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I am saddened, and if truth be told, relieved in describing my decision to relinquish editorial duties of 'The Grip' with this Fall 2014 Edition, my last as Interim Alumni Editor.

This term as Editor – my third (or is it or the fourth?) – a tenure intermittently spanning almost thirty-three years, comes as the (Active) Brothers of Beta Alpha Chapter and Gamma Psi Fraternity (re-chartered Beta, and Eta and Iota Chapters) are passed the ownership reins of publishing, and with it, the responsibility to maintain and uphold one of our oldest Traditions.

Truly, it is a privilege and honor, as the legacy of Fraternity publications reaches deep into our history with the early pioneers of Gamma Delta Psi – well known to have been astute editors and publishers of their respective High School Annuals (Yearbooks) and the First and Second National Catalogs amongst numerous other samples.

Fraternity Archives are rich in documents and chattels revealing a tradition that stretches to our founding, including vintage specimens of the 'Garnet and Silver' – the oldest dating back to June 1907, a copy recently donated by Mrs. Joan Guthrie from the estate of the Late Grand Brother Bob Guthrie.

Long known and beloved as "*The Organ of Gamma Delta Psi*", the 'Garnet and Silver' morphed from pocket-sized journals published quarterly, to seemingly random issues in the following decades, which gave birth to 'The Grip' in the early 1960's.

Of course, as Fraternity welfare fluctuated with both interest and support, our coffers spiked accordingly, and so did the quality of printing and breadth of distribution.

In my earliest days on the former International Board of Control, the newsletter returned to nearly monthly publications, produced two-fingers at a time on a borrowed Smith-Corona typewriter.

If we were fortunate to have any pictorials back then, it was of relatively crude quality photocopies, laid out in old school method of 'cut and paste', which meant dulled scissors and messy glue sticks.

Envelopes, often a hundred or more, were hand-addressed and stamped. It was costly in terms of labor, time, and postage, but certainly worth all the effort.

I owe a wealth of gratitude to many, and none more than two fellow Gamma Alpha Brothers – Scott Crosby a former International President, for printing the early editions at no cost to the IBC, and Bruce Johnstone (Gamma Alpha), long-time Trustee and past Northern Vice-President – for without his encouragement, I doubt I would ever have landed on the IBC let alone been foolish, eager and inspired to assume the task of Editor and President many years ago.

And to those that preceded me, there are a few iconic figures in the Crescent that unknowingly inspired and guided: Grand Brother James L.S. Fermoile, for his eternal presence, wisdom and undying love of Fraternity; Grand Brother Barry Yeates, for his eloquence and stately acumen; and Grand Brother Kevin Stockdale, for teaching me far more than I could ever learn on my own.

To the few dedicated Editors that followed, chiefly Brothers Bill Schmitt (Gamma Xi) and Ed Decker (Gamma Eta), thank you for the sacrifices you both made in ensuring 'The Grip' was produced on a semi-regular basis and continuing the legacy.

Lastly, for those young Brothers about to make their mark as incoming Editors: the task is enormous, the road ahead almost certainly paved with frustration and joy; understand the rewards of knowing you are contributing significantly to the sustenance and viability of our Fraternity is more appreciated than you may ever know.

Good reading, Brothers.

Farewell.

*“ ... There is nothing finer than Secondary School; in it, the Fraternity should play no small part.*

***I cannot urge the older Brothers to take too active a part .... Your experience is worth a great deal and you may be more of a character influence than you suspect.***

*Active Brothers, too, have a responsibility in carrying on the life of the Chapter which has been entrusted to them.*

*They must appreciate that were it not for their predecessors who built and progressed there would be no active chapter today.*

***... Cherish the Fraternity and keep it alive for your sons and their sons ...”***

**Edsel B. Ford**  
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# Beta Alpha Chapter

## GAMMA DELTA PSI FRATERNITY

### SAM KRISE

GAMMA DELTA PSI – BETA ALPHA CHAPTER

Beta Alpha chapter begins the school year with ONE High School-aged member. Brother Sam Krise is a senior at Hopewell High.

Recent Fraternity activities for Brother Krise included riding to Norfolk with Trustee Chairman Picardat to the Brother MacArthur presentation.

Brother Krise wore, and later presented to the Museum a MacArthur era fraternity pin which at one time belonged to Brother Harry Bradley of Rho Chapter, Milwaukee.

Brother Krise attended the second Saturday Brunch in Colonial Heights.

Brother Krise was present at an October meeting at the home of Trustee Tony Weyland.

Also attending were Trustees Johnnie Smith and Franck Judkins, along with Beta Alpha Alumnus Dorsey Howard.

At this meeting, various strategies were discussed on how to increase membership in the Chapter.

Brother Sam and Brother Richie Hemphill traveled to Harrisonburg, VA for a band festival at James Madison University.

Brother Krise needs help from Beta Alpha Alumni Brothers living in or near Hopewell.

If you are able to provide some time, or project ideas, or names of prospective future members (family, friends, etc.), or funding, NOW is the time to come to the aid of your chapter.

Please contact:

Johnnie Smith ([johnnie.smith51@gmail.com](mailto:johnnie.smith51@gmail.com)), Grand Brother Picardat ([rpcardat@comcast.net](mailto:rpcardat@comcast.net)), Beta Alpha Alumnus Dorsey Howard, ([dewberrytwo@aim.com](mailto:dewberrytwo@aim.com)), or Kevin Stockdale ([kstockd654@aol.com](mailto:kstockd654@aol.com)).

There are Trustees and interested members ready to work with you to help Brother Krise.



*Brother Sam Krise (Beta Alpha) at the Brother General Douglas MacArthur Memorial presentation (October 20)*

# Message from the Chairman

## GAMMA DELTA PSI FRATERNITY

**RANDY PICARDAT**

CHAIRMAN – BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
GAMMA EPSILON CHAPTER NO. 33

Greetings Brothers from Virginia, wish I could be in attendance with you (at the Reunion) but finances and family obligation prevent me from being there.

I wish I had brighter news to relay to you on this 135<sup>th</sup> celebration of Gamma Delta Psi but alas I do not.

As you know we only have one active Chapter at the present, Beta Alpha in Hopewell, VA, and even this lone Chapter is down to one Brother at this writing.

We, the Alumni in the area are working with our young Brother, Sam Krise, to ignite the spirit in some of the young men at Hopewell High School and some of the surrounding schools.

This is not an easy task since the Alumni are a number of generations removed from the high school aged members we seek.

Our generation and theirs have quite some unique differences and communicating and sparking interest in the young men is most often challenging to say the least.

However, we do have some leads and are pursuing them whole heartedly.

Our next task is to transfer the spark of Brotherhood to those in Canada and re-establish the Fraternity there. I am calling on each and every Brother to commit some time and effort to help with finding new blood.

If you are hearing this then the Fraternity has touched you in some way, changed your life in some fashion and giving you the need to attend this gathering to talk about old times, rekindle old friendships and share in the Brotherhood that beats through each of our veins.

YOUR Fraternity is now calling on you to find young men that are in your lives through church, work, neighborhoods, youth sports, family, etc. and link with them and transfuse some of your Fraternal blood into them, allowing them the opportunity to experience one of the great things that Gamma Delta Psi can bring to a young man's life.

In 1879, our founding Brothers had no vision of their Brothers whom had not been born would be gathered 135 years later, raising their glasses of toast to a Fraternity they had just brought forth.

Yet here you are reminiscing about your school days and memories the Fraternity has given you.

Is it not a wonderful thought to have, thinking that in another 100 years, Brothers that have come after us are gathered like you are, celebrating the fact that you were able to help ensure that Gamma Delta Psi was carried forward?

So please help us live on in the future, reach out to that son, grandson, nephew, neighborhood lad, co-worker's relative and so forth to bring into the folds of Gamma Delta Psi new blood that will help us live on for generations to come.

Here is to the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gamma Delta Psi, please be true to our motto of "Gaining Ever and Failing Never" by pledging yourself to do everything you can to ensure that the Fraternity will be around to celebrate a 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



# Eta Chapter

## GAMMA PSI FRATERNITY

### ANTHONY WEYLAND

CO-EDITOR

GAMMA DELTA PSI – BETA ALPHA CHAPTER NO. 301

GAMMA PSI – ETA CHAPTER NO. 97

Hello Brothers,

Eta Chapter is doing very well with fourteen active brothers and three promising pledges.

Each round of recruitment goes very well – we have a higher amount of interest than I have ever seen in Eta Chapter.

We have reached new heights inducting our 100<sup>th</sup> Brother last year and looking to the future with an opportunity to join campus as a Fraternal Brotherhood.

With our new Community Service Chair, Tyler O’Grady, we have been more active in the community.

We have supported a 5K here in town, helped children carve pumpkins, cleaned up a state park, and, of course, raised some money for the “Spirit of Baseball”.

Fundraising also being run by Brother O’Grady, and has been going well with two bowling nights so far this semester and hopeful ideas for new ways to raise money.

Beta Chapter has been a big task for Eta ,and I would like to recognize Tyler O’Grady, Alex Collie, Kyle Dobry, Robert Willis and Nathan Mace for helping with the education process, as well as welcoming these guys and ABY girls up to Longwood giving them places to stay and sometimes giving up their own beds.

Eta has been working on creating a memorial for Russell Jones, our Brother that passed away last year.

Eta is also eager to regain an International Board of Control through recent Alumni – we have a few in mind that would be good choices for the positions.

We can discuss that more about this in an upcoming Spring Conclave (Brother Education Weekend) that Eta has begun discussing when and where to plan.

Hopefully, the Conclave/BEW will be held at our new Richard Bland College campus in Petersburg, VA.

As we move forward with all of the new opportunities for Gamma Psi we want to try and begin doing everything we can to lighten the strain on the Brothers that have been holding the reins for so long.

If any brother needs help don’t hesitate to contact our chapter at [gammapieta@gmail.com](mailto:gammapieta@gmail.com).

Hope all is well with all of my Brothers and to see you at the upcoming conclave.

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# ΑΛΠΗΑ

## H O N O R A R Y F R A T E R N I T Y



*Joe Italia (Gamma Xi) & Grand Brother  
James L. S. Fermoile (Alpha Eta)*



*Dave Bartlett (Gamma Alpha) & Dorsey  
Howard (Beta Alpha)*



*Grand Brother Kevin Stockdale (Beta Alpha,  
Gamma Nu) & David Myers (Alpha Chi)*

'Alpha Honorary Fraternity' is the second highest honor a Brother of Gamma Delta Psi can receive.

Traditionally, it was presented to a Brother with past experience as an International Board of Control Member.

The 'Alpha Award' as it is also known, is voted on by the Board of Trustees and bestowed upon an Alumni member with distinguished service and commitment over many years to the Fraternity.

It ranks only second to the reverent 'Order of the Grand Crescent' in importance.

At the 135th Anniversary & Reunion Banquet on October 4th, four Alumni Brothers received the Alpha Award in recognition of their dedication and service to Gamma Delta Psi.

Brother Joe Italia (Gamma Xi), a long-time Trustee and former IBC member, is the current Web Publisher and Treasurer. Joe's contributions over many years as a consistent, hard-working and committed Board Member, are most evident in his work in creating the Fraternity's website and numerous other endeavors.

Brother Dorsey Howard (Beta Alpha) is a founding member of The Historical Society of Gamma Delta Psi and its first and current Chairman. Dorsey is a tireless contributor to the Fraternity's written history and Archives, its chief (and most generous) Procurement Official and impassioned voice.

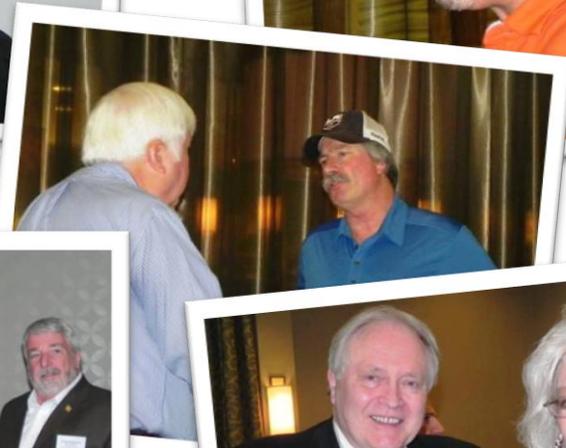
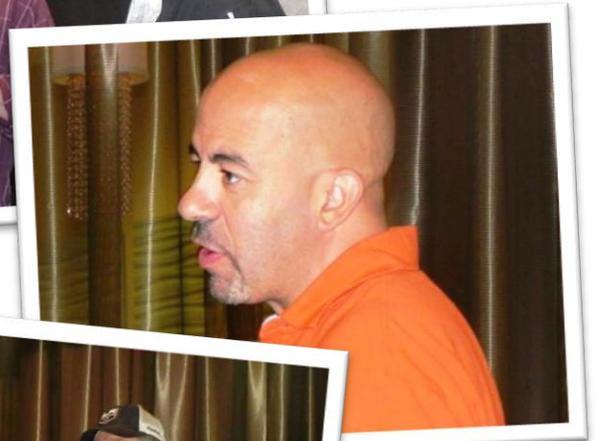
Brother Dave Bartlett is a former International President and Historian, and a founding member and current Secretary of The Historical Society. In alliance with Brother Howard, Dave is one-half of an endearing partnership in building the Fraternity Archives through boundless research and dissemination of knowledge.

Brother David Myers (Alpha Chi) is a former Northern Vice-President on the IBC. David's on-going support and philanthropic donations have enabled the Fraternity to remain fiscally sustainable. An adjunct bursary to the Trust Fund – The Myers Legacy Fund – was named in his honor at the Reunion.

Brother Vic Di Vincenzo (Gamma Eta) was also recognized for his support of the Fraternity as a contributor to The Myers Legacy Fund.

# PIX

## 135TH ANNIVERSARY & REUNION



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# The Historical Society Report

**DORSEY A. HOWARD**

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

2014 has been a most eventful and successful year for those of us who work under the name of the Gamma Delta Psi Historical Society.

There have been two primary areas of focus for our research and writing during this year.

The first has been the completion and presentation of the monumental research project conducted by Brother David Bartlett documenting the lives of hundreds of our fraternity brothers who graduated from Yale University.

The second was the authentication of the fraternity membership of Brother General Douglas MacArthur and the presentation of that material to the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, Virginia.

Highlights of both projects were presented via Power Point programs at the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion in Vaughan, Ontario on October 4th.

Ongoing contact will be maintained with the MacArthur Memorial as we anticipate the placing of engraved memorial bricks in the *Heritage Walk* commemorating our Fraternity's connection with Brother General MacArthur.

We also look forward to the production of an exhibit in the MacArthur Museum highlighting the General's membership in our brotherhood.

We have continued throughout 2014 our quest to condense the items in the Fraternity Archives concentrating on keeping only those items that have lasting significance to our history.

Brother Dave Bartlett has made enormous strides in compacting the volume of the Archives.

Digital scans continue to be made of the most important historical documents enabling us to disseminate our digital archives to any Brother who expresses an interest and to maintain a permanent digital archive.

Several Brothers have recently submitted vintage photo albums from various Chapters and a compiled volume of *'The Crescent'*, Hillhouse High School from 1893 that was produced by Alpha Chapter.

These items will be scanned as time permits and the results of the scans will be disseminated via email.

Our Webmaster, Brother Joe Italia, continues to work with Brothers Bartlett and Howard to update and expand the portions of the website pertaining to our history.

This is an ongoing project with periodic additions and improvements taking place when Brother Italia's work schedule permits.

Much of this work is done during the winter months when Brother Italia's home improvement construction business hits a seasonal weather-related lull.

We hope to continue to distribute news of our historical research via email and an occasional newsletter as our schedules and varying degrees of digital skills permit.

Any Brother who has an interest in writing, editing, digital photography and website design is heartily encouraged to lend your time and talents to our various projects.

# IOTA CHAPTER HOMECOMING

ALEX COLLIE

GAMMA PSI – ETA CHAPTER NO. 103



On Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, members from Longwood University's Eta Chapter and Richard Bland College's Beta Crescent Club travelled to Bridgewater College to meet the Brothers of Iota Chapter and celebrate the Annual Home Coming Game at with them.

As some of you may know, Iota has not been in constant contact with the rest of the Fraternity and is not in the best of shape right now.

They have 5 active brothers, 1 passive, and 3 prospective members at the moment. The Brothers seem to have a good understanding of Brotherhood, but in running an organization there exists room for improvement.

Currently, their treasury is at zero due to their past Treasurer graduating and not having transferred the money to the current Treasurer, limiting their ability to host events.

Additionally, they have not had a proper induction ceremony in at least two years, according to some of the active Brothers.

Deion Sanders is the current president of Iota, and is assumed by the rest of the Iota brothers to be the Corresponding Secretary when we spoke with them. Apart from that, they do not seem to be very well organized and could use a refresher on how to properly operate a chapter.

As with Eta Chapter, they are not recognized by the college as a school-sponsored organization. Each time they have begun discussion with the President of Bridgewater College about being recognized, the sitting President leaves the College, resulting in Iota having to start over from the beginning with a new President.

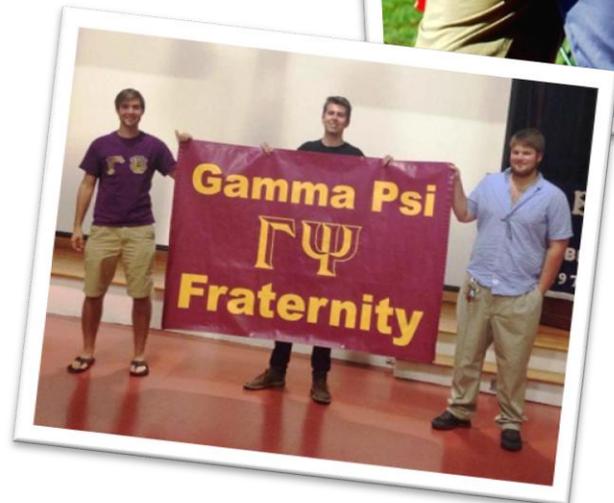
Talking with some students, it seems that the student body is open to the idea of Greek life at Bridgewater, but Gamma Psi will have to lead the way in showing that Greek Life will provide a positive impact to the school, the student body, and the community as a whole.

We provided them with the contact information of brothers from Eta and Beta chapter, along with contact information for the Board of Advisors.

Hopefully, now that we have established contact with them, we will hear more from them in the future. Eta chapter has begun discussion about inviting them to come up to Longwood and meet the rest of the chapter here, and perhaps gain some ideas on how to smoothly operate a chapter.

All in all, the trip down to Bridgewater was productive, and hopefully we can help to get Iota back on track.

# ΓΨ BROTHERHOOD



# The Brotherhood That Will Not Die!

## GAMMA PSI FRATERNITY

LARRY BELCHER

GAMMA PSI FRATERNITY – BETA & GAMMA CHAPTER

Brothers All,

**On the Active Front, Gamma Psi Fraternity** today stands in a position of strength in which we have not stood for many, many years!

We are seeing refreshing, dedicated, **leadership** from Brothers at Longwood University as well as from Richard Bland College!

We are also seeing willingness on the part of our recently college graduated Brothers to return to campus to provide leadership and help in maintaining our gains and re-establishing long cherished Chapters.

In fact – with one area of exception which I will address – the operating relationship between Gamma Delta Psi and Gamma Psi is functioning as perfectly as ever in central Virginia.

Let's start with **Eta Chapter** at Longwood: Led by a sharp group of members including **Kyle Dobry, Thomas Abston** and **Bud Weyland**, 14 active members, including **one Canadian**, are running a continually active Chapter in Farmville, VA!

Along with a pledge class of 4, Eta is continuing its work supporting FACES, the Farmville Area Food Bank, working with Twin Lakes State Park – cleaning up the grounds and manning a "Scare House" for area children this Halloween.

I am humbled and personally grateful that not only does Eta consistently send coaches, managers, and other volunteers to work with the

inner city children of the "Spirit of Baseball", **fifty percent of every dollar they raise this year will go to the Baseball camp!**

The leadership of **Eta** has also been approached by the current Greek Affairs Department at Longwood about becoming recognized as a Greek organization on campus.

Alpha Beta Psi Sorority, our Sister, has successfully completed this process in great style and are an outstanding organization on campus.

Board of Advisors Chairman John Cobb appointed Brother Lloyd Dunnivant as an alumni representative to Longwood.

After a visit to campus, **Brother Dunnivant found our guys to bright and thoughtful and the Longwood representative to be quite reasonable.**

It was made clear by Brother Dunnivant to Longwood that Gamma Psi is much more substantial than they originally thought.

It should be noted here, however, the Longwood representative was truly apologetic about the treatment of Gamma Psi by his predecessors.

The process will continue and once completed will definitely enhance our standing elsewhere as we expand.

Speaking of expansion, Eta has been first and foremost in the development of the renewed **Beta Chapter at Richard Bland College!**

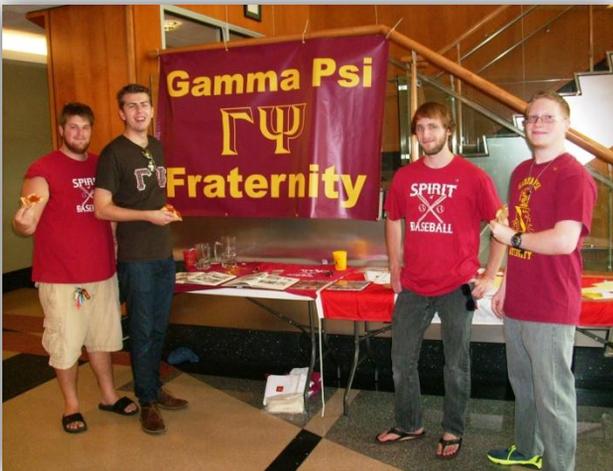
## THE BROTHERHOOD THAT WILL NEVER DIE CONTINUED

A new administration is in place at RBC which understands the value of Fraternities and Sororities on a college campus.

An alumni survey was recently sent to RBC graduates; more than 60 percent of the respondents stated that Greek Life was central to their great experience at the college.

After almost 2 years of alumni talks with various members of the new RBC leadership (including the President of the College), **Beta Chapter has been welcomed home!**

**Eta is sponsoring Beta** by manning membership tables, helping establish the Crescent Club at RBC, hosted the Crescent Club at Longwood, showing them how community service projects work, and truly showing Brotherhood by assigning an Eta as Big Brother to every Crescent Club Member.



*Eta and Beta Brothers at RBC*

The Beta Crescent Club President is **Josh Jones** from **Gamma Delta Psi, Beta Alpha Chapter**—he is leading his own group of sharp guys.

They are planning a Faculty Appreciation Car Wash, working with the Central Virginia Blood Bank, cleaning up Richmond International Raceway as a fund raiser, reading the entire Constitution in parts at each meeting, and of

course, putting the time in to learn the book.

In fact, the guys have already been called on for help by the school!

As you hear this, the Crescent Club is manning a welcome table at RBC for the Annual Car Show—the enrollment department could not get the table manned—Gamma Psi steps up!

Alumni (**Grand Brother Danny Wyatt**) and students are pitching in.

**Beta** is on its way back!

In addition to all this, Eta, the Beta Crescent Club, and alumni led by **Brother Jimmie Simmons** will be traveling to **Bridgewater College** in a rescue mission for **Iota Chapter**.

We haven't heard much from Iota though we know that there is still several Brothers on Campus.

Founding Brother Simmons does not want his Chapter to fold and is planning to use Bridgewater's homecoming as a jump start for the group to get going.

We have been contacted by **Gamma Delta Psi** alumni members **Jonathan Rigney** and **Cody Lynch** about starting Chapters at **Old Dominion University** and **Christopher Newport University** respectively.

Back to **Gamma Delta Psi**:

As I stated, the relationship is running perfectly with one exception.

Though GDP members are integral in four of the five above mentioned colleges and are contributing to success, the membership at **Hopewell High School** has been *drained down to one man*.

When this was mentioned to the college actives, they overwhelmingly responded: **"They are our little Brothers – Let us help!"**

**Active and recent alumni are stepping up!**

### Where do we go from here?

A few recommendations – these are my recommendations, not the opinion of the Board of Advisors as a whole:

**Get Beta Chapter initiated as soon as they are ready.**

#### Call a Brotherhood Education Day at RBC.

At the Brotherhood Education Day, re-establish a three man Board of Directors made up of recent Graduates – President, Vice-President, Treasurer – Brandon Galvin, Jimmie Simmons, and Trent Armitage come to mind.

**Ask this Board to work** with Beta Alpha as well as the College Chapters.

#### Finalize being recognized at Longwood.

Develop the two potential Chapters, find out if we have something here.

#### Solidify Iota.

Work to establish an association of similar sized Greeks – yes, they are out there and we have made contact – to create a national affiliation for non-national fraternities and sororities.

#### Establish a Canadian Chapter.

**On the Alumni Front, Grand Brother Randy Picardat** continues to maintain alumni relations through the **Second Saturday Breakfast** meetings.

This monthly event is essential in alumni communication and is always a good time.

As I have looked around John Marshall High School in each of the last four years at the **Spirit of Baseball Camp** in Richmond Gamma Delta Psi and

Gamma Psi have touched the lives of hundreds of inner city children.

I swell with pride that Brothers **Randy Picardat** and **Tony Weyland** are there cooking up the hot dogs—that Brothers **Bob Mays** and **Don Graves** are serving up snow cones—that Brothers **Danny Wyatt** and **John Slate** are teaching the sport—that Brothers **Kyle Dobry**, **Josh Jones** and **Bud Weyland** are connecting with inner city kids, and **COUNTLESS OTHER GAMMAS active and alumni** are on the field coaching and helping in a dozen different ways.

It means so much to me personally that as I created a camp to show the **Brotherhood of Man** to inner city kids that it is **MY BROTHERHOOD** that never lets them down!

Finally, it was also emotional to be present at the Douglas McArthur Memorial as **Brother Dorsey Howard spoke passionately about our Brother!**

I want to thank Brother Dorsey and other members of the Historical Society for never leaving Gamma Psi out of the mix!

As I believe it is Brother Dorsey reading this report (at the Reunion), you will be getting details but again, to know with the most solid of connections (**established by Brother Dorsey and Brother Dave Bartlett**) that one of the world's most dedicated Freedom Warriors ever is **OUR Brother**—is something that we should never forget and always pass on to the next generation!



# WHAT 'BROTHERHOOD' MEANS TO ME ...

**KORON STEWART**

VICE-PRESIDENT

GAMMA PSI – BETA CRESCENT CLUB

I am a new member of Beta Chapter Gamma Psi Crescent Club.

I feel that my Fraternity is more than just an ordinary Brotherhood - It's my life.

We have an amazing group of guys; the weak have weaned themselves off as the rest of us have learned valuable lessons about brotherhood and comradery.

Brothers from other Chapters have treated me and other Richard Bland College Crescent Club members as if we are already a part of the "Fraternal Crescent".

I feel that Gamma Psi Fraternity international is a group of men that strives to build prominent members of society.

For an example my Brother Jake and I are always together, it's like we were raised together even though we grew up hundreds of miles apart.

Whenever I need something he's there even if he doesn't have time or resources he makes sure that I am okay.

He really takes the value of being his Brother's keeper seriously; this is truly heartwarming.

We have built not only friendships but a strong brotherly love that is easily life-long.

Gamma Psi means the world to me and I know I can count on Brotherhood till the day I die.



# In Aid of **BETA ALPHA CHAPTER**

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CO-EDITOR

GAMMA DELTA PSI – BETA ALPHA CHAPTER NO. 301

GAMMA PSI – ETA CHAPTER NO. 97

Brothers,

It is with a heavy heart I tell you **Beta Alpha Chapter** at Hopewell High School is in **danger of dying off.**

It is hard for me to believe that just six short years ago I was undergoing my rituals and looking toward a bright expanding future for Gamma Delta Psi.

This report is NOT to tell you all hope is lost; this is to tell you that even though only one Brother – a Samuel Krise – is left active, we still have a chance at growing.

Much like Eta Chapter of Gamma Psi is helping Beta Crescent Club, Beta is helping Beta Alpha of Gamma Delta Psi.

Brother Krise met with myself (Anthony Weyland) and other Alumni, including Brothers Dorsey Howard, Franck Judkins and Johnnie Smith.

Later in that week he began meeting with Beta which contains a BA Alumni Josh Jones.

They helped him through a bid session and from what I understand will be giving out bids soon.

Hopefully, over my Christmas break I can meet with Hopewell High's new Principle; I plan to ask if we can possibly open recruitment within the high-school with Alpha Beta Psi Sorority.

If this were to happen we would gain a faculty sponsor, have a meeting space on campus, and be able to do events and fundraisers within the school.

**We need as much Alumni support as possible!**

Also, I hope the upcoming Conclave is as amazing as the first one I came to and we see as many Brothers from the Great White North as I did!

# The Best of Conventions

## “Who’s Who” Awards

**DAVE BARTLETT**

SECRETARY – THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GAMMA DELTA PSI  
GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER NO. 10

- 1930      “Baby Brother” – *Brother McIntire, Brother Crammer (17 years-old)*  
            “Homeliest Brother” – *Brother Blunt*
- 1940      “Champion Cigarette Bummer” – *Brother Webb*  
            “Most Popular Radio Program” – *Little Orphan Annie*
- 1953      “Best Politician” – *Brother J.L.S. Fermoile*
- 1958      “Best Singer” – *Brother Al “Maryland” Smith (Alpha Phi)*  
            “Dumbest Remark” – *“I’ve got to go home and get some underwear.”*
- 1960      “Sexiest Clothes” – *Brother Ed Jones (Beta Alpha)*  
            “Best Supported Function” – *Palace Burlesque in Buffalo, NY*  
            “Best Artistic Ability” – *Brother Ron Fleming and his Bristol board*
- 1977      “Most Conventions Attended” – *Brother Kevin Stockdale, Brother Gary Cromie (9 each)*  
            “Tiny Feet Award” – *Brother Gary “Curly” Condon (Beta Xi)*
- 1984      “Joe Who?” – *Brother Joe Italia (Gamma Xi)*  
            “Where is My Underwear?” – *Brother Mike Kuch (Gamma Alpha)*  
            “Fart Award” – *Brother Barry Poe (Gamma Theta)*
- 1989      “The Geek from Hell” – *Brother Troy Adams (Gamma Alpha)*  
            “The fire one up, I don’t want none” – *Brother Johnnie Smith*