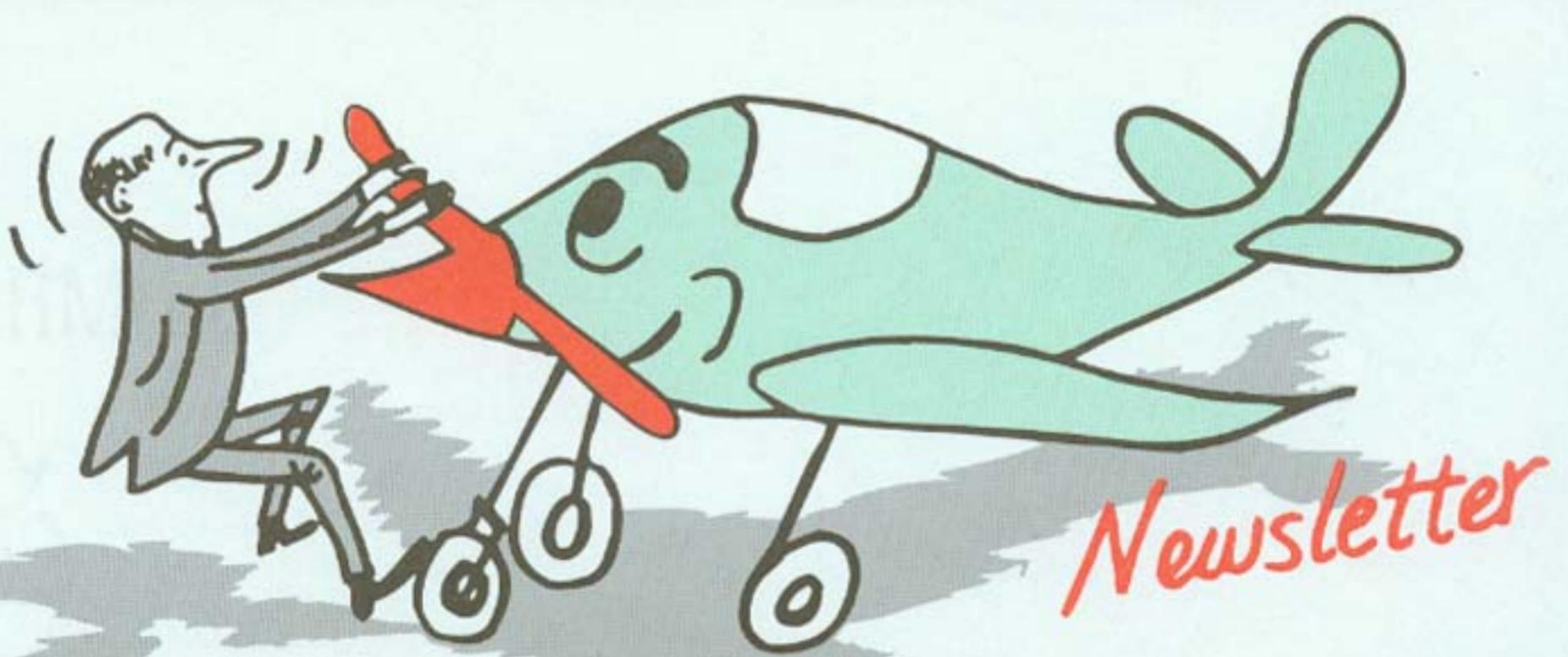


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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

I live and minister at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Student Center at Iowa State University. This time of year the University is like a giant animal, arousing from hibernation to fully awake. And hungry!

In the 20 years I have been in campus ministry, students have changed. These days they hunger for spiritual stuff. They want to know how to pray, what does the church teach, how can we know there is a God, can we believe the bible, etc, etc.

Despite the scandals of this past year, students probably are as positive and open to Church as they ever have been. I still find campus ministry, despite its demands, to be renewing and refreshing for me.

Our gathering in Albuquerque was also refreshing and renewing. We are thankful to

Edwina & Fr. Bob. We promise to provide a great experience for you next year here in Ames.

Those present at our national meeting approved my proposal to establish two \$500 grants for this coming year. They are available to any priest who had completed the knowledge test for either the private or instrument to be applied to their flight training.

Fr. Scott Jabo, Erie PA, a NAPP member has completed his knowledge test for his private certificate. He has logged a few hours of dual and will use our first \$500 grant to continue working towards his certificate. I am encouraging him to come to Ames in 2003 for our national meeting. Scott has been ordained about 10 years.

We who know the joy of ordained ministry for years must encourage our replacements. We aging NAPP members need to encourage younger priests to know the excitement and satisfaction aviation can bring.

Don't forget to put the wheels down prior to landing!

Ev Hemann



and are working towards their private or instrument tickets. If you, or anyone you know might be interested, contact us.

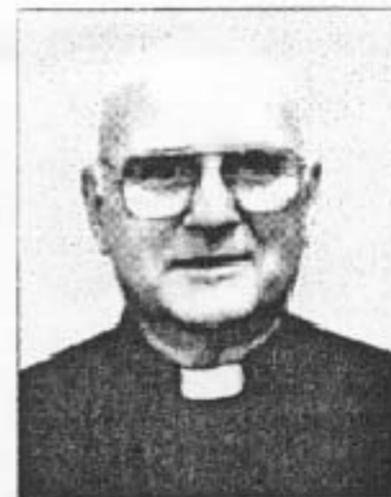
**REGIONAL MEETINGS**

Eastern Region. Contact Charles Teufel or Tony Attea for details. Sept. 17, 2002  
Lunken airport, Cincinnati, Ohio  
October 22, 2002 Reading, PA  
Midwest Region. Sept. 24. Des Moines, IA  
See the reservation form enclosed

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This issue has the following items. The minutes from the July gathering in Albuquerque. Two financial reports: 1. The NAPP accounts, checking and savings. 2. The report from the Albuquerque meeting. There are also several communiques from members, bringing us up to date on their activities. The email from Fr. Terence Bell in Australia is enclosed. I have responded to his inquiry with information on Wings of Hope in St. Louis. Terence has been added to our mailing list.

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It's time once again to collect the dues for the year 2003. We are grateful to the members who took care of that in Albuquerque. The rest of you will find a dues envelope in this mailing. Please return it as soon as possible. Dues remain U.S.\$20 per year. Any amount over and above will be deeply appreciated.

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The NAPP minutes mention the approval of a proposal by President Everett that NAPP set aside \$1,000.00 for two \$500.00 grants for two priests who have already passed their written



In memory of  
**Rev. James F. Kelley**

Born February 25, 1929  
New Bedford, Massachusetts  
Ordained February 2, 1961  
Fall River, Massachusetts  
Died on March 23, 2002  
Tuklung Mountain, Alaska  
Mass of Christian Burial  
April 2, 2002  
Dillingham, Alaska  
Burial April 10, 2002  
St. Mary Cemetery,  
New Bedford, Massachusetts

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IN MEMORY OF

Reverend Msgr. William M. Roche

Born: June 18, 1923  
Ordained: June 4, 1955  
Died: June 21, 2002

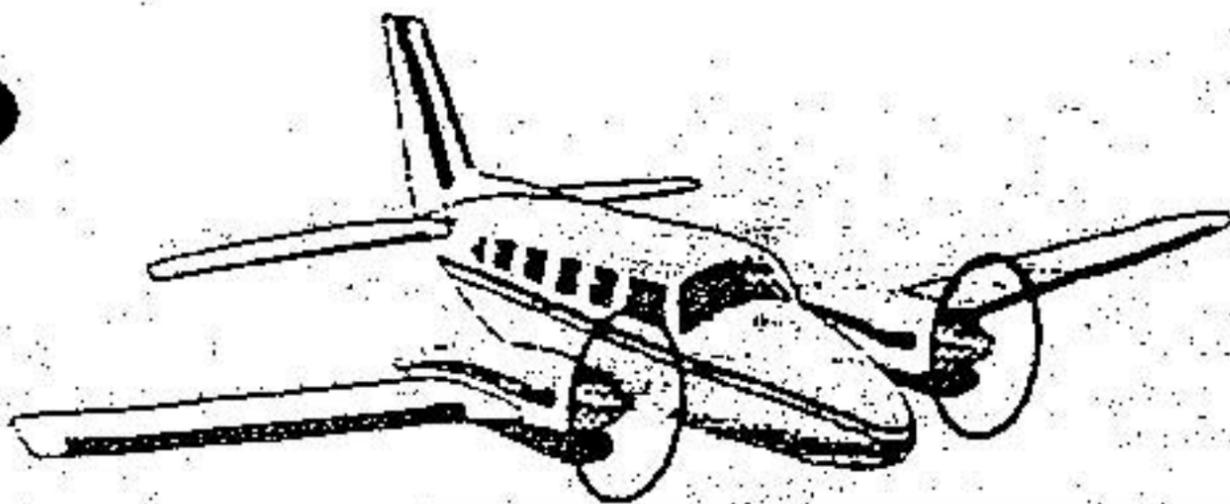
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Cedar Falls, IA 50613-1683  
319-266-3889

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## BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

### ADDRESS CHANGES

Rev. Frank Nemmers  
PO Box 244  
Bancroft, IA 50517

From Peter Geldard in the UK

My Dear Mel,

It seems such a long time since I last wrote that you must have thought that I had disappeared etc.! But be assured - I am very much alive and kicking! And have done quite a bit of flying recently. I have just come back from flying down to Corsica in the PA28. Did some 30 hours in 8 days which is not bad considering the extortionate cost of fuel over here. The weather was wonderful and I did the longest sea crossing - 120 nautical miles - I have ever done in a single. The plane flew without a missed beat. Next week, I complete my six approaches etc. to keep my FAA IR current. [Although technically I cannot 'use' the rating till we have the plane put on the American registry - which we are still contemplating - I am keen to keep my IR current for the skill etc.]

I read with great sadness the news of the death of Jim Kelly. I said Mass for him the other day at the University. He was the bald-headed guy who had been in the Navy? I remember his kindness and conversations last year with gratitude. From what he described of his work, life was always 'marginal' due to the terrible conditions up in Alaska. May he rest in peace.

When I do come across again, I would love to meet up - not least to have your kind supervision to make sure that I am 'current' and bring me up to date.

Please could you give my kind regards (and apologies) that I cannot be at the annual gathering in New Mexico this year. I had originally planned another trip to the States but

that will have to await for another year at least to date with all the news etc.

From your last email, you seem to have been doing some travelling lately. Where are you at present: In Florida or Ohio?

Do give my regards to your brothers and encourage some of the brethren at the NAPP convention to make a trip to this side of the pond. I can always offer them my apartment at the Chaplaincy in Canterbury and we could go 'foreign' to France etc. in the plane if they wanted.

Best wishes,  
Peter

*Fr Peter Geldard*  
*Dean of Chaplains & Catholic Chaplain, University of*  
*Kent at Canterbury*  
*St John Stone House, 41 St Thomas Hill, Canterbury,*  
*Kent CT2 8HW, UK*  
*Chaplaincy/Fax: 01227 462198*  
*Mobile: 07970 CAT SOC (228762)*  
*Ellot office W3 W1: 3348(Internal) 01227*  
*823348(External)*  
*CathSoc Web page: <http://www.CathSoc.co.uk>*

Dear Mel,

I wanted to get this mail off before the convention so as to pass along my regards for the upcoming get together. It has been some years since I was last in touch so thought it time to send greetings as my life is now settled for a few years.

First the new home address:  
Fr. Michael A. Mikstay  
126 Reservation Dr.  
Gulfport, MS 39503  
H (228) 328-2644 W (228) 871-2454

Since you all left me at the 1997 convention at Cherry Point MCAS (by the way that is North Carolina and not South Carolina as the directory lists it) my life has been extremely hectic. I left Cherry Point in October of 1997 and went to a brand new ship, the USS Bataan (LHD 5). I was the first priest assigned or as I like to say "the Founding Father." After 30 months on ship and several deployments, I received orders to Bahrain. It is an island in the Persian Gulf about 25 miles off the coast of Saudi Arabia.

These orders were to U.S. Naval Forces Central Command / Fifth Fleet. I worked for a three star admiral who was directly under General Tommy Franks whom you see often on TV (he is the head of Central Command and is in charge of the operations in Afghanistan). My orders were supposed to be for 12 months only. I ended up staying 16 months. During that time I was traveling out of the country 23 times. It was a tremendous experience, but I am so thankful to be home.

I was involved in many types of operations in the Middle East. The most difficult one was the USS Cole response. I was on board the Cole 18 hours after the bombing. I remained there for eight days. If you watched CNN at the time, I led many of the bodies onto the C 130s. I left Yemen with the last of those bodies. It was a horrible experience, but I was blessed to bring the power of the priesthood and the Church to those Americans who were so desperate and so far from home.

I am now stationed with the Navy Sea Bees (CB stands for construction battalion) at the chapel in Gulfport, MS. It is supposed to be a three year tour. I will believe that when I see it.

I returned home from Bahrain on 1 November 2001 and reported here a few days before Christmas. It is really a wonderful place and the most relaxing assignment I have had in my ten years of active duty.

During my stay in Bahrain, I met a Navy Captain who will be the next Commodore for the Navy squadrons based at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma. He was real excited to see my pictures of our Cherry Point Convention. Joe Sereno is a good Catholic and was real interested as I told him stories about NAPP. He asked me if we might like to hold a convention at Tinker in one of the next few years. I told him that might be a possibility and that the members would vote

on it. Joe knows that he would have to do all the work and hosting since I am not close to him. He said he would love to do it for the priests. Joe will be leaving Bahrain this fall. My suggestion is that we make a tentative plan for the 2004 convention at Tinker. I would tell Joe what types of things we usually plan and he would take care of the details.

If the brothers would like to have another meeting at a military installation, Joe and his wife Marta would gladly be our hosts. We really would need an alternate as the current war on terrorism can change things in the military rather rapidly.

I have not done any civilian flying for some years. In the Middle East I was flying P-3s and once in a while doing touch and goes in a C-12 (King Air 200) in Kuwait. I do want to knock out my CFI while I am here for the next years.

My best to all of you for the convention.

Fraternally,  
Mike Mikstay  
LCDR, CHC, USN

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*From Fr. Terence Bell, Australia  
August 5, 2002*

Mel,

I am the National Director for the PMS in Australia. When visiting the Diocese of Broome in the North West of Australia in July, Bishop Chris Saunders spoke to me of the need to get a new plane for the diocese. I have commenced enquiries here with Cessna.

He spoke of the difference in price between the US and the Australian market. This is just an initial contact to sound out on a number of questions.

1. If we have little luck with fund raising here, is there any possibility of any help from America?

2. If we are able to purchase a plane in US, it would need to be either flown or shipped out. If flying is the only option, would there be any interest in a couple or more of your members taking on the task of delivering the plane to Broome, which is one of our missionary dioceses in the country?

3. Have you any other comments or suggestions that we could put into place?

Once before Cessna had expressed some interest in using the donation of a plane as a

promotion opportunity for them. We are seeing if they are still interested. Also we are looking at the current suppliers of aviation fuel to the diocese. A mail-out to pilots in Australia and other interested persons or bodies is also being planned. Bishop Chris is to supply answers to some of their questions so that we can refine the mailing list.

Thanks for the opportunity to make contact with you. God bless!

Terence M. Bell, National Director

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### A TALE OF THREE PLANES

On the NAPP convention visit to Socorra to view the Very Large Array the option was to drive or fly. Three plane loads chose to fly. To facilitate communicating between the 3 planes they chose the names Queenie, Papa and Yankee. On the return trip as the three plane group neared Albuquerque Yankee faced a buildup and switched to Approach Control. He asked the controller for a 15 degree deviation to the left. She granted him that request. To keep his fellow pilots informed of his actions, Yankee announced "Queenie, I'm turning 15 degrees left." Only then did he realize he had forgotten to change frequencies. His message went to the Controller.

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*From Frank Nemmers on June 6, 2002*

Mel and Compatriots,

Greetings to all as you meet in Albuquerque. Since I'm due to retire July 16, and I'm sans Mooney, count me absent at NAPP this year.



Frank Nemmers

P.S. My brother's Cessna 172 be available to me. He lives in Bancroft, too. Hopefully my Class III medical will get FAA approval this month. I grounded myself with a blocked artery (95%). The stent is working.

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*Knobby Walsh sent the following from a Seasonal Newsletter of the Presbyterate of the Diocese of Rochester, NY*

Father Tim Brown, Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo, Greece, recently joined the exclusive list of Priest Pilots.

After passing all the required tests and training, the FAA has granted him the License of Private Pilot, Single Engine Land.

Tim has always been interested in aviation. One of his earliest trips was to Saratoga Springs with Knobby and Joan Cawley to pick up an Irish Terrier puppy (Molly) for Father Conboy.

We call the list "exclusive" because it seems to be very limited in this diocese. During the war years, flying was frowned on in the Rochester Diocese, although no "rules" existed. Archbishop Sheen, a frequent flyer himself, approved of the activity.

Some of the senior clergy remember Fr. Don Cleary, chaplain at Cornell, as one of the early "helmet and goggle" pilots.

Knobby Walsh flew with Don and got a license in 1950. Msgr. Bill Roche received his license in 1945 and went on to an ever more exclusive list of CFII (commercial flight instructor instruments) single and multi-engine. Bill died a few weeks ago.

Msgrs. Joe and Gerry Gefell (Joe recently deceased) went on to all sorts of "ratings"; CFII, single and multi, land and sea and did lots of flying in the military.

Another pilot, Father Frank Erbe even owned part of a Piper Cherokee for a few years. He and Knobby traveled extensively through Canada and the Great Lakes.

For the past few years, Tim also belongs to a larger group of 162 in the National Association of Priest Pilots. There are some "associate" members; non ordained pilots who enjoy the group. This past year Knobby and Tim joined Mr. George Gratton and Mr. Jack O'Neill, Rochester airplane owners, in hosting the annual meeting at Wing South Airpark, Naples, Fl.

Archbishop Hurley of Anchorage hosted last year's meeting. Bishop Timlin of Scranton is a member. Bishop Kaniecki, S.J. of Fairbanks, AK died last year and Bishop Tom Lobsinger, OMI, of Whitehorse, died in an accident last year.

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**PLEASE**

Return your

**DUES ENVELOPE**

as soon as possible.

# CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHERN ALASKA

August 8, 2002

Mel Hemann  
NAPP  
127 Kaspand Pl  
Cedar Falls IA 50613-1683

Dear Mel

Thanks for the nice letter about the word that you have heard about Don Kettler. He has spent 30 years as a pastor in the Sioux Falls Diocese. About two years ago he decided that he would like to learn to fly. He now has 98 hours and numerous offers from pilots and instructors to help him finish. He actually only needs to finish the written and then prepare for the flight test. Right after his ordination I intend to fly him in the cessna 207 that he now owns out to the villages for a visit. It will give me a chance to get my hand back in and to let him do some flying. We should be gone for about a week.

Special thanks to the members of the National Association of Priest Pilots for the donation of \$1,000 to the support of our flying here. Believe me, we will have no trouble finding a use for the money. You men are great to think of us at this time. His ordination is scheduled for August 22. So far about 11 Bishops have responded positively to the invitation. We are madly organizing for the influx of visitors and looking forward to a great celebration. All of you will be in our prayers as we install him and give him possession of the diocese. It will not take any effort to give him the whole thing.

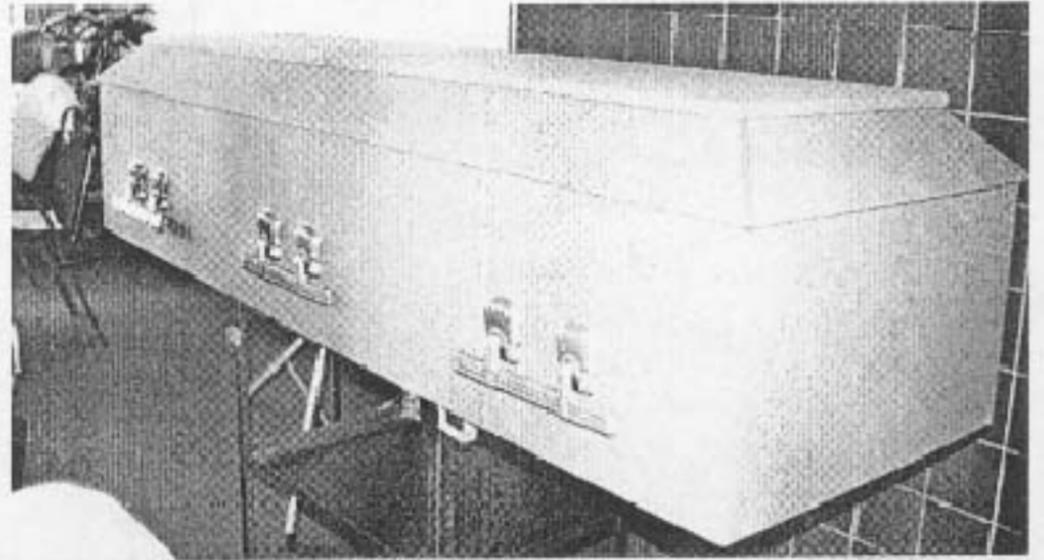
Mel please pray for good weather for the week of his celebration. May God bless you and all of the members of the NAPP.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rev. Dick Case, S.J.  
Deputy Apostolic Administrator

# 2002 NAPP CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS**  
**Fall Midwest Regional - September 24, 2002**  
**Rockwell Collins -- Des Moines, IA**

**Contact Person and Host:**

**JAMES KIERNAN**  
St. Ambrose Cathedral  
607 High St  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
515-288-7411

**Travel Information:**

Whether flying or driving come to the Des Moines Airport. Meet at Elliott Flying Service (FBO) north east side of the airport and north of the tower.

Arrive between 11:00 and 11:30 A.M. on Tuesday, September 24, 2002

**Airport:** Des Moines Municipal  
Identifier: **DSM**  
ATIS: 119.55 TWR: 118.3  
APP: 123.9 GND: 121.9



**SPECIAL ATTRACTION**

When all have assembled we will go the Iowa Air Guard facilities. Lunch will be in the Guard cafeteria, followed by time with the F16s and their crews.

The tour day will conclude with a short meeting, fellowship, dinner and then home.

*If you want to come early or stay late please let Jim know before arrival*

**RESERVATION FORM**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ETD**

**PLANE**      **Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**CAR**

**MAIL TO:** Rev. James Kiernan  
St. Ambrose Cathedral  
607 High Street  
Des Moines, IA 60309

**SEE YOU  
THERE**

Monday, July 1, 2002

## NAPP CHECKING

### Category Summary Report 7/1/01 Through 7/1/02

<b>Opening Balance</b>	3,858.93
<b>Inflows</b>	
NAPP Donations	50.00
NAPP Dues	<u>2,715.00</u>
<b>Total Inflows</b>	<b>6,623.93</b>
<b>Outflows</b>	
Annual Donations	3,000.00
Envelopes	24.20
Newsletter	681.57
Postage	<u>428.67</u>
<b>Total Outflows</b>	<b>4,134.44</b>
<b>Balance July 1, 2002</b>	<b>2,489.49</b>

## NAPP SAVINGS

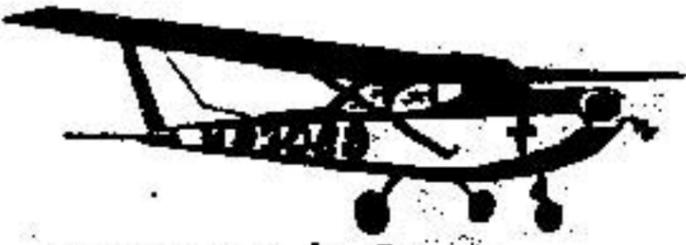
### Register Listing

#### 7/1/01 Through 7/1/02

<b>Opening Balance</b>	7,544.06
Deposit -- Interest Earned (Dec. 2001)	180.65
Deposit -- Interest Earned (June 2002)	<u>153.22</u>
<b>Balance July 1, 2002</b>	<b>7,877.93</b>

"LA REINA QUINTA"

# San Martín Flying Mission St. Jude Express



"QUEENIE # 5"

Fr. Robert J. Kirsch

SAN MARTÍN FLYING MISSION  
P.O. BOX 1080

ALBUQUERQUE, NM, 87103-1080

Financial Report: NAPP 2002 Convention Albuquerque, N.M.

### Distributions:

3 hrs. avgas for scouting excursions: .....	\$ 99.00
Name tags and hats .....	\$ 150.00
Apache Christ markers .....	\$ 25.00
Memorial cards: Fr. Jim Kelley .....	\$ 12.00
Liquor .....	\$ 160.00
Beer & Soda .....	\$ 42.00
Gasoline .....	\$ 22.00
Sandia Tramway .....	\$ 428.00
Pizza .....	\$ 219.00
Banquet .....	\$ 402.60
Rental of Big Van .....	\$ 317.28
Rental of Small Van .....	\$ 253.79
Continental Breakfasts & Happy Hours .....	\$ 500.00
Use of Retreat Facilities, chapel, etc. ....	\$1,000.00
Rooms for Committee .....	\$ 315.00
Sandia Casino Lunch .....	\$ 266.86
Socorro, N.M. Lunch & drinks, etc. ....	\$ 474.67
Gasoline for 4 vans & cars .....	\$ 194.55
	<u>\$4,882.05</u>

### Receipts:

Registrations .....	\$3,580.00
Sandia Tramway Refund .....	\$ 12.75
Madonna Retreat Center: Refund .....	\$ 400.00
	<u>\$3,992.45</u>

### Deficit Balance:

.....	\$ 889.60
Less Committee Rooms donated by Fr. Bob K. ....	\$ - 315.00
Final Deficit Balance .....	\$ 574.60
Minus one unpaid Conventioneer reg & room .....	\$ - 169.00
Current Deficit Balance .....	\$ 405.60

The \$405.60 was absorbed by San Martín Flying Mission  
No problem because NAPP had donated \$1,000 to the Mission on Dec. 11, 2001  
which leaves the Mission \$594.40 in the black.

Gratefully submitted,

*Edwina Tabares*

Edwina Tabares, Treasurer, S.M.F.M.

# MINUTES OF 2002 NAPP MEETING

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

July 9, 2002

Our hands-on President, Fr. Ev Hemann called upon Fr. Jack Paisley to prayerfully open our 39th meeting at 4:35 P.M. at the Madonna Retreat Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Appreciation was warmly expressed by President Fr. Ev Hemann to our Associate Member and Hostess of the Convention (and President of our FOPPERS, i.e. Friends of Priest Pilots) Edwina Tabares and to her co-host, Fr. Bob Kirsch who were ably assisted by Fr. Paul Baseford, Frances Lopez, Shirley Love, Corine Romero, Vicenta Saavedra, Wil Tabares and LC Vail.

Our airport fly-in base was the Double Eagle II airport, Albuquerque, New Mexico. While most of our 39 attendees arrived either commercially or by car, seven member aircraft were on the ramp of West Mesa Aviation at the Double Eagle II airport: Attea, Gratton, E. Hemann, J. Hemann, M. Hemann, Kirsch and Werth.

We had a ground excursion to the Sandia Tramway (longest in the world) and to the Sandia Indian Casino. We had a second ground/air excursion (several planes flew to Socorro, N.M.) to the Very Large Array, a large plain of electronic telescopes listening to radio signals from the far reaches of outer space.

39 persons were in attendance, 3 Charter Members: Reverends John Hemann, Mel Hemann, and Bob Kirsch (Kirsch has not missed one in all 39 meetings. Miracle!); 21 Regular Members: Reverends Tony Attea, Paul Baseford, Bill Bevington, Joe Burg, Jim Flavin, Ev Hemann, (Rev.Mr.) Tom Jones, Merlin Kieffer, Dino Lorenzetti, Ed Murray, Gene Murray, Jack Paisley, Bob Pool, Al Ruschman, Jerry Scanlon, George Seufferling, Owen Shanley, Charlie Teufel, Tom Weinzapfel, Al Werth and John Wolesky; 8 Associate Members: Jeff Bryant, George Gratton, Mike Makelbust, Carmen Marchiole, Jack Divine, Edwina Tabares, Marty Winnert and Fred Wright; 3 Guests: Matt Hemann, Shirley Love and LC Vail; 4 Additional Committee Members: Frances Lopez, Corine Romero, Vicenta Saavedra and Wil Tabares.

MINUTES: The minutes of our 2001 Florida meeting were once again faithfully provided by Fr. Mel Hemann. motion: to accept the minutes: Wolesky/Jones; passed with one opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A written report was distributed by Fr. Mel Hemann. From 7/1/01 through to 7/1/02.

NAPP Checking: Opening Balance: \$3,853.93 plus inflows of \$6,623.93 minus outflows of \$4,134.44 leaving 7/1/02 balance of \$2,489.49; NAPP Savings.

opening balance: \$7,544.06 plus deposit & interest earned resulting in 7/1/02 balance of \$7,877.93.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: E. Murray/Ruschman: passed with one opposed.

DONATIONS: President Ev Hemann proposed that we set aside \$1,000 for two \$500 grants for 2 priests who have already passed their written and are working towards their private or instrument tickets. The new Bishop of Fairbanks, Alaska, the Most Rev. Don Kettler, former Sioux Falls SD diocese pastor was proposed as the recipient of the second \$1,000. A third \$1,000 grant being given to Pat Patten in Tanzania. Motion: Paisley/J. Hemann; that the two \$500 grants proposal, and the Bishop Kettler and Pat Patten proposals be accepted: unanimous passage.

ELECTIONS: Ist Vice President: Fr. Gene Murray nominated by Fr. Mel Hemann. motion: that the nominations be closed: Paisley/Seufferling; unanimous passage. Congratulations, Fr. Gene Murray Treasurer: Call for unanimous proclamation that Fr. Mel Hemann continue as Treasurer. Fr. Mel Hemann unanimously hailed as our continuing Treasurer; much appreciation for Fr. Mel Hemann and all his Dedication as Treasurer and as long time Newsletter Editor-in-Chief

CONVENTIONS: For 2003 Ames, Iowa proposed with Fr. Ev Hemann, Mike Makelbust and Jeff Bryant as hosts; Visit to Iowa State University campus for the world's foremost virtual reality room and a visit to Demonstratives, Inc. a company that animates aviation and other accidents, e.g. TWA 800.

There is a possibility of a flight to West Bend, Iowa to the Grotto of the Redemption. For 2004 Urbana, Illinois with Rev. George Remm and Rudy Frasca, manufacturer of Frasca Simulators co-hosting. Motion: to accept the 2003 and 2004 proposals: Teufel/Gratton; unanimous. For 2005, possibly St. Augustine, Florida or the new Air & Space museum at Dulles International airport.

NAPP, INC: We continue to be legally registered as a Non-Profit Corporation in the State of Kentucky thanks to the generosity and diligence of Fr. Al Ruschman. Kudos to All.

MEXICO REPORT: Fr. Bob Kirsch, Western Region Director, told of the continuing flights, three in the past thirty days transporting more than a ton and a half of medicines into the Sierra Madre range of northern Mexico in the State of Chihuahua with payloads of 1,600 lbs in "Queenie," our old Cessna 210.

The Sisters' clinics in these remote areas are heavily dependent on these medical flights. Dry foods, clothing and toys and donuts for the children (they know Fr. Bob as 'Padre Donas). We do a lot of coordination as well with other agencies such as Rotary International, the Lions Clubs, the Mennonite Community, the Federal Govt. of Mexico and the Gov't of the State of Chihuahua. Our Convention hostess and Mexico pilot, Edwina, continues to be a special lady with the tower controllers of the Chihuahua International Airport.

ALASKA REPORT: The untimely death of our regular member and Alaska reporter, Fr. Jim Kelley just a year almost to the day of the death of Padre Pancho Chavez, left us without a hands-on report on the Alaskan Mission. Fr. Mel Hemann shared some information from the Chancery office in Anchorage. As previously noted in our DONATIONS the new Bishop of Fairbanks, Alaska, + Don Kettler hopefully will also be involved with Alaska Mission Aviation as is Archbishop Roger L. Schweitz, the new Archbishop of Anchorage, succeeding our member, the retired Archbishop Frank Hurley. Archbishop Schweitz has soloed.

Our Convention Holy Mass this year was offered for the repose of the souls of all our departed members, most recently, Fr. Jim Kelley, Msgr. Bill Roche, Fr. Tony Gendusa and all who are listed in our NAPP Necrology, and whose names were affectionately and solemnly remembered at the Mass. Fr. Bob Kirsch provided a casket in the Chapel to remind each of us of our coming "Graduation" from the School of Life into the Fullness of Life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fr. Mel Hemann reminded us of the NAPP Lapel Pins which are still available. The pins were from an initiative of our departed NAPP brother, Fr. Jack Lawler.

Fr. Bob Pool called for an award to Fr. Bob Kirsch for having attended all of our 39 meetings.

The dedication of Fr. John Bellon was gratefully acknowledged in recognition of the treasure of all the photos he has taken for us down through the years. Hopefully an arrangement can be made whereby these pictorial histories can become part of the NAPP archives.

Cards of condolences are to be sent on the part of NAPP to the families of Fr. Jim Kelley, Msgr. Bill Roche and Fr. Tony Gendusa.

ARCHBISHOP OF SANTA FE, MICHAEL J. SHEEHAN graced us with his presence and his blessing during our business meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Fr. Ed Murray (on behalf of our perennial adjourner, Fr. Phil Schmidt), moved for adjournment at 5:42 P.M.: no need for a second. All in favor said "Aye." Unanimous. Taking out the fifteen minutes during which Archbishop addressed us, that leaves 52 minutes for the meeting, an all time record.

Kudos to President Ev Hemann.

With much fraternal love and Serendipitously submitted in the Lord,

*Fr. Bob K.*

Fr. Bob J. Kirsch, Secretary