

This is our regular monthly update on the progress of the recolonization of the Zeta Alpha Chapter of ΘΧ.

We need your help to extend a helping hand as we move forward.



April 2017 - Theta Chi - Redefining the Fraternity Experience



National Staff Officer **Brother JD Ford** was on a long road trip and at the last minute he was able to make a side trip to Slippery Rock on March 9th.

Though it was short notice, I was able to ask representatives, who could make it from the different committees, to spend about two hours with **Brother JD** to get questions answered and in some cases provide him a laundry list of requests for information! I would like to thank **Brothers Paul Herbert, Jim**

Clarke and John Kuntz for attending.

Following that meeting **Brother JD** and myself visited the Robert M. Smith Student Center student organization offices and met with **IFC President Scott Vogelsesang** and the new **Greek Life Advisor Jayne Piskorik**. The purpose of our visit was to have our first face-to-face visit between all of the principles who have been communicating for nearly 6 months.

During that visit, not only the new Greek Life Advisor but also the IFC president shared with us that they had a very strong opinion that the entire Greek system on campus at Slippery Rock needs to be "shaken up" by a new Greek organization on campus that raises the bar. They expressed a concern that there is a weakness in the areas of member development, campus involvement, leadership development and alumni involvement.

Talk about opening a door for us to crash through!

By the time **Brother JD** was done discussing the Resolute Man program, the Sacred Purpose program, the emphasis on GPA and that the expectation that every Theta Chi brother would be involved in at least one other campus organization to provide leadership to the campus they were extremely enthusiastic. We also discussed the possibility of even considering a "female" faculty advisor to work with the Chapter and the Chapter Advisory Board to add that perspective to the activities and programs the chapter may embrace. Finally, they were amazed at the significant alumni support while expressing their disappointment at the current alumni support of the existing organizations on campus.

Needless to say, the foundation has been laid! Better yet **Brother JD** was able to take back with him a simple strategy that will be used to promote the recruiting efforts of the

THETA CHI IS REDEFINING THE FRATERNITY EXPERIENCE

Greek Life Advisor Piskorik introduced us to an undergraduate who is very active in student government and was about to travel to the Outer Banks to clean beaches during spring break. The reason she introduced us was because she had been asking him for some time, as a student leader, why he had not joined a fraternity. His answer consistently had been, "I do not like what I see. I do not like what they are doing. I do not think I would fit in." Her response had always been, "Well if you do not like what you see, why not start something new?" She pulled him from his office and said, "You need to talk to these guys." By the time we finished, he said, He had no idea that the a fraternity offered the kinds of opportunities we were offering." We now have what we consider a quality lead and believe there are many more out there.

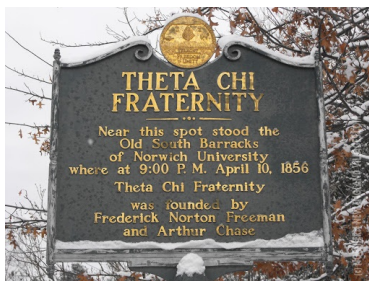
So the approach being developed is creating a chapter of Theta Chi on campus that will "Set a Standard" for fraternities on campus. Not only a standard of member but a standard of programming, a standard of involvement and a standard of alumni involvement. Resident advisors, orientation advisors, campus leaders, business, management, ROTC, marketing and other leaders in sports, campus organizations are all expected to be placed on the list of prospects that will be approached, involved and become part of a standard setting organization on campus.

We want to elevate what it means to be a fraternity man at SRU.

So thank each of you for your efforts and attention to the process so far. But we are just getting the foundation laid to get started. Please keep paying attention and asking questions and talking to each other and thinking about what can be done to support the undergraduates as they get started.

Something incredible is about to happen!

This is Where It Starts!



March 20th has come and gone!

Thank you to everyone who has stepped forward so far and volunteered to serve on the committees that will soon become the boards we need to support the undergraduates. As of March 20, we have officially "Released the Hounds!" and the committees have begun their work to establish the bylaws necessary to formalize the **Chapter Advisory Board**, the **Alumni Board** and the **Housing Board**.

The Alumni Board and the Chapter Advisory Board both held their initial meetings by conference call using a free conference call service on March 26, 2017 and got things started. Thank you to **Brother Jack Shivetts** for chairing the Alumni Committee and **Brother Paul Herbert** for chairing the Chapter Advisory Committee and moving things forward.

Just because March 20th has passed does not mean, if you are interested in serving on any

of the 3 boards, that your chance to volunteer has passed. You can still volunteer. Just send an email to me at kwkcae@websiteassist.com and let me know which committee on which you would like to serve. Each Board will have both voting and non-voting members. So those, 'late to the dance' can serve as non-voting members. That just means initially you will not be holding an office but your participation/involvement will be encouraged and will be important. The only limitation that is in place, is that we ask that you only volunteer to serve on one committee.

We could really use additional members of the Alumni Committee right now!

Below is a list of brothers that have stepped forward so far.

Chapter Advisory Committee

- **Brother Paul Herbert**
- **Brother Michael Bariski**
- **Brother Ronald Burke**
- **Brother David Derosa, Jr.**
- **Brother Michael "Doc" Dougherty, Jr.**
- **Brother Rob Hodes**
- **Brother Don "Clippy" Iskat**
- **Brother John Kuntz**
- **Brother Greg Laws**
- **Brother Al Lichtenwalner**
- **Brother Franklin Mattucci**
- **Brother David Minett**
- **Brother Gary Perdue**
- **Brother David Price**
- **Brother Greg "Rusty" Riedwood**
- **Brother Richard "Dickie" Rowland**
- **Brother Dennis Ruzicki**
- **Brother Gary Sablowsky**

Housing Committee

- **Brother James Clarke**
- **Brother James Dunn**
- **Brother Roy Pascal**
- **Brother Patrick Russell**
- **Brother Joseph White**

Alumni Committee

- **Brother Jack Shivetts**
- **Brother Michael Burk**
- **Brother Jerry DeRosa**
- **Brother John Farrar**
- **Brother Rick Fox**
- **Brother Mark Hoffman**
- **Brother Kenneth Sherwin**
- **Brother Joseph Suprano**

Looking to Help No Matter Where You Live?



The **Chapter Advisory Committee** needs **YOUR** help!

As I have spoken to Brothers all over the country, many have said, "I would love to help but I do not live close so I do not know how I could help."

The Chapter Advisory Committee has something you can do to help. They are currently working on a project to gather the names of freshmen who could be potential quality candidates as part of the first pledge class this fall. They are in the process of creating a "book scholarship" that young men, who are going to be enrolled at Slippery Rock this fall, may submit an application. There will be one scholarship but any young man anywhere in the country who is going to be enrolled at Slippery Rock this fall will be eligible to apply.

What the Chapter Advisory Committee needs are brothers who would be willing to stop by local schools, check with guidance counselors and drop off the application for young men who would be going to Slippery Rock in the fall to apply.

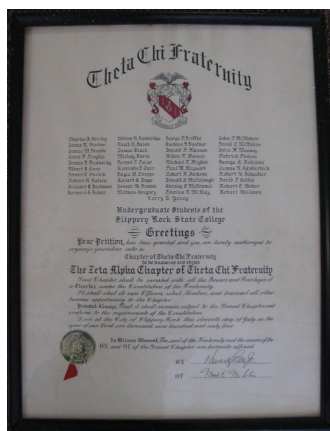
If you are interested in helping, please contact Brother Paul Herbert at pdherbert@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Other ways you may help:

- Are you aware of young men who currently/will attend Slippery Rock?
- Do you have daughters who know young men who attend Slippery Rock?
- Do you have sons who attend Slippery Rock?
- Do you know an influential person at Slippery Rock who could make student recommendations?

If you can answer in the affirmative to any of these questions, please pass these names and contact information to me at kwkcae@websiteassist.com and I will pass the information to **Bother Taylor Dahlam** who will be coordinating the recruiting on campus this fall.

Some Things Never Go Away!



So here is what we are working to get back!

This is the original framed charter for the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi with the names of founding brothers prominently displayed.

If you click on the picture you can see a full version in a new browser window. Actually, there will be another charter for the new founding members of the re-colonizing undergraduates so we will end up with two charters at the end of the process!

The more interesting facts that came from Theta Chi National doing a search on our behalf is that they were also able to find the following information that they have saved for the last 28 years!

- Minutes Book - 1964 - 1969
- Minutes Book - 1969 - 1975
- Minutes Book - 2/2/1986 - 4/2/1989
- Roster Book - supposedly each of us signed our name in this book when we were

installed as a brother before we were submitted to national as an initiate and paid our initiate fee.

Unfortunately, Brother JD Ford and his staff were not able to locate any of the chapter materials including robes, books etc. so they will have to be replaced as part of the re-chartering.

Once the re-chartering occurs these materials will be returned to the chapter.

Does anyone happen to have the minutes from 1975 thorough 1986 stuffed away in a box in their attic? If you do, please let me know at kwkcae@websiteassist.com.

Congratulations and Thank You's!



When **Brother John Kreuzer** and I were at the Theta Chi National Headquarters last April we enjoyed an amazing flashback. When someone was recognized for doing something special, instead of clapping the brothers snapped their fingers!

We both got a funny look on our faces (which is normal) and then vaguely we both remembered that Theta Chi tradition.

I checked. And yes, on page 140 of your Manual of Theta Chi Fraternity it reads:

APPLAUSE: In many chapters, the tradition has grown up to snap the fingers as an indication of applause in chapter meetings rather than clap the hands.

So time to do some snapping!

Thanks to **Brother Bill Carr** who is doing his best to chase down information for me for contact information for brothers who were in the last few pledge classes so we can contact and include those brothers not only in these newsletters but in our efforts to recolonize the Zeta Alpha Chapter.

As promised this month, I sent individual emails to brothers for whom we did not have all of the contact information we need to include them on the list we share with national as our alumni support list. We cannot just share a name and email. We have to provide: name, address, email and phone. I would like to thank **Brother Gene DeWoody, Brother Mark DeBlassio, Brother David Rowlands, Brother Joe McCarthy, Brother Gus Kreuzer, Brother E. Raymond Tubbs, Brother Phill Morgan, Brother David Morgan, Brother Robert May, Brother Tom Jones** and **Brother Elio Legge** for providing their information. If you have not responded to my request.... the more the better! If your name has an * at the end of the newsletter we do not have all of your contact information. Please send it on to me at kwkcae@websiteassist.com.

Finally, some snapping for **Brother David Price** who was informed this month that his company will be recognized by the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Contractors Association as part of the ODOT Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Contractor of the Year Award.

If you have any information about yourself or a brother you wish to share here for some "snapping" let me know at kwkcae@websiteassist.com.



Trivia Question

One of the things we need to eventually resolve in getting started with the recolonization is the naming of first pledge class!

National only assigns roster numbers to initiates they do not keep track of pledge classes. If you checked the chapter roster in last month's newsletter, you will note that the last pledge class that national has as initiates is:

- William Carr
- Jaimie Spedaliere
- Douglas Wilson

However, there may have been one more pledge class that never was submitted as initiates to national who we could submit as alumni initiates when the chapter gets re-colonized.

So here is the trivia question or help we need... what was the last pledge class before the charter was pulled. Was there a pledge class after Bill, Jaime and Doug. If so, who are they and how can I reach them and what was their pledge class?

If you know, please let me know at kwkcae@websiteassist.com. No prizes other than some snaps in the next newsletter and us keeping our continuity when we re-establish the chapter!

Brother Joe Wants You To Know!

Brother Joe Suprano asked if we would share some information here that everyone should know.

25th Annual Zeta Alpha Alumni Golf Outing

Just a reminder that our Annual Zeta Alpha Alumni Golf Outing is on Saturday, June 10. This will be 25th year for this event, and plans are in the works to make it the best one yet. We still have a shot gun start this year at 9:00 AM. The start time is earlier then years past, but many have ask for this type of start so we all can finish at the same time, and enjoy the afternoon together prior to dinner. The price of golf is the same as last year. \$42.00 for 18 holes of golf and cart. There is no obligation to golf to attend, several just rent a cart, and join the roving gallery, some attendee's just hang at the clubhouse throughout the day.

We will again have the award ceremony and dinner on the patio section at Tam 's. The price of dinner is currently the same as last year. After dinner and refreshments last year we broke even. We'll try keeping the total price at \$23.00 for dinner, the same as last year. The Steak Cookout dinner consist off a 12oz NY Strip sirloin steak, roasted potato, buttered corn, and Italian bread, the price also includes beer, soda or bottled water, sales tax, and

gratuity. A chicken dinner is also available to those who prefer not to eat steak. We are committed to number of steaks ordered from Tam's. Everyone should start to send their checks in March if you plan on eating. If you plan on just hanging and enjoying refreshments and not eating, please pay **Brother Joe Suprano** a few bucks at the award ceremony.

Brother Joe Suprano has secured rooms for us on Friday & Saturday night at the Park Inn Radisson in Hermitage-Sharon. The Radisson is down the street from Tam 's. Which may be nice for that Saturday 9AM start. The group rate is \$115.00 for a room at the Radisson (Friday or Saturday night), please ask for Brenda at 724-906-6150 (advise Brenda your with the Theta Chi Reunion Room Block). Brenda is in her office Tues-Saturday. If you cannot reach her, you can call the hotel at 724-528-2501, just say your with Theta Chi.

Brother Jack Shivetts and **Brother Joe Suprano** are planning a possible meet and greet at the hotel on Friday night. Behind the hotel there is a picnic (covered) area with horseshoe pit. Last year we hung out back there and had a good time. There is also a barbeque pit there. So they thought it might be nice on Friday afternoon-evening, having some type of cookout and meeting area for everyone. More details to follow.

So start dusting off the clubs and start making your plans to attend the 25th Golf Outing!

Please email him at jssuprano@juno.com or phone- text his cell 412-592-6156 if you have any questions.

In Case You Missed It

One of the things I have run into as I speak with brothers, is that some have missed one or more of the newsletters we have sent out due to them ending up in a spam filter or they just missed them in all the emails they receive!

In order to make sure, if you are interested, to have access to all of the information we are providing in these newsletters and to provide an archive of information we will be placing a copy of the monthly newsletter and other documents in this location every month, so you can go back and read anything you may have missed. The most recent newsletter will always be at the top of the list.

Past issues can be found at: <http://www.websiteassist.com/ZA>

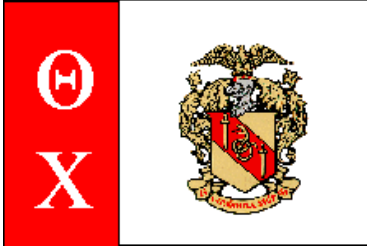
Also if you wish to send an idea or wish to reach the members of the committees you can send one email and reach everyone on a committee by using the broadcast emails that have been set up as follows:

- Chapter Advisory Committee: cab@zachapter.com
- Alumni Committee: alumni@zachapter.com
- Housing Committee: house@zachapter.com

Next Month

I fully expect the committees to complete their bylaw work by April 20th.

This will mean we will have bylaws in time for the May



newsletter.

In the May 1 newsletter, I will attach a copy of the proposed bylaws and will also send by separate email to each brother an opportunity to vote electronically on the proposed bylaws for each Board. This system will only allow one vote per brother and will automatically tally and

display the results of each vote. **Voting will close by May 10.**

On May 11, we will send a separate email to every brother to **elect Directors for the Alumni Corporation,** utilizing the same electronic system, so we can create the initial Board and then utilize the approved bylaws for elections from that point forward. **Voting will close by May 20th.**

The Housing Board, the Chapter Advisory Board and the Alumni Board will elect their Board Officers by **May 26th** and the President of each of those Boards will pass those Officers names to me for the June newsletter.

Without hiccups, this should put all of the **Boards in place by June 1, 2017** and will give each an opportunity to meet face-to-face at the golf outing in June.

This should be easily attainable and I will do everything I can to assist each committee to accomplish its assigned tasks.

If you have anything to share, or think we should bring to everyone's attention, you have my email and phone number. Let me know.

I continue to look for your thoughts, ideas and suggestions or questions about the process. As I have mentioned, before, everything I know I share here. I need you to share either in the calls I make, or through email, any thoughts or concerns or questions you may have. Good stuff or bad. My objective is to do what is best for the process. Everyone's opinion counts.

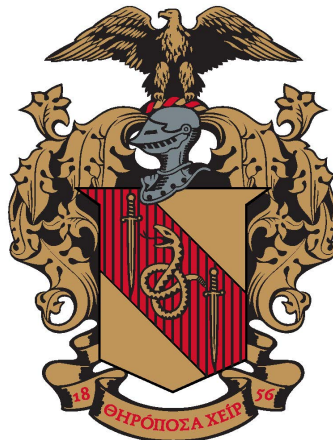
We have a lot to do and a short amount of time to get it done. But we have already done a lot of good together!

Yours in Theta Chi.

Kevin Krepinevich '76

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This is the current list of local alumni brothers for whom we have emails and we are sending this communication.

If you see a brother missing from the list who wishes to be included have them contact me and we

will add them to our list! New additions will be highlighted in bold.

If your name has an * next to it we do not have all of your contact information.

Joseph Allen*
Jeffrey Allen*
Dennis Angeline
Daniel Angelucci
Stephen 'Taz' Atteridge
Donald Ayers
Scott Baker
Dennis Balla*
Michael J. Bariski
Jim Baronetski
Jeffrey Bell
Andrew Blystone
David Boley
Robert Bolt
James Book*
Charles 'Chuck' Boylan
Gary Boylan
Kenneth Brasington*
Emil 'Zeke' Brenkus
James Brennan
Greg Bricker*
Steven Brown
William Brown*
Douglas Bull
Michael Burk
Ronald Burke
Donald Burns
Tom Cacciatore
Mark Caratelli
William Carr
Timothy Carter
Thomas 'ZZ' Chappel, Jr.
James Clarke
Curtis 'Kip' Cleland*
Mark Correll
Robert Dahl
Charles 'Randy' Davis*
Mark DeBlassio
Brian Dereamer
Dave DeRosa
David DeRosa, Jr.
Jerry DeRosa
Mark Devlin

Edward Kostial
Kevin Krepinevich
August 'Gus' Kreuzer
John Kreuzer
John Kuntz
Thomas Laicha
Gregory Laws
Elio 'Al' Legge
Alan Lichtenwalner
Robert Long
Fank Lupin, Jr.
Rick Malik
Franklin Mattucci
Bob May
Joseph McCarthy
Joel McKenna
John Merski, Jr.
Thomas Meyers
Donald 'Jeff' Miller
David Minett
Thomas Minett
Phillip Morgan
Todd Morrow*
Walt Newman*
Rodney Nicholson
Jim Noll*
Martin Nooney
Tom Onufrak*
Donald Osterwise III
Andrew Ostrowski
Roy Pascal
Gary Perdue
David Price
Wayne Proctor
Paul Procyk
Matt Provenzo
Kenneth Rader
Raymond Rector
Greg "Rusty" Reidwood
David Rispoli
David Rooney
Kevin Roth*
David Rowlands

Clyde DeWoody, Jr.
Terrance 'Terry' Dibert
Theodore DiSalvo
John Donaldson
Gary Donelli
Michael Dougherty, Jr.
James Dunn
Gary Eckert*
Douglas Espenlaub
John Farrar
Charles Faulkner III
Robert Flaccavento, Jr.
Richard Fox
James Friend
Paul Gerchak
Gregory Gibson
David Grabosky
Michael Greenwald*
Dreux Grever*
Dr. Donald Hannon
Robert Hartzel, Jr.
Donald Heisey
Paul Herbert
Robert Hodes
Mark Hoffman
Kenneth Holzer
Bob Hope
Brian Huskey
Arthur 'Art' Ingles
Don 'Clippy' Iskat
Jeffrey 'Jake' Jacob
Clinton 'Ron' Johns
David Johnson
Michael Johnson*
Thomas Jones
Sean Kearney
Steven Kellar

Richard "Dickie" Rowland
Ronald Rusnak
Patrick Russell
Dennis Ruzicki
Gary Sablowsky
Stephen Sabo
Brian Saul
Jim Sayre
Eric Schneider
Marc Schulman
Ernest Schwarz*
Kenneth Sherwin
Jack Shivetts
Christopher Smiley*
Mike Smith*
Robert Smith
Everett 'Rett' Smith, Jr.
Craig Smoller
Tom Spagnolo
Jaime Spedaliere
David Stotka
Joseph Suprano
George Swanson*
Morris 'Sonny' Tashbar
Jeffrey Taylor
Richard Taylor
Donald 'Greg' Tellish
Tim Thomas
Ricardo Trevino*
Nick Trombetta
Earl 'E Ray'Tubs
Kenneh Tuohey
Daniel Van Wie
David Waugh
Glenn Weather
Joseph Wertz*
Joseph White
Scott Whiteman
