumni Board received many compliments on this action. This was sponsored and paid for by the Alumni Corporation and one we hope to continue for future outings.

Another first at this year's event was encouraging brothers to sponsor Tee signs. And for a first time try, we were able to find sponsors for a total of 17 Tee signs. This action, plus the selling of raffle tickets and other donations, resulted in \$2,000 donated to the Helping Hand Scholarship fund.

Brothers in attendance made many positive comments on the Tee signs and said they would like to be involved next year. The Board's goal for next year's Golf Outing is to sell a total of 36 Tee signs, 2 per hole, to continue our fund raising efforts. The signs purchased are included at the end of this newsletter.

A bit of a surprise for the Alumni Brothers was a special presentation made by **Chapter President Eric Lehman** with the assistance of **Chapter Vice President Brody McKenna**. After the golf awards presentation President Eric presented to the 44 Alumni Brothers in attendance **Silver Legion Award Certificates** for membership in Theta Chi for at least 25 years. Each of the certificates presented were personalized with the brothers name and initiation date and signed by the International President. In addition 7 **Golden Guard Award Certificates** were presented to Alumni Brothers Baronetski, Bohn, Hannon, Johns, Kuntz, McMahan and Smith for 50 years of service to Theta Chi.

To continue to improve the Golf Outing, the on ZA Chapter brothers with the cooperation of the Alumni Board will hold a totally free Hot Dog, Hamburger, Soda/Beer event the Friday night before the 28th annual golf outing. All brothers and their spouses are invited. This event will be totally funded by the Chapter and the Alumni Board. Brother John Farrar has already volunteered to be the Head Cook and Chef for the evening. Any brother wishing to help is encouraged to contact Brother Farrar at [jfarrar@abc4us.com](mailto:jfarrar@abc4us.com) or call 804-878-7458. More details will be provided the closer we get to the 2020 Golf outing.

Finally, now that the chapter is firmly established the Chapter is going to designate a Chapter Golf Outing Chair to work with Brother Joe Suprano so there is a cooperative effort between the Chapter and Brother Joe so he has some help in the planning and execution of the 28th annual outing. As you can see cooperation, coordination and activities at the annual golf outing continue to improve on all fronts and we appreciate everyone's involvement and for those who could not attend this year we look forward to seeing you next year!

I look forward to seeing everyone in 2020.

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## Thank you!



The Alumni Board wishes to share a special "Thank You" and "Snaps" to the Brothers who donated to the Tee Signs at the golf outing. Each Tee sign sponsor contributed \$100. In some cases a brother purchased more than one and in some cases several brothers pooled their resources to contribute as a pledge class. All donations were appreciated. We are looking for creative ways for brothers to consider donating to the Tee signs for next year but again we would like to thank the following brothers for voluntarily contributing to the Tee Signs this year:

- Robert Baudoux
- Michael Bariski
- Charles Boylan
- Douglas Bull
- Gary Donelli

- John Farrar
- Richard Fox
- Jeffrey Jacob
- Kevin Krepinevich
- Thomas Laicha
- Franklin Mattucci
- John Merski
- George Musko
- Stephen Pennell
- Gary Perdue
- Patrick Russell
- Dennis Ruzicki
- Gary Sablowsky
- David Stotka
- Joseph Suprano

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## Welcome New Alumni



After nearly 30 years, we now are again adding to our alumni roles! I wish to officially welcome our newest members to the Zeta Alpha Alumni Association several of whom attended the golf outing:

### 2019 Brother Graduates added to the Alumni Association:

- Michael Ambrose
- Logan Angert
- Stephen Beacom
- Julian Gonzalez
- James Jackson
- Sky Pederson
- Mason Pritchard
- Benjamin Richards
- Joe Rubic
- Marshall Tuten

And though it may be considered an oversight we never really officially welcomed the 2018 additions to the Alumni Association so I would like to do that at this point as well:

### Brothers added to the Alumni Association in 2018!

- Billy Hawk
- Riley Keffer
- Christopher Pagley

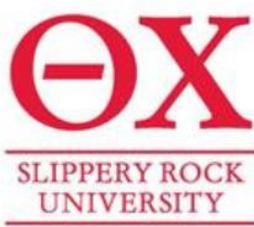
We look forward to getting to know each of you better and seeing you at events as you start your careers.

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## Chapter Outreach

Each of you should have received a Zeta Alpha Chapter Newsletter around June 20, 2019.

The Chapter plans to send a newsletter at the end of each semester to keep the Alumni informed of the chapters activities each semester. The Alumni Board has expressed their appreciation to the



Chapter for their efforts because it helps each of us to appreciate and understand the effort being made by the chapter.

If you have any questions about the chapter newsletter, let me know.

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## Congratulations!



Brother Cooper Collins (pictured 5th from the left) received on behalf of the Zeta Alpha Chapter the **Theta Chi Chapter Excellence Award** at the Initiative Academy held in Indiana. This event is held the year opposite the year when convention is held.

Presented so far to only 20 of the 160 chapter in Theta Chi Fraternity recognizing strong performance in specific areas of chapter operations.

For a chapter barely a year old, we all should be very proud of their efforts. Hopefully the chapter will redouble their efforts this year and will have the chance to stand on stage in Lexington and be a serious contender for the Alter Award!

Congratulations Zeta Alpha!

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## Resolute Man Scholarship in Honor Veterans and POWs

The Resolute Man Scholarship Committee completed their responsibilities by July 31, 2019 and awarded a \$500 scholarship through the SRU Foundation to Leah I. Hepner for the 2019/20 academic year. The committee was composed of Brothers Paul Herbert, David Price and Ron Burke. We thank them for their efforts.

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## Helping Hand Scholarship



The Alumni Board has worked for nearly a year, listening to brothers concerns and ideas about a scholarship program that would benefit Theta Chi brothers. The result of these efforts is the Theta Chi Helping Hand Scholarship.

This is a brand new scholarship that has been established in 2019 and was officially kicked off at the June Golf Outing. The

goals of this scholarship are twofold.

First, we want to establish a \$25,000 endowment. Once that level is achieved, the scholarship will be self funding.

Second, the purpose of the scholarship will to be to support ZA Brothers ONLY. You must have an association with the ZA Chapter to receive any money. No association, no money. This scholarship is designed to help brothers who are in a position of emergency need and can be used for food money, gas money home for funerals, housing assistance and all others things an on campus brother may need. The added advantage of this fund is that it is a "back up" fund.

[You can review the brochure that is attached here.](#) But you will see the University provides funds for this type of need but in the instance the University does not help a Brother can apply to this fund for assistance and get relief. So we will e offering that helping hand to a brother in need that can be found no where else other than by being a Theta Chi.

An important feature of the Helping Hand Scholarship is that it is tax deductible contribution!

By now everyone that sponsored a Tee Sign at the golf outing has received an official, well written and gracious thank you note from the Slippery Rock Foundation. This was our way of making sure everyone received a thank you note for your generous contributions. Plus, this is the official document you can use to deduct on your taxes the amount you gave. I cannot totally express the amount of appreciation I have towards everyone that gave. But I thank you and appreciate everything you have done!!!

Now that the fund is in place we need to work to raise the funds needed. Brother Emil Brenkus has volunteered to be The Helping Hand Fundraising Chairmen. He is currently working on many things and he will pass on all of his thoughts and goals to the entire brotherhood very shortly. Brother "Zeke" I thank you more than you will ever know for taking on this responsibility.

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## Homecoming 2019



I am pleased to announce that the Zeta Alpha Chapter Brothers will be sponsoring and coordinating a Homecoming Tailgating event on October 12, 2019 the Saturday of the football game in conjunction with the Alumni Association to welcome Alumni back to campus.

They will be participating in the Homecoming parade and then be setting up the tailgating immediately afterward. All details will be coming shortly but there will be events and an organized activity at the stadium prior to the game.

Please check future emails for more details to come.

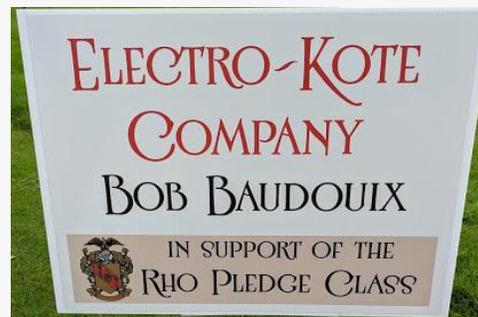
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## Final Thought

It is an exciting time for all of us and great things are happening for the Zeta Alpha Chapter. All we have to do is to continue to provide our time, talent and treasure to support their efforts and they will continue to grow and thrive.

As I have said before, I am always open to discuss any issue or ideas with any brother for the advancement of our cause and my contact information is at the end of the newsletter. I look forward to working with each of you and appreciate your friendship, brotherhood and cooperation as we stand together as Resolute Men!

## Tee Signs



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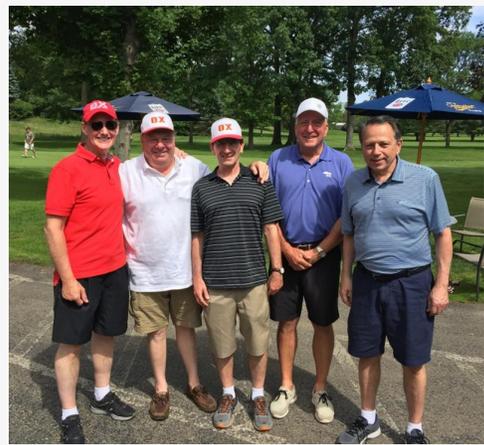
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