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AN APOLOGY

In the March '79 issue of The Paduan, we erroneously listed Thomas Kelley, '56, as deceased. Fr. Tom is alive, well, and working hard at a parish in Washington, D.C.. We apologize to him for the error, and thank all those who relayed information to us about his whereabouts.

In addition, we would like to correct another error. Richard Chodnicki, '53, wrote to inform us that we had interchanged his name and that of Thomas Colihan, '53, in the picture caption. Sorry!

1979 ALUMNI REUNION

Gas prices and shortages notwithstanding, the 1979 reunion is still on! Final dates have been set and alumni are urged to make plans now to attend. The reunion is scheduled for October 19, 20, 21, from Friday evening through Sunday noon, with most of the activities taking place on Saturday. The 1979 reunion will mark the 25th anniversary of the graduation of the Class of '54 and the 10th anniversary of the graduation of the Class of '69. The reunion is intended for all alumni, but special mention is made of these two classes so that they might plan on having as many present as possible.

Any alumni interested in attending the 1979 reunion are requested to return the enclosed preliminary registration slip now so that a list of possible "attendees" can be printed in the September issue of The Paduan.

We will attempt to offer full services for the reunion, from low-cost accommodations and meals to baby-sitters if needed. Final plans will be ready by September.

"OPERATION UPDATE"

Little by little the new Padua Alumni Association is taking shape. Contact with alumni is being re-established, information on new addresses is being obtained, and dues collection has begun. The response has been good so far.

However, we are far short of the goal of reaching all alumni. We need the help of each of you in order for "Operation Update" to succeed. If we are reaching you, let us know by confirming your address and sending in your dues. (Dues are currently \$6.00 per year - one-half of what they used to be!) If you have current addresses on any other alumni, please send them to us. Each issue we will try to print a partial listing of "Lost Alumni". Help us to locate them!

"LOST ALUMNI"

This issue focuses on the Class of '54 on its 25th graduation anniversary, and the Class of '69 on its 10th graduation anniversary.

Class of '54

Ernest Lominac
Conrad Olszewski
Edward O'Neil
Bernard Petrick
Lawrence Pijanowski
John Pilch
John Pojawis
John Rentflejs
Matthias Yurko

Class of '69

Donald Breault
Zenon Dawidowicz
Kevin Glynn
Stephan Hamilton
Stephen Jurewicz

Robert Nick
Witold Plucienkowski
John Pludrzynski
George Popko
Alan Ratkowski
Gerald Silkiewicz
Edward Slodyczka
Michael Zwierzynski

PADUA CIRCA 1905:



ALUMNI UPDATES

(We'll try to print a few each issue so keep the information coming! We can only print it if we have it!)

Thomas Colihan '53 - Berwyn Hts., Md., married, two children: son 18, daughter 14. Assumption Seminary, Tx. 1954-58; U.S. Army 1958-60; Investigator with the Federal Aviation Agency and Dept. of Transportation, Wash. D.C., 1960 to present.

Joseph Kuchinski '54 - Lebanon, N.J., married (Alice), two children: Mary Ann 20, Joe Jr. 11. Attended Rutgers University for one and a half years; working for Public Service Electric and Gas Co. for 18 yrs.; presently senior bookkeeper.

Leonard Dmuchowski '55 - E. Northport, N.Y., married, two children: daughter 17, son 16. Attended Fordham University 2 yrs. business school; employed by Equitable Life Assurance Society 1955-65; N.Y.P.D. 1965- present.

Joseph Tereskiewicz '56 - Bridgeport, Ct., married (Carmela), two children: Christopher 11, Melissa 7. Attended college for two years, served six years in the National Guard, currently employed as a mechanical and architectural designer.

Rev. John Liczner, O.F.M. '57 - Green Bay, Wi., ordained a priest in 1962. Served on the preaching mission band and as member of the formation team. Received master's degree from Aquinas Institute of Theology. Presently novice master for the Assumption Province.

Stephen Kurpiel '58 - Copiague, N.Y., married (Irene), three children: Kenneth 9, Philip 7, and Stephanie 2. Attended St. John's U. for one year; worked three years for Singer Sewing Machine Co.; joined Burroughs Corp. in '62; drafted in '63; returned to Burroughs Corp. in '65; presently working as a field engineer specialist and group leader repairing computer systems and data communication systems.

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PADUA TODAY:





HELP US IDENTIFY THIS PICTURE! (We think it was taken around 1955 and have identified Fr. Adrian and Joe Pastwik.)



Fr. Claude in the early days.



Graduation day June 1967. Why does everyone look so sad?



Members of the Class of '67 at the 1978 reunion:
Donald Prelich, Anthony Dabrowski, Reginald Stanczyk,
Andrew Zawoyski, Joseph Bartnikiewicz, Christopher
Franzese, and Martin Rembisz.

PADUA'S FRANCISCANS

The following Paduans are presently members of the Franciscan Order:

- Rev. Richard Olszewski '53 Philadelphia, Pa.
- Rev. Conrad Shepanski (Szczepanski) '53 Chaplain U.S.A.F.
- Rev. Richard Tulko '55 Burlington, Wi.
- Rev. Gerald Prusakowski '56 Sturtevant, Wi.
- Rev. Bruno (Florian) Kowalczyk '57 Belmont, N.C.
- Rev. John Liczner '57 Green Bay, Wi.
- Rev. Stanley Janowski P.G. '56-'57 Philadelphia, Pa.
- Rev. John-Joseph (Sigmund) Stryewski P.G. '56-'57 Philadelphia, Pa.
- Rev. Joel (Francis) Szydlowski '58 Philadelphia, Pa.
- Rev. Stephen Malkiewicz '60 Milwaukee, Wi.
- Rev. John Tulko '63 Sturtevant, Wi.
- Rev. Christopher (Thomas) Janowski '64 Chicago, Il.
- Bro. Chad (Stanley) Orlowski '65 Clinical Psychologist - Rhode Island
- Bro. Xavier (Paul) Smith '68 Milwaukee, Wi.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(We received some encouraging letters from alumni in response to the March issue of The Paduan. We are taking the liberty of printing parts of some of them here.)

"Fantastic newsletter. Very well written. We are twice as sorry now for not coming up in October. However, Frank is Stauffer Chemical Company's Labor Attorney and they were in the middle of contract negotiations. We are coming up in October of '79... Frank and I have been married since September 3, 1955. First alumni to be married (he was 19, I was 18). Our daughters are Karen 21 1/2, Judith 19 1/2, and Susan 17 1/2... Regards and Good Luck,

Frank and Cecilia Czajkowski '53"

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"Through the kindness of Mr. Thomas Tulko, '56, I have in my possession a copy of the Alumni newsletter dated March 1979.

In this season of the Resurrection of Christ you have helped me to celebrate the Season in a very meaningful way since you had me listed as deceased. I can understand how the mistake was made since my Dad and I shared the same name. My Father died in 1968 and the Post Office thought the mail was addressed to him.

As for my own comings and goings - I was ordained a Priest for the Archdiocese of Washington in 1967. Today, April 16, 1979, my appointment as Pastor of Assumption Church became effective.

It was indeed good news to hear a segment of the Alumni is interested in reviving a proud heritage that was born atop the hills at Watkins Glen. I can speak from my own experience of the friendships made during my days there ought to be given the opportunity to be renewed.

...Please keep up the good effort and keep us informed about our friends. Sincerely,

Father Tom Kelley '56"

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"What a happy surprise to open an envelope and find a Paduan in it. I read it through twice because I couldn't believe it. It made me choke up a little.... As for me, I remarried since the last Alumni meeting I attended... My wife's name is Donna and my daughter's is Deirdre (1 1/2 yr. old). I'm still a mixologist (bartender) - been doing it for 20 yrs.. I enjoy it and meet a lot of important people. I'm living in Boca Raton, Fla.... We just love it here.

Well, that's all for now. Please keep up the good work. I hope to make it in October if possible... Sincerely,

Thaddeus Perzanowski '56"

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"Attached is my check for \$6.00 for the Alumni dues for 1979. I was unable to attend the 1978 reunion because I was working in Central America. I expect to leave shortly

for Brazil where I will be working for Exxon for the next two years in the area of oil exploration. However, send to my New York address any Alumni publications. Keep up the good work.

Phil Tereskiewicz '58"

(Editor's note: Now that's what I call dedication - sending in dues when you know you'll be out of the country! How about sending back some gas, Phil?!)

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"With the arrival of today's mail, I could hardly believe my eyes taking in the familiar logo. My wife, Eileen, couldn't imagine what all the shouting was for her to come into the kitchen. I just re-read the newsletter for the 10th time and with more enthusiasm than I read my diploma on graduation day...

...I wanted to write immediately to salute this very special renewal and to congratulate and thank the newly elected officers for a job well done... With personal best regards, I am, Very Truly Yours,

Joseph Marciniak '60"

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"In your next issue of the alumni newsletter please make special mention that it will be 10 years for the glorious class of '69. Please encourage all to attend. Mary and I will hold all weekends open in October.

Ed Scarp '69"

ALUMNI UPDATES (Cont.)

Joseph Strychasz '59 - Buffalo, N.Y., married, three children: Jennifer 7, Amy 5, Jonathan 2. From 1959-67 was a member of the Franciscan Order; 67-68 U. of Notre Dame; 68-69 teacher and got married; 69-71 social worker; 71-73 U. Of Connecticut M.S.W.; 73-75 employed at Catholic Charities in Buffalo; 75- present employed as a psychiatric social worker at V.A. Medical Center.

Kenneth Joswick '60 - Bridgeton, N.J., married, one child: Alexander 3. Employed by Public Service Electric and Gas Co.; operates and controls nuclear reactor at Salem Nuclear Generating Station.

(Although we have names and addresses of members of the class of '61, we do not have any current biographical information.)

Rev. Joseph Sredzinski '62 - New Kensington, PA., ordained a priest in 1970. Served in three parishes in Western Pa.. Currently at St. Mary of Czestochowa Church.

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ALUMNI UPDATES (Cont.)

- Roland Benedek '63 - Montour Falls, N.Y., married (Jolanta), two children: Karl 5, Emily 1 1/2. Graduated Alliance College in 1968 with a B.S. in Biology and Chemistry. Employed at A&P in the non-food R&D laboratory.
- Rev. Joseph Bialoncik '64 - San Benito, Tx., ordained a priest in 1973. Appointed pastor of San Ignatius Church in 1978, along with its two missions in La Paloma and Las Rucas.
- Byron Nied '65 - Dubuque, Iowa, married, two daughters 6 and 4, and "one baby on the way". Member of the Franciscan Order 1965-72. Married in 1972. M.A. in counseling. Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry Co-ordinator at a parish in Dubuque; works at five other part-time counseling and social work positions and sings as a wedding vocalist.
- Daniel Poplawski '66 - Newtown, Ct., married (Barbara), one daughter: Katrina 6. Attended Penn State for awhile; studied electronics; worked for Norden Div. of United Tech. 69-75; '75-79 employed by General Data Communications Industries. Currently Systems Supervisor and Sch. Production Control.
- Anthony Dabrowski '67 - Philadelphia, Pa., married (Stephanie). Enlisted U.S.M.C. 1967-71. Attended Community College of Philadelphia 1971-73; member of Phila. fire dept. 1973- present; also studying for A.A.S. degree in fire science.
- Paul Lesczynski '68 - New Brunswick, N.J., single. B.A. Rutgers University; National Council Soviet and American Youth Friendship (representative to Soviet Union for cultural/educational exchange); spent two years as sales person in commodities; presently program co-ordinator for educational television at DITV - Rutgers U. - and working on master's degree.
- Kevin Skislock '69 - Scarsdale, N.Y., single. B.S. in economics Villanova U. 1973; MBA in Finance and Business Economics, U. of Chicago 1975; '75 - present employed as securities analyst for Citibank. Writes music for piano and guitar.
- James Gomiela '70 - Long Island City, N.Y., single. B.A. in Anthropology 6/79; employed as a gymnastics teacher in a private boys school for the last three years; has his own trucking business and works as a bartender/host during the summer. Plans to run in the New York City Marathon this year.

REMEMBER -

- THE 1979 REUNION IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 19, 20, 21. PLAN TO ATTEND!
- UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS FOR OUR FILES
- SEND IN YOUR 1979 DUES NOW IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO
- HELP US LOCATE "LOST ALUMNI"