



St. George High School Alumni Association

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Banquet a grand success

The Dragons welcomed more than 530 alumni and guests back for the annual banquet on May 4 at the White Eagle. Congratulations to **Steve Schwegel '59** and the entire **Class of 1959** Golden Anniversary committee for reuniting **60** members of their Golden Jubilee Class along with **28** of their wives!

Congratulations, too, to **George Voitik '49** and committee for getting a great turnout of **47** classmates and **ten** wives for their 60th Anniversary, and to **Bill O'Leary '69** and committee for all their efforts that helped bring back a record **77** classmates plus **three** of their wives for their 40th Anniversary.

The Brothers are most grateful for the generous anniversary contributions of **\$13,000** from the class of 1949 and **\$18,000** from 1959 and **\$7,000** from 1969.



Marty Murray '65

The formal program moved along at a comfortable pace. We are grateful to **Marty Murray '65**, Alumni President, for his service as Master of Ceremonies, to **Mike Casey '51** and **Jack Byrne '39** for leading the National Anthem and the School

Song, to **Bill Kearns '50** for his "State of the Association" remarks, to **George Wray '49**, **Marty Clark '49**, **Bud Petrillo '59**, **Steve Schwegel '59**, **Phil Maher '59**, and **Bill O'Leary '69** for their presentations, to **Father Harold Murphy '53** for the Invocation and, of course, to **Paul Quinn '66**, his wife, **Jane**, and his student crew for handling the physical arrangements and setup.



Phil Maher '59 (right) accepts his Man of the Year Award from Bud Petrillo '59.

A real highlight of the evening was the presentation of our Man of the Year. **Bud Petrillo '59** was pleased to speak on behalf of his class acknowledging the career of their classmate, **Phil Maher '59**, whose legal representation has assured a significantly improved quality of life for the most vulnerable in our society. We were also honored to have with us Phil's wife, **Roseann**, and three of their four children.



The Maher family gathered to honor Phil.. (From left): Phil Jr., Christina, Phil Sr., Roseann, and Kathy.

Annual Raffle Continues in support of Senior Brothers



Senior Brother doesn't have to mean sedentary Brother. **Br. Alfred Marshall** was at St. George in the 1950s and is here pictured with his former students, **Marvin Starzyk '53** (left) and **John Bure '53**, at the 2009 banquet. At a youthful 83 Br. Alfred cannot find the word "retirement" in his vocabulary. He lives with the community of the Brothers' San Miguel School on the south side and volunteers as a tutor.

The Christian Brothers Benefit Raffle continues to be a strong source of support for the Senior Brothers and several of the ministries in the Midwest Province. Last year participating ministries shared in nearly \$500,000 that was raised. Of that, \$50,000 was for the support of the Senior Brothers.

Two raffle books are enclosed with this newsletter. The proceeds are designated specifically for the needs of the Senior Brothers. The Alumni Office extends its appreciation in advance for all those who choose to participate and lend their support in this way.

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Sign on to the Dragon website. You'll find color photos from the banquet posted there, information about the golf outing, and more. Thanks to Board Member **Dan Schmitt '67** for maintaining our website.

Visit www.cbmidwest.org to find out more about the Christian Brothers and the Lasallian Schools.

St. George Memorabilia



Alumni always enjoy a stop at the **Memorabilia Table**, and our thanks to Br. Charles Kelly '55 for arranging the exhibit

President's Message *By Marty Murray '65*

Congratulations to all of our fellow Dragons for the overwhelming turnout for our Annual Banquet, over 500 Dragons were in attendance. The Classes of 1949, 1959, and 1969 exceeded all expectations. We are looking to our Alumni for help in the underwriting of our 2010 Banquet. Our goal of \$15,000 will allow us to continue our Scholarship Program as well as support the retired Christian Brothers,

Preparations are under way for the Saint George Annual Golf Outing on Monday September 14, 2009 at Mt. Prospect Country Club. This event has been embraced by our fellow Dragons every year with a capacity turnout. Make sure to get your reservations in as soon as possible, feel free to register on our website: saintgeorgehs.com. If you are unable to golf please feel free to join us for dinner.

Thank you for all of your help, support, and loyalty to the legacy of St. George High School.

Need a new class ring?

Four alumni at the last banquet asked if they could order a class ring. Let's see if we have enough interest to get a new mold made. Call the alumni office at 630-323-3725 and we will keep you informed.



Remembering four Brothers with St. George connections



**Br. Kevin
Stanislaus Mackey**

was a member of the St.
George Class of 1933.
He died in August, 2008
at age 93.



**Br. Leo Gilskey
(Isidore Conrad)**

was a member of the St.
George Class of 1934.
He died in September,
2008 at age 91.



**Br. Leo Keindel
(Jeremiah
Bernardine)**

was at St. George from
1939 -1949 He died in
May at age 96.



**Br. H. Raphael
Erler**

was at St. George
from 1938 -1941 He
died in May, 2009 at
age 93.

Many generous donors make gifts to Catholic organizations, including the Christian Brothers, through estate bequests. Such gifts are made in the context of an overall estate plan, which implements provisions for one's spouse, children, grandchildren, and other heirs, along with gifts to charity.

Bequests are simple and flexible: "I give \$XYZ to the Christian Brothers of the Midwest, Inc., a non-profit organization based in Burr Ridge, IL," is all that's needed to make a gift in your estate plan.

You can also be more specific. Bequests can be directed to help the Brothers address your specific areas of interest, for example:

- Care of the retired Brothers
- New and existing educational ministries with the poor
- Formation of Brothers and Partners in the Lasallian Mission
- Scholarship funds
- Foreign missions.

Bequests to non-profit organizations help preserve as much of an estate as possible through tax-saving devices and opportunities. Under current law, some assets are subject to extremely high tax rates when passed to heirs through an estate. Such assets are ideal resources to use in making a charitable gift by will or trust.

Our official title is: ***Christian Brothers of the Midwest, Inc.*** For more information on how you can include the Christian Brothers in your estate plans, talk to your estate planner or call Brother Thomas Hetland at 630-323-3725. Thank you!



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70th Anniversary Salute -- Jack Byrne '39 (left) accepts 70th anniversary congratulations from one of the 'young' Dragons -- Jim Feeney '47



Steve Schwegel '59 and Phil Maher '59 present Br. Thomas Hetland '65 with a Golden Anniversary gift of \$17,700 for the Brothers from the Class of 1959.



Pat Craddock '52 is a regular at the banquet. This year he was joined by his wife, Arlen. The alumni are delighted that each year the number of wives present at the banquet increases; this year there were fifty!



Marty Clark '49 and George Wray '49 present Br. Thomas Hetland '65 with a 60th Anniversary gift of \$13,400 for the Brothers from the Class of 1949.



Dr. James Dunphy '49 proudly displays the St. George diploma he was awarded at the banquet. He is congratulated (from left) by classmates Bob Schermerhorn, George Wray, George Klauke, and Dick Tufo. Jim completed three years at St. George before leaving to serve our country in the armed forces. Upon his return he went to medical school.



Bill O'Leary '69 presents Br. Thomas Hetland '65 with a 40th Anniversary gift of \$7,000 for the Brothers from the Class of 1969.



Members of the Class of 1949 meet annually on the Sunday before the banquet for a Mass in memory of their deceased classmates. This year, to commemorate their 60th anniversary, nearly 40 gathered afterwards for a fine brunch at the Skokie C.C. Pictured above (from left): **Bob Schermerhorn '49, Marty '49 and Ruth Anne Clark, Isabel and George Voitik '49, and Joan Schermerhorn.**



Bill '59 and Pat O'Donnell and Nancy and Mike Lynch '59 were among more than 50 from the Golden Anniversary Class to attend a special dinner at Hackney's on Saturday night of banquet weekend. Bill was emcee for the program and gave special mention to his classmates **Dennis Byrne, Bill Heffernan, Mike Lynch, and Bob Newton** for the distinctive ways in which they have distinguished themselves in service to others in the years since graduation.



Over 60 members of the 40th anniversary class of 1969 gathered on Saturday of banquet weekend at the VFW in Des Plaines. Here **Jim Passe '69** (left) and **Sil Maiorana '69** (right) share memories with their former teacher, **Br. David Galinski.**



From left: **Joan Schwegel, Mary and Frank Doran '59** at the Hackney's dinner. Alums and wives all worked hard with chairman **Steve Schwegel '59** to make sure all weekend events went smoothly.



Terry Strauch '65 (left) and his brother, **Len Strauch '69**, get together with Terry's father-in-law, **Jim Nolan '44**. Jim recently gave the alumni office a classic headline from the *Chicago Sun*, November 1943, proclaiming the Dragons city champs over Phillips 19-12.



Cousins **Gene Heidkamp '65** (left) and **George Heidkamp '48** are regulars at the banquets.



The Class of 1942 always has a table at the banquet. Three regulars (from left): **Tim Kelley '42, Bob Curran '42, and Jack Hahn '42**. Bob always manages to make it all the way from Sarasota, Florida!