

**AFTER A 15 YEAR ABSENCE YOUR FRATERNITY IS...**

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**A G A I N !**

**Beta Alpha Chapter Re-activated at Hopewell HS at an  
Induction Ritual and Charter Presentation held on  
Sunday, February 28th, 2010**



**The newly inducted Brothers hold up the original Beta Alpha Charter presented to them by  
BA Charter Member J. Bunn Armstrong (BA 12c) and Board of Trustees Chairman Mark Laminman (ΓΞ 14).**

**From Left to Right: "Bud" Anthony J. Weyland IV (BA 301), "Tito" Jorge Alberto Reyes (BA 302),  
"Scott" Michael Scott Burgess (BA 303) & Cody Allen Lynch (BA 304).**

# Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity



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## *Much I needed to know I learned in the Fraternity*

Mimico High School in Mimico, Ontario was the home of Alpha Phi Chapter and had been for a few years when I came on the scene in grade nine in 1953. Mimico was a small town which was rapidly being absorbed into Toronto as a suburb and now is just another bump in the knotted rope along Lake Ontario which is Metropolitan Toronto. Mimico is an aboriginal word meaning "home of the pigeons". My father had a photographic studio there, having left his job as a school Principal in 1946. My mother was raised there and my parents met while singing in the church choir in the Presbyterian church around the corner, where my paternal grandfather was the minister. Deep roots!

There were two fraternities in the school, Gamma Delta Psi and Gamma Sigma.  $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$  had a good reputation and at that time of having snagged a good slice of the 'Jocks'. The other fraternity's reputation was not so good! The school was being changed over from a general high school to a commercial (secretarial training)/ general mix which meant with 600 students about 500 were young girls. Alpha Phi also drew members from the nearby New Toronto High School which was the flip side, they had auto shop and metal working facilities and the student mix was reversed.

As I became acclimatized to high school, I was 13 on the first day, I became aware of the different stratum of society. The scholars, the jocks and the in between. My first awareness of the fraternity was when my sister, who was 4 years older than me, came home excited because Alpha Phi was in the process of chartering a sister sorority in the school called Alpha Beta Psi and she was to be a charter member. The sorority spread to a couple of other schools and then slowly

faded away - maybe lasting 10 years.



**Doug speaks to the Brothers gathered at the 130th Anniversary Celebration in Toronto in October 2009**

I won't bore you with my teenage struggles and pains, suffice it to say when I was 17, I had grown over a foot taller and went out for football. For the first time I experienced a kind of brotherhood with the members of the team. I liked it! Many of the team members were  $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$  brothers so in 1957 I was asked to pledge for the fraternity. Now the real learning begins. I was a shy kid with the usual teenage chronic erection. I could barely speak in front of the class and blushed scarlet whenever noticed. Now put a silly orange paper derby on my head, a tie knotted around my bare neck and sentence me to be the indentured slave of 20 young men. Brothers who were determined that no one was going to get in the fraternity without enduring the same humiliation that they did. Add to the mix a flu epidemic which raged

through the school during my pledge period, and my cursed good health and I became one of the few pledges available for them to work on. Most of the school used to assemble on the school steps at noon to see and be seen and there I was on my knees proposing marriage to some, collecting names addresses and phone numbers from others and generally making a spectacle of myself. And then there was the night time drives, being taken to the houses of only the most beautiful and sought after young ladies in the school in my full regalia to get them to sign my book. It all taught me that if you want something badly enough - and I wanted to be part of the fraternity - you can do it. You have to lock your eyes on the goal, make the necessary changes and adaptations that the goal makes worthwhile. Anyway, that pretty much wrapped up my shyness. I learned humiliation and personal discomfort is not fatal, something I've recalled every time I've made a presentation to a meeting or client. Sometimes you just have to do it.

All through my tenure on the Board of Control, I was an outspoken critic of pledge physical hazing. I did everything I could to make the pledge periods to be more educational not physical but I have to admit, pledging for the fraternity for that 5 weeks changed my life completely and I'll be forever grateful.

Yours in Bonds  
Doug Jamieson  
Alpha Phi #62  
Grand Brother  
[jam6497@netscape.net](mailto:jam6497@netscape.net)

PS: I think I've finally got a handle on the erection thing!

**Editor's Note:** The graphic above is the original GRIP graphic used by GRIP creator Doug Jamieson in the early 1960s. Here is what Doug says of those early GRIPs: "I was the IBC Secretary / Treasurer at that time and was trying to write at least one letter to each chapter each month and it was getting out of hand 'cause I was using an old typewriter and onion skin paper with many layers of carbon paper. I then started running it off on my father's Gestetner machine laboriously typing stencils and pasting a prepared stencil of the hands shaking into each one - I even printed it in color."

# Beta Alpha Chapter Induction Ceremony

## Letters from the Crescent upon receiving the invitation to attend

Thank you for the invite Kevin. I am sad to say that I will not be able to attend.

It is great news nonetheless!!! Good luck and I hope it is a success.

In bond, Chris Nye, Gamma Eta  
[cnyel@live.com](mailto:cnyel@live.com)

Congratulations to Beta Alpha, it's nice to see the fraternity coming back. That old Virginia spirit never dies.

John Gaudet  
Beta Sigma #46  
[johninexuma@gmail.com](mailto:johninexuma@gmail.com)

Hi Bill, Great news that there will be some new brothers entering Gamma Delta Psi.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the induction but you could pass on to the new brothers my sincere congratulations They should be very proud that they will bring new life into Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity. They will be long remembered.

My further congratulations to all those alumni whose time and efforts made this possible. An incredible feat.

Yours in Bonds,  
Doug Jamieson  
[jam6497@netscape.net](mailto:jam6497@netscape.net)

Wow...hardly seems possible...but by golly...thanks to the concerted efforts of so many of you spirited Brothers, old Beta Alpha is like the mythical Phoenix!!

Regrettably, I'll be out of town and unable to attend...but know how proud I am of one and all.

All the best...always!

Brother Rick Davis  
Beta Alpha #80  
[rick.davis.nc@gmail.com](mailto:rick.davis.nc@gmail.com)

## Photos from the Big Day



Photo left. Pre-Induction jitters. Cody, Scott, Bud and Tito get ready to leave for the Knights of Columbus Hall.

After the Induction Ritual the Brothers stretch their legs before the Charter Presentation.

Photo below. L to R, seated turned away from camera: Larry Minter, Dorsey Howard. L to R, standing: Kevin Stockdale, Mark Laminman, Tony Weyland (behind), Wayne Walton, John Cobb, Ed Lilly, Larry Belcher (behind), Ken Emerson, Bunn Armstrong.



# Beta Alpha Chapter Induction Ceremony

Right: Brother Dorsey Howard (BA 58) gives the new Brothers Silver Dollars



Left: Bud, Scott, Tito and Cody show off their Membership Shingles.



## 33 Gamma Delta Psi and Gamma Psi Brothers attended the Ritual Ceremony

J. Bunn Armstrong (BA 12c), Eddie Jones (BA 40), Larry Minter (BA 47), Dorsey Howard (BA 58), Allen Stanley (BA 66), Wayne Walton (BA 83), Ken Emerson (BA 90), Jerry Glazebrook (BA 101), David Ameen (BA 137), Kirk McClure (BA 144), Kevin Stockdale (BA 146, ΓN 1c), Richard Ameen (BA 147), Wayne Markland (BA 161), Klaus Aultman (BA 162), Don Graves (BΓ 115), John Graves (BΓ 121), Carl Jones (BΓ 138), Danny Wyatt (BΠ, ΓΨ-B), Charles Marks (BΨ), Darrell Sears (BΨ), Johnnie Smith (BΨ), Randy Picardat (ΓE, ΓΨ-B), Jim Gogan (ΓN), Mark Laminman (ΓΞ 14), Larry Belcher (ΓΨ-B, ΓΨ-Γ), John Cobb (ΓΨ-B), Ed Lilley (ΓΨ-?), Tony Weyland (ΓΨ-B), Chris Barnes (ΓΨ-H), Yuri Claustro (ΓΨ-H), Jared Haley (ΓΨ-H), Jeff Hoerman (ΓΨ-H) and Brandon Lucas (ΓΨ-H).

Dear Gamma Delta Psi Brothers,

Thank you so much for organizing and bringing about the resurrection of Beta Alpha Chapter with the induction of our four new members yesterday afternoon. It was an honor, indeed, to have been present to witness this inspiring and forward-oriented event. As an Alumni member our thoughts and actions are often past-oriented. How refreshing to see positive indications for a bright future on the horizon for Gamma Delta Psi and Beta Alpha Chapter thanks to the tireless efforts of a handful of Alumni members.

I realize those of us who were mere spectators have no idea how much work a handful of you put into bringing about yesterday's memorable event. I know you looked with great personal satisfaction as the fruition of your efforts came alive through the four young Brothers who were inducted as new members. At this point in my life and considering the inadequacies of my memory, I hesitate to list those who I would like to personally thank for fear of leaving someone out. But, I'm going to try anyway and solicit your indulgence and forgiveness if I've forgotten to mention anyone. To Grand Brother Kevin Stockdale, Board of Trustees Member Mark Laminman from Canada, Absolutely Tireless Brother Kirk McClure (BA--144) Brother Randy Picardat who has never given up on the GDP, and the Brothers from our affiliated fraternal groups at Longwood University, Virginia Commonwealth University, John Tyler Community College I extend my personal thanks for bringing about this momentous milestone in Gamma Delta Psi and Beta Alpha Chapter history. Again, please accept my apologies to those deserving Brothers who I have failed to mention by name. I feel certain that Grand Brother Kevin, Brother Kirk and Brother Randy will include a complete list of those deserving our personal thanks and congratulations in the near future.

What a thrill it was to see our own Alumni Brother Bunny Armstrong (Charter Member BA-12) accept the original Charter for Beta Alpha Chapter from Brother Mark Laminman of the Board of Trustees and present it to our new Brothers symbolizing the Resurrection of our long dormant chapter. To our newly inducted Brothers I extend a most heartfelt offer of whatever help and encouragement I can render as a slowly fading away old salt from years gone by. I'm personally very proud of each of you.

In Brotherly Bonds,  
Dorsey Howard GDP BA 58  
Chester, VA  
[dewberrytwo@aol.com](mailto:dewberrytwo@aol.com)

## Correspondence between Kevin Stockdale and Tito Reyes in regards to his first day at school as a ΓΔΨ Brother

Kevin writes...

*Well Brother Tito, what's the news? Everyone is wondering how the first day at school went. Did you all wear your pins? Lots of questions? Any grief?*

*Send me a note when you can,*

*Fraternally,  
Kevin*

Tito responds...

*We wore our pins to school. Everyone had questions about them. Our teachers gave us strange looks. Principal Fletcher came up to me and attempted to read the letters on my sweater. He seemed amused that he forgot the easiest letter; Delta, And surprisingly he didn't force us to take them off. We had a meeting later that night and we all had our pins on and it felt so great, I bet we all feel mighty accomplished with ourselves. We passed the GRIP at the end and we all had huge smiles on our faces. How was the ride home brother?*

*Tito*

To pass on your congratulations to your newest Brothers, send e-mails to:

Bud Weyland, BA President [budbaseball95@yahoo.com](mailto:budbaseball95@yahoo.com), Tito Reyes, BA Vice President & Corresponding Secretary [desrucflame@gmail.com](mailto:desrucflame@gmail.com), Scott Burgess, BA Treasurer [scottco12@yahoo.com](mailto:scottco12@yahoo.com) and Cody Lynch [c-dy1@hotmail.com](mailto:c-dy1@hotmail.com)

# Beta Alpha Chapter Induction Ceremony

Right, Charter BA Brother Bunn Armstrong and Board of Trustees Chairman Mark Laminman present the 4 new Brothers the original Charter.



## Brother Laminman thanks his Southern hosts upon his safe arrival home

Brothers,  
I'm home.

I see a bunch of notes about the weekend, but will read them when I'm awake.

One thing that could not wait though.....

I want to express a HUGE Thank You to the southern gentlemen who made my trip seamless.

To Kirk who played cab driver, Kevin and his good wife Lynn who put me up Saturday, and Mike Terry and his lovely family, Mrs. Terry (Stephanie) and the girls, for feeding us a great meal on Sunday and tucking me into bed and then got me to the airport for the return. As well, there were all the southern Brothers who showed up to ring in the "new" chapter...most especially the Brothers of Gamma Psi - Eta who grabbed onto their new younger brothers and helped show them that it is not all old fat guys.

I was humbled and impressed by the coordination and hospitality. You all display the essence of the south and the brotherhood of Gamma Delta Psi and Gamma Psi!

Many heard my trials of getting to Virginia and the mess-ups of the airlines.....it got worse going home....to make a long story short, I ended up having lunch in Cincinnati .... go figure!

I'll send more of a note tomorrow.....going to bed now.

Mark

## The following Press release will be sent to The Hopewell News

The International Fraternity of Gamma Delta Psi welcomed back Beta Alpha Chapter to its 131 year-old Roll, hosting Induction Rituals for its newest members at the Knights of Columbus Hall (Hopewell) on February 28.

Originally chartered at Hopewell High School on May 12, 1956, Freshmen Inductees Bud Weyland, Tito Reyes, Scott Burgess and Cody Lynch received a new Charter as part of the ceremony.

Thirty-three Alumni members attended from surrounding areas of Hopewell, Enon, Dinwiddie, Chester, Prince George, Woodbridge and Fredericksburg, with Chairman of the organization's Board of Trustees, Mark Laminman, visiting from London, Ontario (Canada).

Also attending were members of Eta Chapter of Gamma Psi, the College-level Fraternity affiliate at Longwood University in Farmville.

The ceremony was administered by Kevin Stockdale, formerly of Hopewell, Randy Picardat of Ettrick, Johnnie Smith of Prince George, Dan Wyatt of Chester, Kirk McClure of Hopewell.

Chairman Laminman and J. Bunn Armstrong, an original Charter Member of the Beta Alpha Chapter, presented Certificates of Membership to the new members. Dorsey Howard of Chester graced the Fellowship gathered with words of inspiration and a gift of Silver Dollars to each inductee.

Founded in 1879 in New Haven, Connecticut, Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International claims more than 90 high school level chapters throughout the US and Canada, its local Beta Alpha Chapter counts over 300 active and alumni members.

Gamma Delta Psi gathers for its Annual Conclave the weekend of April 30 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The Fraternity website is [www.gammadeltapsi.com](http://www.gammadeltapsi.com).

Scott, Cody, Tito & Bud,

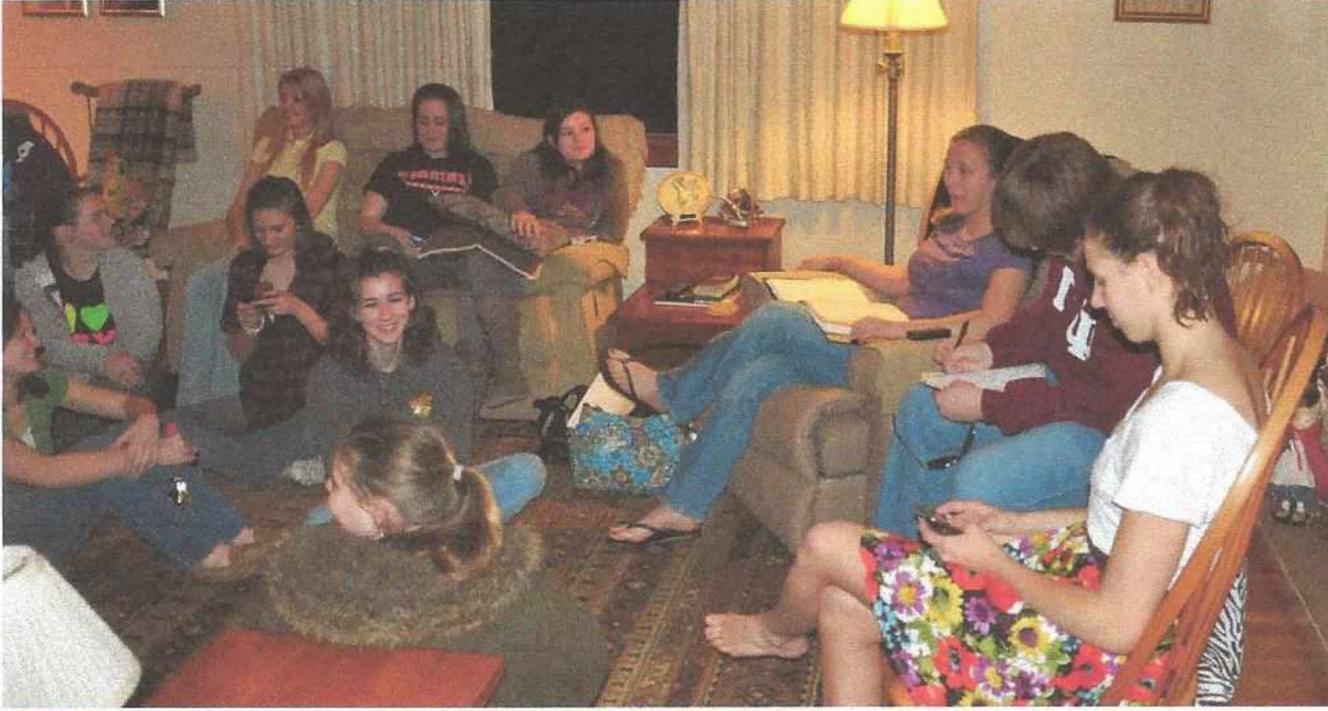
Tony Weyland just sent me a photo of you guys after your induction ritual with your suits on, wearing your pins and holding your membership shingles. It brought tears to my eyes. I'm so very proud of you guys! You did what you had to do to gain membership in our great organization. I tried so very hard to be there at your induction ceremony but I couldn't juggle work...I'm really sorry that I could not attend.

Great to have you on board!

Bill Schmitt  
BOT Secretary

# Gamma Delta Psi Chapter News

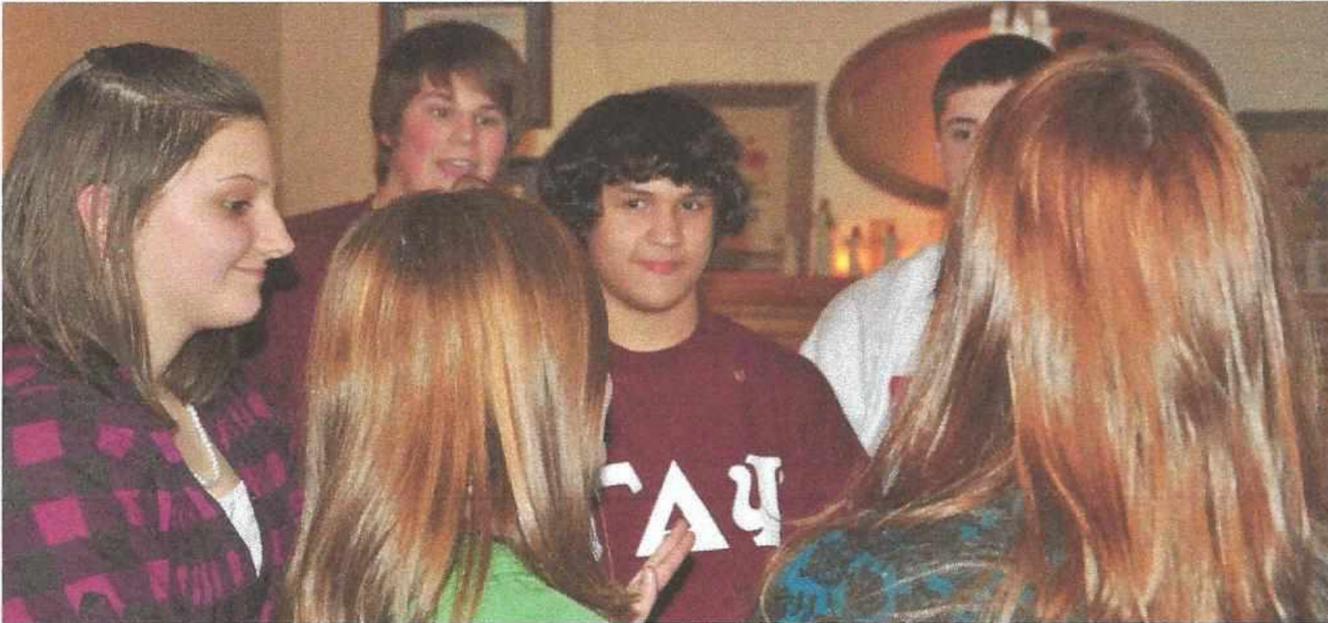
## Beta Alpha and Jilts Sorority Joint Meeting March 8th



Beta Alpha chapter had its first combined meeting and hot dog social with Jilts on Monday, March 8th. This was their first function as a reactivated chapter.

Our young brothers discussed a combined car wash on the Saturdays before both Hopewell and Prince George's prom. The Jilts provided hot dogs and smores.

The boys are going to invite some new prospective pledges to the meeting on March 15th with any luck we will be able to double Beta Alpha's numbers by the middle of the summer. We have Brother Cody Lynch moving to Prince George over the summer and hope to have a few pledges from there also.



**Editors Note:** Beta Alpha tells the Board of Trustees that they have 8 interested prospective members at both Hopewell HS and Prince George HS. They may start their first Pledge Education Period as early as Monday, March 29, 2010.

Beta Alpha's weekly meetings are held every Monday night at 6 PM. For info about attending a meeting contact Bud Weyland, BA Chapter President at [budbaseball95@yahoo.com](mailto:budbaseball95@yahoo.com)

## Gamma Delta Psi Crescent Club News

### Are you a Central or South Florida resident or "snow bird"? Your Fraternity needs your help!

The Board of Trustees has recently received website hits from two interested groups in Florida. The first group is in the Boca Raton area and attend Deerfield Beach High School. The second group is in the Cape Canaveral area and attend Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School.

Our problem is that we know of no one in the area that can help us get them started. If you live in one of these areas and have time to help them get started or at least have time to check in on a meeting, please, contact the Board of Trustees. We have a package of resources to help you assist them in becoming Brothers of Gamma Delta Psi.

Please contact Board of Trustees Chairman, Mark Laminman at (519)-773-2299 or [laminman@amtelecom.net](mailto:laminman@amtelecom.net)

### Crescent Club Possibilities at...

- **Prince George High School, Prince George, VA**—Brother Cody Lynch (BA 304) will be attending PGHS next year.
- **Dinwiddie High School, Dinwiddie, VA**—Brother Picardat has a list of young men that he would like to speak with (and their parents) about  $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ .
- **St. Catharines, ON**—The son of a  $\Gamma H$  alumnus and the son of a  $B\Xi$  alumnus have expressed interest in  $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ .
- **Deerfield Beach High School, Deerfield Beach, FL**—A group of 8-10 interested young men made an inquiry from the website.
- **Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School, Port St. John, FL**—A group of 6-8 young men recently inquired about setting up a Crescent Club of  $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ .

### Do you know of a young man or a group of young men that are "Gamma" material?

The Board of Trustees is now actively seeking requests from interested High School aged men willing to form Crescent Clubs or reactivate Chapters. If you have sons, nephews, grandsons or know of good young men in your community, please forward any leads to the Board of Trustees at [info@gammadeltapsi.com](mailto:info@gammadeltapsi.com).

# *Gamma Delta Psi Alumni Association*

## **Alumni Secretary Randy Picardat's Address to the Alumni**

Brothers,

Once again Gamma Delta Psi and Gamma Psi are on the road to success! On February 28, 2010 the four newest Brothers of Beta Alpha Chapter of Gamma Delta Psi were inducted in Hopewell, Virginia. These four young men mark the re-birth of a once thriving Chapter and marks the first time in over 15 years that there has been an active Chapter of Gamma Delta Psi. Also, recently a group of ten eager young men stepped forward at Bridgewater University to form the Iota Crescent Club of Gamma Psi.

As the Alumni Secretary for the Board of Trustees it is my responsibility to gather addresses and contact information on the Alumni. Of greater importance is trying to keep the Alumni informed of events and involved at different levels of the organization. You as an Alumnus are an invaluable tool to these young men as they start down the road of Brotherhood. During 2009, we held a number of events both in Canada and in Virginia where, with the exception of the Brothers from Gamma Psi Eta Chapter, the attendees were all Alumni Brothers. So how important are YOU? I read an article recently that sums up the importance of a "Gamma" Alumnus. Below is that article:

*Dear Brothers:*

*Here is a question. How important are our Alumnus?*

*No matter how large or small our Chapters are, a new group of Alumnus graduates from each one each year. For some reason this Alumnus seems to vanish from Gamma Delta Psi into the business and professional worlds never to be heard of again. A question that constantly enters my mind is "Why do Chapters allow this to happen?"*

*Chapters, when formed, don't instantly have experience, but instead must develop it through the years. This experience, or guiding light, is something that is needed so that the Chapter may pick up from where it left off at the start of each new school year. Needless to say, the Alumnus of each Chapter abounds in this experience.*

*Besides being able to guide, Alumnus can supply financial backing when a Chapter finds itself in need. They can help in deciding important things and can aid in making important decisions. They can also aid in initiations, thus giving new pledges a deeper feeling for Fraternity from the start since the new pledges will naturally look up to this older and wiser person.*

*Gamma Delta Psi has a rather elite roster of Alumnus. Such men as Ford, Roosevelt, Taft, McArthur, Fermoye and Jameson have led in their eras. These men have not allowed the Fraternity, as a whole, to die. Your Chapter also needs this type of guidance and it's your Alumnus that can supply it. Don't let them get away.*

*When your by-laws are being revised at the start of next year, why don't you institute another office into your Chapter. That being the office of Alumni President, which could be filled automatically by your outgoing President. The Board of Control also help in this matter by appointing their outgoing President as the Alumni President of the whole Fraternity. In this way, these experienced and tried individuals could combine together and continue to aid the Fraternity on a Chapter and International level.*

*Remember, old blood or Alumni are almost as important to your Chapter as the new blood or new members. Don't let them get away. Let's do something about our vanishing Alumnus problem right now.*

*Ken Markell*

*President, International Board of Control, 1962 – 1963*

*"Taken from the 1965 Garnet and Silver"*

As you have just read the importance of the Alumni was realized 45 years ago and is no less important today. In fact, it is more important now than it has ever been. If it had not been for the Alumni, there would have been no anniversary celebrations last year, no Northern Rally and there would not have been an Induction of the newest members of our Brotherhood.

Now that we have new blood, they need guidance and support, guidance in making decisions, running meetings, and fund raising. Support from each of us when they do civic projects for the community, hold donut sales or a car wash to raise money for whatever the cause. I am not asking you to sacrifice hours of your time on a regular basis, but rather the time it takes to drop an e-mail, have your car washed, attend a meeting or make a phone call. Just think of what your early Fraternity experience would have been like if you had had an Alumnus you could have turned to for help. Please don't be the Alumni Brother that fades away, keep the chain of Brotherhood strong, help make sure that even the weakest link of Gamma Delta Psi is too strong to be broken.

Yours in Bonds,

Randy Picardat, ΓΕ #33

BOT, Alumni Secretary

[rpicardat@comcast.net](mailto:rpicardat@comcast.net)

**Upcoming 2nd Saturday Breakfast Dates at Golden Corral Restaurant, Colonial Heights, VA**

**April 10, May 8 & June 12, 2010. Learn more at [www.gammadeltapsi.com/alumni/upcoming\\_events/2nd\\_saturday\\_breakfast.html](http://www.gammadeltapsi.com/alumni/upcoming_events/2nd_saturday_breakfast.html).**

# Gamma Delta Psi Alumni Association

## GDPAA Chapter Alumni Contacts

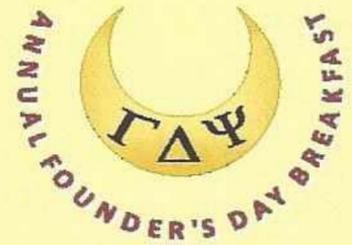
The following Brothers are attempting to find alumni from their Chapters:

- Z Washington, DC—David Dignan [ndbdignan@aol.com](mailto:ndbdignan@aol.com)
- AH Niagara Falls, NY—Bill Fermoile [shwn297@earthlink.net](mailto:shwn297@earthlink.net)
- AΦ Mimico, ON—Al Smith [allanandbernice@sympatico.ca](mailto:allanandbernice@sympatico.ca)
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- ΓN Alexandria, VA—Cris Hernandez [hernandez\\_09@yahoo.com](mailto:hernandez_09@yahoo.com)
- ΓΞ Fort Erie, ON—Joe Italia [witalia@cogeco.ca](mailto:witalia@cogeco.ca)

Please contact these Brothers if you can help locate Brothers. If you are willing to research your Chapter to find alumni and act as your Chapter's Alumni Contact, contact Randy Picardat [rpicardat@comcast.net](mailto:rpicardat@comcast.net).

## GDP Alumni Breakfast

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010 @ 9 AM



Cora's Restaurant  
240 North Service Rd W  
Oakville, Ontario  
Doral Drive (Exit) @ QEW

RSVP [michael.luch@rogers.com](mailto:michael.luch@rogers.com) (416) 910-2552

## 2010 Milestone Chapter Anniversaries

### 100th Anniversary

April 22, 1910—AH, Niagara Falls, NY

### 55th Anniversary

February 1955—AX, Oakville, ON

### 50th Anniversary

1960—BZ, Mississauga, ON

October 9, 1960—BH, Burlington, ON

### 45th Anniversary

March 7, 1965—BP, Etobicoke, ON

April 25, 1965—BΣ, Etobicoke, ON

September 4, 1965—BT, Dinwiddie, VA

December 19, 1965—BΤ, Toronto, ON

### 40th Anniversary

August 1, 1970—ΓM, Ridgeway, ON

August 1, 1970—ΓN, Alexandria, VA

**Is your Chapter considering a reunion to mark this milestone?**

### Beta Mu Chapter Reunion

Beta Mu (Royal York CI, Etobicoke, ON) is having a reunion dinner on Saturday, May 15th 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](mailto:gdpbetamu@gmail.com) about this event.

### Alpha Chi Chapter Reunion

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

### Other 2010 Chapter Reunions

**Gamma Mu (Ridgeway-Crystal Beach SS, Ridgeway, ON) & Gamma Xi (Fort Erie SS, Fort Erie, ON)** - July / August 2010. Contact Joe Italia for details.

**Beta Gamma (Thomas Dale HS, Chester, VA)** - September 2010. Contact Don Graves or Don Flippin for event details.

## Nirvana Chapter

### James H. Hunt BH 5c

HUNT, James (Jim) H. 1942 - 2009 Peacefully at his residence on Friday, November 20th, as the result of a heart attack. Jim Hamilton Hunt aged 67 years. Jim was a member of Forest Hill United Church and had been employed with the Waterloo County Separate School Board as a transportation officer until his retirement in 1999 and devoted himself to his baking passion and was affectionately known as "The Pie Man". Loving partner to Susan Rollo (Winterburn), dear father to William and his wife Wendy of Shilo, MB and Erin of Toronto, brother to Ray and his wife Judy of London and Mary Barbour of Hamilton, New Zealand, Grampa Jim, to Kieran and Terry. Predeceased by his parents Harrison Hunt and Jean Gillin Friends may call at the Ratz-Bechtel Funeral Home, 621 King St. W., Kitchener on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday at 2:00 pm from Forest Hill United Church with Rev. Marian Gils McLeod and Rev Murray McLeod officiating. Donations may be made to St. Mary's Hospital Cardiac Care Unit or the Canadian Diabetic Association as expressions of sympathy through the funeral home.

Submitted by Grahame Richards BH 3c [weslemkoon06@gmail.com](mailto:weslemkoon06@gmail.com)

Hi Randy:

Here is the obit from the K-W Record for Jim Hunt (BETA ETA #5) who died in November. He was one of the founding brothers of Beta Eta chapter formed at Burlington, Ontario in 1959. Jim was a musician who formed a folk singing group (The Hitchhikers) with two other Beta Eta brothers and provided entertainment at some of our dances etc.

BTW really enjoy receiving the GRIP. It brings back some great memories. Keep up the good work.

Yours in Bond,

Grahame Richards Beta Eta #3

Burlington, Ontario, Canada

**To report a Brother's passing, send the Obituary to Randy Picardat at [rpicardat@comcast.net](mailto:rpicardat@comcast.net)**

# Gamma Delta Psi / Gamma Psi Joint Conclave Wilkes-Barre, PA April 30—May 2, 2010

Cost to Attend...\$80, Hotel Room...\$75 per night, The opportunity to plot the future of your Fraternity...Priceless!  
Confirm your attendance and reserve your room by April 17th

## Presentation Supplies needed for Saturday's Business meeting

The Board of Trustees and Board of Advisors is in need of the following supplies for the meeting:

- Multimedia Projector capable of projecting a PowerPoint Presentation.
- Easels, White Boards and Markers for committee sessions.
- Easels, Flip Charts and Markers for speakers to write down their arguments.
- Pre-Conclave photocopying of Agenda, Constitutions and other Conclave documents.

We would really like to save money by not having to buy or rent these items. If you have access to these supplies and are willing to lend them for the weekend contact Bill Schmitt at 613-966-3585 or [william.j.schmitt@gmail.com](mailto:william.j.schmitt@gmail.com) before April 14th.

## Awards Committee seeks Nominations for $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ and $\Gamma\Psi$ Awards

Hello Brothers!

On to Wilkes-Barre! Please join us. As chair of the Awards Committee, I am soliciting your advice for nominations for  $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$  and  $\Gamma\Psi$  Awards.

Some will be easy, Chapter attendance, Scholastic Award. Some won't be given out; Hockey Tournament, Correspondence Award. Some will require some judging: Delegates Report. And some we need your input. Achievement Award by a Board member, The Alpha Award (our 2nd Highest HS level Honor), Most Active Alumni Award, member contributing most to Expansion, Honorary membership in  $\Gamma\Psi$ , Honorary membership in  $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ .

If you have some thoughts, nominations, or monetary donations, I want 'em. Write to me. If you want anonymity, just ask.. My committee hopes to wrap this up by April 15th, so don't delay. And did I mention...please join us in Wilkes-Barre.

Kevin Stockdale, Awards Committee Chairman  
[kstock654@aol.com](mailto:kstock654@aol.com)

## Fraternity Jewelry & Paraphernalia on sale at Conclave

The BOT and BOA will have a limited number of the following items for sale Friday & Saturday night:

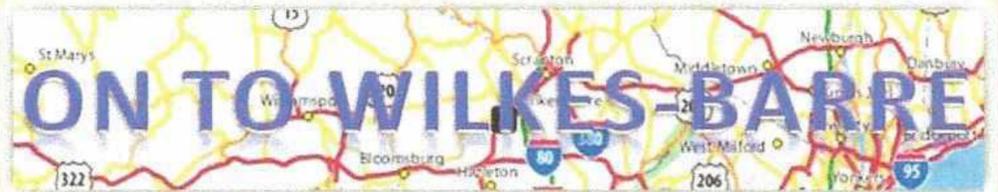
- $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$  10k Official Pins
- $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$  Hats
- $\Gamma\Psi$  Hats
- $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$  "Alumni Volunteer" T-shirts
- $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$  Sweatshirts
- $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$  &  $\Gamma\Psi$  Assorted Golf & T-shirts from previous events
- $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$  Coffee Mugs
- $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$  Alumni Car Window Cling Stickers

These items are available to Conclave attendees on a 1st come, 1st served basis. If any items remain after Conclave they may go on sale to those that could not attend Conclave.

# CONCLAVE 2010



APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2010



### CONCLAVE ITINERARY

Friday Night Registration 6 PM - 12 AM  
Open Bar 7 - 11 PM  
Hors d'oeuvres 9 PM

Saturday Business Meeting 9 AM - 5 PM  
Coffee Service 9 - 10 AM  
Deli Luncheon 12 - 1 PM

Saturday Awards Social 8 PM - 12 AM  
Open Bar 8 PM - 12 AM  
Hors d'oeuvres 9 PM

Conclave Souvenir  $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$  or  $\Gamma\Psi$  Hat

**\$80 USD Attendance Fee**

### RESERVATIONS

Contact Bill Schmitt at 613-966-3585 or email [william.j.schmitt@gmail.com](mailto:william.j.schmitt@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance.

Please send a check for \$80 USD payable to "Gamma Delta Psi" c/o Joe Italia, 229 North Street Fort Erie, Ontario Canada L2A 3R9

*Deadline for reservations is April 17th*

### ACCOMODATIONS

RAMADA INN  
20 Public Square  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701  
(570) 824-7100

Website  
[www.ramada.com/Ramada/control/Booking/property\\_info?propertyId=00715&brandInfo=RA](http://www.ramada.com/Ramada/control/Booking/property_info?propertyId=00715&brandInfo=RA)

Room Rate \$75 + Tax (double occupancy) - 2 double beds, TV, Internet access

A block of rooms has been secured under " $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$  /  $\Gamma\Psi$ " until April 17th.

*Please quote  $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$  /  $\Gamma\Psi$  when booking your room to get our discounted rate.*

### BUSINESS MEETING

Topics of discussion may include:

- Expansion
- Marketing Plan
- Constitutional Revisions

# The Board of Trustees of Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International



## Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International on Facebook

Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International Group

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=328239179840>

This group is a public group, open to anyone that wishes to join and is maintained by the Board of Trustees. It is intended to market the Fraternity to High School aged men. The Board of Trustees would like to encourage ALL Brothers join this group to increase the Fraternity's exposure on Facebook.

Gamma Delta Psi - Alumni Group

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=4462166005>

This group is a closed group for  $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$  and  $\Gamma\Psi$  alumni and is maintained by Kerry Decker  $\Gamma H$  chapter alumnus.

Gamma Delta Psi - Members and Sweethearts Group

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=229897695136>

This group is an open group and is maintained by Susan Garber Foote ( $\Gamma\Theta$  Chapter Sweetheart &  $A\Sigma$  Sorority Alumnus) for Members, Sweethearts and Friends of  $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ .

## Board of Trustees Report

The Trustees have been working on several things to prepare for growth and rejuvenation:

- \* Policies have been updated or added.
- \* An Expansion Kit has been developed which includes many documents or items to help with starting a chapter.
- \* An Education Kit which is a standardized template to run an education period (pledge period), including a handbook for the Educator and a handbook for the Candidate.
- \* A BOT maintained Facebook group has been created to increase  $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ 's exposure.
- \* Work continues on updating parts of the Constitution and preparing a marketing plan.

The R&D is coming to an end. It is time to get the material out there and in use! To do this we need alumni to contact us with names of young men in high school or approach them yourself. At the Conclave in PA, we will have Show & Tell to demonstrate the new tools.

The rebirth of Beta Alpha was a wonderful example of how a few brothers can work together to get things going again. We also have a few other areas where members have expressed interest and have potential for new or revitalized chapters. Toronto, St Catharines, Prince George, Dinwiddie and 2 areas of Florida, are all being developed in the hopes of forming Crescent Clubs. The 2 inquiries from cities in Florida came from young men reading our website and contacting us.

So, the prep work is done. We need salesmen, organizers & educators. What are you doing for a hobby? Take up the challenge and help re-grow Gamma Delta Psi.

## Desperately Seeking Sororities

The BOT is looking for the existence of High School Sororities as part of it's Marketing Plan. Beta Alpha's reactivation would have been much harder without the help of Jilts Sorority at Hopewell HS. We think that model will work elsewhere. If anyone knows of Schools that still have HS Sororities, please contact the Board of Trustees at [info@gammadeltapsi.com](mailto:info@gammadeltapsi.com) so that we can target these Schools.

## Board of Trustees Contacts

- Mark Laminman  $\Gamma\Xi$  (Chairman) [laminman@amtelecom.net](mailto:laminman@amtelecom.net)
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If you would like to serve on the Board of Trustees, can assist the BOT with expansion or are willing to help out with a specific project, contact Mark Laminman at 519-773-2299 or at [laminman@amtelecom.net](mailto:laminman@amtelecom.net)

## In the next edition of The GRIP...

- \* Guest Editorial by Danny Wyatt (BII,  $\Gamma\Psi$  - B and  $\Gamma\Psi$  Grand Brother)
- \* Chapter News
- \* Crescent Club News
- \* Photos and Commentary from Conclave 2010 in Wilkes-Barre, PA
- \* Coming Events
- \* GDPAA Report
- \* Alumni Breakfast Dates
- \* Upcoming Chapter Reunions
- \* Nirvana Chapter
- \* Board of Trustees Report

Expect the next edition in your inbox during the month of May.

## $\Gamma\Delta\Psi$ Documents Available for Download

Did you know you can download official Fraternity documents such as the Constitution, Pledge Manual and Chapter Officer's handbook? Go to <http://www.gammadeltapsi.com/members.html>. Other documents are being updated as we approach Conclave and will be uploaded when complete.



The Board of Trustees conduct a weekly Wednesday Night Skype Conference Call.

To ask to join the conversation contact Joe Italia at [witalia@cogeco.ca](mailto:witalia@cogeco.ca)

