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Dear Padres,

I hope this finds you in good health and good spirits as we continue our exciting journey of life through the discipline of Lent to the glories of Easter.

The concept of "Paschal Mystery" has more meaning for us every day as we try to identify the experiences of our own life with those of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. One of the gifts of our

Catholic faith is an appreciation of the value of suffering. We can not always avoid it but we can choose how we shall react to it - let it become either a destructive force or on the other hand, a redemptive force in our lives. We are called to live in a spirit of hope, never giving in to the sometimes subtle, but ever-present temptations of presumption or despair.

My "flying" for most of the past year has been vicarious. I enjoy the "Microsoft Flight Simulator" on our computer, also TNT series "Reaching For The Skies" on TV and a book, "Flight of the Wild Goose" that came in the mail. It is the personal account of Lajos Fodo who flew solo from British Columbia to Budapest in a Cessna 210 with one stop in between - a 13.5 hour leg and 21.2 hour leg. He is not inclined to do it again.

Be careful. I hope to see all of you in Boston.

Sincerely,
Bill Bevington

The newsletter convains the following items:

- For those of you who didn't get around to mailing in your ANNUAL DUES there is an envelope to make it easier JOHN WOLBSKY immediately...if not sooner. PLEASE DO
- Those who have paid their 1989 dues mill have their current membership card
- some preliminary information from Jack Lawler, co-host of the 1989 Boston He is including airport the of He and Bob Sennott are open to any suggestions you might have.

If you have any, please let Jack know. Should be another goodie!

- Reminder of the Midwest Regional April 24 in Salina, Kansus. Please let Al Wanth know if you're coming.
- I am including a copy of the order blank for FLIGHT OF THE WILD GOOSE that Bill referred to in THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE... just in case you want to order it.
- The interesting things that happen. This past week's mail brought the 6. Lullowing:
 - a. New member James I. Valk. His letter to Bill is enclosed along with the letter to me that included his membership dues. Welcome Jim.
 - b. The letter requesting information from D. Stanley Concoran.
 - c. A letter from Agust K. Eyjolfsson, Iceland. His letter included three beautiful postcands of Icelandic scenery.

IInformation has been sent to D. Sturley and Agust. In anticipation of your dues payment, we welcome you to the ranks. It's great to see the interest continuing to grow. I thought it interesting that one read of NAPP in CRUX; another in PRIVATE PIIOT. It does pay to advertise!!!!

- 7. I have decided that I will continue the custom I started last year. T will prepare the annual directory for distribution at the annual convention. That saved us a considerable amount of money as it cost over \$1.00 to mail each of those and the newsletter. So get your dues in so that you'll be included.
- 8. Edwina is the last on the list for the Instrument/Communcial. If you want them, let me know so that we can get you on the list.

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WSB/kd enc.	Enclosed is \$7.95 per book plus \$2.00 for postage & handling.	
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RESURRECTION PARISH COMMUNITY

Fr. Jim Valk, C.R.

Fr. Wm. Bevington 6401 Harding Rd. Nashville, TN 37205

Dear Fr. Bill,

I am the pastor of Resurrection Parish in Louisville, Ky. Before this assignment (I am here 5 yrs. now) I was in Bolivia for 14 yrs. I expect that one day soon I will be assigned back there.

The Bishop of the area is a good friend of mine andhis territory is really extensive. So, by luck, good management, grace of God, or what have you, I was given a set of flying instructions by an anonymous friend. The Bishop has a plane but no pilot. And so I am fulfilling a long-time dream of flying. At the moment I have about 50 hrs. and am almost ready to solo on cross country.

I saw a notice in CRUX and decided to drop you a line. I know that you need be a licensed pilot to belong to the NAPP but I thought that I would get into contact now as I definitely intend to continue until I have my own license.

Any information you can give will be most appreciated. Anything that I need to do beforehand, please advise. Thanks for having such a good group. I didn't know there were so many.

If you fly into Louisville and need a place to put your head (and the rest of you), let me know. You are welcome. My parish is only 12 minutes from Bowman Field and 5 minutes from Standiford.

Drop me a line if you have a minute.

Sincerely in Christ,



RESURRECTION PARISH COMMUNITY

Fr. Jim Valk, C.R.

Rev. Mel Hemann St. Joseph Church Box 309 Preston, IA 52069

Dear Fr. Mel.

I just received a letter from Fr. Bill Bevington. I had asked to join the NAPP. I don't have my license yet but am very close to it. Bill said he would send me an application but in his letter I guess he forgot to put it in. So I'll just presume what you need and you can ask for what is missing and I'll be glad to sned it along.

Fr. James F. Valk, C.R. 4601 Poplar Level Road Louisville, Ky. 40213 Tel. 502-969-2161

Birthday- 04/30/38 Citizen- Canada

Hours flying- student with 39.4 hrs. at present Social Security #401-27-8525

Ordination- May 29/65

Enclosed is a check for \$15.00.

Thanks for the opportunity to be a part of the group.

Sincerely in Christ,

James F. Valk, C.R.

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February 18, 1989

President Priest Pilots Assn. Preston, Ia.

Dear Father:

I am in my fourth year of Theology at Holy Apostles Seminary and will be Ordained to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ on January 27th in Dallas, Texas, the Diocese where I will be serving.

I am a world war-Il-Army pilot, graduating in the class of 43-B at Stockton Field, California. I have kept current and have a commercial, instrument and single engine rating. In the service I flew heavy bombers, B-i7's and 29's. Total time is 2,600 hours.

I'd like to join your outfit. Please send details.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

D. Stanley Corcoran (Stan)

Reykjavík, February 16, 1989.

Dear Father Mel Hemann.

From the Magazine "Privat Pilot" I saw Your Adress in Connection with the National Assn. of Priest Pilots.

I am a Parish Priest of St. Mary Church in Breiðholt, Reykjavík Iceland. I am a Pilot and would like to mamma enter this Association. I hope You wold do all You can to help me. I would like to be in contact with my fellow priests who have the same intrest.

With all my best wishes

Rev. Agúst K. Eyjolfsson

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