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President's column:

This Easter, we rejoice and look beyond COVID-19



By Fr. Joe McCaffrey
NAPP President

Christ is risen, Christ has indeed risen! A very blessed Easter to all of you!

Easter this year should have more significance than ever for all of us throughout the world as we rise from the ravages of a pandemic. Last year, we were in

lockdown because of COVID-19. This year, we have not completely escaped the tomb, but the stone is rolled back and we are on the move!

We pray for all our beloved who have passed over the course of this painful year. We especially pray for those who did so because of the virus. But Easter reminds us God brings good even out of evil ... even out of death!

There are good things that have come from our recent suffering. In my parish, we have advanced in our use of technology. Now, every day and certainly every weekend, our Masses are livestreamed. People even in other states are tuning in. Our outreach to the poor has grown tremendously. Every Saturday, we distribute food to almost 200 needy families in our area. We have established Bible studies and adult education online. We now have a phone ministry that has called

every registered parishioner. This ministry continues for those who needed more frequent communication and encouragement.

Without the cross, there is no resurrection. So let us rejoice in experiencing all the good that the Lord is doing despite all the negativity. I hope that you have had an opportunity to soar in the sky and allow the great gift of aviation to breathe new life into your soul. You know exactly what I'm talking about. I experienced that great joy just the other day. Spring is here! It's been a challenging winter. There's nothing like an early morning flight to a \$100 breakfast!



I can't wait to see all of you in the beautiful land of Dubuque, Iowa, this July! This year's convention is going to be a time of two celebrations! I hope and pray as many of you as possible will be able to make the journey. We do hope to use technology to connect with those who will not be able to attend in person.

Speaking of technology, we invite you to join us for a special social via Zoom at 6 p.m. CDT (2300 UTC) on Monday, April 26. See Page 4 for details.

You are always in my prayers. May you experience the warmth of God's love for you this Easter!

New details about the July convention in Dubuque

See Page 3 for the RSVP form

By Fr. Phil Gibbs
Convention Chairman

Hopefully everyone is planning to join in on the NAPP convention in Dubuque this coming July 12-15. Planning is continuing and further details are unfolding.

Please consider an early registration for the sake of better planning and more realistic budgeting process. All of your good efforts can and will be reflected in your convention fee.



If you arrive on Monday before too late in the evening, please consider signing up – online – for the **Happy Hour Cruise on the American Lady Yacht:** americanladycruises.com/happy-hour-cruise. Click the “Book Now” button at the bottom to make individual reservations; reservations can only be made online. It is \$23.49 per person and includes drinks and heavy appetizers. If we know well enough in advance who is signed up for this, we can provide transportation to and from the cruise. The cruise is from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

We would like to know your shirt sizes. I was able to work out a great deal for a button-down, collared, light-fabric, short-sleeve shirt (with a left pocket) as the annual shirt of the convention. It would be great to get your shirt size in advance (please don't fib about your physique). They have sizes from S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL and UTC (Under The Circus Tent). Ha-ha.

Out of care and concern for your health and well-being, the folks preparing our meals want to know if there are any food allergies they should be aware of. If so, let us know. Most times, it is best to self-monitor your own food/drink situations and intake but, just in case, they inquired out of an abundance of caution.

We have a nice day planned for a Tuesday tour. **First stop is the flight school for the [University of Dubuque](#).** The next stop **was to be** the Trappist Casket Factory, but they are not and, most likely, will not be open for tours by the time of our convention. They are considering suspending all tours indefinitely. Therefore, we will bypass the Trappist Monastery and head for **Dyersville**. There awaits us a tour of the [Basilica](#), a lunch provided for us at the [Dyersville Airport](#)

(IA8), and a trip to the [Field of Dreams](#). We then head back to the hotel for a few hours of rest and conclude the evening with a social and cookout at the **Resurrectory** (the rectory of Resurrection parish) hosted by many of my good-natured and fun parishioners.

Wednesday morning, scheduled from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., there will be a **historic tour of Dubuque** on a trolley. (What is an NAPP convention without a trolley?) Perhaps the annual meeting could follow that?

Lunch and the afternoon are on your own. Please be mindful that the casino is within a short walking distance as is the [National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium](#). Let us know if you are interested in the

River Museum in advance. We can get a group discount if we have 20 people committed.

Mass is scheduled at the [Cathedral](#) at 4 p.m. If you wish to concelebrate, please have a letter of suitability sent ahead of time so there will be no conflicts in those respects. Bring your own alb and stole. Following Mass, the social and banquet will be at the Grand River Harbor. We have a commitment from two speakers who will definitely prove to be “riveting” in content (though not in the home-build airplane sense of riveting – thank God).

Thursday is departure day. Arrangements will be made for transportation to the airport.

So, things are coming together. Again, it would be helpful if you could commit yourselves to attending the convention. **Please engage in the formal registration on Page 3.** There will be another opportunity to register in early June. However, the earlier the better.

Please let us know your shirt size, any severe food allergies, and if you are interested in the [River Museum](#) for our efforts at a group discount.

Looking forward to seeing all of you.

God's peace and Easter blessings!

Book your hotel: A block of 30 rooms is reserved at the [Grand Harbor Resort](#). To make your hotel reservation, call 563-690-4000 and ask for the group rate of NAPP (National Association of Priest Pilots) – \$109.00 per night. Reservation deadline is June 12. Rate includes deluxe continental breakfast.

RSVP Form — 2021 NAPP Convention in Dubuque

Arrival: Monday, July 12
Departure: Thursday, July 15



YES, I plan to be there!

Shirt size (circle one): S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL

I won't be able to attend but would like to join the annual meeting via computer or phone

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cellphone: _____

Mailing address: _____

Food allergies: _____

ARRIVING BY:

Private plane; N-number _____

Estimated time of arrival: _____

Airline/flight: _____

Arrival time: _____

Private car

Please email or mail your RSVP form to:

Fr. Phil Gibbs, [Church of the Resurrection](http://ChurchoftheResurrection.org)
4300 Asbury Rd
Dubuque, IA 52002
dbq058@dbqarch.org

Interested in River Museum ticket? _____

From the NAPP Treasurer

Thank-you letters were received from **Flying Medical Service** in Tanzania, Africa (NAPP members Fr. Pat Patten and Jack Rejman) and the **Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska** (NAPP members Bishop Chad Zielinski and Fr. James Falsey).

Each received a check in the amount of \$2,000 from the generosity of NAPP members.

The NAPP Treasurer is thankful for the 16 members who have already renewed their membership by providing their annual dues for the 2022 fiscal year.

All members are encouraged to renew their membership and, if you desire, provide an additional donation for the **Missionary Gift Fund**. Just use the designated form on this page to make your contribution.

Thank you!

Msgr. John Hemann
NAPP Treasurer

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NAPP Dues – U.S. \$25.00

2022 fiscal year begins July 1, 2021

*Use this form to send your dues or use PayPal (go to priestpilots.org and click on **Pay Now**).*

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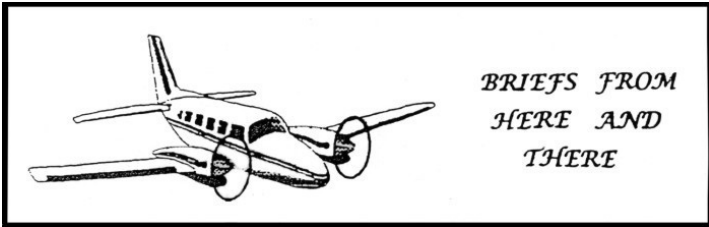
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**Mail to: Msgr. John Hemann, NAPP Treasurer,
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In addition to the \$25 annual dues, we encourage members to make a separate donation to the **NAPP Missionary Gift Fund**, which will be used to support the organization's charitable grants.



Donations can be sent to the same address or you can use PayPal. Go to priestpilots.org and click on the **Donate** button.



other than my GI tract still getting used to missing a few feet of small intestine, life is definitely getting back to normal.

Now if the pandemic will begin to loosen its relentless grip, I'm hoping we'll all be able to get together in Dubuque this July as planned. I've had both my shots.

NAPP Virtual Social on April 26

Please join fellow NAPP members for a virtual social gathering via Zoom. It will be at 6 p.m. Central Daylight Time (2300 UTC) on Monday, April 26.

[Join with video via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 827 0658 7540

Passcode: 804428

If you want to join via phone, dial one of these numbers and use the Meeting ID and Passcode listed below. The main reason for joining by phone would be if you don't have the equipment for joining by video or if you don't have a good Wi-Fi connection.

- +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 827 0658 7540

Passcode: 804428

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdyfRwVgQt>

[Tutorial on how to join a Zoom meeting](#)

A note of thanks from Fr. Bill Menzel

I just want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who supported me with prayer, notes and emails during my recent surgery and recovery. I definitely have a renewed appreciation for the power of prayer.

The background of my episode is pretty well documented at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/billmenzel>, so I won't repeat it here, except to say that on February 4, 2021, a neuroendocrine tumor was removed by Dr. Sharon Weber, a skilled surgical oncologist at University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison.

My recovery has been amazing. As of this writing on March 16, I'd have to say that I'm feeling better than I had for many months. Beginning with the Second Sunday of Lent (February 28) I've celebrated Mass each week at one of John Swing's two parishes. I've also been up flying the Comanche a couple times, so

COVID-19 vaccine report from Fr. Allen Corrigan in the Diocese of Cleveland



"One and Done ... I scored an end-of-the-day Janssen dose at the end of business at my neighborhood pharmacy. I will see you all in Dubuque!!!"

Vaccine relief inside a monastery

Rickey Bevington was on the "PBS NewsHour" on March 26 with a report about Trappist monks receiving the coronavirus vaccine at the [Monastery of the Holy Spirit](#) in Georgia.

Some NAPP members may recall that Rickey was one of the featured speakers at the 2017 NAPP meeting in Charleston, South Carolina. She is the niece of the late Fr. Bill Bevington, a past president of NAPP. Rickey is senior anchor/correspondent for Georgia Public Broadcasting.

Here's a link to her video report: ["Faith and science guide Conyers Monastery through COVID-19 pandemic."](#)

Excerpt:

A community of 28 Trappist monks in Conyers, Ga., is emerging from a year-long lock-



down thanks to the coronavirus vaccine. In February, the monks at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit received their second dose of the Moderna jab.

Many of the monks are elderly and at higher risk of dying of COVID-19. They've had no contact with outsiders since March 2020 when Abbot Augustine Myslinski, of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance, made the difficult decision to shutter operations.

Welcome to new member Fr. Alex Nevitt

By Fr. Alex Nevitt

I first fell in love with flying as a child. My mother is a flight attendant with United Airlines and so we were always traveling. Whether it was a short flight from EWR to ORD, or going all the way across the ocean to BRU almost twice a year, I actually thought I would one day become a pilot.



My parents even let me start flying at the tender age of 12, with my first lesson the day after Christmas. However, I got as far as I could by the time I was 14 and aviation went on pause. I always knew I would pick it back up again, but I had changed my dream from being a pilot to being a stockbroker. As time went on, though, restarting became more difficult and more expensive.

Learning to fly got pushed even further back when I first felt the calling to the priesthood in college. I thought for a while maybe I would be a missionary priest, serving in Africa and flying from mission to mission, but my heart was called back home, to become a priest in the [Diocese of Paterson](#), New Jersey.

When I entered the seminary, I was sent to do my pre-theology at Theological College in Washington, D.C. It was a great experience and I am grateful to so many of the priests who started my formation in the Sulpician tradition. It was great being so near to the National Basilica and being right there to participate in the March for Life. It really is a special place, Catholic University of America (CUA), as you live in a little bubble of Catholicism. However, I was quickly woken up to the reality of seminary when I arrived and that it is not like college. I thought I would be able to take advantage of IAD being a UA hub and fly all over the world every weekend, but I



was quite mistaken. But I did get to travel to China and Brazil during my time of studies at CUA.

After finishing pre-theology, the Bishop chose to send me to Rome for my theology studies. Nothing quite beats being at the center of our Church. Plus, if ever you are on the approach to CIA, the view you get of the Vatican is spectacular. It was an approach I got to experience multiple times, traveling around Europe going to missionary parishes in Kazakhstan and Armenia. I always wanted to reach out to those places that were off the beaten track, the spots most people would never think about. And each experience, regardless of language barrier, was always an opportunity for encountering Christ and my brother or sister.

It was also a time where I met quite a few Navy pilots who would rotate in and out of Naples at the Navy base where I got to live my diaconate pastoral experience.

The highlight of my time in Rome was having the opportunity to encounter the Holy Father. And while the handshake and photos were great, the most memorable experience was watching him wash the feet of prisoners (some of whom weren't even Catholic) I had taught in my scripture classes.

I was finally ordained to the priesthood May 11, 2019. It was an incredible experience and I still remember it as if it was yesterday. I was even blessed to have some of my classmates from Rome attend, since they were being ordained the following week. However, as someone sent to the North American College, instead of going into a parish after ordination, I went back to

Rome to complete an STL in Seminary Formation. This was cut short by the pandemic and I returned to the U.S. from Italy just a day after my 29th birthday.

I was glad to finally be able to participate in parish ministry and help my great friend and mentor priest Fr. Owen B. Moran set up his parish digitally. It was also during this time that I was given my parish assignment

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CFI Corner: Free online AOPA seasonal safety seminars

By Fr. Ed Moran, CFI, CFII, AGI, AGII

When I discover online “freebies” that would help pilot proficiency, I like to pass them on to the general NAPP membership.



AOPA has begun a series of FREE monthly safety seminars to help “keep the rust off” general aviation pilots like us.

The webinar series covers aviation topics in an upbeat manner that provides an extra dose of flying lore and helps pilots who have been out of the cockpit for a while get back up to speed.

Episodes concentrate on ways you can enhance your flying skills and knowledge from home, including the use of flight simulators, building confidence with radio communications, airspace, and aeronautical charts.

Upcoming episodes include “Knocking off the rust. What could go wrong?” and “Is your airplane rusty too?” [Click here](#) to register for the series and receive email notifications about future *Don't Get Rusty* episodes.

Here are some topics from past episodes:

Episode 1: Don't Forget the Fundamentals: Four Things to Remember When You're Back in the Cockpit.

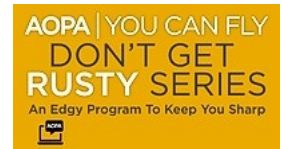
Episode 2: Even if You Can't Fly, You Can Simulate: Why Home Flight Simulation is Fantastic for Skills and Proficiency.

Episode 3: Say What? How to Speak with Confidence and Impress Your Friends by Sounding Like a Pro on the Radio.

Episode 4: The Shocking Things You May Not Know About Your Electrical System.

While I could only see those that were offered in March and April at the time of my writing this article, they give the idea that AOPA is trying to make seasonal training timely for those areas of aviation that carry seasonal challenges. Watching these seminars also gives the pilot WINGS credits.

Check out the AOPA website for updates for May and June seminars. Registration is limited, so you have to get your request in as soon as you can to be included in the seminar.



Here is the link so you can see upcoming seminars:
[AOPA WEBINAR SERIES: DON'T GET RUSTY](#)

Don't forget to send me your questions or ideas for future topics. *Email* moranec13@gmail.com

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of Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church in Cedar Knolls, New Jersey. It would be my first parish assignment of longer than just a summer, plus I found time to finally get back into flying.

I had saved up my ordination money to help pay for lessons and went to KMMU to shop different schools and find the best price and fit. None of them believed me when I said I was a Catholic priest. They thought I was too young and whoever heard of priest pilots? I didn't until I Googled it and found out about NAPP.

I started my lessons again (so glad I still had my logbook) at Certified Flyers and was blessed to have my first solo on January 1, 2021. I promise you that Mary was receiving many prayers and asking for intercessions as I did my first three laps in the pattern on my own.

It has been an incredible experience being in the air again and sharing the love of flying with others – but

also being able to share the faith with others on the ramp, since oftentimes I have to run right from a lesson to Mass and so will be in my collar. The first reaction is always disbelief that a priest is flying, but it then always changes to a fruitful and spiritual conversation.

I am glad to join you brothers as a pilot priest and ask you to pray for me as I continue my training and approach my check ride.



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Deadline for the June edition: May 31.

NAPP convention sites — 1964-2021

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| 1. | July 12 – 15, 1964 | Carrollton, KY | 33. | July 9 – 10, 1996 | Angola-Derby, NY |
| 2. | July 26 – 27, 1965 | Duncan, NE | 34. | July 8 – 9, 1997 | New Bern, NC (Cherry Point MCAS) |
| 3. | Aug. 23 – 25, 1966 | Lockport, IL | 35. | July 7 – 8, 1998 | Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, BC Canada |
| 4. | July 11 – 12, 1967 | Boston, MA | 36. | July 6 – 7, 1999 | Dayton, OH |
| 5. | July 16 – 17, 1968 | Rapid City, SD | 37. | July 12 – 13, 2000 | Anchorage, AK |
| 6. | July 15 – 16, 1969 | San Diego, CA | 38. | July 10 – 11, 2001 | Wing South Airport, FL |
| 7. | July 14 – 15, 1970 | Ames, IA | 39. | July 9 – 10, 2002 | Albuquerque, NM |
| 8. | July 13 – 14, 1971 | Pittsburgh, PA | 40. | July 8 – 9, 2003 | Ames, IA |
| 9. | July 10 – 11, 1972 | Emporia, KS | 41. | July 6 – 7, 2004 | Urbana, IL |
| 10. | July 11 – 12, 1973 | Juneau, AK | 42. | July 12 – 13, 2005 (Smithsonian) | Frederick, MD |
| 11. | July 15 – 16, 1974 | New Orleans, LA | 43. | July 1 – 12, 2006 | Oshkosh, WI (EAA) |
| 12. | July 15 – 16, 1975 | Nashville, TN | 44. | July 10 – 11, 2007 | Denver, CO |
| 13. | July 10 – 11, 1976 | Dubuque, IA | 45. | July 8 – 9, 2008 | Savannah, GA |
| 14. | July 12 – 13, 1977 | Everett, WA | 46. | July 7 – 8, 2009 | Richfield, OH |
| 15. | July 11 – 12, 1978 | Santa Fe, NM | 47. | July 6 – 7, 2010 | Altus AFB, Altus, OK |
| 16. | July 10 – 11, 1979 | Rensselaer Co. Airpark, NY | 48. | July 12 – 13, 2011 | Clear Lake, IA |
| 17. | Aug. 5 – 6, 1980 | De Pere, WI (Oshkosh) | 49. | July 10 – 11, 2012 | Elmira, NY |
| 18. | July 15 – 16, 1981 | Anchorage, AK | 50. | July 9 – 10, 2013 | Rapid City, SD |
| 19. | July 13 – 14, 1982 | Colorado Springs, CO | 51. | July 8 – 9, 2014 | Covington, KY |
| 20. | July 12 – 13, 1983 | Montreal, Canada | 52. | July 7 – 8, 2015 | Ankeny, IA |
| 21. | July 10 – 11, 1984 | Stacyville, IA | 53. | July 14 – 15, 2016 | Sewickley, PA |
| 22. | July 9 – 10, 1985 | Lafayette, LA | 54. | July 11 – 12, 2017 | Charleston, SC |
| 23. | July 8 – 9, 1986 | Las Cruces, NM | 55. | July 10 – 11, 2018 | Medina, OH |
| 24. | July 7 – 8, 1987 | Pittsburgh, PA | 56. | July 9 – 10, 2019 | Sioux Falls, SD |
| 25. | July 12 – 13, 1988 | Frankfort, KY | <i>2020 postponed because of COVID-19 pandemic</i> | | |
| 26. | July 11 – 12, 1989 | Boston, MA | 57. | July 13 – 14, 2021 | Dubuque, IA |
| 27. | July 18 – 19, 1990 | Anchorage, AK |  | | |
| 28. | July 9 – 10, 1991 | St. Louis, MO | | | |
| 29. | July 7 – 8, 1992 | Fredrick MD | | | |
| 30. | July 6 – 7, 1993 | San Antonio, TX | | | |
| 31. | July 12 – 13, 1994 | Menlo Park, CA | | | |
| 32. | July 11 – 13, 1995 | Chicago, IL | | | |

