



# The Tower

St. Anthony's Seminary Alumni Association Newsletter  
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## WHAT? IS IT REUNION TIME ALREADY??!

Hello Again SAS Alumni,

I am quite convinced that time has sped up the last few years, or so it seems; but then again I remember my dad saying the very same thing when he was my current age! ☺ I hope you are all having a beautiful spring. It has been a warm spring here in the Phoenix area, and it seems like every tree is full of blossoms, and lots of *pollen!*

Once again we will have our **SAS All-Class Reunion** on the grounds of our Alma Mater, with all meals being served in the refectory. Come by for an hour or for all four days. You decide which meals you would like to attend, and you pay for only those meals. We are totally flexible. Since 2007, we adopted a "build your own reunion" format which seems to be working well. This year will be MY Class's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion and we are hoping that many of the Class of 1967 Jaguars will be in attendance. But, as always, remember that each reunion is an ALL-CLASS affair, so



in the spirit of Fr. Finbar and Fr. Alberic we say "Welcome one and all!" ☺ It is a great time to renew old friendships, and even start up new ones!

**This year we also honor the classes of 1947, 1957, 1977, and 1987!** All reunion information is at the end of this newsletter; and it is also at [www.SASalumni.org](http://www.SASalumni.org). This will be my last one as the reunion coordinator before turning it over to Jose Rubio, Class of '75. **The dates this year are July 20, 21, 22, 23. Hope to see you there!** Here are a couple of photos from 1967, 50 years ago!:



## ANOTHER MINI-REUNION...

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, a few of us gathered at Marco Orlando's ('59) place here in the Phoenix area. It was a great evening of food and fellowship. I know the names of the guys, but I forget the names of the spouses, sorry. Starting on the left and going around the table clockwise are Ron Langdon ('60), the next woman and man were Ron's guests from England. Then Marco in the blue shirt, next is Fr. Ignatius DeGroot OFM ('56), Mike Roy ('60), Jozef DeGroot ('60), and Tom Savage ('60). We enjoyed a variety of conversation, and the weather was perfect for dining alfresco!



## GENERAL ALUMNI NEWS

**Thank you** once again to all who sent in voluntary dues for 2017. It is very much appreciated; and as we have mentioned before, this really helps to keep the association going. Not too much has been added to either site lately, but now that both are upgraded we will be able to add more. One thing that is kind of “cool” however is in the “SAS Timeline” on the alumni site. ( [www.SASalumni.org](http://www.SASalumni.org) ) If you go to “1938” it mentions the new basketball courts built near the refectory. But also there, you can click and see a short 8mm movie of the court’s dedication, and also an article from a 1938 *Antonian* that mentions Fr. Hugh doing that very filming! Click on the thumbnail of the article and it will open to a readable size. It is our ‘cheap’ way of trying to make the site a bit more ‘interactive.’

Bob Murray, Class of 1959, emailed me and said that after several years of training, he is now a Spiritual Assistant in the St. Francis Region of the Secular Franciscan Order. He has been appointed to the Immaculata Fraternity in Riverside CA. Here is a website that may be of interest: <http://www.stfrancisregion.org>

Congratulations to the following Jubilarians: As a member of the OFMs: 70 years- Nevin Ford. 60 years- Maurice Peltier, Roy Rivas, Joachim Grant. 50 years- Roland Rovere, Vincent Mesi, Dennis Duffy. 25 years - Nicholas Ronalter, Keith Warner, Daniel Barica. Years ordained as a Franciscan priest: 60 years- Warren Rouse. 50 years- Patrick Evard, Ed Fronske. 30 years- Gary Swirczynski. And 25 years- Michael Harvey & Thomas Herbst. Thanks to all of you for your dedication to the work of the Gospel through the many means utilized by the Franciscan Order! ( And thank you to *WestFriars* publication for this info.)



For those of you in the vicinity of Santa Barbara: On Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5 PM, Garden Street Academy (the school now at SAS) will be having a concert, in the chapel, dedicated to the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the completion of the chapel! They will be performing music from the 1969 SAS Choristers’ album, *Celebration!* The event will include numbers performed by kindergarteners, and by students all the way through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. You can contact Ian Putnam at [iputnam@gardenstreetacademy.org](mailto:iputnam@gardenstreetacademy.org) for more info.



The Santa Barbara Province has announced that the Interprovincial Novitiate will be moved from Wisconsin to Old Mission Santa Barbara this summer. A while back, the novitiate program for all seven U.S. provinces was consolidated in Wisconsin, but now it will be at OMSB. The Santa Barbara Provincial said: “Founded in 1786, the Franciscan community in Santa Barbara is the oldest continuance Franciscan presence in the United States.” All the best to the Franciscans in this new endeavor! (And thank you to *Franciscan Bridges* publication for this news)

I have received word that several more of our brothers have passed away. Fr. Gavin Griffith OFM (Class of 1956) died March 11<sup>th</sup>. He was known for his extensive work with the AA program, and he also celebrated a weekly “Mass for Shut-Ins” in the Phoenix area for many years. Sometimes my mother and I would attend the tapings and be part of the small studio “congregation.” I was able to attend his funeral Mass at St. Mary’s in Phoenix. It was a very moving experience.



Dave Harman, (Class of 1956), passed on March 24<sup>th</sup> after an illness. He was at the 2016 reunion celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup>. In fact, he came to several in the past few years. He had a great love of flying, and was a flight instructor. He was also a great amateur photographer, and always had his camera ‘at the ready.’ In the recent past he had sent me many great photos that he took around SAS.

Don McCord, (Class of 1972), died suddenly on February 11<sup>th</sup>. One of his classmates stated, “Don was a very fun guy. He was always a ‘planner’ and someone who looked ahead. He excelled in mechanical and electrical projects like auto shop and lighting for class plays. We will all miss him.”

Fr. Ervan Beers OFM, (Class of 1947), passed away on January 20<sup>th</sup>. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1955, and served in many parishes throughout the province, leading a very simple, holy life. He was 93 years old.

And I just heard that Paul Vogel, (Class of 1958), died recently, but I have no further information at this time. O Lord, may the Perpetual Light shine upon them, and may they rest in peace. Amen

**I hope you all had a very Happy Easter. Happy Spring!** Sincerely, Steve Rath's '67, Director 480-831-6205  
**===REUNION INFO FOLLOWS===**

## GENERAL INFORMATION for the 2017 REUNION

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Dates: July 20, 21, 22, 23, 2017

Come one, come all to the Annual "All-Class" SAS Alumni Reunion!

It will be held on the grounds of our Alma Mater.

Anyone who ever attended St. Anthony's Seminary, *for any period of time*, is invited to participate. Spouses and guests are also welcome, but must be at least 18 years of age. (Insurance)

See below to register to attend...EASY AS 1, 2, 3...

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### 1) REGISTRATION: (Please read thoroughly!)

- The cut-off date for registration is July 4, 2017. We have to be firm with that date in order to get all the meals ordered and everything else squared away in time.

- Please see the Registration Form, (attached), print it, and fill it in completely.

- You pay for only the meals that you want to attend. See meal prices below and on the form. They are very comparable to meals in most Santa Barbara restaurants and they are *all-inclusive*. No tip and no dishshift! Good company too! (Prepaid "meal tickets" will be given to you at the reunion.)

- Also, on the registration form, please indicate if you plan to attend the Sunday Brunch at the El Paseo Restaurant at 10:30 AM on Sunday. This is so we can make a group reservation.

- And, to help defray the cost of campus rental, etc., there is a \$45 reunion fee. (\$15 for guests) (See this on the Registration Form also.) Then, total all the figures for you (and your guest).

- We ask that everyone who plans to attend, in any capacity, to please fill in the "Registration Form", and mail it in, **even if no meals are needed**, or even if you only plan to just "stop by" for a while.

- That will give us a full count of attendees, and give us time to prepare name tags, etc, which must be worn at all times while on the campus.

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### 2) MEALS: (All meals are served in the refectory; except Sunday Brunch.)

- **Breakfast - You are on your own for breakfast.** (Most motels have a continental breakfast)

- **Noon - Lunch Buffet: \$15** (Includes beverage, entree, sides, and dessert)

- **6 PM - Dinner Buffet: \$20** (Includes beverage, entree, sides, and dessert.)

- **10:30 AM - Sunday Brunch - \$35 - This price includes ALL!** : MANY brunch entrees, a non-alcoholic beverage, and all taxes, *and* tip at the historic *El Paseo* in downtown Santa Barbara.

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### 3) PAYMENT

- The Association must pay for all meals and campus rental in advance, so that is why we ask that every attendee pay in advance, as well. Thank you.

- Please note that we **cannot** accept any reunion fees or meal monies "at the door." Sorry!

- Please mail (or scan and e-mail) your completed Registration Form by July 4, 2017, along with your check or money order to: SASAA, Steve Raths, 5433 S. Holbrook Lane, Tempe, AZ 85283

- You can also pay via "**PayPal**" on the "Reunion Sign-Up" page on the website.

## GENERAL SCHEDULE for the 2017 REUNION\*

\*All "events" are "optional"; but, as a courtesy to all, please be prompt to the activities that you do want to attend. Thanks!

### Thursday: July 20

- **4 to 6 PM - Welcome all!** "Check-in" begins in the SAS refectory. Sort of like those "first days back" of olde... get name badges/meal tickets; then there's free time to re-connect with old friends and classmates; walk around campus; see the new kitchen, etc. (Friday arrivals may, of course, check in on Friday.)

- **6 PM - Opening Dinner** and meal blessing in the refectory. (All meals must be prepaid, but lucky you, there's NO dishshift! :)

- **7 to 9 PM - Welcome Reception** / Social time / Free refreshments in refectory.

### Friday: July 21

- Breakfast is "on your own". (Most motels have a continental breakfast)

- **9 AM - Sharing session** - (in refectory) Sort of like "class-time" of olde... Tell your SAS stories; your life since SAS; and/or anything else under the sun! Everyone, who wants to, has a chance to speak. Coffee and donuts included.

- **Noon - Lunch in refectory.**

- **1 PM - Independent Activities** - Sort of like a "Freeday" of olde. See "Suggestion Sheet" below

- **6 PM - Dinner in refectory.** "Friday Pies" for dessert (**CLASS OF '67 IS GOING OUT**)

- **7 to 9 PM - "Movie Night"** ... and/or Social Hour in refectory.

### Saturday: July 22

- Breakfast is "on your own." (Maybe someplace serves Saturday cornbread!) ☺

- **9 AM - Campus Tour.** Meet by refectory. The tour includes all floors inside the refectory building; the front of the old main building (photo op); study hall area; handball courts' "remnants"; inside west dorm (now classrooms); inside the chapel; up the tower (for the willing and able); and the playing field.

- **Noon - Lunch in refectory**

- **1 PM - "General Recreation,"** ...bull sessions, class get-togethers, touch football, etc. (We encourage everyone to hang around the campus on Saturday afternoon.)

- **5 PM - Annual Alumni Eucharist** in Christ the King Chapel. Everyone is invited to this celebration.

- **6 PM - Annual Alumni BBQ Dinner** in refectory.

- **7 to 9 PM - "Sneak Off Campus Night"** to downtown Santa Barbara, Arlington Theatre, Stearn's Wharf, etc.

### Sunday: July 23

- **10:30 AM - Farewell Brunch** (at the historic *El Paseo Restaurant* in downtown Santa Barbara)

## GENERAL INFO FOR THE "DAY OF":

**(ALL ATTENDEES PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY)**

### **DRESS:**

This a "casual" event. Please Enjoy! Shorts and sandals are fine throughout.

### **PARKING:**

It is best to enter the access drive via the "Garden and Pueblo Streets" entrance. Then, turn left at the school's "front drive" and park by the flagpole or further down where the handball courts used to be. (You can also park there for Saturday Mass for easy access to the chapel.)

### **CHECK-IN:**

...begins at 4 PM Thursday. Please come to the SAS refectory to check in, receive *name tags*,/*meal tickets*, and other information. Then there will be time to "meet and greet" with old friends and former classmates. (Friday arrivals may, of course, check in on Friday.)

### **MEALS:**

- Lunch: 12 Noon - in refectory

- Dinner: 6 PM - in refectory

- **PRE-PAID MEAL TICKET REQUIRED** for all meals at the school. (We cannot take any meal monies "at the door.")

### **PETS:**

- Sorry, no pets allowed on the school grounds.

### **ALCOHOL:**

- Sorry, no alcohol allowed on the school grounds, **but we will have some spirits** available as free refreshments, per agreements with the owners. Thanks for your cooperation.

### **OVERNIGHT STAYS:**

- Sorry, no one may stay overnight on the school grounds.

### **GENERAL SCHEDULE:**

- See the Reunion Schedule to the left.

### **QUESTIONS?:**

- Contact Steve Rath at 480-831-6205

## INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES "SUGGESTION SHEET"

### Friday Afternoon, etc.

- -- Visit Fr. Nevin's re-located Stations of the Cross at OMSB;(near the parking lot) and/or visit the Serra Shop & Mission Museum. (Cost: Approx \$5.00 for the museum tour)
- -- Self-guided walking tour of downtown Santa Barbara, also known as the "Red Tile Tour." It includes the Court House, the Art Museum, the Historical Museum, the El Paseo, the Arlington Theatre, the Lobero Theater, the Presidio, etc. Cost: Free
- -- Guided tour of Santa Barbara in an Old Town Trolley. Tour leaves the Old Mission at ¼ after each hour and takes about 90 minutes. Cost: approx.\$18 per person.
- -- Self-guided tour of the Santa Barbara Waterfront. Includes Stearn's Wharf, Beach and Break Water. Cost: Free
- -- Self-guided tour of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. Cost: approx. \$7 per person.
- --Self-guided hiking trip to Inspiration Point / Seven Falls. (experienced hikers) Cost: Free , but also aches and pains? ☺
- -- Self-guided tour of the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum. (Yup, that museum in the canyon!) Cost: approx. \$8 per person.
- -- Self-guided tour of the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens. Cost: approx. \$8 per person.
- --Self-guided tour of the Santa Barbara Zoo. Cost: approx. \$15 per person.
- -- A trip to Arroyo Burro (Hendry's) Beach. Cost: Free... but it's a "long walk," and look out for flying sand! ☺
- --See the "big, historically-old fig tree" by the train station. Cost: Free
- --Hike up Mt. LaCumbre - Yeah, right! ...
- --Check out some of the old 'freeday' parks, like Oak Park and Rocky Nook. Cost: Free
- -- And, of course, class "get-togethers" anytime... Priceless!

**SASAA Reunion**  
**Registration 2017**

**YOU**

**Your Guest\***

**REUNION FEE =>>>>>>>**

**\$ 45.00**

**\$ 15.00**

**Thurs. July 20**

**Opening Dinner: = (\$20.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**(\$20.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Fri. July 21**

**Breakfast: On Your Own**

**On Your Own**

**Lunch = (\$15.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**(\$15.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Dinner =(Not Class of '67) (\$20.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**(\$20.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Sat. July 22**

**Breakfast: On Your Own**

**On Your Own**

**Lunch = (\$15.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**(\$15.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**BBQ Dinner = (\$20.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**(\$20.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Sun. July 23**

**Farewell Brunch = (\$35.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**At El Paseo - ALL inclusive**

**(\$35.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL(s) = >>>>>>>>>> \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**+** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **= \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name: (name badge wording) Please PRINT: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Guest Name (\*18+ only) (name badge wording) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Your Street Address: (New? \_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Unit# \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mailing Address: (If different) \_\_\_\_\_**

**City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone(s): (New? \_\_\_) Land \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_**

**E-mail Address: (New? \_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (For pre-reunion contact)**

**IMPORTANT: CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ **or** I PAID USING PAYPAL \_\_\_\_\_**

**===(SORRY, NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 4, 2017, meal ordering day!)==**