



[Register for the 2024 Alumni Luncheon HERE](#)

WHEN: Friday, June 7, 2024

WHERE:
Maggiano's Little Italy
Streets of Woodfield
1901 Woodfield Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173

TIME:
11am Registration Opens
12:30pm Luncheon Program
Begins



PRICE: \$60/person or 2 for \$110

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

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

Plenty of parking will be available on-site. A valet parking option is available, and the event is located on the second floor, which is accessible by elevator immediately located inside the entrance.

In Memoriam

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

Eugene Kasanders '41
John Barrett '43
Andre Longo '48
John Malone '48
Robert Malone '48
Roger Loeffler '49
Donald Feist '50
Eugene O'Sullivan '51
William Broderick '52
Casimir Mroz '52
William Simek '52
Eugene Nowak '54
John Flanagan '55
Richard Drogos '57
Joseph Mota '57
Dan Palombizio '58
Ed Ward '58
Arthur Weiss '58
John Burke '59
Jack Lydon '60
Stanley Drab '61
Edward Schubert '61
Brian Gorney '62
Louis Kroma '62
Gary Nowickas '62
Thomas Svoboda '62
Charles Caporale '63
Stanley Nied '63
Patrick Kenny '64
Joseph Pekny '66
Joseph Shymanik '66
Richard Martinez '67
Robert Staunton '68

This list represents Knights who were reported to the alumni office June 2, 2023 through March 22, 2024. If you believe a Knight is missing from this list, please contact Joanna Wagner at 630.323.3725 to have

his name read at this year's Luncheon.



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

One of the highlights on the St. Mel 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, 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. Mel, De La Salle Institute, Mt. Carmel, St. Joseph Westchester, St. George & 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 Loistroscio & 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!



Looking for some new St. Mel sportswear? Click the Knight 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/>



Where else can you sing the St. Mel Fight Song with 200 of your closest friends?! Click the video on the right to hear Br. Armand Alcazar, FSC, lead the Knights at the 2021 St. Mel Alumni Banquet.

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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 Knights!



Blessed James Miller *Pray for Us*
Saint John Baptist de La Salle *Pray for Us*
Live Jesus in our hearts *Forever*