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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to our outgoing president, Gene Murray, who has served faithfully for two terms. Thanks, Gene, for your leadership and inspiration. Hopefully your successor will do at least half as good a job as you have done in fulfilling the responsibilities of this office.

Thanks also to John Hemann who did a fantastic job organizing the 2011 National Convention in Clear Lake, Iowa. The program was inspirational. The tour of the Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend was amazing. The story of the Grotto's creator, Father Paul M. Dobberstein was remarkable. I am sure none of us will ever forget our visit to West Bend.

Equally inspirational was the tour of the German POW Museum in Algona. Some of us were amazed to learn that these prison camps existed within the borders of the United States. The beautiful half-life-size nativity scene created by some of the German POW's was an incredible testimony to their faith. Our program on Wednesday, which included the film "The Fighting Sullivans" and a personal appearance by the sole living granddaughter of the five Sullivan brothers was very moving. Many thanks to Kelly

Sullivan Loughren for taking the time to be with us.

We learned the Sullivan brothers were five siblings who died in World War II aboard the light cruiser USS Juneau (CL-52) on which they all served. On November 13, 1942, during the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal, the Juneau was struck by a torpedo from a Japanese submarine. The ship quickly sank and rescue efforts were not forthcoming due to fears about the Japanese naval presence. Eight days later ten survivors were retrieved from the water. The survivors reported that Frank, Joe, and Matt died instantly, Al drowned the next day, and George survived for four or five days.

I came across a song by the group, Caroline's Spine, entitled "Sullivan," which is easily found on www.youtube.com. The song reflects on the feelings of Mrs. Sullivan as she awaited news of the fate of her five sons in the Battle of Guadalcanal.

One of the first actions of the new president – in addition to signing a large stack of membership cards – was to remind the members that anyone who is flying through Northeast Ohio can find a great place to wait out a thunderstorm at 1G5, Medina Muni, where the Cessna 172 N6172D is hangared. Saint Victor Parish is a close 15 minute drive away. You're always welcome!

Sincerely,

Allen Corrigan

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<http://priestpilot.blogspot.com>



Since the June issue it seems the roller coaster of events have never slowed. In addition to family gatherings, there has been a never ending series of happenings.

In addition to Ev's cancer issues we celebrated his 40th ordination the end of June.(Elsewhere you will find an update on his condition) His plan to host the annual family reunion was changed from a planned weekend here in Cedar Falls to a 5 day gathering in Telluride, CO. Friends hosted this event and it was the longest time in years we've been together. It was a wonderful time for all.

Immediately following the Colorado trip the NAPP convention was upon us. Pictures, minutes, etc. are included in this issue. I thought John and I co-hosted the event but he pulled a fast one on me. He surprised me with a gathering of hundreds at the Mason City airport with the FAA's Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. As a good editor, I guess I'll have to include a bit about the event in this newsletter.

Some of you may have noted the NAPP web page was down for a time. The reason was a pricing issue and we now have it back on line with the issuances of a current credit card.

Putting the NAPP directory on line has taken longer than anticipated a year ago. To keep you up to date we will mail a printed copy of the new directory to each of you this month. Those who receive the newsletter electronically will receive the newsletter on line. It will save a lot of bucks. If you have paid your dues your new membership card will enclosed with the directory. When you pay your dues you will be sent your new card. Those who receive the newsletter by mail will receive it all in one package.

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NAPP EVENTS UPDATE

The **NAPP 2012 National Convention** will be held in **Elmira, New York.**

The date is **July 10 – 11, 2010**

Put it on the calendar

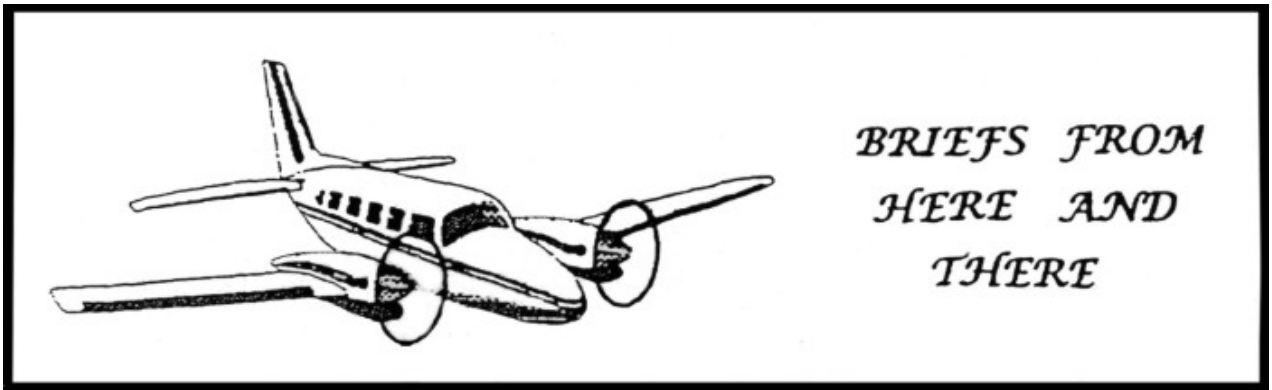
The **MIDWEST FALL REGIONAL** gathering, due to assignment changes, etc. will be postponed till the Spring of 2012. *Watch here for future details!*

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The following came in June

Mel,
 Good to get the newsletter.
 Hope all is well with you. Let me know if/when
 any more dues are needed from me.
 Am working on coming over again in 2012. Do
 let me know dates/venue of the Annual Meeting
 when you have them so that I can try and fit
 them in to the trip.
 Best wishes,
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 Mel,
 Many thanks for continuing to send me your
 newsletter although not yet a member. I was
 especially moved by your reprint of Everett's
 announcement to his congregation. My thoughts
 and prayers are with him and with you and all
 your family.
 My job as provincial has kept me from flying.
 Later this month I will be in Australia and early
 next month the Philippines. My second term
 ends in June 2012. I plan to take a sabbatical at
 that time and then fly everyday. In my last
 assignment, I was able to fly at least weekly.
 Nothing like a little altitude to give one
 perspective.
 God bless you all!
 Sincerely in the Savior,

Dave Bergner SDS

Dear Mel,

Thanks for the newsletter. It is great as usual. I
 am sorry to hear about Ev's cancer. I did not
 know about it but find his reaction to it very
 edifying, not surprisingly. He and the family
 will be in in my prayers.
 I presume you know that Al Ruschman, Vince
 Kearns and I are coming to the convention
 together. John Daughenbaugh who was with us
 last year cannot come because of another
 adventure he and his wife are going on together.
 Keep up the good work.

Bill Bevington

This one from Anchorage in August

Thanks, Mel, for your note, and the generous
 gesture of the membership. Flying here in
 Alaska is becoming increasingly expensive so I
 appreciate the help. Glad to hear about Bp. Bob
 Gruss's flying background. I am looking
 forward to getting to know him. Safe flying!
 +Roger Schwietz, omi

*There's a bit of room left so I guess I'll fill it
 with an issue that seems to go on all year.*

*If you've paid your dues ignore the
dues reminder sheet.*

*If you haven't
Respond as soon as possible*

THANK YOU

MEL'S WRIGHT BROTHERS "MASTER PILOT" AWARD

The December 2008 NAPP newsletter featured a story of Leo McGee in Pennsylvania receiving the Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" award on November 8, 2008. Thanks to the behind the scene conniving efforts of my brother John I became the second NAPP member to receive that prestigious award on July 12, 2011.

The whole process was a complete surprise to me and I am deeply grateful for all the people involved who pulled it off. Thanks so much for all the accolades I've received since then.



Larry Arenholz (L) Des Moines FSDO director and Dubuque Archbishop Jerome Hanus, OSB (R), applauds Mel at the presentation of the award.

Arenholz said, "He's got 17,000 hours of flying time. In his over 10,000 hours of dual given, he has taught pilots from all over the world. He did all this while also a full-time priest. I don't think there's a Catholic priest in the entire world who has his record and his number of flying hours. He's one of 1,800 people in the United States who have received this award so it's a huge milestone."



Brothers Matt, Ev, John, Myself, Archbishop Hanus

One of the motivating factors in my early flying years was the fact I noticed some of my brothers were interested in flying. I thought, "why not get my CFI so I can teach them." In addition to

the brothers we also ended up with two brothers-in-law who flew.

Little did I realize how that simple desire would lead to what has happened in over 50 years of flying. When I got my CFI in 1962, I discovered parishioners and members in the flying club I had joined a group of WW II veterans who had taken advantage of the GI bill and began taking flying lessons. They had soloed but were afraid of the "written." To help them I organized a ground school and consequently flying began expanding in ways I never envisioned.

1964 and the beginning of NAPP brought another dramatic change for me. The FAA had recently added the three hours of instrument training to the requirements for a private pilot license. The AOPA Safety Foundation came out with the "Blue Seal" program. An hour of ground school followed by 3 hours of simulated instrument flight training entitled one to the Blue Seal certificate signed by a CFI. When presented to the FAA the pilot received a Blue Seal that could be attached to his license and he was considered current. At the initial NAPP gathering and for the next two years we assisted the attending members in gaining their Blue Seal.



2011 NAPP attendees at the Mason City airport

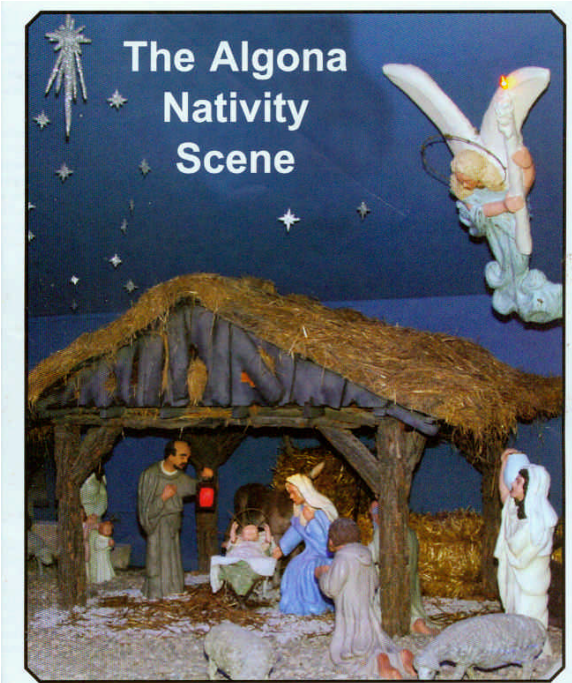
We are a unique and special God gifted group. May we continue to support and encourage each other in our ministry and in the special way we have been called by God to share the Good News.

It's been a great ride for me. Thanks for your presence, love and support.

2011 NAPP CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



The Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, IA




Another part of the Grotto, largest in the World.



Fr. Doberstein, builder of the Grotto to fulfill a vow if he recovered from serious illness.

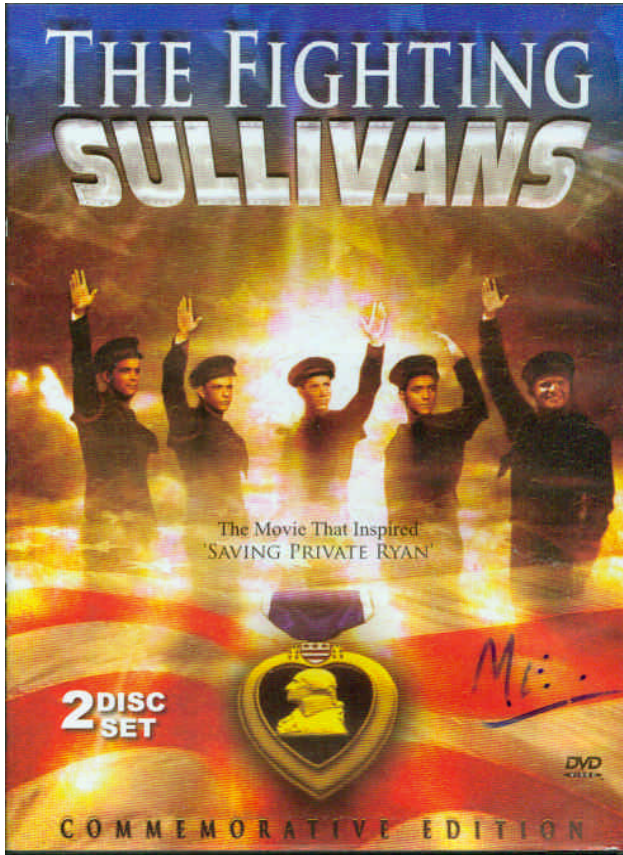
**CAMP
ALGONA
POW
MUSEUM**



**114 South Thorington • Box 174
Algona, Iowa 50511**

(See previous page)

During WW II Algona, IA had a German POW camp. Over 10,000 captured German prisoners spent time there. They worked on area farms and canneries. In their spare time they organized bands, orchestras and chorale groups. Their legacy is a large ½ half size Nativity scene which can still be viewed today.



The Five Sullivan brothers from Waterloo, IA died on November 13, 1942 when their ship was torpedoed in the South Pacific. We viewed the film, **The Fighting Sullivans**, originally made in 1944 that tells the story of the Irish Catholic boys growing up in Iowa. It set the stage for a better understanding of their lives and the faith and patriotic values instilled in them by their parents.

One of the boys was married and his granddaughter, Kelly, made a wonderful presentation of their heritage that exists to this day.



Kelly Sullivan Loughren shares her experiences that come her way because she is a Sullivan



Hannah Ackerman, above, presented a drama that won her a best of Iowa history award. Dressed as Mrs. Sullivan she role played some of the stories as a mother of the 5 boys. She read the letter Mrs. Sullivan wrote the Navy inquiring about the rumors her sons were dead.

The rest of the spare time during the convention was spent with a lot of hangar flying and the usual business. The minutes of the annual meeting are included with the newsletter.

Our special guest, Archbishop Jerome Hanus, OSB, was the principal celebrant at the late afternoon Mass.

Following Mass, we gathered for a wonderful dinner and then prepared to go our separate ways in the morning.

NAPP MINUTES

Clear Lake, Iowa

July 8, 2011

Phil Gibbs, Secretary

Total number of members present was 25.

4 CHARTER MEMBERS:

The Reverends Mel Hemann, John Hemann, John Herzog and Phil Schmitt.

20 REGULAR MEMBERS:

Bill Bevington, Allen Corrigan, Tom Geelan, Phil Gibbs, Ev Hemann, Merlin Kieffer, Bob Lacey, Gene Murray, Jack Paisley, George Remm, Al Ruschman, Francis (Jerry) Scanlan, Al Werth and John Wolesky.

7 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Jeff Bryant, George Gratton, Vince Kearns, Jim Kiernan, Mike Makelbust.

GUESTS:

Archbishop Jerome Hanus, Bob Kopack

The **ANNUAL MEETING** was called to order at 9:05 am in the parish hall of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Clear Lake with Gene Murray presiding, John Herzog opened with a prayer. During this prayer, we offered a brief moment of reflection for Ev Hemann during this time of illness and current treatment.

The **MINUTES OF THE 2010 MEETING** were distributed and reviewed. George Gratton made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and it was seconded by Al Ruschman. The minutes were approved.

The **TREASURER'S REPORT** was handed out for review. The checking account showed a balance of \$4,067.01 as of July 4, 2011. The savings account showed a balance of \$6,042.75 as of July 4, 2011. The combined amount of checking and savings comes to a sum total of

\$10,109.76. George Gratton made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Jim Kiernan seconded the motion and the motion carried. (FYI: Since these funds are currently under Ev Hemann's name in the Archdiocesan D&L they will be transferred from the Archdiocesan Deposit and Loan into a bank account in Cedar Falls, IA at the same interest rate).

REGIONAL REPORTS:

EAST: No Report. George Gratton sends greetings on behalf of Frs. Walsh and Brown. Also, Pete Sweeney celebrated his 50th in early June. Al Ruschman mentioned that Fr. Watkins (priest from Cincinnati) and Bill Apple (seminarian from Covington) will be great additions to our group.

MIDWEST: John Hemann spoke of the Midwest gatherings during the Fall of 2010 in Abilene, KS with John Wolesky, Al Werth and Merlin Kieffer hosting. John also spoke of the Spring 2011 meeting in La Crosse with John Swing and his sister as our hosts. The next regional gathering in the Midwest will be the Fall, Monday late September in the Davenport/Moline area with Keith Kitzhaber hosting us.

WEST: No regional reports were given as there was no representation present.

NAPP CHARTER, once again, has being taken care of by Al Ruschman. Al informed the membership that the cost of the charter went up from \$4.00 to \$15.00. Thanks Al.

CONVENTION SITES: The floor was open to discussing potential sites for the convention in 2012. George Gratton made a presentation regarding Elmira, NY (with a

vacation option). After some discussion Jim Keirnan made a motion that the 2012 Convention be held at Elmira. Al Werth seconded the motion. Motion carried. Some discussion was held on future sites for the 50th anniversary of NAPP in 2013. Suggestions were offered for Rapids City, SD; Oshkosh, WI; or back to Kentucky at the origins of our beginnings.

DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Mel mentioned that the directory is in the process of going on line this year (it is half way done). Copies will be printed and sent out one last time so that the membership will have an updated version. Bob Lacey offered to help out with printing cost by engaging some of his own parishioners.

ANNUAL GIFTS:

After a brief report of last year's gifts George Gratton proposed that we give a gift of \$1,000 to Anchorage; another \$1,000 to Pat Patton's Flying Mission Service in Tanzania and \$250 to the San Martin Mission in Mexico. Since founder Bob Kirsch's death, Edwina Tabares in Albuquerque, NM is the contact person. Jerry Scanlon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

took place for the positions of President; 2nd Vice President and Secretary. Gene Murray has completed his term as president. George Remm nominated John Wolesky. John Wolesky declined. Bob Lacey nominated Al Corrigan. Jack Paisley seconded and moved that all nominations cease. Allen Corrigan accepted the nomination and it was approved unanimously.

For the position of 2nd Vice President George Gratton nominated George Remm which was seconded by John Hemann. Jerry Scanlon made the motion that all nominations cease. John Hemann seconded.

George Remm accepted the position of 2nd Vice President through unanimous approval. For the position of Secretary, Phil Gibbs nominated Jack Paisley. Jerry Scanlon nominated Phil Gibbs. A vote was taken by a showing of hands. Phil Gibbs will serve for another term as secretary.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

Phil Gibbs requested a scholarship grant of \$1000 to go toward his commercial rating. The new president, Al Corrigan will give consideration to the scholarship and make the decision.

MANY THANKS to Gene Murray for his efforts as president. Thanks also to John Hemann and all who helped to prepare and host the gathering in Clear Lake. Congratulations to Mel Hemann and the prestigious award given to him (Wright Brothers Award) on Tuesday evening.

A **MOTION TO ADJOURN** was made by Phil Schmitt and John Hemann seconded motion accepted

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Gibbs
Secretary

2011 NAPP CONVENTION FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Convention Dues	\$2150.00	
Sale of Hats	<u>\$ 80.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$2230.00

EXPENSES

Hospitality Room	\$ 75.00	
Bar & Snacks in HR	\$ 186.51	
Pizza	\$ 90.00	
Sack Lunch on Wed.	\$ 120.00	
Banquet	\$ 605.47	
Kelly Sullivan Loughern	\$ 200.00	
Archbishop Hanus room	\$ 208.32	
L & B Monograms Plus (Caps)	<u>\$ 714.80</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>\$2200.10</u>

PROFIT TO NAPP FUND **\$ 29.90**

FR EV UPDATE

Ev Hemann RevEv@saintpatrickcf.org

Recently I have felt strong enough to celebrate all three Sunday Masses. I had been just doing two. That has been a joy for me. I write this at the Clinic where I am getting my chemotherapy. I have chemo every 14 days. I am fortunate in that I seldom have a real serious side effect. So my life continues on, but at about 80% energy level.

Many, many friends and former students have come to visit over the past 3 months. That has been a joy and an affirmation of my ministry of 40 years. A friend has produced a book to commemorate my four decades of ministry. "It's Been a Great Flight" features pictures and short testimonials and a brief review of my various assignments. If you have money to throw away (and who doesn't in this economy!) you can order a copy at <http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/2332894> You will be able to order the book with either a hardcover or a softcover.

Recently, more than a few parishioners have used the word "inspiration". On Tuesday, I asked one what she meant, or why she was using that word to describe me. Her husband died within the past year. She knew what it is like to go through chemo. She finds herself inspired by my dedication to ministry, my commitment to the parish and the joy that I seem to continue to bring to others, especially those suffering. What can I say. Sometimes we do only what is expected of us, nothing terribly outstanding, just what is ordinary. But we inspire others. Many of you have done as much, if not more, than me. Thank YOU for being an inspiration to me and others.



NAPP MEMBER

Most Reverend Robert D. Gruss

Eighth Bishop of Rapid City

Episcopal Ordination

July 28, 2011

*Let us pray for one another
and for vocations to the
priesthood and religious life*

NAPP ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

July 4, 2011

NAPP CHECKING

OPENING BALANCE - July 4, 2010	\$4,301.19
NAPP DUES	\$3,537.09
Convention Rebate	<u>\$ 249.80</u>
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$8,088.08
OUTFLOWS	
Newsletter	\$ 704.00
Postage	\$ 177.31
Supplies	\$ 18.96
Donations	
Flying Medical Service	\$1,000.00
Diocese of Fairbanks	\$1,000.00
Papa John	\$ 50.00
Dinner	\$ 250.00
Hospitality	\$ 106.00
L & B Monograms	<u>\$ 714.80</u>
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$4,021.07
BALANCE --- JULY 4, 2011	\$4,067.01

NAPP SAVINGS ACCOUNT

July 4, 2011

OPENING BALANCE	\$5,982.77
Deposit - Interest (12-31-2010)	\$ 30.16
Deposit - Interest (06-30-2011)	<u>\$ 29.82</u>
BALANCE --- JULY 4, 2011	\$6,042.75

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and mail it with your check to:*

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