

The Grip

ΓΔΨ November 2009

Jim Fermoile - "Brotherhood"

Brothers and Gentlemen,

Congratulations and thank you for a wonderful visit. I do not go back 130 years but I remember 54 years ago the initiating of Alpha Phi & Chi chapters very well. I was able to eat with some of their Charter Brothers, old presidents and Grand Brothers as well as meeting so many great newer Brothers. Thank you again for my invitation.

I was asked a question - "Why fraternity"? - "Why not a Sports Club or a Hi Y or just another School Social Club". "What is so great about GAMMA DELTA PSI (a fraternity—why a fraternity)?"

Please, let me ask you - what do we have that is so great and special. Why do grown men travel up to twenty five hundred miles to sit in a meeting to talk, to eat, to tell stories, laugh and cajole with each other. What is it? I do not think it is that they do not have nothing else to do (like cut the lawn, go to a ball game, go fishing or be with their children or grandchildren). What brings them here? They did not get paid; they did not earn gold stamps. It is BROTHERHOOD plain and simple. Ask your self - why did you come?

We are no longer the boys of our youth. We are

men of the world and many of us are retired. We came to be together and enjoy each other and our brotherhood. With our Fraternity we learned self respect and citizenship. We learned how to conduct and participate in a business meeting. We also learned how to chair a successful dance, party and other functions. We learned how to manage a crew of volunteers and give our time and talent to help a charity. In short I believe we learned how to pass successfully from boyhood to men of the world, husbands, fathers and good citizens. There is so much more to fraternity than just a club. There is ritual, tradition, knowledge - there is BROTHERHOOD. A brother is as welcome in his brother's home as in his own home. And many a brother has been raised in another's home because of circumstances beyond his own control.

I have always personally felt in 1879 Brothers Dann, Jackson, Jones and Wurts gave us a wonderful legacy and in 1896 Rudyard Kipling gave us a great roadmap, the poem "IF" - and I believe in both - now that is what Fraternity is to me.

Jim Fermoile
Alpha Eta #344
Grand Brother #1

Conclave 2010 in Wilkes Barre, PA April 30 - May 2, 2010

The Board of Trustees of ΓΔΨ and the Board of Advisors of ΓΨ are pleased to announce that Conclave 2010 will be held at the Ramada Wilkes Barre in Wilkes Barre, PA from Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2, 2010. Room rates are very affordable at \$75.00, double occupancy.

The agenda for the weekend will be Friday Registration and "Meet and Greet" Party from 7 PM until 11 PM. Saturday will consist of an all day business meeting where discussions will be held dealing with expansion & rejuvenation strategies, future alumni events and other topics pertinent to ΓΔΨ and ΓΨ. A catered lunch will be provided for those attending. Saturday night will consist of a "Who's who?" Awards Banquet. Sunday morning there will be an informal send-off brunch.

The BOT and BOA are still finalizing all the details. See January's GRIP for all the details. We are looking at an all-inclusive option for the weekend that would include drinks and Hors D'Oeuvres Friday and Saturday night, Saturday's luncheon and an attendance souvenir. If you think you'd be interested in attending, please contact Bill Schmitt (william.j.schmitt@gmail.com).

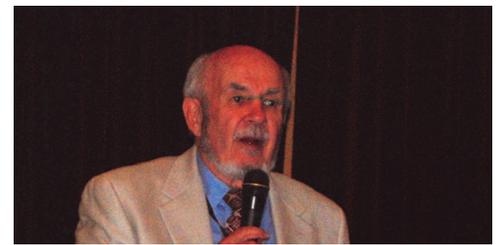
Changes to the GRIP

With the retirement of Michael Kuch as editor, you will see changes to the GRIP's delivery and content.

Firstly, the GRIP will not be sent as a file attachment in an e-mail message. You will receive a highlight e-mail with links to an online version of the GRIP. Click on the link and your browser will open to the GRIP page. For

those of you that still want a printable version, you may download the original file from the GRIP page.

Each month a "guest" editorial will be featured on the front page. It will also have features on Chapter Re-activations & Crescent Clubs, the ΓΔΨ Alumni Association and a report from the Board of Trustees.



Grand Brother Jim Fermoile speaking to the Brotherhood at ΓΔΨ's 130th Anniversary reunion in Toronto on October 17 / 09

If by Rudyard Kipling

*If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;*

*If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with triumph and disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with wornout tools;*

*If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on";*

*If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings - nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run -
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And - which is more - you'll be a Man my son!*

In this edition of the GRIP

- Observations from the 130th Anniversary Reunion weekend in Toronto
- Progress Report on the Beta Alpha Chapter Re-activation
- Beta Gamma Chapter Reunion
- Beta Alpha Chapter Reunion
- Upcoming 2010 Chapter Reunions
- Nirvana Chapter Report
- Board of Trustee Reports

In the next GRIP (January 1, 2010)

- Guest editorial by Brother Rick Davis (BA Alumnus, Former Southern VP)
- Spotlight on Beta Alpha (Hopewell, VA) Crescent Club
- Conclave 2010 details

Crescent Club & Chapter Reactivation News

Beta Alpha Crescent Club Hopewell High School Hopewell, VA

Brothers,

My first encounter with the South's first chapter was when several of the charter members stopped by our house in Hopewell. Shirley Setchel is my uncle and he was a charter member. I still remember looking with awe at his pin. I told myself I want one of those for myself. That was about 1957. Ten years later I was wearing one just like his except a BETA PSI chapter guard.

It has been my pleasure to attend the new clubs last several meetings. They have six to eight regulars at each meeting. The lads were at the breakfast brunch this past Sat. and they had a party planned that night with JILTS Sorority. I'm sure they all had a fine time. I truly believe this group of young men will become proud members in the near future. I'm sure in a few months us older brothers will be able to support them at their car washes or other functions. HAIL ALL HAIL THE NEW BETA ALPHA CHAPTER OF GAMMA DELTA PSI.

Johnnie Smith, BΨ
Board of Trustees



Beta Alpha Crescent Club & Jilts Sorority Halloween Party
L to R: Abby Clark, Scott Burgess, Whitney Clark, Tito Reyes, Josh Bagshaw, Jance Stephens, Tony Chambers, Cody Lynch, Bud Weyland, Tina Volk & Jordan West.



Watch for the BA Crescent Club Float in the Hopewell Christmas Parade

Beta Alpha Pledge Sheet

The Board of Trustees and the Beta Alpha Alumni that are overseeing this Crescent Club have created a 2 page "Pledge Sheet". This document is based on the Pledge Manual and concentrates on the key things that these young men will have to learn before they get their induction rituals.

The first page of the Pledge Sheet includes the Pledge Dedication, the early history of ΓΔΨ dealing with the 4 founding Brothers, the Greek Alphabet, prominent ΓΔΨ Brothers, ΓΔΨ Nomenclature, the Order of the Grand Crescent and a list of the Grand Brothers. The second page lists important ΓΔΨ Chapters, Virginia Chapters, Early BA Chapter History, prominent BA Brothers, information about ΓΨ Fraternity, The Board of Trustees, Chapter advisor contacts and a place for them to write in contact info for their "Big Brother".

A 20 question test based on the Pledge Sheet has also been put together.

PLEDGE SHEET

GAMMA DELTA PSI FRATERNITY INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDED APRIL 12, 1879

DEDICATION

To the founding fathers of Gamma Delta Psi and to the many great Brothers who have faithfully realized in their footsteps, we pledge ever to uphold these policies of Gamma Delta Psi:

- To encourage the dissemination of ideas between young men of varying backgrounds.
- To encourage the acquisition of organization abilities, business acumen and leadership abilities in its members.
- To encourage the development of social graces in its members.
- To encourage scholastic achievement.
- To encourage civic participation.
- To encourage personal and constructive pledge periods.

Early History of ΓΔΨ

Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity was founded April 12, 1879 at Hillhouse High School in New Haven, Connecticut, by Walter Sewings, Dana Fox, Arthur Henry Jackson #2, Wylie Blantly Jones #3, and Alexander Whitt #4 for the purpose of bringing together a body of kindred spirits and for the mutual benefit and social enjoyment of its members.

www.gammadeltapsi.com

Nomenclature "Delta", "Gamma Delta"

Colors: Red & Silver
Flower: Geml Carnation
Alma Mater: Like a River's Flowing Waters
Annual Publication: Geml & Silver
Monthly Newsletter: The GRIP
Official Jeweler: Heiff Jones

Official Coat of Arms

THE GREEK ALPHABET

A	Alpha	I	Iota	P	Rho
B	Beta	K	Kappa	Σ	Sigma
Γ	Gamma	Λ	Lambda	Τ	Tau
Δ	Delta	Μ	Mu	Υ	Upsilon
Ε	Epsilon	Ν	Nu	Φ	Phi
Ζ	Zeta	Ξ	Xi	Χ	Chi
Η	Eta	Ο	Omicon	Ψ	Psi
Θ	Theta	Ι	Iota	Ω	Omega

Prominent ΓΔΨ Members

Prominent members of Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity include two former Presidents of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt and Howard Taft. There is also General Douglas MacArthur, President Charles Seymour of Yale University, Edsel Ford of the Ford Motor Company and Commandant Clay Levenson of Virginia Military Institute.

The Order of the Grand Crescent

The Order of the Grand Crescent is the highest Fraternal honor in Gamma Delta Psi. This honor is presented to any member of the Fraternity who, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, has given outstanding and meritorious service to Gamma Delta Psi. The awarding of the Honor is neither restricted to once a year nor must it be presented each year. The recipients of this honor are inducted into the Order of the Grand Crescent at a special ceremony performed during a fraternal stag held in honor of the recipients. From that time forth the brother is to be known as Grand Brother.

Grand Brother	Chapter
1. James S. Farnold	AHP #44, BHP #1A, AHP #1C
2. Edward J. Stewart	N #79
3. Robert E. Galtre	BZ #42
4. Douglas R. Jamison	AP #62
5. V. Kenneth Marshall	BZ #1C
6. Oswald Hermy	AN
7. Felix M. Stockdale	BA #1A, FN #1C
8. M. Barry Yeates	BM

BETA ALPHA CHAPTER

HOPEWELL HIGH SCHOOL
HOPEWELL, VA
FOUNDED MAY 12, 1956

Chapter	High School	City, St. Pr.	Year Chartered	Importance
A	Hillhouse HS	New Haven, CT	1879	ΓΔΨ 1st Chapter
B	DuVane Military School	Niagara Falls, NY	1886	ΓΔΨ 2nd Chapter
Z	Westwood HS	Washington, DC	1892-1909	BA Sponsor
AT	University of Detroit	Detroit, MI	1920	1st of 2 Chapters at a University
AΦ	Memphis HS	Memphis, TN	1926	First Chapter at a University
ΓP	Wood Park HS	St. Catharines, ON	1936	The Last Chapter Chartered

Virginia Chapters of ΓΔΨ

Chapter	High School	City	Chartered
AB	Fordship-Manning-Royal	Royal	1929
AP	Waldsprie-Lewis HS	Albemarle	1942
BA	Haywood HS	Blacksburg	1945
BT	Theresa Gale HS	Chesapeake	1957
BA	Prince George HS	Prince George	1965
BO	Montebrook HS	Cherottesville	1965
BH	Columbia Heights HS	Columbia Heights	1976
BT	Dixfield HS	Dixfield	1985
BP	Prince George HS	Prince George	1985
EE	Melrose HS	Melrose	1988
FZ	Sunny Academy	Springburg	1990
FO	Pineburg HS	Pineburg	1990
FK	Montebrook HS	Cherottesville	1992
FN	Huffed HS	Alexandria	1992
FT	Montebrook HS	Cherottesville	1996

Gamma Psi Fraternity

Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity has a College-level affiliate, Gamma Psi Fraternity International. Gamma Psi was founded at John Tyler Community College in 1959.

Virginia Chapters of ΓΨ

Chapter	College	City	Chartered
A - John Tyler CC (Inactive)			
B - Richard Brand College (Inactive)			
F - Virginia Commonwealth Univ. (Inactive)			
Z - William & Mary Crescent Club (Inactive)			
H - Longwood University (Active)			
H - Radford University (Active)			

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My Big Brother is:

Beta Alpha Crescent Club Ritual Items Required

There is a good possibility that Gamma Delta Psi will have an active chapter by years end. These new Brothers in Beta Alpha Chapter would be receiving their rituals in the near future. I am in need of Chapter Robes, Marble Block, Gavel, Blackball box, etc., anything to help make their ritual a truly memorable experience. If you have any items that you would like to lend or donate to the Fraternity, it would be greatly appreciated. If you think you know of someone who has these materials, please contact them directly, or provide me with their contact information. We have Brothers in South and North who would be happy to pick these items up.

Many thanks,

Grand Brother Kevin Stockdale, BA, ΓN
kstockd654@aol.com
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Other Crescent Clubs in the works

- **Dinwiddie High School, Dinwiddie, VA** - Brother Randy Picardat (ΓE) has approached 8 - 10 young men attending DHS about forming a Crescent Club. A meeting with the boys parents is being planned.
 - **Holy Cross Secondary School, St. Catharines, ON** - The son of Bill Ross (ΓH) attends this school. The Board of Trustees has an upcoming meeting with him.
 - **Prince George High School, Prince George, VA** - Friends of the Beta Alpha Crescent Club attend PGHS. The BOT is investigating possibilities there.
- If you have any leads to other interested groups please contact the Board of Trustees*

Gamma Delta Psi Alumni Association

ΓΔΨ 130th / ΓΨ 40th Anniversary Reunion

Toronto, ON October 16-18, 2009



US Brothers in Attendance L to R: Jim Gogan (ΓN), Ralph Little (ΓN), Brandon Lucas (ΓΨ - H), Larry Belcher (ΓΨ - B, Γ), Grand Brother Kevin Stockdale (BA, ΓN), John Slate (ΓΘ), John Cobb (ΓΨ - B), Randy Picardat (ΓE, ΓΨ - B), Danny Wyatt (BII, ΓΨ - B, ΓΨ Grand Brother #1), Rick Davis (BA), Grand Brother Jim Fermoile (AH, B reactivated, AΓ) and Jared Haley (ΓΨ - H).

Michael,

Just a quick note to congratulate you on an outstanding weekend. Over the years I must have organized 4 or 5 for Gamma Delta Psi Conventions and at least 10 during my working career. I know how much work is involved to make it work! You made it a first class event.

I could not begin to explain to you how I felt about the event. As you noticed I was almost speechless and again my career had me speaking in front of hundreds of people at a time over the years.

Keep in touch and look after the archives.

Bro. Mark Courtemanche, BZ#20.

P.S. I will use the mug everyday and plan on putting the alumni decal on my car the first warm day.



Grand Brother Doug Jamieson (AΦ)

To all, I am back in Va., and also reflecting on the weekend. Too which I am yet unable to adequately put into words except to say, thanks to each and everyone for validating for me one of the best things I ever did.... to join into brotherhood with each of you. I will try to do more justice on my reflections as I get my wits together (if ever possible again) and caught up here at my office. Brothers please consider telling all of us that story you would have told, that message you would have given, if you had gotten the microphone this weekend. Bro Mike, et al, thank you for this past weekend..... a highlite of so many Gamma hi-lites for me. Danny Wyatt (BII)

**I'm on my way to Scranton Mr. Kuch.
Wonderful job on the weekend!
Best, Barry Yeates (BM)**

Good Morning Michael.

Thank you for the note but more important...thank you and your team for coordinating this event.

Words can't express my appreciation and gratitude for helping me re-connect with people who I have such cherished memories of.

Sincerely,
David Myers (AX 181)



Grand Brother Bob Guthrie (BZ)

Hi Michael: I don't have any big words of wisdom here but wanted to thank you personally for all of your hard work and efforts at helping organize this past reunion weekend. Bros. Dave Myers, Gary Horlick and myself are all glad we attended. It was great seeing some faces from about 35-38 years ago - particularly Bruce Johnstone, Kevin Stockdale and Mark Laminman. I really missed seeing Don (Sowey) Sowchuck though - too bad he didn't come. I used to be pals with his brother George as well. Thanks again for all your hard work and time though Michael. All the best, In Bonds, Bro. Dave Flemington (AX 200)

The Brothers of Alpha Phi Chapter

L to R: Bud Chowns, Mac Stoodley, Howie Haslett, John Melnyk, John MacGregor, Dave Bartell, Geoff Smith, Dan Schirelli, Tom Henderson, Bob Haesler, Dale Stoodley & Doug Jamieson



Gamma Delta Psi Alumni Association

ΓΔΨ 130th / ΓΨ 40th Anniversary Reunion (Cont.)



GB Kevin Stockdale (BA, ΓN) and Keith Comeau (AΘ)

Brother Bill Fermoile's Observations of the 130th Anniversary Reunion

It was my pleasure meeting my Brothers at the 130th Alumni reunion. I only wish we had more time. For the Brothers I missed I apologize. You are a fine and loyal group of Delts, so lets keep passing the Grip and Sprit of Gamma Delta Psi far into the future.

Fraternally yours,
Brother Bill Fermoile
AH #305 (27 Oct. 1945)



GB Jim Fermoile (AH, B, AT) left and Br. Bill Fermoile (AH, AT) right are dwarfed by 6' 8" Brother John Cobb (ΓΨ - B).

Recent Chapter Reunions

Beta Gamma Reunion (Thomas Dale HS, Chester, VA)

September 19, 2009

3rd Annual Beta Gamma Chapter reunion held at Brother Don Graves home in Chesterfield, VA.



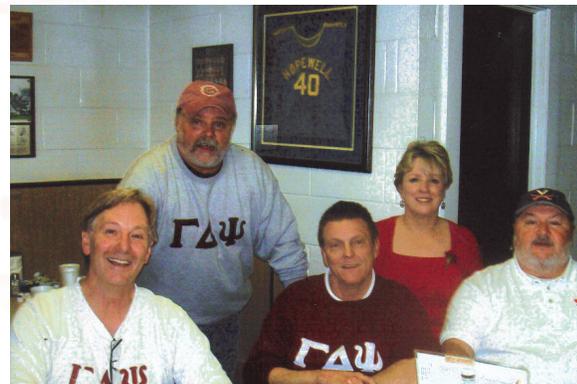
Top L to Bottom R: Don Graves, Barry Bradley, Leonard McAdams, John Graves, Glen Brubaker, Charles Blue, Don Flippen, Linwood Osterbind, Jerry McDaniel, Allen Mason, Guy Talley, Jack Thomas, Bobby Bradley, Gary Boshier, Mike Dudley, Jerry Toney, Irvin Johnson, Johnny Pierce, Warren Burke, Stuart Pillow, Carl "bony" Wheelhouse, Carl Jones, Richard Wheelhouse, James Wilson, Butch Wilson, Stan Holmes, John Gilliam & Butch Berberith



Beta Alpha Reunion (Hopewell HS)

October 31, 2009

Beta Alpha Brothers and the Crescent Club members gathered for breakfast at the Hopewell Quick Lunch.



Upcoming 2010 Chapter Reunions

Beta Mu Chapter Reunion

Beta Mu (Royal York CI, Etobicoke, ON) is having a reunion dinner on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at The Academy of Spherical Arts, 1 Snooker St., Toronto, ON (in the Liberty Village). For more details, BM Brothers can contact Paul Gibson at gdpbetamu@gmail.com about this event.

Alpha Chi Chapter Reunion

Alpha Chi (Oakville Trafalgar HS, Oakville, ON) is having a reunion on the weekend of September 17-19, 2010 in Niagara Falls, ON. Events include a pub night on Friday; Breakfast, Golf Tournament & Dinner Dance on Saturday; and Sunday Brunch. For more details go to their website at <http://alphachi.ca> or contact Mike Smallwood at 905-334-3205 for more details.

...other 2010 Reunions...

- Gamma Alpha (Thistleton CI, Rexdale, ON) - Details to follow.
- Gamma Mu (Ridgeway-Crystal Beach SS) / Gamma Xi (Fort Erie SS) - Details to follow.
- Beta Gamma (Thomas Dale HS, Chester, VA) - September 2010, details to follow.



Veterans Day / Remembrance Day 2009



Brother Francis J. McGouldrick Jr. Alpha Chapter #698

B-57 Canberra

Phan Rang Air Base, 1967

13th Strike

By Mark Witt
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Out of the 94 B-57s that were assigned to the Southeast Asia theater, 51 were lost in combat (including 15 destroyed on the ground).

On the night of Friday, December 13th, 1967, I was on duty as Tower Officer at Phan Rang Air Base, Vietnam. My friend of ten years in the Air Force, Major Tom Dugan and navigator Major Jay McGouldrick had a maintenance delay for the night's 13th and final B-57 mission. After the eventual launch, I sat back to relax until their return.

As each mission returned I checked them off then sat in a corner of the tower waiting for Tom and Jay. A phone call from our squadron operations duty officer came. "Dugan and McGouldrick are reported down", he said. "They won't be back".

At daylight rescue aircraft looked in the area of the reported crash. The report was that the B-57 had hit the C-130 Forward Air Controller (FAC). Both aircraft were down. Only the co-pilot of the C-130 of the C-130 had survived.

Was the B-57 hit by ground fire? Had the crew misunderstood the location of the FAC? Had the maintenance problem resurfaced during the dive on the target? No one knew nor would they ever know. The one recovered crew member could add nothing to the investigation. He was pulled from the area in the midst of ground fire.

On January 13, 1968 – one month later - another crew did not pull out of their dive and impacted in its target area. Were they hit? Was there a mechanical malfunction? Was the altimeter misread or did the pilot press the dive to save a bad target run? With 2000 ft. altitude needed to pull out of a dive run at 250 knots, there is no room for error.

When February arrived, there was no talk of the two crashes which occurred on the 13th day of the two past months, but superstition among otherwise logical men had to have been felt as the date approached--all aircraft returned.

We were only spared a week. On George Washington's birthday (February 22), another crew crashed into the top of a mountain on dive pullout in the often mis-charted, black night target terrain. Again, why?

Each of the six men had families. All were carried as missing in action for years---their names forever engraved on the Vietnam Wall.

Do we live today as Americans who honor their sacrifice in the name of what they believed to be their duty? The bodies were never recovered nor were they ever seen again. But they do live with many of us in the recurring dreams of their return from Vietnam---alive, but changed.

In Memory...

MC GOULDRICK, FRANCIS J JR COL + O6 AF 19281219 19681213 NEW HAVEN CT BNR 36W 017

DUGAN, THOMAS WAYNE COL + O6 AF 19330531 19681213 READING PA BNR 36W 014

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"Jay" McGouldrick A #698



Jay McGouldrick (National VP) & Walter Mimnaugh (National President) at the Fermoile Family Cottage, Bay Beach (Crystal Beach), Ontario, Canada in the Summer of 1950

Nirvana Chapter

- **David Lester Barfield (BII)** - Brother David Barfield passed away on September 6, 2009
- **Alvin Edward Walpole (ΓΞ)** - Brother Ed Walpole passed away on September 4, 2009

To report a Brother's passing, send the Obituary to Randy Picardat at rpcrdat@comcast.net

The Board of Trustees of $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ Fraternity International



*The Board of Trustees at the 130th Reunion
L to R: Michael Kuch (Retired), Mark Laminman,
Randy Picardat, Troy Adams, Joe Italia & Bill Schmitt*

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- Kenneth Martin $\Gamma\Theta$ (Website & GRIP)
- Randy Picardat $\Gamma\Xi$ (Expansion—South & $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ Alumni Ass.)

...and our newest members...

- Johnnie Smith $B\Psi$
- Kirk McClure BA

If you would like to serve on the Board of Trustees, contact Board of Trustees Chairman Mark Laminman at laminman@amtelecom.net

Out with the old and in with the new...



Brothers –

With reflections of the 130th Reunion this past October, the importance and gravity of such a rare event has grown more endearing with each passing day. I say this in fascination and awe of the responses received by Alumni Brothers who attended, and also from scores of those unable to participate.

I have forwarded many of these comments and messages for inclusion in this and future editions of The Grip.

In the matter of the plaque that I was so honored to receive at the Banquet on Saturday evening, a wealth of thanks to the Board of Trustees for this special appreciative commendation, and a note of sincere gratitude to Chairman Mark Laminman for including my wife Gabriella on stage to share the moment.

I am replete with anticipation to know that The Grip is being published under the auspices of such a capable assembly of Brothers, who share the passion and understanding what it has meant to me for many years. I am certain it will continue with the spirit of almost 50 years of publishing such a venerable and worthy endeavor.

My only advice from a guy not usually apt to give any: use Spell-check (US Version), and never afford me a blank page with unlimited space to write...

Michael Kuch
Gamma Alpha #114
PS: Here's a shameless plug for my weblog; please link on at – planetgamma.blogspot.com – and thanks to those who follow regularly.

The issues the BOT is currently tackling to get $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ back into the High Schools

- Procuring Robes, Gavel & Block and ritual items
- Revising and Updating the Pledge Manual (renamed "Education Manual")
- Creating a Crescent Club Start Up Kit
- Revising all $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ Documents
- Getting a marketing plan in place

Thanks to the 130th Committee

The Board of Trustees, on behalf of all Brothers that attended the anniversary celebration weekend in Toronto, extends a hearty "Thank You" to the 130th Committee. The team that organized the event, headed up by Brother Kuch, included Brothers Adams, Bartlett, Johnstone, Moore, Walker and others can be proud in the fact that you organized a gathering like no other before and not likely to be seen again anytime soon. Congratulations on a job well done and again, our most sincere appreciation.

The Board of Trustees of $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$

Treasurer's Note

The Board of Trustees is in the process of changing the signing authority on the Fraternities bank account, and holdings. Brothers Laminman and Schmitt will be remaining as signatories. Brother Kuch will be replaced by me. Once this is complete, I will assume all of the duties of treasurer.

In recent weeks, the BOT passed a motion to treat donations that were made with specific purposes in mind (expansion, robes, etc.), as protected funds. This guarantees that these donations will be used only for the purpose requested by the donor.

Yours in Bond,
Joe Italia

$\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ Donor List

The BOT would like to thank the following Brothers for their kind donations to these $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ projects.

- David Myers, AX for his donation towards $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ Rejuvenation & Expansion.
- An Anonymous BM Brother for his donation towards the annual cost of the website.

$\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ needs your involvement at any level

There is much to do in updating, organizing and rejuvenating Gamma Delta Psi. There are several levels of involvement available to anyone wishing to push us forward to a new day of fraternal strength. Hands, minds, hearts, brotherhood and a bit of your time is needed at all levels. In an effort to recruit you to any of these, I outline what I see as the various stages of involvement, starting with the ones that require the most time and energy.

Board Member – taking the responsibility and time to plan the overall strategy, oversee committees, review plans and progress, identify opportunities and obstacles, etc.

Committee Chair or Task Manager – take on the job of reviewing and adjusting policies, or the constitution, mentor a young group of students through being a Crescent Club to chapter status, develop a marketing strategy that can assist a mentor in recruiting and guiding a new group, chair a group to organize the next conclave....the list will grow!

Committee Member – apply your skills by being involved on a committee that is being formed.

Board Advisor – stay up to date on board discussions and provide your opinion on matters that we are currently dealing with to provide your perspective and experienced insight.

Task Sponsor – for those that don't have the time or ability to get into the trenches, you can always pledge a donation to ensure your favorite project does not lack funds.

Crescent Participant – for those that just want to be kept up to date on decisions and progress of committees or tasks without having any say or involvement in how or what decisions are made.

Interested Alumni – for those who have little interest in today or tomorrow, but wish to be informed about reunions.

So, where do you sit? What list do you wish to be allocated to? We are here to fill the needs of the fraternity, but the needs of the fraternity are the collective needs of each brother, as well as the needs of future brothers. We will always strive to meet the needs of the alumni. In turn, can you spare some time to meet the needs of the future?

To volunteer for any level of involvement, contact any board member.

Mark Laminman
Chairman, BOT



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