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President 'Pro Tempore' Appointed

Michael Kuch (ΓΑ)

President Pro Tempore
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MAPLE, ONTARIO – The May 2008 Edition of our monthly newsletter marks the third consecutive month we have published an issue since its resurrection in March. For the present, I have kept its original moniker, 'Garnet & Silver', and will reserve the more familiar title, 'The Grip', for weekly blogs posted on our website www.gammadeltapsi.com. The website continues to grow slowly with an unfathomable amount of work and maintenance to be budgeted for its sustenance. I encourage Brothers to visit the site often and respond with ideas on how to better expand and market of particular brand of Brotherhood.

Over the past month there have been several key developments with Gamma Delta Psi, not the least of which is my newly appointed position as President Pro Tempore. For those less familiar with my history, I held the post of International President for consecutive two-year terms in the early 1980's. I cannot be certain, but I may hold the dubious claim of being both the youngest and oldest President, although I will have to refer to the Archives for verification. At the very least it has been 25 years since I was President.

To better explain the circumstances surrounding my ascension to the Presidency, I will revert back to a series of events, starting April 1, 2008, and culminating in the foundation of a newly established governing body. On that date, I had contacted Brother Kerry Decker (ΓΕ) – the last elected Secretary for the International Board of Control – via email. My message to Brother Decker included amongst other queries, a proclamation on behalf of the Board of Trustees to assume authority over the day-to-day governing of the Fraternity, which it has a Constitutional right and obligation. I refer to page 30 (and on): Article VIII Board of Trustees, Part A Structure and Duties, Section 4, The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be as follows: (b) To take charge of the fraternity in the event of the inability of the IBC to function in accordance with the Constitution.

In the ensuing weeks, dialogue between members of the BOT and interested Alumni representing Gamma Delta Psi and Gamma Psi effectively resulted in a common goal to move from an 'Ad Hoc' – temporary – government toward a structured hierarchy. Brother Mark Laminman (ΓΞ), as the current Chair of the BOT, and Brother Randy Picardat (ΓΕ) initiated separate but compatible governing models for how to go forward.

Brother Laminman, upon further consideration and support, appointed me as President 'Pro tempore' on April 18. For those not familiar with the term, Pro tempore, (or pro tem), is a Latin phrase which translates to "for the time being" in English. This phrase is often used to describe a person who acts as a *locum tenens* – a placeholder – in the absence of a superior, such as the President.

This is certainly not the first time similar measures have been implemented throughout the History of Gamma Delta Psi. While researching the Fraternity Archives, and through recent correspondence (email) with Grand Brother James Fermoile, such was the case during the 1950 Convention hosted by Alpha Eta Chapter of Niagara Falls, New York. During that time the congregation of young Brothers was not sure what to expect as no one present had previously attended a Convention. Brother William Fermoile (AE) – cousin to James – would serve as National President Pro tempore. There are additional examples occurring in the same era, including the appointment of Brother Walter Mimnaugh as President Pro Temp.

Also, included in the G & S is editorial contribution by Brother Trent Armitage (ΓΨ-E) and Brother Laminman with a poignant commentary on organizational 'Growth as a Process'. I have included a dedicated page to the newly formed Beta Chapter of Alpha Beta Psi Sorority at Longwood University. The Sisters of ABΨ have been affiliated with Gamma Psi Fraternity – Beta Chapter for 30 years at Richard Bland College.

Lastly, one of the more notable but amicable debates in recent memory continues in reference to the inference of temporarily 'merging' the governing bodies of Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International with our college-level affiliate, Gamma Psi Fraternity International. In an article entitled, 'One Gamma: Unifying The Brotherhood', located on page two of this edition, I briefly address the issue of one Brotherhood.

Once again, this newsletter is receiving surprising support and scores of accolades for which I am forever indebted to all. I appreciate the copious number of contributions by way of emails and verbal comments.

One Gamma: Unifying the Brotherhood

Michael Kuch (TA)

President Pro Tempore – IBC

Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International

MAPLE, ONTARIO – Gamma Delta Psi and Gamma Psi; are we simply two sides of the same coin? A cliché, no doubt, but we're talking about Fraternity here, and most of what is often said, let alone recorded, inevitably meanders through a mind field of clichés that would make any post-race NASCAR interview seem so more contrite than normally.

So, what's the big deal? In two words, 'probably nothing', but in reality it may only be a single Greek letter – 'Δ' – an innocuous triangle, which separates the colors 'Silver' from 'Gold', 'High School' from 'College', '1879' from '1969', and more so, 'Us' from 'Them'.

Perhaps, the question we should ask is how necessary is it to make such distinctions? Has the time come to pass on such trivial differences, and amalgamate these kindred bodies into unification of the Brotherhood? Are we all Brothers, or Step-Brothers, or Half-Brothers, or distant kin with the same (partial) name? Scratch the surface of one Gamma Brother and he bleeds the same as another Gamma Brother.

In my thirty years as a Brother – in a mere 10 days – I have habitually thought of myself simply as a Gamma, not a 'Delt' or 'Gamma Delt', which is part of our indoctrinated nomenclature. I suppose this is true largely to my affinity and closeness with so many Brothers from Gamma Psi over the years. There have been many Brothers, some who also pledged Gamma Delta Psi first – the Danny Wyatt's, Bill Michelin's, Drew Arthur's and Kenny Martin's of the world – that shared equally rewarding experiences in both organizations. There are innumerable others with similar experiences. I have never asked these Brothers if they preferred one group over the other, as the question never seemed important or relevant, and I doubt they would ever contemplate the same.

I was indoctrinated early with this philosophy. It happened one Saturday evening some twenty-five years ago, when a young and impressionable Brother Larry Belcher introduced himself at a Gamma Psi party in Virginia, and forever dispelled the concept of two Gamma's. I have never forgiven him, or thanked him enough.

Fast forward a quarter century on February 23, 2008, when Brother Belcher, along with eleven Gamma Psi Alumni and active Brothers (Eta Chapter) certified me as a 'Brother of Gamma Psi Fraternity International' into 'Rho Alpha Chapter as Member #2'. So here and now, I am a 'hybrid' of sorts, amongst many others, for Gamma Psi has claimed me as one of their own, along with Grand Brother Kevin Stockdale, who was inducted several years earlier as PA #1.

I am honored by this, for reasons obvious. First, Rho Alpha Chapter is a tribute to the Late Brother Ron Adams, founding member of Gamma Psi Fraternity – Alpha Chapter. I have never met Brother Adams, and sadly never will, learning of him vicariously and intimately through kind words of Brother Parker Simmons during his speech recognizing Alpha Chapter at the Gamma Psi Brother Education Weekend (Longwood University – February 2008). Second, through the Brotherhood of many Gamma Psi's, but perhaps none more cherished or revered than Brother Larry Belcher and its first (and only) Grand Brother, Danny Wyatt, I continue to be inspired by them and compelled to honor my oath as a Brother. Knowing these gentlemen, and others of their ilk, you have no choice to ask more of yourself, and ultimately, to give more of yourself.

So, how does it feel to be a Gamma Psi Brother, as well? At first, to be honest it's a little odd, kind of like wearing borrowed underwear, which may be clean and fit perfectly right – maybe too well, in fact – but you know you didn't come by them honestly. I never pledged Gamma Psi. I suppose if you have ever experienced kissing a female cousin at a young age – I have not – then that may suffice as a comparison. Or better yet, like getting traded from the Yankees to the Red Sox.

For the record, one could just as likely classify me in the category of a so-called, 'Purist'. As a Brother originally of Gamma Delta Psi – for lack of a better purpose – I am blissfully content to keep the two Gamma's separate by virtue of their distinct, albeit translucent, identities. While their histories are intertwined, and the birth of Gamma Psi is from the rib of Gamma Delta Psi, I see no reason to officially bridge identities any closer than they are. I enjoy having – and being part of – a college associate organization; it expands upon and reaffirms the virtues of Gamma Delta Psi. Gamma Psi Brothers – in building their own traditions and history over the past 39 years – have enriched the experiences for every Gamma Delta Psi Brother. So, why ruin a good thing, if that is a proper statement?

While the time is now upon us to contemplate the pros and cons of a mutual governing body for the present and foreseeable future, we understand we are essentially one Gamma. I am fortunate to have been invited to participate in the highest levels of Fraternity with both organizations. My allegiance is to build Gamma, whatever she is called or known as. If this means helping and abiding Gamma Psi to better Gamma Delta Psi, or vice versa, than the rest is simply semantics. The growth of one will help nurture and address the needs of the other. Many fine Brothers have expressed themselves in clear and concise vocabulary when it comes to the satisfying the needs of our Fraternities, which I will attempt to paraphrase: "It matters not where my priorities lay, for whatever I do that is positive for our Fraternity will hopefully strengthen its Brotherhood and help it grow."

In a time filled with uncertainty, where we are faced with the most difficult challenges to resurrect and further build from the ashes a once Great Fraternity, and with bold plans for growth and expansion, there is an urgency to combine resources and Brothers to contribute in every manner possible. I witness examples of this new found attitude and allegiance through emails, phone calls and actions every day. I like to believe I practice it just as well.

Somewhere, in the collective psyche of our joint Brotherhood, Brothers of all vestiges, ages and backgrounds are gathering, working together to bring back Gamma to her old glory and pride. Whether we choose to give it a different name or recognize it in a new light is all immaterial.

One Brotherhood, One Fraternity of Gamma, albeit with or sans a 'Δ', will always look, smell and taste the same. The talk may be different from time to time, but then again talk is always cheap. Deliberate and purposeful actions are what will secure a harmonious existence and build a strong foundation for future growth.

"Fraternity in general (like business), needs good management to grow, build and prosper.

Our profits are marked by the quality of people we attract and induct.

Gamma is a unique brand with so much to offer (potential members).

It's about time we let the rest of society know what we have relished for so long.

Talking to Larry (Belcher) makes me want to pledge again."

An email to Lloyd Dunnavant from Michael Kuch regarding a proposed new role for Larry Belcher as Vice-President of Chapter Development

April 18, 2008

The Farm Report: Eta Chapter A Solo Act?

The following is an editorial contribution by Brother Trent Armitage (ΓΨ / Ε), and is not representative of Eta Chapter or Gamma Psi. A reprint of this article will appear in the summer edition of Gamma Psi's Newsletter, 'The Torch'.

Trent Armitage

Vice-President + Corresponding Secretary
Gamma Psi Fraternity International – Eta Chapter

FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA – My name is Trent Armitage and I am the Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary for the last active chapter of Gamma Psi. For those of you that don't know we are located in Farmville, Virginia at Longwood University. A lot of the recent Gamma activity has been due to me finding an old contact list with former Gamma Psi International President John Cobb. He got the ball rolling on the Brother Education Day that was held in February. Since then both Gamma Psi and Gamma Delta Psi have been in whirlwind of activity. I have several things I would like to see accomplished.

The following are things I would like to see accomplished by both alumni and us as an active chapter:

I plan on sitting down as with our new President, Yuri Calustro, to discuss how we as a chapter can become more organized. We had some of the preliminary stages completed this semester, but there are some things we need to do, like a website, complete officer books, photo albums and a better schedule of pledging.

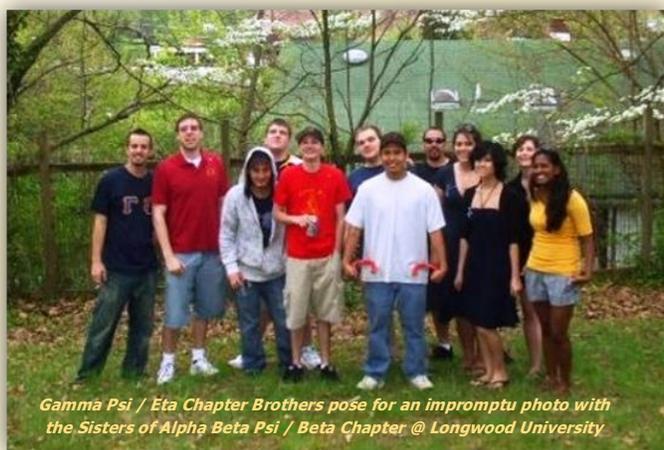
There are other things that I would personally like to see done in the not too distant future. Gamma Delta Psi now has an International President and Gamma Psi does not. We need someone to oversee our operations and handle the rebuilding of this Fraternity. I know that this is normally done at Conventions and this is technically impossible without other chapters, but I believe that the situation warrants a suspension of this rule. We need someone to direct things. I honestly have no one particular in mind, but hopefully someone would be willing to step up to this.

This Convention also needs to be a place where we update our documents. They have not been looked at in recent years and as I examine them I find many things that our out-of-date. A Convention would help solve this. Some things I can think up off the top of my head are that the pledge education manual does not indicate, which pages of the book need to be taught, the operations handbook does not clearly define the role of Vice-President and Rush Manual has a lot of strategies that are no longer allowed on the modern campus.

The upcoming meeting in Pennsylvania has been the center of a lot of talk. I have heard through the grapevine that there is talk of delegates being invited to the meeting. It is my personal belief that every attempt should be made to have a delegate from every chapter of Gamma Psi and Gamma Delta Psi. I know that this is not possible, but attempts should be made and I know that it is a lot more feasible with respect to Gamma Psi. I also know that even if we find people from every chapter interested in the meeting it will be difficult for everyone to attend. That is why a conference call should also be set-up for this meeting.



Brother Trent Armitage + Brother Jared Haley
of Gamma Psi - Eta Chapter



Gamma Psi / Eta Chapter Brothers pose for an impromptu photo with
the Sisters of Alpha Beta Psi / Beta Chapter @ Longwood University

With respect to my chapter, Eta, we are the only standing representatives of the active brotherhood. This means that we should most definitely have representatives to this meeting. The anniversary of both Gamma Psi and Gamma Delta Psi is an important and monumental occasion, not only because it has historical significance, but I see this as another step toward bringing both Fraternities back to greatness.

Another thing that all Gamma Psi and Gamma Delta Psi alumni can do is help us rebuild by letting your children, grandchildren, brothers, cousins and any other males entering or attending college that we are out there, and that they should contact us about starting a chapter. Some of you might even know people at Longwood and we would love to talk to them.

Our e-mail is gammapsieta@gmail.com please let anyone know that we are out there and we can assist them in starting a chapter.

The officers we elected for the Fall of 2008, are as follows: President: **Yuri Calustro** v. Trent Armitage; Vice-President: **Trent Armitage**; Recording Secretary: **Jared Haley**; Corresponding Secretary: **Trent Armitage**; Treasurer: **Greg Trueman**; Pledge Educator: **Jared Haley** v. Trent Armitage; Historian: **Angus McClean**. Note: Brother McClean is the newest and youngest Brother of Gamma Psi; Civics Organizer / Social Chair: **Greg Trueman**.

Organizational Growth as a Process

Mark Laminman (ΓΞ)

Chairman – Board of Trustees

Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International

LONDON, ONTARIO – In recent years, volunteering to help the community has become much less of a priority or concern for many people. All volunteer organizations are struggling to recruit enough members to fulfill their mission or attain their goals. Service clubs in particular are shrinking at an alarming rate, as the benefits of membership seem small when compared to the hours of work involved.

Individual clubs or entire organizations, at some time, decide that there is a problem. They often come up with many ideas or gimmicks for recruitment drives or marketing material. Seldom do they come up with a step-by-step plan on how to create growth. A wise person once said, “If you fail to plan, you plan to fail!” Having a plan that the members are committed to will enable a club to reach its membership goals.

Realize there is a problem!

Of course, you can’t fix a problem that you don’t know about. Clubs often ignore the fact that they are shrinking and everyone is doing more to get things done. By accepting the fact that there is a problem, the club sets the stage for tackling the problem.

Do we care? Do I care?

This is not only a question for the club as a group, but also a question for each individual in the club. Each member must know that bringing in new members will change the dynamics of their club. New members bring new ideas and new methods. To accept new members means accepting the inevitable changes to the club. So, each member has to ask themselves certain questions:

“Do I really care about the continuation of this club?”

“Would I prefer to have things stay the same until the club disbands?”

“If the club decides to grow, will I participate and do what I can?”

Once each individual commits to putting forth their effort to a growth plan, the club can commit as a whole. There may be a few that decide that they don’t want change and won’t participate in a membership drive. That is normal, and acceptable, as it doesn’t take every member in a club to get a job done.

Set a plan!

Have you ever set off on a trip without knowing where you were going or without a map? Most of us decide which route to take, how far to go each day, where to stay the night, and other such important details before we set out.

Once the following steps have been reviewed, there needs to be a plan put down on paper. What is the goal? When will it be accomplished? What steps will be taken? By whom? These questions form the basis of a plan that can be put down on paper, understood by all, and form the path that everyone will take to get where the club wants to go.

Marketing

The first step to recruitment is explaining to people what the organization is about. They will want to know what the club stands for, what the major projects are, the time they will be expected to invest, and what benefits they will get by becoming involved. This information must be gathered and supplied to the members, rather than having each member supply answers to people “off the cuff”. An evening devoted to educating the membership on how to “sell” the club, what information to offer, how to answer questions, etc., can be very beneficial and have everyone on the same page when it comes to recruiting.

Information nights are often used to reach many people at once. This is a fine idea, but also needs a few people working together to ensure that the evening is successful. Have members available as greeters to show an enthusiastic welcome to those who attend. Ensure that someone gets names and contact information from attendees so that a follow up call or visit can be made. (Those who come to an information night are already sold! You just have to know who they are and get a commitment from them!)

Again, the information provided needs to be carefully organized to ensure that people get the correct view of the club and its activities. Find a member who is experienced in sales to oversee the evening.

Recruitment

Once people have an understanding of the club, there needs to be a commitment from the prospective member and on the part of the club, to accept each other. Many times, a good presentation to an individual or a group is not successful in recruiting because nobody “closes the sale”. Once you get to the point where a prospective is interested enough to continue, or at least has not said, “No thanks...it’s not for me.”, someone needs to take responsibility for sponsoring the new person and getting them out to a few meetings to enjoy the activities and social interaction at the club meetings. This part is crucial! A new person will certainly feel unwelcome or at least lose interest if nobody takes an interest in them.

Orientation

The sponsor’s role in recruiting and ensuring the successful introduction of a new member is very important. Call them to remind them of when the meeting are and pick them up and take them if that is helpful. Further to that though, is the role of educator that the sponsor takes on. As prospective members learn more about the club, they find themselves with questions.

The sponsor needs to stay close at hand to provide answers to those questions. Ongoing projects, the history of the club or organization as a whole, the procedures at a meeting, the structure of the club, and various other aspects are all new to a prospective member. They will be curious and will want to fit in and not feel "new". The sponsor can make this transition easier for them.

Orientation can also be done, by having a special session for new members. A night, separate from the regular meeting, can be conducted to bring new members "up to speed" on the organization and the club. This provides a much more in depth view of things than the information provided during the marketing stage of the process. Lots of time should be allowed for questions and comments. This orientation night is in addition to what the sponsor does. It is certainly not a replacement for the individual attention a new member gets from their sponsor.

Personal Support

Too often, when a new member is recruited, inducted and has paid their dues, there is a feeling that the process is finished and the sponsor and club can relax. How often have we seen a new member join, stay a year, and then drop out? The individual support needs to continue for a while. How long depends on the individual. The sponsor needs to be continually in touch with the thoughts, concerns or questions of the new member to ensure that the person is not losing interest. It's like the buddy system in swimming – the experienced ones need to continually watch the less experienced. We can't leave them to sink or swim on their own!

As a new member becomes more experienced and starts to take on roles with the club, other members may be involved in the personal support. If the new member becomes involved in a committee, the chair of that committee needs to be conscious of the fact that the new member will want and need to understand how things are done in the committee. They will also need to be encouraged to make their views known and participate as a valued member of the team. Too often we get new members, ask their opinion, and then tell them that "We don't do it that way" when they make suggestions. We might as well say, "Thanks for your input, now go away!"

Involvement

Another major reason that new members don't stay is that they get the feeling that they are not needed. Get them involved in a job or a committee as soon as possible. Let them take on responsibilities as soon as possible. Make certain that their views are heard and considered. If a new member feels that they were recruited simply to provide "Grunt Labour" for projects, they will quickly decide they have better things to do.

The club often overlooks the experience that a new member has, after they have been recruited. With proper orientation and education, the personal support of the sponsor to facilitate the learning, and feeling involved and needed, a new member will stay. This way, the club does not jump through the same hoop over and over; recruiting new members every year to lose them due to waning interest. Retaining members is much easier than recruiting new ones all the time, but takes effort and commitment.

Each step in the process of growth is important. None can be overlooked! When a club, or an organization as a whole, has a solid plan to achieve a certain result, success is almost guaranteed!

Editor's Note: The article, "Growth as a Process", was written by Brother Mark Laminman during his long tenure managing civic-based organizations. It was written with a target readership of service club members; however, the principles and disciplines discussed apply equally to Fraternity, and perhaps, more now than ever.

Emails from the Crescent

May 1, 2008

Dear Brothers,

As you know a Conclave is planned on the weekend of September 12 - 14, 2008 in Williamsport, PA. I have been involved in the planning of the Conclave and have made reservations at the Best Western in Williamsport. These rooms are registered in my name, however, each person, or at least one of the people sharing a room, needs to call the Best Western and move the reservation to their name. This needs to be done by June 1; that gives you 30 days in which to make your travel plans and secure your room.

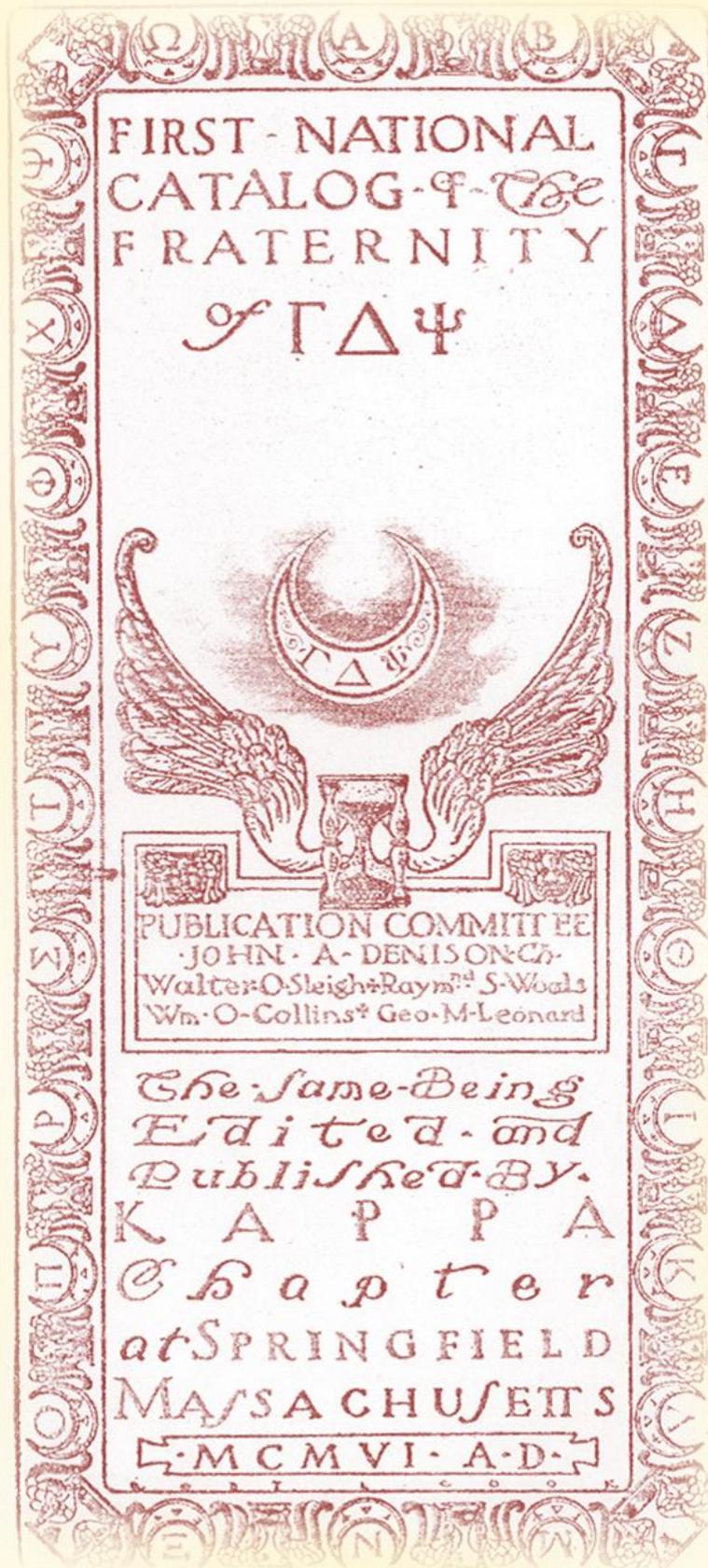
Once you have contacted the hotel and confirmed your reservation, I need you to forward your confirmation number to me in order for me to keep up with the number of rooms available and those that are attending the Conclave. Once you have done this I will forward to you the agenda of the Conclave and any pertinent information concerning the Conclave.

If you wish to share a room but don't have a roommate in mind contact me and I will try and match you up with another Brother that is attending. The contact for the Best Western is 1-800-369-4572. If you should have any problems or questions please let me know, you can e-mail me or call me at 804-862-4844 (home) or 804-931-8245 (cell).

I look forward to seeing each of you in Williamsport.

Fraternally,

Randy Picardat
Gamma Delta Psi - Gamma Epsilon
Gamma Psi - Beta



Created by Kappa Chapter Brothers John A. Denison, Walter O. Sleigh, Raymond S. Woods, Williams O. Collins, and George M. Leonard in the year 1906, 'THE FIRST NATIONAL CATALOG OF THE FRATERNITY OF GAMMA DELTA PSI' remains on file at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC.

The book measures approximately 6" x 9". The picture at the left is a copy of the inside cover with the color changed to sepia for effect only.

In a series of emails on April 9, 2008, the following exchanges occurred between Grand Brother Kevin Stockdale (ΓN + BA), Brother Bill Schmitt (ΓΞ), and Brother Michael Kuch (ΓA) regarding the Catalog:

Kevin Stockdale: "In 1972, if memory serves me, I was elected Southern Vice President. I also started working at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. Before computers, all materials in the possession of the Library were filed in massive card catalog files in The Great Hall.

One day, I thought it would be interesting to see if there was anything on file for the fraternity, maybe old Garnet and Silvers, or a Song Book, but instead it listed the Second National Catalog.

Of course the book was not on Capitol Hill, but in a massive warehouse in Suburban Maryland. It took a few days to show up, but what a treat. Inside were the names, pin numbers, addresses and (sometimes) occupations of Brothers from almost every chapter.

Whether I was the first, or fifty-first, person to request this book, I'll never know, but after all the years sitting on a shelf, it still had a magical effect on me."

Bill Schmitt: "After looking at the Table of Contents, it appears that there is an "Alphabetical Index" (I assume of members) that starts on page 215 that I do not have included with my copy. My assumption would be that my copy is short the last 15-20 pages of the book."

1ST ANNUAL GAMMA ALPHA REUNION

On April 27, 2008, seven Alumni Brothers of Gamma Alpha Chapter met over breakfast to discuss plans for their first Alumni Reunion. Present were past IBC President Dave Bartlett (ΓΑ 10), David Tachauer (ΓΑ 45), Michael Ryan (ΓΑ 93), Michael Kuch (ΓΑ 114), Stephen Moore (ΓΑ 121), Tim Weeks (ΓΑ 126) and Troy Adams (ΓΑ 142). Brother Bruce Johnstone (ΓΑ 44) sent his regrets. Brothers Johnstone, Weeks and Moore are also past IBC Members.

A tentative date of Sunday, September 20, 2008 is set for a proposed Alumni function in a central GTA location. While plans will be discussed at the next Alumni meeting in June, meeting dialogue centered on a possible afternoon Golf Tournament to be followed by a BBQ Stag-type event later the same day.

With over 170 Gamma Alpha Alumni living mostly in Ontario, the Chapter Roll was divided into a half-dozen sections with members responsible for contacting Brothers from each Era.

We are hoping this function will lead to further events in the future, and serve as a model for other Canadian Chapters wishing to promote and host their own Alumni Reunions.

Courtesy: Michael Kuch (ΓΑ #114) michael.kuch@gammadeltapsi.com

GAMMA DELTA PSI 130TH / GAMMA PSI 40TH ' ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND '

REUNION SOCIAL

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009

7 – 11 PM



ALUMNI DANCE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009

8 PM – MIDNIGHT

*Featuring Live Music by "The Unnatural's"
Sound by "Southwind Sound Productions"*



FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009

NOON – 5 PM

*All venues and sites to be confirmed, but will be located in the Petersburg, Virginia (Tri-City) area.
Accommodations for any out-of-town guests are planned for the same region.*

GAMMA DELTA PSI / GAMMA PSI

' 2008 SUMMER CONCLAVE '

BEST WESTERN HOTEL
WILLIAMSPORT, PA
SEPTEMBER 12, 13 & 14, 2008

MEETING AGENDA (Draft Copy)

I. CALL TO ORDER – OPENING CEREMONY

II. STATE OF THE FRATERNITY REPORT

- A) GAMMA DELTA PSI
- B) GAMMA PSI
- C) EXPANSION EFFORTS

III. THE CONTROLLING BOARDS

- A) GAMMA DELTA PSI
 - 1) INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF CONTROL
 - 2) BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- B) GAMMA PSI
 - 1) INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF CONTROL
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- C) SHOULD THERE BE JOINT CONTROL?

IV. CODE OF ETHICS

- A) SOPS AND POLICIES
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- A) MAINTAINING THE WEB SITES
- B) PUBLICATIONS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC
- C) MATERIAL MOVED TO ELECTRONIC MEDIA

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

Courtesy: Randy Picardat (ΓΔΨ/BE #33; ΓΨ/B #45 + AA #11) rpicardat@comcast.net

Alpha Beta Psi Sorority – Beta Chapter

Longwood University (Farmville, Virginia)

The Symbols of Alpha Beta Psi

Official Pin – The Alpha Beta Psi pin is Navy Blue, with the Greek Letters 'ABΨ' engraved in Silver.

Official Colors – Navy Blue and Baby Blue

Official Flower – 'The Forget-Me-Not' is the official flower of Alpha Beta Psi; a flower that is typically blue and flowers best in the shade over the sun.



Mascot – The Betta Fish is a beautiful and iridescent fish, depending on lighting and angle.



Official Stone – Aquamarine



Opening Motto – "Forget Us Not!"

Official Philanthropy - The Center Against Domestic Violence. www.centeragainstdv.org

The Brother Fraternity - Gamma Psi Fraternity International

The Sisters of Beta Chapter Alpha Beta Psi Sorority



History of Alpha Beta Psi Sorority

Alpha Beta Psi Sorority was founded by four women - Cindy Gittman Shortilidge, Donna Wright Bowen, Christy Wright Clarke and Trina Samuel Anders - on October 22, 1978 at Richard Bland College of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

As a newly reformed sorority, Alpha Beta Psi supports the more contemporary principles of modeling an attitude of social harmony and embracing the diverse personalities of all sisters. The decision to form a sorority was made upon the mutual benefits of the sisters, which include the promotion of friendship and good relations throughout the college and community.

A Message from Sister Loren Piotrowski (ABΨ/A)

MATOACA, VIRGINIA – Mike, thanks for publishing the article. I hope to reach some past sisters. I've attached a picture of the actives and will send our emblem soon. We do not have a website just yet, and the girls had difficulty getting the Wikipedia article published due to citing sources. We are often called ABY, although I don't use that in writing. Our pin is in the shape of a free flowing ribbon with ABΨ engraved in it. It is navy blue and sterling silver with 'Forget-Me-Not's - our flower – on the sides. In fact, it's being proposed that we call the next couple of pledge classes 'Ribbon Clubs' as you have Crescent Clubs.