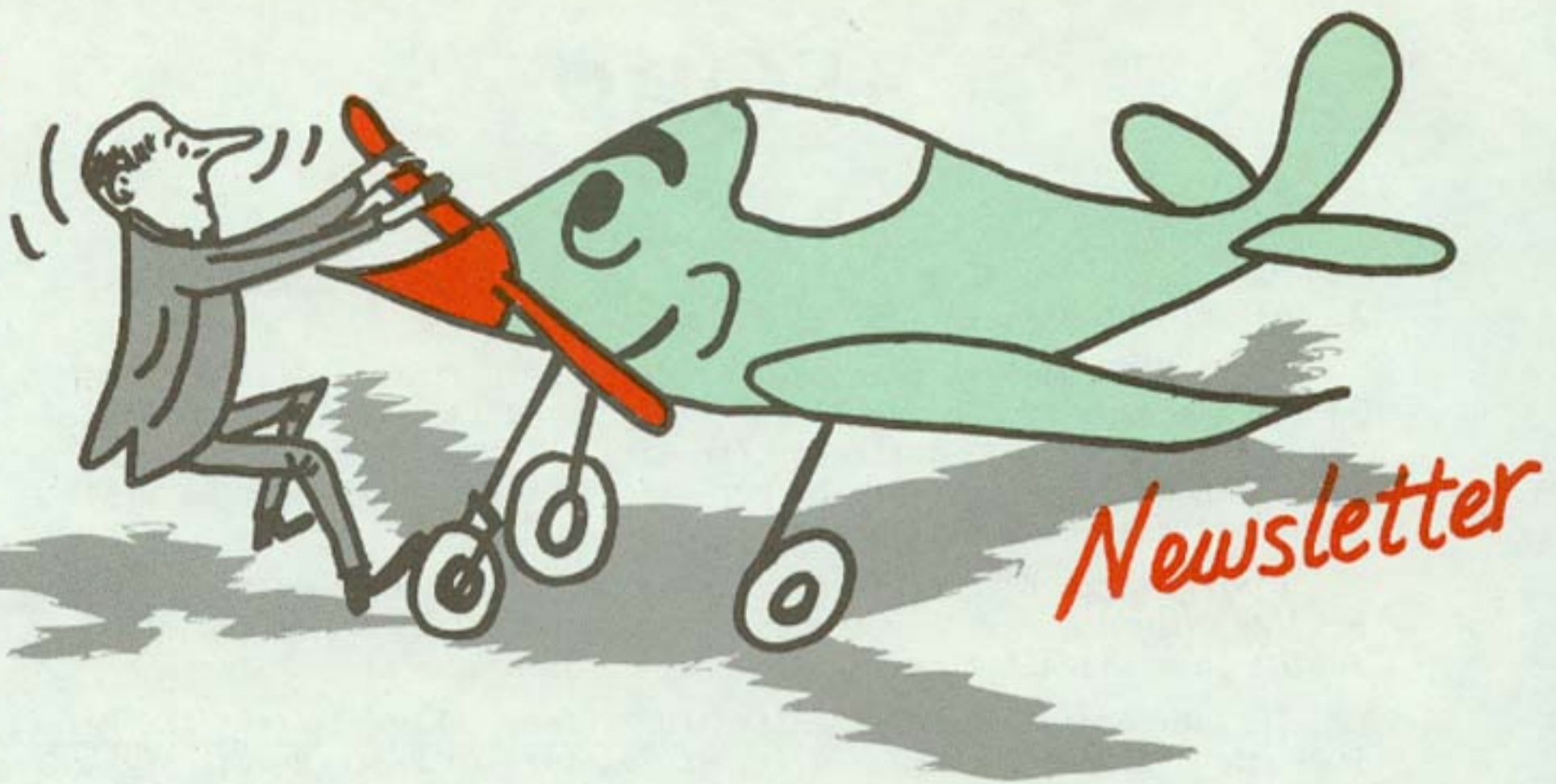


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YOUR PRESIDENT'S PROFUNDITIES

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN, AND WHAT'S A PERSON TO SAY?
GOD ONLY KNOWS

Certainly one item of concern high on the list is the location of the 1982 Convention. We will continue to pursue this with Irv Weber and his cohorts so that it can, hopefully, be pinned down by year's end.

It seems the Colorado Springs area is presenting some difficulties. Some of us have thought perhaps the Denver area might serve our needs better. Or better yet, maybe some spot high in the mountains could be found. Wonder what John Denver is doing with his Aspen hideaway that time of year?

This may be the time the National Association of Priest Pilots should begin examining the prudence of frequenting military establishments. In light of our recent Popes' statements, as well as the American Bishops, is it wise that we continue - by our presence and visitations - to show even that kind of support for the military-industrial complex.

We'd certainly appreciate your comments.

FOPP

One of the exciting sidelights of the 1981 NAPP convention in Alaska was the organization of a companion group.

While NAPP members were working diligently at the weighty items on their agenda at the annual meeting, the guests who had accompanied them to the far north gathered elsewhere. The way they looked when they joined us for the trip back to the Retreat House where we were lodged it must have been a g-o-o-d bar.

During their late evening exercise which consisted mostly of elbow bending they decided they too should be organized. Hence the birth of another new organization.

The new organization is called FOPP, Inc. Friends of Priest Pilots. FOPP was officially chartered in July of 1981 in Eagle River, Alaska.

The first president is Sr. Katie Kelley, SND, 418 Summit Ave., Webster Grove, MO. 63119.

Vice president is Mr. Gil Miller, 171 Ross Rd, Eighty Four, PA 15330

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The group plans an annual meeting. It was by a rare stroke of fate or something that their next year's meeting is to be in the month of July in the Colorado Springs area.

President Kelley has issued the first newsletter (probably the last) a few weeks ago. In it she reminded the membership that their organization would have no dues. With a come-on like that FOPP should grow rapidly.

We look forward to many more meetings with this group in the years ahead.

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CENTRAL REGION MEETING

On Sunday evening, October 11 and October 12, the Central Region had its Fall meeting in Washington, Kansas.

John Wolesky was host.

Those in attendance are pictured left to right: Marty Pfab, Anamosa, IA., John Friederick, Dubuque, IA., Mel Hemann, Preston, IA., Ev Hemann, Dubuque, IA. and host John Wolesky.

Nice IFR conditions with threatening thunderstorms kept the crowd to the bare minimum.

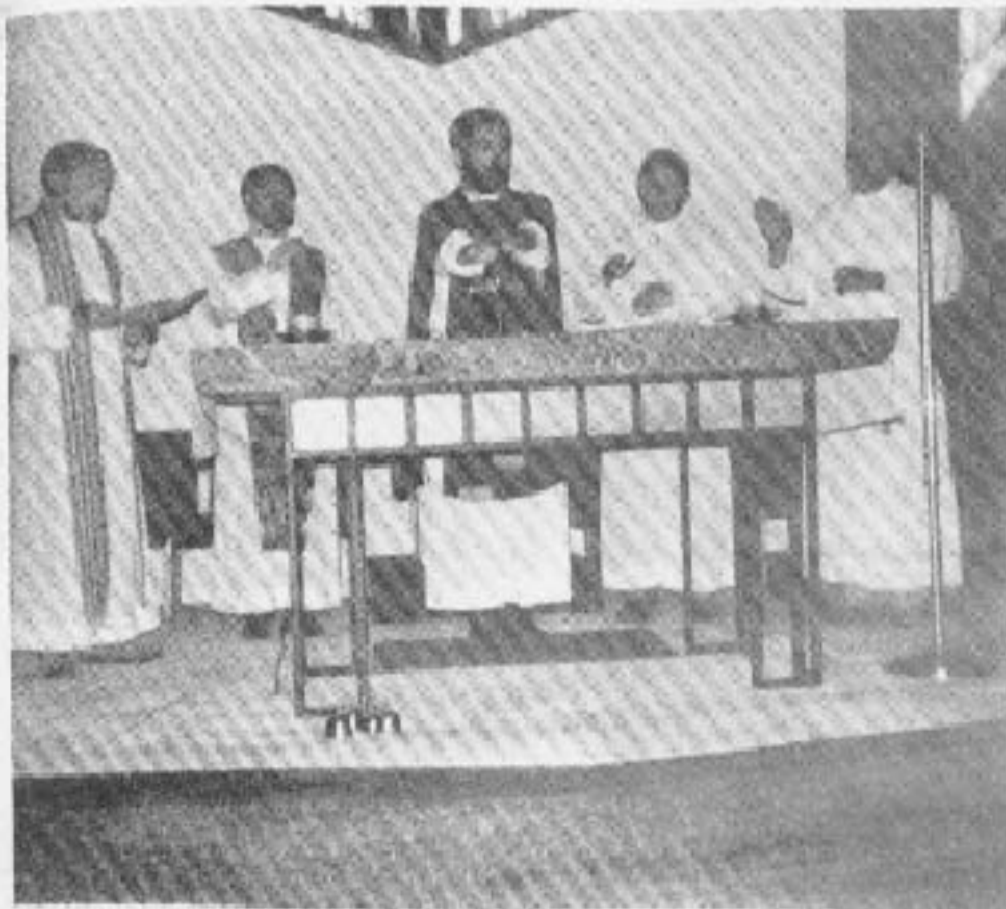


What the group lacked in quantity they made up for in quality. Among the momentous decisions arrived at on Sunday evening was the selection of the site for the Spring meeting.

John Vakulskas, St. Mary's Church, Dow City, IA will host the meeting on May 3, 1982.

The nearest fly-in spot is the Dennison, IA airport.

Put that date on your 1982 calendar now so you don't forget about it. This will give you plenty of time to schedule your other meetings accordingly.



The highlight of the gathering was the Monday morning concelebrated Mass in John's new church. Following the Mass the parish ladies hosted the NAPP members to breakfast. Parishioners in attendance made the sacrifice and had to do with coffee.

With the election of John Herzog as president of NAPP in Anchorage, the Central Region lost its director. Past president, John Hemann, was elected to serve in the regional vacancy.

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- Briefs from here & there -

Joseph Teafoe writes from Freeport, Illinois:

"I have been receiving your news letter for a long time, but I never really joined your association. I think it's about time to send in my dues.

There are a number of priests in the Rockford Diocese who have pilot's licenses, but I don't think any of them are members.

I have a Piper Cherokee 180 which I don't get to use as much as I would like to be able to use. When I do get the time, I really am able to unwind by flying. I don't think most people understand that about flying or airplane ownership so I am happy to see your organization at work to improve the image of the priest-pilot."

(Editor's note: We will include several NAPP brochures so Joe can pass them out to the other Rockford Padres).

From Bay City, Michigan John Bellon writes:

"Your package arrived the worse for wear. It was in miserable shape. The man told our office girl that packages now days should not be tied with rope, but with tape. They go through a machine and it pulls the rope from them. But nothing was damaged inside so I have it whole and entire. Thank you. It shall be added to the collection.

Nothing new at this end of the line. Dompka and Gil are still adding up the cost of the trip which will be considerable. I may have to pay my share in installments. At least next year's trip will not be quite as expensive.

At this time of the year I usually have a lot of work lined up and did until one of the padres changed his mind about going to school and I have the Fall more or less free, but the hospital chaplain here in Bay City was transferred to the east (a Holy Ghost Father) and left a vacancy, so I volunteered to fill in from 12 September to the 1st of November when they hope to come up with another one or a system to take care of the situation. So I am doing just that and living at St. Joseph's rectory.

I still have some openings for the Fall and most of January and February right now because my steady job at Crystal Falls in the U.P. fell out because the man is on a sabbatical for 1982. So if you know of anyone needing help, missions, retreats, or whatever drop a line or give a call.

In a little while I will be making up an album for the Archbishop and send it to him. The slides are back and I will be going through them to get prints made for the album and will duplicate some for him as a little present from us. I will send it to you to see what you think and add anything you wish from newsletters, etc. and take it to our new president to say his thing and maybe a card or so with it. Would be nice if everyone could sign it, but that would be too much to do with such a spread in the people and some would maybe put it off for eons.

I was in Montreal this summer for a week. I do not think it quite what Toronto and Quebec are, but it is nice to visit. I am sure that our Canadian Brothers will come up with a wonderful meeting.

Everybody is still asking me about Alaska and, of course, they do not have to ask twice for me to tell them about it."

Barry Desmond writes from Lumby, B.C.:

"Please note my change of address. I have now returned from my Credo (sabbatical) year at Gonzaga and I am settled in a new Parish.

My brother Jerry is just 17 miles away in Vernon. Although we have sold the 180 (Cessna) I will be putting some time on his Cjekovich (home built) until my project, a Zenith CH 300, is ready next year.

The best to you in your new appointment."

This word comes from John Birk in Spokane, Washington:

"I have a change of assignment. This summer I was moved to St. Peter's Parish so I could have more time to give Marriage Encounter weekends. I am available with this assignment to be away for 30 weekends a year! I am then available always during the week as an Associate Pastor while the Pastor is editing the Diocesan newspaper. It is a parish of 550 families. I have been doing a lot of commercial flying to make all the weekends I am giving.

This past month I attended a Marriage Encounter Convention in New Jersey and given Marriage Encounter weekends in Vancouver, Wash.; Oakland, CA. and made a weekend in Chelan, WA. So you can see I am on the go a lot but enjoy every minute of it. I encourage you all to make a weekend with a priest friend and have the opportunity to experience what great things can happen to couples to find their romance back in their lives again through this weekend on communicating one's feelings to each other. The reason I do so much traveling is that there aren't enough priests to give the many weekends that are scheduled around the country. I have had to go to places such as Indiana and Louisiana to help keep the weekends going in other areas.

Sorry I wasn't able to see you at the convention. I wasn't able to hitch a ride to the northland.

God bless!"

During the month of July Bob Hogan and Dick Funke of Dubuque, Iowa took a five week trip to the African continent. They began their journey in Cairo and ended in South Africa.

Prior to their departure they made arrangements to visit a fellow Iowa who is currently doing missionary work in one of the countries. They

also contacted fellow NAPPER Patrick A. Patten in Lolionda, Arusha, Tanzania and had a delightful visit with him.

I had a note from Jack Dompka, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. Among other things he mentioned that NAPP treasurer Charlie Teufel, Ray Radzieta and himself flew to Albany. About eight of the eastern region NAPP members showed up for a delightful gathering hosted by Vic Schoenberger. No other details on the meeting except that they hit the peak in the Fall scenery.

Finally, yours truly, Mel Hemann, spent 4 days in late September in the Colorado Rockies.

For the past four years I have attended, along with a couple who work with me, the National Marriage Return conference. This year it was held in the Y Camp of the Rockies. Truly gorgeous place to hold a conference - except that alcoholic beverages aren't allowed. Fortunately, someone had the foresight to bring a cooler that just happened to have a bit of fermented cider in it.

I flew the Archer I flew to Alaska. You will recall I had alternator problems on that trip. Shortly after coming back from Alaska I was taking some people into Peoria, IL and something shorted out. Almost blew up the battery and spiked all the avionics. The plane spent another week in the shop getting fixed. By the time I was half way to Colorado I'd lost one radio, the ADF, the xponder and the intermittent trouble with the remaining nav unit. Back in the shop once more. On the first trip out the owner had the same problem. He's now in the process of trading planes. Anyone want a good used Archer????

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