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**MICHAEL KUCH**

ALUMNI EDITOR

GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER NO. 114

**One-hundred and thirty-five years.**

Comparatively speaking, it's a remarkably long time for any social-based organization – regardless of order, persuasion or ilk – to make a run at it.

And yes, admittedly, like many good things, Gamma Delta Psi took a breather and lapsed when we could least afford it.

Let's call it a sabbatical (read: dormancy) stretching through the late 1990s and into the earliest days of the new Millennium.

Then again, just like really bad hairstyles and ill-fitting clothes of yesteryear, we're (sort of) back in vogue and gaining momentum in spurts, growing, building our membership rolls in Virginia.

Albeit, not exactly as the juggernaut force we once enjoyed during the Golden Era of Greek Letter Societies of the 1960s – a tenure where Gamma Delta Psi so distinguished itself in the highest regard amongst numerous other High School Fraternities of the day.

Yet, here we are, quite possibly the very last of our kind – testimony to our collective fortitude and strength – our *Beloved Gamma* has no quit in her; a throwback to times when life was far less complicated, carefree, and well, just plain fun.

Today, the young (active) Brothers of the re-Chartered **Beta Alpha Chapter** (Hopewell, VA) continue in the timeless culture of Fraternity, propagating the Brotherhood and Traditions spawned in 1879.

They are joined in kindred spirits by **Eta Chapter** at Longwood University (Farmville, VA), **Iota Chapter** at Bridgewater College (Bridgewater, VA), and soon-to-be reactivated **Beta Chapter** at Richard Bland College (Petersburg, VA) of Gamma Psi Fraternity, our College-level affiliate Fraternity.

All the while Alumni interest flourishes and deepens with an appetite for "All Things Gamma" in the most unlikely of places and circumstances.

The **Historical Society of Gamma Delta Psi** remains the most prolific and visible of Alumni groups; notably, publishing *The Historian Newsletter* on a quarterly basis and news of their involvement in the presentation of Fraternity Archival material associated with *Brother (Gen.) Douglas MacArthur (Rho Chapter No. 31)* to the '**General Douglas MacArthur Memorial**' on September 20th in Norfolk, VA.

As well, the **Second Saturday Breakfast** assembly of **Southern Alumni** continue to congregate monthly.

Which brings me to my next point:

***What are you doing on October 4, 2014?***

To soothe your insatiable appetite for another incredible Fraternity Reunion, the Board of Trustees are hosting the "**135th Anniversary Reunion**" in Vaughan, Ontario this Fall.

Event details are posted within this newsletter. "**Save-The-Date**" – ***start contacting your fellow Chapter Alumni Brothers and make plans to be there.***

Lastly, I am indebted to several Brothers for their generous submissions and articles for this **Summer 2014 Edition.**

*Thank you* to Grand Brother Barry Yeates, Grand Brother Bill Fermeile, Brothers Dorsey Howard, Dave Bartlett, Joe Italia, Johnnie Smith and John Cobb.

Of special note, we're blessed with an eloquent and endearing '**Tribute to Grand Brother Bob Guthrie**' – to whom this Edition of *The Grip* is dedicated – from Grand Brother Barry Yeates.

Read on, Good Brothers.

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## GRAND BROTHER

# ROBERT (BOB) E. GUTHRIE

(JUNE 27, 1942 – JULY 5, 2013)

Last Saturday (July 5, 2014) was the first anniversary of the passing of Bob Guthrie. This tribute to him is long overdue, but I am honoured to memorialize his life, accomplishments and impact not only on Gamma Delta Psi but also in other ways I remember from knowing him for almost 50 years.

I think it is fair to say that Bob was the most dominant, discussed, revered, feared and mythologized individual in our Fraternity in the last half of the last century. I remember seeing him for the first time, I think, at a Fraternity rally where he was wearing a spiffy suit and tie, a pork pie hat, and smoking a pipe. With his broken nose, blocky build and booming voice he looked and sounded like an enforcer in old gangster movies. All of us at the meeting were intimidated by this President who seemed to know clearly where the Fraternity should be going and how he was going to get us there.

Over five terms as President of the International Board of Control (IBC), many years serving on and also chairing the Board of Trustees, and later as a Grand Brother inducted in 1976, he shaped what we did and enabled us to become the largest high-school-level Fraternity in North America with—at one time—40 active chapters in Virginia, upper New York state, across Southern Ontario and in New Orleans. We had big budgets, several rallies each year in the South and the North, well attended annual conventions alternating between Canada and the U.S., and we participated proudly in Inter-Fraternity Congress annual meetings and awards competitions.

Bob ensured that the IBC he ran was in regular touch with our dispersed chapters through District Deputy visits and publications. One of his smartest strategic moves was to buy the Fraternity a Gestetner duplicating machine—our equivalent of Gutenberg's press. It enabled us to run off *The Grip* bi-monthly newsletter in his mom's basement and distribute it widely to chapters and subscribing Brothers.

Editions frequently included Bob's favourite saying (which I can recite from memory) to exhort Brothers onward:

***On the plains of hesitation bleach the bones of countless thousands,***

***Who upon the dawn of victory sat down to rest, and resting died.***

Bob didn't leave it solely to mailings and visits by Fraternity executive officers to reach out to chapters. He made sure to attend every rally himself—Northern and Southern—throughout his many years in office. For Southern rallies held two or three times each year, we would leave his store at 6 pm sharp on Saturday evening, drive overnight to Virginia, sleep a very few hours, have a late working breakfast with the Southern IBC officers, attend the rally lasting all afternoon (which Bob chaired of course), and drive back to Canada through Sunday night in time for him to open for business at 8 am Monday. He was all energy and total commitment, which he demonstrated in the same way at 3-day conventions where rabble-rousing Brothers and next year's planning—plus the odd shot of rye after hours—kept him up all night

During his time leading the Fraternity, Bob had his share of big issues—good and bad—to contend with. Some predated his tenure and most turned out well eventually, to the benefit of our Brotherhood. On the one hand, rapid expansion was problematic to consolidate and manage, the North-South geographic divide, financial differences and contrasting values on issues like integration and college fraternity affiliation were difficult for everyone back then, and annual dues payments plus Trust Fund matters caused periodic conflict. On the other hand, the revival of the Board of Trustees, the expansion of Fraternity awards and institution of the Order of the Grand Crescent, and the development of a solid financial footing for the Fraternity all came to pass—not incidentally—under Bob's strong watch.

To accomplish what he did as a leader Bob showed another stellar trait: the ability to select and direct people according to their talents in aid of the Fraternity, and the willingness to stay out of the limelight while “using” the skills of other Brothers. I may have missed some things and some contributors due to the passage of time and fading memory, but I can think of many notable initiatives Bob fostered:

- Encouraging Doug Jamieson to develop, write and preside over our Grand Brother selection and induction process, and supporting his interest and photographic skills to preserve Fraternity history;
- Working with Southern IBC officers—notably Kevin Stockdale, Danny Wyatt, Ron Adams and Rick Davis over the years—to keep the Fraternity united and functioning cohesively irrespective of distance and borders;
- Getting Mark Courtemanche to represent us at Inter-Fraternity Congress events in Atlanta and Nashville, and to work with E. J. Stewart on contributing his memorabilia to our archives;
- Steering me into producing *The Grip*, several *Garnet & Silver* yearbooks, and writing our reports for, at and on intra- and inter-Fraternity events.

Aside from the official work he did and oversaw, Bob was at the centre of the Fraternity informally every day for decades at the clothing store he worked in and later owned, Alf Davis Men’s Shop. Brothers from nearby chapters—Alpha Phi, Beta Zeta (his own chapter), Beta Mu and Beta Sigma—dropped by constantly. But virtually everyone in the Canadian and most U.S. chapters knew the store’s location and telephone number, so visits and calls happened all the time, even into Bob’s final months in business not so long ago. I saw him each time I drove in from Ottawa, and he always mentioned Brothers who had come by to talk about memories of times together in the Fraternity.

There was a very private Bob too, beyond his public persona in the Fraternity and in the retail business. Helping his mother throughout her life and illnesses was always important to him, and he also counselled and supported siblings during difficult times in their lives. A couple of friends from his high school and neighbourhood who were not in the Fraternity remained longstanding mates as well.

Although we were close for decades, there were relatively few occasions where I—or other Brothers—socialized with Bob outside Fraternity events. I remember having the occasional beer together at The Sagamore Hotel on Lakeshore and at The Norseman restaurant on Dundas in Mississauga where he held court from time to time. And I think back with pleasure on a couple of weekend jaunts with Bob and District Deputy Paul Gibson to Brother Courtemanche’s cottage where we played cards, listened to music and may have hoisted a few.

After marriage, most of Bob’s time off—and there wasn’t much—was spent with his wife, Joan (whom I and my family have known for years), and later with his three daughters—Tracy, Carrie and Kelly. Joan’s family’s cottage at Sauble Beach was a place Bob did talk about and enjoyed on weekends in the summer for a long time, and his home in Erin Mills, where the Guthrie family seems to have lived forever, was his castle and retreat.

Even after his ambitious agenda with the Fraternity slowed down, Bob didn’t, as he became heavily involved with his kids and their multiple extra-curricular activities. He ran bingos and other fundraisers to make money for their clubs and, not surprisingly, was always the guy in charge.

I knew, when he spoke about the involvement he and Joan had in the girls’ lives when they were younger, that he was doing things he liked and, typically, was into them hook, line and sinker. His family life demonstrated again the drive, commitment and character that we in the Fraternity had come to know.

In closing, I want to say that Bob was a person I looked up to, respected and liked immensely. He was a good and great Brother to us all, and we are better men for having known him and from having benefited from his vision and leadership in Gamma Delta Psi.

***Requiescat in pace***

Barry Yeates

July 8, 2014





*Hopewell, VA 1965*



*Bob Guthrie and the IBC*



*Paul Gibson, Bob Guthrie & Barry Yeates  
International Board of Control*



*Bob Guthrie (Beta Zeta № 2),  
E.J. Stewart (Nu № 79),  
Mark Courtemanche (Beta Zeta № 20)  
Convention 1967 – Valhalla Inn (Ontario)*



*Bob Guthrie, Mac Stoodley & Doug Bonesteel  
Circa 1964*

GRAND BROTHER R.E. GUTHRIE CONTINUED



**Bob Guthrie**  
*130th Anniversary Reunion  
Vaughan, ON 2009*

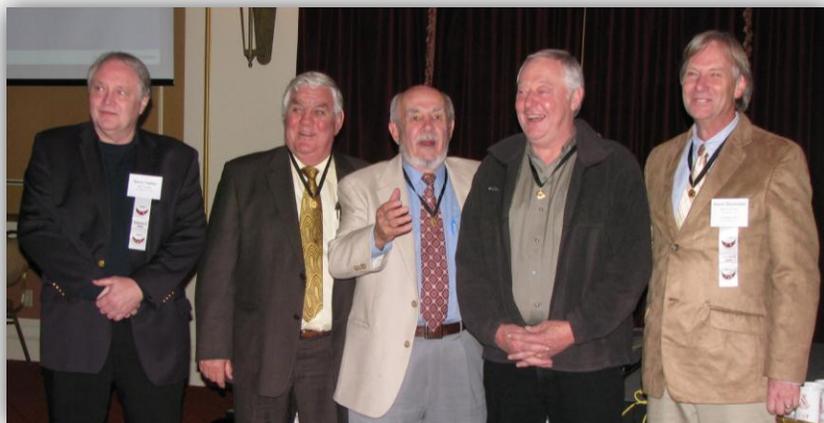


**Mark Courtemanche, Bob Guthrie & Bob Chaconas**



*Gamma Delta Psi / Gamma Psi – Past Presidents and Grand Brothers*

- Barry Yeates**
- Larry Belcher**
- Bob Guthrie**
- John Cobb**
- Doug Jamieson**
- Dave Bartlett**
- Mac Stoodley**
- Scott Crosby**
- Geoff Smith**
- Dan Schiralli**



**Barry Yeates, Bob Guthrie, Jim Fermoile, Doug Jamieson, Kevin Stockdale**  
*Grand Brothers of Gamma Delta Psi*



135 ANNIVERSARY

# REUNION

OCTOBER 4 · 2014





## **Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity International**

Proudly celebrates three milestones in its long and distinguished history:



### **135TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR FOUNDING**

(As the Oldest Active High School Fraternity)



### **60 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD**

(With the First Canadian Charter granted to Alpha Phi Chapter in 1954)



### **45<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF GAMMA PSI FRATERNITY**

(Our College-Level Fraternity Affiliate, Established in 1969)

To commemorate this momentous occasion, the Board of Trustees invite all Brothers of the Grand Crescent to the “**REUNION**”.

***A Weekend of Nostalgia, Memories and Old School Brotherhood.***



# REUNION AGENDA

## **FRIDAY · OCTOBER 3 · 2014**

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0600 PM Registration for out-of-town visitors at The Hospitality Suite  
(Hosted by Gamma Alpha Alumni)

## **SATURDAY · OCTOBER 4 · 2014**

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0800 AM Welcome Breakfast

1200 PM Lunch at All Star Wings & Ribs Restaurant (TBC)

0600 PM Cocktails

0700 PM Dinner + Social  
(with Key Note Speakers + Special Presentations)

## **SUNDAY · OCTOBER 5 · 2014**

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0800 AM Farewell Breakfast

# REUNION REGISTRATION

## DINNER + SOCIAL (RSVP)

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Saturday Night Dinner & Social \$65

## REGISTRATION

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Includes Reunion Souvenir \$10

## HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

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When making reservations, you must quote the **“GDP 135”** Special Group Rate (\$129.00 CAD), or mention group code **“GDP”** at the time of booking.

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# Web Master Update

JOE ITALIA

WEB MASTER – BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
GAMMA XI CHAPTER NO. 74

On April 15, I rolled out a new web site design and layout that I have been developing over the past year.

The majority of old web pages with the exception of the “Our History” document have been replaced. This document is currently being edited by two of the original Authors. Once complete it will be displayed using the same theme as the rest of the site.

Another addition to the web site will be a section entitled, “Notable Brothers”. This section is being developed with the assistance of the Historical Society of GDP.

While every Brother of Gamma Delta Psi is notable in their own right, there have been many Brothers that have left a much larger footprint in their communities, country and in some cases, all of Mankind.



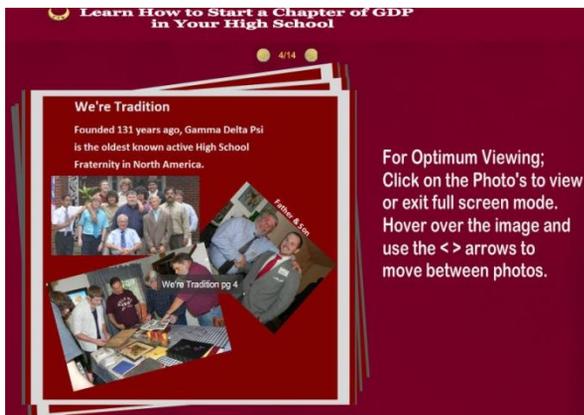
This new section will highlight many of these Notable Brothers. There will also be a Chapter dedicated to Our Founding, and Grand Brothers.

The new design and layout is intended to streamline the site, while giving it more visual impact and a timeless feel.

I hope that our Alumni and new site visitors will find the changes enjoyable and informative to browse.

If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the re-vamped web site, please email the Webmaster at [admin@gammadeltapsi.com](mailto:admin@gammadeltapsi.com).

To view the new web site, please visit [www.gammadeltapsi.com](http://www.gammadeltapsi.com).



# The Historical Society Report

**DORSEY A. HOWARD**

CHAIRMAN – THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GAMMA DELTA PSI  
BETA ALPHA CHAPTER NO. 58

The group of Alumni Brothers who identify themselves with the *Historical Society of Gamma Delta Psi* continue to work to acquire, catalog and preserve documents, photographs, memorabilia and jewelry associated with our Fraternity's history.

An ongoing project to sort through the paper archives with a focus on condensing and downsizing the total volume to a smaller and more manageable size has continued, aided through scanning and digitizing the core documents into file formats.

Many of those scanned documents and photographs currently appear on the Fraternity website – [www.gammadeltapsi.com](http://www.gammadeltapsi.com) – and are available for viewing by all interested Brothers.

A recently acquired and most unusual document is a portfolio of sheet music for piano entitled, "Gamma Delta Psi Waltzes", produced by Delta Chapter in the 1890's and purportedly played by the John Philip Sousa band.

In the immediate future we will donate two hard bound printed volumes published by the Fraternity in the early 1900's to the Douglas MacArthur Library and Museum in Norfolk, Virginia.

The First National Catalog from 1906 and the

Second National Catalog from 1910 both contain the record of the membership of Brother (General) Douglas A. MacArthur, Rho Chapter No. 31.

In addition, portions of an early issue of the "Garnet & Silver" containing a message from General MacArthur with his best wishes for a successful Fraternity Convention will also be donated.

These items will form a portion of a display within the museum marking General MacArthur's membership in Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity.

Long range projects will include the exploration of the possibility of donating small memorial plaques to be placed on each of the Founding Brother's gravesites commemorating their founding of Gamma Delta Psi in 1879.

Additionally, the possibility of placing a small plaque in the W. H. Taft / Wurts Mansion in New Haven, Connecticut memorializing that building as the likely place where our Fraternity was created and where the four Founding Brothers first met will be investigated.

We continue to publish "The Historian" Newsletter quarterly and solicit contributions from any Brother who would like to share his memories and reflections on our history.

# A L U M N I N O T E S

## DAVE BARTLETT

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT  
GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER NO. 10

**Vic Di Vincenzo** (Gamma Eta) – *Lives in St. Catharines, Ontario. Self-employed as a Sculpture Artist, and has his creations shown in Galleries throughout Ontario. Spends time with his family and friends, and enjoying life.*

**Parker Simmons** (Gamma Zeta) – *Parker is still living in Petersburg, Virginia and running Wheel Service. A great supporter of Dinwiddie High School. He spends most of this free time with his grandchildren.*

**Tony Pascuzzi** (Alpha Eta) – *Living in Niagara Falls, New York. Married to wife Jean since 1985, went to Niagara Falls High School.*

**John Bell** (Beta Sigma) – *Alderwood Collegiate 1966, graduated Ryerson University, married and currently living in Halfmoon Bay, British Columbia. John is former Jacobs Suchard CEO (Kraft, Nabob), Corporate Strategy Consultant, Fortune & Forbes Contributor, and an aspiring Novelist.*

**Drew Arthur** (Beta Pi) – *Lives in Tyler, Texas, retired from the U.S. Marshal Service. Owns and operates Relson Gracie Jiu-Jitsu and MMA Academy of Tyler, TX. Married to wife Hong and has two daughters Tala and Kaya.*

**Malcolm Allen** (Gamma Eta) – *Served as a Northern District Deputy in the early 1970's. Member of Parliament for Welland, Ontario since 2008, splits his time between Ottawa and St. Catharines.*

**Darrell Sears** (Gamma Theta) – *Lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Owner of Unique Golf Carts. Designer of some pretty incredible carts.*

**Jamie Hinds** (Gamma Delta) – *Jamie served as a Northern District Deputy in the 1970's. Lives in Hanover, Ontario. Works with the Youth of Hanover, and spends his time with his music and grandchildren.*

**Keith Comeau** (Alpha Phi) – *Keith served on the International Board of Control in the early 1970's. Dr. Comeau lives in Burlington, Ontario, and now heads a very successful Medical Practice.*

**Doug Jamieson** (Alpha Phi) – *Retired from a successful photography business and living in Mount Forest, Ontario. Doug and his wife love to visit other parts of the world. Doug was active in the 60's and held most every position available in Gamma Delta Psi.*

**Danny Ray Wyatt** (Beta Pi) – *Played a part in the movie 'Lincoln'; he is so old he fit the part perfectly. Danny and wife Susan have 2 grandchildren and living in Chester, Virginia. Very active in his community.*

**Shane Grissom** (Gamma Psi – Eta) – *Played a part in the new TV series, 'Turn', based on the Revolutionary War. Shane has his own business of fine custom leather items – Grissom Custom Leather. Lives in Greensboro, North Carolina with wife Karen. Member of the Tom Mix Rangers, American Cowboy Living History Organization.*

# THE BIG AND SMALL OF IT

**JOHNNIE H. SMITH**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BETA PSI CHAPTER

As most of you know, I have been in the hospital for the last 6 months.

Went in for a simple operation and left with only one leg.

I am lucky to have a loving family, as well as, good friends, and the Brothers of Gamma Delta Psi.

I first knew of Gamma in 1958 or so. My Uncle, S. Leon Setchel, was a Charter Member (Beta Psi).

Becoming a Brother in 1967 was something I was very proud of and I still am.

Ok, here comes the reason for this note.

We all remember our BIG Fraternity events. For me they were:

Getting my bid to pledge.

Big Brother Darrell Sears.

Hell nights, two with Beta Alpha Goats, two with my Pledge Class, and one with Beta Gamma goats

Induction into Beta Psi.

First office held (Pledge Master).

First Little Brother (George Henderson).

Last Little Brother (Mike Disharoon).

Elected CACT Sweetheart.

First Southern Rally (Holiday Inn – Petersburg).

First Convention (Virginia Beach).

Meeting Bob Guthrie and Barry Yeates the first time in Petersburg.

First trip North.

The Peace Bridge.

First make out session with a dark haired, blue eyed French Canadian young lass (a good time was had by all) ...

First Grand Brother Induction, Kevin Stockdale.

Elected as a Board of Trustee Member.

This note is for what really makes us Brothers. And for me it is the SMALL things:

Accepted by Beta Psi.

Reporting to my first Brother as Goat, Smith JH, to Jimmy Quickie Johnson.

First Goat to report to me, Kevin Stockdale.

First member to paddle me, Joe “Boxer” Nester.

First beer at the Peppermint with Bill Warren and Billy Malone.

Flying a plane, sort of, in Surry with George Henderson, Ronnie Leiber and Billy Malone (and yes, PBR was flowing that night!).

First fight, at a dance in Waverly, after the plane flight with George, Ronnie, Billy .

Hell Nights – raw eggs, flour, hot sauce, syrup, and PADDLES!

Passing THE GRIP.

Beta Alpha being brought back to life.

Saved from going to jail, TWICE, by Jim Walters.

Looking for beer and women at VA Beach with David Ellis.

Fraternity Dances at the barn at Richard bland College.

Going to some meetings of Gamma Psi, Alpha Chapter, at John Tyler Community College

Dances at the Union Hall in Hopewell.

Dances at the Armory in Hopewell.

Riding around the Tri-Cities with Brothers Wayne Markland and Mike Kuch drinking PBR.

Keeping me from certain ass kicking leaving a Gentleman's Club in Toronto; Danny Wyatt, KS, Mike Kuch.

My first Labatt's enjoyed with Dave Bartlett (or my first several) .

Grand Brother Induction: Barry Yeates, Danny Wyatt, Randy Picardat, Larry Belcher.

First Beta Gamma Brother I met, Don Graves.

Parker Simmons and his help through the years.

Downtown Hopewell Saturday as a Goat.

Westwood Park as a Goat and Eddie Davis making me hold onto a firecracker.

Making out with the Shoney's Big Boy.

And most recently, what IS the HEART of BROTHERHOOD in big and SMALL ways:

What-a-Burger delivered with a smile by Dan Wyatt.

Ride home from Hospital to Nursing Home by Danny Wyatt.

Brother Dorsey Howard at my side praying.

Young Beta Alpha Brothers visiting me in the Hospital.

Seig, Danny and Frank fixing me up with a ramp.

Jack Parsons stopping by for a visit.

Frank Judkins stopping by for a visit.

Kirk being Kirk.

David Bartlett calls from the great frozen north.

Wayne Markland for his visits

Thanks to:

Karen Martin Davison for her visit.

Special thanks to:

Darrell Sears for believing in me.

I hope this note brings back some good memories of your Fraternity life.

I could go on for a couple more pages, but I will stop for now.

Gamma Delta Psi means a lot to me. I hope it means as much to you Great Brothers.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!!!!



BOARD OF ADVISORS

# Chairman's Report

GAMMA PSI FRATERNITY

**JOHN J. COBB**

CHAIRMAN – BOARD OF ADVISORS  
GAMMA PSI FRATERNITY – BETA CHAPTER

The 45th Anniversary of Gamma Psi Fraternity is upon us this year as we continue to operate as an “active” Fraternity, with Eta Chapter at Longwood University and Iota Chapter at Bridgewater College.

Many alumni social gatherings will be announced in the next few months to celebrate this anniversary, along with the 135th founding of Gamma Delta Psi, the oldest “active” High School Fraternity.

This is an excellent time for us, along with our Brother Fraternity, to come together and celebrate our bond of Brotherhood and close friendships that have passed the test of time.

We will demonstrate again that “*Once a Brother, Always a Brother*” is more than a motto, but a reality allowing us all to experience and grow our brotherly bonds for life.

Actually, the Fraternity gatherings to celebrate important milestones has already begun with Eta

Chapter taking time to reflect on their own 20th Anniversary with members of that Chapter reuniting recently.

As always, the *Second Saturday Breakfast Bunch* continues to faithfully meet once a month, however, their location in Colonial Heights had to be changed due to the building being demolished and having to be rebuilt.

We have now outlasted the brick and mortar of our longtime alumni meeting establishment.

As of this report being published, we will also have assisted Grand Brother Larry Belcher for another year in the “The Spirit of Baseball” camp for intercity kids in the Richmond area, which is the Fraternity’s national philanthropy.

As for the “State of the Fraternity”, we have our two active Chapters who continue to find ways to successfully operate on their campuses.



*Eta Chapter (Longwood University) recently celebrates their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

As for the “State of the Fraternity”, we have our two active Chapters who continue to find ways to successfully operate on their campuses.

Members of our Board of Advisors have consistently attempted to accomplish the number one expansion priority, set by the Active Brothers at our Brotherhood Education Weekend in 2012, which is the rebirth of Beta Chapter at Richard Bland College.

Our first meeting for lunch with their New College President was two years ago this fall and we have continued to meet with her designated administrators over this period of time, including a meeting just before last Christmas attended by most of our Board of Advisors and several active members of Eta Chapter.

We have provided our constitution and other official publications and have asked for nothing in return, except for access to the students and a location to hold an orientation meeting.

We continue to work behind the scenes to become recognized on this campus again, however, the fact that no Greek life currently exists at this college has made this an extremely slow and long process. We may need to alter our approach in the future.

I believe if I just had a time machine and I could take these College administrators of today back to

any of those 28 continuous years at Richard Bland College in which we were officially recognized and a vital part of student life at this College, always in good standing, that they could not avoid seeing what we provided to our members, along with the school spirit to the college campus itself.

I believe it is not a coincidence the school newspaper ended at the same time that Gamma Psi and Alpha Beta Psi, our sister Sorority, were no longer active at this small college.

As we remember our journey of Brotherhood this year and know that a major milestone approaches soon (our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), will these next few years be about expanding what we so strongly believe in to College students in other campus communities.

I am certain if we desire to greatly expand our Brotherhood that the Board of Advisors will need new and fresh ideas from our younger brothers and just as importantly, the manpower to make it a reality.

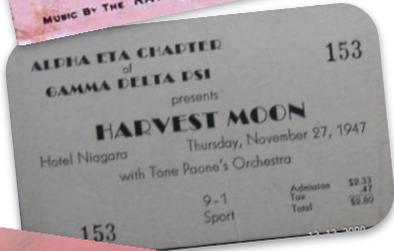
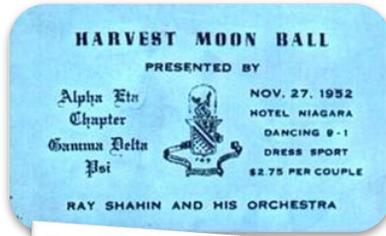
In closing, I want to thank everyone for their continued support of the Board of Advisors (BOA), which I sit on with Grand Brothers Danny Wyatt, Randy Picardat and Larry Belcher, along with Brothers Shane Grissom, Michael Kuch, and Jimmie Simmons.



*Beta Chapter (Richard Bland College) celebrates their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1982*

# MEMORIES OF HARVEST MOON BALL

ALPHA ETA CHAPTER · NIAGARA FALLS, NY



**3rd Annual Harvest Moon Dance – 1947**  
(L-R) B. Fermoile, C. Maxfield & N. Johnson

