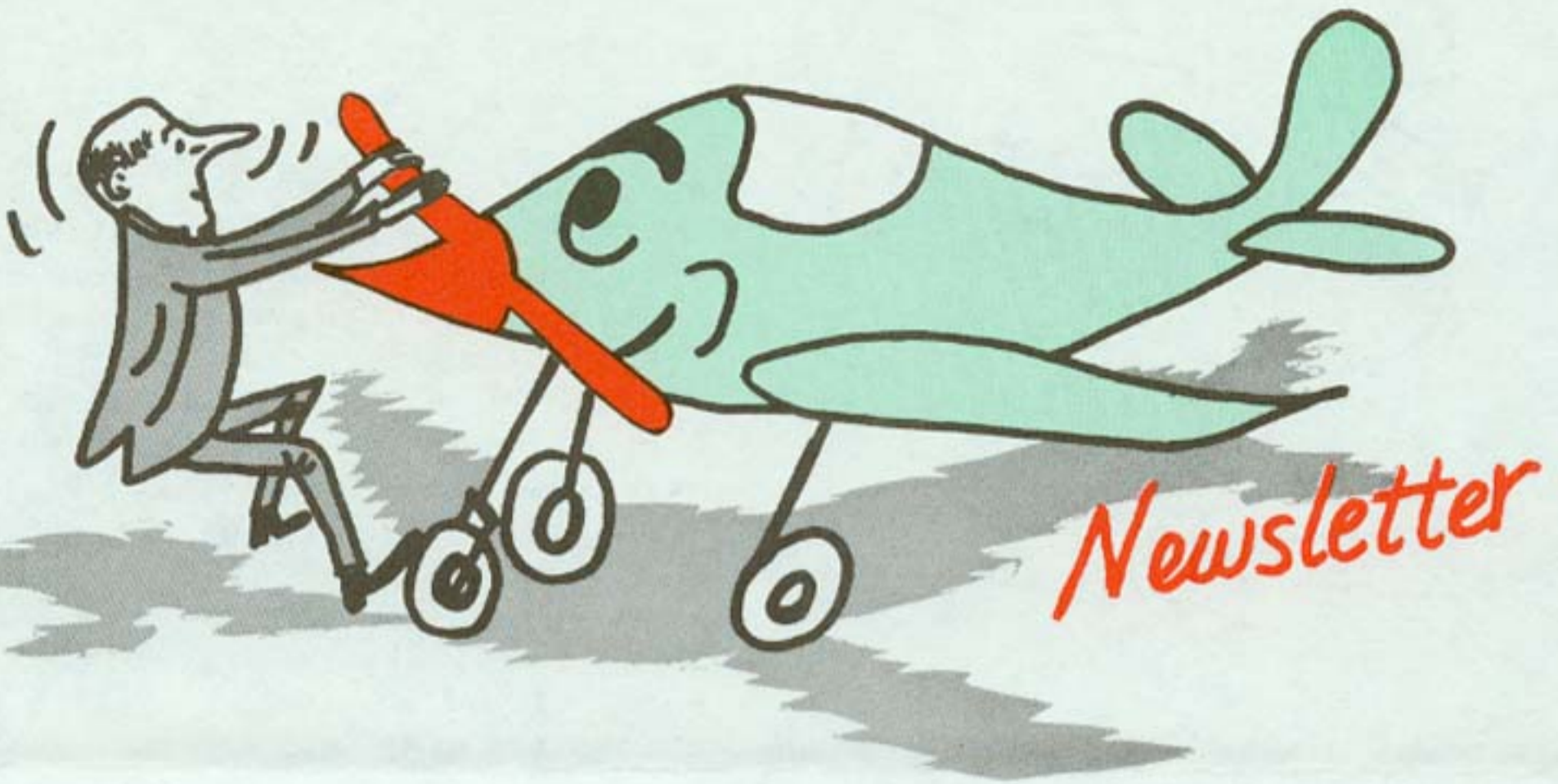


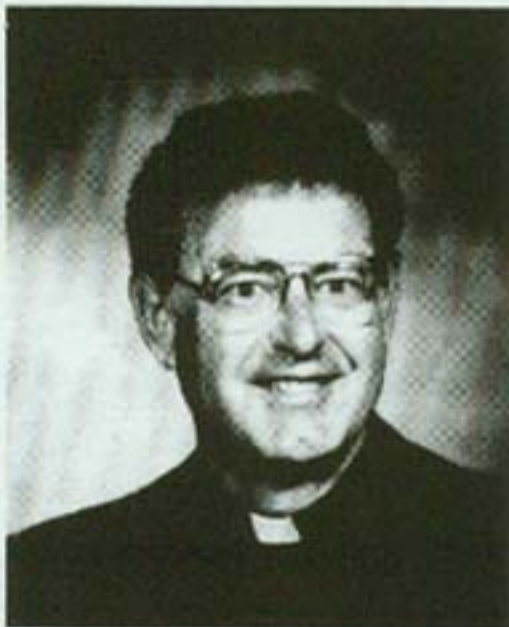
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write, Holy Week is beginning and the final (hopefully) snow is melting. Do winters last longer nowadays or am I just getting older?

We have flying bishops and we have bishops who fly with light plane

pilots. How many of NAPP have flown their Ordinary? In the broader expanses of the mid and far-west there is a history of episcopal use of light aircraft -- even landing on roads in more remote areas. The missions and Alaska, however, are the prime examples.

Class III Medical! Regular exercise, proper diet, etc. will keep the blood pressure down. We need to stay alert in the air and during long liturgies.

Joe Foss field in Sioux Falls is named after a well-known pilot/governor. His autobiography is full of interesting flying. Your public library may have the book.

Q. Will the move (to Dubuque) closer to the Archbishop mean the end of long winter sabbaticals for Dick Funke? A. Probably not! Mooney pilots have more fun. Moving to a new assignment can be a major stress. Best wishes to those...and we hope they are happy moves. Recall how one pastor told his people that his transfer was Jesus' will. Then they announced the next hymn: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Peace, Joy and Happiness to all. We are an EASTER people.

*Frank Nemmers*





An apology to some. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, my computer backup program got my files all screwed up. I had to remove everything from the hard drive and begin "ANEW." (Sort of an Easter resurrection on January 2). I restored from a previous backup—about a year old. In the process, obviously, (at least to me), many things displayed were not current. From memory and other sources, I tried to reconstruct everything as nearly as possible. I know some addresses still are not up-to-date. Consequently, a few paid up members received another dues reminder last issue. It does point out the fact we are human!

There's still time to get those Midwest Regional reservations in to Ed Higgins. The date is Monday, May 10. The reservation sheet is included again. Remember: If you are attending Ed needs your Social Security number for security clearance for the penitentiary tour.

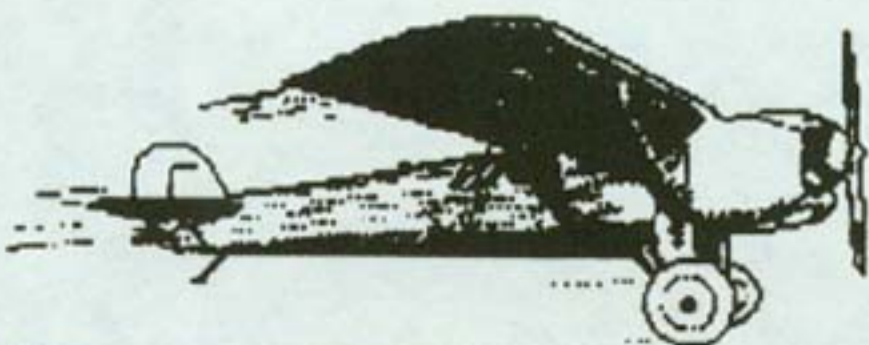
My brother John made a trip to San Antonio and has finalized the arrangements for the July convention. Another page highlights some of the events planned for San Antonio. One thing you will notice about this convention is the fact there are fewer organized activities. This will allow groups the liberty to pursue activities that are of particular interest to them. We call your attention to the fact that a few events are planned for us and every effort should be made to be in attendance at them.

*A reminder: Positions open for election this year are President, Vice President and Secretary. Start thinking of this, particularly President, as Frank Nemmers has served two terms and is not eligible for re-election.*

I am typing this on April 16. Frank's Holy Week wish of the long winter's end is not reality at this point. We had 6" during the night in Dubuque. The nice thing about snow in April is the fact it will most likely all be gone by evening.

In view of the fact my addresses are not completely correct I have made the decision to postpone the annual directory until AFTER the July convention. If there are any objections I will gladly let the protestor(s) put it out.

**ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:**



**REV. MEL HEMANN**

20245 ST. JOSEPH DRIVE  
RICKARDSVILLE, IA 52039

319-552-2233



# SPRING NAPP MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

Monday, May 10, 1993 Pontiac, Illinois

Host: Ed Higgins

## AGENDA

Arrival: Whenever... In time for noon lunch on Monday, May 10

After Lunch: TOUR OF STATE PENITENTIARY

Dinner: July Convention up-date; Decide time & place of Fall meeting.

Departure: .....Whenever??

**PLEASE NOTE:** Pontiac's new airport opened a few weeks ago. It is located on the north end of town.  
If you don't have a current sectional, be sure to head north to the new field.

MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO:

Rev. Ed Higgins  
119 E. Howard P.O. Box 374  
Pontiac, IL 61764  
815-844-7683

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## RESERVATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SS number \_\_\_\_\_  
(For security clearance)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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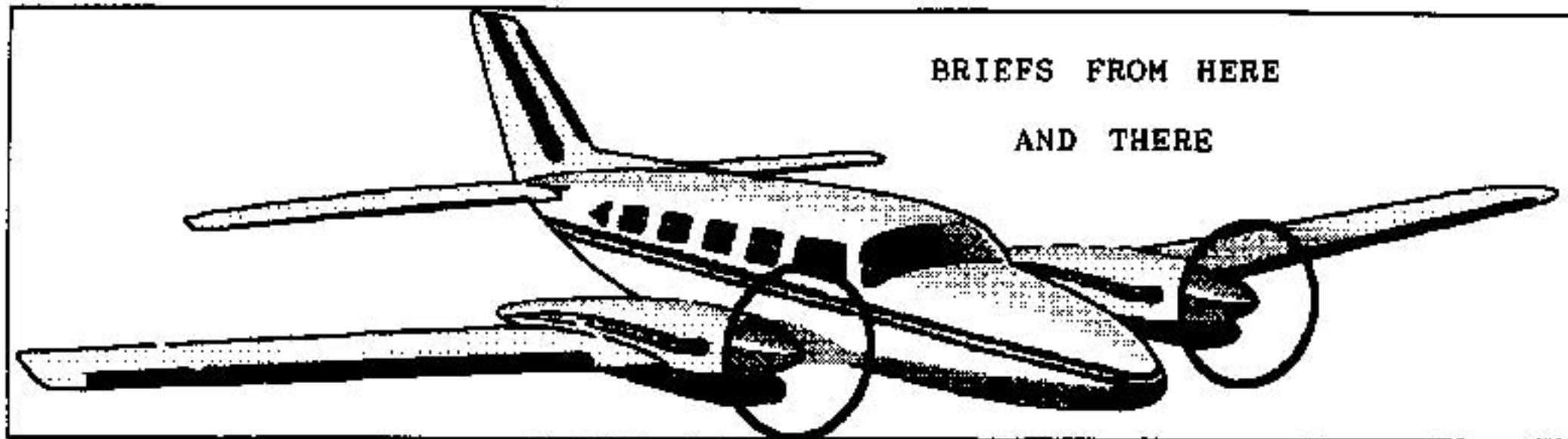
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BRIEFS FROM HERE

AND THERE

Faithful NAPP Al Ruschman writes from Ft. Mitchell, KY

Dear Mel,

Looking forward to our meeting in San Antonio. I will have our annual non-profit corporation status updated by that time with the State of Kentucky.

Also, my St. Paul Seminary Class (1953), St. Paul, Minn. is celebrating its 40th anniversary of ordination this year. Our plans are to assemble in St. Paul on August 10 & 11. Several Iowa priests are members of the class of '53. We are using some of the same type of format as our NAPP group uses, i.e. seeing the highlights of the cities involved, plus a spiritual/social day with some of our professors of 40+ years ago participating.

Sincerely,

Al Ruschman

From Detroit, Michigan John Bellon writes:

Dear Mel,

Dick Skriba and I have been corresponding about our flight to San Antonio. So we should be there Sunday evening. He is saying Mass at a convent each morning. Dick will send my reservation because he will decide the exact day and times.

I am meeting with friends on Thursday. I do not know

whether we can stay at Retreat House another day or not. We may be able to stay at our St. Girard's Rectory in San Antonio.

Regards to all,

John

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Msgr. W. B. (Ben) Bauer sends the following:

Dear Mel,

The recent issue of the Newsletter came to Box C, which reminds me to write and inform you of my new status.

On May 14, 1992 I observed the 50th anniversary of my ordination to the Holy Priesthood. Since my retirement is mandatory in our diocese at age 75, I submitted my resignation and formally retired on July 1. The parish held a beautiful Jubilee Celebration and Farewell on Sunday, June 16.

I had no notion that one could be so busy in retirement. Between taking care of a parish on weekends for John Vskulskas, who is making a sabbatical in Rome, unpacking and generally trying to get my house set up I find that there is precious little time remaining. Yes, I have a house here in Merville. I have a spare bedroom and will welcome any of the troops who may wish to stop over here.

The FAA still won't give me a medical by reason of medication that I am taking. However, I don't think that after more than 10 years away from flying I would be up to getting myself

current. Anyway, I do keep a finger in flying. A week ago I attended a briefing by the FAA in South Sioux City, Nebraska, organized by the son of my old instructor.

Now that I am retired, I hope to make more of the conventions. I'll be looking forward to seeing the gang again.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*Ben*

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This letter from Mike Mikstay arrived Feb. 13:

Dear Mel,

Went active duty with the Navy last July. Am stationed at Camp LeJeune, NC with the Marines and serving with 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Will be going to Somalia and the Persian Gulf at the end of February. Have only flown once since coming to North Carolina. If any thing happens in that part of the world in the next 6 months, look for 24th MEU on the news - we should be in the midst of it. I am the MEU Chaplain which has 220 Marines with four ships in the group.

Quite a change in life style but a much needed presence for priests and the Church in the lives of the military.

Should be back in Continental US in September - so will miss convention again this year.

Fraternally,

*Mike Mikstay*

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From Clarendon Hills, IL Bob Collogan Dec. 28, 1992:

Dear Mel,

Somewhere in the midst of Christmas cards received, cards meant to be sent, parish correspondence, altar server schedules, and small piles of other papers, I will one day find the envelope by which I intended to pay the 1993 dues of our friendly, faith-filled, fliers'

organization.

I hope that I have not inconvenienced you by the loss; no, the temporary misplacing; of the dues envelope. The data on me is:

Rev: Robert E. Collogan

Notre Dame Parish

64 Norfolk Ave.

Clarendon Hills, IL 60514-1299

708 654-3365

While the desire has been there, circumstances have not been such that I found it very convenient to attend one of the get togethers. As a matter of fact, I have not done too much flying lately either. My old instructor called last week to invite me back for some refresher work. I can use it, I'm sure. One of these days, before I am grounded, I hope to join you. From a Cedar Rapids native in the western suburbs of Chicagoland; Season Greetings and Happy New Year.

Sincere thanks and best wishes,

*Bob*

Rev. Robert E. Collogan

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John MacGillivray included the following with his renewal dues.

Fr. Mel,

The enclosed change of address is due to retirement, one more time, and moving to the Family home.

Merry Christmas and a great 1993!

*John MacGillivray*

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Bishop Thomas Lobsinger writes from White Horse

Dear Mel,

It's great to belong! All's well up this way in the great white north - a little cool - minus 30 degrees. A great Christmas to yourself & we enjoy the newsletter.

Sincerely,

*Bishop Thomas Lobsinger*



# 1993 NAPP CONVENTION SUGGESTIONS

## SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

### Tuesday & Wednesday, July 6 and 7

Information on group prices for the following will be available upon arrival at OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR Retreat House.

1. **Sea World and Fiesta Texas.** Both parks, pay one price for entrance, and all events and activities are included.

*Fiesta Texas opened two years ago. Has a variety of rides but also features many live shows.*

2. *IMAX Theater, downtown and not far from the Alamo. Should be viewed prior to the Alamo visit. It tells a great story about the early settlers and prepares one to be more appreciative of the Alamo and early missionaries.*

3. We're working on plans to begin Tuesday & Wednesday with Liturgy.

4. *After breakfast, be away for the day but return for the evening meal.*

5. Tuesday evening may be a good evening to wander along the river park. It's a beautiful area.

6. *On Wednesday evening we will have the annual meeting followed by the banquet. The San Antonio bishops have been extended an invitation to join us.*

7. For Mooney lovers: Kerrville, the home of Mooney, is nearby. If anyone wants to see a real plane being built you may want to take advantage of this opportunity.

8. *Stinson Field. T & M Aviation is the place to park.*

*FBO is Jim Transue; Gert is the secretary and the lineboy is FELIPE. They're looking forward to meeting us and getting their hands on our money.*

9. Vans will be available for our use. Some of you will have to be designated drivers. Bring not only your pilot's license but also driver's license.

10. FINALLY, remember the June 21 registration deadline date!

## LATEST NAPP CONVENTION UPDATE

July 6-7, 1993 San Antonio, Texas

### AIRPORT FOR FLY-INS

Stinson Field ---- T & M Aviation 210-924-6634

\$2.00 per night tie-down. Possible waiver on this if you buy fuel  
Possible?? discount for all fuel if you identify yourself as NAPP member

### COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS

San Antonio International.

### RETREAT HOUSE

OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR MARIANIST RETREAT CENTER

\$55.00 per day in double room with private bath less money deducted for meals not taken.  
No noon meals are planned at the Retreat House as everyone will most likely be "out and about."

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION

We are borrowing an idea from Pete Sweeney's hospitality last year and will rent eight passenger vans. Advantage Rent-A-Car rents for \$44.00 per day with unlimited mileage. That price may be reduced to \$39.00 because summer is the slow season.  
Once reservations are in - BY JUNE 21 - we will reserve the required number of vans.

### DAILY EXCURSIONS

The Chamber of Commerce is sending literature on things to do in San Antonio. We will pass this on in future bulletins and also have it available at the Retreat House. One suggestion: Plan a "noon meal" on the river walk and an evening return to take in the night life.

REMEMBER THE ALAMO.

### BUSINESS

The chapel is available for our liturgies. We will do some pre-planning on those. There will be the usual business meeting, election of officers and dinner. Positions to be voted on are Pres (Lame Duck Frank Nemmers), 2nd VP (Jack Paisley) and Secretary (Bob Kirsch).

### BIG REMINDER

We are depending on you to meet the June 21st deadline for registration. It's going to be a mess if anyone shows up unannounced. Get your act together and send in the reservation sheet ASAP.

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS

1993 ANNUAL CONVENTION

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS JULY 6 - 7, 1993

STINSON MUNICIPAL for those arriving in PRIVATE AIRCRAFT

FBO: T & M AVIATION 209-924-6634

CONVENTION SITE:

OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR MARIANIST RETREAT CENTER

2507 N.W. 38TH STREET

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78228

(512) 433-1408

CONTACT and/or SEND RESERVATIONS TO:

MEL HEMANN

20245 ST. JOSEPH DRIVE

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(319) 552-2233 (H) (319) 556-2580 (O)

**PLEASE NOTE:** *We are dealing with a Retreat House and the terms of the contract state we must confirm the number attending by June 21.*

*Their rules; not ours!*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ARRIVAL INFORMATION**

ARRIVAL: Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_

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DEPARTURE: Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_