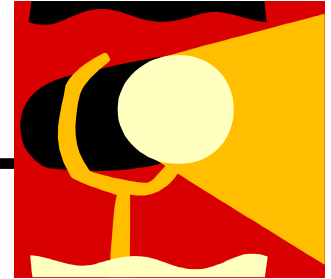


BETA ALPHA ALUMNI NEWS



SPOTLIGHT ON...

MR. PI KAPPA PHI 2009

An Interview with Jim Krucher By Pat Guerra

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Sun. Nov. 8, 2009

1pm–6pm

Location:

Fernandes Steak House

152-170 Fleming Ave

Newark, NJ 07105

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Q: Why did you want to join a fraternity?

A: “There were no dormitories at that time and the fraternities provided the social life. Campus life was quite different then and fraternities were thriving at that time. It was an easy decision. Joining a fraternity meant having a social life.”

Q: What made Beta Alpha your choice over other fraternities?

A: “I knew more people at Pi Kappa Phi than any other Fraternity. I had no idea what a National Fraternity was at this time and almost joined a local.”

Q: Was there one person who influenced you more than anyone else to join?

A: “There were actually many people who influenced me. However, the one person who influenced me the most was Russ Chomiak. Russ was from my hometown, Clifton, NJ and he was a great salesman. There were many others but Chomiak influenced me more than anyone.”

Q: What was your best Pledge Experience?

A: “We took a pledge trip to visit other chapters. It was a great road trip and great weekend. It made me realize for the first time what it was like to be joining a national organization.”



JIM KRUCHER

Q: What was your most memorable experience as an undergraduate?

A: “The summer after I was initiated I went to my

first Supreme Chapter in Chicago. There were five of us including Tom Creaven, Joe Zengota, Charlie Forman and Steve DePalma. We had a blast. It was a very intense convention politically and I received a tremendous education about the organization. We hung out with our brothers from Alpha Xi Chapter. They were a very wild and fun group. I had a great time.

I have one lasting impression from that convention that I will never forget. I was getting on a hotel elevator with some really old Southern gentlemen. He was having difficulty walking and was leaning on a cane. I noticed he was wearing a Supreme Chapter Nametag. I could not believe the dedication of this really old Pi

Kapp. His presence made me realize what a wonderful commitment some people have made to Pi Kappa Phi.”

Q: Why did you stay active after you graduated?

A: “Al Brown was the rea-

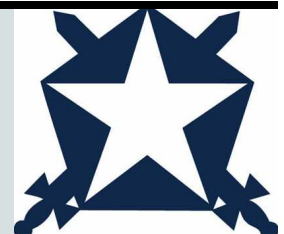
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FOUNDERS DAY 2009

Founders Day Celebration

Sunday Nov 8th, 2009 1pm-6pm

\$85/ Brother in Advance \$100/ Brother at Registration

Fernandes Steak House 152-170 Fleming Ave. Newark NJ 07105
(In The Banquet Rm. Across Chapel St from Main Restaurant) Sit Down Dinner with 13
appetizers, Soup, & Choice of Rodizio, Grilled Salmon, Or Chicken Breast w/shrimp Dish,
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A special Meet and Greet with **MR. PI KAPPA PHI 2009**
our very own *Jim Krucher*

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MR. PI KAPPA PHI 2009 CONTINUED...

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son. He was our alumni social director and leader in many ways. Al Brown was always at Pi Kapp College and Supreme Chapter. He was constantly planting seeds with all of us to stay active and participate in National Events. I remember one night at a convention in San Francisco. The Beta Alpha contingent was up very late at night. Al Brown (who never slept during a convention) suggested to John Lee and myself that we could someday also serve on the National Council. Both of us laughed at him and told him he was crazy. Al Brown was the Bridge Builder for us. The reason we have so many Nu Phi members from our chapter is due to Al Brown's influence."

Q: When did you start serving the Fraternity on a national scale?

A: "Again it was Al Brown during the late 70's. At that time, I was President of the North Jersey Alumni Association. Al Brown asked me to serve on a National Alumni Committee that was making recommendations to the National Council regarding Alumni activities and programming. I worked with some other alumni from other chapters from our area including Keith Sheppard from Drexel's Alpha Upsilon Chapter. That is what got me started.

A few years later, then Area Governor Steve DePalma asked me to serve as Chapter Advisor for a new group his brother Lenny DePalma was starting at Seton Hall University. The rest is history."

Q: What is your Advice to newly graduating Beta Alphas?

A: "First, never ever miss a Founders Day on the second Sunday in November. It is the only day of the year where all Beta Alphas come together. It is one day a year and is a very special Beta Alpha tradition. Make this your day to remember your Beta Alpha brothers! Please try to reconnect with a pledge brother and bring him to Founders Day. By the way, Founders Day is also a great way to network when looking for employment.

Second, call Pat Guerra B 908-355-3335 and volunteer to help the Beta Alpha Board of Overseers. Now more than ever we need more people helping out.

Thirdly, we are entering a very critical period in Beta Alpha history. The next three years will determine the future of the Chapter at NJIT. Please get involved now. We simply do not have enough volunteers at this time to insure Beta Alpha has a future at NJIT."

Q: How has Pi Kappa Phi influenced your life?

A: "Joining Pi Kappa Phi was certainly one of the wisest decisions I ever made. I could probably write a book about my positive experiences but let me mention a few.

First, there are many Beta Alphas that are very close

friends. Since I graduated college, the only people I still see on a consistent basis from my undergraduate years are Beta Alphas.

Secondly, I have friends from all over the country. I have met great people at every volunteer level. We have great people involved at all regional and national levels. Pi Kappa Phi has truly become the Fraternity that all others look up to and follow. I would encourage every Beta Alpha to participate on the local, regional and national level.

Thirdly, there have been many unique experiences which have been the result of continued involvement. For example, at a Pi Kappa Phi Foundation event in Chicago, I was able to see a Cubs baseball game at Wrigley Field from a Sky Box. I probably have a hundred of these unique experiences.

I once found a job as a direct result of attending Founders Day. I got the job lead at Founders Day and this led to a very lucrative consulting assignment.

As a young alumnus, working with other volunteers helped me develop my professional and people skills. Lessons learned from my fraternity experience, certainly helped me to be a better manager in my working environment."

Q: Jim, How about some closing thoughts?

A: "Yes, we need more Beta Alphas to step forward now and get involved!

I want to thank all the Members of the Beta Alpha Board of Overseers for all the hard work they have done and are doing. John Pugliesi, John Lee, Bill Nichols, and Pat Guerra need special recognition for their unbelievable dedication to Beta Alpha. I also want to thank many of our other alumni who have donated their time for the betterment of NJIT. Guys like Joe Manfredi and Ted Cassera have been involved at the school for many years serving in various boards. They simply do not get enough credit for their efforts.

I hope to see many of you in Boston on June 5-7 for the Pi Kappa Phi Foundation Reunion. It should be a lot of fun. Lastly, being a member of this fraternity has truly been a wonderful journey for me. I encourage all alumni to get involved or stay involved.

Beta Alpha Forever!....."

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PI KAPPA PHI SUMMER REUNION

The Pi Kappa Phi Foundation has started a tradition of an "Off Year Event" known as the Foundation Summer Reunion. The first one was held in Las Vegas and the last one was in Chicago. In Chicago we were treated to a private box at Wrigley Field.

This year the Summer Reunion will be held in Boston. The date is June 4-7th. As many of you know Boston is an awesome city for both singles and families. There is history galore all within walking distance. The hated Red Sox will be in town playing the Texas Rangers.

This Summer Reunion will be extra special for Beta Alpha. Jim Krucher will receive the honor of being named Mr. Pi Kappa Phi 2009 in Boston. He will be joining the ranks of Steve DePalma and Al Brown as Mr. Pi Kappa Phi. This is our opportunity to support a fellow Beta Alpha Chapter Brother as well as meet alumni from all over the country.

Join us in Boston, who knows maybe we can get a tour over to the Massachusetts Bay Brewing Company and sample some fine Harpoon Ale.

Yours in Pi Kappa Phi
Dave White
National Chaplain

Go to the following link for more info:
<http://www.pikapp.org/Calendar/eventdetails.cfm?eventid=926>

Or contact Tom Atwood for more info:
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ANNUAL ALUMNI CONTRIBUTION INVOICE

"... Your generous donations allow us to keep you informed and in touch with the chapter on a global level...."

This year's Annual Contributions are now due. These Voluntary annual contributions go toward covering the costs of items such as this newsletter *The Beta Alpha Alumni News* as well as other mailings and BA events.

The alumni board has no income other than these contributions. All money paid by undergraduates via room rentals of the chapter house go directly into the house's operating budget with zero left over at the end of the year for anything other than maintenance.

Events like founders day are

priced to cover the basic costs and are not considered fundraisers.

Money that has been donated to the chapter's investment/scholarship funds or building fund are invested in those funds and can not be used for items such as this newsletter.

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Thank you for your Annual Contribution and if you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to ask.

Pat Guerra

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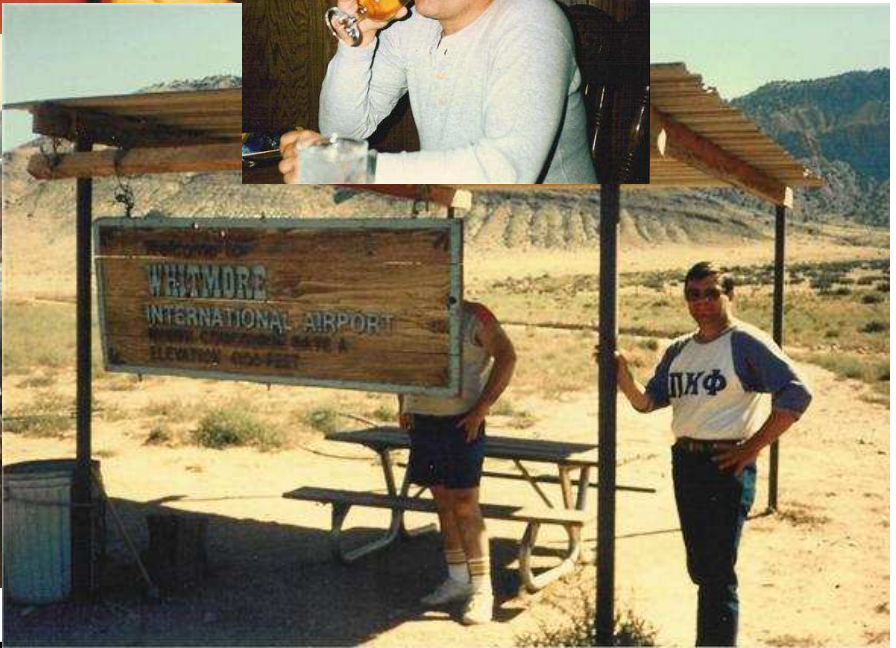
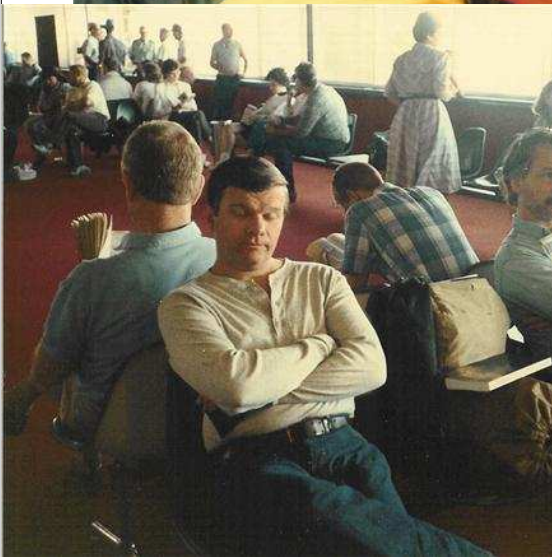
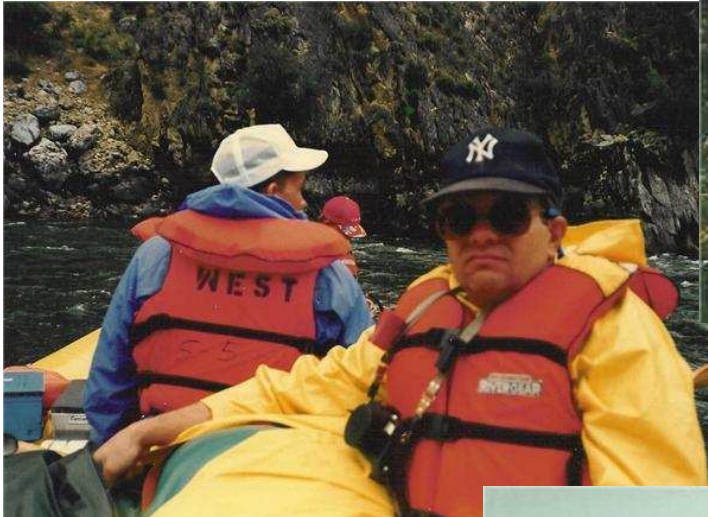
- May 6, 2009** Famished Frog, 14 Washington St., Morristown, NJ (973) 540-9601 (Located right off the Green in Central Morristown)
- June 3, 2009** Kelly's Corner Tavern, Route 35, Neptune, NJ (732) 775-9517
- July 24, 2009** Annual Blow Off the Boss Day Friday. Take the day off from work and do something with your fraternity brothers.
- August 5, 2009** Outback Steakhouse, Rt 22 West, Green Brook, NJ
- September 2, 2009** Old Man Rafferty's, Route 206 South, Hillsborough, NJ, across from Lowe's.
- October 7, 2009** Jose Tejas Restaurant, 700 US Highway 1, Iselin (Woodbridge), NJ 08830 732-283-3883
- November 8, 2009** Founder's Day
- December 2, 2009** Outback Steakhouse, Rt 22 West, Green Brook, NJ

Our meetings are simple get-togethers of fraternity brothers and old friends. Share some stories or Complain about your boss! Stop by one of our future dates the worst you could do is make some new friends.



JIM KRUCHER IN ACTION...

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JIM KRUCHER'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Jim is currently serving on the Alumni Board for Epsilon Theta Chapter at Seton Hall University and Beta Alpha Chapter at NJIT. In addition, he is serving on the National Expansion Committee helping plan for the future growth and expansion of the Fraternity.
- Jim was the first Chapter Advisor for Epsilon Theta Chapter at Seton Hall University and has been advising this chapter for the past 29 years. Jim was voted into the Epsilon Theta Chapter Hall of Fame in December 2003.
- Jim has been a facilitator at Pi Kapp College many times and served on numerous National Committees.
- Jim has served four terms on the National Council of Pi Kappa Phi. He served as area governor for many years. He was one of only two people to receive the Area Governor of the Year Award 3 times. He is the only person to receive the award for two consecutive years. Durward Owen has stated in print and verbally that Jim is "most likely the Best Area Governor ever".
- For his efforts to add more Pi Kappa Phi Chapters in his Region, he received the Beta Circle Award in 1992. Jim managed to add 15 new Chapters to his Area while Area Governor from 1985-1992. This was the greatest expansion effort for any single Area in Pi Kappa Phi History.
- As a member of Nu Phi, Jim has attended 17 Supreme Chapters and has assisted at the Chartering of 23 new Chapters for Pi Kappa Phi.
- In 1974, Jim helped reorganize and run the North Jersey Alumni Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi. He served the organization for ten years and was President three times. He is a former President of the Beta Alpha Chapter Board of Overseers.
- He has been a volunteer for our fraternity for over 35 years. He is still very active with all local Chapters. Jim helped in re-chartering Alpha Xi Chapter as a vibrant chapter at St. John's University.
- Jim received the Pi Kappa Phi Merit Citation Award in 2002.
- **January 2009 Jim is named Mr. Pi Kappa Phi for 2009 by the National Council.**



Jim Krucher (center) holding court at a Beta Alpha Founders Day

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We Will Lead!

The expression of shared values and ideals as contained in the Ritual of Initiation, Supreme Law and Fraternity policy; The pursuit of brotherhood through scholarship, leadership, service and social experiences; The achievement of personal excellence in each member and collective excellence in our Fraternity; A lifelong brotherhood of its members.

Our Roots

Pi Kappa Phi's commitment to leadership dates back more than 100 years to our humble roots at the College of Charleston where our founders exemplified leadership in the classroom, on the athletic field, in campus politics and within the community. Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity was founded to further create leadership opportunities—by men who made the choice to lead. Today, on more than 144 campuses across America, Pi Kappa Phi has broadened its commitment to building men who are leaders by choice.