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YOUR PRESIDENT'S PROFUNDITIES

President John Herzog continues his treatment at the House of Affirmation in Montara, CA. You will note in the annual minutes a brief report from House of Affirmation Director, Bernie Bush.

A couple of weeks after the NAPP convention, I, my brother Ev, and a couple from the Chicago area took a portion of our vacation time to visit relatives and friends on the West Coast. While there we had the opportunity to spend a couple of evenings with John. It gave us an opportunity to visit the House of Affirmation and some of the other residents who are there with John. We also met some of the staff personnel. Ev and I both found the couple of evenings there very delightful. It also gave us an opportunity to give John a first hand report on the wonderful convention in Colorado Springs.

You will also notice in the annual minutes a reference to the pictorial directory. I do hope to get one out the early part of next year so if you want a new picture of yourself included you may start thinking about it and send it on toward the latter part of this year.

We also ordered new NAPP hats which came in time for the 1982 Convention. If anyone wants one, they are \$5.00. We'll be happy to send one to you. I'll bring some along to Montreal next July -- just in case you don't get one before then.

The new revised forms of the NAPP constitution are now in my hands. I will have those printed and sent to you in the mailing of the directory next year. We'll need a large envelope for that so we might as well fill it.

Please keep John in your prayers as he continues his recovery.

*Mel*





PAT PATTEN

MEL HEMANN

# The Tanzania Story

I am a Spiritan missionary (C.S.Sp.) who has worked among the nomadic Maasai people in north-central Tanzania for six years. In the past several years the economic situation of the country has become desperate. Tanzania is now one of the ten poorest countries of the world. Whereas at independence it could produce 95% of all its foreign exchange needs, this year it will produce less than 1%. Virtually everything is 5 to 7 times more expensive in Tanzania than it is in the United States -- if it's even available at all. Corn is the staple food. An amount of corn which sells for \$3.10 in Chicago now costs \$110 to buy in Tanzania. Most of the economy is now black market.

Most severely effected are health services. A person is fortunate if in the majority of government dispensaries in our area he can get even an aspirin. People die from diseases that could be cured by a few penicillin tablets.

Because of the lack of medical resources the Diocese of Arusha is trying to expand its health services at least as an interim measure. But its resources, too, are limited. We now have only one doctor (an Austrian diocesan priest) who serves an area of 23,000 square miles by himself! There are 300,000 people in that area.

In the past, the Flying Doctor Service, based in Nairobi, Kenya -- a country which borders Tanzania to the north -- has supplied a plane and pilot for two days every two weeks. With that plane, the doctor does under-the-wing clinics in eight different places. This hardly scratches the surface of the needs, though it saves many, many lives.

However, due to the vast extent of Flying Doctor commitments and the increase of costs, they have had to cut back programs.

Our bishop, Dennis Durning, also a Spiritan missionary, would like to keep those services intact and even extend them. He asked that I look into possibilities during my time in the States.

Problem is, though, that the diocese is broke. So...

I'm looking for a plane, a Cessna 206 with some special equipment, which I hope to be able to get funded.

But more importantly, I need a pilot. Though I am a pilot, I am also one of the very few people working among the Maasai people in evangelization. The Bishop would rather I not be flying full time in medical work.

The pilot would have to be able to give at least a three year commitment, and have at least a private certificate and a willingness to learn how to operate into short, high, hot, and rough dirt strips which are minimally maintained. I can teach him how. It would be a real advantage if the pilot also had a current A and P certificate to do all his own maintenance. The pilot need not be Catholic or a priest, though in terms of mission commitment and our past experience, it would be desirable. There would be room for him to do at least some more traditional type of ministry.

While I hope to be able to get some funding for a salary for the pilot, it wouldn't hurt if the applicant would be willing to ask his bishop for support for the duration of his work overseas. This also helps the diocese in the States be a little more aware of and supportive of mission.

Briefly, that's it.

I'm still hoping to return to Tanzania in September, though much of my scheduling depends on what kind of responses I get to this appeal. I cannot go ahead with the purchase of the plane before getting a committed pilot. And I cannot wait much beyond September very easily.

Anyone interested or curious for more information, please call me at the number above, or write. Would be glad to spend as much time with anyone who is interested as they feel they need to make the decision.

Really grateful to all of you NAPP people for the great feeling of solidarity you expressed at my first convention. Thanks very much.

(Pat's address while in the States: 1758 Manchester; Grosse Pointe Woods; MI 48236.  
Phone: 313-881-8787



# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS INC.

1982 Annual Minutes

The 19th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Priest Pilots was called to order on July 14, 1982 at the Springs Motel, Colorado Springs, Colorado by the 2nd Vice President, Robert Kirsch at 8:30 A.M.

Members present this year were: Robert Kirsch, 2nd Vice President; Mel Hemann, Newsletter Editor; Charles Teufel, Treasurer; Jack Paisley, Secretary. Absent officers were President John Zarzog and 1st Vice President Henry Haacke. The 36 members who attended include the above are: Augustine Abeywickrema, Tony Attea, John Bellon, John Brickley, Edward Bush, John Dompka, Don Eder, John Equibel, John Friederick, Thomas Geelan, Andy Gottschalk, Mel Hemann, Dave Hogan, Thomas Jones, James Kemper, Robert Kirsch, Arthur Kleve, Jack Lawler, Ed Murray, Eugene Murray, Frank Nemmers, Jack Paisley, Patrick Patten, Martin Pfah, Ray Radzieta, Victor Schoenberger, Phillip Schmitt, George Schneider, Robert Sennott, Alex Sigur, Charles Teufel, Irvin Weber, Jerry Williams, Alvin Werth, John Wolesky, John Vakulskas. Guests included: Richard James, Edwina Tabares, Ed Tiedeman, Patrick Trujillo, Bob Brown, Fred Potthoff and Reghan Lowe.

Representatives by States of Members: Guests are: Iowa 16; New Mexico 7, New York 2, Penn 2, Indiana 2, Mass 2, Virginia 2, Kansas 2, Michigan 1, Calif 1, Louisiana 1, Nebraska 1, Wyoming 1, Colorado 1, Arizona 1 and Tanzania 1.

Minutes of the 1981 meeting at Anchorage, were distributed and read silently. Motion to accept minutes as printed by John Wolesky and Jim Kemper. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report distributed and explained. An update of income and expenses in 1982 were given. Treasurer implicitly admonished brethren to get dues and bills in on time. Motion to accept the printed financial report by Don Eder and Tom Jones. Motion passed.

Mel Hemann discussed the Newsletter process. The Directory was not printed this year because of difficulty of compiling. Next year's issue will include pictures. Send any new pictures to Mel by January 1, 1983. The Picture Album put together of the 1981 Convention will be sent to Bishop Hurley. Mel expressed gratitude to Bishop Hurley's Secretary for help with address labels.

The Convention report was given by Irv Weber with the help of Andy Gottschalk. Registration fee of \$17.00 includes phone calls, badges, folders, filmstrip, introduction to Colorado Springs, wine for dinner, and bus transportation. Suggestion to write to Flying W Ranch on wholesome entertainment Tuesday night.

Discussion on changing financial report from calendar year to a fiscal year.

*"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, 1984





Motion by Jim Kemper and Marty Pfab. Defeated.

Reports: Bernard Bush reported the greetings from President John Herzog. John sent the message that "he is fine". Tom Jones spent time explaining his experience with Aviation Law as the result of his accident in Canada last year.

Future Conventions: 1983 will be in Montreal on July 12 and 13 as guests of Emmett Johns and Tom Brady. They will notify us of Airport and F.B.O.;

1984 Convention is in planning stage for Iowa by Mel and John Hemann. This will be the Jubilee year for Mel and his Franciscan Sister, and the 24th year for John. Tentative plans for combined Jubilee at their hometown of Stacyville, Iowa (between Austin, MN and Osage, IA).

1985 Convention might be in El Paso, with 1986 possibly in Louisiana.

Election of Officers: A resolution by Bernard Bush that John Herzog complete his term as President of NAPP. First Vice President: Henry Haacke was nominated for another term by Phil Schmitt. Unanimous vote in favor. Treasurer: Charles Teufel was nominated for another term by Tony Attea. Unanimous vote in favor.

(Secretary's note: Election next year will be for President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary.)

Donation: Motion to give our annual contribution to Fr. Patrick Patten, Box 40, Lolondo; Tanzania, East Africa. Pat is a member of our organization and a member of the Holy Ghost Fathers. Father Pat reported on his need of a pilot who could give a 3 year committment. Also looking for suggestions on an airplane for his work. He can be reached at the above address after September 1st.

Other items of discussion was the reprinting of the Constitution as amended in 1981.

Motion for adjournment by Jim Kemper and Tom Jones. Closing prayer at 10:07 AM by Pat Patten leading the Lord's Prayer in Swahili.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Paisley, Secretary

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## - CONVENTION 1983 -

July 12-13

Montreal

Details will follow... mark your calendar!

## - BRIEFS FROM HERE & THERE -

This note from one of our 1983 Convention hosts, Emmett Johns, Pointe-Claire, P.Q.

"Just a short note to let you know that I won't be at the Convention this year and I don't think Tom will be either, though I'm not sure.

The reason I won't be there is that my assistant will be away and I will be making last minute arrangements to fly C-FLHJ across the pond to Europe and beyond, Deo volente.

However Tom and I wish to renew the invitation to have the '83 Convention here in Montreal. I have approached the folks at the Grand Séminaire de Montréal (who are renovating the place, they gave a tentative 'YES') to put us up. It is right downtown in an excellent location. There are other options, as well.

The V-P, P.R. of Canadair (manufacturers of the CHALLENGER) will help me line up Flight Safety and the Challenger simulator and maybe the bird itself (I was up for a ½ hour ride at Christmas), CAE who make simulators, Air Canada, Pratt & Whitney, etc., etc.

Then, there are the EXPOS!!!

Please pass on my best wishes to John Herzog. I'm joining the gang in keeping him in our prayers.

Once again, sorry I can't be in Colorado.

Keep well and give my regards to your brothers and the brethren."

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The following is a portion of a letter from Earle A. Newman, S.S.J., editor of the magazine put out by the Josephites, Baltimore, Maryland.

"...Another of our Josephites is studying for his pilot's license. I'd like to register him for membership as a bit of encouragement. He is: Rev. Patrick Healy, S.S.J., SS Peter & Paul Church, Clarence Town, Long Island, Bahamas.

...A benefactor is paying for Father Healey's lessons and there is some prospect that another person will donate a small aircraft for use on the islands and to connect our work there with the mainland at Miami. Noting Fred Bugarin's hope, I'll pass the word. (See last issue requesting help from Alaska. Ed. note). Will also write to him concerning a plane I used to own, a Cessna 207 purchased by Nome Airways. It was a honey. With a bit of age on it, could be the owner is ready to sell at a nominal figure. ??? (What's nominal?)

I see the debate continues with regard to weapons of war. If more than four out of ten American Catholics were going to Mass each Sunday and if there was strong evidence of faith, I would say we stood a good chance for conversion of Russia and other materialistic countries. Lacking such moral strength, the burden in a way is more or less thrust upon the United States government. What to do?

Perhaps five or six people are responsible for the unsettled conditions in the world: Breschnev, K'addafi, Castro, - only one name spelled properly, I think, - and other lesser persons, not one of whom works from a Christian premise, an acknowledgment of God's authority, a responsibility to Him and to fellow humans. That, I believe, is the key to the present disorder. The standards are different and there is no real basis for common accord. The aggressors force the rest of the world to be defensive and perhaps to an idiotic degree.

And just as nations are in turmoil, spending much too much money for weapons, so also on local scenes, the neighborhoods that are beset with thieves, muggers, and murderers. In a way, an individual in a neighborhood has more realistic fear than for a world-class possible use of nuclear or other weapons. At least a half dozen of our Josephites have been assaulted in their rectories within the recent past. Last night, one of our Josephites, up from the south for council meetings, said that one of our rectories in Mobile "is not very secure."

What will be the result of San Francisco's ban on handguns? Other cities and perhaps the nation entirely will follow. But, will fear vanish? I think not. And I rather believe that most handgun owners are just going to stash their weapons and say nothing. If anything, those who acquire guns illegally and with intent to use them in support of robberies can only be pleased. They are like the national leaders mentioned above: no concern for God, no concern for other humans.

I am not caught up in the furor over nuclear arms. That we spend an enormous amount of money on such things, money that could be spent far more fruitfully on the poor, the sick and the aged, I thoroughly agree. About nuclear arms: perhaps, in God's providence, of executing judgment on sinful humans, that might be the method. But I do not believe that that will happen. I am more inclined to think along with George Kennon (was it?) who wrote some years ago that Russia will take the infiltration method rather than war. With people more or less immoral and/or amoral, world-wide, and with the unrest of poverty and the presence of agitators fostering discontent, the scenario is much one of persuading people to compromise, to give up, rather than to fight for principle.

What we do need is a renaissance of faith, in practice of the faith. In a related situation, I am waging a minor war with the Catholic Press Association and with certain publications, the CPA tolerating in membership those 'certain publications' which continue to print anti-Church, anti-Pope articles. CPA gives its prestige to publications that undermine the life of Christ among the faithful....who aren't all that faithful, anyway.

It does not really matter how God chooses to call us to judgment. If not with nuclear weapons,



perhaps with laser guns or whatever in some future battle in space. Who is to say about the how or when? At the moment, I believe far too many are being suckered into a position of giving up all natural level defenses, but without any sense of moral obligation, of faith-filled lives, to pick up the slack. I haven't even mentioned Fatima, but if we believe with Mary that Russia will only be converted by Christ-like lives, then that's what we ought to develop...along with, or before we give up the only weapons that anti-God people believe in. The practical hazards of all-out war will deter the major powers, but they will continue to seek the victory by all other means. So, who will stop such efforts if not a Christ-like people?

God bless your efforts in sharing the thoughts of NAPPers and others. An open forum should be helpful to all of us, keeping us in focus."

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From Patrick Healey, S.S.J., Clarence Town, Long Island Bahamas.

"Greetings and blessings from the Caribbean! This afternoon I returned to our seven "out-island missions" after having enjoyed a little R & R in California. In the awaiting stack of mail was a note from Earle Newman who explained he had enrolled me in the NAPP. To say the least, I was quite surprised and very pleased to learn that such an association existed. However, I'm not sure I yet qualify for membership as I have only a few hours of lessons under my sash. I do get into Miami a couple of days each month and will continue to take lessons as long as finances hold out.

My interest in actually taking the plunge into flying was motivated by a number of incidents here on Long Island involving medical emergencies. Unfortunately it happens all too often that someone requires immediate hospitalization (meaning a big trip to Nassau) and we then begin the long and often frustrating process of locating a charter that will make the trip.

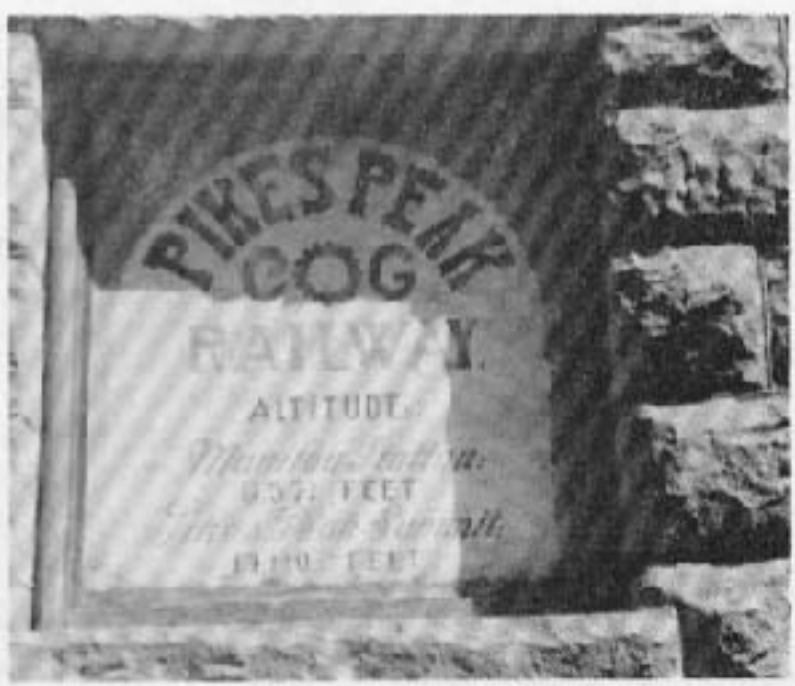
Recently a mother fell into a coma after a difficult delivery and it took over 14 hours to locate a pilot and plane. There and then I knew it was time to get a license. A side benefit will be that we can reinstate regular Masses and visits to Inagua Island whose mission was abandoned due to termination of scheduled commercial flights.

I would be most interested to know if there are any NAPP members in the South Florida area (Miami). Naturally, any member who needs to get away from it all in the Bahamas is most welcome to enjoy our hospitality and sunshine anytime."

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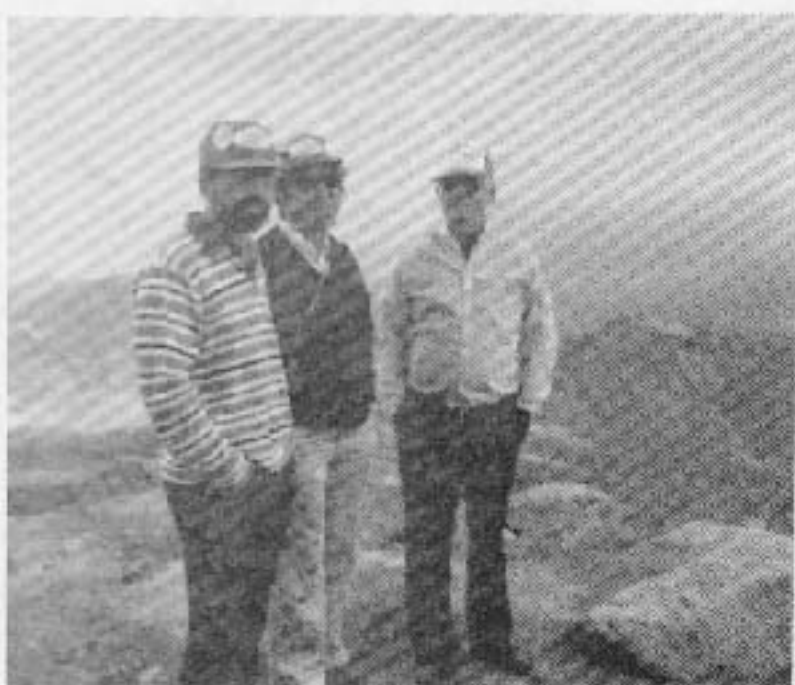
Host Irv Weber checks in Jim Kemper



The beginning of the cog railway



Gene Murray, Mel Hemann & Phil Schmitt made it to the top



John Wolesky, Tony Attea & George Schneider survey the world from the top of Pikes Peak

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS, INC.  
 FINANCIAL REPORT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1981

INCOME

	1979	1980	1981
Dues	\$ 1,275.00	1,151.50	\$ 1,300.00
Interest	363.50	392.34	571.64
Convention	0	461.27	0
Ground School	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	25.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 1,638.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,005.11</b>	<b>\$ 1,896.64</b>

EXPENSES

Postage	\$ 180.00	\$ 254.60	\$ 140.00
Newsletter	349.86	163.75	425.39
Supplies, env, album, brochures	195.00	251.35	0
Telephone	55.79	50.00	25.00
Convention	222.00	0	0
Ground school, filmstrips, etc	0	1,038.12	0
Don: St. Jam/Wings H/Hurley	350.00	250.00	1,200.00
Pictorial Directory	131.85	103.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,484.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,110.82</b>	<b>\$ 1,890.39</b>

ASSETS

Beginning of year	\$ 6,001.19	\$ 6,155.19	\$ 6,049.48
Receipts	1,638.50	2,005.11	1,896.64
Expenses	1,484.50	2,110.82	1,890.39
End of year	6,155.19	6,049.48	6,055.73

Checking, end of year	150.22	32.37	36.78
Passbook savings, end of year	4.97	17.31	18.95
Certificate, end of year	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS, end of year</b>	<b>6,155.50</b>	<b>6,049.48</b>	<b>6,055.73</b>

Charles B. Teufel, Treasurer



Box 447

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH  
BENKELMAN, NEBRASKA 69021

July 21, 1982

Rev. Charles Teufel  
219 Robinson Street  
Fairmont, WV 26554

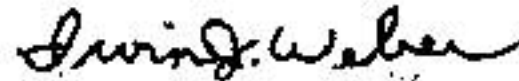
Dear Father Teufel,

I have completed all the payments for the expenses of the 19th convention of the NAPP, and I'm forwarding you a check to the amount of \$933.00.

The expenses were as follows:

1. Cog rail tickets .....	\$ 279.00	
2. Flying W Ranch barbeque .....	\$ 324.00	
3. Officers Club banquet, AF Academy .....	\$ 471.50	
4. Chamber of Commerce film presentation .....	\$ 20.00	
5. Transportation .... St. Mary's Bus .....	\$ 135.00	
..... Burcky's Station Wagons .....	\$ 60.00	
6. Telephone calls, St. Joseph's, Benkelman .....	\$ 20.00	
7. Springs Motor Inn for rooms including deductions of \$350.00 .....	\$1776.63	
8. Personal car expenses for three round trips to Colorad Springs (500 miles each trip) .....	\$ 52.40	
9. 59 buttons for the NAPP convention .....	\$ 53.10	
TOTAL EXPENSES .....		\$3191.63

Sincerely yours,



Rev. Irvin J. Weber

(Ed. note: The \$933.00 check included a \$300.00 deposit made by NAPP to the Springs Motor Inn earlier in the year to confirm reservations).  
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## CENTRAL REGION MEETING

HOST: Jack Paisley  
WHERE: Immaculate Conception Church  
North Washington, Iowa 50661  
515-294-2078  
WHEN: October 11, 1982  
FLY-INS: Land at Charles City, Iowa

*This is the only notice you will receive on this meeting. Check that date and place NOW. Let Jack know WHEN & WHERE you are arriving and HOW MANY!!!*

*Should be a great time for all.*

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NEWS RELEASES: Mel Hemann - Box 458, Preston, Iowa 52069