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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A STORY ABOUT MARIAN

Back in January I was informed that a young woman by the name of Marian had just moved into the parish. Marian had cancer of the liver. She and her husband, who is a major in the army, have one child. The doctors had hoped that they had removed all the cancerous cells. Unfortunately, this was not the case. Marian was told that unless she received another liver she would die. The Army gave her husband a compassionate transfer to the Pittsburgh area so that she could be near the transplant team of Dr. Thomas Starzl. Marian was examined and found to be a good candidate for such a transplant. The hospital gave her a beeper and told her to wait until until a liver would be available.



The time came in the afternoon of January 12. Marian was in the hospital by 4 o'clock. After the usual paper work and preliminary tests she was on the operating table. She was cut from the breast bone to the navel and on both sides of the rib cage...like the bottom of an anchor. Our parish flooded her with hundreds of get well cards including best wishes from our four bishops. At first the liver was rejected and her temperature continued to rise. After that was controlled Marian began to improve and was able to return home around the middle of February.

HOW IT ALL HAPPENS. Whenever a healthy liver is available...usually after an accident... Dr. Starzl and his staff are alerted. Then the doctor or some of his associates are on their way to Allegheny County Airport with a police escort. The various corporations such as Alcoa, J & L, Mellon Bank, etc., make their jets available on a rotating basis. The doctors take off and when they arrive in a city perhaps hundreds of miles away they are rushed to another hospital by police escort. The healthy liver is removed, placed in an igloo picnic cooler container and the return trip to Pittsburg begins.

Meanwhile, another team of doctors has already begun the preliminary steps of the operation. Marian was on the operating table for 16 hours. And the cost? It is staggering. In Marian's case it will be over two hundred thousand dollars plus the pills which cost

hundreds of dollars each week. The doctors have amazing stamina. One of my doctor friends told me that Dr. Starzl is an exceptional man. Very unassuming, he is an extremely skillful specialist who can be in the operating room for over half a day at a stretch. Marian often wonders whose liver she has. The doctors will not reveal this. But Marian did mention that a day never passes by that she does not say many prayers for the person whose death has given her a new lease on life.

William Edwards, Executive Vice President of Wings of Hope, wrote to thank all of us for the contribution of \$1,000.00 we sent them.

I talked with Mel on Monday. Reservations continue to come in for the gala Hemann Jubilees - the second week of July. In order that Mel and John can set everything in order, it is necessary that they hear from you as soon as possible. It is going to be a great event. You will not want to miss it.

JOHN A. DOMPKA

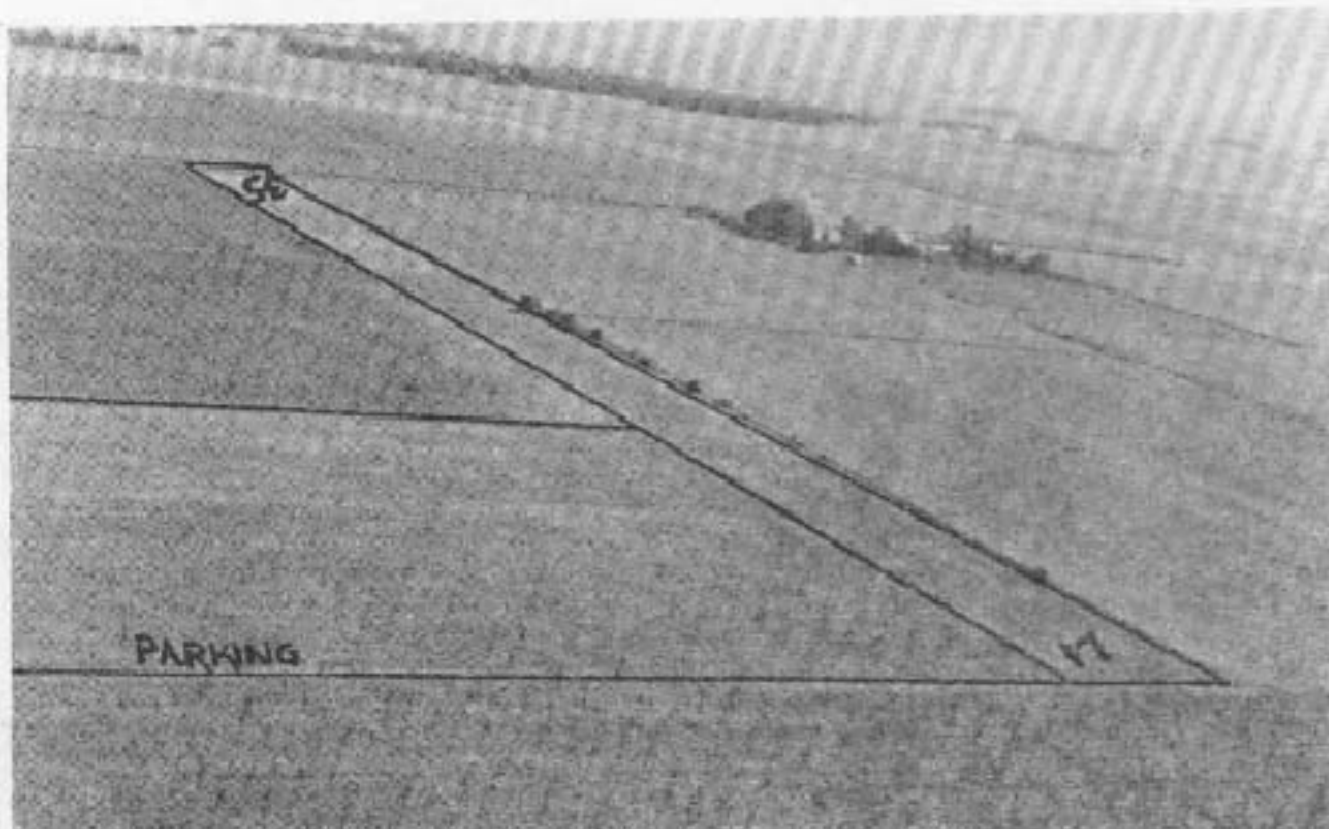


1. On another page you will find the information concerning the midwest Spring meeting in St. Louis. Ray McKee has set up a very interesting program in that we will have an opportunity to visit with the personnel at Wings of Hope and Parks Air College. It is important that those of you who plan on being there have your notification into Ray by the date designated - April 24 - so that reservations at the college can be made for us.

As Mr. T says, "BE THERE!!!"

2. Plans are progressing well for the July Convention. We would appreciate your reservation forms as soon as possible so that we can continue on with the planning at this end. We know some cannot make it. (See the letter from Bernie Bush). But we hope that the largest number ever will come join us for this 20th of NAPP and the 25th of 3 of us Hemanns.

3. A little bit about the HEMANN MUNICIPAL COW PASTURE. The turf runway is 2600 feet long, unlighted. Lies 17 - 35. (That's north & south for those who are unfamiliar with the magnetic compass). Elevation is about 1200' MSL. There is a power line at the south end of the field. The north is clear of any obstructions. If wind conditions are light, it might be well to land to the south and take off to the north.



4. If you have any tie downs it might be well to bring them.

5. Matt Hemann's telephone will be manned 24 hours a day during the convention. 515-737-2167. In case of emergencies this is the number to call.

5. Next issue. LOCATION. A hint. Stacyville is about 45 miles northeast of Mason City, IA and about that far southwest of Rochester, MN.

MIDWEST REGION SPECIAL MEETING

will be hosted by



ARRIVE: Monday, April 30

- Afternoon - tour Parks Air College
- talk by main instructor
- tour Wings of Hope facility

Evening - dinner

- rooms at Parks College

AIRPORT: Bi-State Parks
East St. Louis, IL
Cahokia (CPS) NDB 375

DEPART: Tuesday, May 1

RESERVATIONS

Ray McKee, CSSR, must know by Tuesday, April 24, if and when you are coming so he can make all the necessary arrangements at Parks.

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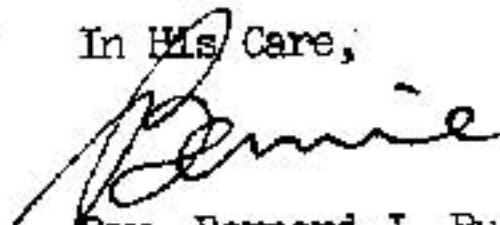
Dear Mel:

This is indeed a sad letter to write. For the past two years I have been looking forward to the silver jubilees and fun at the Hemann homestead. As this year has progressed, I've been holding my breath that the reserved time in July would hold up. Unfortunatley it hasn't and I will not be able to attend.

The school where I'm working on my Ph. D. is having its summer convention just prior to the N.A.P.P. I could have handled that, but now the California Province of the Jesuits has scheduled a convention just after it. Something had to give as I can't be away from here that much in that short a time, especially since so many of our staff are also away on vacation at that time. Fortunatley the Ph. D. studies are progressing well, but take all my spare moments (not to mention spare change) and weekends. I will be working on it for at least another 9 months to a year, so will remain pretty tied up for a while. I haven't even flown since December 1982!

Again, I have to say that it is with really deep regret that I have to bow out. Please express this to your brothers, family and the other N.A.P.P. ers. Be sure however, that you are remembered in my prayers on this great occasion. Keep me in yours.

In His Care,



Rev. Bernard J. Bush, S.J.
Director

BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE...

From CRUX OF THE NEWS, March 19, 1984 issue.

Bishop: 48-year-old Jesuit Fr. Michael J. Kaniecki, SJ name Coadjutor Bishop of Fairbanks with right of succession to current Ordinary Bishop Robert L. Whelan SJ. Will become 3rd Jesuit Fairbanks Ordinary (6th Jesuit Alaskan Bishop)...Becomes second Alaskan flying Bishop (Anchorage Archbishop F.T. Hurley also private pilot).

From past president, Dick Skriba, Chicago:

"I've wanted to send you a note for the past several months, not necessarily news, but may be a few tips that the NAPPers might find useful. "HELPFUL HINTS" might be the heading of a section of the newsletter, 'cause almost everyone of us learns about tips for better flying.

1. I subscribe to a bunch of aviation publications but 2 of the best (all be it - most expensive) are "Light Plane Maintenance" and its sister "Aviation Consumer." There are a lot of good tips in both publications.

2. At the EAA convention last year I bought a pair of Ruppert shoulder harnesses. I didn't want to drill holes in the floor/roof, etc. to install them so I used 2 old regular lap belts, attached to the regular mounting points already in the Cherokee and looped the harnesses into the old seat belts. It seems to work quite well. The "old" seat belts are in addition to the lap belts that are normally used, but they go behind the front seats to enable the harness to attach via the harness loop and go over the seat, back to front. (Confused??? -- really, it's simple!!).

3. For timing tanks (& legs sometimes) I have a small inexpensive kitchen timer. It's loud enough to warn you of 1 hour or less. Mount it with a bit of velco on the top of the panel.

4. Also for time, get a small digital clock ---. They sell for about 2 bucks. They keep relatively good time & if you mount it in an open spot between any of the dials, it'll fit. It's only about 2 inches in diameter or less.

There's probably more I meant to share with the lads, but may be this'll be a start for other padres to share their AVIATIPS.

President John Dompka included the following item:

In case you would call between May 6 to May 18 I will be away. My family is taking me to England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland for my 35th anniversary. Happy Easter!

Msgr. Al Sigur wrote from Lafayette, LA:

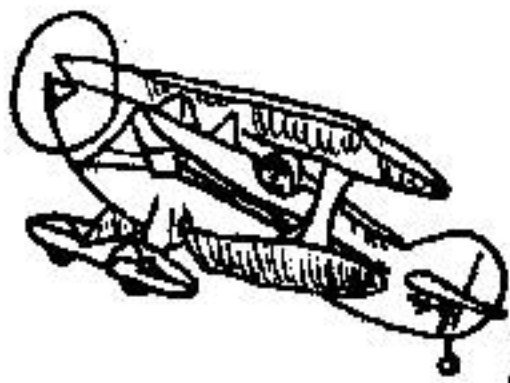
The letter is too long to quote totally but it did include a copy of the letter from his Bishop appointing him Vicar for Clergy and Religious Personnel, as well as seminarians, effective January 1, 1985. At that time he will have to resign his position as pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Church to assume his new full-time position.

Al says that since he will be around Lafayette for some time in the future he is offering that as a possible convention site in the future.

Al's parish, Our Lady of Fatima, is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year.

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