

Chairman's Message

RANDY PICARDAT

CHAIRMAN – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

GAMMA DELTA PSI – GAMMA EPSILON · GAMMA PSI – BETA

Brothers, as we near the end of 2013, I would like to tell you that we have multiply thriving Chapters, but sadly I cannot report this.

In fact, at this writing we still are surviving with only one active Chapter, that being Beta Alpha in Hopewell, Virginia.

However, there is a glimmer of hope on the horizon; we still have young men interested in starting a Chapter in Toronto, and just recently, we have received some interest from the sons of two Brothers that attend Matoaca High School in Matoaca, VA.

As these Crescent Clubs develop it will become important that they have the support of Beta Alpha and Alumni Brothers in order to properly develop and prosper into the future.

Therefore, we will need to call on some of you that have been less active during the past years to provide encouragement and guidance to the new Brothers as they learn the history and traditions of Gamma Delta Psi.

Please let the Board of Trustees know if we can add your name to the list of Brothers that can be contacted from time to time to provide that guidance and support.

As many of you know, the Fraternity has a website – www.gammadeltapsi.com – which contains a lot of information about the Fraternity, both past and present.

Please take time to visit it from time to time.

In addition, there is a section for Brothers to fill out about themselves that keeps our records up-to-date to ensure you are provided with the latest on the Fraternity.

It is also so through this website that we receive most of the requests from high school young men about starting a Fraternity or joining Gamma Delta Psi.

In fact, we do get a number of requests and promptly provide feedback and information to the requests.

Unfortunately, future attempts on our part fall on deaf ears and the process and communications end at that point, no matter how hard we try.

We welcome any and all suggestions to help us better this process and our ability to reach out to the youth of today.

We acknowledge that our youth live in and are driven by an electronic world that most of us are only novices at best, but we have yet to hit on the proper equation to connect our generation to theirs.

Your Board continues to make every effort to market Gamma Delta Psi to the young men currently attending the high schools of North America.

In the future, 2014, we are looking towards the 135th Anniversary of Gamma Delta Psi.

We are planning a gathering to commemorate our 135th year, by holding a Conclave in the Hartford, Connecticut area on the 11, 12 and 13 of April.

Details are presently being ironed out and the finalized plans will be communicated shortly after the first of the year. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

Lastly, as you know we have a group of dedicated Brothers that have been devoting many long hours to sifting through the thousands of pages of documents that we have

collected throughout the years; sorting them, removing duplicates and scanning them to electronic media for a more condensed and permanent means of keeping them safe.

This group is the *Historical Society of Gamma Delta Psi*, and I would like to take the time to thank them for their many long and tireless hours of work in protecting and converting the Archives to a useable and safe means.

As I thank them and hope you will do the same, we also have another piece of history that needs attention, our *Fraternity Trophies*.

The Trophies have received the same not-so-careful storage methods over the years and are in great need of repair and refurbishing.

Many of you may have had the honor to have been a part of an active Chapter that received one of these awards over the years and it would be a shame if the hard work of you and your Chapter is allowed to fall into the cracks and the memory become lost forever.

We are in need of individuals to adopt a trophy for repair or to donate money specified to bringing these trophies back to the condition that were at one time.

Please let me know if you would like to be a sponsor of a trophy.

I can be reached at rpicardat@comcast.net.



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Chairman's Report

GAMMA PSI FRATERNITY

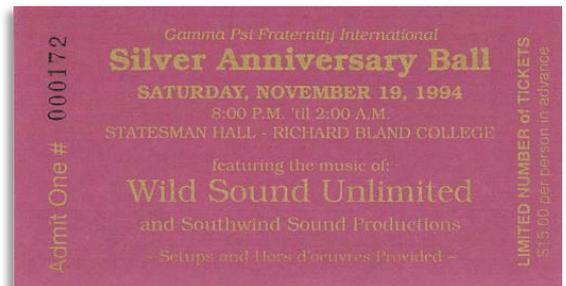
JOHN J. COBB

CHAIRMAN – BOARD OF ADVISORS
GAMMA PSI – BETA

As we are about to begin the year 2014, the 45th Anniversary of Gamma Psi Fraternity, I am personally reminded of our Silver Anniversary Ball Celebration that seemed like only yesterday.

As written in our detailed history,

“The crowd at this special event held in the gym at Richard Bland College was estimated at 450 attendees, in large part due to the efforts to coordinate the first reunion of a band called “Wild Sound Unlimited” that was made up of several Gamma Brothers who played together in the late 60’s and 70’s. In fact, they were so popular that they cut a record during that time period. One of the members had to come from as far away as California to make this appearance.”



Wild Sound Unlimited

Band Members from left to right and front to back – Marvin Lee Faison, Sieg Thomas Felty, David Payne, Ken Jefferson, JT Garrett, Betsy Garrett, Charles Hinton, Kevan Key, David Jackson, and Donny Hicks.

(Photo taken in 2011)

I recall as a young Brother being told repeatedly that it was going to be impossible to bring this special group back together that had not played for decades with its members spread out across the country. However, we were successful and I will always be grateful to each of them for making our 25th Anniversary an occasion to be remembered for all time. It was truly meant to be with “Wild Sound Unlimited” being founded in the late Sixties at the same time as our Fraternity.



As I continue researching and writing our detailed history, I am often searching for missing pieces in the retracing of our past footsteps and I, thus, find myself in need of further Alumni assistance.

With our *Silver Anniversary Ball* in mind, does anyone have any pictures from that night that they are willing to share as part of this history writing endeavor?

As we reflect on the accomplishments from this year, it began with a Joint $\Gamma\Delta\Psi/\Gamma\Psi$ Conclave in Colonial Heights, Virginia.

On Gamma Delta Psi's 134th Founders Day, the Brothers shared breakfast together followed by an afternoon business meeting ran by the active Brothers of Beta Alpha, Eta, and Iota Chapters.

The Sunday of this weekend's festivities were highlighted by a fraternity picnic and softball game between the actives and alumni at Crystal Lake in Hopewell, Virginia.

I will cherish most the opportunity to meet and talk with Elizabeth Ann Walton, the sister of our Founder, Ronnie Adams, who is married to Brother Wayne Walton.

The following weekend, nearly 20 Alumni and active Brothers came together to volunteer with "*The Spirit of Baseball*" camp, which is the Fraternity's national philanthropy.

According to its founder, Grand Brother Larry Belcher:

"It's an all-day event that brings the joy of baseball to inner city children in the Richmond area, providing them with free baseball equipment and teaching them about the game."

More so, these children learn that they're loved, accepted, and valued by both individuals and their community."

This year's annual camp hosted over 130

kids, with 105 volunteers and included the mascot *Nutzy* from the "Flying Squirrels" minor league team.

All the kids got a hat, glove, ball, t-shirt, Bible and were provided lunch as well.

This fall I found myself back as a College student at James Madison University, if only for a week due to a course needed for my work.

This presented me with an opportunity to share an enjoyable dinner with several active Brothers from nearby Bridgewater College on one of my evenings away from home.

As for our two active Chapters, Eta and Iota, they have been very busy this year with their pre-membership periods and community service projects (see the details in their Chapter Reports).

Both Chapters have a strong membership with excellent leadership.

Our expansion efforts have been slow this year, but expectations are high for rebirth at Richard Bland College and for a Crescent Club at Old Dominion University (ODU) in Norfolk, Virginia.

In closing, we on the Board of Advisors (BOA), which I sit on with Grand Brothers Danny Wyatt, Randy Picardat and Larry Belcher, along with Brothers Shane Grissom, Michael Kuch and Jimmie Simmons continue to look for younger Brothers to join our Board, and eventually, take over the "day-to-day" operations of Gamma Psi Fraternity as members of our currently inactive Board of Directors.

As we quickly approach our 50th Anniversary, I for one, know from my past Fraternity experience during our 25th year of existence that we can accomplish anything we – the Brotherhood – commit ourselves to fulfill together and are only limited by our dreams and desires.



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SPRING CONCLAVE 2013 COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VA

Portion of an email sent to the Brotherhood
about Weekend's Festivities:

Greetings Brothers,

Let me begin by saying what an honor it was to share today's 134th Anniversary Founder's Day with such a great group of Brothers. We started with breakfast which was one of the best attended in recent memories. This was followed in the afternoon by a Conclave. The Founding Brothers would be proud to know that we had celebrated the 134th Anniversary of their creation by doing the business of Gamma Delta Psi - Gamma Psi Fraternities.

In Fraternal Bonds,

Dorsey Howard
Chairman of the Historical Society

ΓΔΨ / ΓΨ Spring Conclave April 13 & 14, 2013

Saturday April 13, 2013

8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Breakfast
Golden Corral Restaurant
Conduit Rd. & Temple Ave.
Colonial Heights, VA 23834

1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Business Meeting
Woodlawn Baptist Church
3120 Woodlawn Ave
Colonial Heights, VA 23834

Sunday April 14, 2013

Noon until dark Picnic
Crystal Lake
River Road
Hopewell, VA 23860

Cost per person \$20.00 does not include cost of breakfast

Accommodations for the event are at:

Baymont Inn and Suites Room Rates are \$69.99 per night
5380 Oaklawn Blvd
Prince George, VA 23875
804 452-0022

Call the above number to make your reservation by April 9, after that rate will be \$99.99. The block of rooms is under "Gamma Group".





Facebook posts about Crystal Lake Picnic in Hopewell, Virginia:

Just a little reflection on yesterday at Crystal Lake (Hopewell)... we were standing in the very place where all of Gamma as we know it to be or been was first birthed.

Beta Alpha, the South's first Chapter of GDP, and also the home Chapter of Ron Adams who would lead in the formation of Gamma Psi.

In Brother Adams' history that Brother Cobb has compiled it even mentions Crystal Lake in his personal history.

It was meant to be ...

Danny Ray Wyatt
ΓΨ Grand Brother #1)



Brother John Cobb and Grand Brother #3 Larry Belcher
(First and Second Gamma Psi Fraternity Presidents)
talking with **Elizabeth Ann Walton** (Sister of our
Founder, Brother Ronnie Adams)

Stopped by Crystal Lake Park today and enjoyed visiting with Fraternity Brothers.

Kenneth Wayne Walton Sr.
ΓΔΨ Beta Alpha - Brother-in-law of Ron Adams

Historical Note: Founding Brother Ron Adams' Sister became Elizabeth Ann Walton when she married Fraternity Brother Wayne Walton in 1966 who had been inducted into Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International, Beta Alpha Chapter as pin #83 at Hopewell High School in 1963. Ron Adams would follow him in the next pledge class and be inducted with pin #86.



GAMMA PSI FRATERNITY and GAMMA DELTA PSI FRATERNITY INTERNATIONAL
"Old School vs. New School" Softball Game - Old School 5, New School 3
- Shane Grissom (ΓΨ BOA Member)

OLD SCHOOL vs. NEW SCHOOL

SOFTBALL GAME



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The Historical Society of Gamma Delta Psi

AUTUMN 2013 REPORT

The **Historical Society of Gamma Delta Psi** was founded in October of 2011 when a group of history-minded Brothers from Canada and the U.S. assembled in Chester, Virginia and vowed to concentrate our talents, energies and efforts toward the goal of researching, recording and preserving the documents, publications, artifacts and oral traditions from our glorious past.

As we begin our third year of existence the Historical Society of Gamma Delta Psi continues to focus on the goals set forth in our last report, which were:

- 1) *The periodic publishing of the Gamma Delta Psi Historical Society Newsletter.*
- 2) *A long range project to completely inventory and digitalize the Fraternity Archives.*
- 3) *A long range project to identify the most important documents and publications in our Archives with research being done into the possibility of having them permanently professionally preserved in a museum or library setting by trained archivists/preservationists.*
- 4) *Continuing efforts to locate important Gamma Delta Psi and Gamma Psi memorabilia through Alumni Brothers and by monitoring auctions.*
- 5) *Continuing to offer copies of the digital Archives and digital or printed copies of our Newsletters free of charge contained on a small digital jump drive, compact disk or by email attachment to any brother who requests a copy.*

These goals continue to be our aim over the next year.

Documents, publications and photos/scans obtained over the past year include:

- 1) *An original bound copy of the earliest known publication showing photos of Brothers wearing the rarely-seen original large design of our Gamma Delta Psi Crescent Pins. These photos appear in an 1897 issue of "The Owl Annual" Yearbook from Hartford, Connecticut's Central High School, published by Theta Chapter of Gamma Delta Psi.*
- 2) *An electronic scanned copy of the Class Day program for Hillhouse High School, New Haven, Connecticut, dated April 20, 1881, highlighting the participation of Founders Alexander Jay Wurts (Alpha No. 4C) and Arthur Henry Jackson (Alpha No. 2C), who were graduating seniors, along with fellow seniors, class officers and early Alpha Chapter Brothers Henry Willard Redfield (Alpha No. 7), and Henry Fresnius (Alpha No. 14). This is the only known surviving document from the years when our Founders and earliest Brothers were students at Hillhouse High School, site of our founding in 1879.*
- 3) *An original bound copy of the 1907 yearbook, "The Pnalka", from Central High School, Springfield, Massachusetts. Highlighted with photos and biographies are Kappa Chapter Honorary Brother William Orr, Principal, along with senior Brothers Sherman Hoard Bowles (Kappa No. 85), Allton Bennitt (Kappa No. 86), Frederick Griggs Howe, Jr. (Kappa No. 77), Howard David Williams (Kappa No. 79) and George Randall Yerrall, Jr. (Kappa No. 102).*
- 4) *A most appreciated donation was received of a digitally scanned copy of an original letter from the late Grand Brother Bob Guthrie dated November 1967, to then young Canadian Brother John Bell. The letter is lengthy and offers fascinating insight into the origins of Grand Brother Bob's trademark and often used quotation, "On the Plains of Hesitation, bleach the bones of countless thousands, who on the Dawn of Victory, sat down to Rest....and Resting....DIED." This letter, most generously shared by Brother Bell, contains the only known reference as to where Grand Brother Guthrie first saw this famous quotation.*

- 5) *Digital photos of items of fraternity jewelry and memorabilia once belonging to Grand Brother Edward Jay Stewart most generously provided by Brother Mark Courtemanche, which were the topic of his article that was published in the Winter 2012 Second Edition issue of the Historical Society newsletter.*
- 6) *In addition to the materials listed above that have been added to the physical or digital archives, Bro. David Bartlett has completed a massive research project in which he has identified and copied the obituaries of most of the Gamma Delta Psi brothers who were graduates of Yale University. This resource, located in the Yale University Library, adds immensely to our knowledge of a multitude of early brothers who we could not possibly identify without Brother Dave's painstaking research project materials.*

Brothers Michael Kuch and David Bartlett have begun the laborious task of sorting the material in the Fraternity Archives, maintained by Brother Kuch; to inventory and sort through those materials with the goal of compacting them and preparing them for storage at another site due to Brother Kuch's impending sale of his house and moving into a new residence. Tentative plans are being formulated to save all unique documents or publications digitally for widespread reference and distribution.

Thanks to Brothers Michael Kuch, Dave Bartlett and Joe Italia who have collaborated with me in the publication and distribution of five quarterly issues and one special issue of the *Historical Society Newsletter* since our first issue was published in September 2012. Similar plans and schedules for publication are anticipated in the future.

Most sincere solicitations are extended to any younger Brother, or even retired Brothers who possesses website and/or internet publishing skills, to actively participate in our research and publishing efforts. The burden on our Editor and Webmaster to attempt to mesh publishing and distribution responsibilities with their young families and heavy travel and work responsibilities is too overwhelming to expect them to continue their efforts indefinitely. Any and all volunteers will be eagerly welcomed.

There has been no formal face-to-face meeting of the Historical Society since it's formation in the Autumn of 2011 although we engage in electronic communications regularly. The officers continue to be Dorsey Howard (Chairman) and Dave Bartlett (Secretary). Mike Kuch and Joe Italia continue to function as Editor and Webmaster, respectively.

I cannot adequately express to each of those Brothers my deepest and most heartfelt expression of gratitude for all of the work they have done for our brotherhood. Few know about or can appreciate the endless hours of research, writing, website email and computer document design and editing that these brothers have donated over the past year, often times sacrificing their much-needed sleep in order to get the job done. Kudos to them for a laborious task that has been exceptionally well done.

We anticipate having a physical meeting of the Historical Society at the April 2014 "135th Anniversary" of the Fraternity's founding assembly celebration. Any and all Brothers wishing to hold office and actively participate in the Historical Society are strongly urged to step forward and indicate their interest at that meeting or via electronic communications at any time prior to that meeting.

It has been an honor and privilege to have served our two Fraternities in the capacity of Chairman of the Historical Society over the past two years. It will be my great honor to continue my research and writing efforts on behalf of the Brotherhood as long as I'm able to do so, with or without any official position or title.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorsey A. Howard
Beta Alpha #58
Chairman – Historical Society of Gamma Delta Psi

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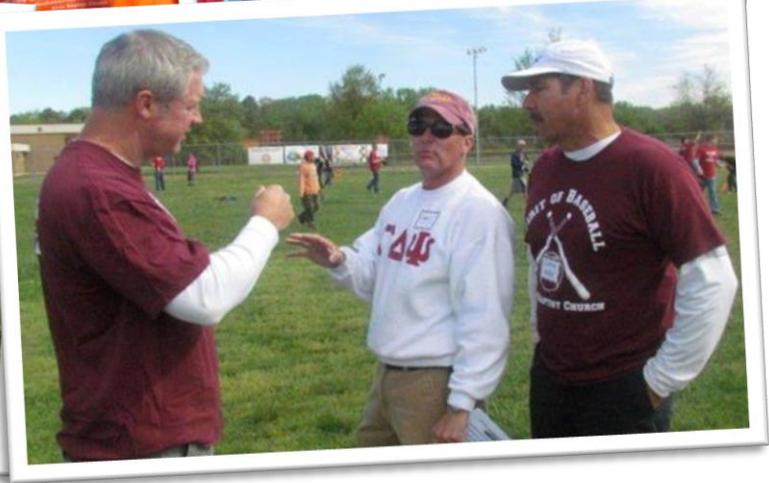


GAMMA BROTHERS

Volunteering their time and talents to help out a worthy cause



The Spirit of Baseball 2013



The Spirit of Baseball 2013



GAMMA NU CHAPTER

ALUMNI NOTES

COURTESY OF
KEVIN STOCKDALE
GAMMA NU 1C · BETA ALPHA

BOB INGLE (Gamma Nu "2") *is a Senior Counselor in the Aerospace industry, lives in Columbia Maryland and is a new grandfather.*

BOB TUOHY (Gamma Nu "3") *is Deputy Director at The Homeland Security Institute in Bailey's Crossroads, VA. He works 100 yards from **KEVIN STOCKDALE** (Gamma Nu "1"), employed by The Social Security Administration.*

RALPH LITTLE (Gamma Nu "4") *is owner of Little Heating and Cooling in Haymarket, VA.*

RON HURST (Gamma Nu "6") *is Vice President of Colonial Williamsburg and Author.*

BRIAN FORSMAN *lives in Surry County, and can be seen playing fiddle at Berkeley Plantation and Michie Tavern this fall.*

JIM GOGAN (Gamma Nu "8") *recently ran in the Marine Corps Marathon.*

JESSE COLUNGA *is working at Fairfax Honda.*

BRIAN SMITH *lives in Kern Co. California.*

DAVE BAXTER *is in Arizona.*

BEN MILLER, TOM NOLAN, MIKE SAKELLARIS, JON LIPPARD, LARRY UHLFELDER and **JOHN CRISS** *all got the hell out of Northern Virginia and relocated or retired to Florida.*



Gamma Breakfast

COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VA – NOVEMBER 9, 2013

