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GOD CALLS TWO PADUANS TO HIMSELF

In the midst of preparations for the 1980 reunion word was received that Joseph Bartnikiewicz, Class of '67, had died. Joe and his wife Janet had attended the first reunion in 1978 but had been unable to attend the 1979 reunion due to Joe's illness. Joe entered the hospital on September 28, 1979. He died June 21, 1980. Those in attendance at the 1980 reunion offered prayers at Mass for Joe and all deceased Paduans. Joe will be remembered by those who knew him for his quiet strength and outstanding Christian dedication. Our joy at knowing he is now peaceful and happy in God's presence was also tinged with sorrow when we read Janet's letter telling us of Joe's untimely death.

Dear Classmates,

I am sorry to have to write this, but my husband passed away on June 21, 1980. We were both looking forward so much to making this week-end since we couldn't last year because of Joe being sick, and me having our baby. Joe went into the hospital on his birthday, Sept. 28th, and I had our baby Oct. 3. He never saw his son 'til he was two weeks old.

Joe and I both enjoyed ourselves at your first reunion meeting all the classmates. You gave us a very memorable week-end in our lives.

I would still like to give the Alumni Association dues, which I know Joe would have. Please say hello to everyone for me and please keep in touch.

Love Always,
Janet Bartnikiewicz

On November 3, 1980, Brother Valerian Klogdinski died while working at Padua. Brother Val, affectionately known as "Tex", had been working in the boiler room. He left to go to the friary and apparently suffered a heart attack and fell to the ground striking his head. Johann, Padua's long-time faithful carpenter, discovered Val outside the boiler room several minutes later and called Fr. Joe. Although the rescue squad was summoned it was already too late.

A brief memorial service was held in Watkins Glen and then Brother Valerian's body was flown to Wisconsin where the Franciscans celebrated the funeral Mass for him. Brother Val had spent 35 years as a Franciscan and had returned to Padua in 1972 to take care of maintenance and the boiler room. May God grant eternal rest to Val, Joe, and all deceased Paduans.

A DEEP AND SINCERE APOLOGY

Dear Fellow Paduans,

As Secretary-Treasurer of the Alumni Association I feel the need to express my apologies to all of you for failing to publish the Paduan since last June. Although I honestly feel I have devoted a lot of time and energy to the Association over the last three years, this past year was particularly busy for me. I did manage to keep the ball rolling for the 3rd Annual Reunion held August 15-17, 1980 - in spite of the fact that I was trying to keep my head together for my wedding on September 8, 1980! (This, by the way, went very well. Irene and I married at St. Mary of the Lake in Watkins Glen with the Eucharist being celebrated by Rev. Lawrence Janowski, a Franciscan classmate of mine, Rev. Andrew Kalafsky, the pastor, and Rev. Austin Budnick of Padua, with Brother Casimir assisting.)

Immediately after the wedding came the honeymoon (of course!), returning to Cornell to finish coursework for my PhD, working at Glen Industries, buying a piece of property and setting up a mobile home (several days before Christmas!), and finally making a career move in April to Florida where I took a job as an Employee Relations Associate in Miami.

The time and energy that all these personal commitments took precluded my being able to write an issue of the Paduan. We are somewhat settled now and time is getting short again before the 1981 reunion. This is an important reunion for the future of the Association. Elections are scheduled for all of the officer positions and some word should be available on the future of Padua. I would like to urge as many Paduans as possible to attend this critical reunion. If an active Association is to continue we need your support, and leadership that will involve itself in keeping the Association alive. I intend to be there in spite of the distance from Florida and I hope to see you there, too.

Meanwhile, I apologize again for the lack of news during this past year. In particular, I would like to apologize to the families and friends of Joe Bartnikiewicz and Brother Valerian. Joe was my classmate and a friend throughout my stay at Padua, and in recent years Brother Val was both a friend and a source of support. I regret deeply not having been able to share sooner the news of their deaths with their other friends.

1981 REUNION SCHEDULED

During the 1980 reunion a motion was passed to hold the 1981 reunion in October again since attendance seems to be better in the fall than the summer. Therefore, the 4th Annual Reunion will be held from October 16-18 at Padua. Registration forms will be mailed out in September but you are urged to mark your calendar now. This year the meeting will include election of officers and a discussion on the future direction of the Association.

1980 REUNION NOTES

On August 15, 16, 17, a smaller group than usual gathered to mark the 3rd Annual Reunion. This group gathered at Padua as usual (thanks to the staff of Glen Industries who operate the day treatment center for the mentally retarded in what was formerly Padua's gymnasium building). There was the traditional alumni meeting, a Mass held in conjunction with the parish at St. Mary of the Lake, and the alumni dinner.

During the meeting the following points were discussed:

1. There was a very positive response from the alumni concerning the Association and its reunions but fewer than usual could attend this year's meeting. Notably absent were the President, Tom Malina, who had other commitments, and the Vice President, Tom Wojslawowicz, who has not attended this year's or last year's reunion nor contacted us in the interim.
2. Dues payments were good in 1979 but slacked off in 1980. It was stressed that all printing and postage fees are paid from the treasury and that the high cost of these items requires full participation by all in regard to sending their dues. The newsletter was designated as the official record of alumni minutes.
3. A revised constitution was distributed. It was derived from the original two constitutions and a resolution passed at the 1978 reunion giving the officers the authority to revise and update the constitution and bylaws.
4. Discussion was held regarding membership in the association. A motion was passed creating two membership groups. Permanent members are former Paduans (both those who graduated from Padua and those who attended for one or more years) and their immediate families, with each family group having one vote. Honorary members are neither students nor family members but rather friends, faculty, or benefactors of Padua who desire to be included in the membership of the Association. Such members will include those honored in the "Alumni Hall of Fame". Permanent members can be honored in the "Hall of Fame" under extraordinary circumstances. Honorary members have the option of paying dues. Permanent members must pay annual dues to remain active members. All deceased Paduans will be listed on the "Hall of Fame" plaque.
5. The Constitution was adopted with the above notes incorporated as changes.
6. A motion was passed to the effect that the Association shall request an individual Franciscan to be chaplain of the Association.
7. A discussion reviewing the performance of the current officers was tabled since two officers were not present.
8. John LaSalle suggested by means of a letter that an Oktoberfest be held in the metropolitan New York area and offered his home for the purpose. A motion was passed appointing John as chairperson to organize such an event to be held October 11 and 12, 1980.

9. A discussion was held concerning the raffle sponsored by the Association for the benefit of Padua Alternatives Learning Center. Because this group had changed its membership the Learning Center no longer existed and there was some conflict with the present group regarding the raffle. Therefore a motion was approved to the effect that Paduans be notified that the Learning Center had been abolished and that if anyone who had contributed to the raffle wished his donation returned he should notify the Treasurer. In the meantime, any funds collected for the Learning Center after distribution of the prizes would be held in the alumni treasury pending further developments.

10. Father Joseph Drag was then selected to choose the winners of the raffle. The following names were picked at random from the entries received: 1st Prize - Gus Kuklinski '68; 2nd Prize - Fr. Thomas Kelley '57; 3rd Prize - Sue Mihalik, wife of Richard '60.

11. A motion was passed that the 1981 reunion be held in October and include election of officers. A motion was further passed that the Secretary-Treasurer request bids on the room and dinner reservations and that the Association hold the reunion at the facility offering the lowest bid. (Note: Because of the distance involved I am asking persons planning on attending the reunion to make their own motel reservations this year and that the bid concept be held off until the 1982 reunion.)

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

The Alumni Association is pleased to announce that Brother Casimir Orleanski was chosen as recipient of the 1980 Alumni Hall of Fame Award. Brother Casimir was presented with an individual placque at the annual alumni dinner. He also received a letter of commendation which incorporated some of the comments the alumni had made in nominating him to receive the award. Brother Casimir's name will be enscribed on a permanent placque to be kept with the alumni records.

REMINDERS:

Don't forget - the 1981 reunion is scheduled for October 16-18 in Watkins Glen. Details and registration forms are enclosed with this newsletter. Register now if you plan to attend.

If you have not already done so, please send your 1981 dues in today. (Also your 1980 dues if you are behind.) Dues are still \$6/ year and should be sent to: Reginald Stanczyk, Secretary-Treasurer, 9604 Sterling Drive, Miami, Fl. 33157. (All mail sent to P.O. Box 51, Watkins Glen, will be forwarded to me until after the October 1981 meeting when new officers will be elected.)

Send in your nominations for the recipient of the 1981 Alumni Hall of Fame award.

For those of you who haven't heard, there will be no Grand Prix race in Watkins Glen in October 1981. Also, we extend congratulations to the new Provincial of the Assumption Province and his board. Rev. William Gulas is the new Provincial and Rev. Neal Kaminski is Vice Provincial.