



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.

Patrick Russell
Alumni Board Secretary

President's Message

Brothers,

It has been an honor to serve as President of the Zeta Alpha Theta Chi Alumni Board for the past year. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to lead such an amazing organization.

Working with the Board Members and the entire Alumni Brotherhood has been life changing. You have all led with passion and a forward-thinking mentality. You have made an outstanding impact on the chapter's future, and I would like to thank each of you for your dedication and selfless service to the brotherhood.

This past year has been full of exciting events, great camaraderie, and lasting memories. I am very proud of what we have achieved and work to accomplish in the future. Please take some time to read about these events in this edition of the newsletter as we kick off a new year.

Thank you!!

Brother Sky

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** compliments of the Zeta Alpha Alumni Association.
- Thanks to the efforts of **Brother Stephen 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**
- Special "Thanks" are extended to **Brothers Michael Bariski and Sky Pederson** who donated the skill prizes for the event.



Zeta Beta, Honorary Zeta Alpha and Grand Chapter Member Brother Alan Copeland.

THIS YEARS FOURSOMES

- Sky Pederson, Mike Ambrose, James Jackson, Ben Richards
- Mike Bariski, Jeff Miller, John Farrar, Dan Angelucci
- Andrew Auth, Eric Lehman, Matt Pecoraro, Cooper Collins
- Joe Suprano, Ed Kostail, Patrick Russell, Jim Dunn
- Kevin Krepinevich, Dillon Pusateri, David Stotka, Mason Pritchard
- Jeff Jacob, Tom "ZZ" Chappel, Sean Kearney, Greg Severyn
- Alan Copeland, Jim Grissinger, Rod Nicholson, Joe Wertz
- Jack Hare, Nathan Belack, Jett McGregor, Aston Bloom

THIS YEARS WINNERS

First Place - Bariski, Miller, Farrar, Angelucci
Second Place - Krepinevich, Pusateri, Stotka, Pritchard
Third Place - Pederson, Jackson, Ambrose, Richards

Longest Drive Winners - James Jackson, Mason Pritchard
Closest to the Pin Winners - Mason Pritchard, Matthew Pecoraro

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 2022, 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 2022 outing! Support was outstanding.

Fraternity honors should be given to Alumni Board Member **Logan Tupper** for heading up the effort and for helping us raise over \$2,500 for the Helping Hand Scholarship Fund.

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.

THETA CHI GOLF OUTING
Gold SPONSORS

ROY PASCAL  JOE WHITE
 DAN ANGELUCCI
 JAMES CLARKE
 KEVIN KREPINEVICH

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

THETA CHI GOLF OUTING
SILVER SPONSORS

MICHAEL BARISKI PAUL HERBERT
 ROBAERT BAUDOUX, JR. TOM LAICHA
 CHARLES BOYLAN GARY PERDUE
 EMIL BRENKUS  SKY PEDERSON
 GARY DONELLI REED PEDERSON
 JOHN FARRAR 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

THETA CHI GOLF OUTING
ZETA ALPHA CHAPTER
IN HONOR OF THE
**ALPHA BETA
 PLEDGE CLASS**
SPONSOR

THETA CHI GOLF OUTING
NORTH SIDE BROTHERS
 KREUZER'S  BOYLAN'S
 WHITE DUNN
 & BRENNAN
SPONSOR

THETA CHI GOLF OUTING
 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
 IN SUPPORT OF THE
 RHO PLEDGE CLASS
**ELECTRO-KOTE
 COMPANY**
BOB BAUDOUX

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 PHI PLEDGE CLASS
**DAN ANGIUCCI, ZEKE BRENKUS
 RAY CARINCI, TOM LAICHA
 & NICK TROMBETTA**
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ALPHA PLEDGE CLASS OF '18
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THE TAU PLEDGE CLASS
 REMEMBERS OUR BROTHERS



DAVID A.
 MINETT



WILLIAM A.
 "FRITZ" TATICK

THETA CHI GOLF OUTING



PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR
 STUDENTS TO BE THE FIRST IN THEIR
 FAMILY TO EARN A COLLEGE DEGREE
 A THETA CHI BROTHER FOUNDED NON-PROFIT
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THETA CHI GOLF OUTING



PLEASE SUPPORT THE
**HELPING HAND
 SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

THETA CHI GOLF OUTING
 NORTHSIDE BROTHERS
**J. DUNN, J. KREUZER,
 J. WHITE, G. BOYLAN,
 C. BOYLAN, G. KREUZER.**
 HOW MANY SIDES OF PITTSBURGH ARE THERE?
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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!

- Patrick & Robin Burke
- Thomas "Chevy" Laicha
- David Stotka
- Dan Angelucci
- Joseph "Joe" White
- Michael Bariski
- Gary Perdue
- Kevin Krepinevich
- Jim Dunn
- Rick Fox

- Logan Tupper
- Sky Pederson
- Patrick Russell
- John Merski
- Mick Trombetta
- Brent Stickney (A member of BZ chapter at Michigan State)
- John Farrar
- Robert Baudoux, Jr.

Photo Highlights from the Golf Outing

Thank you to 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.











The Chapter Eternal



We are sad to report that **Brother Scott Koehler** passed onto the Chapter Eternal on July 23, 2022. He apparently suffered with a very brief battle with pancreatic cancer prior to his passing. Scott was the owner of a very successful cabinet business in North Carolina.

With a heavy heart we also recently learned that **Brother Terry Dibert** passed onto the Chapter Eternal this past week. Details of his passing are unknown at the time of publishing. Terry was a Senior Program Manager for Grainger and had worked for the firm for over 40 years.



The Zeta Alpha Alumni Board will purchase commemorative bricks in their honor. The bricks, purchased each spring, are displayed on the Slippery Rock University Campus at the Russell Wright Alumni House. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends for both Brother Scott and Brother Terry.

**Message From the Zeta Alpha
Chapter President President Koley**



Dear Alumni and Friends of the Zeta Alpha Chapter,

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 15th, 2022.

For now, I and Vice President Jack Hare will be the primary contacts regarding the day. Planning for the event will begin in the coming weeks. All are encouraged and welcome to join in our celebration. I look forward to seeing and reconnecting with many of you soon. Please do not hesitate to contact me at president@zachapter.com with any questions or concerns or to volunteer to help us regarding the day. If I do not get back to you right away, I will as soon as I am available.

The active brothers at Slippery Rock and currently enjoying their summer and looking forward to the semester to come. This Spring, we initiated five new brothers who are all eager to take part in our fraternity brotherhood and activities. This past semester we were able to jump back on track following the past year and a half of Covid. Things are slowly starting to get back to the new definition of normal. We are all eager to see what is to come this year. While we just introduced five new members, we graduated and sent off five. Four brothers are currently graduated and out in the world beginning their new start and one of our brothers sadly had to go back home to Germany due to his study abroad term being complete.

Over the course of last year our chapter positively overcame many obstacles regarding Covid, the university policies, and other personal difficulties. Our executive board has worked to ensure our chapter continues to thrive and has often fought back against unfair rules within Greek life at the university. We have been at the forefront of making change within the ranks and pushing our new ideology of the word Fraternity. Our chapter has relentlessly pushed to be the agent of change and to be the most respected Fraternity on campus and it is clear that our efforts are paying off.

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 of your help. I hope as time goes on our Alumni relations and brotherhood will continue to grow.

**Zeta Alpha Chapter President
Andrew J. Koley**

**Theta Chi Fraternity
166th
Anniversary Celebration**



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!

We hope to obtain a copy of the opening session video to share with the chapter at the first meeting of the year! 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.

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 (we predict you may see us on a future cover of the Rattle! 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.

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



President Andrew Koley, Alumnus Kevin Krepinevich and Vice President Jack Hare represented the Zeta Alpha Chapter at the 166th Anniversary of Theta Chi Fraternity.



Sharing Theta Chi during a night on the town in DC!



President Koley assisting with the Accountability breakout session! Three sessions at every breakout was able to be covered.



VP Hare and President Koley with Grand Chapter Immediate Past President Tait Martin who hosted ZA Past Chapter President Cooper Collins at his distillery for his Resolute Man Internship.



President Koley packing boxes of care packages for men and women of the Armed Services during Theta Chi Service Project at Convention.



VP Jack Hare leading 500 Brothers filling 4,000 care packages in an hour for the USO at Convention.



The USO care packages assembly line. Proud to be a Theta Chi!



Zeta Alpha celebrating on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.



All the Theta Chi Bros gathering at the Lincoln Memorial.

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