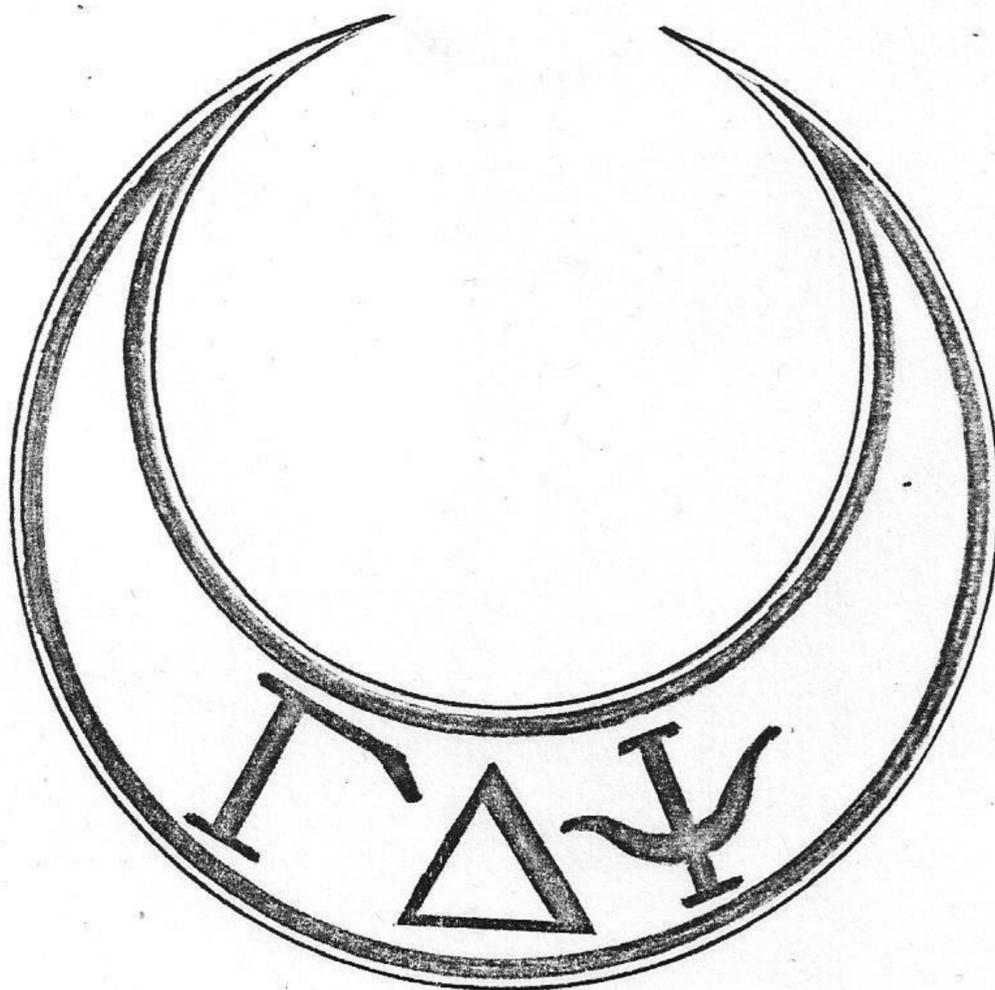


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THE GRIP



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D E D I C A T I O N

The publication of our monthly newsletter, the Grip takes a fair amount of perseverance. After the completion of this month's edition I can say that I honestly sympathize with the men who have stood before me. As a measure of my gratitude and appreciation I rightfully dedicate this edition of the Grip to the Brothers responsible for the countless other issues.

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QUIZ

1. Name the first Canadian chapter to be granted a charter? In which year? Where?
2. Who was the first Brother to be inducted into the Order of the Grand Crescent?
3. How many Brothers have earned the honor of being inducted into the Order of the Grand Crescent?
4. True or false, the IBC President is also a voting member on the Board of Trustees?
5. In which year was our college affiliate Gamma Psi Fraternity founded? Where?
6. Name the first Chapter to be granted a charter in the state of Virginia? Where? When?
7. Where was Convention 1975 held?
8. Name the Brother who holds the record for most consecutive times (years) in attendance at Convention?
9. True or false, between the years 1926 and 1949 there wasn't any new Chapters formed in Gamma Delta Psi?
10. Who was the President of the IBC in 1968?

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE GRIP IS BACK! After nearly two years of lying in a dormant state of comatose, our monthly newsletter has been reserected. Getting this publication back into circulation is somewhat of a challenge considering the last issue was in February 1981.

I really can't understand why the Grip hadn't been published in such a long time. I guess two probable reasons might be APATHY and PROCRASTINATION amongst brothers. An apathetic attitude towards the Grip lead to its untimely dismissal. Apathy is for those without any goals or ambitions. Procrastinators certainly never made Gamma Delta Psi into a great fraternal organization.

Since being elected I.B.C. President it was my intention to get back to basics on the board i.e. doing some good hard work. Thus, one of my main objectives is to issue the Grip on a regular basis and keep this a priority.

The Grip is being provided as a source of communication and to inform Brothers of our Fraternal activities. All Brothers can take advantage of our newsletter by contributing their own material. It's your contribution and effort which will determine the paper's success.

I say, "ACT NOW." The Grip is the only medium in which all Fraternity can participate in. Let's restore the prestige in Gamma Delta Psi which goes along with being a Grand International Fraternity.

As always, I shall return.

Mike Kuch
I.B.C. President

***** SEASON GREETINGS *****

On behalf of the IBC, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Brothers a Merry Christmas and prosperity in the New Year.

From all of us here at "THE GRIP" to those of you who sent in material for publication a special note of gratitude is extended.

I hope that in the following year we will make the improvements necessary to function more effeciently.

1983 belongs to Gamma Delta Psi!

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COMING EVENTS

This column is being provided for the benefit of those brothers who wish to inform others of upcoming functions.

So, if there is anyone out there planning to have a party, dance, sporting activity, or maybe just even a special Fraternity event I would like to hear about it.

Just drop me a line or two and tell me what you're doing!

Oh, lookie here! Our first customer.

DEC.18/82 IBC CHRISTMAS SEMI-FORMAL
 St.Catharines, Ontario

***more info will be made available as soon as plans are finalized!!!

" I KNOW WHERE THE HELL VIRGINIA IS "

In the last issue of the Grip (Feb.'81) there appeared an article entitled, "WHERE THE HELL'S VIRGINIA?" I believe this article was forwarded by then IBC editor, brother Mike Renshaw (Gamma Xi). I would like to elaborate on the message instilled within the article.

It was basically the lack of correspondance from Southern chapters which prompted the article to be written. The column went on to mention how nice it would be to receive letters from Southern brothers and there was even some doubt to whether Southern chapters still existed. Save your doubts all because we still do have three Southern strongholds!

Well brothers, at the risk of sounding sarcastic and cocky, I know exactly where the hell Virginia is! To those Canadian brothers who are alien to the South, I'll tell you about it. You see, Virginia is situated some 600 miles or so from the Canada-USA border. This mid-Atlantic state is bordered by Washington D.C. on the north, West Virginia to the west, and North Carolina to the south. I'm not about to give the Fraternity a geography lesson but.....

Virginia just happens to be home for Beta Alpha, Beta Pi, and Gamma Theta, our Southern chapters. It is also where our college affiliate, Gamma Psi Fraternity resides. Fraternity really is alive and well down under. I guess the problem is that we just don't hear enough from the good 'ole boys down there.

You know there's a simple solution to our communication problem, its called CORRESPONDANCE! That's right C O R R E S P O N D A N C E . So how 'bout it you brothers up North. How about lending some of your moral support and sending down a few encouraging words. I'm sure our brothers in Virginia would be more than willing to reply.

The South is one half of the reason Gamma Delta Psi is and remains an International Fraternity. Indeed, the South is a vital part of our history. Its no great secret that Fraternity is suffering. Its also obvious that we are on the upswing in terms of Brotherhood and Fraternity interest.

Just for the record, I like to write letters. It's just a good habit that I can't get rid of. By the way, "WHERE THE HELL'S REXDALE?"

Mike Kuch
IBC President

SPORTS REPORT

" GAMMA DELTA PSI ON ICE "

The IBC has recently taken on a new challenge with our involvement in a minor hockey league. We are fully sponsoring and coaching a team in the Northern Etobicoke Church Hockey League (NECHL). The total cost for team uniforms, sponsorship, and registration is \$200.00.

This opportunity allows us to meet many of our objectives on the IBC. Thus, we have the chance to form a strong bond and a reputable name within our community. By sponsoring the team we have accomplished the following; Fraternity publicity (uniforms have GAMMA DELTA PSI on back); an opportunity for expansion with the possibility of a Crescent Club; and Civic participation on a large scale.

I would like to mention that the issue of sponsoring a minor sports team was a topic which received a great deal of praise at Convention '82. The IBC's involvement with the team gives the entire Fraternity a weekly function in which they can support.

The "DELTS" as the team is dubbed consists of boys between the ages of 9-14. As the League name implies, these kids hold strong ties with their respective churches. Incidentally, our team is made up almost entirely of Dutch Reformists. We are about to commence regular season play shortly and by the looks of things should have no trouble winning the league Championship.

Brother Shawn Stewart and I coach the "DELTS" with assistance from brothers Marcel Beaulieu and Brett Crook. The team has already started to dub their scoring as "GAMMA GOALS". More reports later on the "DELTS" in upcoming issues.

· Mike Kuch
IBC President

ALUMNI NOTES

Bro. Shawn Stewart (Gamma Alpha)

Is presently working at ADH Ltd in Toronto and plans to return to college next fall. Bro. Stewart also assists in coaching the "DELTS" hockey team. As an active Alumni, brother Stewart remains to be very supportive and helpful to the Fraternity.

Bro. Bob Hellowell (Gamma Alpha)

Has started his freshman year at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ont. Bro. Hellowell is enrolled in the general business program.

Bro. Jeff Matthews (Gamma Alpha)

Is currently in his first year at George Brown College in Toronto. Bro. Matthews is studying photography and printing at college.

"NICKNAMES"

The following is a list of nicknames of Brothers through-
the Fraternity:

BETA XI

Kevin "Stud" Bradley
Greg "Soupy" Campbell
Mark "Brrr!" Brillon
Doug "Budha" Johnson
Gay "Ponch" Stevenson
Serge "Chilly" Soto
Gerry "Sparky" Thompson

GAMMA ALPHA

Marcel "Bubba" Beaulieu
Brett "The Crippler" Crook
Ed "E.D." Skinner
Rob "Nigel" Warren
Karl "Rag" Rasmussen
Bill "Greatest American Hero"
Ritchie
Willie "Beaver" Robbins

Least we forget:

Mike "You Can Call Me Anything You Like But Just Don't Call
Me Late For Dinner" Kuch

IBC BROTHERHOOD STAG

As you know the IBC held its first social function of the year on Saturday, November 13 in Rexdale, Ontario. This inaugural Brotherhood Stag was attended by twenty-five Brothers from Beta Xi and Gamma Alpha. Although we had anticipated a much larger contingent of Brothers, those Brothers in attendance did have a great time.

The stag was held simply to promote Brotherhood spirits and indulge in some Fraternity talk. It was by no means a financial success as we barely surpassed the break even point. Because of the rather poor turnout we still have a great deal of beer and food left over.

Throughout the stag there was a number of card games going as well as the showing of many porno flicks. It should be noted that Gamma went large and the last Brothers left at five in the morning. The IBC plans to make this an annual event with hopes of seeing it getting bigger and better every year.

I wish to thank all the Brothers for supporting the IBC and coming out to our function. A special thanks to the Brothers from Beta Xi (St. Catharines) and Trustee Brother Bruce Johnstone. Brother Johnstone's appearance was proof positive that the IBC, Trustees, and Chapters alike need to support each other.

Hopefully more Brothers will attend our next social of the year, the IBC's Christmas Semi-formal in St. Catharines. Due to the nature of the IBC's structure we rarely sponsor or hold these type of functions with the exception of Convention. So come out and share in our activities as they are being held for your benefit.

Mike Kuch
IBC President

" THE CREATION OF GAMMA DELTA PSI ? "

Has any Brother ever thought of why Gamma Delta Psi came into existence? Why did our four founding Brothers want Fraternity? Well, those questions have often come across my mind.

As you know in the theory of Evolution, there is a specific chapter on the "Missing Link". This link is supposedly a half-human, half-ape being which is vital to the evolution of mankind. Well, somewhere in the creation of Gamma Delta Psi there is a missing link! Why?

In a recent letter I received from Brother Drew Arthur he stated some intriguing information about the birth of Fraternities in American colleges. Very briefly, I will pass on Brother Arthur's message.

Delta Kappa Fraternity was founded in 1845 at Yale College and established six other chapters mostly in the South. The last chapter, Eta (Centre College) was incorporated into Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and became one of its chapters in 1879. One of our founding Brothers, Alexander J. Wurtz had an older brother who was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

This information was handed down to Brother Kevin Stockdale that Brother Wurtz modeled our Gamma Delta Psi after Phi Delta Theta. Thus, as speculation has it, in 1879 Wurtz simply borrowed from his older brother and started Gamma Delta Psi.

Exactly what Brother Wurtz borrowed still remains to be seen. Was it the whole concept of Fraternity? Did he adopt the same or similar standards and policies about Fraternity? Are we a direct derivation of these other Fraternities? Whatever the answers are it must make one wonder about how it all got started.

All this is simply speculation but with further research it will be possible to make more valid points. Indeed its a vague picture of our start.

Brother Drew Arthur should be congratulated on his efforts and contributions. I hope that in upcoming issues Brothers Stockdale and Arthur can add to the information above.

Mike Kuch

IBC President



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"Like a River's Flowing Waters"
Air - Alma Mater - Cornell

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Like a river's flowing waters
Marches on our mighty band,
Broad in fame and great in power,
Known all o'er our land

CHORUS

Gaining ever, failing never,
Where our strength we ply,
Hail, all hail (to) ----- Chapter,
Gamma Delta Psi.

Loudly then we'll sing her praises,
And with joyful voices cry
Spreading far and near the fame of
Gamma Delta Psi.

CHORUS

Gaining ever, failing never,
Where our strength we ply,
Hail, all hail, (to) ----- Chapter,
Gamma Delta Psi.

Listed below are the recent changes in the Fraternity's mailing list:

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I would like to announce the recent appointment of Brother Brett Crook to the position of Northern District Deputy. Brother Crook brings his many years of Fraternity experience as a leader in his Chapter (Gamma Alpha) to the Deputy's position.

Also, if there are any changes in your Chapter's mailing address due to elections and/or moving, please forward the new address to the 'GRIP'. Trying to update the mailing list can be made a lot easier if you send in the changes as soon as possible.

Your co-operation and punctuality is greatly appreciated.

Mike Kuch
IBC President

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE GRIP

I would like to remind all brothers that contributions to the Grip be sent to the address below. Any material pertinent to Fraternity is greatly appreciated. Fraternity articles, photos, letters, Alumni notes, coming events, historical information, comments, quotes, jokes, etc... will be put to use.

This is your opportunity to speak out. Active and Alumni brothers alike are encouraged to send in material.

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