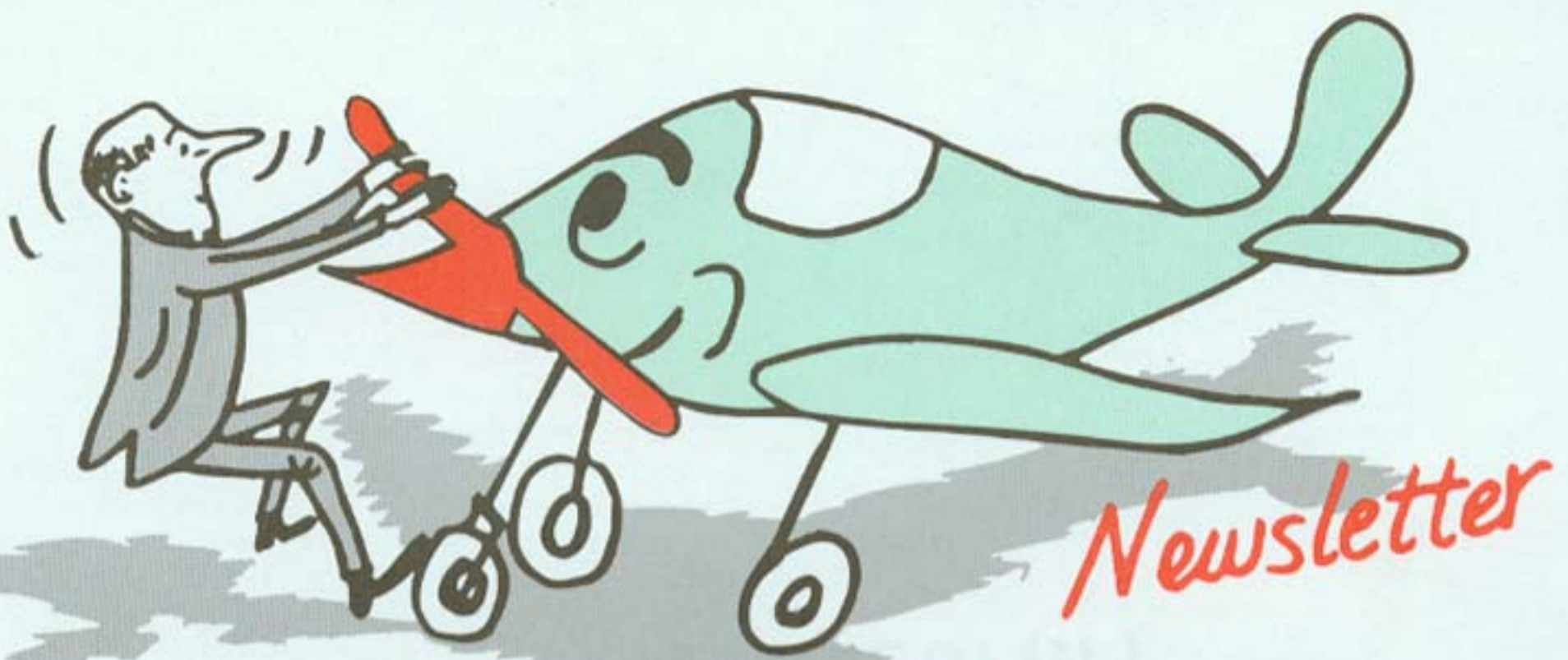


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm back! Guess what? My term was not up as I thought. Looking over last year's minutes at the Anchorage meeting it clearly stated I was elected for a second term only last year at Dayton, Ohio. Somehow, in my mind the idea of the "last term" shifted to "last year". Sorry for the confusion. So one more year.

We had a wonderful time in Anchorage. Forty three or more attended. Archbishop Hurley and Fr. Jim Kelley were absolutely fabulous hosts. Thank you very much.

Our main activities besides the annual meeting, banquet and camaraderie were a tour of Elmendorf Air Force base, a tour of FedEx facilities, Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum and the Kenai Fjords tour out of Seward on Tuesday.

Next year's convention will be in Florida hosted by George Gratton, Fred Wright and Fr. John Walsh. I'm looking forward to that.

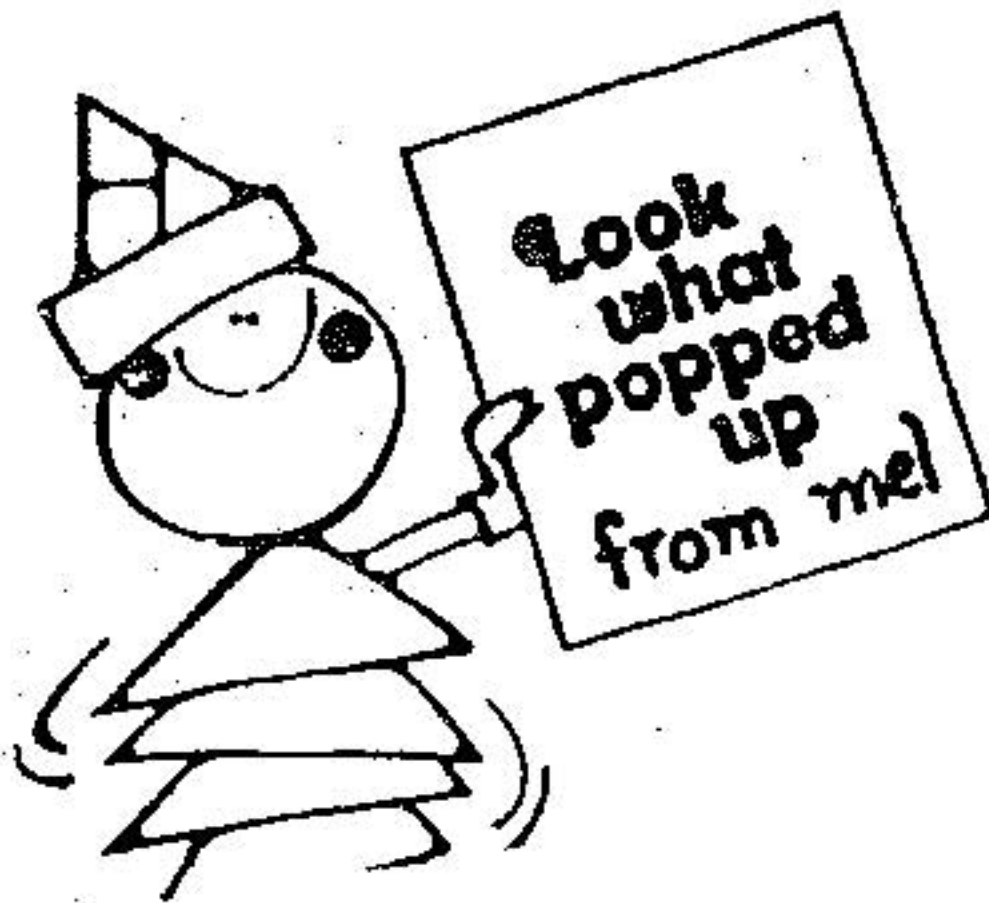
The Midwest Regional meeting will be hosted by Mel Hemann in Waterloo, IA, Monday, September 25.

Charlie Teufel tells this funny story. Somewhere on his trip to Anchorage he and a helicopter had an unplanned encounter. It seems Charlie was parked with his plane temporarily in an area where a helicopter wanted to set down. The copter pilot radioed Charlie that he wanted to set down where Charlie was. The next few minutes both hopped from spot to spot almost as if perfectly synchronized. Somehow they got things worked out, but it took time.

John Wolesky tells me he was asked to make a CAP "blood run" to Oklahoma. A thunderstorm was moving over the airport in Salina. He rushed to get off before the storm moved in. Only about 10 miles out, and the storm behind him, he heard the tower say to a pilot who had just landed at Salina, "Are you qualified to taxi IFR?" John was very happy he got off when he did.

SAFE FLYING

Al Werth



It's been a tough year for NAPP bishops. About a year ago Archbishop Leo Arkfeld, SVD died in New Guinea. In April Bishop Tommy Lobsinger, OMI of the Whitehorse diocese died while enroute to cover one of his parishes. All of us were shocked to hear that Fairbanks, Alaska Bishop Mike Kaniecki, SJ died of a heart attack on Sunday, August 6. Bishop Mike graced the Anchorage gathering with his presence only a few weeks before. A portion of an article written by Father Louis L. Renner, S.J. is included in this newsletter. May he rest in peace.

This issue also includes the minutes of the 2000 annual meeting and the financial report given those in attendance. There are several pictures that have been given me and I will try to include a few of those. As usual it was a great time and our thanks go to Archbishop Hurley and Fr. Jim Kelley and all the others who worked so hard behind the scenes.

An information/reservation sheet for the Midwest Fall gathering on September 25 here in Waterloo, Iowa is also included. Get that to me

as soon as possible. As usual it will be a little different type of gathering.

We'll also begin mentioning the 2001 gathering in Florida so that you can put that on your calendar. After all, by the time you get this it will be only a little over 10 months away.

It's time for the annual dues again. Fiscal year 2001 is well on its way. Those of you who were not in Anchorage to pay there will find a dues envelope enclosed. The dues remain the same...\$20.00 US. Your new membership card will be included in the mailing following receipt of your dues.

Thanks to those of you on the move these past weeks who have sent your new address and other pertinent information. It saves us 50 cents when you do that. That is what the postal service charges for that information when they return your envelope with your new address on it. Then we have to send it again, adding the additional time and cost of that mailing.

When you move, please include NAPP on your list you inform of your new address.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

September 25, 2000 - Midwest Regional

**Livingston Aviation - Waterloo Airport
Waterloo, IA**

July 10-11, 2001 - 38th Annual Meeting

Wings South Airpark, Florida

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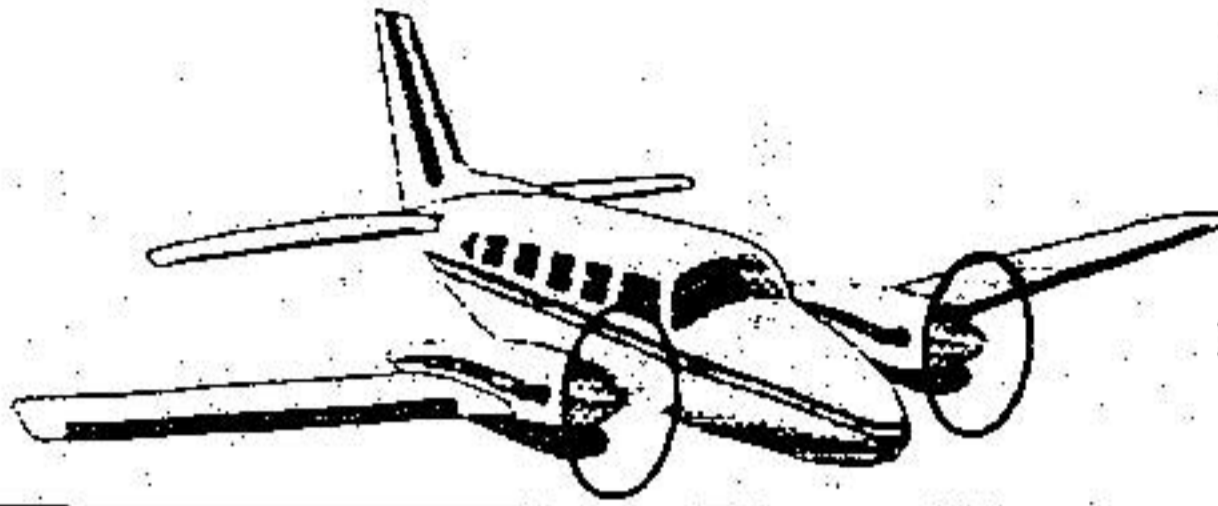
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BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

Bishop Michael Joseph Kaniecki, S.J. 1935-2000

The day after he was consecrated a bishop, he stood next to Pope John Paul II and President Ronald Reagan at the Fairbanks International Airport. He was a pilot for over 35 years. His coat of arms carries an airplane propeller and the motto: "TO LOVE AND TO SERVE." As Bishop of Fairbanks, on wing and on wheel, he traveled far and wide throughout his 409,849 square-mile missionary diocese, conferring the Sacrament of Holy Orders on men - both Native and white - and the Sacrament of Confirmation on countless young and old, blessing new churches, meeting and greeting, loving and serving the widely scattered flocks entrusted to his pastoral care. And it was while loving and serving one of his remote flocks in bush Alaska that the Lord he loved and served above all called him out of this life.

On Sunday, August 6, 2000, Bishop Michael J. Kaniecki, S.J., was in Emmonak - a Central Yup'ik Eskimo village near the mouth of the Yukon River in western Alaska - to celebrate Mass for the people of Emmonak's Sacred Heart parish and to confirm many of them. However, before the Mass, scheduled for noon, he complained of pain. He took a Tylenol pill and went for a walk, accompanied by diocesan seminarian Sean Thompson. After a walk of about a quarter of a mile, when they were about 100 yards from the church, though still feeling "quite vigorous," he experienced dizziness and needed to lie down. Father Thomas Provinsal, S.J., pastor of Emmonak, was called and administered the Last Rites. Bishop Kaniecki was alert for these. Personnel from the Law

Office and the Health Clinic and the village police were also called. They did what they could to keep good Bishop Kaniecki alive - but in vain. In bush Alaska on the Feast of the Transfiguration, at 12:04 p.m., among the Eskimos, where he was so very much at home, while he was doing what so very much befits a bishop - "a massive heart attack" put an end to his earthly life. Bishop Kaniecki was buried in the Fairbanks Birch Hill Cemetery following the Mass of Resurrection celebrated in Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday, August 12, at 11:00 a.m. He is survived by his sister, Madeline Chester of Southfield, Michigan and by two nieces; Jeanine Jagoda of Fenton, Michigan and Karen Feldten of Union Lake, Michigan.

Kaniecki entered the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus on August 8, 1953 at Milford, Ohio, having made it known at the time that he had every hope of one day serving in Alaska. In 1957 he transferred to the Oregon Province, which has sent men to Alaska for almost seventy years...He was ordained a priest on June 5, 1965.

By the summer of 1966, Father Kaniecki was back in Alaska. He was appointed Religious Superior of Jesuits in Alaska in 1982 and on March 8, 1984 he was appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Fairbanks. On May 1, 1984 he consecrated Coadjutor with the right of succession by Bishop Robert Whelan, S.J. On July 28, 1985 he was installed as Ordinary of the Diocese of Fairbanks and so became the spiritual leader of nearly 20,000 Catholics.

As Bishop of Fairbanks, Bishop Kaniecki proved to be much more than a mere paper-pusher administrator. Not that his desk work got short shrift, but he felt himself most a

bishop, most a shepherd, when he was out among the people, especially those in bush Alaska. It gave him special satisfaction to see the Native Diaconate Program continue to flourish. In 1990 the National Association of Permanent Diaconate Directors presented its award to Bishop Kaniecki "in recognition of the outstanding service rendered in developing indigenous leadership within the Diaconate Movement of the United States." And it gave him special satisfaction, too, to see the diocesan Catholic Radio Station KNOM in Nome continue to receive top awards year after year, and the Catholic Schools in Fairbanks to strive so earnestly, and successfully, to be truly Catholic schools and at the same time schools achieving academic excellence.

Addressing the benefactors of the Missionary Diocese of Fairbanks in the Alaskan Shepherd calendar 2000, Bishop Kaniecki - little realizing that this would be the last year of his life - wrote: "The Year of Our Lord 2000 is also for me personally a year of some round numbers, of some personal anniversaries: 65 years of life, 40 years since I first set foot in Alaska, 35 years of priesthood, 15 years as Ordinary of this Missionary Diocese of Fairbanks. They have been good years for me. Throughout them all God has blessed me in countless way. I am sincerely grateful to Him for every one of them."

In 1982 Bishop Kaniecki - as were all Jesuits of the Oregon Province - was asked to answer the question: "Where do you see yourself in the year 2000, and what do you see yourself doing?" He concluded his answer to the question with the words: "My daily prayer continues to be the same, and I hope that in the year 2000 it will still be, 'Lord, teach me to live my motto: TO LOVE AND TO SERVE.'"

- Father Louis L. Renner, S.J.

(At our July gathering in Anchorage Archbishop Hurley handed me an email that was addressed to his secretary, Joann White. It came from NAPP member Fr. Peter Geldard, "the only UK member from the other side of the Atlantic." Following is an edited version of his message. We thought all of you might enjoy Peter's message).

Dear Joann,

Please forgive me for troubling you, especially as it is a rather unusual request from

the other side of the Atlantic!

I am a member of the National Association of Priest Pilots - their only UK member, I think! - and had hoped to be present for their conference in Anchorage which is taking place from July 12-13. This was particularly because, even though I have been a member of their fraternity for some years, I have not yet managed to get to one of their annual gatherings and especially because in previous visits to Alaska (lecturing, etc.) I have managed to get in some flying there which has left some very strong memories.

I notice that you are involved in dealing with the room bookings which I assume must involve an exchange of money! Trying to get money across to the States by Bankers draft etc., is not only terribly complicated but one almost ends up by paying more in fees than the money being transferred. Would there be a way, if I was to quote you my American Express card or Mastercard that you could 'debit' my account and then ask them to "have a drink on me" whilst they are with you?

Fr. Peter

(Editor's Note: The above message arrived too late to make arrangements to debit Peter's account. Archbishop Hurley asked that we inform you Peter that we all did have a drink in your honor with the hope that you'll be able to join us on another occasion. Maybe next year in Florida??? Thanks for your thoughts and support).

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

September 25, 2000

Midwest Regional

Livingston Aviation - Waterloo Airport

Waterloo, IA

NAPP

**38th Annual Meeting
- July 10-11, 2001 -**

Wings South Airpark, Florida

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS
Fall Midwest Regional - September 25, 2000
Waterloo Municipal Airport -- Waterloo, IA**

Contact Person and Host:

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**Try to arrive between 11:00 and 11:30
A.M. on Monday, September 25, 2000**

**MEALS: We will share a Noon
luncheon in the conference
room at Livingston Aviation.**

**Dinner before departure at a
restaurant owned & operated by
one of the Waterloo flyers.**



Airport: Waterloo Municipal
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Livingston Aviation: 319-234-1783

SPECIAL ATTRACTION

**Livingston Aviation is named after Waterloo's
famous aviator John Livingston. Johnny was the
inspiration for Richard Bach's book
"Jonathon Livingston Seagull."**

Ike Leighty, long time friend of John Livingston, will share
highlights of John's aviation and racing career

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

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NAPP Dues	3,055.00
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Annual Conv	8,166.75
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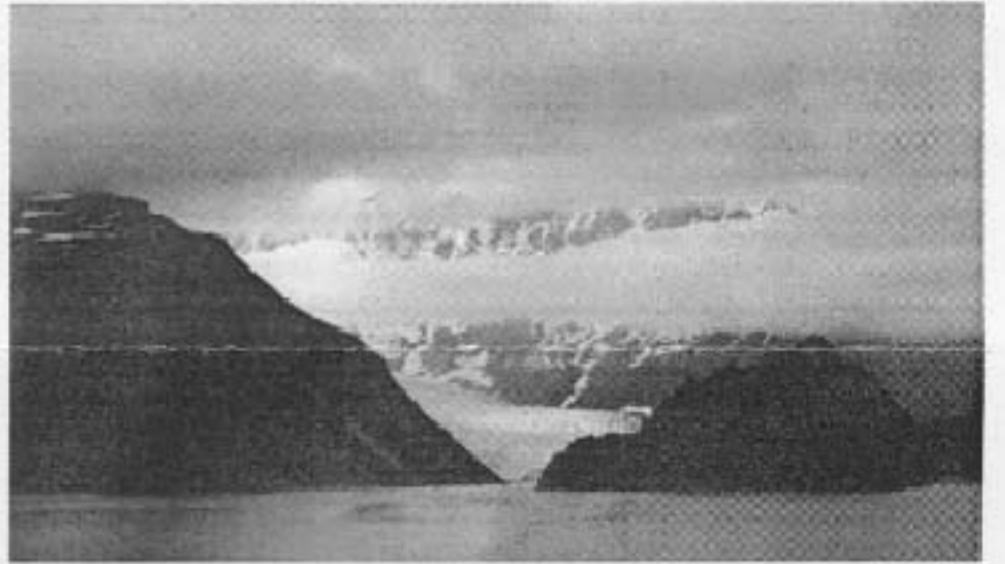
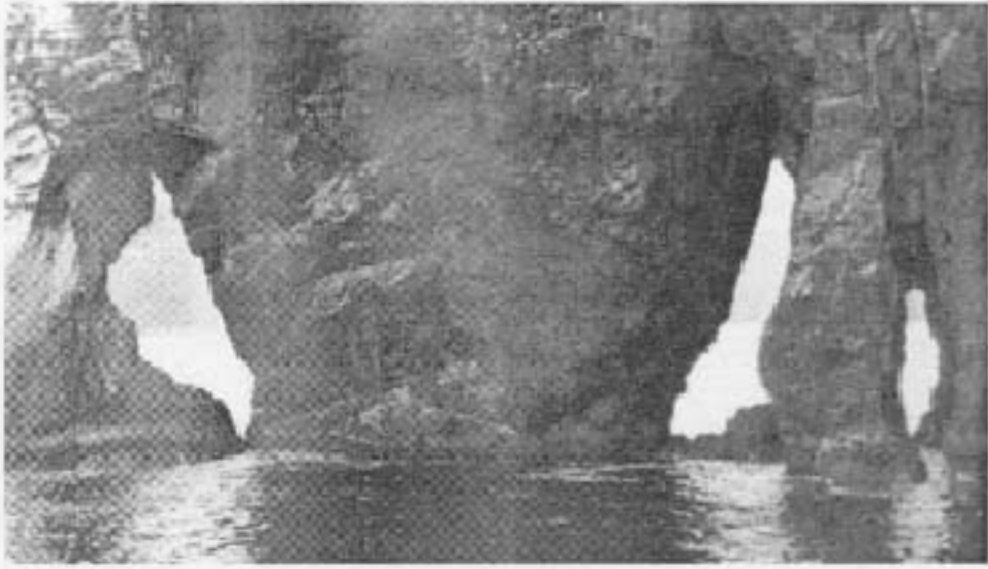
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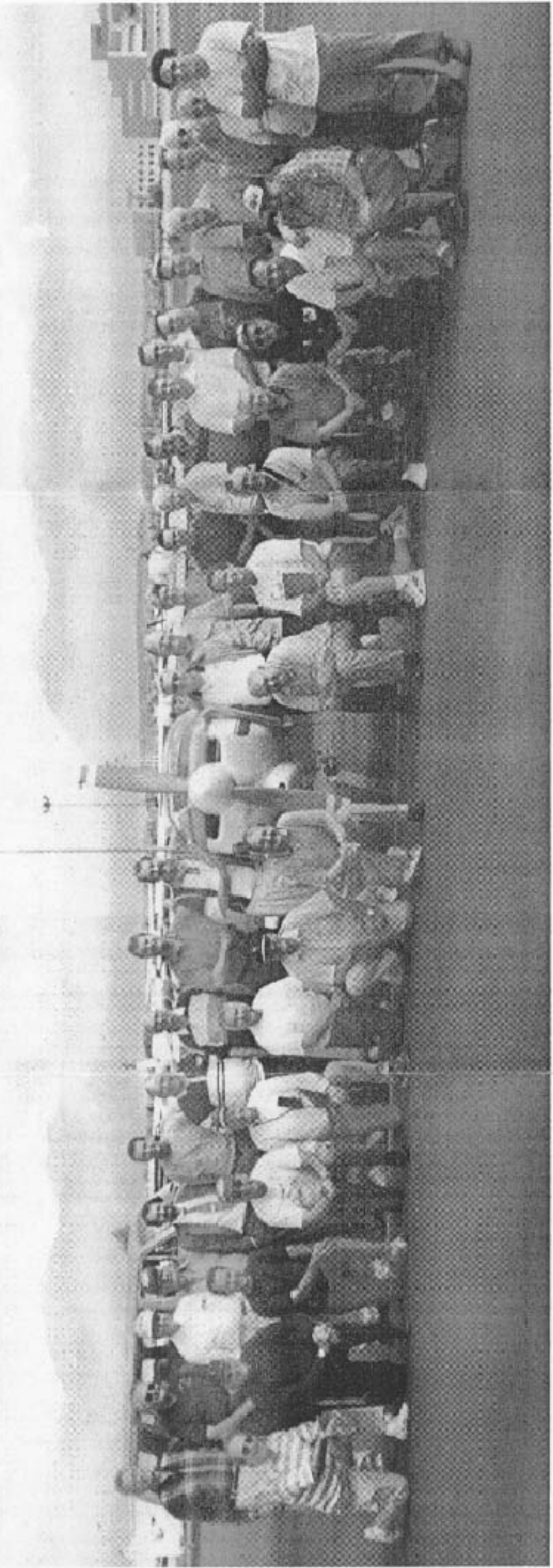
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12/31/99		Deposit Interest Earned		✓	186.88	7,601.11
5/18/00		Deposit Interest Earned		✓	20.00	7,621.11
5/18/00		NAPP SavingsTransfer	621.11	✓		7,000.00

NAPP CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

ALASKA 2000





2000 NAPP MINUTES

Anchorage, Alaska - July 13, 2000

Our dedicated and finally lame duck President, Fr. Al Werth, reverently and devoutly opened our 37th meeting leading us in prayer at 4:10 PM in the Conference Room of the Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Anchorage, Alaska.

We were adequately and comfortably housed at the Retreat Center. Our airport fly-in base was at Merrill Field. Fr. Mel Hemann arrived in the RV-6, his nifty homebuilt. Other fly ins were George Gratton in a Piper Comanche, Tony Attea and his twin, Charlie Teufel in his Mooney, Ev and John Hemann in a Cessna 182 RG, the Juneau Cessna 182 and co-host Jim Kelley in the Seneca. The majority of our conventioners arrived by commercial flights and were efficiently met and transported from Anchorage International airport through the loving agency of our hosts, Archbishop Frank Hurley and Fr. Jim Kelley and their assistants. Their "Service above Self" was roundly applauded by the brethren.

44 persons were in attendance: 6 Charter Members: (veterans of 37 conventions): Reverends John Bellon, John Hemann, Mel Hemann, John Herzog, Bob Kirsch and Tim Sander. (Bellon and Kirsch have not missed in 37 meetings, P.G.); 23 Regular Members: Reverends Tony Attea, Leroy Clementich, John Esquibel, Jim Falsey, John Friederick, Ev Hemann, +Frank Hurley, +Mike Kaniecki, Jim Kelley, Dino Lorenzetti, Mike Nash, Tom O'Neill, George Remm, Bill Roche, Nick Rosello, Al Ruschman, Francis Scanlan, Mike Schwarte, Owen Shanley, Charlie Teufel, Leo Walsh, Al Werth and John Wolesky; 10 Associate Members: Tom Bishop, Jack Boyle, Bill Browne, Jeff Bryant, George Gratton, Joe Halloran, Mike Makelbust, Carmen Marchiole, Marty Winnert and Fred Wright; 5 Guests: Richard Gratton, Rev. Merlin Kieffer, Kris Lethin, Mike Marsh and Spencer Wright.

MINUTES: The Minutes of our 1999 Dayton, Ohio meeting were faithfully distributed by Fr. Mel Hemann and after intense scrutiny a Motion: That the Minutes be accepted: Esquibel/Ruschman; passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A written

Treasurer's Report was distributed by Fr. Mel Hemann followed by an even more intense scrutiny by several members resulting in questions concerning a Savings Transfer which was reported as being both \$921.00 and \$621.00 on the same report. Plumbing the deep recesses of his memory Fr. Mel was finally able to explain the discrepancy by his having placed \$300.00 into a different account temporarily to gain an interest advantage. All this having been adroitly surmounted a Motion: That the Report be accepted, was joyfully and gratefully passed with only one lone "Nay."

CONVENTION 2001: The invitation to convene in Florida on July 10 & 11 (Tue. and Wed.) was confirmed by George Gratton to be assisted on his committee by Fred Wright and Fr. Nobby Walsh. George explained that our fly-in airport will be Wings South Airpark near Naples. Our hosts are preparing many attractions including the X-1 Stealth A/C and Jungle Larry's Tropical Gardens among others. Accommodations will be at the Comfort Inn @\$39 per night single. Fr. Mel Hemann mentioned that hopefully our African priest member, Fr. Denis Kitenge might be in attendance.

CONVENTION 2002: Fr. Bob Kirsch invited us again for the third time to New Mexico. (1978 Santa Fe, NM and 1986 Las Cruces, NM). The Convention will be held at the historic Spanish/colonial town of Socorro, NM (Nuestra Senora de Socorro Perpetuo; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, founded in the 16th century); Fr. John Esquibel previewed our visit to the VLA, the Very Large Array, the world's foremost radio telescope array penetrating the secrets of our universe. We will also visit Holloman AFB, the standby landing site for the Space Shuttle. Edwina Tabares, Associate member and President of the FOPPERS will be chairperson of the Committee. Motion: Roche/Kelley: To accept New Mexico for 2002: passed unanimously.

CONVENTION 2003: A proposal was made by the Reverend Hemann Triumvirate to meet at Ames, Iowa for the second time. (Ames 1970).

REGIONAL MEETINGS: Eastern: We were saddened by the report of the death of the wife of member Tony Facciolo, Mildred. Our condolences and loving prayerful support to Tony and the Family. (Mildred and the family were especially remembered at our Convention's Holy Mass). The Eastern Region will be hosting our 2001 Convention in Florida; Midwestern: The Region hosted a Fall Meeting at Omaha, NE and a Spring meeting in Pella, IA, the tulip capital. A Fall meeting is planned at Waterloo, IA for Sept. 25th at the Livingston Flying Service; Western: The Region has not had a Region-wide meeting, but hopefully we will be recruiting other pilots of the Region Area for our 2002 Socorro, NM Convention.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Our Investment Committee is currently hibernating; no report.

MEXICO REPORT: Fr. Bob Kirsch, Western Regional Director, told of continuing flight by the San Martin Flying Mission's C-210, "Queenie" into the remote mountains of Mexico serving the Tarahumara and Tepuan Indian Peoples. We are currently engaged in an area-wide program of training paramedics, Indian Health Workers, in health promotion especially in disease prevention and in a continuing big battle against malnutrition and T.B. with bio-intensive farming, improved seeds, etc. Our member Edwina is still the only flying Grandma in all of Mexico (that we know of). Member Fr. Pancho Chavez, our Mexican pilot suffered a wind shear accident with his Piper Dakota XBETB. With the generous help of some NAPP members, SMFM was able to supply parts needed for the repair of Pancho's airplane.

ALASKA REPORT: Fr. Jim Kelley and Archbishop Frank Hurley again extended an invitation to our ranks for priest helpers and assured us that any necessary training is available. Our prayers go forth in behalf of our beloved member Bishop Tommy Lobsinger, OMI and his Brother companion who went home to the Lord following their tragic white-out accident. Our concern was expressed as well over the death of Leo Walsh (father of our member, Fr. Leo Walsh) and his companion in a Snowqualamie Pass accident and our sympathies and prayers go with Fr. Leo and his Mom and Family in their sorrow. Fr. Jim Kelley also briefed us on the renewed Catholic

missions in the Magaden, Siberia area since the fall of the Soviet Union. Archbishop Frank Hurley has made a pastoral visit to Siberia as well.

DONATION: In view of the marvelous work done for our Convention by Fr. Jim Kelley and in support of his continuing aviation-supported and difficult Alaskan ministry a Motion: Kirsch/Roche: That our donation of \$1,000 this year be made to Fr. Jim Kelley's St. Paul's Mission; discussion followed an Amendment offered by Teufel/Esquibel that our permanent fund be set at \$7,000 failed to pass. Fr. Ev Hemann spoke on the matter of increasing our Treasury. Fr. John Esquibel suggested that our donation be made on a percentage basis of funds available. Fr. John Bellon commented that these matters were Board decisions. Call for the question by Kirsch; the original motion passed unanimously.

ELECTIONS: First Vice-President: Fr. John Hemann nominated Fr. Gene Murray. Motion: Scanlan/Attea: That Nominations be closed; unanimous. Congratulations, Gene! Treasurer: Fr. Al Ruschman nominated Fr. Mel Hemann; Motion: That the nominations be closed; Roche/Wright; unanimous. Congratulations, Mel!

NAPP, INC: Fr. Al Ruschman announced that he has again covered our standing as a legal Non-Profit Corporation in the State of Kentucky. Kudos to you, Al!

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: J. Hemann/Wolesky: For Adjournment; unanimous. Adjournment occurred at 5:05 PM; shortest meeting over! Congratulations to President Al!

Phenomenally submitted,

Fr. Bob K.

Fr. Bob J. Kirsch, Secretary