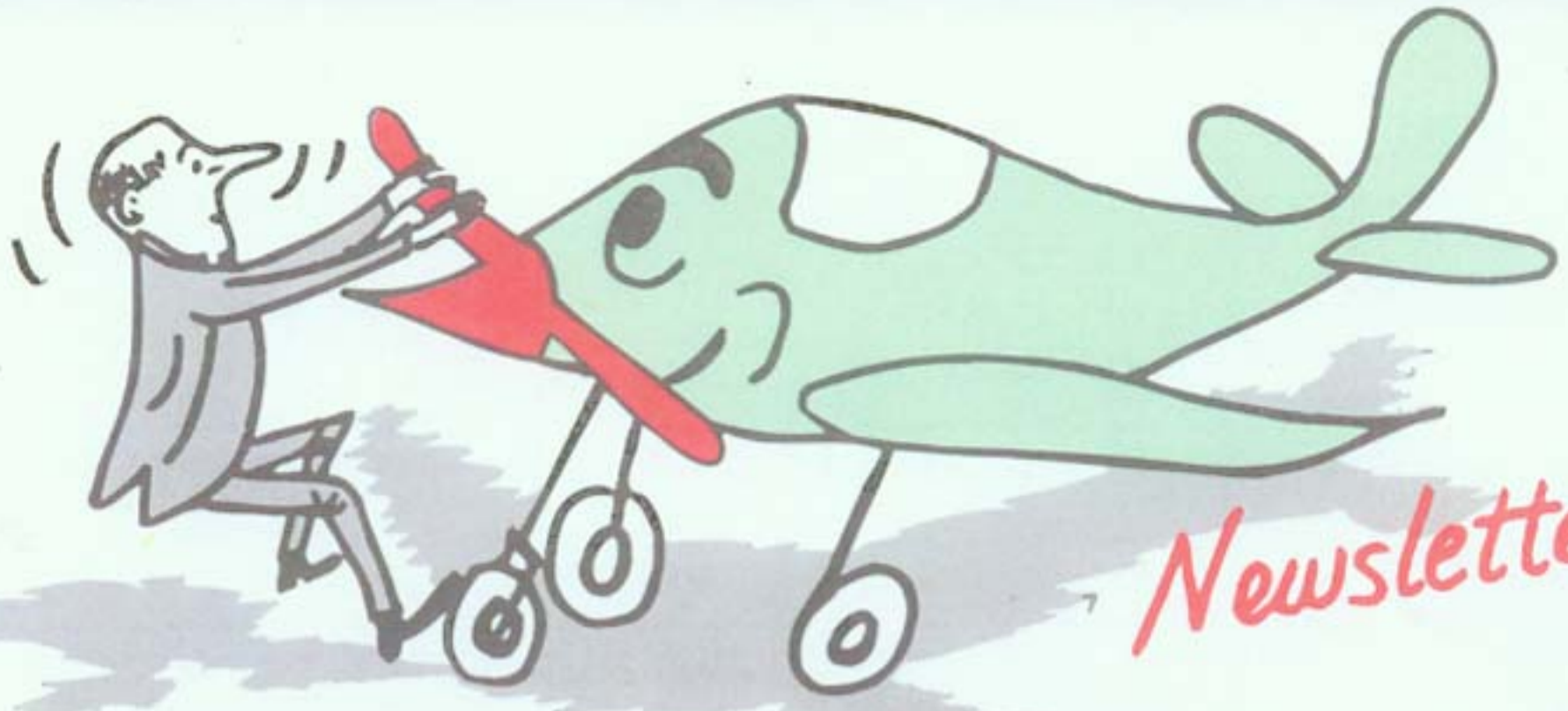


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

NAPP 2003 Convention Budget

Ames, Iowa

Expenses

Invitations	\$ 44.52
Banner (Passed to 2004 Host)	\$ 107.00
Name Tags	\$ 27.55
Shirts	\$ 774.86
Tent/Tables/Chairs	\$ 391.09
Centerpieces	\$ 29.15
Van Rental	\$ 536.10
Van Fuel	\$ 58.62
Glider Tow Plane Fuel	\$ 36.86
Hospitality	\$ 410.50
Beer/Pop Donated	(\$ 180.23)
Reiman Gardens	\$ 160.00
Pizza	\$ 177.80
Hickory Park (picnic)	\$ 385.20

Machine Shed (sack lunches)	\$ 247.50
Memorial Union (banquet)	\$ 1006.25
Banquet Speaker	\$ 400.00
Magician	\$ 300.00
	\$5093.00
Registration Fees	\$5410.00
Balance	\$ 317.00

The remaining positive balance was forwarded to George Remm, the host of the 2004 convention. The money can be used for the 2004 convention expenses.

Gratefully Submitted,

Fr. Everett Hemann



As I write this there is a great deal of consternation in the Hemann family household. John recently received a letter from our Ordinary, Archbishop Jerome Hanus, informing him that the Holy Father has named him a prelate of honor (Monsignor). Ev and I are certain of one thing. The selection process definitely does not fall under the realm of infallibility. If it did, how could one explain this process. We wonder why JOHN and not one of us. This is an especially difficult time for me personally. Ev was just reelected NAPP president. John is made a monsignor. I sit here and attempt to put this newsletter together.

Is there no more justice and fairness in this world? However in a spirit of brotherly love I congratulate both of them for jobs well done!

*For about 30 years I have included at the bottom of this page my name and address. I recently changed servers for my email address. Along with changing the address on the original I decided to use my RV 6 as an appropriate picture. In addition to the info below I also have an archdiocesan address:*

*DBQMHEMANN@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us*

It's DUES time again. Those who missed the annual convention will find the envelope asking for your 2004 dues. A few of you have already sent your dues. You will find your new membership card enclosed.

May the spirit that disturbs and unsettles all who fail to respond to this urgency be unnerving to you in a special way until such time as you send the dues.

*This issue contains the NAPP annual and the Ames convention financial reports, the minutes of the annual meeting (if they arrive), dues envelope if needed and the reservation form for the midwest September meeting in Wisconsin.*

## REMINDERS

### **Fall Regional Meeting**

**Monday, September 29, 2003**

**Cistercian Abbey, Sparta, WI**

**Host: Fr. Bernard McCoy, O, Cist**

### **2004 NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**Frasca Field  
Urbana, Illinois  
July 6 - 7, 2004**

Please remember to include NAPP when moving and sending change of address notifications. It now costs 70 cents every time I get one from the USPO.

## **ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:**

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## BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

### THE ALASKA STORY

About a month ago Archbishop Frank Hurley called from Anchorage. He told me a long time avid pilot, good friend and big supporter in many ways of the flying clergy in Alaska had died. In lieu of flowers his family established a memorial for the association of priest pilots. The family's intention in establishing the memorial was to offer continued support to the Alaska pilots. Frank received a check for \$2,240.00. Because the check was made out to the Priest Pilots Association Frank sent the check to me. I in turn made out checks to the 3 dioceses of Alaska. Anchorage received \$1000.00; Fairbanks \$800.00; Juneau \$440.00. In the past week I received a nice thank you from the three bishops. Bishop Kettler of Fairbanks said he hopes to use some of the money to continue toward his private pilot license. Bishop Warfel said eh money will go toward keeping Mike Schwarte in the air in the Juneau diocesan Cessna 182. Archbishop Schweitz said the Anchorage gift will help defray some of the expenses in getting the recently purchased Cessna 206 in tiptop shape. As a newly licensed pilot Roger says he is looking forward to time in the plane.

In my conversation with Frank Hurley he said, "I could have run the check through our archdiocesan account but I felt this route would give some added publicity to NAPP." In a follow up letter he wrote. "It is fun to give money away. I hope our strategy will prompt others to tap the memory of the deceased for the work of NAPP."

That's an interesting challenge for all of us.

### JOHN KINSLER WRITES FROM Saginaw, Michigan

Rev. Mel Hemann,

Thank you so much for having me at the convention. It was an experience I will long remember.

Please accept my membership donation.

Sincerely,

John

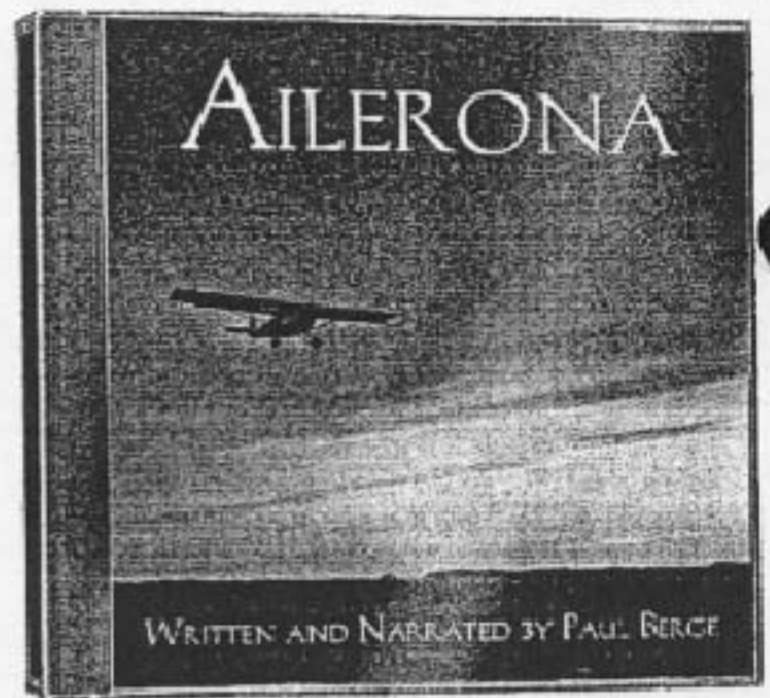
P.S. John accompanied Fr. Jim Falsey

### AFRICAN VISITORS

Convention attendees in Ames met Fr. Jacek Rejman, SVD. Jacek is a native of Poland and now works with long time NAPP member Pat Patten in the Flying Medical Service in Tanzania, East Africa. Earlier this year Pat asked if it would be possible to assist Jacek in obtaining his U.S. private and instrument licenses. He arrived here on July 3 and attended the convention with me. He passed the private written on July 7 and the flight check ride on July 17. On August 4 he passed the instrument knowledge test and the flight check on August 9.

His cohort, Pat Patten, is on home leave in Michigan. He joined Jacek for a couple of days in Oshkosh and both returned here for a marvelous and well deserved rest. It was great to spend this time with both of them.

I received an ad from Abquabi House publications. It is one of the pages in this letter. Paul Berge was our dinner speaker in Ames. The CD contains some of his wonderful flying tales.



New from *Paul Berge*, author of the novel, *Bootleg Skies*, comes *Ailerona*©, an audio book collection of his original aviation short stories performed as only Berge can.

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# NAPP ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 4, 2003

## NAPP CHECKING

<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$2,489.49</b>
<b>NAPP Donations and Dues</b>	<b><u>\$3,110.08</u></b>
<b>Total Inflows</b>	<b>\$5,599.57</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
<b>Annual Donations</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>\$1,114.74</b>
<b>Postage</b>	<b>\$ 484.83</b>
<b>NAPP Pins</b>	<b><u>\$ 509.35</u></b>
<b>Total Outflows</b>	<b>\$4,108.92</b>
<b>BALANCE JULY 4, 2003</b>	<b>\$1,490.65</b>

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## NAPP SAVINGS ACCOUNT

July 4, 2003

<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$7,877.93</b>
<b>Deposit --- Interest (12-31-2002)</b>	<b>\$ 148.93</b>
<b>Deposit --- Interest (06-30-2003)</b>	<b><u>\$ 139.32</u></b>
<b>BALANCE JULY 4, 2003</b>	<b>\$8,166.18</b>

*After trying for several years we finally found a place that was able to reproduce the NAPP lapel pin that many of us received when we joined years ago. If you would like one let me know when you send your dues. If you have already paid but do not have the NAPP lapel pin, please let me know and I'll send one to you in the next newsletter.*

**MIDWEST REGIONAL PRIEST PILOTS GATHERING**  
**SPARTA/FORT McCOY**  
**Sparta Wisconsin**  
**September 29, 2003**

Arrival Information: 11:00 AM Monday, September 29, 2003

Civil terminal is at end of rwy 29. One row of beige T-hangars  
Don't park in military area near tower. -- could be detrimental to  
your health and your plane

Host Fr. Bernard can provide fuel (about \$2.15 per gal).

Caveat: Watch for deer and wild turkeys on the runways.

Schedule for the day:

11:45 AM -- Midday prayer at the Abbey

Noon ----- Lunch

Afternoon activities -- to be announced

5:00 PM ---- Business meeting

5:30 PM ---- Vespers

6:00 PM ---- Supper, followed by departure

6:45 PM ---- Departures

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Fr. Bernard McCoy, O. Cist, is our Fall host at the  
Cistercian Abbey  
17304 Havenwood Road  
Sparta, WI 54656  
Home: 608-269-2930 Cell: 608-797-4888

*I'm sure Bernard and his fellow monks will, as he says, "try to manifest our 900 year tradition of Cistercian hospitality".*

There are a limited number of rooms available if you want to come early and/or stay late. Let him know at address above

**Return Reservation Form to: Fr. Bernard McCoy, O.Cist**  
Address Above QR [frbernard@MonksOnline.org](mailto:frbernard@MonksOnline.org)

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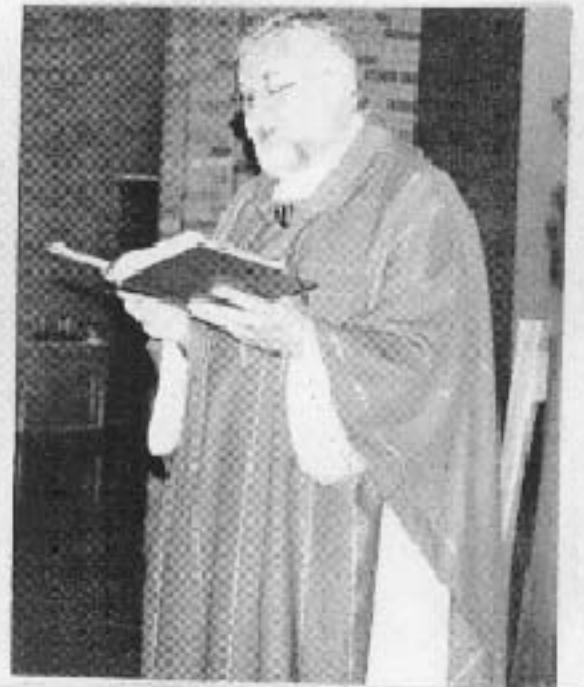
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# 2003 NAPP CONVENTION









# MINUTES OF THE 2003 NAPP MEETING

## AMES, IOWA JULY 8, 2003

Ever-Ready Ev, our President, Fr. Ev Hemann, opened with prayer our 40th meeting at 6:00 P.M. at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall in Ames, Iowa on Tuesday, July 8th. Fr. Ev is pastor of this parish as well as our Convention host. From copies distributed we all prayed the prayer to the Holy Spirit of God's Love and Truth, the beautiful prayer used before each session of the Second Vatican Council. Lodging was excellent at the Memorial Union of Iowa State University. Your secretary even took a refreshing dip in the Union's delightful Fountain. Our airport fly-in base was Hap's Flying Service at the Ames Municipal Airport. While most of our attendees arrived either commercially or by car, nine member aircraft graced the Ames airport ramp: Attea, Falsey, Funke, Gratton, J. Hemann, M. Hemann, Teufel, Werth and Wolesky.

On Tuesday we had a tour of the six-sided room, C-6 SSOL and wind tunnel along with a virtual accident reconstruction presentation (TWA 800). Later we visited the charming Reiman Rose Gardens where our convention picture was taken. (A planned group flight to Mason City was precluded due to weather).

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday evening at St. Thomas parish hall after which we were graciously hosted with a delightful cookout at the home of Jeff and Lydia Trom.

On Wednesday we visited the modern parish of St. Francis of Assisi on our way to our tour of St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. As the person appointed by the late Bishop Maurice Dingman to coordinate John Paul II's visit to rural America October 4, 1979, Msgr. Steve awed us with the complexity and immensity of preparations required for a papal visit. We returned to Ames for our Convention Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas followed by our annual banquet at the Memorial Union. Our speaker was former air traffic controller, now author and speaker, Paul Berge. Paul gave us a "boat-rocking" talk, followed by a neat performance by the young magician Allan Roan.

51 persons were in attendance: 5 Charter Members: the Reverends John Hemann, Mel Hemann, John Herzog, Bob Kirsch and Phil

Schmitt. 33 Regular Members: Tony Attea, Paul Baseford, Bill Bevington, Jim Falsey, Jack Fitzgerald, John Friederick, Richard Funke, Tom Geelan, Ev Hemann, Ed Higgins, Dave Hogan, Scott Jabo, Merlin Kieffer, Dino Lorenzetti, Neil Manternach, Bernard McCoy, Ed Murray, Gene Murray, Frank Nemmers, Jack Paisley, Jacek Rejman, George Remm, Nick Rossello, Al Ruschman, Jerry Scanlan, Owen Shanley, Pete Sweeney, Charlie Teufel, Ivan Vap, John Walsh, Al Werth and John Wolesky. 9 Associate Members: Jack Boyle, Jeff Bryant, George Gratton, James Kiernan, John Kinsler, Shirley Love, Mike Makelbust, Edwina Tabares (Pres. of FOPP, Friends of Priest Pilots) and Marty Winnert. 5 Guests: John Bryant, Teresa Halstead, Kevin Maher, Linda Makelbust and Steve Salvo.

MINUTES: The minutes of our 2002 Albuquerque, N.M. meeting had been previously provided in our Newsletter by editor, Fr. Mel Hemann. Motion: To accept the minutes: Kiernan/Gratton; passed unanimously.

TREASURE'S REPORT: A written report was distributed by Treasurer Fr. Mel Hemann. As of July 4, 2003:

NAPP CHECKING: Opening balance: \$2,489.49 plus Inflows (Donations and Dues) \$3,110.08 minus Outflows of \$4,108.92 leaving 7/4/03 Balance of \$1,490.65.

NAPP SAVINGS: Opening Balance: \$7,877.93 plus Interest of \$288.25 resulting in 7/4/03 Balance of \$8,166.18. Motion: To accept Treasurer's Report: Kiernan/Paisley; passed unanimously.

DONATIONS: Proposed 1). SAN MARTIN FLYING MISSION, Inc. (member Fr. Bob Kirsch): Vap/Funke; 2) DIOCESE OF JUNEAU, Alaska (member Bishop Michael Warfel); Teufel/J. Hemann; 3) Member Fr. Jacek Rejman (working with member Fr. Pat Patten on Tanzania Flying Medical Service): Sweeney/Gratton; MOTION: \$1,000.00 to each of the proposed recipients: Kiernan/Herzog; call for the question: Kiernan/McCoy; motion passed unanimously.



## SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS' FLIGHT TRAINING/SCHOLARSHIP CHECKS:

Following up on Pres. Ev's 2002 passed proposal, \$500.00 each was donated to both Fr. Scott Jabo and Fr. Jacek Reyman. Motion: That Fr. Ev's proposal that two \$500.00 donations be awarded to members for flight training be continued: Attea/Walsh; call for question: Kieffer. passed unanimously.

ELECTIONS: For President, 2nd Vice-President and Secretary. Motion: That the present holders of these offices should continue: Gratton/Wolesky; call for question: Paisley; motion passed unanimously. Commendations and appreciation expressed. President Everett Hemann, Vice-President Charlie Teufel and Secretary Bob Kirsch continue.

WEBSITE: Motion: Attea/Werth: that a NAPP web site be set up: unanimous. Motion: Walsh/Falsey: that Fr. Bernard McCoy, Cist. be delegated to investigate feasibility of "priestpilots.org"; unanimous. E-Mail for Fr. Bernard is "frbernard@MonksOnline.org". Suggestion: That newsletter could be E-Mailed. Resolution: Officers decide.

NAPP, INC: Once again we commend and are grateful to Fr. Al Ruschman for maintaining NAPP as a non-profit corporation in the state of Kentucky.

REGIONAL MEETINGS: The Central Regional meetings this past year were well-attended; there was no Eastern meeting; the Western Region met by telephone conference. Future Regional meeting times will be in Newsletter.

MEXICO REPORT: Fr. Bob Kirsch, Western regional director, reported that the Mexico Medical Mission flights to the Tarahumara indigenous peoples of the Sierra Madre mountains of northern Mexico have been temporarily suspended due to the mishap with the SAN MARTIN FLYING MISSION'S Cessna 210, "Queenie." Named after our Blessed Mother, "Queen of the Missions," Queenie will be back in the air by the middle of August, Deo Volente.

ALASKA REPORT: Pre-convention report received by phone by Fr. Bob Kirsch from Fr. Leo Walsh; greetings to all; Archbishop Schweitz, OMI now has his private license. Fr. Michael Schwarte continues flying to outlying mission of St. Catherine's Parish,

Petersburg.

CONVENTIONS: 2004: Will be at Frasca Field, Urbana, IL July 6 -7. Event will be co-hosted by Fr. George Remm and Rudy Frasca. Fathers George Remm and Ed Higgins provided us at Ames with a neat preview packet with tentative schedule and brochures. Much more to come in our newsletter. For 2005: hosts Fr. Pete Sweeney and Fr. Charlie Teufel are mentioning the Washington, D.C. area and the new Air and Space Museum opening in December at Dulles. Another possibility is St. Augustine, FL. For 2006: Back to the West? Members Shirley Love and Fr. Paul Baseford are making noises about a possible "nose-to-nose" arrangement for the Golden State: Santa Maria? Desert Palm Springs?

COMMENDATIONS: "The record shows" at the urging of Fr. John Herzog that Fr. Ev Hemann, Jeff Bryant and Mike Makelbust and their assistants have been loudly commended with joy-filled APPLAUSE for their excellent convention planning. Fr. Dick Funke's commendation of Fr. Mel Hemann (MORE APPLAUSE) for his super job in bringing new members into NAPP. President Fr. Ev spoke of Fr. John Bellon's dedicated work as our NAPP photographer over all the years. Fr. John is in residence at the Redemptorist House at Ligouri, MO. Fr. Ev has been endeavoring to assist Fr. John in the recovery of the treasure trove of photos which he has been taking beginning in 1964.

ADJOURNMENT: President Fr. Ev entertained a motion for adjournment. Our perennial adjourner, Fr. Phil Schmitt, so moved at 6:47 P.M. No second needed. All in favor boisterously said "AYE!"; Unanimous. Ever-ready Ev did it again with a new record of 47 minutes. Well done, President Ev.

Submitted in the Lord with much fraternal love and ubiquitous dedication,

*Bob*

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Fr. Bob J. Kirsch, secretary