



We hope everyone had a Happy Halloween and extended a Helping Hand!
Charles Adams Iota/Colgate 1933. Creator of the Adams Family.

Results of Bylaw Amendment Voting

Between August 1 and August 15, 2025 alumni initiates were requested to consider amending the Alumni Bylaws.

According to Bylaws Article X Section B: Any amendments to the Bylaws shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those voting.

The amendment was to amend Article VI, Section B adjusting the latest date to elect new Board Officers from May 1 to May 15 of each year.

The results of the balloting was as follows:

- 95.24 % in favor of the change
- 4.76 % opposed to the change

The amendment was approved.

We appreciate the participation of the brothers.

A copy of the amended bylaws are available [click here](#)
for a PDF version of the most recent Bylaws.

Homecoming 2025



The Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity held one of its most successful homecomings since recolonization. This year they partnered with AKA (Alpha Kappa Alpha) and $\Phi\Sigma$ (Phi Sigma Sigma.)

Highlights include:

- Painting of the McDonalds on Main Street.
- Brothers Cole Clary and Nate Murrin were elected to the Homecoming Court
- The float submission in the Saturday morning parade in downtown Slippery Rock.
- Tailgating between 11:00 am and 1:00 p.m.
- Slippery Rock Football rallied to defeat Indiana University of Pennsylvania 30-27.
- Brothers returned to the new Theta Chi House at 115 Kiester Road for brotherhood late into the evening.

[We did not want to fill this newsletter with pictures](#)
[but they can be found on the website by clicking here!](#)

Though there are a few below.

[If you would like to see some pictures from the new house click here!](#)

All of the recent and historical information about the chapter
can be found by [clicking here](#)









Omicron Pledge Class

The fall rush is complete and the chapter has pinned 9 new pledges to the Zeta Alpha Chapter and the initiation of the pledge class will be held on **Saturday, November 22 at 12:00 NOON**.

It is currently scheduled for the 3rd floor of the Robert M. Smith Student Center (SSC).

Attendees are required to wear badge attire (suit and tie - yes Kruezer pants too!)
If attendance is planned, please arrive by 11:30 a.m.

Parking is available just below the student center or in the old student union parking lot.



September Myrtle Beach Gathering

On September 20-25, 2025 several alumni members of the Zeta Alpha Chapter were hosted by Brother Frank Gorshin who owns a bar called Renegades (yeah he is a Steeler fan) in Myrtle Beach, SC for a few days of golf and brotherhood. Many came with thier wives. Below are some photos from the visit.

They watched the Steelers at Renegades on Sunday, played golf on Monday and Wednesday and had dinner Tuesday night.

Attendees included in the bottom picture starting on the left: Gary Powell, John Farrar, Frank

Gorshin, Dennis Nelson, Tom Brandis, Stephen 'Taz' Atteridge, Bob Bolt, Gary Donelli, Bob Bolt's brother Bill Bolt, Rick Fox. (not pictured Mark 'Duck' Heimerdinger but he appears in the upper left photo.)



2026 Golf Outing

Plans are in the works for the 2026 Zeta Alpha Chapter Golf Outing.

Please note depending on issues with the course and the hotel there may be a change but we will be able to finalize in the February newsletter.

We have a **tentative booking** with the golf course and hotel rooms. The following are the tentative plans for those who register,

- Plans are for a "welcome" at the Theta Chi house at 115 Kiester Road, Slippery Rock, PA 18103 on **Friday, June 12, 2025** beginning about 5:00 p.m.
- Plans are set for the Golf Outing to be held at the Slippery Rock Golf Club & Events Center with collection of golf fees and special competitions to begin at 12:15 p.m. The scramble tee time will be 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, June 13, 2025**.
- After the outing at approximately 6:00 p.m., everyone will gather at the HOUSE for awards, food and beverages including presenting Golden Guard Certificates for 50 years of membership to attendees.
- There is no end time for the event Saturday.
- If you do not register in advance access will not be permitted. 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.
- Registration will open in April.
- Arrangements are being made for a roomblock for 6 double doubles at the Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites in Slippery Rock.

2026 Alumni Board Elections

There will be 3 Board positions to be filled for the 2026-2028 terms.

Any initiated brother, including those currently serving, who would be interested in placing thier name on the ballot should provide an **email to Secretary John Farrar** at jsfarrar1956@gmail.com, no later than **April 1, 2026**, stating your desire to have your name on the ballot acompanyed by a statement as to why you wish to be selected by the membership to be elected to the Board. This information will be used to be provided to the voters for thier information.

Balloting will occurr between April 10 and April 25, 2026.

Chapter Advisor Notes

The chapter continues to be active. We continue appreciate the efforts and successes of thee Chapter. Since last newsletter:

- The move to 115 Kiester Road was completed and the "new" house has been decorated with many current and historical memorabilia making it truely feel like "home" of Theta Chi at Slippery Rock.
- Rush for the Fall of 2025 resulted in a 9 young men being pinned as the Omega pledge class. (currently first semester freshmen are not permitted to rush a fraternity.) Though it is apparent that there are several freshman already indicating an interest in becomeing a Theta Chi.
- The chapter has held both a "Popcorn Popping Out" event raising funds.
- Participated in the Greek Life Anti Hazing programming.
- Coordinated and conducted a Sacred Purpose Event learning about the importance of Sexual Assault Prevention.
- The brothers celebrated with Theta Chi Chapters across the country World Mental Health Day 2025 - brotherhood means checking in.
- Brothers participated in volunteering at the Grove City Area Pet Rescue with the sisters of $\phi\Sigma\Sigma$ sorority.
- Hosted the largest set of Homecoming Activities in years.
- Participated in "Greeks Give Back" event picking up trash in the Slippery Rock area and planted flowers.
- Beginning the effort for raising money for St. Jude.

[To review all chapter activies so far in 2025 click here.](#)

To review the activities of the chapter
in any particuar year since 2017 including this year,
[Click here](#)

Respectfully,

Chapter Advisor
Eric Lehman

Brothers Reunite 50 Years After Initiation



Chapter Eternal

We sadly report the loss of one of our initiated alumni brothers who has recently passed onto the Chapter Eternal:

- Richard C. "Dickie" Rowlands - 240-308

As in the past, a memorial brick will be purchased by the Alumni Board for placement with the other memorial bricks for brothers who have passed to the Chapter Eternal and will be added to the display at the Alumni House on campus.

Their names will be read aloud at the 170th Anniversary Convention and School of Fraternity Practices 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.](#)

Foundations

There are many things we can point to in the history of the Zeta Alpha Chapter. This issue we would like to highlight two (2) of the unsung heros who were associated to the Zeta Alpha Chapter.

The first is **Mrs. Mable Poe "Grandma" Blyth**. In 1970, then recognized locally as a member of the Daughters of the Crossed Swords, in 1974 was recognized by Theta Chi Fraternity at the national level.

The story of Grandma Blyth begins when she was living on the "Blue House" with the "new" Theta Chi house just 2 doors down. Her daughter Deanne Roemer shared:

In the early 60's when fraternities were new to the campus, "some people were apalled" that they would be living in the community. Sometimes the townspeople felt threatened by the growth of the college.

But Grandma Blyth felt responsibility toward these young men. She armed herself with a "roaster pot full of cookies" she went to the Theta Chi house and introduced herself with, "I'm your new neighbor."

She then went one step further and explained to the brothers their responsibilities to the community. She did it in love and the brothers accepted it the same way.

From that point forward, one could find her photo in the chapter composites (which showed photos of each of the chapter brothers during that year,) and in yearbook photos.

Brothers who associated with Grandma Blyth benefited greatly. "She was the Grand Lady of Etiquette." Brothers behaved in a more gentlemanly manner because of her influence.

In 1972, she was recognized with Slippery Rock Borough Town-Gown Award, that in 1976 became the Mable Blyth Town-Gown Award.

Additionally, the brothers of Theta Chi Fraternity even after they moved to Normal Avenue, regularly visited, helped with yard work, painting fences and generally taking care of the person who took care of us.

To review an article that appeared in the SRU Rocket on November 21, 1980 that contains additional information about Grandma Blyth can be reviewed by [clicking here](#).





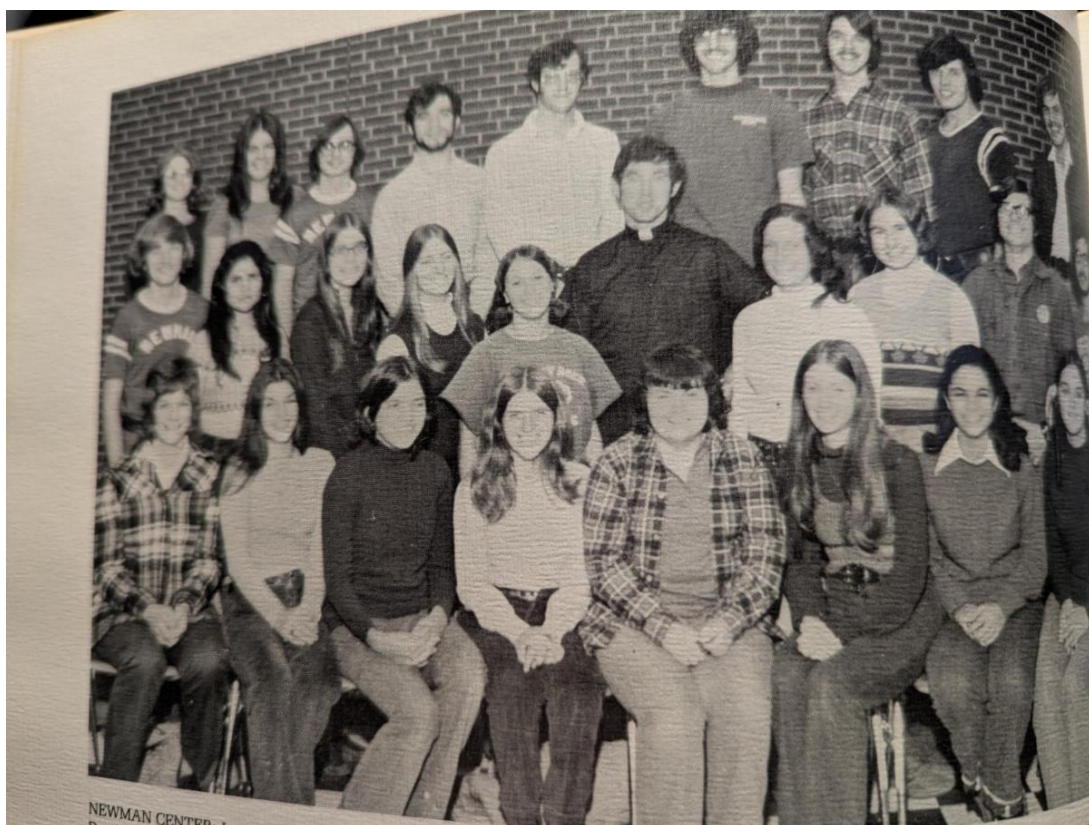
The second is **Father John A. Conley**. Father John served as the chapter advisor.

Father John, was responsible for the Neuman Center that is now known as St. Peter Parish & Campus Ministry the Rock Catholic Center at 342 Normal Avenue directly across the street from the "old" Theta Chi House on Normal Avenue.

Father John provided a guiding hand and was always ready to help the chapter in its campus efforts.

Though many of the brothers were known to go and "clonk" at the Neuman Center. Not so much a religious endeavor (though the services were utilized by the brothers) but the opportunity to use the pinball machines available! Some became expert by taking ash trays, placing them under the front legs dropping 25 cents and being able to play for hours!

Unfortunately, we have lost contact with Father John but his impact was felt as much as the support we received from Grandma Blyth. Though we do not have any quality individual photos of Father John we can share some Neuman center pictures from old yearbooks.



NEUMAN CENTER: 1968-1969



Brothers in the Spotlight



The brotherhood started at the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity can last a lifetime. It's hard for many younger brothers to imagine more than half the brothers that have been initiated into Zeta Alpha Chapter joined before there were cell phones, the internet, email or text messaging. The ability to stay connected with the brothers you pledged with, ate dinner with, and lived with after graduation was difficult.

Through the efforts of Brother Charles (Chuckie) Boylan 33 years ago (about 2 years after the chapter lost its charter) a connection to the lasting brotherhood was started. Chuckie went to the Alumni House at Slippery Rock and copied addresses of Brothers who had graduated before him as well as those that may have come after him and took time to hand write out and mail invitation post cards to the first golf outing.



From that first outing, a tradition has grown which has endured for 33 years helping reunite our brothers yearly. It is normally the same weekend in June before Father's Day (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!

As the tradition grew and the internet and email became part of daily life, Brother Joe Suprano took on the tournament organization and communications.

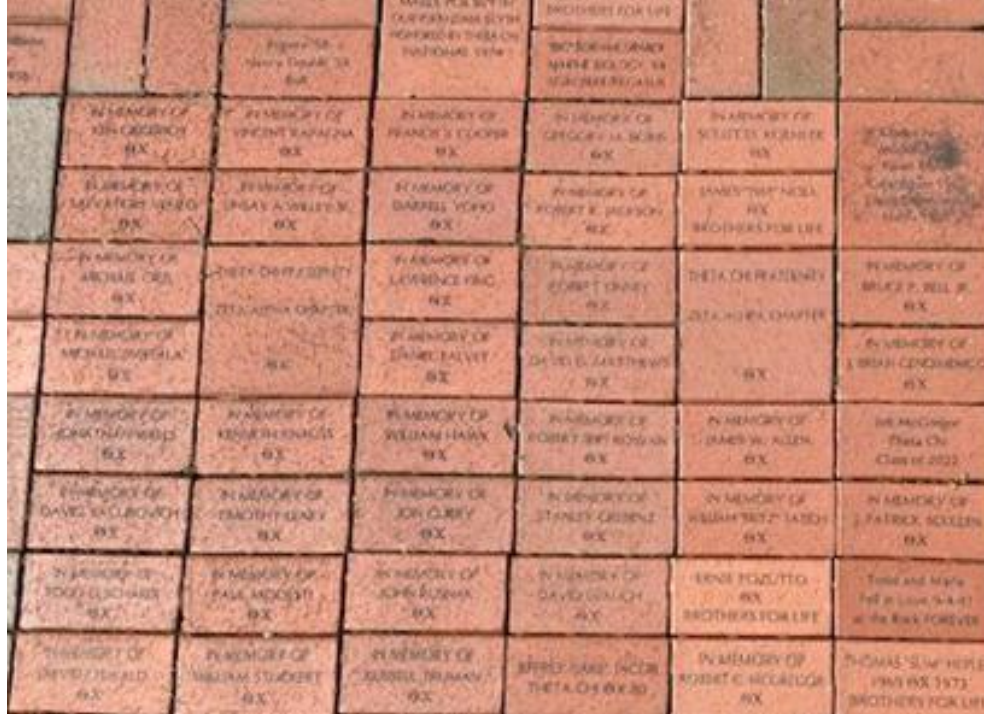


Early in Joe's leadership he instituted a tradition, suggested to the brotherhood by Brother Dan Angelucci, of ordering memorial bricks to be placed together on the Slippery Rock Alumni House patio and raised the money by passing a coffee can around during the awards dinner after the golf outing.

A point of interest, when the chapter was re-colonized in 2017, the event was held at the Alumni House and with the bricks just outside there was a special feeling that even those who had passed to the Chapter Eternal were able to be with us that day.

The money Joe collected started what today is the "Brick Fund" that continues this great tradition of honor at Slippery Rock's Alumni House. The Alumni Association is committed to honoring all 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 welcome donations to the fund.

Contact information for Alumni Board members can be found by [clicking here](#).



The most current list of brothers who have passed to the Chapter Eternal can be found by [clicking here](#).



In 2023, Brother Chuckie Boylan and Joe Suprano were recognized by the Chapter with a Theta Chi International Citation for thier efforts over the years.

We could use your help!

The Alumni Chapter's website 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 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 update information is updated on the website within a week but normally less.

We appreciate your help. We currently have records on over 310 listings in the database.

Final Thought

Needless to say since August, it has been an exciting and busy time for the Brothers of Theta Chi Fraternity.

ΘΧ means hope.

Embodied within that symbol is the fundamental belief that the potential of every good person can be a force for good. That is what you have provided and continue to provide to the chapter by supporting thier efforts to make a significant contribution to each other, the campus and the community.

This is something for which we can all be proud.

It has been said, "We build bridges that we will never cross because others will." I am convinced that is what the ever growing alumni membership of Zeta Alpha are committed to accomplish.

In other words, a fraternity grows great when old men plant trees. They know the shade they will never sit in. Good brothers do good things for their collegiate brothers.

Each of you should be congratulated for your unselfish spport of the collegians.

The continued support of Alumni can only do for these brothers what Grandma Blyth and Father John inspired years ago.

Please take some time, when you have some, and visit <http://zachapter.com> click around for photos, newsletter chapter news and other features and resources available to all.

Expect the next newsletter to land in your mailbox sometime in the beginning of February.

I would like to welcome alumni brother Paul Rubenstein 240-414 for reaching out and asking to be included as a part of this successful Alumni Association and letting us know where he is and how to contact him. He has been added to the searchable database. Welcome Brother Paul.

Finally, let us be the first to wish you the best the holiday season has to offer and a happy and healthy 2026!

Kevin Krepinevich
President
Zeta Alpha Chapter
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