



The Tower

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Hello again, and Happy New Year SAS Alumni,

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO!

About once or twice a month I get an email and/or a phone call from a former SAS student looking to re-connect with his alma mater and his former classmates; or sometimes it may be from someone like John Rector, whose grand-uncle, James Ford, attended SAS from 1916 to 1921! John knew very little of his grand-uncle's younger years, but he did find an on-line copy of a draft registration which states that his ancestor attended "St. Anthony's College" in Santa Barbara, California. (See below)

Through an internet search of the school's name, he found our website, and he contacted me. I informed him that we have photos posted on the archive site, and he found several from that era, and recognized his grand-uncle in a student body picture using an old photo that he had of him. He also found his name in the on-line 1916 and 1917 yearbooks, and it was also mentioned in the 1921 Jubilee booklet as a "5th Classman," which I explained to him was the first year of college. Unfortunately his grand-uncle only lived a short life, passing in 1928. If you enlarge his draft registration and look at item #12 regarding "exemptions," he first wrote "no," but then changed it to "theological student." John was very grateful that we had this info available. When Rick Lang, Class of '80, first started our websites back in 2007, little did we know that things like this would happen! Thank you again for all your support, and to those who gave their voluntary dues during our September campaign! ☺

| Form 1 | REGISTRATION CARD | No. 11 |
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| 1 | Name in full <i>James Ignatius Ford</i> | Age in yrs. <i>22</i> |
| 2 | Home address <i>1458 Union St. San Francisco Cal.</i> | |
| 3 | Date of birth <i>sep 28 1894</i> | |
| 4 | Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <i>natural-born</i> | |
| 5 | Where were you born? <i>San Francisco Cal. U.S.A.</i> | |
| 6 | If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? | |
| 7 | What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>(Theological) Student</i> | |
| 8 | By whom employed? <i>28 student at St. Anthony's College Santa Barbara Cal.</i> | |
| 9 | Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>No one</i> | |
| 10 | Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i> Race (specify which)? <i>Caucasian</i> | |
| 11 | What military service have you had? Rank <i>None</i> branch <i>None</i> | |
| 12 | Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>No Theological Student</i> | |

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.
National Archives and Records Administration
James J. Ford

As we begin 2018, your support is most appreciated. Here once again is the novelty wallet card and form. Please note the new address to send it to, as Rick Lang will also be receiving the monies for the reunion starting this year.

SAS Dues Form
I, _____, Class of _____, enclose my check or money order (to SASAA) in the amount of \$ _____ to help the St. Anthony's Seminary Alumni Assoc. with its yearly expenses.

====NEW MAILING ADDRESS:====
Rick Lang '80
P.O. Box 117
Santa Barbara, CA 93102



As we stated when we first initiated the voluntary dues a few years ago, OFMs are exempt, and we ask just \$25.00 a year from alumni who can help. We realize that some of our older brothers cannot do that, and that is fine, as several have given \$5.00 or \$10.00. (You can also click on PayPal on the website.)
I will mention another interesting "connection" of photos, etc, later in this newsletter!

REUNION 2018

This year's SAS All-Class Reunion will take place on campus on July 19, 20, 21, and 22. The Class of 1958 (Knights) will celebrate their 60th Anniversary; the Class of 1968 (Impalas), their 50th; the Class of 1978, their 40th; and the Class of 1988, their 30th. But also remember that EVERYONE is invited to attend!



Last year I was able to get great pricing on a block of rooms at *The Pepper Tree Inn* on State Street for my class's 50th; and the rooms were situated near a courtyard that had a fire pit. That became our 'unofficial' meeting place before and after regular reunion activities. (If interested as a class, you will have to get things in motion now!) Their website is www.sbhotels.com

And, as I have mentioned earlier, 2017 was my last reunion as your "reunion organizer"; but **Rick Lang '80, and Jose Rubio '75**, have agreed to take over. A big "THANK YOU" to both of them for stepping up to do this, as they have been helping me out for a while now. Full reunion details are on our website at www.sasalumni.ORG. They will also be in the April newsletter.



Trying to plan the reunions from AZ was getting harder for me to do each year, especially as my CHF continues to advance. I thoroughly enjoyed helping to organize them for these past 10 years, and it was so great meeting so many of you from the '50s, '60s, '70s, and '80s!

GENERAL ALUMNI NEWS

I think I have finally compiled a pretty good list of our class "mascots." These were names chosen by classes from 1949 through 1972. I have most of the names, and most of the "logos," but if you can help me fill in a few gaps, that would be a great help! Here they are:

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| | <p>1950?</p> <p>1951?</p> | <p>1952 (Yes, they used the Cleveland logo!)</p> | <p>1953</p> | <p>1954 Crusaders Logo?</p> | <p>1955 Trojans Logo?</p> |
| <p>"Forty-Niners"</p> | <p>"Indians"</p> | <p>"Knights"</p> | <p>"Crusaders"</p> | <p>"Trojans"</p> | |
| <p>1956</p> | <p>1957</p> | <p>1958</p> | <p>1959</p> | <p>1960</p> | <p>1961</p> |
| <p>"Padres"</p> | <p>"Phantoms"</p> | <p>"Knights"</p> | <p>"Olympians"</p> | <p>"Spartans"</p> | <p>"Trojans"</p> |
| <p>1962</p> | <p>1963</p> | <p>1964</p> | <p>1965</p> | <p>1966</p> | <p>1967</p> |
| <p>"Gladiators"</p> | <p>"Crusaders"</p> | <p>"Monarchs"</p> | <p>"Mustangs"</p> | <p>"Griffins"</p> | <p>"Jaguars"</p> |



There were several “mini-reunions” recently. Here are a few photos. The first one is of the '64 Monarchs. Obviously, the ladies came along later. ☺ My class, the '67 Jags had two mini-reunions after our big 50th in July. Several of the guys present at those could not make it to the biggie. I hope more of you can continue to meet up. Please send me photos when you do get together. Thanks.



One of our alums has a new novel out: “One Night In Ambrose,” a mystery by Ken Malovos, Class of 1962. It is available at Amazon.com. A few reviews: “Excellent plot!.” “I really enjoyed reading it.” “The story is interesting, and it grabbed me.” “I love the setting in France.” Good going Ken! Remember, any news is welcome... from your latest hobby to the birth of a new great-grandchild.

The new church at the Casa de Paz y Bien in Scottsdale, AZ is now complete and it was dedicated on October 4, 2017 by the Provincial, Fr. David Gaa, OFM. Its simplistic design reflects the simple lifestyle of St. Francis. This photo is from *The Catholic Sun*, our local diocesan newspaper.

Once again, a reminder to check out provincial publications such as *The Way*. In its latest issue, there is a very informative article about the Poor Clare Community in Spokane, WA. Fr. Phillip Garcia, OFM, of my class of '67, has served as their chaplain since the passing of Fr. Alberic Smith, OFM. The fall issue spoke of formation as it is today in the province, and how it is returning to its spiritual roots, as the novitiate for the country is now at Old Mission Santa Barbara. To subscribe check out: TheWay@sbofm.org

There is also *WestFriars*, a newsletter for the province. Its latest edition mentions the turning over of Mission San Miguel to the diocese on Nov. 12, 2017 during a very moving Sunday Mass. It was not an easy decision, but it is the reality of the times as God guides the province. I realize that many of you experienced your novitiate year at Mission San Miguel.

(You can subscribe to *WestFriars* (free) by emailing to: frwarren@serraretreat.com)



Several SAS alumni friars have recently celebrated anniversaries:

Fr. Ed Fronske, OFM, Class of 1959 celebrated his Golden Jubilee of ordination in December 2017. He is also recovering from some medical issues, and he still serves three parishes among the native people of northern Arizona. Congrats Fr. Ed!

Fr. Warren Rouse, OFM, Class of 1950, celebrated 60 years as an ordained Franciscan on December 21, 2017. Fr Warren taught music appreciation, choir, and other classes at St. Anthony's in the early 1960s. Congratulations Fr. Warren!

Fr. Vincent Mesi, OFM, Class of 1964, celebrated his 50th anniversary of first profession in August, 2017. He is a great lover of music, and was a student of Fr. Warren. Congratulations Fr. Vincent.

I received word of alumni who have passed on:

Tom Savage, Class of 1960, died unexpectedly on November 5, 2017 while on a golf trip in California. For 40 years he taught at Redwood Middle School in Napa, California. He was a mentor to countless youth, and he had a great love for God all his life. I had just visited with him at a mini-reunion here in Phoenix last March.



John Garvin, Class of 1944, died on January 1, 2018. He was 91. He served as a chaplain's assistant during World War II, and was an active servant of the Lord all his life, as a Knight of Columbus, and as a very compassionate Christian man.

Fr. Rob Young, OFM passed away on November 5, 2017. Although he did not attend St. Anthony's, he was ordained at Old Mission Santa Barbara in 1982; and was very active throughout the province, and was also an excellent retreat master. A few years ago, Fr. Young celebrated Mass for us in the SAS chapel during the all-class reunion.

Rest in peace Fr. Young, and all our brothers who have recently died. We also pray God's blessings and healing upon those who are sick and/or infirmed, and for all who were in the devastating fires, floods, and mudslides!

Finally, I promised you one more "photo connection" from the archive site. This is the "Senior Banquet Menu" from 1958, along with a photo of a student "processing" the covers as they come off the silkscreen press:



Don't forget, you can enlarge a PDF to check it out more closely! ☺

And please remember to let me know if you move, or get a new email address, etc. Thanks! Until Spring...take care my friends,

Steve Rath '67, SASAA Director

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