



Message from the President of the Alumni Board of the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity

With everything that is going on in our country, I hope this message finds all brothers and their families well and doing the best they can.

I wanted to give everyone an update of what is happening with the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi and Slippery Rock University.

Current Situation at Slippery Rock

Classes began on August 20, 2020. In person classes at Slippery Rock are at 20%, meaning that the on-campus students are receiving their education with 20% in class instruction and 80% on-line classes. Gatherings are limited to no more than 10 people and all persons on campus must wear a mask 100% of the time. This is scheduled to continue at least through the fall semester of 2020. Even with these restrictions, as of September 22 there have been 103 COVID-19 cases reported since the beginning of the semester. Classes including finals will be completed by Thanksgiving.

No decisions have been announced for the Spring semester beginning January, 2021.

Because of Covid-19 all sports have been cancelled for the fall. [For information about what is happening at SRU click here.](#)

Homecoming

Since there are no on campus sports and with the current Covid-19 situation, official in-person 2020 Homecoming festivities have been totally cancelled and replaced with virtual activities. Therefore no on-campus Homecoming activities are planned until fall 2021.

The "virtual" Homecoming activities, if you wish to be involved, information is

[available here.](#)

Zeta Alpha at Slippery Rock

Covid-19 has not stopped the chapter from virtual recruiting and on-on-one recruiting in a physically distanced but socially connected manner. Additionally, President Lehman and his Executive Board continues to provide leadership in all areas including Sacred Purpose, Brotherhood activities and service to the campus.

The chapter has purchased 2 Theta Chi Masks (shown above) for each member to wear when on campus in in public and have received many positive comments about their masks taking a leadership position on campus and wearing them representing Theta Chi.

Though dealing with what at best would be considered challenging times, the chapter is embracing the challenge and living the ideals of Theta Chi and doing their best to strive as a fraternity on campus. We can all be proud.

I can report that Field Executive Jacob Unger recently conducted his virtual visit and was extremely complimentary of the efforts of the Zeta Alpha chapter and their efforts. Though no chapter is perfect, the Zeta Alpha brothers continue to work to raise the bar for the chapter.

Thank you Brothers!

Though we were not able to hold the golf outing, the Alumni Board contacted each brother who committed to sponsor a t-sign at the Golf Outing for \$100 in support of the Helping Hand Scholarship Fund and offered the option to return the contribution.

We are proud to report in **EVERY** situation the brothers opted to let the funds be contributed to the fund and did not ask for their money back. I could not be more impressed with the generosity of the brothers and their commitment to the undergrads and the scholarship fund that continues to grow each month.

Thank you to the following Brothers for their contributions totaling **\$1,500.00**:

Daniel Angelucci, Charles Boylan, Gary Donelli, John Farrar, Jim Friend, Jeffrey Jacobs, Kevin Krepinevich, Thomas Laicha, Gary Perdue, Patrick Russell, Dennis Ruzicki, David Stotka, Joseph White.

We would also like to than brothers **Jack McMahan** and **Emil Brenkus** for their regular monthly sustaining contributions.

Finally a challenge has been made to help us get the Helping Hand Fund to Endowment Level!

An anonymous brother has made a \$5,000 pledge to the Helping Hand Scholarship fund to be fulfilled by the 2021 golf outing and is making monthly contributions to fulfill the pledge. To date, \$1,500 has been paid to the Alumni Association to be forwarded to the Foundation for the Helping Hand Fund. He challenges individual brothers or groups of brothers to join in on the challenge and match the contribution between now and the golf outing!

By doing it this way, we can keep track of the contributions and then forward them to the Foundation for you to get your tax deduction letter!

Care to step up and meet the challenge?

You can send your checks made out to:

Theta Chi Zeta Alpha Alumni Association

mail to :

Treasurer John Farrar
11801 Riverpark Way
Chesterfield, VA 23838

2021 Golf Outing

We know everyone is anxious to get together again as a brotherhood and the Alumni Board is working with the Chapter in organizing the 2021 Golf Outing.

Arrangements have been made with Tom O' Shanter golf course for Saturday June 12th. Rooms at the Radisson have also been reserved for all Brothers wishing to stay 1 or 2 nights. The on-campus Brothers have scheduled an event for Friday, June 11th to kick off the golf outing. More information on both events will follow in the months to come.

Chapter Eternal

Brother Donald Heisey passed on May 14, 2020. Brother Don pledged in the Fall of 1975.

Brother George Swanson passed on September 22, 2020. Brother George pledged in the Spring of 1978.

We are working with Brother Suprano to add a brick for both at the SRU Alumni House.

Bylaw Amendments

This summer, Theta Chi International held a much downsized version of the biennial meeting. Over the next biennial there are some changes that affect some housekeeping items with our Bylaws of the Alumni Association. These changes were discussed at the August meeting of the Alumni Board.

In accordance with Article X, Section A of the Bylaws, please consider this the official 21 day advance notice of the ballot for the bylaw amendments to be distributed by Secretary Pederson on October 16, 2020 to be returned no later than October 31, 2020.

There are 2 changes being proposed.

The first deals with the Chapter Advisory Board and its representation on the Alumni Board. At the biennial meeting of Theta Chi International, changes have occurred related to Chapter Advisory Boards. There are no longer Boards. Advisors now are presented to the IHQ to Zack Brown, Senior Director of Training & Development for acceptance by the IHQ to serve for appointment. Because of this, there will no longer be a CAB Board or a CAB Board Chairman or Bylaws for the CAB. Instead the Chapter Advisor would be the representative of the advisors/chapter on the Alumni Board as a non-voting member of the Board. Brother Paul Herbert was involved in the discussion when this was covered in detail at the 2020/2021 organizational meeting for the individual advisors held August 9, 2020.

The second change is a clarification presented by the Alumni Board of how items can be added and discussed on Alumni Board agendas by members.

To review these bylaw amendments before they are distributed by Secretary Pederson you may [click the link here](#).

Finally

I would like to leave each of you with this thought.

In the conversations I have had with those of you who have reached out to me over the last few months and over the last couple of years, I continue to be encouraged and can only express my appreciation for your continued dedication and concern for the success of the chapter and its growth. Your generosity in time, talent and treasure lives up to the basic tenets of an organization we each joined so long ago and demonstrate those tenants all these years later.

It makes me proud to say I am a Zeta Alpha Theta Chi.

Feel free to continue to reach out and I will count on each of you to cooperate and work together to keep Theta Chi strong on campus at Slippery Rock and share the experiences and brotherhood we have all been able to gain.

The purpose of our newsletters is to communicate with all brothers. Secretary Pederson maintains the most current list of alumni. If there are announcements of interest to all brothers, please let me or Secretary Pederson know and we will make sure the information gets shared with all brothers. As an association, it is in no ones best interest to share information that does not include everyone. We have run into instances where brothers have been contacted with announcements that appear to be sent to all brothers, when it is not, and as an example, even I have not been included and of course this creates problems.

I hope each of you continue to extend an assisting hand in your communities as we get through these trying times and know we will come out the other side stronger.

If we do not connect before then, let me wish you and your family a rich and rewarding holiday season.

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