



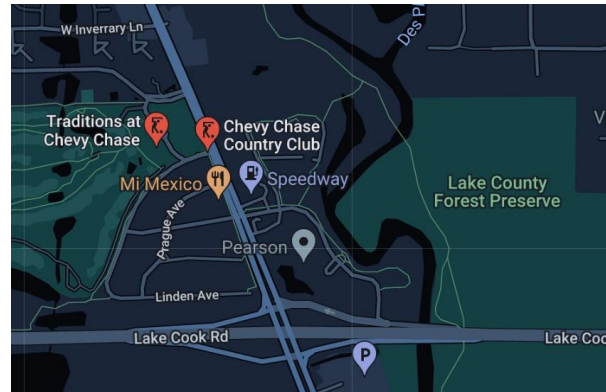
Saint George High School Alumni Association

Registration is now open!

**2024 Alumni Luncheon
Monday, May 6, 2024**

Chevy Chase Country Club
1000 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Wheeling, IL 60090

Click the map for directions



11am Registration Opens/Socializing Begins
12:30pm Luncheon Begins

Price: \$65/person or 2 for \$125 - PLEASE NOTE NEW COST

Consider bringing your spouse, significant other, children or grandchildren to the event!

Please indicate whether you (and your guest) would like the Sliced Flat Iron Steak or Atlantic Salmon entrée choice for your meal. Both meals will be served with a pear salad, double baked potato, green bean almondine and assorted mini cheesecakes.

If your ticket is purchased after Friday, April 26, 2024, or at the door the day of the Luncheon, you will receive the default entrée of Atlantic Salmon.

RSVP by clicking on the "Register for the 2024 Alumni Luncheon" button below or by contacting Alumni Director Joanna Wagner directly at 630.323.3725 x220 or jwagner@cbmidwest.org.

Plenty of parking will be available on-site. When you arrive at Chevy Chase, please look for signs directing you to the "St. George Alumni Luncheon."

PLEASE NOTE: NO PHYSICAL TICKET WILL BE MAILED TO YOU.

Do you know a St. George alumnus who does not have access to email? Have him contact Joanna Wagner at 630.323.3725 x220 to ensure he receives a paper copy of this newsletter instead.

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Some of you might remember the virtual alumni gathering in which the recently passed Bill Kearns gave his annual "State of the Association" - click **[THIS LINK](#)** and go to the 16:06 mark to hear Bill's 2020 remarks.



Your 2024 Georgian Giant is "Mr. St. George" Bill Kearns Class of 1950

The impact Bill Kearns has had on the Dragon community is unparalleled. It is with great excitement that your Alumni Board announces that Bill will be posthumously receiving this year's Georgian Giant Recognition on Monday, May 6, 2024.

With more than one recipient per year possible, do you know of another person (affiliated with St. George or otherwise) who you feel is justified for the Georgian Giant Recognition? Without necessarily fulfilling all of these, a nominated Georgian Giant party should exemplify the characteristics of devotion to his/her volunteer activities or job roles, allegiance to family responsibilities, participation in strictly voluntary civic activities and be a frequent participant in Association-sponsored events.

To nominate someone in your community for this recognition, submit 300 words or less of support to Dragon Alumni Association Director Joanna Wagner (jwagner@cbmidwest.org / 7650 S. County Line Road Burr Ridge, IL 60527) no later than **Friday, April 5, 2024** for consideration by the Georgian Giant committee.

Memorial Service & Lunch for "Mr. St. George" Saturday, February 17, 2024

The St. George Alumni Association will be hosting a memorial service in honor of Bill Kearns. All are invited to join us on Saturday, February 17th at 10am:

St. Peter Church
8116 Niles Center Road, Skokie, IL
[Directions](#) | [\(847\) 673-1492](tel:8476731492)

A casual luncheon will follow the service for anyone who is interested. Meet in the back room of Hackney's on Lake (same place as we've met for Saints & Sinners) for a drink and some stories about Bill! There is no set menu, but a microphone will be available for those of you who want to share a special memory.



18th Annual Christian Brothers Alumni Golf Outing Presented by Old National Bank

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One of the highlights on the St. George Alumni calendar every year, the Annual Christian Brothers Alumni Golf Outing was once again held at Old Orchard Country Club, a popular choice both for golfers and for those who simply join us for lunch on the course. Marc Heidkamp, Director of Golf Operations, has many St. George connections in his family and always takes good care of us.

This year was the second year IN A ROW where we had to utilize a rain day! Even with the delay in play from our original date of Monday, September 11th, we had 76 golfers teeing it up and joining in the outing. Six different schools throughout the Chicagoland area were represented in foursomes for the day: St. George, De La Salle Institute, Mt. Carmel, St. Joseph Westchester, St. Mel & St. Patrick. Thank you to everyone from each of those ministries who was able to attend and for your continued support!

Special recognition to Old National Bank, this year's Presenting Sponsor. Without your support, this event would not have been as successful! Thank you!

The generosity of 18 Hole Sponsors, our various raffle prize donors, one Closest to the Pin sponsor, one Longest Drive sponsor, one Golf Cart sponsor (Wintrust Bank), and one Lunch sponsor (Philip H. Corboy Foundation) were greatly appreciated! There were lots of prizes for our raffle, including foursomes at Old Orchard Country Club, McHenry Country Club and Makray Golf Club, Chicago Wolves, Garmin, Hackney's, Gibson's and so many more!

Congratulations to this year's winners:

- Closest to the Pin: Joe O'Connor
- Longest Drive: Rick Wilkens
- 1st place team: Charlie Geist, Don Geist, Dave Topolski
- 2nd place team: Bob Kriz, Andy Mikulski, Jerry Pero
- 3rd place team: Steve Burrows, Anthony Chimera, Sam Lostroschio & Tom Schergen

In 2023, the outing raised our highest amount EVER (\$18,000) on behalf of the Senior Brothers' Retirement Fund, making a total of \$412,600 for the benefit of the retired Christian Brothers since the event's rebirth. **WOW!**

The Golf Outing Committee members for 2023 were: Tim Doron, Don Geist, Ed Gleason, Br. Tom Hetland, Jim Morrow, Greg O'Brien, Joe Schmidt, AFSC, Joe Siprut, Ron Steigerwald and Phil Zera, along with Joanna Wagner from the Alumni Office. Thanks also to Brother Tom Hetland for his generous help this past year.

In 2011, Br. Thomas Hetland moved on from his role as Alumni and Development Director at Christian Brothers of the Midwest and began working with the Religious Medical Trust, part of Christian Brothers Services in Romeoville, IL. Christian Brothers Services was founded in the late 1950s by Br. Joel

Damian, FSC, to provide insurance and pension services to Catholic entities throughout the United States, to their employees, and to their affiliated religious congregations.

At the end of 2023, Br. Tom officially retired from his role at the Religious Medical Trust and is excited to return as a part-time volunteer to the Development team at the District office, working with Anthony Chimera, Kim Kalafut, Samantha VenHuizen & Joanna Wagner. Welcome back to the team, Br. Tom!



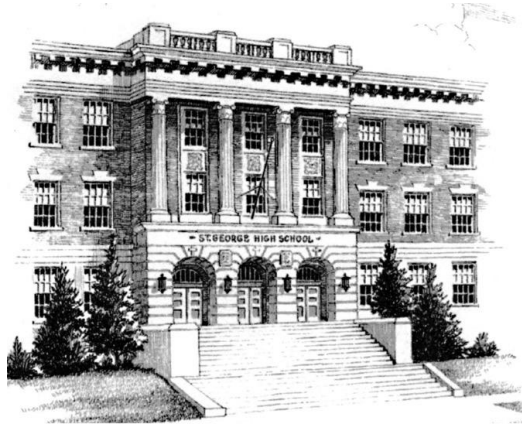
In Memoriam

***We remember those St. George High School Alumni who have passed before us.
Live, Jesus, in our Hearts! Forever!***

Donald Sherwood '44
John Laveccha '45
Robert Venn '47
John O'Brill '48
James Dunphy '49
George Voitik '49
Robert DiMuzio '50
Richard Jacobs '50
William Kearns '50
Frank Ehmann '51
William Scannell '51
Thomas Haupt '51
J. Patrick Craddock '52
Richard Butler '53
Donn Fullenweider '53
John Farrell '54
Donald Klucken '54
Gerald Spirek '54
Donald Burke '55
Ray Collins '55
Daniel Muldoon '55
Steven Walczynski '55
Robert Faut '56
Charles Johns '56
Richard Harrs '57
Frank Kappel '57
Alois Lang '57
George Pfaff '57
Anthony Bongiorno '58
Max Burnell, Jr. '58
James Petrillo '58
Stephen Schwegel '59
Allan Bavolek '60
William Amann '61
Donald De Muyt '61
W. Michael Funck '61
James Montana '61
David Bell '62
George Frcka '62
Thomas Heffernan '62
Richard Cain '63
George Olinger '63
David Otto '64

Michael Sullivan '65
James Turkington '65
James Lisacchi '67
John Siprut '67
Michael Kussmann '68
David Bremer '69
J. Kevin Lord '69

This list represents Dragons who were reported to the alumni office May 2, 2023 through February 13, 2024. If you believe a Dragon is missing from this list, please contact Joanna Wagner at 630.323.3725 x220 to have his name read at this year's Luncheon.



For twenty-four consecutive years, the St. George High School Alumni Association has been financially aiding needy St. Patrick families with a Dragon blood tie with the **Burnell Tuition Assistance Program**.

Started in honor of St. George legend Max Burnell, this funding helps families pay the annual tuition payments for their son to attend St. Patrick High School and receive a quality education from the Christian Brothers. With the current tuition now a minimum of \$14,000 per year, every dollar your Association can provide a financially-struggling and deserving Dragon-related Shamrock student and his family is precious and appreciated.

To date, over \$197,000 has been raised serving over ninety needy Shamrock families with a Saint George blood tie. You can donate to the Burnell Tuition Assistance Program [HERE](#) or on your Alumni Luncheon registration form.

We hope that in years to come, the Burnell Tuition Assistance Program will be extended to other deserving students throughout the Christian Brothers schools within the Midwest District. If you currently support the ministries of the Christian Brothers, we thank you for your support. If your financial circumstances permit, providing support for this special cause would be greatly appreciated.



Check out these photos from the Saints & Sinners lunch on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at Hackney's on Lake!



Looking for some new St. George sportswear? Click the Dragon to the left for instructions on how to order directly from our new Lands End storefront!

Check out the catalog of options here: <https://business.landsend.com/store/christianbrothersalumni/>

If you would prefer a paper copy of this newsletter to be mailed to you, or if you have any questions about what you just read above, please contact Joanna Wagner at jwagner@cbmidwest.org or 630.323.3725 x220. Go Dragons!

[Update your Contact Information Here](#)

