

Franciscan Alumni Newsletter

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THE 1999 CHAPTER

The 1999 Chapter will continue the tradition of returning to sites of historical significance to our membership. On June 26, 1999, we will assemble at 1:00 P.M. in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Chapter will be held at Madonna Retreat Center in Albuquerque. For a tentative agenda, see page 4 of this newsletter.

BOARD NOTES: February 27, 1999

by Steve Findley '67

Eight board members convened at 1 PM on February 27, 1999 in the office of board member Steve Findley in Dayton, Ohio for the winter quarterly meeting. Dennis Kirby chaired the meeting.

After a period of individual life sharing since our last meeting, the minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

The following agenda items were then discussed:

1. Election of officers--Dennis Kirby, President; Mike Niklas, Vice President; Phil Zepeda, Treasurer; and Steve Findley, Secretary.



Attention !!!

New E-Mail Address!

Those wishing to send e-mail may forward it to: dimhoff@ezwv.com

2. 1999 Chapter--Albuquerque, New Mexico. Lengthy discussion and planning. See other articles for details.
3. Awards nomination--Fr. Meldon Hickey, O.F.M.-- Christian Life; Fr. Pat, J. Beyer and S. Findley were delegated to choose the Humanitarian pending further investigation.
4. Spring newsletter--mid-April mailing.
5. Treasurer's Report--submitted and approved: \$1389.42 current assets.

Next board meeting will be April 24, 1999 at St. Clare Monastery, 1505 Miles Rd, Mt. Healthy, Ohio.

FAA on the Web!

by: Mike Niklas '75



If you've been away from Mill Road for too long and you have time to download two 15Mb files from the web, you'll probably enjoy seeing a couple of videos shot in early March, 1999 at SFS. Even though the property has been sold, it still looks the same on the outside as it has for many decades: a place of beauty and peace. Take a drive down memory lane.

Response to the website has been very good. There have been more than 1500 hits since we started tracking them a few months ago and more than 80 people have signed in at the guest book. Most of the visitors have left their email address and a brief statement about themselves. If you haven't already done so, please click on the guest book icon and provide your email address to make it easier for your classmates to get in touch with you and to help them set up class reunions. We're going to establish a list of email addresses by class year, so sign in soon!

Another recent addition to the website is a collection of excerpts from the two CD projects, including sound files (e.g., Ultima in stereo 3-part harmony), movies, and *Brown & White* articles. We're working on adding more pictures, whereabouts of friars/teachers, and short biographies on deceased friars. We're also expanding the website to include information on Franciscan members of the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe, many of whom were formerly of the Province of Saint John the Baptist.

Reunions Planned for the Albuquerque Chapter

Class of '69 Reunion (30 years)

Jerry Kaelin would like to hear from classmates and friends who would like to get reacquainted during the alumni reunion in Albuquerque in June. Please send email to jkaelin@wpo.it.luc.edu. Jerry is working as a chaplain at Loyola University Medical Center outside Chicago. When Jerry sent in his order for Glee Club and Brown & White CDs, he included an extra \$5 for "bun fun." You'll get your bun fun in Albuquerque, Jerry. It was purchased last week. By June it should taste pretty authentic.

Class of '74 Reunion (25 years)

Richard Inge would like to hear from classmates and friends who would like to get together during the alumni reunion in Albuquerque in June. His email address: Ringe@state.nm.us. Richard was a phenomenal keyboard and accordion player in high school. He plans to be around for the Saturday night jam session during the alumni event.

Class of '79 Reunion in Cincinnati (20 years)

Bryan Reising is arranging a reunion for his class in Cincinnati. Brian's email address: breising@dwc.org. Bryan is Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. He's married to Linda and has three children. Bryan says working in this diocese gives him the opportunity to meet many people, including some former seminarians from St. Joseph Seminary in Vienna, West Virginia - some of whom played against SFS in basketball at the seminary tournaments.

Alumni Briefs

by Charles Bullington & Fr. Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.

- * The Friars of St. John the Baptist Province will gather on May 23, 1999 for their regular Chapter. Agenda items include the election of a new provincial, vicar and councilors. After two rounds of pre-chapter balloting, the candidates for provincial minister are Fred Link, Frank Jasper, Jeff Scheeler, Dan Kroger and Rock Travnikar.
- * The Vocation Office has moved to renovated space in the upper level of Shrine Hall at Mt. Airy. St. Anthony Messenger Telemarketing will soon move into its new quarters on the same level. The

- provincial archives have been transferred to a completely renovated lower level of Shrine Hall.
- * More and more FAA members are logging on to <http://faa.simplenet.com>. Check it out and find out why.
- * Dave Imhoff and family visited and stayed with Fr. Dave Turnbull in the Philippines from Feb. 4th through the 15th. They spent time in Manila, as well as on several surrounding islands. They visited several of the friaries as well as local sites. They were deeply impressed by the local hospitality, the friars and their work and the astute poverty of the people.

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1999 FAA Christian Life and Humanitarian Award Winners Named!

By Jim Beyer

Since the initial conception in 1993 and subsequent implementation at the Chapter Meeting in 1994, the FAA Recognition Committee has nominated ten individuals for reception of its two awards: the FAA Christian Life award and the FAA Humanitarian award. These awards have been presented each year to individuals who have made or are making a significant contribution to the Church or society. The criteria for nomination include:

1. Commitment to Franciscan values,
2. Well known in the circle of his work,
3. National and/or international acclaim,
4. Anyone in the spectrum of our history,
5. Publicly discernible history, and
6. Creative and pioneering spirit.

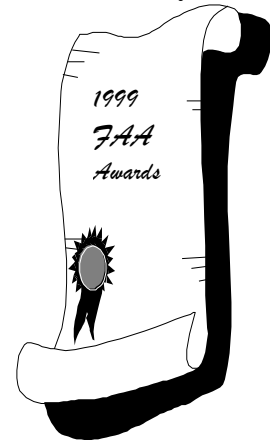
The recipients for this year are Fr. Meldon Hickey, O.F.M., for the Christian Life Award and Ted Gomez for the Humanitarian Life Award.

* **Fr. Meldon Hickey:** At our Chapter meeting this year, we will be recognizing the contributions of Fr. Meldon Hickey. A classmate of mine, Feichtner, brought to my attention some of the many contributions that Fr. Meldon has made to demonstrate his dedication to a life of Christian works. Born in Cincinnati, Fr. Meldon was a high school classmate of Peter's dad where they both graduated from Roger Bacon in 1941. Pete remembered his early years visiting Fr. Meldon with his dad. During these visits, a number of incidents demonstrated to Pete the respect Fr. Meldon earned from not only the local members of his ministry, but also from the tribal medicine man who would ask for his advice and consul.

Following his ordination in 1951, Fr. Meldon taught during the 1951-52 school year at Roger Bacon. Since 1952, he has served in the southwest at Cathedral of Santa Fe (1952-1957), then in the missions at San Fidel (1957-1963), Jemez (1963-1973), Zuni (1973-1981), St. Theresa, Grants (1981-1984) and Jemez Pueblo (1984-1985). Fr. Meldon is currently a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Province. We are very pleased to recognize Fr. Meldon as our 1999 Christian Life Award recipient and look forward to meeting him at our Chapter on June 26.

* **Ted Gomez:** On Saturday June 26, 1999 Ted Gomez will receive the FAA Humanitarian Award. Nominated by two friars of Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, Ted has been active in the Search program (teen retreats) for 27 years in the Diocese of Gallup. Raised in Sacred Heart Parish (Farmington, NM), he is still involved in music ministry there. He has also taught CCD on the high school level. Ted and his wife Pearl will be married 23 years in August. Their two children are Patrick (22) and RoseAnn (18).

The good example of many friars when Ted was in grade school drew him to the Franciscans. His older brother Francisco came to St. Francis Seminary a year before Ted did. Ted was surprised and humbled when notified of the award. "I've just been doing what needed to be done," he said. Ted will receive this honorable award during the alumni reunion in Albuquerque.



Peter

Only those in the Southwest may apply!
A Volunteer is needed to help plan and execute 1999 Chapter functions, since it will be in Albuquerque.
The Chapter dates are June 26th and 27th, 1999
No experience necessary!
To apply, Call: Fr. Paul Juniet, O.F.M., at 505-877-5425
or contact him at PJOFM@aol.com

TIMETABLE FOR 1999 CHAPTER

THURSDAY -June 24... (for those coming in early)

5:00 p.m. Gathering and meal at Al Lovato's home;
6508 Caballero Pkwy, Albuquerque

FRIDAY - June 25

11:30 a.m. Leave for lunch at local restaurant

12:30 p.m. Leave for Acoma (by member cars/vans)

2:30 p.m. Tour Acoma - Sky City

4:30 p.m. Tour Laguna

5:30 p.m. Meal prepared by Laguna Community

Evening spent at Laguna, then return to Albuquerque

SATURDAY - June 26

May attend 10:00 a.m. mass at Queen of Angels Chapel

1:00 p.m. Gathering at Madonna Retreat, Registration until 3:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Meal - Southwestern Style

7:00 p.m. Association chapter meeting

8:00 p.m. Memorial service and conferral of FAA Awards

SUNDAY - June 27

11:00 a.m. Mass at San Antonio Friary (Provincial House)

12:00 p.m. Barbecue meal given by Our Lady of Guadalupe Province

BROWN & WHITE / GLEE CLUB CDs

Mike Niklas '75

We finally caught up with the orders for CDs. All have been shipped out! Many alumni now have their own copy of the Glee Club record from the '60s, Ultima in digital stereo, original music from various alumni, *Brown & White* articles/pictures, and several movies that can be viewed on a PC. You can check out excerpts from the CDs on the alumni website.

Thanks to Gregg Martinez, Tom Shumate, Joe Ebbeler and others for contributing original songs to add to the CDs.

Thanks also to our CD patrons: Charlie Martinez, Dennis Kirby, George Doll, Richard Zepf, Stan Bir, Richard Palmer, Steve Froehle, Jerome Weisbrod, Charles Guenzer, Mark Kling, Donn Wiley, Don Weller, Craig Parcia, Joe Groh, Laurence Zinner, Tom Shuerman, Walter King, Ed King, Deborah Lobring, Jim Shrepfer, Ed Goulet, John King, Steve Degnan-Schmidt, Mike Sipkoski, Ralph Hatke, Jerry Kaelin, Larry Dunham, Tim Lacey, Curt Witcher, Pat Otto, Nancy Umbach, Tex Forst, Frank Jasper, Ronald Walters, James Steinmetz, Duane Springer, Butch Feldhaus, Pat Daly, Scott Steckler, Marie Ausdenmoore, and Valentine Young.

Most of the movie files are from a video on Fr. Aubert, his plants, and Franciscan formation. The scenes are titled: Many are called, Enter one at a time, Wounds of Christ, Sign of hope, Chosen few, Growth, Reflection of God's beauty, and The Gardener.

The other videos are from student projects made with a wind-up super 8 silent-film camera back in the '70s. In these clips you'll see some familiar scenes. The "wolfman" movie was an attempt at a Twilight Zone / Stephen King concept: what if you went to the barber for a haircut, but instead of getting a haircut, the hair grew out, because you're a... WOLFMAN. It features Dave "Wolfman Wank" Weinkam ('75). Other scenes in the clips are difficult to justify except to explain that for a short time an anonymous student had a key to the locks on the doors of the bell tower and gym roof. The rooftops, by the way, turned out to be the safest place on the grounds for an underclassman to enjoy a smoke (so we're told). There are also a

If you want to get the *Brown & White* collection and/or the Glee Club recordings, please send a check for \$10 per CD to Mike Niklas, 8055 Mill Road, Troy, OH 45373. The price includes shipping.

few pictures on the CD: An early, high-resolution aerial view of the seminary property, a picture of Tom Cruise on the soccer team, the chapel, and the class of '43 (a young, newly ordained Fr. Aldric is in the lower right corner and student DePaul Aubert Grieser -with hair- is in the upper left corner).

The Madonna Center in Albuquerque

The Chapter will be centered at the Madonna Retreat and Conference Center. It is located 8 miles from downtown and offers a panoramic view of the Sandia Mountain, the Rio Grande River and the City of Albuquerque. Plenty of rooms are available and you are encouraged to stay there. Most of the rooms use common bath facilities located on each wing, but a few have private and semi-private baths (2 rooms adjoined by a bath). The rates for an individual person per night are \$23.00 (common bath), \$35.00 (semi private bath) and \$48.00 (private bath). For double accommodations, the cost per night is \$36.00 (common bath), \$46.00 (semi private bath) and \$55.00 (private bath). To make a reservation at the Madonna Retreat and Conference Center, call (505) 831-8196. You may leave the following information (if no one answers): Your name; number in party staying at the center; type of room requested (single or double, bath- private, semi private, common); your address and phone number; date and time of arrival and departure. Reservations are on a first come - first served basis.

To help us obtain an accurate count of participants at meals, please complete this form and mail by June 5, 1999 to: Fr. Paul Juniet, O.F.M., 1350 Lakeview Rd., S. W., Albuquerque, NM 87105.

Please indicate how many will be at each meal: Family rate indicates 2 or more people (indicate number)

Names of accompanying guests (for name tags):

Thursday	Evening Meal at Al Lovato's	1 Person Family _____	\$10.00 \$20.00
Friday	Evening Meal at Laguna Community	1 Person Family _____	\$10.00 \$20.00
Saturday	Evening Meal at Madonna Retreat	1 Person Family _____	\$20.00 \$40.00
Sunday	Barbecue Lunch at San Antonio Friary	1 Person Family _____	Freewill Offering
Total:			

I will make my own reservation at: The Madonna Center
 Another location: _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for the above meals. Checks should be made out to the Franciscan Alumni Association (FAA) and sent to it at: FAA, c/o Fr. Paul Juniet, O.F.M., 1350 Lakeview Rd., S. W.; Albuquerque, NM 87105.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Next FAA Board Meeting

April 24, 1999 1:00 p.m.
Poor Clare's Monastery
1505 Miles Road
Cincinnati, Ohio

For info call toll free 1-800-364-6873 ext. 1226
(Jim Beyer) or contact us on the internet at:
dimhoff@ezwv.com



"...Let them pray for the dead..."

Lester Dehner
Donald Domini
Norman Perry
Dominic Wachtel

March 1, 1999
March 19, 1999

- I would like to order an FAA Directory (available after June 1, 1999) for the minimal cost of \$10.00.
- I would like to send a donation to help defray the costs associated with the production and mailing of the newsletter.

I have enclosed \$ _____. Checks should be made out to the Franciscan Alumni Association (FAA) and sent to it at: FAA, 5000 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45223

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

All donations are appreciated

Memoirs of One of Our Most Senior Alumni

by Mike Niklas '75

If you check out the web site, you'll find interesting and amusing anecdotes from Ed Goulet ('25). Ed Goulet attended St. Francis Seminary from September 1921 until Christmas 1925. He is credited with naming the *Brown & White*. He's been corresponding with the Franciscan Alumni Association lately. These are excerpts from his letters and email messages:

I was a student at St. Francis Seminary and was in on the start of the *Brown & White* after we went to the "new" seminary at Mill Road. I was a classmate of the late Father Quentin (Albert) Hauer, and imagine I could be the oldest alumnus alive today, at 91. I have many good memories of those days and would like to contact anyone from that era.

I could write a book about St. Francis--the memories are still quite sharp in my mind. I, like so many others at the Sem, came from a poor family, and was boarded and educated free of charge and for that I'm deeply grateful. They even paid the train fare from my hometown, Calumet, Michigan, where I was born. We spent 3 years at 1615 Vine St. and would spend Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at the new Sem, making the pond which is now a sunken garden. Our curriculum included Latin, Greek, German, Spanish and English, but German wasn't spoken outside of class. Fr. Urban was the Prefect and Fr. Ermin was band director. We were up at 6:00, Mass at 7:00, study hall 8:00 till 9:00, class until 12:00, lunch & rec until 1:00, class till 3:00, rec till 5:00, then supper, 6:00 - 8:00 study hall, then to bed.

Recreation at 1615 Vine St. was limited to handball against the side of the dorm that had no windows, and we had the solid ball, no gloves. Each fall we would have to toughen up our hands again, and that hurt for awhile. We had no gym. The place was surrounded by German bakeries and they sold us a large piece of cooken for a nickel--good! We also played stickball in the yard surrounded by a tall cement wall. That was the extent of our recreation. This was right behind St. Francis Church.

When we moved to Mill Road, we thought we were in Heaven. It wasn't landscaped yet, but we were able to play real baseball and there was a basketball court in the gym. We played each other according to size. Sisters cooked for us and did the general cleaning, but we had to make our own beds. We cleaned the whole building on weekends, except the priests quarters which were off limits for us.

The Chapel was plain at that time--we didn't even have an organ. All singing was a cappella, led by the 5th class, and of course, Latin Gregorian Chant. We were good at it, and I've never forgotten it.

Tuition, board and room cost the princely sum of \$20 a month, but only if you could afford it. Besides the 5 languages, we had math, history, religion and geography. We translated the "Iliad and the Odyssey" from Greek to English.

The "Gipper" of Notre Dame fame was born in Calumet, Michigan and I took his cousin, Harrison Gipp, to the Seminary with me but he only lasted a month. Homesick!

Yours in Christ
Ed Goulet

Ed's daughter sent this note on 3-18-99:

My dad, Ed Goulet, has certainly enjoyed corresponding with you and viewing and listening to the CDs. many long stored away memories have been stirred. He has not been able to e-mail you lately because he contracted pneumonia at the beginning of this month, was in the hospital for 10 days, and is now recuperating here at home. He is gaining strength every day but still tires very easily. Hopefully he'll be back in touch soon. Please keep him in your prayers.

Marjorie Mohror, daughter

Thank you, Ed, for helping some of us relive and others experience for the first time those early years when the "farm" was a place where more than one kind of friar was raised.

Another CD project?

by Mike Niklas '75

Are we finished? No, not quite. We're assembling a second CD with Glee Club recordings and additional songs from alumni. We recently acquired a tape from a Glee Club concert of the 70s and we're looking for others. If you can help, please send email to niks04@aol.com or write to Mike Niklas, 8055 Mill Road, Troy, OH 45373.

I knew several talented musicians/songwriters during my tenure at SFS: Vince McCoy, Tom Lueders, Ray Long, Mike Shultheis, Dave Engleman, Louis Canter, Richard Inge, Joe Sears, and Murray Bodo. Undoubtedly, there are many other alumni who have dabbled or made careers in the music business.

If any of you would be willing to contribute a recording for the next CD (Ultima II), please contact me at the address given above. If you need to record the song and you're not too far away, you may record it at my digital home studio (for free) if interested.

Alumni Newsletter on the Web

Printing and mailing the newsletter is the biggest expense of the alumni association. It costs several hundred dollars per mailing. We would like to reduce the cost by using the internet for those of you who have email and web connectivity. If you have an email account, please send a message to let us know. Just send an email message with this as the subject: "web alumnus." When future newsletters are mailed, we'll post the newsletter on the web site (in COLOR) and send email to you to let you know it's out there. Thanks!

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