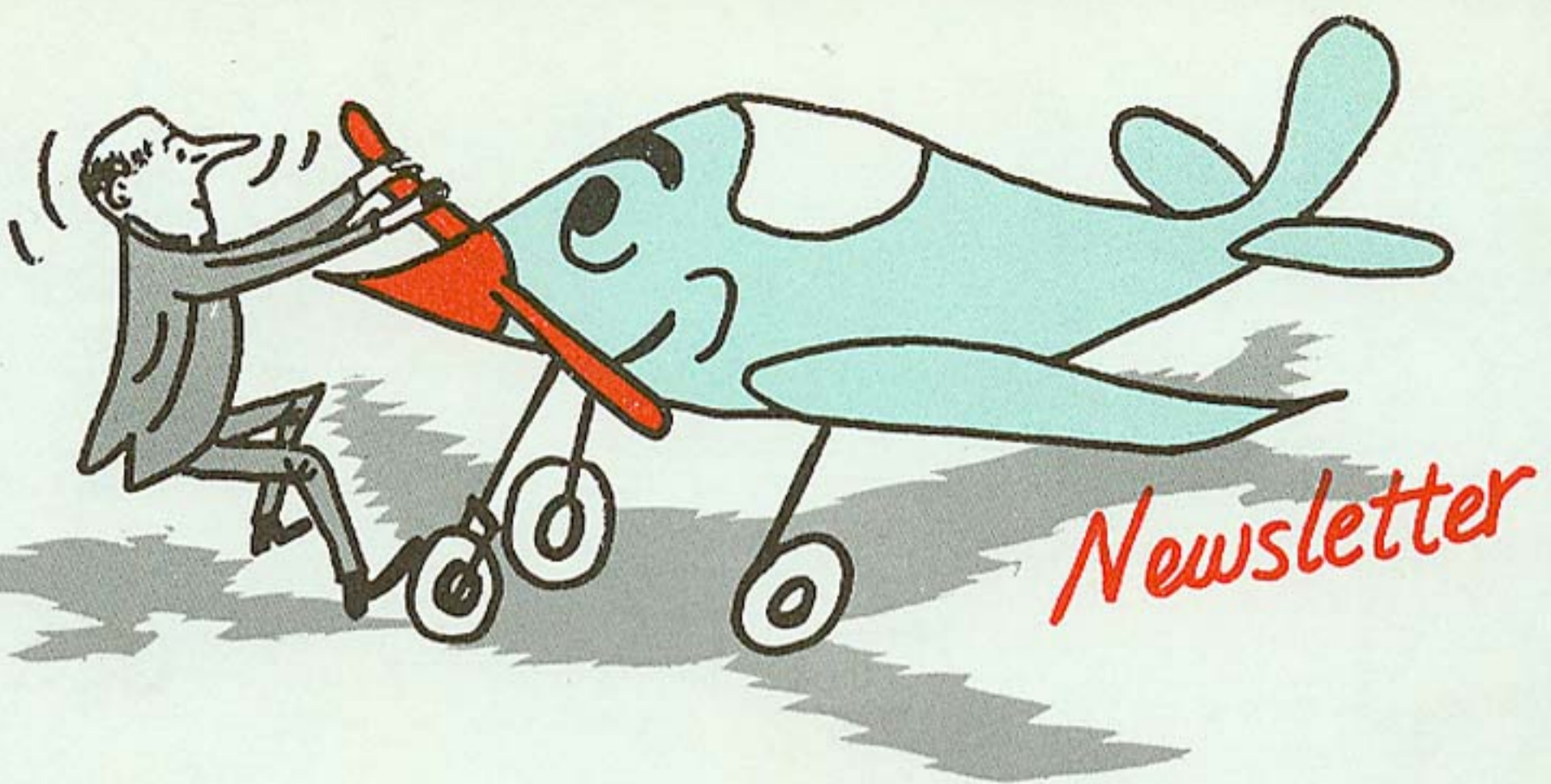


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Your President Says:

----- THE POPES

I for one was most impressed with the amount of time which national T.V. gave to the coverage of the two funerals and elections and coronations. Many people throughout the world enjoyed a very fruitful education in church history and religion as a result of the many hours on T.V. Not only did the members of our parish families here in Waterloo and Evansdale sense the loss of the Pontiff but I was impressed with the many non-catholics who shared their prayerful concerns. Like wise I was encouraged by the same concern that so many people had about the election of both Popes and especially now the election of someone from Poland. I know that there are several members among our organization who must be very elated because of the nationality of John Paul II.

I know of several priests who were in and near Rome during some of the historical events just past. Maybe one of our own members was present. Perhaps someone with on the spot experience would like to write about it and share it in our next newsletter. We would like to hear from you and your personal feelings, just forward the information to our newsletter editor.

----- ABOUT OUR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our newsletter editor informs me that he has received several pictures from some of our NA.P.P. members in preparation to publish our pictorial directory. The pictures to be submitted should be BLACK & WHITE and a 2 1/2" X 2 1/2". Include with your picture just a little about yourself, for example, membership (charter, regular or associate), ratings and how long a licensed pilot, diocese or religious order, and other information which you think would interest all our members. It is still our hope that the pictorial directory will be in your hands before you come to the 1979 convention.

----- ABOUT A HUMAN INTEREST STORY (Page 4)

The story and picture appeared in the Dubuque Archdiocesan catholic paper THE WITNESS just two weeks ago. Earlier a similar story and picture appeared in the local

daily newspaper here in Waterloo. The editors comment at the end of the story reminds us that it was through N.A.P.P. that the picture and story happened. Perhaps you have a "human interest" story that you could share with us the readers, please forward it to our editor.

----- ABOUT ACCIDENT PREVENTION

"Sooner or later a pilot is apt to encounter a number of emergencies in flight. When this happens there is a number of unfriendly alternatives. While one may be the absolute best, if another one that could be successful is picked but doesn't turn out so, we can rationally chalk one up to experience and thank God if the pilot survives. If the pilot made any mistake at all it was the mistake of selecting the worst of a number of sticky alternatives." Iowa Aviation Bulletin, October 1978

Elsewhere there is a brief item in this newsletter about the incident which Gene Murray had last month. Our treasurer, Charlie Teufel, had his Mooney engine swallow a valve and it through a cylinder causing an engine failure and an emergency landing. We thank the Lord that both our brother priests can talk about the incident and that each was spared physical injury.

----- ABOUT THE 1978 CONVENTION AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Our host, Bob Kirsch, submitted the following financial report:

INCOME DEPOSITED (total) IN NAPP Checking account for 1978 Convention:

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| Registration Fees Paid | \$800.00 |
| Room Fees Paid | \$655.00 |
| Extra donation from a guest | \$ 30.00 |
| | <u>\$1,485.00</u> |

LESS EXPENSES

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| La Fonda for banquet | \$606.48 |
| Susan Martinez (secretary - 4 days) | \$ 80.00 |
| Charles Chavez (driver - 4 days) ;;;; | \$ 80.00 |
| Danny Rodriguez (driver - 4 days) | \$ 80.00 |
| I.H.M. Seminary (rooms) | \$630.00 |
| Albuquerque Bank (checks & service charge) | \$ 3.13 |
| Balance | \$ 5.39 |

Against the \$5.39 balance there is a request of the N.A.P.P. treasury to pay the following bills:

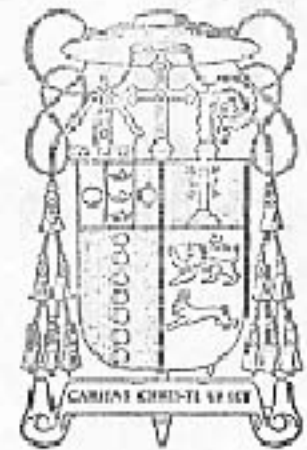
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| May phone calls | \$ 6.75 |
| June phone calls | \$13.50 |
| July phone calls | \$17.95 |
| Gas for seminary bus (the Hindenburg) | \$27.69 |
| Aviation gas used to set up the convention | \$32.97 |
| Gas fill in bus at end of convention;; | \$40.94 |
| Gas for courtesy and escort cars | \$32.10 |
| | <u>\$ 171.90</u> |
| Seminary balance for rooms, pop, etc | \$25.00 |
| Honorarium for Father Jerome | \$50.00 |
| | <u>\$246.90</u> |
| Less checkbook balance | \$ -5.39 |
| NEEDED FROM GENERAL TREASURY | \$241.51 |

Again, our sincere "thanks" to you Bob for the wonderful time we had as your guests in Santa Fe. Fond memories have us already looking forward to the State of New York for the 1979 Convention.

Peace & God's Blessings To All,
Fr. John

BISHOP LEO ARKFELD

DIOCESE OF WEWAK
CATHOLIC MISSION, P.O. BOX 107, WEWAK,
PAPUA NEW GUINEA



October 13, 1978

Dear President and fellow NAPP members,

Whenever your Newsletter comes, I always give it the once over. Thanks for sending them. In the August one, I got a very pleasant surprise when I read that the membership voted to share \$1,000.00 with a fellow NAPP member, Bishop Leo Arkfeld, and his mission work in New Guinea. Rest assured that we will use it well - thanks a lot.

At present, I am looking after 2 dioceses, so I have a Cessna 180 ready at any time. I fly between Madang and Wewak dioceses regularly. Usually about once a week. Then I visit the various stations as far as possible by plane. It saves me many hours of time. The Cessna 180 is one of the best for my transport needs. I now have about 8100 hours, and the Lord willing, should add another thousand or two before the last landing, which I hope will be a soft one.

Cheers in Christ,

+ Leo Arkfeld



Above: Bishop Leo Arkfeld

Left: Bishop and New Guinea's next priest, Deacon Caspar Talmay.

The Famous Flying Hemanns All 3 Brothers, Priests, and Pilots



There were once three brothers named Hemann from Stacyville.

Each of the boys grew up, attended Visitation High School and Loras College. All three became priests. And all three became pilots.

The eldest, Melvin, joined the priesthood following a stint in the United States Air Force. While assistant pastor in Decorah, Father Melvin possibly decided he wasn't close enough to God, so he remedied the situation by taking to the skies. Now assigned at St. Joseph's in Chelsea, Father Melvin remains a charter member of the National Association of Priest Pilots, an organization of which he is a past-president and also the editor of the group's world-wide newsletter.

The second eldest, John, followed in his brother's jet stream and became a priest pilot. Father John is also a charter member of the priest pilot organization and is currently president of that group's 218 members.

Father John holds the rank of major in the U.S. Military Chaplain Corps, and is the State Chaplain for the Iowa Army and Air National Guard. He spent part of the summer in active duty in Minnesota before returning to his post at the Team Ministry at St. John's parish, Waterloo.

The youngest brother, Everett, could not wait until he was out of high school to take to the skies, first as a pilot, then as a priest pilot. He now teaches at Regis High School in Cedar Rapids.

Two of the brothers, Fathers John and Everett, have shares in a single-engine plane, Bonanza.

These three brothers have another brother. Although he is not a priest, he is a pilot.

The three priests have three sisters. Two of them are married to pilots.

And now they have been honored in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. In the aviation section there, a large photograph of the three priests hangs with a caption reading: "The Hemann brothers are all members of the National Association of Priest Pilots. Three members of the same family in the priesthood may not be a rarity but three priest pilots in the same family certainly is. Rev. Mel Hemann, left, is the highest rated priest pilot in the world holding the Airline Transport Pilot rating."

(Editor's note: This all came about from a letter to past president Dick Skriba from museum director Mike Collins asking for photos for the general aviation section of the new Aero-Space Museum).

NAPPers on the move...

Rev. R. David Bielfeld
St. Mary's Church
Livingston, Wt. 59047

Rev. Charles E. Brown
1316 Peqr Rd.
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Rev. Frederick R. Lang, C.P.P.S.
% Cardinal Newman College
7701 Florissant Rd.
St. Louis, Mo. 63121

Rev. Earle A. Newman, SSJ
1130 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, Md. 21202

Act before disaster hits...

On Monday, October 16, nine Midwest NAPP members from Iowa and Nebraska were hosted by Gene Murray at the home of Judge Jim Smith in Carroll, Iowa. Two local chefs did a fantastic job grilling the walleyes Gene caught several weeks before.

Bob Fisher, the local FBO and an Accident Prevention Counselor for the Des Moines GADO, spoke on safety. He emphasized the importance of not waiting until disaster hits before acting. Host Gene Murray was used as an example. While flying several priests to Dubuque in the TurboArrow he noticed a vibration in the engine over Waterloo. He declared an emergency and landed. This was the 7th incident of engine failure in a TurboArrow caused by the crankshaft breaking. Gene's incident, because of his quick thinking, was the first one when the pilot landed with the engine intact. Continental has taken the 600-hour engine and is replacing it with a zero-time one.

Mark this day on your calendars!

The 16th Annual NAPP Convention will be next July in New York state. Victor Schoenberger, O.F.M.Com., Franciscan Mission House, Rensselaer, New York, 12144, has been designated by his confreres as the contact person. Details will follow in future newsletters!

Co-editors Mel Hemann & Nancy Brown wish to take this opportunity
to thank you for your support and contribution to the newsletter. We are being fortified & consoled
by your very helpful BLOOD WARS from in from a
by Nancy's husband Barry on a recent trip to San Valley, La. Who!!!
Whoopeeeeee!!

BRIEFS from HERE and THERE

(A combination of two notes from Fr. Bill Travers)

... July 1. Just a fast note to give you some news...I leave here on 21 August 1978 to become the Chaplain for the American Embassy in Bonn, West Germany, for 3 years, attached to the State Department. I know the German Flying Clubs are numerous but expensive, so lassens uns sehen! Sorry I can't make the Convention in Santa Fe but that is beyond my control at the moment.

...September 15. Thanks very much for the letter with all the news in it plus the change of address for me. I got here on 22 August. I had 9 years in Europe with the AF, so this is like old home week. I am the American pastor for the Catholic community of the US Embassy - about 100 families. We also have people from the other Embassies - like the British, Irish, Australian, Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, etc. I share the beautiful church in the US housing area with the Protestants, just like the old AF days. The State Department which runs this complex gives me a large and luxurious apartment, fully furnished and with utilities. The BX, commissary movies, etc. are right across the street; the church is 2 blocks away, as is also the American club plus the gymnasium with its indoor swimming pool, bowling alley, etc. The Rhine river flows right next to the church and the club with its beautiful pathways along the river.

When I get settled here I will check into the local German flying clubs

Enclosed you will find a picture as you asked for the Directory. I had to have these made for the German ID, so there was no sweat.

Alles Gute!!!

An oldie from about a year ago from Fr. Tom DeCarlo, Des Moines:
I finally got my CFI on 7 - 7 - 77. I sure am sorry I don't make more NAPP things - but I just can't get them in.
(A belated congratulations from all of us Tom).

From Fr. Earle A. Newman, S.S.J.

A new assignment has been given me, as Editor of the Josephite Harvest.

It's been more than a year since a 20-year series of newsletters on my part was concluded; communication with friends and acquaintances pretty much came to a halt at that time.

When, four years ago, I was transferred from Clayton, Delaware, after eight years' service there, and then, after six weeks in southeast Texas, came to Birmingham, friends wondered what was going on. I can but assure you that the Josephite Superior assigns his priests and brothers where they may best serve. And we are not "tied down" to one city or local area as are diocesan clergy.

Returning now to Baltimore, I shall seek to do my best on that scene, perhaps wearing an Editor's green-visored cap and pondering great thoughts. And please, don't picture me as a Lou Grant!

On June 6th of this year, I celebrated the 25th anniversary of ordination, about which I can only say: it happened because God let me live this long.