



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

To my fellow ZA Alumni Brothers,

As promised, below please find what has been happening with the ZA chapter of Theta Chi.

Members of the ZA Chapter plus Alumni recently attended the 162nd Theta Chi Anniversary Convention. Below is a brief report on that convention:

### 162nd Theta Chi Anniversary Convention Report

The 162 Theta Chi Anniversary Convention was held in Las Vegas Nevada at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel July 27 – 30, 2017.



During the business session, a resolution was adopted by the convention congratulating the Zeta Alpha Chapter on its Chartering after 29-year absence.

As part of the report each attendee offered a brief comment of their experience and they are shared here:

- **Brother Sky Pederson** - The Theta Chi Convention was an amazing experience. Throughout the convention, we learned about numerous topics including; recruitment tactics, financials, and sacred purpose. The convention also gave us the opportunity to connect with other brothers from around the country. Learning about how other chapters run their organizations was the most beneficial part. We were able to

share different ideas and solutions to problems we might occur. Being a new chapter, everyone was excited to help us. Had I not joined Theta Chi, I never would have had this experience. I cannot wait to take what I learned back to my chapter.

- **Brother Stephen "Mark" Beacom** - Theta Chi's 162nd Anniversary Convention was an amazing experience. I learned about many important topics at the convention to improve both my chapter and me as an individual. Of course, we listened to speakers and learned about subjects such as leadership, philanthropy, and recruiting. However, I received the best information and advice from speaking to other brothers (both collegian and alumni) about their own chapters. With over 600 brothers in attendance from all over the country there was a huge pool of knowledge and experience to share. Many brothers were excited to offer their thoughts and advice for our new chapter. I look forward to bringing back new ideas to our chapter for G.I. Theta Chi, recruitment, and more. Beyond the convention itself the week was an awesome experience to build brotherhood and experience the city of Las Vegas. We visited Caesar's Palace, the fountains at the Bellagio, stayed at the historic Flamingo Hotel, and much more. The highlight of the trip was all of the attendees being bused to historic downtown Las Vegas and taking over Fremont street. We also met brothers from the nearby Youngstown State Chapter throughout the week and look forward to seeing them in the future.
- **Brother Charles "Andrew" Borcharding** - Going into the convention with having very little knowledge of what to expect, I was curious and excited to figure out what it would be like. Being surrounded by so many brothers from all over the country was surreal. They were all extremely welcoming to us and the staff seemed eager to meet us as well. Throughout the convention, we were provided with helpful tips on how to become a better brother, fraternity, and man overall. The guest speakers we had were phenomenal and opened my eyes to so much more than I had realized before on brotherhood, professionalism, and life itself. My first convention was very informative and full of many laughs, memories, and new friendships, and I would encourage anyone with the opportunity to attend one.
- **Brother Brody McKenna** - My experience at the International Convention in Las Vegas was nothing less than fantastic. The convention provided me the opportunity to see Las Vegas and network with brothers from around the world. The speakers that they brought in and the breakout sessions provided covered topics that need to be talked about, such as, hazing prevention, alcohol abuse/safety, how to budget your finances, where all our dues money goes, accountability, the future of sorority/fraternity life, and many more. Joining Theta Chi Fraternity has provided me with opportunities that I would never have had and, to me, that makes the whole fraternity experience completely worth it.

- **Brother Mason Pritchard** - The 2018 Theta Chi National convention was an experience of a lifetime. It was above and beyond anything I could've expected before attending. One of my favorite things about the convention were the breakout sessions because that helped myself gain more knowledge in some of the different areas in a fraternity such as philanthropy, recruitment, etc. I hope I will be able to relate some of the great messages that I have received onto my fellow brothers to share my experience with them and help them kind of understand what I was taught. The speakers were amazing, we got the message they were trying to give in a manner that we can relate to as college students. I am going to use a lot of the different things I learned to help increase the size and better my chapter at Slippery Rock University. Recruitment is one of our most important areas and because now this is most of my responsibility I attended most of the recruitment sessions that were mainly about how to approach and find the right guy. Overall being able to be a part of the fraternity ritual meetings were an amazing experience that not everybody gets to experience so its extra special. See ya at the next convention!
- [For a complete report click here.](#)

### **#myfraternity**

A major development that occurred during the convention in which every alumni member can participate surrounds your fraternity experience! You have an incredible story of brotherhood to tell. On Wednesday, September 12 we need you to join with hundreds of thousands of fraternity men around the world to share a positive story on social media. Text "myfraternity" to 25827 for a reminder on September 12. Learn more at <http://www.myfraternitylife.org>.

But what you can do right now if you have a **Facebook** page is you can add a frame to your Facebook profile pic. Update your profile pic to include **the frame** #myfraternity. Simply click update your profile pic and "add frame" then search myfraternity and Theta Chi. Select switch back to previous profile picture in a month. Then on September 12 share your positive story(s) of Theta Chi fraternity. You can share positive stories on twitter and Instagram as well.

An IFC Town Hall report on #myfraternity was recently conducted via a webinar to help communicate what is happening throughout Theta Chi and the entire Greek community. The link below will be that 7 minute webinar. Click to get the latest.  
<https://vimeo.com/286360253/9d1f6c6fff>

### **OTHER NEWS:**

We expect to award 5 Theta Chi Alumni Book Scholarships in Honor of Veterans and POW's. Brother Ron Burke will announce the winners and have more details shortly once the scholarships are cleared through the University to make sure there will be no conflicts affecting the winners finances.

New University President Bill Behre has agreed to present the scholarships at the end of the first quarter of the "Salute to Service"

football game at SRU on September 29, 2018.

The Week of Welcome "WOW" began with freshmen move in on August 23 and the Zeta Alpha chapter will be very involved in helping freshmen move in and many of the activities during the August 23 – September 4 events on campus to begin fall recruitment.

### **Some sad news**

I want to advise of the passing of Brother Greg Luzardi's wife Debra. Greg contact information is as follows: 264 Franklin Road Denville, NJ 07834 [grglurd@yahoo.com](mailto:grglurd@yahoo.com). The link below can provide further details. <https://normandean.com/tribute/details/3530/Debra-Lusardi/obituary.html#content-start>

### **Chapter Address**

If you wish to send anything to members of the chapter or to the chapter, the new chapter address is 219 East Cooper Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

### **One last point of conversation.**

If you live in Seattle or Tampa or where ever and you are planning some type of get together or event, please let me know. This can be a lunch, dinner, football game or any other event. Even if you are attending a football game in Slippery Rock or getting together at this year's Homecoming, I can then send out the news to the entire brotherhood. This will hopefully ensure more participation at your event. We all know, the more of us attending, makes the event bigger and better.

**Douglas Bull**  
**President Zeta Alpha Theta Chi Alumni Association**

