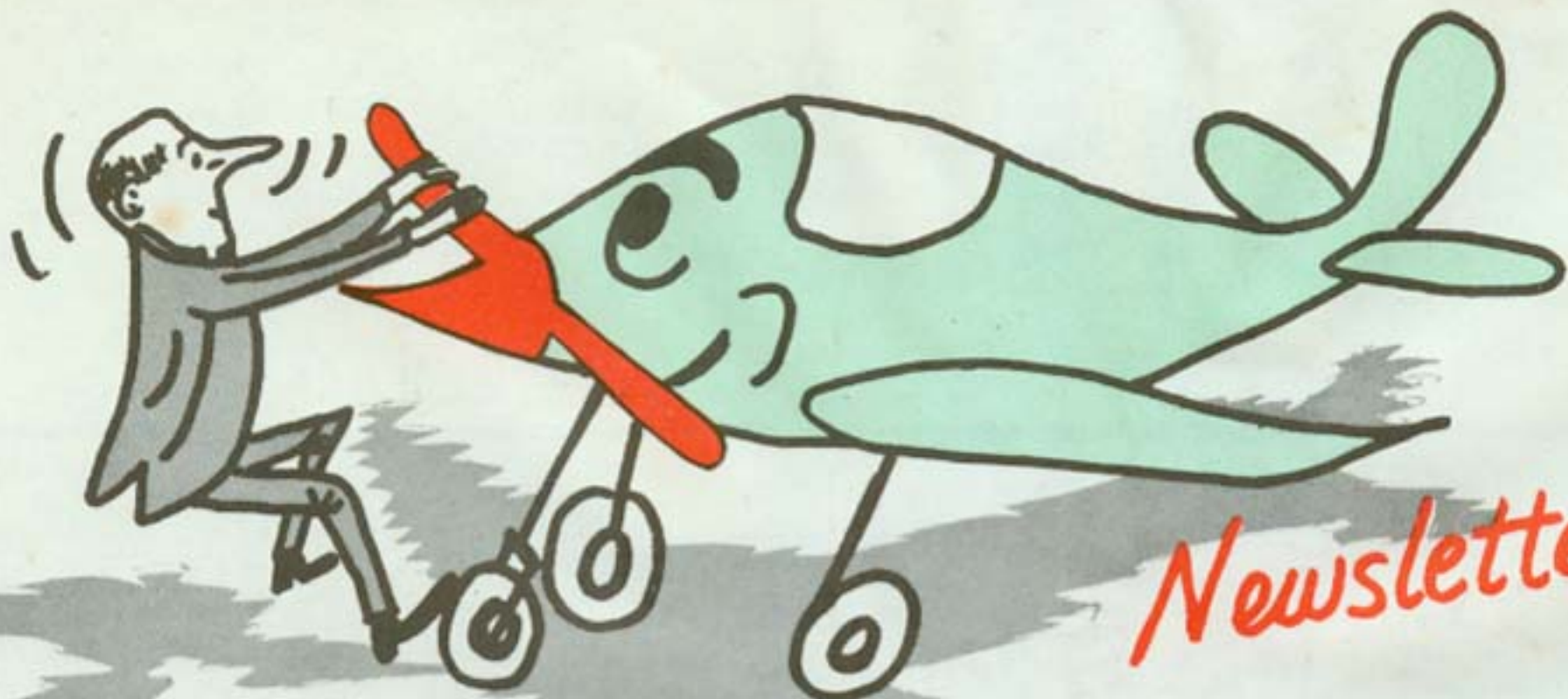


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was another great convention, this time in Las Cruces, New Mexico under the direction of Bob Kirsch. Close to 50 priest pilots as well as their friends and associate members gathered to renew acquaintances and have an enjoyable time. They came from as far away as Massachusetts and the state of Washington.

We began with an outdoor buffet dinner on the grounds of the retreat house operated by the Franciscan Fathers. The rooms were fine and the weather was excellent.



Bright and early on Tuesday, July 8 we flew to Carlsbad Caverns. We took the elevator down the length of 2½ football fields where the 1½ hour walking tour began. In the evening we took a trip on a luxury bus to Juarez, Mexico where a political parade was in progress. Later on we had a delicious dinner in a Spanish restaurant. A Spanish couple and two of their students provided wonderful entertainment. Unfortunately the carpeted floor did not enable them to click their heels in the style of El Greco.

On Wednesday morning we had our annual meeting. Bill Bevington of the Diocese of Nashville was reelected vice president while John Wolesky of the Diocese of Salina has succeeded Charlie Teufel as treasurer. Afterwards we scattered in all directions, some to the city to sightsee and shop and others to the airport for biennial flight reviews and contests. In the evening we had our annual banquet at the Mission Inn.

Early Thursday morning we were off to the airport. Most of us returned home while others continued on extended vacations. Next year we will meet in Moon Township, a suburb of Pittsburgh. In 1988 in Kentucky and in 1989 in Massachusetts.

Plan to come to Pittsburgh next year. If you miss this meeting you are going to be sorry.

JACK



1. I am sure all who were in attendance at this year's convention will agree that WE PULLED OFF another one. Bob Kirsch and John Esquibel were the spark plugs behind all the organizational work involved in getting a convention put together. Edwina Tabares did a great job with reservations and all that that entails. We owe special thanks to Carlos and Debbie Corral. They were the "locals" who made all the arrangements and also provided the dancing entertainment at our banquet. (See the beautiful costumed couple in the picture section).

THANKS TO YOU FROM ALL OF US!!!

2. An interesting bi-note. I am completing this on Saturday night, August 9. Jack Dompka mentions in his President's message that there was a political demonstration in Juarez when we arrived. Elections had been held the day before and one of the people on the bus mentioned that it won't be settled for months. At the time I dismissed that as a rather flippant remark. However yesterday I heard the demonstrations had closed the bridge between El Paso and Juarez. More Fun!!!

3. I have done one of the duties that was given me at the 1985 convention. The membership voted at that time to order more NAPP caps. It completely slipped my mind and I can now publicly state that I have carried out my orders ... They've been ordered.

4. My intention was to include in this mailing the new informational brochure. However, as we began putting this one together and saw the number of pages, the decision was made to postpone that and include it in the October mailing.

5. I took a week's vacation following the convention and spent a day in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Many of you know, I'm sure, that the EAA has built a new museum there and I wanted to visit that at a time other than the days their convention is on. The day we were there was perfect. Probably several hundred people was all that was there at one time. It gave an opportunity for a nice leisurely stroll through all the exhibits.

The museum is very well done and I'd highly recommend it. As I made my way around I was interested in WHO is displayed and mentioned. What was more interesting was to note WHO IS NOT there. For example, our friend Max Conrad is not even mentioned. Hopefully as time goes on and exhibits are changed they'll correct some of those errors and make mention of others who have made significant contributions to GA. However I should probably say in defense of the museum that it is an EAA museum. Perhaps it is more in line with their philosophy to show those who build and restore rather than those who have made their mark in other ways.

6. We have listed elsewhere the reservation list for the Instrument - Commercial VHS tapes. I have this feeling that there were several others who have asked but I can't put my finger on those names right now. If you have made that request, would you please let me know and I'll get your name back on the list?

7. Plan on two things. In the immediate future, the Midwest Regional meeting in Cedar Rapids. See the notification for more information. The second is only 11 months away - the NATIONAL - in Moon Township.

briefs from here and there

Joe Nettekoven, St. Irenaeus Church, Cypress, CA, writes:

Mel and My Dear Brothers in Christ,

It has been a while since I last wrote. Please excuse my tardiness. I do enjoy reading the letters section of the newsletter that you send out, hearing what is happening in other "Priest Pilot's" lives.

I, again am sorry that I will not be able to spend the time with you in New Mexico for the convention. It sounds like it will be a grand time. The pastor here will be gone for the month of July and it will be necessary for me to be here. I sincerely hope you all have a relaxing, prayerful, and enjoyable time.

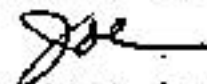
I was just in Gallup, NM, May 6, for the ordination of Donald Pelotte. That was quite a ceremony, surpassed only by the exciting flight back to So. California. I had to pass through a cold front on the way from Gallup. I never thought I would need to get an instrument departure from there, but that I did and passed through hail and a lot of turbulence. Over Prescott I hit icing, which I never experienced before, and never want to again. I did a 180, got back VFR, then went around it. Center was VERY helpful. I have a lot of good to say about these guys. I declared an emergency - never did that before - and it gave me priority. Once out of the CB they readjusted my flight plan to go north. I canceled the emergency and haven't heard from them since. If you're coming into, or through Albuquerque, I hope you're treated as well as I was. The FSS people are super too.

In August, I have a trip scheduled with two other priests, one of them is also an instrument rated pilot. We are flying in a Turbo Arrow from So. California to Alaska - Anchorage, Fairbanks, etc. I've written Archbishop Hurley and hope to see him there. I've also written to Timothy Sander in Fairbanks, but haven't heard from him yet.

It really sounds like its going to be a great trip, which will be made VFR. I want to see everything and stay out of icing conditions too.

My regards to everyone, enjoy the convention, and I'll drop a note when I get back.

Your Brother in Christ,



P.S. Please note the change of address and put me on the list for the tapes -- thanks!

From Ned Elliott on July 10:

Hello:

You know that the year is slipping by quickly; don't panic though. A letter from me normally means that it is Christmas. However, it really is just July.

In just eight days I will retire to the address given at the bottom of this letter. In September I will have been ordained 42 years. I don't intend to twiddle my thumbs but I don't have the thing picked out for my future. This year "I'll take it easy"; when I get around to it, I intend to procrastinate quite a bit.

Charles and Beck Luther have invited me to put a trailer on their property at Dale Hollow. Through a succession of boats, I have the present one named "The Very Last Captain Crowe". (My mother's maiden name was "Crowe" which is also my middle name). So, what name would fit the trailer better than "The Crowe's Nest"?

That makes my address, when I am there:

The Crowe's Nest
Falcon Drive
Eagle's Cove Village
Brydstown, Tennessee 38549

Even I couldn't make that one up!

Kindest wishes,

-3- Father Ned Elliott

On June 26 John Vakuiskas, Jr. writes from Dow City, Iowa:

Dear Mel,

I sure enjoyed getting the latest newsletter from the National Association of Priest Pilots and am looking forward to attending this year's annual convention in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

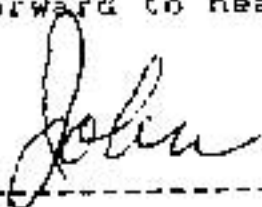
As of July 1, 1986 I will be the pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Early, Iowa. Because of my change, it is impossible for me to get into an airplane at the present time.

Do you know of anyone who would have a seat to fly to Las Cruces? I would certainly like to go there to this year's convention and would hope that with your contacts, you might be able to find an empty seat for me on someone's plane.

I am a ham radio operator and over the years have developed a good friend who is a Deacon in Las Cruces who also is a ham radio operator and have never met the man in person. As a result I'm looking forward to meeting this gentleman in person.

I'll be looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



John G. Birk writes from Spokane, Washington on July 14:


Dear Mel,

I had a great trip back. We ended up staying overnight at Ontario, Oregon because of rain showers in Spokane. We stayed with a priest friend of Joe Erny in Ontario.

Anyway here in writing is my proposal that you might pass on to whoever it may concern for a prospect for the convention in 1990. I propose Spokane, WA. The weather normally is dry and clear in July. We have many lakes within 35 miles of Spokane. There is a neat boat trip at Coeur d'Alene Lake that goes down St. Joe's River that would be a neat experience of fellowship. There could also be a tour of the biggest dam in the world, Coulee Dam - about 88 miles away. Could be a fly-in situation! (The boat trip to the lake about 32 miles from Spokane). As of now they have seaplane trips (20 minutes for \$15.00 and a trip to Sandpoint, Idaho and back for \$25.00). We have a retreat house facility that could be used at that time.

It was great to get to know you in the flesh. I had an overall great time at the convention.

God bless you in your ministry in many ways.



Your fraternally in Christ.

Rev. John G. Birk.

On July 8, Pat Patten writes the following from Arusha, Tanzania:

Hi Mel!

Just received the June 86 NAPP newsletter. Actually I received it two days ago. But I'm now sitting in the plane - on the ground - between clinics and opening my mail. The newsletter reminded me that I owe you a couple of letters. But time is so short for me these days that I hardly get a chance to eat and sleep much less write.

I really would like to send a yes to Edwina Tabares and attend the Las Cruces one together. But it would be a 62 hour flight in my Cessna 206; and the budget, as well as the clinic schedule, won't allow it! Hope you all had a great time. Maybe we could schedule a NAPP convention here someday?

Our 206 last year flew 330 hours; treated 5,612 patients who would otherwise have seen no doctor (and maybe would have died), responded to 24 emergency cases outside of the regular clinic flights, and airlifted 127 others to the regional hospital for extensive treatment. With only half of this year over, I've flown 225 hours, treated 5117 patients, and done 21

emergencies. It's been particularly tough because Chui, my regular pilot, finished his contract in December. His replacement will be here in August but won't be finished with language school till December. Meanwhile I can't really say I don't thoroughly enjoy the flying!

The new pilot, at 19 years old, makes me feel like an old man at 38. She's volunteered for 3 years with no pay, has a commercial, instrument and multi-engine ratings, flies for a company right now, and has 15 people working under her, and has a mechanics background. Her home parish will meet her living expenses here.

Still, as you can see from the above increase in numbers, the demands are outstripping our ability to meet them. We've decided to go ahead with trying to get a second plane for 1987. I hope to be able to take care of the details when I get back to the States in February or March of next year.

Hope to see you and a few other members of NAPF during my vacation then.

Take care, Mel.

PAT

P.S. Marty Kemple wrote a book about his experiences in East and Central Africa to be published soon. It's called Black into White. You may remember him from the Mainohonahar-Eubagan trip.

CHANGES

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James Hall
Holy Cross Brothers' Center
Notre Dame, IN 46556

Rev. Ned Elliott
Kirby Pines Estates #N-309
3535 Kirby Road
Memphis, TN 38115
901-794-5256

Lt. Col. William F. Martin
18 Gregory Court
Hampton, VA 23669

Rev. Gene Murray
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Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Rev. Joseph M. Nettekoven
St. Irenaeus Church
5201 Evergreen Ave.
Cypress, CA 90630
714-826-0760

Rev. George Rumm
St. Patrick's
708 W. Main St. Box 667
Urbana, IL 61801

Rev. Thoralf T. Thielen
St. John's Catholic Church
Andrew, IA 52030

Rev. John Vakulskas, Jr.
P.O. Box 403
Early, IA 50535

NEW

Rev. Joseph J. Weinzapfel
1809 W. Davis St.
Dallas, TX 75208
214-942-9445

Sr. Margaret Mary, OP
Dominican Retreat House
5825 Coors SW
Albuquerque, NM 87105
505-877-4311

MORE CHANGES

Rev. Victor Schoenberger
(new phone number: 518-863-4736)

Rev. Jerry Wightman
(new box: P.O. Box 1452
phone is: 602-633-2389)

DECEASED

Rev. Richard Grillo

Rev. Joe Teafoe

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS, INC.
 FINANCIAL REPORT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1985

RECEIPTS

	1984	1985	To June 8 1986
Dues	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 1,380.00	1,230.00
Interest	784.13	665.80	193.34
Convention refund	200.00	0.00	
Donations	40.00	55.00	75.00
NAPP Caps	70.00	0.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>2,384.13</u>	<u>2,100.80</u>	<u>1,498.34</u>

EXPENDITURES

Postage	300.00	400.00	
Newsletter, including labor	373.36	880.72	255.84
Administrative (labor)	0.00	7.00	
Telephone	75.00	25.00	50.00
Convention advances	100.00	0.00	
Ground School (IFR video cassettes)	0.00	236.86	
Donation to Jose Llaguno (1984: Fr. Marc's Mission)	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Photo album	63.00	64.00	
Pictorial directory	0.00	165.39	166.40
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,911.36</u>	<u>2,778.97</u>	<u>472.24</u>

SUMMARY

Assets, beginning of year	6,122.85	6,595.62	5,917.45
Receipts for the year	2,384.13	2,100.80	1,498.34
Expenditures for the year	1,911.36	2,778.97	472.24
ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>6,595.62</u>	<u>5,917.45</u>	<u>6,943.55</u>

ASSETS

Checking (overdrawn in 1985)	595.62	-82.55	943.55
Savings certificate	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 6,595.62</u>	<u>5,917.45</u>	<u>6,943.55</u>

Charles B. Teufel

Charles B. Teufel, Treasurer



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NOW THIS IS HOW I'D DO IT!



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CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK

ELEVATIONS

	ABOVE	SEA	LEVEL
HERE			4406
PLAINS	BELOW		3600
CAVERN FLOOR	BENEATH		3652



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SR. MARGARET MARY, THE FLYING NUN



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ENTRANCE PROCESSION - CATHEDRAL, LAS CRUCES



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PRESENTATION OF GIFTS



HEAD TABLE - BANQUET



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1. Don Eder
114411 Hague Road
Noblesville, IN 46060
2. Frank Mouch
307 N. Nassau
Venice, FL 33595
3. Charles Teufel
P.O. Box 471
Wellsburg, WV 26070
4. George Remm
St. Patrick's
708 W. Main St. Box 667
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5. Br. Barry Cearman, OSB
c/o Holy Redeemer Church
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6. Rev. William M. Carr
1810 North Roosevelt
Wichita, KS 67208
7. Joseph M. Nettekoven
St. Irenaeus Church
5201 Evergreen Ave.
Cypress, CA 90630

WHEN YOU FINISH WITH THE TAPES, PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE NEXT
ONE ON THE LIST.

**edAir
'86 Fair**

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday,
September 6-7, 1986.
Gates open at 9:00 a.m.,
close at 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Cedar Rapids Municipal Airport
2500 Wright Brothers Boulevard

WHAT: CedAir Fair '86, the Cedar
Rapids Air Show & Exposition.

Featured attractions include
aerial performances by:

Bob Hoover
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The Christen Eagles
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California Aerial Circus
The Confederate Air Force

Exciting static displays:

Airline aircraft
Business/Corporate transports
Confederate Air Force warbirds
Contemporary military aircraft

Plus:

An opportunity to walk through
Cedar Rapids' newly-completed
airport terminal complex,
scheduled to open during
November.

Midwest
Regional
Meeting —

Sunday, September 7
and
Monday, September 8

CONTACT:

John Hemann
St. Patrick's Church
510 First Ave., NW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
319-366-5369

*Lunch will be served around 1:00 PM
Monday, September 8. The business
meeting will follow.*

Let John know if you need sleeping
arrangements or when you are
going to arrive.

*If you have any vacation time that
you'd like to use up at an air show
the information at left may be of
interest to you.*

Whatever your plans, please
let John know so he can plan
accordingly.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS INC.

The 23rd Annual meeting of the National Association of Priest Pilots was called to order by President John Dompka at 9:03 A.M., July 9, 1986 with the ringing of the Mission Bell at Holy Cross Retreat House, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Prayer was led by President Dompka. Present were 42 members and 5 guests (listed below).

Minutes of the 1985 meeting at Lafayette, Louisiana were distributed, read silently, and approved. Treasurer's report was distributed by Charles Teufel. With no discussion, approved.

Old business consisted of comments by Newsletter Editor, Mel Hemann, about forgetting to order more NAPP hats and that the new brochure, to be printed, will include the '87 and '88 sites for Conventions. There was no New Business.

Elections: Nominations for First Vice President were called. Bill Bevington was nominated for a second term by Bob Kirsch. After some silence, Bob Kirsch also made a motion that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bill. Voice vote in favor.

Nominations for the Treasurer were accepted because Charlie Teufel had previously indicated that his parish duties would not allow him to continue as Treasurer. Peter Sweeney was nominated but declined the position. Jack Lawler was nominated but declined the position. John Wolesky was nominated by Jack Paisley. After some silence, Bob Kirsch made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for John Wolesky. Voice vote of approval.

Annual gift to Mission Aviation was discussed. Bob Kirsch reported on the \$1,000 to Bishop Jose Llaguno, S.J. of Juarez for 1985. He was unable to make our convention because of a Bishop's meeting. Anticipating sufficient funds of \$1,000 at the end of 1986, Bob Kirsch suggested that our annual gift be extended to Bishop Burke of the Bahamas. Two of our NAPP members fly between those islands saving thousands of hours in travel time. Following Bob's motion, Jack Lawler seconded. Voice vote approval.

Sites for future Conventions were discussed. We began with our 25th year, 1988, "returning to our roots" in Kentucky. Henry Haacke repeated his invitation and a brief outline of his ideas for the Convention activities. At the 1964 Convention there were 72 members.

Next year, 1987, John Dompka has invited us to the Pittsburg area. He is located near the Greater Pittsburg airport, a near-by motel is arranged along with activities such as golf, U S AIR simulators and training school for personnel. Dates will be July 7 and 8, 1987.

(Continued)

"It is with paternal satisfaction that the Holy Father views the efforts of the members of the National Association of Priest Pilots to encourage the use of air transportation to obtain ever more abundant spiritual fruits from their sacerdotal ministry and missionary apostolate."

Vatican, Sept. 29, 1964



1986 MINUTES (continued)

(Later in the meeting Jack Lawler suggested Boston for 1989, while privately John Birk said that Spokane, Washington could be available for either 1989 or 1990. Decision next year.)

New members were welcomed. Deacon Larry Reitmeyer, Fr. Joe Weinzappel, Sister Margaret Mary Borek, Al Thoralsen (seminarian), Fr. Ed Tiedeman all were offered copies of our Constitution in order to become familiar with our purpose and organization.

Announcements: Private Pilot, AOPA, and Flying have been publishing our Convention date and place in their "calendar" of events as requested by the Secretary; new supply of NAPP lapel pins will be ordered by Jack Lawler; and new member Adam Englehardt has been a licenced pilot for 54 years.

1986 Convention personnel recognized as Fr. Bob Kirsch, Edwina Tabares, Deacon Larry Reitmeyer, Fr. John Esquibel, Fr. Augustine Abeywickrema, Ms. Darlene Shama, and many, many more. Motion for acclamation by Al Werth. Round of applause.

Motion for thanks to Charlie Teufel for 16 years as Treasurer by John Hemann. Applause.

Motion for adjournment at 9:46 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK

Jack Paisley, Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Augustine Abeywickrema, Tony Attea, John Bellon, Wm Bevington, John Birk, S. Margaret Mary Borek, John Dompka, Adam Englehardt, John Esquibel, Tony Facciolo, John Friederick, Henry Haacke, Ev Hemann, John Hemann, Mel Hemann, John Herzog, Alcuin Hunter, Bob Kirsch, Art Kleve, John Lawler, Ed Murray, Gene Murray, Jack Paisley, John Peters, Larry Reitmeyer, Geo Remm, Nick Rossello, Geo Schneider, Phil Schmitt, Vic Schoenberger, Bob Sennott, Dick Skriba, Pete Sweeney, Edwina Tabares, Charlie Teufel, Al Thoralsen, Ed Tiedeman, Joe Weinzappel, Al Werth, David White, Gerald Wightman, and John Wolesky.
GUESTS: Joe Erny, Frank Locney, Cathy Locney, Steve Morrison, and Darlene Shama.
(11 from Iowa)