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## YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS THIS:

### ----- ABOUT A TOUR TO THE HOLY LAND

When you read this newsletter, I and my brother Fr. Ev, will be visiting in the Holy Land in Rome. We leave Waterloo on November 8 and return on November 19. Together we are heading a group of 22 people from Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and North Dakota. The whole idea came about when I and my seven brothers and sisters decided to present a tour to the Holy Land as a 50th wedding anniversary present to our parents. Fr. Ev and I didn't want to leave them travel away from home alone so decided we'd go along.

### ----- ABOUT MR & MRS. BERNARD J. HEMANN'S 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

It was a "once in a life time" celebration. Mom and Dad celebrated their anniversary on October 26. We anticipated the actual day with a dinner on Saturday, October 22 and a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, October 23. Mom and Dad have happy memories of their attending our 14th annual convention this past summer in Everett, Washington.

Fr. Frank Nemmers, standing below, hosted ten members from Iowa

and Kansas on October 3 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Among the topics of interest was Fr. John Brickley sharing the funeral celebration he conducted for a past King of the Hoboes, "The Hard Rock Kid." Fr. Nemmers related his experience of flying from Rome to JFK in the cockpit of a 747 because the jump seat was the only available seat. Somehow the crew trusted the "Roman Collar."

We all enjoyed a chicken dinner with seventeen other priests from the Fort Dodge area. My, but they were impressed with us "strange creatures" who descended on them from the heavens in our flying machines.

Fr. John Herzog, the regional chairperson, conducted an orderly meeting and called it a complete success when it was announced that our Spring

meeting will be held in Chelsea, Iowa on May 1, 1978. You're all invited.

----- ABOUT OUR "EDITOR"

Fr. Mel was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Chelsea, Iowa and moved on October 18. You will notice his new address on another page in this edition. Please address all correspondence to him at his new assignment. The nearest airport is a 2,300' lighted grass strip five miles from the rectory at Belle Plain.

Fr. Mel was also featured in a five minute interview on a local TV station in September concerning his flying ability.

----- ABOUT THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION - JULY 1978

Santa Fe, New Mexico is the place and our host is Fr. Bob Kirsch. He's already got some interesting things lined up. Our base of operation will be the seminary in Santa Fe. We'll spend some time visiting some of the "native" Indians in the hills. July 11 & 12 are the convention dates so mark your appointment books now. If you wait until tomorrow something of less importance will come up and you'll make other plans. We want you to be with us.

You might want to write Fr. Bob, or call him, and lend your support to his planning. His address is:

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----- ABOUT NEW MEMBERS

Ask a priest who flies to join us and experience our sharing of gifts, talents, prayer and personalities. Two priest have just joined us this month - because - they received a personal invitation.

----- ABOUT OUR LAPEL PIN

A request was received from a Frank Del Gandio, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, to share with him our "pin." He's a collector of aviation tie bars/tacs, lapel pins and service pins. His collection totals over 1100 pins and now he can add our very special pin to them.

----- ABOUT YOURSELF

Write to me, or our editor, and share with our membership those special things that have happened to you. You can write about flying or about something special in your priestly ministry or about both.

----- ABOUT WHERE YOUR PRESIDENT LIVES

Please contact me, or if traveling through, stop for a visit.

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----- FROM EDITOR MEL



The picture at left shows co-editor Nancy and myself at a wedding in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on September 3.

The third party in the picture sneaked into the picture and then took off with poor Nancy and we haven't seen hide nor hair of either since.

Actually, he's Barry Brown, the lucky groom and is now living happily ever after with Nancy at 1733 29th St. in Cedar Rapids.

Nancy was recently appointed temporary assistant chief at the Cedar Rapids tower.

Obviously, this issue, is being done without her capable assistance. By the Christmas issue I should be settled and so should she and T-H-E-N we'll get back to some real good issues.

SANDERSON FILM STRIPS

PRIVATE  
Timothy Sander

IFR  
Irwin Weber  
Vernon Schaefer  
(standing by for clearance)

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

We've had a few moves but at the time of this writing I haven't finished unpacking and I can't locate the box that has that particular info. So we presume you know where you are and the rest of us will have to wait for the new directory in January to find out where every one is.

Oh! It's all so confusing.

NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Zachary Callahan, O.F.M.  
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Zachary is Assistant in Service Chapel located in Northway Mall Shopping Center.

Rev. Bernard J. Bush, S.J.  
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Bernard is working in the San Francisco Diocese. Associate Director of House of Affirmation.

Henry L. Weckerle  
318 Chicago Ave.  
Savanna, Ill. 61074

Henry is Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church. Owns a 182.

Zachary read about NAPP in the AOPA Handbook for Pilots 1977.

Bernard read about us either in Flying or AOPA Pilot.

Henry heard about the organization from Dick Skriba & John Hemann.

BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

The Gefell twins, Monsignors Gerard and Joseph of Rochester, N.Y. have retired from the Army after a total of 56 years service. They now spend the week days fishing and help out on weekends in the Rochester area parishes where needed.

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Fr. Benedict Meyer, O.S.B. wrote recently from Brazil.  
"Enclosed is my new address (ed. printed in last issue). Maybe, if I get a salary, I could even pay dues from my new job. I'm leaving Brazil Sept. 7. Thanks for keeping me in the directory despite all."  
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Timothy Sander from Fairbanks, Alaska.  
"The last issue of the newsletter reminded me of the availability of the private Sanderson Film Strips. If at all possible I would like to get the private program for the month of November.

"A generous donor has made a 1974 model Skyhawk available to the school so that we can now have a ground school backed up with an airplane. The students who are interested (and some teachers) are making use of the

opportunity to get their private. I am again working on my instrument rating and it is now within grasp.

"Sorry I missed the convention in Everett but hope I can make it to I can make it to Albuquerque next summer."

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The following blurb about Navy Chaplain (Lt. Commander) Jim Kelley.

"It's almost as if the world is my parish rather than just one particular little area."

Father Kelley, a member of the Fall River Diocese, has visited 30 countries in his eight years in the Navy and is assigned to the precommissioning unit of the aircraft carrier Dwight D. Eisenhower being built in Newport News, Va.

"Duty aboard the Eisenhower for the past seven months has been fantastic. The crew members are excellent and the morale is good."

When any new Navy ship is being built, members of the crew are gradually assigned to learn about the new equipment on board the ship. The Eisenhower, due for commissioning this fall, has almost a full crew aboard."

As well as saying Mass each day for the 3,000 to 5,000 men who will be the full crew, the chaplain's duties include counseling the men on the Eisenhower and their families.

"There is religious counseling, of course, and we talk with people about personal problems and offer marriage counseling but we're also a good referral service."

Father Kelley was an enlisted Navyman in 1947-51. "I was in for four years, three days, two hours and 32 minutes."

Twenty-six years ago, he was going to get out of the Navy, go to college and get married. Then he was frozen on active duty for a year because of the Korean War. During that last year I was in the Navy, I decided to become a priest," he says.

He accepted a commission in the Navy Chaplain's Corps in September, 1968 after spending seven years as a parish priest in St. Mary's parish, Mansfield.

"I had no intention of coming back in the Navy. But I watched our young men go off to Viet Nam and I buried some of them in our own little cemetery in Mansfield. That really tore me up. I got to thinking that I could help people in the Navy because I understood the problems and the system. so, I requested permission from my bishop and he gave me the go-ahead."

The six foot, 170 pound priest has traveled extensively, much of it has been flying a plane himself. He has logged more than 1,900 hours of flight time. He has several FAA flight ratings including tickets to fly commercial and instrument equipped planes. He also flies gliders and seaplanes.

He's licensed to teach students. "I got my instructor's license because you really know something if you teach it and I wanted to know more about flying."

"I love flying. It gives me a chance to look at things from a different perspective. The thing I'm working on right now is a commercial helicopter license - it might come in handy some day." (Ed: He got it July 23, 1977).

"The most interesting experience I have ever had was at Cagnew Station, Asmara, Ethiopia. I was the only chaplain and I had the ecumenical responsibility of caring for all the religious needs of the people on the base."

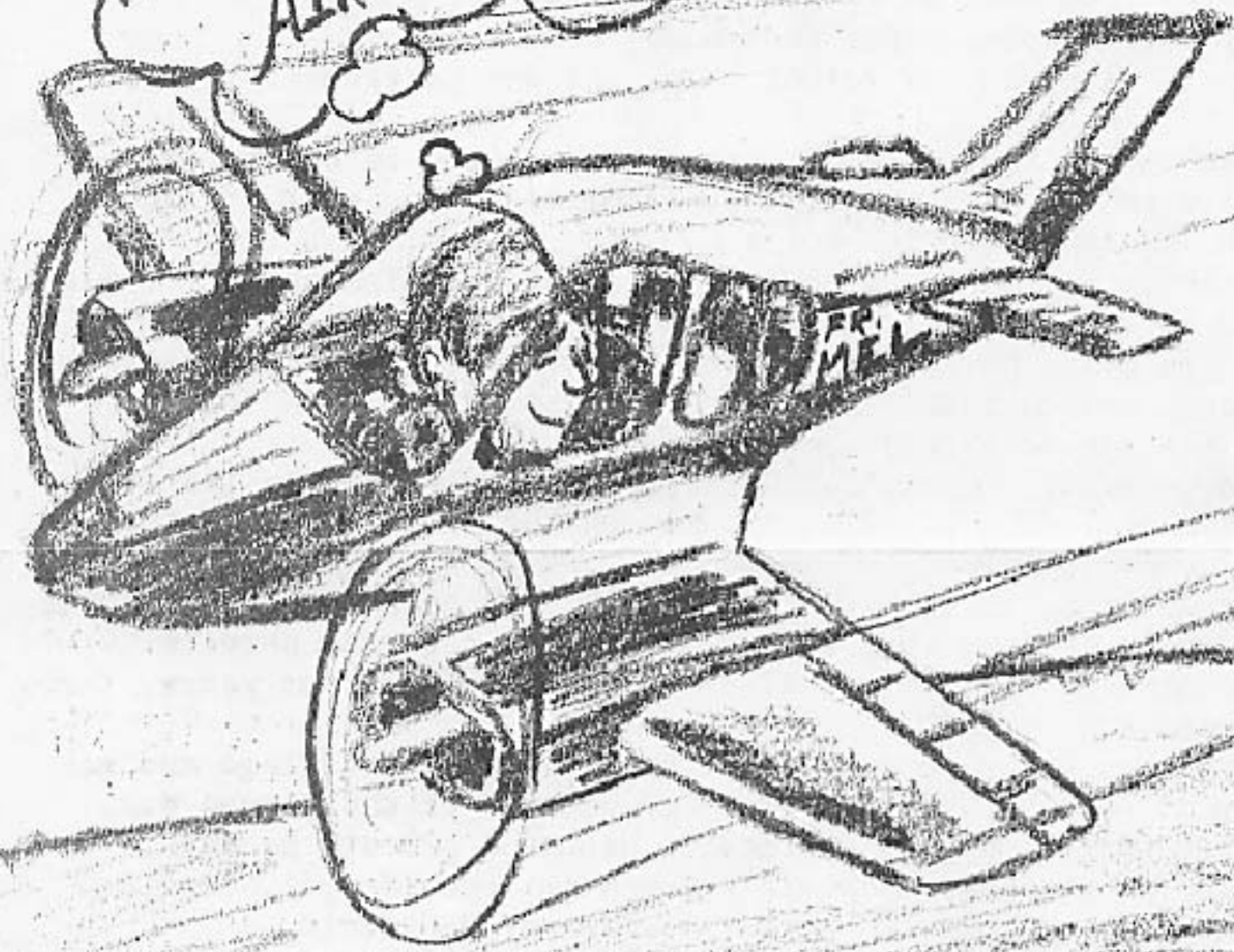
Some Ethiopian bush pilots showed him the ropes and the priest flew a twin engine aircraft for a small airline on his days off. He did some free flying for missionaries, carrying grain, medicines, supplies, nurses and doctors into the desert and jungle.

"Ethiopia is a real culture shock. It's like moving into the third or fourth century."

The priest-pilot recalled encountering a badly injured Ethiopian police sergeant on a flight into the bush. He said the man would have died if he hadn't flown him to a hospital since the trip would have taken five days by camel. It was 48 min. by air.

"My tour in Ethiopia was fulfilling for me both from the standpoint of priest - saying Mass, doing missionary work, giving counsel and taking care of people and their religious needs - and from the view of flying professionally," the Bay Stater explained.

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