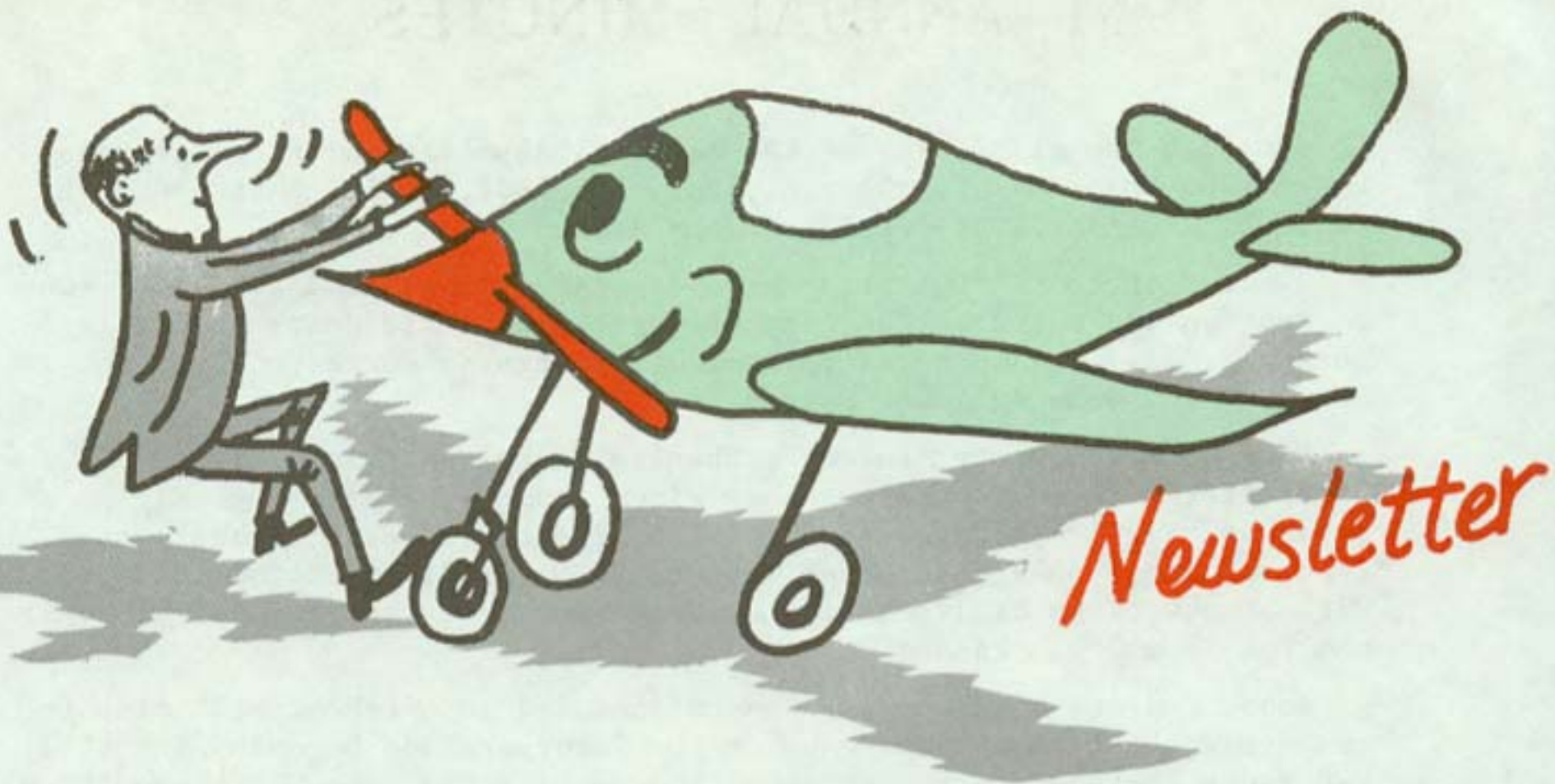


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

An amazing spectacle occurred in Anchorage in July that caused almost as much wonder as the earthquake in 1964. This recent event did not register on the Richter scale but it was still an awesome experience to see the power of president of NAPP transfer from John Hemann to John Herzog. So, yours truly is now involved in one of the first privileges of that office; writing something for the newsletter. I think that I have already missed my first deadline which could mean the editor will fly off in a huff. But, at least, he'll have fewer alternator problems.

All 38 of us that gathered at Anchorage did have a grand time. Archbishop Hurley and his ground crew extended great Alaskan hospitality that was much appreciated. I kept watching the evening news for about a week to see if anybody's trip was being described. Later on in the year, after all the dust is settled, Tom Jones is going to describe the scenic route he took to Alaska.

As your new president, I hope that working with you, NAPP will continue to be a catalyst for people sharing ministry and a love of flying. I hope that as time goes on, the different regions will get more active and perhaps we should look at sub-region gatherings like a state assembly. Many states have enough personnel for a good meeting. Don't forget to help with recruiting new members. If you need literature, check with one of the officers.

Meeting next year, July 13 & 14, tentatively at Colorado Springs.



# 1981 ANNUAL MINUTES

The 18th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Priest Pilots was called to order at 4:55 p.m., July 16, 1981, at St. Andrew Church, Eagle River, Alaska by President John Hemann.

Minutes of the 1980 meeting were distributed and read silently. One correction was noted as the city of Cyril and Hattie Moore as being Westerly, RI. Motion of acceptance of minutes as corrected by John Brickley and John Bellon, Passed.

Financial report by Treasurer Charles Teufel as printed in the Newsletter with estimated expenses since January, 1981. The only outstanding bill known is \$100 for the Directory. Without unexpected expenses there should be about \$500 to \$700 for distribution this year. Without questions or discussion a motion for acceptance by Bob Kirsch and Tom Rhomberg. Passed.

Announcements by President Hemann included an offer of NAPP pins to members without them; the copy of the Incorporation Document from 2nd V-P Henry Haacke; correspondence from members Frs. Joe Nettekoven, Bob Sennott, Dick Funke; Dave White and Bishop Arkfeld.

Convention expenses will be covered by the Archbishop of Anchorage as a gift because he considers it time for the Archdiocese to serve other people and missions. Jack Paisley expressed thanks for the free hospitality but last year Convention expenses for members was \$30 plus \$7 daily lodging, with members purchasing their own food except the banquet. Because of this, he plans to contribute at least \$15.00 per day to the Archdiocese and encouraged other members to do something similar. President Hemann commented that the Board encouraged others to voluntarily contribute if they choose.

Constitution changes were mandated at the 1980 meeting. The Board distributed proposed changes with explanation of why we would retain the name NAPP because of the Incorporation and the familiarity. The changes proposed are:

## ARTICLE II PURPOSES

1. To promote the use of private aircraft as a practical, safe, and efficient tool of the apostolic work of the Church.
4. To encourage the use of private aircraft as worthy of the talents and dignity of people in ministry.

## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

(eliminate category of "Supporting Membership" and changing the lettering).

## ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the above named Officers of the Association, the Regional Directors and the Editor of the Newsletter.

Motion of acceptance of the proposed changes by Tom Rhomberg and Tony Attea. Passed by more than two-thirds of members present.

By-Laws changes were discussed in accord with the change of membership to include Deacons. The proposed changes are:

### 1. KINDS OF MEMBERSHIP AND REQUIREMENTS

- A. a. Charter - those priests who, holding a pilot's license, participated in the Charter Meeting and paid the required dues.
- b. Regular - available to any Roman Catholic Bishop, Priest, and Deacon; of any nation who holds or has held an aviation license.

- c. Associate - any person who is interested in the goals and activities of the National Association of Priest Pilots.
- d. Honorary - conferred annually upon those who in the judgment of the Executive Board have advanced in an outstanding manner the purposes and aims of the NAPP. Honorary membership can be proposed by any member, but final decision rests with the Board of Directors.

#### 4. DUES

- a. Annual dues of \$10.00 must be paid by Charter, Regular and Associate members. Failure to pay dues will cause loss of voting power and privileges of the Association.

#### 5. POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- e. 1. The other members of the Board of Directors shall be the Editor of the Newsletter, and the Regional Directors. The United States may be divided into regions whose boundaries shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Any additional regions outside of the United States shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Motion of acceptance of proposed changes by Vic Schoenberger and Bob Kirsch. Motion passed by more than two-thirds of members present.

Correction of errors in election procedure in previous years was noted by the Board. These are:

First V-P was to have been elected in 1980 but was not done.

Second V-P was re-elected in 1980 but should have been done this year.

Secretary was to have been elected in 1981 but was elected last year.

In order to correct these errors the Board suggested to extend Henry Haacke's term of First V-P to 1982; to extend Bob Kirsch's term of Second V-P to 1983; and to extend Jack Paisley's term of Secretary to 1983. After some discussion, Tom Rhomberg and John Wolesky made a motion of acceptance. Passed by more than two-thirds of the members present.

The President recessed the meeting for the Mass, social hour and dinner as guests of St. Andrew Parish at 5:30 p.m.

President Hemann reconvened the meeting with announcements that Ed Murray just received his Private ticket and Tim Sanders his Instrument ticket.

The 1982 Convention location was announced by Irv Weber of Nebraska. He hopes to make arrangements for Colorado Springs.

President Hemann announced the invitation by the Canadians for the 1983 Convention at Montreal.

Elections of a new President began with acceptance of these nominations: Bob Kirsch nominate John Herzog; Ray Radzieta nominated John Bellon but he declined the nomination; John Herzog nominated Gene Murray; and John Brickley nominate Henry Haacke. Bob Kirsch called for nominations to cease, seconded by Al Werth. Motion passed. Discussion on whether a majority or plurality of votes needed to win led to motion by Bernie Bush and Charlie Teufel for a simple majority. Motion defeated. Winner will be by plurality.

Written ballots were distributed. Herzog received 15, Murray 9 and Haacke 5.

Commendation to President John Hemann for his 4 years of leadership of NAPP.



Future need will be for a new Midwest Regional Director to replace John Herzog. Likely this will happen at the meeting at Washington, Kansas in October.

John Herzog gave an acceptance speech and the challenge of the NAPP meetings in the future with high costs, especially fuel.

Annual donation of funds beyond the \$6,000 base. There will be approximately \$500 to \$700 to give. Suggestions included the Alaska Missions for aviation purposes by Bernie Bush; Preacher Smith by Bob Kirsch; and the Whitehorse Missions in the Yukon by John Wolesky. Comment by President Herzog that if we kept up the number of suggestions we would be here until dark!!! Motion by Bob Kirsch and Al Werth that our donation be to the Archdiocese of Anchorage with stipulation for mission aviation in Alaska. Passed.

Commendation by Bernie Bush to Mel Hemann and his nephew for the good brochure printed during the last year.

Next year's Convention will be July 13 and 14, 1982.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Kirsch and Miles Barrett at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Paisley,  
Secretary.

## FALL MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

John Wolesky will host the Fall Midwest Regional meeting in Washington Kansas.

Arrival: Sunday, October 11.  
Plan on an overnight with a Monday, October 12th departure.

If the weather's good, land on the grass strip on the south edge of town. Another field farther out is available but the first is within walking distance of St. Augustine Church.

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## ATTENDANCE AT CONVENTION

Officers: President John Hemann; 2nd V-P Bob Kirsch; Treasurer Charles Teufel; Secretary Jack Paisley and Newsletter Editor Mel Hemann.

Our host, Archbishop Francis Hurley, Tony Attea, Miles Barrett, John Bellon, John Brickley, Bernie Bush, John Dompka, John Herzog, David Hogan, Deacon Tom Jones, Jim Kelley, Ed Murray, Gene Murray, Ray Radzieta, Richie Reder, Tom Rhomberg, Tim Sander, Phil Schmitt, George Schneider, Vic Schoenberger, Richard "Preacher" Smith, Irv Weber, Al Werth, John Wolesky, Sebastian Pajdzik, Urban Bates and John Esquibal.

Guests included Gil Miller, Matt Hemann, Dale Heimer, Sister Katie Kelley, Edwina Tabares, Julius Seewaldt and Richard Remmes.





Kirsch in F-104 Simulator



OFFICERS: Treas. - C. Teufel; Pres. - J. Herzog; 2nd Vice Pres. - R. Kirsch; Editor - M. Hemann; Sec. - J. Paisley



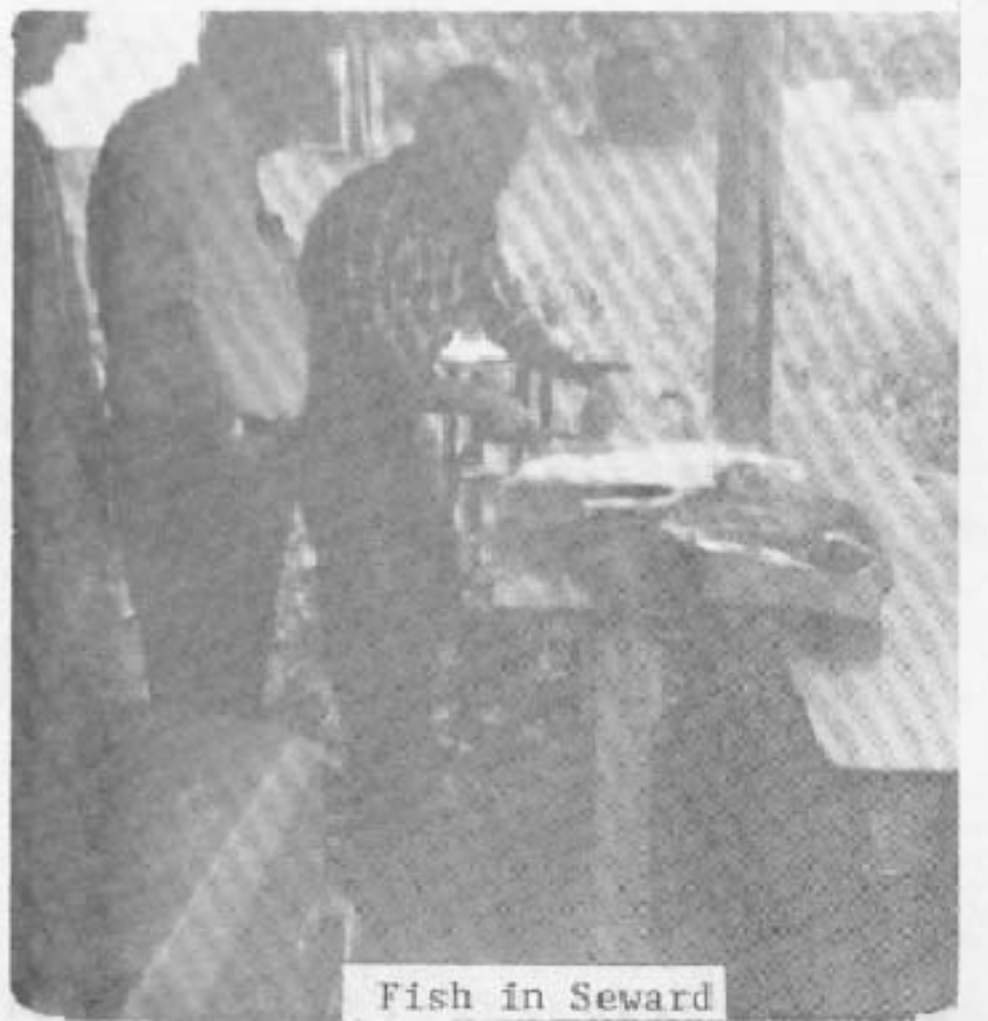
Annual Meeting



Portage Glacier



Breakfast at the Retreat House



Fish in Seward

Gerald L. Wightman  
will be ordained a priest  
for the Roman Catholic Church  
in the Diocese of Phoenix  
Saturday morning at eleven o'clock

September 12, 1981

at St. Jerome Church

10815 North 35th Avenue

(north of Peoria Avenue)

Phoenix, Arizona

by The Most Reverend Robert F. Sanchez

Archbishop of Santa Fe.

You are invited to join in this celebration.

A reception will follow in the parish hall.



Jerry Wightman writes in his letter about his up-coming ordination:

"First of all, this letter is to advise you of a change of address. I moved to St. Jerome's after my deacon ordination on June 6th. I expect to stay here for two or three years.

Also, for the next issue of the N.A.P.P. Newsletter, I would like to announce that I will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Phoenix on Saturday, September 12, 1981, at 11:00 am, here at St. Jerome's by Archbishop Robert Sanchez of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The ordination will take place here at the parish instead of the cathedral since I am the only one to be ordained. As I'm sure you know our Bishop Rausch died of a heart attack back in May just before my deacon ordination. Though he had publicly announced on many occasions that he intended to ordain me, he never actually wrote a letter calling me to orders. Thus my formal call to orders was written by the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Laghi.

Of course, any N.A.P.P.'ers are welcome to come in September: Phoenix -- Deer Valley Airport is the closest (though avgas is cheaper at the Glendale airport)."

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Former NAPP president Dick Skriba writes from the Windy City:

"I feel badly that I couldn't come to Alaska because this is the first fly-in I've missed in many a year. Probably Jim Kelley will tell you that I finally got some help here at Queen's (I was alone for 6 months) and the Associate had his vacation planned to be fishing the last 3 weeks of July. I thought it better not to disturb his holiday.

I did some flying, though. I went with my nephews from Chicago to Palm Springs, Ca. to visit relatives there in the Cherokee 140/180. We were gone two weeks and made the trip there and back in 3½ days. It was my 2nd time through the mountains but not on that southern route. Correction... 3½ days each way!! I don't know about the other NAPP'ers but I found the ATC controller most gracious to a lowly VFR flight. We averaged 102 kts for the 36 hours and had a couple of weather delays that in one instance were not forecast. Coming from Des Moines they told us at the FSS in DSM that Chicago was clear... It wasn't but we got to Joliet and came in under the junk.

I hope all the lads got to Alaska safely and had as enjoyable time I have with the bunch. Now with the new associate maybe I'll be able to get to some of the regionals. Hey, hope to see you in Oshkosh 'cause I plan to be there with my brother Ray."

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*In up-coming issues, look for:*

A report on Alaska  
A meeting of NAPPers in Africa  
A new organization called FOPP  
Other exciting things too  
numerous to mention