



## ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

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Brothers,

This email contains:

- An update on the 2026 **Golf Outing scheduled for June 12 & 13, 2026.**
  - SRU Day at PNC Park.
  - The 2026-2028 Alumni Board Directors Election Ballot.
  - President Jake Levy appointed to Theta Chi Fraternity Chapter Presidents Advisory Council.
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  - Final Thought (Happy Founders Day!)
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**THE 33RD ZETA ALPHA CHAPTER OF THETA CHI FRATERNITY  
GOLF OUTING WEEKEND FOR 2026  
YOU CAN REGISTER TODAY!**

The Board Ballot information appears below  
but before you vote, don't forget...

**[The deadline for registrations is May 29, 2026!](#)  
[- Click here to register.](#)**

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The 2026 Zeta Alpha Chapter of  
Theta Chi Fraternity Golf Outing Weekend.

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE OUTING](#)**

The plans for the 33rd Zeta Alpha Theta Chi Fraternity Golf Outing is underway and we are looking forward to renewing relationships and creating new ones with the current brothers of the Zeta Alpha Chapter.

The Golf Outing will be held at Slippery Rock Golf Club at 160 Ralston Rd, Slippery Rock, PA 16057.

It will be a shotgun start at 1:00 pm and we ask everyone who plans to play to **arrive by 12:15 pm**. Otherwise come when you like.

After golf we will retire to the Theta Chi House at 115 Kiester Road, Slippery Rock, Pa 16057 awards from the golf outing, food and a variety of beverages will begin around 6:00 pm.

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## Payments

We are moving into the 21st century with payments and golf course requires us to pay in advance. If you have any problems submitting payment reach out to any board member and they will help.

**Deadline for registration and payments is May 29, 2026.**

- Golf fees are \$55 per person.
- The Alumni Board will also be collecting the \$20 for the Awards Dinner.
- T signs are \$100.

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## Bill Pay or some variation of it!

As far as we know, virtually every brother has a bank account of some kind and almost all banks offer "FREE BILL PAY" (or some derivative of that title) where you can:

- Log into your bank account on line.
- Go to "Bill Pay."
- Set up a vendor:
- Zeta Alpha Alumni Chapter of Theta Chi c/o Doug Bull  
4805 Pack Saddle Way Flower Mound, TX 75028.
- Enter an amount.
- Enter an account (checking or savings or other.)
- Pick a date.
- Send.

Please pay the total amount due when completing the bill pay to match your registration.

- \$55 for golf.
- \$20 for dinner after golf.
- \$75 for golf and dinner.
- \$100 Tee sign
- \$120 for Tee sign and dinner.
- \$175 for golf, dinner and Tee sign.

IF YOU ARE NOT AN ONLINE BILL PAY KINDA GUY, FEEL FREE TO SEND A PAPER CHECK MADE OUT TO:

### Zeta Alpha Alumni Chapter of Theta Chi

and mail it to:

Doug Bull, 4805 Pack Saddle Way, Flower Mound, TX 75028.

We expect this will streamline the registration process.

**REMEMBER:** Anyone not registered in advance will not be permitted access. The collegians are required by Theta Chi Fraternity to have a participant list for any event where alcohol is served on hand for their protection. At the welcome event on 6/12/26 and the dinner on 6/13/26 there will be a registrant checklist and only those registered will be admitted.

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE OUTING](#)**

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## Golf Outing Extras

Each year the event has grown and we wish to share the steps we have taken.

Please note these items:

- Any participant over the age of 70 will play from the Gold Tees rather than the normal White Tees (so it may encourage those of you under 70 to seek these brothers out for your team!)
  - The Alumni Board will be providing a hot dog and drink at the clubhouse during the event for all registered attendees.
  - We are working with the SRU Alumni Association with promotional materials for the event.
  - We have created an [online registration form](#) for ease of registration.
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## Tee Signs

Anyone interested in purchasing a T-sign to support the Helping Hand Fund and chapter activities for \$100 may do so by making that notation on your registration form and you will be contacted by Secretary John Farrar. Tee signs may display any special message to be shared at the outing like memorizing brothers, events, pledge classes and special individuals.

## Raffle, Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive.

We will be offering a Theta Chi Golf Bag as the raffle prize this year.

The only cash being collected on site will be for the Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive competitions and the raffle.

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## Welcome Event - Friday 6/12/26

Plans are for a "Welcome Event" at the Theta Chi house at 115 Kiester Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057 on Friday, June 12, 2025 beginning about 5:00 p.m. There will be food, beverages and brotherhood at the house for the evening. It will be a great time for older alumni to get to know the Chapter brothers!

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## After Golf Dinner and Awards Program - Saturday 6/13/26

After the outing, at approximately 6:00 p.m., everyone will gather at the Zeta Alpha Theta Chi House at 115 Kiester Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057 for awards, food and beverages including presenting Golden Guard Certificates for 50 years of membership to attendees and prizes donated by brothers.

There is no end time for the event Saturday.

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## Hotel

Here is an update on hotels:

In working with the SRU Alumni Association, they have informed us that the SRU Alumni Weekend is the same weekend and there are rooms on campus available for \$74 - \$90 a night per person. Rooms will be in one of the dormitories on campus. Each room will include a blanket, sheet pillow (feel free to bring you feel you may need extra.)

[To reserve a room on campus click here.](#)

In addition, there are 6, Double Queen rooms reserved for June 12-14, 2026 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott in Slippery Rock. The phone number for reservations is 724-406-0535 x #2.

Before you call to book a room, you can register (if not already a member) at no cost with the Marriott Bonvoy program. Go to <http://www.marriott.com>. In the upper right corner click the link "Sign in or Join." On the next screen click "Join for Free"

When the hotel is called and if you have a Marriott Bonvoy # tell the hotel this when reserving a room. If you are a Marriott Bonvoy member you will get a cheaper rate.

If you **ARE NOT** a Marriott Bonvy member the cost of the room for 2 nights is **\$463.98** (including tax.)

If you ARE a Marriott Bonvy member the cost of the room for 2 nights is **\$441.78** (including tax.)

Call the hotel and explain you are part of the **Theta Chi Fraternity Alumni Board Group** and you wish to reserve one of the rooms held by the block. At that time, the hotel will request a credit card to hold the room and an email address to confirm your reservation for your records.

Rooms will be sold on a **first-come-first served basis** and when gone they are gone.

If a room is reserved and a decision is made to cancel, the room must be cancelled before June 1, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. Otherwise the card provided will be charged for the reservation.

## SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY DAY



If you have time to put it on your schedule...

The SRU Alumni Association's Annual SRU Day at PNC Park on June 14, 2026.

They will be playing the Marlins that day as part of a 6 day home stand.

Game time 12:15 p.m. Eastern time.

This special Slippery Rock University Day themed event during the Pirates vs. Marlins game celebrates Rock Pride with unique experiences and a chance to connect with fellow SRU students, alumni, and fans while enjoying baseball. Attendees have access to exclusive co-branded merchandise and pregame fun in the ballpark. It's a great way to kick off the spring season cheering on the Bucs and showing Rock spirit in downtown Pittsburgh.

Tickets are \$50 - \$58 depending on the section you pick.

Also note there is a special price for collegians who wish to attend between \$45 and \$52.

To see what is included and to register, [click here](#).

Purchase deadline is June 14, 2026 at 12:10 p.m Eastern time.

From that first outing, a tradition has grown which has endured for 34 years helping reunite our brothers yearly. It is normally the weekend before Father's Day in June (subject to facility conflicts) and is a date brothers add to their calendars. At the same time, we understand that life goes on and with graduations, weddings and other family related matters one cannot always attend but brothers are comforted by knowing, if they cannot come this year, they can make it the next year!

[\*\*CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE OUTING\*\*](#)

## 2025 Board Election Ballot

### **Alumni Board Elections**

In November and February the Zeta Alpha Alumni Board distributed a call for nominations for three (3) two-year terms to be filled. The terms for these three positions will begin 6/1/2026 and run through 5/31/2028. Those announcements noted that all nominations were to be sent to Secretary Farrar email address jsfarrar1956@gmail.com and be confirmed by those being nominated that they intend to run.

[\*\*CLICK HERE TO CAST A BALLOT.\*\*](#)

Candidates for the three positions were received by Secretary Farrar by the April 1, 2026 deadline. Brothers who submitted are displayed below alphabetically by last name with their initiation date:

### **Lucian Dean '21**

My name is Lucian Dean. As an Alumni member of the Zeta Alpha Chapter, I requested my name placed on the ballot for the position of Director on the Alumni Board for 2026 - 2028.

As a chapter member, I was proud to serve Zeta Alpha in a variety of leadership roles, including Vice President, Marshal, Historian, and Scholarship Chairman. Those experiences helped me grow as a leader, strengthened my commitment to the fraternity, and showed me the importance of supporting both the chapter's traditions and its continued progress. I received my Resolute Man designation in July 2025.

As a Board member, I would like to continue giving back to the chapter by supporting alumni engagement, mentoring younger brothers, and helping strengthen the connection between recent graduates and the Alumni Association. I do my best to be involved with the chapter as I've made a constant effort to continue contact with the current E-Board, appear and assist during initiation week and initiation itself, and interact with the new initiates whenever and wherever possible.

I believe the Board plays an important role in supporting the active chapter through communication, mentorship, scholarships, and alumni programming, and I would be honored to contribute in those areas while helping Zeta Alpha continue to grow and succeed.

### **John Farrar '75**

I have served on the Alumni Board since its formal inception. I have held the position of Treasurer and am now currently the acting Secretary for the Alumni Chapter.

I am honored to help the organization support the undergraduate Chapter both financially, and in brotherhood. I am running for the Board again to assist in the continued growth and financial support we as alumni can give to the under graduate brothers through the "Helping Hand Scholarship."

As a member of the Board I have worked to support the Alumni Golf Outing and Homecoming activities two activities that bring the Alumni and Collegiate brothers together. These opportunities afford brothers the opportunity to enjoy the great experiences and memories we had as undergraduates. I am a former undergraduate President of the Zeta Alpha Chapter and have nothing but fond memories of my four years at the Rock.

I have lived in the Richmond, VA area for the last twenty seven years and have worked in the building materials distribution and supply industry my entire career. I am the former owner of Richmond's largest drywall distribution company and am now enjoying my retirement after forty seven years of working in the industry.

### **Grant Riley '23**

I am formally submitting my name for consideration as a Director on the Theta Chi Alumni Board for the 2026-2028 term.

As a proud alumnus of Zeta Alpha Chapter, I am committed to strengthening the relationships between our alumni and current brothers while supporting the chapter's continued growth and success.

My journey with Theta Chi began in the fall of my junior year at Slippery Rock University when my friend Kiran Gurng, the recruitment chair, invited me to join. I became not just a member, but an active contributor to the fraternity's mission. I convinced two of my linemates from the roller hockey team to join our ranks, a decision that set the tone for my involvement in recruitment efforts alongside Brother Kiran.

During my time as a brother, I also served as chaplain and on the standards board, working to uphold our chapter's values.

The impact of my recruitment work was substantial: when I joined Theta Chi in 2023, we had 19 brothers. By my graduation, we had grown to 45 active members, and the chapter has since surpassed 50. The first semester after I joined, our chapter successfully recruited 14 pledges exceeding our goal of 12 demonstrating what focused, collaborative effort can achieve.

My Theta Chi experience has been transformative. Three of my brothers are standing in my wedding as groomsmen, a testament to the genuine friendships forged within our fraternity. These connections remain as strong today as they were during my

undergraduate years, and I continue to stay actively engaged with both current chapter leadership and fellow alumni.

As an aspiring Alumni Board member, I recognize that our role is to serve as a bridge between the active chapter and our alumni community. Based on my review of the alumni board's responsibilities, I am particularly focused on mentoring undergraduates, facilitating alumni-chapter relationship-building, and supporting our scholarship and community initiatives. I maintain regular contact with current e-board members, the general chapter body, and alumni from my class and before, positioning me to strengthen these critical connections.

I am ready to contribute meaningfully to our chapter's ongoing legacy and am honored to be considered for this leadership opportunity.

**[It is now time to cast your ballot.](#)**  
**[You have until 11:59 p.m. on April 25, 2026 to cast your electronic ballot.](#)**

Those eligible to vote are initiated alumni members or honorary members of the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, in good standing.

**PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO A CHANGE IN THE CONSTANT CONTACT SOFTWARE IN 2024 THE REALTIME UPDATE OF RESPONSES IS A FEATURE THAT IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.**

When the link is clicked, ballots are available to all eligible voting members electronically.

**[CLICK HERE TO CAST A BALLOT](#)**

## Theta Chi Fraternity Announces 2026 Chapter Presidents Advisory Council

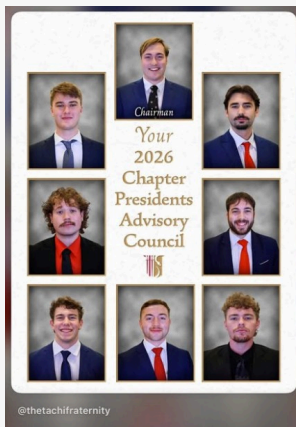
These Chapter Presidents serve as a vital communication link to the Grand Chapter and the International Headquarters staff, ensuring the voices of our collegiate members are heard.

This year's Advisory Council is as follows:

- **Chairman: Morgan Yankowsky** (Delta Beta/Georgia 2027)
- **Brady Beers** (Beta Zeta/Michigan State 2028)
- **Jacob DeMond** (Alpha Sigma/Oregon 2027)
- **Jordan Graham** (Iota Kappa/Northern Arizona 2027)
- **Jacob Levy (Zeta Alpha/Slippery Rock 2027)**
- **Cameron Olson** (Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan 2027)
- **Caleb Rockhold** (Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky 2026)
- **Reese Williams** (Kappa Gamma/North Florida 2028)

Congratulations to Chapter President Jake!

A trifecta! Chapter President, IFC President and now making a difference for Theta Chi Chapters at the International level. 🙌👉

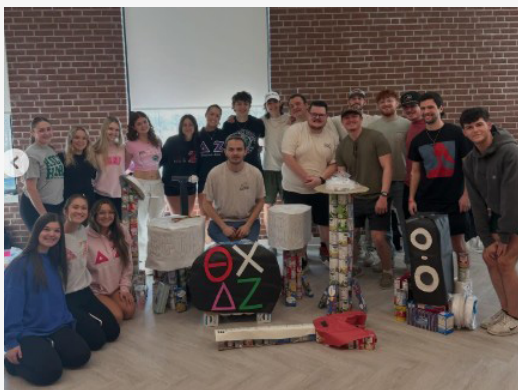


## Chapter Advisor Notes

Chapter President Jake Levy distributed an email/newsletter to the alumni on March 22, 2026 highlighting items so far this year including:

- A listing of the 2026 Executive Board
- The chapter has 8 members of the PI Pledge class for the Spring semester.
- Community service projects.
- Sacred Purpose programming.
- President Levy being selected to be one of the 8 chapter presidents to serve on the Theta Chi Fraternity International as an advisory board.
- Highlighted March 26 as SRU Giving Day.
- The planning for the **April 12, 2026 Founders Day celebration in Slippery Rock at 115 Kiester Road beginning at 1:00 p.m.** with food, drinks and yard games, alumni encouraged to attend!
- Initiation of the PI pledge class on April 19, 2026 arrive by 11:00 a.m. for the ceremony to begin at 12:00 p.m. eastern time on the 3rd floor of the Robert M. Smith Student Center.
- Promotion of the Golf Outing Weekend, June 12-14, 2026.

The Theta Chi and Delta Zeta Team finished in second place at Greek Week 2026.





Chapter Advisor Eric Lehman also reports that the chapter's retention rate is excellent and efforts are being made to place an emphasis on involvement and communication to maintain the membership.

The chapter members continue to express enthusiasm for the promotion of and participation in the Golf Outing Weekend.

The chapter finalized their Chapter Assessment for 2025-2026 due today for consideration of recognition at the 170th Anniversary Theta Chi Convention in San Antonio, July 10 - 14, 2026.

It was noted that the Chapter needs to submit via Advisor Lehman by June 1, 2026 any funding request for the 2026-2027 academic year.

## Brother Updates



- Brother **Ben Richards** is climbing the ranks of Enterprise and is in the final stages of planning his wedding in May.
- Brother **Logan Tupper** is a sales representative working for Stryker medical technologies in Pittsburgh.
- Brother **Joe Rubic** is scheduled for a wedding later this year.
- If you get a chance check out Brother **James Jackson** on [instagram](#). He is living in a van and visiting all the state parks in the country (while lifting weights) and is making trip plans outside the US.
- Brother **Sky** told us "**we're**" (implying he and Brothers James, Ben and Joe) making plans to compete in the Pittsburgh marathon.
- Brothers **Sky and James** are then planning a trip to Tanzania to hike Mt. Kilimanjaro. (We need to make sure they take a Theta Chi Flag!)

With the installation of the PI pledge class we remember the **PI pledge class "first time around"** and appreciate their over 50 years of contributions to the chapter! An \* indicates deceased.

Atteridge, Stephen M.  
 Brasington, Kenneth C.  
 Burke, John Patrick  
 Fox, Richard D.  
 Gerchak, Paul A.  
 Koehler, Scott D.\*  
 Hayes, Charles L.

Herbert, Paul D.  
 Jones, Glenn R.\*  
 Knauss, Kenneth W.\*  
 Kreuzer, John A.  
 Perdue, Gary R.  
 Peterson, James E.

## Foundations

### Robert "Rip" Rowan

Rip Rowan was a mentor to many, a caring and selfless person who helped many brothers during our undergraduate years. Rip served in the Navy during the Korean War and worked locally in New Castle as a truck driver. Rip was a loyal member of the Polish Falcon of America New Castle Nest, and an avid Penn State University supporter. He offered his time to many undergraduate members of Theta Chi Zeta Alpha throughout his involvement in the early 1970's thru the mid 1980's.



#### “Extending the Assisting Hand”

Rip Rowan was a man that believed in helping others and demonstrated this in his life daily. He was a selfless person that would give to others willingly. Brother Ron Burke recalled a time Rip loaned his new Chrysler Newport to a complete stranger that was in need of a ride to work. Without hesitation he reached into his pocket and gave the driver his keys never giving it a second thought.

Rip was a fulltime truck driver that had attended law school, although he never completed his law degree. He was best friends with Skip Rowland the son of Cap Rowland prominent Pennsylvania figure and owner of New Castle Refractories. Cap Rowland was the acting President of the Board of Trustees for Penn State from the late 60's thru the 70's.

Skip and Rip were members of the Penn State Sideline “Chain Gang” for home football for fifty years. Rip along with his friend Skip were also local scouts for Penn State Football. Rip would drive the truck with the teams’ equipment to both away and bowl games. Rips association with Penn State Football allowed him the opportunity to bring brothers to Penn State home football games. The experience of being with Rip was nothing short of amazing. Staying at the Nittany Lion Inn, having great seats at the game, and sometimes even getting the opportunity to meet the Paterno family.

Rip Rowan became associated with Zeta Alpha thru his friendship with Brother Ron Burke. Rip meet Ron while Ron was working at American Hardware Warehouse in Butler PA. Ron was an hourly employee responsible for unloading inbound trucks to be received at the warehouse. Rip was the driver of the truck that Ron was assigned to unload. Due to the requirements of American Hardware Rip became the assigned driver to make the deliveries to American Hardware. Ron and he developed a relationship over time while working together unloading the shipments.

Ron was working to pay for his tuition to enter Slippery Rock in the fall. When Ron was getting ready to leave for the Rock Rip asked “What is your goal”, Ron’s response was to make Deans List. Having that goal set Rip said he would take Ron to dinner at the best restaurant in New Castle if he made Deans list. Although they had no real contact during the semester Rip being a person of honor and integrity called the dorm until he reached

Ron to find out how he did. Ron had made Presidents List. Rip honored his commitment and took Ron to the best restaurant he had ever been.



“What have you done for some else today”

It was thru his relationship with Ron that Rip became associated with Ron's roommate Bob Bolt along with many of the brothers of Theta Chi . Bob and Ron were invited by Rip to go to Penn State to attend the gymnastic meet between the Hungarian National Team and the US Women's team. Following the meet Bob was sitting on a cooler reading the paper when he was asked if he knew were someone could get a beer. Bob graciously offered a beer from the cooler. Bob along with his cooler of beer were escorted to the Hungarian Gymnastic Team. In the following days the Penn State Athletic Director Ed Czekaj named Bob the Good Will Ambassador for his generosity and hospitality.

Rip was best man in Brother Burke's wedding, although he could not attend Brothers Bolt's wedding due to his football commitments, he made sure to call Bob during the reception to wish him well. When Ron and Linda Burke got in a severe car accident Rip was there to help without question. He never wanted anything in return but gave selflessly of himself and his time while Ron and Linda recovered. Thru his connection with Penn State he got Ron and Linda a lawyer to help them get compensation for their Medical Bills caused by the other driver's negligence.

“Your Good People”

Before there was the annual golf outing Rip along with Brother Ron Burke started the annual canoe trip down the Clarion River. The First annual trip had just two participants Ron and Rip. The canoe trip set in at Ridgeway and let out at Cooks Forest. With only two participants on the first trip it provided for some unexpected adventure. As the river was running fast due to recent storms they traveled down steam further and faster than anticipated. Upon arrival at Cooks Forest they were quite a distance from where they had their vehicle. Realizing the car was not close they flipped a coin to determine who would Walk or Hick Hike back to get the car. Rip lost and Ron stayed back with the canoe and gear until Rip returned with the car.

Over the years the trip grew to over twenty Active and Alumni Brothers of Zeta Alpha. There were years the trip included two or three nights camping along the river bed. Along with food, camping supplies and equipment there was always enough room for Rips favorite, Budweiser Beer. The memories and brotherhood experienced on these trips became lifetime memories of time with Rip and you're Brothers.



"Maybe Your Great"

Rip organized a yearly softball challenge between the Polish Falcons team and the young jocks of Zeta Alpha. The Falcons usually managed to play a competitive game some years even winning. The game was follow-up with a meal of Polish Kabossi sandwiches and beer supplied by the members of the Polish Falcons Club. The fellowship and friendship extended by the Falcons was welcomed by all the participants.

"The Really Great People in an organization are at the bottom not the top"

Rip's involvement with us as young men made lasting impressions on many he came in contact with. He believed in giving to others, helping those in need, and demonstrated his believe thru his actions. As noted in the quotes from Rip in this article he gave guidance, wisdom, friendship and spirit to the Brothers he came in contact with. To those who crossed his path during your time at the Rock, we remember him fondly, for those that followed after his time I hope this helps you understand the man Robert "Rip" Rowan.

John Farrar  
Alumni Board  
Secretary

## Alumni Board Actions

Between the February 1 and March 29 meetings of the Alumni Board the following have been completed:

- Approved February 1, 2026 minutes.
- Successfully filed the required the 990-N form to maintain the Alumni Chapter's recognition as a tax-exempt 501(c)7 organization.
- Completed, submitted and received acceptance of the Zeta Alpha Alumni Association as a recognized alumni association. Copy of the acceptance can be found by [clicking here](#).
- Updated the Board Operating Policies page. [Click here](#).
- Activated the registration form for registrations and continued arrangements for the June 12 - 13, 2026 Golf Outing.
- Accepted nominations and developed ballot for candidates to the 2026-2028 Alumni Board by April 1, 2026.

- Developed and distributed the 4/10/26 newsletter with Board Ballot.
- Initiated the process of purchasing of Golden Guard Recognition (50 years of service) for those who will be attending the Outing.
- Continuing to organize and promote the Golf Outing Weekend.

## We Could Use Your Help

The Alumni Chapter's website <http://www.zachapter.com> contains information available to all brothers.

One of the most used features is a searchable database that lists contact information for all initiated brothers who have provided information. The Alumni Board needs help in locating brothers not currently in the database.

We continue to attempt to keep the database current.

You can [click here to search for brothers](#) for which the Alumni Association has contact information. Please help us by using the database to locate all the brothers in your pledge class. If one is missing and you have contact information please complete the contact information form on the web site.

And **YOU** can help keep your record current!

Many of you especially those graduating in the last 8 years are changing address and other contact information. Look yourself up on the database and if it is not complete or you do not appear, you can update or provide a record by clicking here.

Most information is updated on the website within a week but normally less.

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO UPDATE ANYTHING IF WHAT IS THERE IS CORRECT!**

We appreciate your help. We currently have over 330 listings in the database of the over 550 brothers who have been initiated since 1964.

## Chapter Eternal

We are pleased to report that we have no names to share of any initiated brothers who passed to the Chapter Eternal since our last newsletter.

The great tradition continues with the Alumni Association is committed to honoring ALL initiated brothers that pass on to the Chapter Eternal. We need the help of all our brothers by notifying a member of the Alumni Board of the death of a brother and the Board welcomes donations to the fund.

The Alumni Board continues to try to make reporting as simple as possible.

The Board can be notified on line from the website just under Chapter Eternal Link in the navigation or by [clicking here](#).

If you wish to make a donation to the Brick Fund [contact Treasurer Doug Bull](#).

A fund has been created by the Alumni Association and donations are always accepted to memorialize brothers with a memorial brick at the Alumni House at SRU who have passed to the Chapter Eternal.

If you are solicited by anyone other than a member of the Alumni Board or its authorized designee for donations for bricks, you are being deceived and the money is going somewhere else and direct violation and competition with of the operation of the chapter and alumni association. Needless to say this deception has already placed bricks for brothers at this memorial who have NOT passed which is not consistent with the more than 45 bricks purchased in the past.

It is the policy of the Alumni Board that memorial bricks will be purchased annually in cooperation with the normal Alumni House purchase schedule. The notification of the passing is handed over to the Alumni Board Secretary and bricks will be purchased by him for placement and consistency with the other memorial bricks for ALL initiated brothers who have passed to the Chapter Eternal and will be added to the display at the Alumni House on campus.

Names of brother who pass will be read aloud at an Anniversary Convention and School of Fraternity Practices this year in San Antonio, Texas, July 10-14, 2026.

For a full list of brothers who have passed to the chapter eternal can be found on the Zeta Alpha Website. [Click here.](#)

## Final Thought

It seems appropriate that each year on April 10, Theta Chi Fraternity Founder's Day, that a ballot is distributed. It is our chance to renew our commitment to the Chapter and the Alumni Association and to keep the newly earned tradition alive. As an initiated/honorary member, each has the ability to cast a ballot. We hope you exercise that earned ability.

It was 10 years ago this month that the first steps were taken to re-establish the Zeta Alpha Chapter at Slippery Rock University. A lot had changed on the Slippery Rock campus since the last time Theta Chi Fraternity was on campus.

Many of the buildings, professors, majors and social norms changed during that time. Theta Chi Fraternity over that time also changed. A redefinition of what a successful chapter should be on a campus had begun changing potential members and the campus community attitudes and definitions of the value Theta Chi Fraternity brings to young men as they manage their collegiate years and their futures.

We have seen over 130 brothers join the ranks of Theta Chi since the recolonization. Each bringing a piece of themselves to be added to the total which has become the Zeta Alpha chapter. Fourteen (14) brothers have earned thier Resolute Man designation adding to the wealth of experiences available to those who become a Theta Chi.

The chapter has grown to 53 members, its chapter president Brother Jake Levy now leads the IFC as its President and Brother Brother Mark Rose serves as IFC VP of Education. President Jake is one of only eight (8) representatives on the Theta Chi Fraternity Presidents Advisory Council helping develop programs and policies for chapters across the country. Zeta Alpha's voice and influence is being shared in many ways and at many levels.

Just consider the recognition the chapter has received over that time by visiting the [Chapter Recognition page](#) of the website. Check out the chapter's activities just so far in 2026 by visiting the [2026 Chapter News](#) on the website. What is most exciting is that they did not just pursue the recognition. They chose to do the right things for the right reasons respecting each other and the community they serve.

They chose this direction. They asked for help and received it. They have embraced what can be learned from the experience and continue to meet the challenge every day.

After several years of brothers sharing thier time, talent and treasure to support these collegiate brothers the Chapter has built something for which they and we can be proud.

The Alumni Board wishes to thank each of you who have contributed in your own way to make this happen. We ask you continue.

We can only hope that those of us who are "older" alumni can help the "newer" alumni to become involved and find ways to interact and provide support to the collegiate brothers so the chapter and the Alumni Association can continue to thrive.

When invited to chapter events, see if you can find time to attend. Over the years we have seen a genuine appreciation for alumni "being there" for the chapter and the positive attitude and trust it creates. It comes from a simply knowing that there are brothers out there who care, while knowing that they readily accept guidance offered with a soft touch.

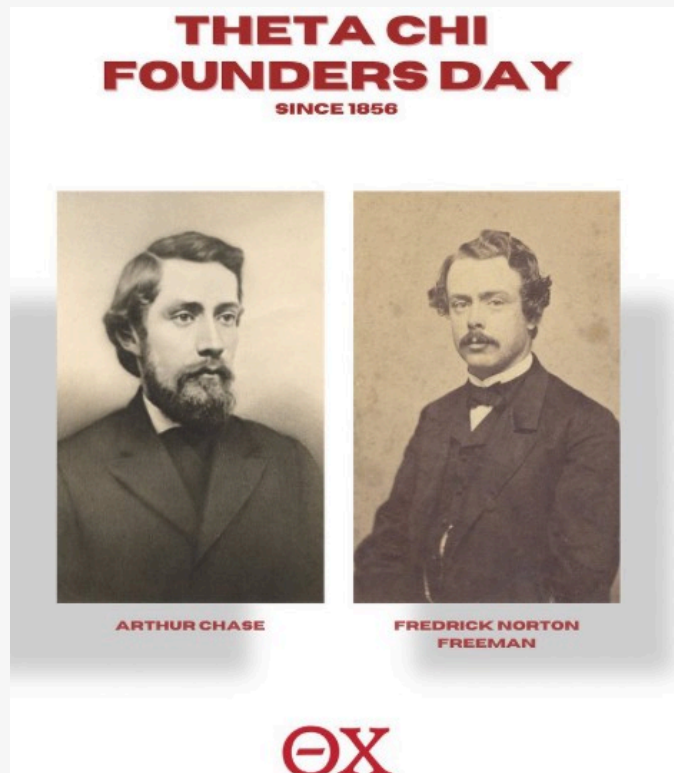
We are providing that "Assiting Hand" we promised to provide.

We hope you consider registering for the 33rd Golf Outing, even if you just want to come and "hang out and get to know the brothers," while you have a chance to renew the connections with those we have known for years.

As always, if you need information, explanation or help do not hesitate to reach out.

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Kevin Krepinevich  
President  
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