

The Paduan

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Pictured above is view of lake and pool from deck. At right is front view of Longhouse home. Below is view of kitchen and dining area from family room. To view more pictures go to : [2009 Reunion Pictures](#)



Pictured below are some candid shots from the 1960 Siquaeris Yearbook. Members of the class '60 can you ID the individuals pictured. Trivia: Do you remember the translation of Siquaeris ?



From the Editors Laptop

We are into our third year now. Little did I realize after the first issue, that the Alumni Paduan would continue. The basic format seems to have taken shape, but we welcome any new suggestions. Thanks to Reg Stanczyk for contributing the "Tribute and Memories" section, and we hope it will be a regular in saluting one of the Friars and a student.

Unfortunately, we do have obituaries to report. This year was the first for me with the recent death of a fellow classmate. After communicating with fellow classmates and Paduan friends, the first reaction was one of sorrow. However, in all cases the news served as a vehicle to bring back those lost fond memories and good times of our days at Padua.

Please continue to submit any short bio's or noteworthy events in your life such as promotions, retirement, birth of a grandchild, sports accomplishment etc. for the class notes section.

Lastly, I'd like to thank those who have communicated a change in email. Please remember to notify me if you should have a change in your email or home address so you can continue to receive the Paduan Alumni Newsletter. Contact me at: paduan5370@gmail.com

Reunion 2010

The reunion is planned for the weekend of August 13th to the 15th. The Class of 1960 will be celebrating their 50th while the class from 1970 will be celebrating their 40th. Other milestones include the class of 1955's 55th and class of 1965's 45th.

Home base for the Padua Reunion: The Longhouse Manor Home.

Last year was my first reunion and as with any first time experience I did not know what to expect. I thought that the Longhouse Manor Motel on Route 14 was home base. Little did I realize that the Motel was not the home base, but a large home situated

owned by the motel on Abrams Rd adjacent to the motel served as our home base.

Each year the rooms in the home are reserved for Paduan attendees on a first come first serve basis. A few Alumni reserve rooms a year in advance. All rooms must be reserved. So check there first to see if any rooms are available.

The home itself is rather large and contains 8-9 private bedrooms. The lower floor contains a game room complete with pool table, card table and other game activities. The second floor has a huge kitchen and dining area. Also on this floor is large family room area with fireplace, big screen TV, sofa and chairs along with a sit down bar. Directly off the kitchen is a large deck that overlooks Lake Seneca and a private swimming pool and putting green. A third floor balcony overlooks the family room and has exercise equipment. There are private bedrooms on each floor.

The Longhouse Manor home with the assistance of Tom and Barbara Malina Family and Castle Grisch Staff help contribute to the success of our reunions each year. The Manor serves as a continuously operating base of operations for the weekend, where alumni can share residence. Most important we can have our girl (wife) in the room with us. It has all the amenities available for a fun weekend.

Class Notes

1953

Frank Ziggie Zygmuntowicz After Graduating from Padua, Frank entered the NY National Guard. He next enlisted in The US Air Force and after basic training at Sampson AFB in NY Frank went to Beale AFB in California where he was in demand for his basketball skills. He turned that offer down and was on his way to Hahn AFB in Germany for 18 months than to Toul-Rosieres AFB in France. Frank spent the rest of his tour in Europe as a sentry dog handler. He came back to the states in 1958 for a short stint at England AFB in Alexandria La. as an Air Police investigator. Frank met his wife Natalie here. Since Frank was multilingual with Polish and French Frank was later sent to learn Vietnamese then a year in Viet Nam as a translator. After retiring from the Air Force in 1974 he went to work for the State of Florida as a Supervisor of Criminal Investigations helping the state to identify and catch welfare cheats. Frank presently resides in Florida. Frank and Natalie have three daughter and one son and 5 grandchildren.

1962

Rev. Canon Joseph L. Sredzinski, will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of his Ordination at St. Joseph's Parish in Uniontown, PA on Sunday June 13th, 2010.

John and Joyce Mielnik became proud grandparents with the birth of grandson Austin Michael Danyo to Veronica and Michael Danyo Born 2/20/2010

1966

Tony and Christine Specian celebrated the marriage of their daughter Dana Marie to Steven Spero on 1/15/2010.

1967

Reg Stanczyk has completed an overview of the Padua property titled "Glen Springs Resort and Padua Prep 1870-2009, Pictures and Ads With Historical Commentary", focusing mostly on the Glen Springs era but including aspects of Padua's history, especially in terms of its rise and fall. A limited edition was printed and a copy submitted to the Schuyler County Historical Society. There is not a lot of information available about the property and its history. Reg spent a number of years at the property and had some knowledge of the workings of the Franciscan inner community as it related to the demise of Padua and the aftermath. He also gathered information from numerous sources including the Leffingwell family. Kudos to Reg for his efforts to compile a documentary on the Padua property, limited in scope as he says it is. Unfortunately, copies are not available for distribution at this time, although he hopes to make them available in the future.

IN Memory

Rudolph (Edward) Wieszczyk, OFM 1923-2009

Excerpts From: PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER NO. 120

by Fr. Richard Tulko OFM

Baptized and confirmed at St. Florian Church, he attended the parish elementary school. After attending Copernicus Junior High, he moved on to attend Hamtramck Public High School. Graduating in 1942, he applied to the Franciscan Friars in Pulaski WI to join the Order and begin studying for the priesthood. Because he needed studies in Latin he was admitted to St. Bonaventure High School in Sturtevant WI, for a year of intense course work. Edward was invested in the Franciscan Order on June 25, 1944, rather than the traditional August 14th. Entering religious life he took the name of Rudolph, which he kept until his death. Following the traditional course of formation, Rudolph received his BA degree from St. Francis College in Burlington WI, in 1949. Theological studies were completed at Lourdes

Theologate in Cedar Lake, IN, and it was there that he received his minor orders. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 17, 1954, by Bishop Leo Pursley in the parish church in Cook, IN, which is near the seminary. Rudolph's first assignment after ordination was to the faculty of St. Anthony of Padua H.S. and Minor Seminary in Watkins Glen, NY.

John Halicks Class of 62

1944-2009.

Submitted by John LaSalle '62

John Halicks '62 passed away on April 27, 2009 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife Mary Ellen Halicks and a sister. His parents and a brother predeceased him. After completing his studies John found his life's work as a licensed land surveyor for the City of Philadelphia, retiring after a 37 year career. He was licensed in both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as well as the State of New Jersey, and was active in many professional societies. He was well thought by his peers and was selected as an instructor in the Pennsylvania Surveyor Conference post licensing continuing education programs.

While he was with us at Padua, John was active as a camper and in the Scouting program and in fact was continuously active in Boy Scouting and served for decades as a volunteer Scoutmaster. John's father passed away when he was only seven and he was raised by his mother and an uncle. His uncle was a butcher and John picked up the skill and put it to occasional good in the kitchen while in Watkins Glen. He will also be remembered for his skill in running the laundry room. Although John never had any children of his own, he was a mentor and father figure to two generations of Scouts. In fact, many members of his troop were a bit apprehensive about losing him to his new bride and as a result the entire troop was invited to his wedding on October 23, 1976. John will always be remembered for his good cheer and happy laugh even as his classmates kidded him about his girth. His heart was as big as the great outdoors that he loved so much.

His family has established a memorial fund for the Nazareth Academy Grade School in Philadelphia.

Theodore Bieryla- Class of 63
1945-2009

Obituary:

Theodore (Ted) Bieryla, 63, of Carbondale, died December 16, 2009 at Hospice Community Care, Dunmore, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born December 23, 1945 in Scranton, he was the son of the late Ted and Jeanette Swieboda Bieryla, Greenwood section of Moosic. He was a graduate of St. Anthony of Padua School, Watkins Glen, New York and Penn State University, graduating with an Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering. He was a Navy Veteran, serving two years in Guam and four years in Germany, attaining the rank of Petty Officer Third Class. He was self employed in the electronics repair and antique business. He is survived by his companion of 37 years, Lynn Robson, Carbondale, his son, Ted, Jr., Scranton and sisters Barbara Mozeleski, Justus, Pa. and Marie Bieryla, South Abington Township, Pa. and nieces and nephews.

Submitted by Ed Sudol '63

Ted was a most unique person. He had a quiet and unassuming nature yet liked to go on about the things that mattered most to him. During our phone conversations, I could find him very annoying because he would go over the same things over and over again. Because of this, I would cut our phone calls short. He also had his own timetable, which seemed to move i-n-c-r-e-d-i-b-l-y s-l-o-w.

But under that layer, there was a very kind and gentle soul. He once drove down from Carbondale, PA to fix my big screen TV. Without much fanfare, he found the source of the problem, a \$5 fuse

from Radio Shack, then we had dinner together and he drove back. (He also told me how I got screwed by the last repairman.) On another visit, Ted, Mike Asiello '63, my wife Jean and I sat around in the back yard and listened to a story he told about a woman he met by accident and took care of her until the end of her life. She had some kind of disability and, although she had family, she became totally dependent on Ted to take care of her needs. When she died, Ted turned over everything to her family. After he told that story, which I have no reason to doubt knowing Ted, I asked myself 'could I have done the same thing?'. I think that woman needed a guardian angel and Ted was chosen.

When I think about Ted, I say a prayer. If there is a heaven, Ted must already be there. Maybe he'll help get me there too.

Ted's Nieces had this to say about him. Allyson: The Uncle Ted I knew lived his life giving to others. He had a heart of gold and would lend a helping hand any time he could. Whether it was an offer to fix your TV (and he could fix anything!) or a simple gift he found at an auction that reminded him of you, you knew he really cared.

Diane: There was no end to his generosity of his time and heart, and he had rich relationships with friends and family. If Uncle Ted had his last \$10, and you needed \$5, he would give you all \$10 and tell to to pay him back "when you can". He was humble and gentle, and had a smile in his eyes that went straight to his heart. He loved his cats, Coney Island Hot Dogs, Entenmann's Pastry, Country Buffet, Auctions & Flea Markets.

Marianne: he always made her laugh. He had a great sense of humor. And, of course, he always went by "Uncle Ted's Time"! All the family looked forward to seeing him at Holidays, anticipating what games he was going to have for all the kids and wondering what he was going to show up with next.

Clifford (Swish) Swirski Class of 1966

1949-2009

Obituary

Clifford J. Swirski, 60, formerly of Naugatuck CT, Oakdale CT, and Metairie LA, passed away in Sun City Center, FL on November 20, 2009. He is survived by two sons, Jeffrey (Denver CO) and David (Oakdale), who provided his care in recent years. He is also survived by his brother, Robert (Leslie) Swirski, of Prospect CT; his sisters, Florence (Bob) Geida and Judith Flaherty, both of Sun City Center; his former spouse, Linda Swirski, of Oakdale; and a grandchild, Ashton.

Clifford was a graduate of St Anthony of Padua Minor Seminary and Preparatory School (in association with the Catholic University of America). He held an Associates Degree in Mechanical Design Engineering Technology (Wentworth Institute, Boston), and a B.S. in Civil Engineering Technology (Wentworth College of Technology, Boston), graduating Summa Cum Laude. As class president and commencement speaker, he received the college's highest honor, the Beatty Medal for outstanding Scholarship and Excellence.

Clifford worked for close to 15 years at Electric Boat (General Dynamics) in Groton, CT, starting in the Nuclear Engineering Department. He was later chosen to participate in a pilot program at EB, in which engineering staff became certified in, and supervisors of, the submarine shipbuilding trades. Following EB, he worked briefly as a dealer at Foxwoods Casino and as a programmer at Computer Sciences Corporation. He last worked at Avondale Shipyards (Northrop Grumman) in Louisiana, specializing in surface ship engineering.

Submitted by Tony Specian '66

Any one who attended Padua for the

1965-66 school year can associate the “swish” sound of the basketball hitting net with Cliff Swirski. Cliff along with fellow seniors Joe Jurewicz (deceased 1993) and Tom Malina helped lead Padua to a league championship. Cliff had a knack for “swishing” those long jump shots. In his senior year he was a 3-letter man with letters in Soccer, Basketball and Baseball. Cliff was also the number one starting pitcher in his senior year and the thing we remember best was his poise on the mound. Never did you see panic on his face regardless of the situation. Not only did Cliff leave his mark at Padua as an athlete, but also as an excellent student and he served on both the Paduan and Siquaeris staff. Cliff will also be remembered by many with his uncanny sense of humor that would catch you off guard. Cliff you left a positive mark on all who knew you.

Learning of the Death of a Paduan By Reg Stanczyk '67

IT'S A DISTANT MEMORY NOW...
GONE IS THE LONG PORCH OVERLOOKING
THE LAKE
GONE IS THE SERPENTINE SOLARIUM
GONE IS THE TOWER WITH ITS CROSS
GONE, TOO, ARE THE BUILDINGS
THEMSELVES
IT'S ALL A DISTANT MEMORY NOW.

IT'S A DISTANT MEMORY NOW...
GONE IS THE SOUND OF THE MORNING
WAKE UP BELL
GONE IS THE SOUND OF THE CALL TO
CLASS BELL
GONE IS THE SOUND OF THE RECTOR'S
BELL AT MEALS
GONE, TOO, IS THE SOUND OF THE BELL
AT MASS
IT'S ALL A DISTANT MEMORY NOW.

IT'S A DISTANT MEMORY NOW...
GONE IS BROTHER CASIMER'S SMILING

FACE HELPING HEAL A SICK STUDENT
GONE IS THE DISCIPLINARIAN'S STERN
GLANCE KEEPING US IN OUR PLACE
GONE IS A FRIAR'S WELCOMING LOOK AT
THE START OF A NEW YEAR
GONE, TOO, IS EVEN THE LAST REMAINING
FRIAR FROM THE GROUNDS
IT'S ALL A DISTANT MEMORY NOW.

WHAT REMAINS ARE FRIENDSHIPS AND
MEMORIES,
FADED PHOTOS, YELLOWING YEARBOOKS,
WRINKLED PIECES OF PAPER,
STORIES OF GOOD TIMES AND BAD, SOME
HAPPY, SOME SAD,
IT WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE PLACE, WITH
REMARKABLE PEOPLE,
SOME GONE, SOME REMINISCING, NONE
FORGOTTEN
YET IT'S ALL BUT A FADING MEMORY NOW.

I woke up several days ago with those thoughts swirling in my head. Today we find out that Clifford Swirski, Class of 1966, passed on to his new life November 20, 2009. The surprise of that news is compounded by the fact that it took over two months for us to learn of his death. Knowing that there is no sorrow nor any tears in heaven makes any momentary sadness transform quickly into a joyful realization that Cliff and all Paduans who have passed from this life are now living in God's presence in happiness. I find as I grow older that I have a confidence that there is life after death of the body, and a life that is truly more bountiful and expansive than the limitations of this physical world. It is something we can look forward to eagerly, giving our all in service here yet knowing soon the moment will come when we can say “Free, free at last, thank God I am free at last!”. Yes, an obituary brings thoughts of mortality, my personal mortality. I am ready to meet my Lord. I do not feel there is anything left for me to accomplish in order to be received by Him. That is, whatever judgment God is going to render to me on my life will not be changed one iota by anything that happens whether

I live one more day, one more week, one more month, one more year, one more decade, or longer! I am comfortable in His presence now or whenever my time here on earth is up and intend to give my all each day until He calls me.

It is the mundane things in my life that I wonder about. Have I prepared my house, my possessions, my last wishes? Will those closest to me be taken care of? Will they be able to handle what needs to be done? Why in the world have I accumulated so much junk?

Not having seen Cliff since he graduated a year before me, I am struck by the fact that my memories of him are vignettes of Padua: Cliff on the championship basketball team, Cliff as a junior in the dorms, Cliff serving food in the dining room. He always struck me as a good person and someone to look up to as an example and as a Paduan. Any sadness I feel is not for the thought of where Cliff is now (I hear heaven is a great place to be!), but rather a sense of regret that so many of us lost touch with him, did not know of his life after Padua, did not know of his difficulties over his last several years, and that we were not able to make his last days joyful as Paduans.

It is a joy to have connected again with some of those I knew from Padua. There are many more who are either unable to be found or who choose not to engage. Whenever you hear of the passing of a Paduan, whether you knew him personally or not, perhaps you can use it as an occasion to connect again with someone from your time at Padua. Each one is special and each Paduan's passing, while it creates joy in heaven, leaves one more empty spot in our ranks on earth.

Sports

Last year a group of Alumni took in a golf outing and had such a good time they went back a second time the following day. This is available as an option for this years reunion. [Watkins Glen Course](#) owned by Greg Coons a former Padua student. Something can be set up by contacting Greg.

Alternate Directions To Watkins Glen

For those coming from the East to Padua may want a change of pace from a major highway. The directions below will shave about 15 miles off the distance travelled and take you through some scenic country roads. Gas stations are few and far apart, cell phone coverage may not be available during certain stretches of road. Be forewarned your Verizon Cell phone map may find some holes.

From Route 17N which is now called I-86 the Southern Tier Expressway take exit # 64 – Owego.

Follow signs for Route 96N. You will go over the Susquehanna River into the historical area of Owego for 1 block and make a right and then one short block and make a left. (you are on 96)

Drive approximately 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles into and through the Village of Candor and bear left staying on Route 96N. Not 96B.

Drive approximately 9 miles into and through the Village of Spencer keep going straight through the major intersection and you will now be on Route 34 South. – If you make a right at the light in Spencer onto Routes 96 & 34N you will land up in Ithaca. Drive approximately 3 miles into and through the Village of Van Etten and onto Route 224N

Drive approximately 20 miles through Cayuta, Odessa and into Montour Fall and onto Route 14N and then 3 miles to Watkins Glen.

Things to do when Visiting Watkins Glen

by John Mielnik

How far and how much will it cost to Drive to [Watkins Glen](#)?

Yes the [Glen](#) is still there and open.

Museums: [Corning Museum of Glass](#), [Glenn Curtiss Museum](#)

Cruises: [Captain Bill's Seneca Cruises](#), [Seneca Day Sails](#) , [Esperanza Rose](#)
Shopping: [The Windmill](#), [Waterloo Premium Outlets](#), Waterloo Market Street – Corning

Places to Dine: [Castle Grisch](#) ; [Edgar's in Belhurst Castle](#) ; [Seneca Harbor Station](#)

Places to Stay: [Villager Motel](#) , [Idlwilde Inn](#), [Glen Harbor Hotel](#), [Longhouse Lodge](#)
[10 \\$ Seneca Wine](#) tour submitted by Mike Asiello '63

Did You Know ?

By Reg Stanczyk '67

- why the gym was delayed in being built? (Supply shortages due to the Korean War)
- why the bowling alley was never put in? (We were told the money went to St. Bonaventure's in Wisconsin to help them rebuild but the gym was completed in 1953 and St. Bonaventure did not burn until later.)
- when was the fire at St. Bonaventure, Padua's sister school? (January 31, 1956)
- how many rectors Padua had? (Four)
- who they were and when they "ruled"? (Fr. Claude Zabinski, summer 1949-June 1960; Fr. Hyacinth Kuklinski, summer 1960-June 1966; Fr. Emil Rakowski, summer 1966-June 1968; Fr. Humphrey Tobias, summer 1968-June 1970)
- who built the lab tables? (Br. Felix, who also built many desks, altars, and other items for the school)
- who donated the pews and kneelers most of us used? (Rev. Benedict Ehmman, pastor of St. Mary's in Watkins Glen, when he remodeled the church circa 1951)

- who cut the church pews to size to fit the chapel? (Br. Felix. Fr. Emil and others helped sand and refinish them)

- when the statue of St. Anthony of Padua at the entrance of the school arrived? (February 1, 1953, after a two year delay)

- where the statue of St. Anthony ended up after the school closed? (I wish I knew!)

Padua Prep Website

Webmaster Chad Orloski has redesigned the paduaprep.com website. It now has the option to enter the site with the nostalgic/vintage look as we remember it, or to enter the site through an ultra-modern design.

Facebook Experiment.

We have about 50 alumni Paduans linked on facebook. This will hopefully help us keep in contact and serve as a mechanism to find lost Paduans. The paduaprep.com still remains our homebase and The St Anthony of Padua Watkins Glen NY facebook group links to paduaprep website.

Padua Prep Hats available

A limited number of embroidered Padua Prep caps in brown are available for \$15 (plus \$5 S & H). These can also be viewed on the Gallery at the [PaduaPrep.com site](#). Please check with paduans@mac.com for availability. Also available is the embroidery designs that were digitized and can easily create more Padua articles (caps or whatever).

Padua PrepMouse pads available.

We have a very limited number of mousepads with a picture of Padua in it's Glory days. Cost is \$10 (plus \$3 1st Class or \$4.90 priority shipping). Please email me at paduan5370@gmail.com for availability. First come first serve.





TRIBUTE AND MEMORIES

HYACINTH KULINSKI, OFM

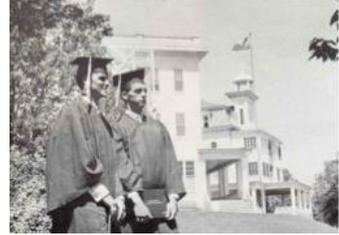
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At Padua from 1957-1966. Served as Rector from 1960-1966. Entered the Order August 14, 1935, ordained June 17, 1943. Before coming to Padua he worked at St. Bonaventure Prep in Wisconsin. He returned there after leaving Padua until 1986 when that school's closing and health problems forced his retirement. He died of heart problems.

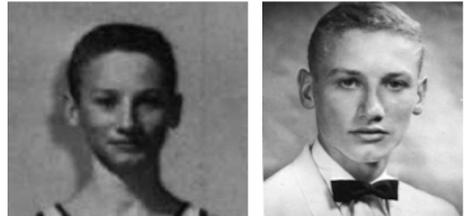
BACK WHEN



BACK THEN



THEN AND NOW...



John Mlynarski Class of 1967

DO YOU REMEMBER...

- ...Who won the all Paduan award in 1967? (John Mlynarski of course!)
- ...Saturday night cleaning crews?
- ...Saturday night educational movies?
- ...Sunday night movies?
- ...Your favorite brother cook?
- ...Your least favorite brother cook?
- ...Your roommates for all four years?
- ...Your locker number(s)?
- ...Wednesday afternoon work assignments?
- ...Sunday town permission?
- ...Padua's expert carpenter?



**"Those were the days, my friends,
We thought they'd never end.
We thought they'd last forever and a day"**

Contributed by Reggie Stanczyk, Class of 1967

"Ziggy, Ziggy, Ziggy, if I told you once, I told you a thousand times..." Those of us who knew Hyacinth as Latin teacher, Rector, or simply as faculty member at Padua remember the caricatures readily. Sometimes smiling and easygoing, sometimes stern, always dedicated to the good of Padua, Hyacinth may not have been the best Latin teacher (after our three years with him we had Austin in our senior year who was so frustrated at how little we knew that he stopped trying to teach us formal Latin and had us memorize Latin proverbs!), but he was a good man and a competent administrator who led Padua during some of its best growth years.

It was Hyacinth who oversaw much of the remodeling of Padua, the meeting of state education standards, the replacement of the old army surplus beds with new Hollywood beds, and the efforts to keep the school financially solvent. If he was distracted during Latin class, maybe it was because he had so much on his mind dealing with building codes, education requirements, the faculty and their problems, and the students. He was popular with the various Padua auxiliary associations from the New Jersey and New York areas, and Mother's Day celebrations were always a huge social event during his time as Rector.

It was a devastating blow to our class (1967) to return from vacation in September 1966 and find out that he had been transferred along with a large number of other friars in what was, in my opinion, a misguided effort to shake things up at the school and the start of its eventual demise and closing. The loss of Hyacinth as Rector (replaced by Fr. Emil) was like losing the respected and revered captain of a ship three quarters of the way through the voyage. We had adjusted to his style, and whether we knew it or not, were the product of his molding. Our senior year was made incredibly difficult without his presence.

As I noted on the Padua website, I remember coming back to the school (after town permission maybe? or perhaps a home visit?) and finding Hyacinth laughing, yet shook up, outside the carport entry, with the entry door propped open airing out smoke from a fire. He was shaking dust off his habit and there was an empty fire extinguisher or two nearby. Remember the stairway to the basement just inside the entry door (to the right, behind the bursar's office)? Apparently a fire had started in the basement and Hyacinth had single handedly saved the school (at least that's how I remember it) from burning down. Knowing how the friars were impacted when St. Bonaventure burned down in Wisconsin, you can imagine Hyacinth's panic. It all turned out okay and I never did find out what started the fire in the basement.

I never saw Hyacinth after he left Padua, even during my years as a friar. It is only lately that I have come to realize how much I personally owe to him. While there were many Franciscans at Padua who influenced, formed, molded, and inspired me, now in my later years I have come to realize that Fr. Hyacinth deserves an enormous amount of credit and gratitude for the fact that he allowed me to even attend Padua. Although he was Rector for three years of my stay there and my not-so-successful Latin teacher, those are not the elements that deserve thanks. It is simply the fact that he truly was an instrument of God, who heard my prayers through Mary, to allow me to attend Padua.

When the Franciscan priest (Fr. Maynard) visited my elementary school to look for students to enter the minor seminary, it was my brother who went there a year before me. I never understood why he went, and he definitely did not like it and left after his freshman year to return to Sacred Heart High School in Syracuse where he became an all-city basketball star. Meanwhile, I had initially been turned down for entrance by Fr. Maynard, with his rationale being that the Franciscans could not give two scholarships to the same family. However when my brother decided not to go back I seized the opportunity. Unbeknownst to my mother, I applied on my own and wrote directly to the Rector, Fr. Hyacinth, pleading my case to be admitted, even though classes had already started in Syracuse. I honor Fr. Hyacinth as an instrument of God in that he personally accepted me to Padua, in spite of Fr. Maynard's objections. How different my life would have been if he had not done so. It was one of the first times I remember consciously praying to the Blessed Virgin to intervene on my behalf and I am convinced she did so.

In addition, I more and more appreciate the fact that knowing we were poor, Hyacinth regularly paid for my bus fare to go home for the holidays, often slipping me an extra ten dollars or so to help with food over the vacation period. That type of quiet Franciscan charity stands out in my mind today, even though during my years at Padua I never appreciated consciously what Hyacinth was doing for me, for the school, and for all Paduans. May this acknowledgement obviate the fact that I never sufficiently thanked him at Padua. It is an absolutely profound and disquieting thought to realize that without Hyacinth's direct intervention I never would have been a Paduan and my life would have been dramatically different. My love for Padua has always been grounded in the belief that it was an act of divine providence and part of God's plan for my life that I attend that very special and blessed school. I have Hyacinth to thank for making it a reality.



Paduan Staff and Contributors.

John Gryszan '63, John LaSalle '62, John Mielnik '62, Chad Orłowski '65, Tom Malina '66, Tony Specian '66, Reg Stanczyk '67, Ed Sudol '63

Padua Reunion 2010

August 13 - 15

There are 5 rooms left to be booked at the Longhouse Manor House. These rooms must be booked, so please check with the Longhouse Manor Home to book before you book elsewhere. Any questions check with Tom Malina at tmmwine@aol.com

Arrive Friday - August 13

Gather at the Longhouse Manor after arrival for friendship, reuniting and conversations (snacks and beverages provided)

Dinner at the Castel Grisch Winery and Restaurant - 7 PM

Return to the Longhouse Manor for more friendship and 'story telling'!

Saturday - August 14

Breakfast and morning on your own

Noon - Lunch catered at the Longhouse Manor (sandwich fixings, salads, fruit, beverages)

After lunch - brief discussion about Padua property and about Padua alumni group (visit to Padua property for those interested)

5 PM - Mass at St. Mary's of the Lake Church (hopefully those from the Class of '60 will read and serve)

7 PM - Dinner at the Montage Restaurant at the Glen Motor Inn

Following dinner return for friendship, beverages, snacks at the Longhouse Manor

Sunday - August 15

Breakfast on your own

Meet at the Longhouse Manor to say good bye for 2010!

Please return bottom portion to Tom Malina : (If you are having a hard time finding rooms, email Tom Malina

(tmmwine@aol.com) he will do what he can to help you)

Name: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____ state _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Number of guests _____ \$100 per person (covers meals, refreshments, snacks)

Please make check payable to:

Tom Malina
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Montour Falls, N.Y. 14865