

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, ya'll. I trust that everyone attending last month's Grand Brother Induction/Stag for Kevin Stockdale have all recovered. As you all should be aware of by now, we're hosting a reception later this month in the north - see 'Coming Events'.

Once again, the latest I.B.C. happenings can be summed up in a few descriptive, but succinct lines. Way back on April 10/83, Brothers Shawn Stewart (Northern District Deputy), Steve Moore (I.B.C. Historian), Jeff Matthews (Alumnus), and I ventured out to St. Catharines and paid visits to Beta Xi and Gamma Eta chapters.

As usual, I've been my busy ol' self, endeavoring to pump out this sixth edition of Gamma's finest, the 'GRIP'. Please, accept my apologies at this time, as I was unable to complete the 'Brother Brewski' comic strip for photocopying. However, 'Brew & the Crew' will return in the next issue with another adventurous yarn.

Due to many varied and personal inconveniences i.e. starting a new job, moving, and re-admission to college - I have regrettably been unable to put in as many man hours as I have in the past to the 'paper'. Thus, self-explaining this month's rather lean and porous newsletter.

Speaking of the 'GRIP', this here May '83 edition is the second to last issue being published prior to next Convention. As I have mentioned numerous times in past issues, the month's of June-July will be extensively covered in one edition.

Since last month's newsletter, I have received 5 letters from interested Brothers. Three of these letters appear in the 'Letters to the 'GRIP' column. Thank you all for writing! I think the 'GRIP' has finally arrived ... Keep the letters and contributions coming.

At any rate, unless you've had a partial lobotomy performed by Haitian refugees in the deep interior of Siberia, then you'll undoubtedly discover that the Fraternal calendar year is rapidly coming to a close. So, "What about Convention?"

Probable location and date for Convention appear to be on the July 29-31 weekend in Petersburg, Va. Brothers Drew Arthur (S.V.P.) and Skeeter Reelitz (Editor) are 'finalizing' arrangements at this time.

As soon as plans are complete, I will make an announcement via a letter and/or the 'GRIP' to all chapters and interested Brothers. So, hopefully in the next couple of weeks we'll have a clearer insight into Convention '83 and its activities.

To keep, or should I say, 'spark' some enthusiasm into the general benign spirit of the Fraternity, the I.B.C. is planning to host a Baseball tournament next month. Also, there is a distinct possibility of yet, another president's conference in the North.

Also, with a hell of a lot of encouragement and motivation we could attempt to duplicate these functions in the south.

I shall return

Mike Kuch - I.B.C. President

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' GAMMA QUIZ #6 '

1. What purpose or function does 'Roberts Rules of Order' serve?
2. Name the Fraternity's official jeweller?
3. At the turn of last century (by 1900), how many chapters were chartered into Gamma Delta Psi?
4. True or false, according to Parliamentary Procedure, a 'Point Of Order' may be made without recognition from the chair?
5. In which year was the 'Garnet & Silver' last published?
6. For which honor is the 'E.J. Stewart Award' presented?
7. Where was the site for our annual Convention of 1973?
8. Who instituted the Nirvana Chapter? Why?
9. In which year did Gamma Delta Psi charter its second chapter Beta into the Fraternity? Where was it located?
10. True or false, the District Deputies are appointed by the I.B.C. President following our annual Convention?

SOUTHERN COMFORT

After no fewer than one 'dozen' attempts, I have finally convinced myself that, it is 'nearly' impossible to write a comprehensible report detailing our recent trek to Virginia.

Without providing ya'll with the graphic and illicit details, I'll endeavor to give some of the unfortunate souls (who weren't there), a better insight into 'what really happened'

I guess the most appropriate term to describe the weekend's many festivities would have to be 'Wet & Wild'. Shame on you! The 'Wet', of course being the unseasonably inclement weather which played havoc with us for the most part.

And, the 'Wild', well just what you've come to expect and appreciate when Fraternity gets together in the South for a weekend.

I think some certain notification should be given to the fourteen Canuckois Brothers from the 'Greater White Northern Hemisphere' who made the trip down to Dixie.

Beyond any imaginable reasons of a doubt, the weekend's premier event was indeed, the Grand Brother Induction of Kevin Stockdale on Saturday, April 16.

Kevin's inuagural induction into the 'Order of the Grand Crescent' was admirably M.C.'d by none other than, Brother Bruce Johnstone (Trustee). Brother Barry Yeates delivered a superbly written documentation of Grand Brother #7 Kevin Stockdale's fifteen years of service and involvement with Gamma Delta Psi.

Directly following Brother Yeates' speech, many of Kevin long time and dearest Brothers (who were in attendance) spoke out in sincere praise of Gamma's newest Grand Brother. At that point, Brothers started to reminisce about old times involving themselves with Kevin in their earlier days.

Finally, ol' Stock himself was given the opportunity to say a few words, and that he did. It is very difficult for me to put into words the exact feelings, emotions, and thoughts which ran through the minds of all those Brothers who attended the Ritual.

It seemed to me that, for those few ceremonious and solemn minutes - time must have stood still. It goes without saying that Fraternity Brotherhood and spirits peaked during the evening.

The Ritual itself was given all the attention and concentration it righteously deserved. What more can be said, but any Brother who missed out on this one, truly missed out on an integral part of our history.

And, not to over shadow the importance and seriousness of the evenings affairs, was a most exhilarating, if not peculiar sight which occurred later that night. Yes, I am referring to the command performance of His-Royal-Muscleship, Brother Don Sowchuck.

Brother Sowie, looking for all the world like an inebriated baby rhino on the blitz, showcased the 'Return of Muscle Beach'. Led on by the coersive chanting and chaotic antics of Brothers Curly and Johnstone, our man at the beach had us all rolling in laughter.

'MUS-CLE BEA-CH', 'MUS-CLE BEA-CH', 'MUS-CLE BEA-CH'
Thank you, Sowie for your raw and animalistic maneouvres on the posing platform 'which way to the beach?'

Mike Kuch
I.B.C. President

LETTERS TO THE 'GRIP'

March 26, 1983

Dear Brother Kuch:

Your letter found me at the above address as someone was kind enough to forward it to me in Thornhill. I would appreciate it if you could change my address on your records so I may be kept advised of any interesting events.

To give you my background in Gamma Delta Psi, I was a Brother #105 in Alpha Phi Chapter (Mimico-New Toronto) back into 1962. I served as president of the chapter and have many fond memories of my active days in Alpha Phi including an array of newspaper clippings and other photos etc. Including my original Fraternity jacket which I somehow can not seem to part with. I do not have any contact with any of the Brothers from Alpha Phi chapter and wonder to what extent the Fraternity is active. Could you possibly send me some information as to what is going on today in Gamma Delta Psi?

Regarding the reception in May, I will attempt to contact you by phone in this regard. Should you wish to have any of the memorabilia on Alpha Phi for history records, please contact me at (416) 881-0216, my home phone number.

It is good to receive a letter from time to time from the Fraternity and I sincerely hope it is active to some extent in Canada as I remember many excellent interchanges between chapters back in the 1960's.

Thank you again for your letter.

Fraternally Yours,

Bill Short
Alpha Phi Chapter #105

April 19, 1983

Dear Mike Kuch:

Writing to let you know Gamma Alpha is still alive. We have just had pledge period awhile ago. As a result Brother Craig McMaahn #134 and Brother Sean Sweeny #135 were inducted to our chapter.

After finally getting around to elections the brothers who received offices are: President - Ed Skinner; Vice President - Chris Durand; Recording Secretary & Historian - Bill Ritchie; Corresponding Secretary - Steve Robbins; Treasurer & Funds - Chris Skinner; Civics - Sean Sweeny; Social - Craig McMaahn; Sports - Carl Brown; and Sargeant-At-Arms - Karl Rassmussen.

Socially around town there was a prom held, a hell of a party Chris Skinner held, and a great surprise party for Brother Durand. Well that's about all that has been happening.

Fraternally Yours,

Brother Steve Robbins

April 24/83

Dear Brother Kuch:

This letter is to certify that contrary to popular belief, the members of Gamma Eta can indeed read and now, write. Gamma Eta is now experiencing, and enjoying, a renewed vitality and feeling of Brotherhood. A major factor in this new feeling and desire to improve the chapter is a recent trip down South that two of our Brothers enjoyed.

Though a very small percentage of our actives got first hand benefits, the rest of us got a huge benefit from the trip. Several Brothers, including myself this time, are planning a trip down in May; on or around the twenty-first.

Prior to this trip we are planning a car wash on Saturday, May 7, and the presence of Brothers from Toronto would be great since we expect a large turn out from the female sector of this somewhat boring St. Catharines community.

Other coming attractions are a thoroughly planned Pledge Period. To avoid all the problems of past pledge periods we wrote out rules and responsibilities of the Brothers during the period. The major problem in our past pledge periods is a bad showing in front of the goats.

Confusion and lack of respect made the goats question what they were doing; the lack of respect by the way was by Brothers towards other Brothers.

I hope this doesn't come as too much of a shock because besides just the letter, we all plan on attending the reception on behalf of the most recent Grand Brother; now you can't say we don't attend any functions, that is if we really do show up.

We're really on a roll here, we are planning a hockey game or basketball game against our big city Brothers in the near future in the gymnasium at our high school, we hope you will provide some competition.

In the very near future we will start contributing to the GRIP, and we'll hopefully make it a regular thing, almost like a Gamma Eta column. Seeing as how we haven't had a chance to collectively start things off, I'll do it, you may or may not want to put these in the GRIP.

Here we go, Question: 'what do you call a Cambodian with two dogs?', give up, 'a Rancher'. How about this one, 'what's Irish and sits around a swimming pool?' - 'Patio Furniture'.

In the very near future we will make an effort to add something morally upstanding to the worthwhile GRIP.

Looking forward to seeing you all either at the car wash or the Grand Brother reception.

Yours in bond,

Brother Robert Egan #82
Corresponding-Sec. FH

P.S. Bill wants to know if you, by any chance, have any full colour photos of Cloris Leachman massaging an iguana, or any other reptile.

COMING EVENTS

Once again, here is yet, another reminder of Grand Brother Kevin Stockdale's northern reception. As I informed you all in the April edition, this function is open to all Brothers and their wives or girl friends.

Due to the extremely popular nature of this event, the I.B.C. has reserved a very large function room which will hold upto 175 persons. Thus, a great expense has been incurred and much time spent to accommodate our particular needs.

Do not disappoint Kevin and be there! Activities will commence at 8:00 pm. Cover charge is a mere \$3.00 per person and a cash bar is available for refreshments.

Also, as mentioned previously, the Board has planned to host their second baseball tournament in as many years. More later as details become available ...

Event: GRAND BROTHER KEVIN STOCKDALE'S RECEPTION
Date: SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1983
Place: CONSTELLATION HOTEL - AIRPORT
Loc'n: 900 DIXON ROAD REXDALE, ONTARIO CANADA
Time: 8:00 PM

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Event: I.B.C. BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
Date: SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1983
Place: REXLINGTON PARK
Loc'n: BERGAMOT AVENUE REXDALE, ONTARIO CANADA
Time: 10:00 AM

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THE 'KEVIN M. STOCKDALE' AWARD

To show our appreciation towards Grand Brother Kevin Stockdale, the present I.B.C. has donated a trophy in his name to be awarded at next Convention.

The award is appropriately named, the 'Kevin M. Stockdale' award and will be presented to the Brother(s) showing the most initiative towards the expansion of Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International over the past year.

One point I failed to mention at last month's inuagural presentation was that this award is not restricted to only Brothers at the chapter level, but is open to all Brothers of Gamma.

Mike Kuch - IBC President

THE CHARTER OF GAMMA DELTA PSI

Stretching across this broad land binding our hearts in bonds of Brotherly love, there is a chain. The strength of this chain lies in the strength of its weakest link. It has been willed that thou art to become a link in this chain. Therefore, see to it that through no fault of thine this chain becomes the weakened or broken for this chain is the Brotherhood of Gamma Delta Psi.

A Brother of one Chapter is as welcome in the house of a Brother of another Chapter as a man is in the house of his father's son.

Once a Brother, always a Brother, and the tie that binds the schoolboy to the schoolboy is no less strong than the tie that, in after life, binds the college man to the college man and the man of the world to the man of the world.

" FRAT JACKETS BANNED IN ETOBICOKE SCHOOLS "

Fraternity jackets have been banned in Etobicoke high schools.

Richview Collegiate Principal Richard Cairns has announced: "Students will not be allowed to distinguish themselves from the rest of the school body in any way."

"Fraternities do not serve the best interests of the students, so we don't allow them to connect themselves with the school name," he said.

GROWN STEADILY

The high school fraternities started several years ago when an established Toronto frat was organized at Richview. Since then they have grown steadily in number.

Mr. Cairns said he had "good co-operation from the students on the issue."

He labelled untrue, reports, that he suspended a student for 3 days and removed his parking privileges because he wore his fraternity jacket to school.

Etobicoke Student Council presidents refused to discuss the subject of fraternities. They referred to it as "too touchy a subject" for council meetings.

That said the schools were sharply divided on the issue and in all cases the school administration has refused to allow the fraternities to be officially connected with the schools.

Richview CI has three fraternities and three sororities.

- Toronto Telegram: Jan. 16, 1963

(M.K. - the article above originally appeared in the now-defunct Toronto Telegram newspaper, and was accompanied by a photo of three Fraternity men dressed in their jackets (one of the men was a 'Delt').

- special note, Beta Nu Chapter of Gamma Delta Psi was founded at Richview Collegiate in 1962 and is now dormant.

- Richview CI no longer has any so-called, 'Greek Societies' in activity.

ANSWERS TO 'GAMMA QUIZ #6 (APRIL '83)'

1. Roberts Rules of Order: the authoritative guideline of Parliamentary Procedure not covered by our own Constitution or Chapter By-laws.
2. L.G. Balfour Company of Attleboro, Massachusetts.
3. 16 Chapters by 1900.
4. True, it may be made without official recognition from the chair and even while another Brother is speaking.
5. 1974
6. E.J. Stewart Award: presented to the 'Chapter Corresponding-Secretary of the year'.
7. Toronto, Ontario
8. Grand Brother E.J. Stewart (Nu) in memory of his brother (also Nu) who was killed in the first World War.
9. Beta Chapter, Suspension Bridge - Niagara Falls, N.Y., 1884.
10. True

'MARGARITA' TRUDEAU

1½ ounces of Tequila
½ ounce of Triple Sec
juice of ½ lime or lemon

1. Prepare cocktail glass by first, wetting the rim with Mick Jagger's lips, and then, by dipping on a plate of salt (about ¼" deep).
2. Shake Tequila, Triple Sec and juice together with cracked ice.
3. Strain into cocktail glass.
4. Serve with either the Rolling Stones or Pierre Trudeau and the kids on the patio.

(2nd recipe in an unlimited series of 'Peculiar & Innovative Cocktails')

THE 'NOT-SO-FUNNY' BAR JOKE

DRUNK: "Bartender, make me a 'Grasshopper'!"

BARTENDER: "Alright, ... pffff ... tah dah ... you're a grasshopper!"

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SPECIAL NOTE: *****

As of May 14/83, I will be in the undesirable state of transition (read: 'moving') from my present residence in Toronto to my old domicile in suburbia Rexdale.

So, please forward any letters and correspondence to 39 Noble St., Toronto, Ont. M6K 2C7 until further notification - as I am uncertain of my new, exact address and phone number.

Mike Kuch - IBC President