



Zeta Alpha Theta Chi Fraternity Alumni Corporation

Brothers,

On behalf of the Alumni Board we hope everyone is staying safe and are doing well and Happy Theta Chi Founders Day!

Before we begin official business, we wanted to update everyone about the 28th Annual Golf Outing. As of now, the state of Pennsylvania does not consider golf as an essential service so all golf courses including Tam O'Shanter are closed.

At this time, we are still planning on **HAVING** the golf outing and the Friday pre-outing cookout on June 12 and 13, 2020. We are monitoring the situation.

The situation will be determined by the decisions of the Governor and keeping everyone safe. Brother Joe and the Board will keep everyone updated.

We just ask everyone to let Brother Joe Suprano know at jssuprano@juno.com if you are planning to attend the outing as if is going to happen.

We are trying to be as flexible as possible.

Additionally, Board member Patrick Russell is still soliciting anyone interested in sponsoring a T-sign for the outing you can let him know you would sponsor one and let him know what you want it to say by emailing him at patrickrussell2906@gmail.com. We would like to thank those who have already made a commitment for the more than a dozen T-signs already!

Once you have emailed Brother Patrick, to purchase a T-sign send a check for \$100 made out to: **THETA CHI ZETA ALPHA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

mail it to:

Treasurer John Farrar
11801 Riverpark Way
Chesterfield, VA 23838.

Remember, like last year, an individual can or a group can get together to purchase a sign for the outing to support the Alumni Association and the Helping Hand Fund.

The golf outing has always been an incredible way for the Zeta Alpha Brothers, Little Sisters and Daughters of the Crossed Swords to reconnect each year and before the COVID-19 virus hit we had reports that this year might have been the highest attended event yet.

So let's keep our fingers crossed, stay physically distanced, but socially connected, safe and resolute! We hope to see everyone in June. We will have an update again on May 1.

Now to business:

On January 22, 2020 President Bull sent a call for nominations and a reminder on March 30, 2020 for three (3) two-year terms to be filled. The terms for these three positions will begin 6/1/2020 and run through 5/31/2022. At that time, he announced that all nominations were to be sent to me at my email address merskijr@gmail.com by April 1, 2020 and be confirmed by those being nominated that they intend to run. Nominees were asked to submit a 1 or 2 paragraph letter briefly describing themselves and their background. (such as initiation year and reasons for running.)

As of April 1, 2020 I received three (3) candidates for the three positions available. There information including initiation year are listed here.

Brother Douglas Bull '75

My name is Douglas Bull and I am running for a seat on the Alumni Board. I was one of the original Alumni Board members and I am asking for your support and vote for another two year term.

It has been my privilege to help establish and continue to support the on campus brothers as they expand the proud tradition of the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi at Slippery Rock University.

By being part of another two year term, I would like to continue to expand and grow our annual golf outing; continue providing a free hot dog and drink for all participants, expand our Tee Sign program, and increase attendance by recent graduates.

I was also part of establishing the Helping Hand Scholarship for all on campus brothers and it is my goal to continue to grow that fund so that it will obtain Endowment status at \$25,000 and it will then live on in perpetuity.

As President these last two years I had only one goal, to bring every brother together- whether they just graduated or were one of the founding members. I hope I have accomplished that goal. It is my plan to continue that in all the years that will follow.

I currently live outside Dallas, Texas, with my wife Karen who is a Little Sister.

I would continue the tradition I started to keep the lines of communication open and any brother may call me if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Brother John Farrar '75

My name is John Farrar and I have been Treasurer for the Alumni Chapter since its formal inception three years ago. I have been honored to help and see the organization support the undergraduate Chapter both financially and in brotherhood.

I am running for the Board of Directors again to try to assist in the continued growth and financial support we as Alumni can give to the Chapter brothers thru the new "Helping Hand Scholarship."

As a member of the Board I have worked to support the Alumni Golf Outing and Homecoming activities that bring the Alumni and Chapter Brothers together, allowing us to enjoy the great experiences and memories we had as undergraduates.

I am a former Chapter President of Zeta Alpha and have nothing but fond memories of my four years at the Rock.

I lived in Richmond VA for the last twenty years and have worked in the

building materials distribution and supply industry my entire career. Currently own Richmond's largest Drywall distribution and residential drywall hanging company with two partners.

Brother Logan Tupper '18

My name is Logan Tupper and I was a member of the Charter "Alpha" pledge class of the Zeta Alpha chapter. In my time at Slippery Rock University, I served on the Chapter's Executive Board as the Recruitment Chair and Vice President of Health and Safety.

I also served as the Vice President of Finance for the Slippery Rock Student Government Association (SGA) where one of my projects was helping to endow \$250,000 to be used for an SGA student scholarship.

I currently work for Bayer in their radiology division doing service support.

I am excited to have the chance to serve on the Alumni Board to really strengthen the ties between recent and senior Alumni and to work collaboratively to ensure the success of the chapter for years to come.

**It is now time for you to cast your ballot.
You have until April 25, 2019 to cast your electronic ballot.**

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

On the next page, I am distributing ballots to all voting members electronically.

[You may click here to start the process to cast your ballot.](#)

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