



We are excited to announce the 18th Annual Christian Brothers Alumni Golf Outing will be held on **Monday, September 11, 2023.**

Cost of this event is \$150/person, which includes 18 holes of golf, use of a golf cart, lunch on the course, one domestic beer ticket and BBQ buffet dinner/cocktail hour.

Alumni are invited to bring children or grandchildren at the discounted price of \$120/person. Alumni who do not want to play golf are welcome to join us for lunch on the course, followed by a cocktail hour for \$40/person.



Event sponsorship opportunities are still available for this year's event!

Show your class pride by purchasing a hole sponsorship with your classmates, or sponsor a game hole and settle that brutal rivalry with your high school nemesis once and for all! Sponsorship opportunities are listed on this year's Registration Form.



18th Annual Christian Brothers Alumni Golf Outing

Monday, September 11, 2023 at Old Orchard Country Club

tentative rain date Monday, September 18, 2023

Register online today by [CLICKING HERE](#) or call your alumni office at 630.323.3725

Thank you to the 149 Knights who

attended this year's Annual Alumni Luncheon on Friday, June 2, 2023 at Maggiano's in Schaumburg.

Take a look at photos from this year's event by [CLICKING HERE.](#)



THANK YOU to those of you who have donated to this year's 2023 KabarA Challenge. We are only **\$48,800** away from reaching this year's \$400,000 goal! Please click the Knights image above to be taken to this year's KabarA website. While there, you can read about the campaign,

make a donation and read through one of the many Brother's profiles like the one above on Br. James Gaffney, St. Mel Class of 1960.

In Memoriam of Eugene Nowak '54

Eugene F. "Gene" Nowak Jr., age 87, of Northfield.
Beloved husband to the late Victoria "Vicky"

Nowak. Loving father to Chris (Rita), Dan (Ruth), Glenn, Tom (Jen), Rick (Trisha) and Bill (Angie). Cherished grandfather to Taylor (Jacob) Sanborn, Tommy, Sophia, Catherine, Joseph, John, James, Michael, Natalie, Walter, and Benjamin Nowak. He is survived by his sister Cecelia (the late Chuck) Mascari and brother Paul (Shirley) Nowak. He is also preceded in death by his brothers, Anthony (the late Wenche) and Jerome Nowak. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Sign the Guest Book at legacy.suntimes.com.



Your Alumni Office is proud to offer an exciting new opportunity for sportswear!

You can now purchase Knights sportswear by following the link and instructions below. All orders are fulfilled through Lands' End NOT through your Alumni office. Choose from a large catalog of items, pick where you'd like your Knights logo to appear and order yourself something new to wear to all your St. Mel events!

<http://business.landsend.com/store/ChristianBrothersAlumni>



This is the home page of the new Lands' End Christian Brothers Alumni sportswear selection! To order, visit <http://business.landsend.com/store/ChristianBrothersAlumni> and select the **MEN** category.

The screenshot shows a product page for a 'Men's Custom Embroidered Sweater Fleece Quarter Zip Pullover'. It includes a '503 Products' list with a red arrow pointing to a grey sweater, a size selection dropdown (S, M, L, XL, XXL), and a '1. SELECT A LOGO' section with a 'ST. MEL' logo. The '2. SELECT A LOCATION' section shows various placement options on the sweater with a purple arrow pointing to the 'Bottom Back Yoke' option. The estimated cost is \$6.95.

All sportswear ordering is now done online through Lands' End, NOT your alumni office. For questions about your order, please call 800-587-1541 and speak with a Lands End representative.



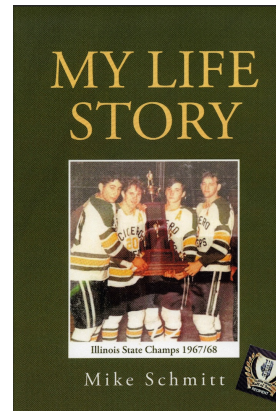
2024 St. Mel Alumni Luncheon

Friday, June 7, 2023 at
Maggiano's in Schaumburg, IL

Alumni Spotlight: Mike Schmitt '67

Congratulations on Mike Schmitt, St. Mel Class of 1967, on publishing his new book My Life Story. *"I wrote this book to share with anyone who feels like they don't have opportunities handed to them as I believe that you make your own opportunities."*

You can purchase a copy of Mike's book by clicking on the book cover image to the right.



Mike Schmitt inducted into the Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame
"My Life Story" to be released soon

The Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame recently announced the 18th class of inductees into its Hall of Fame. Among the honored inductees this year in the Builder's category is our good friend, Mike Schmitt.

Illinois hockey has a very long and rich hockey history, due in large part, to the foundation laid down by these inductees. Their tireless dedication in making sure every individual who had a desire to participate in this great sport has had the opportunity to do so.

The IHHF Induction Dinner will be held in their honour on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at the Belvedere Banquet Hall located at 1170 West Devon Avenue in Elk Grove Village beginning at 5:00 pm. Tickets are available by contacting John Dunne at 224/636-3215 or e-mail John at executive.director@aha12.org.

Mike and his wife, Anita (Mills) live in Lamar and are known and loved by many people in this area. Mike has written a book that is coming out soon entitled "My Life Story". You may pre-order by emailing Mike at SchmittMike266@gmail.com. We will update our readers once it is released. Congratulations on all your success, Mike!

Below are some testimonials from fellow hockey friends he played with in the past:

John (Chico) Wallin
 Playing with Mike on his line was the most memorable experience I have ever had. Here was a guy, the best player in the state taking the time to help me develop into a full college scholarship player. We became great friends, like brothers. When I spent time in Vietnam, Mike and his mom kept sending letters that kept me going.

Brian Durham
 Mike Schmitt was one of the best hockey players to come out of the Chicago area in the 60's and early 70's. At center, he was a pure power forward, who could do it all. His intensity and hunger to win was incomprehensible. As a player out of the old Rainbow Arena, his hockey ability was well known as a teammate and friend, his loyalty couldn't be matched.

stances. He was also involved in numerous Hockey clinics and coaching. Well, you were the one putting the puck in the net, I always thought you, me and Johnnie complemented each other of all the teams I played on.

1967-68 Illinois State Champions

Donnie Hall
 Hey Mike, I look back to the time that we met at Rainbow and I realize that we have known each other for over 50 years. During that time, I remember many of your roles as a strong supporter of amateur hockey in Illinois. Not only were you among the hockey elite players in the hockey metro area but you were also a coach for numerous hockey teams. The Loyola University Hockey Club comes to mind. But what stands out in my mind most are the hockey clinics and schools that you started. A couple of examples are the clinics at the Saddle and Cycle Club in Chicago and Willowbrook Ice Arena with Dennis Hull. Your time teaching and supporting Hockey is a testament of your love of the sport. I should also mention that I had the privilege of working with and for you at the Twin Ice Forum in Oak Brook Terrace. It was a pleasure and some of the best fun in my life playing right with you and on at least a dozen hockey teams from Junior through Senior league in and around the Chicago area. I couldn't think of a greater way of expressing the thanks you well deserve for your participation and support for the sport of hockey than induction to the Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame.

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For more up-to-date information on your Midwest District and St. Mel happenings, **[CLICK HERE](#)** to view the alumni page on the District website.



In an effort to save on the increasing costs associated with a printed alumni newsletter, this year's 2023 Summer St. Mel Newsletter will only be emailed. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact Joanna Wagner at jwagner@cbmidwest.org or 630.323.3725.



Blessed James Miller *Pray for Us*

Saint John Baptist de La Salle *Pray for Us*

Live Jesus in our hearts *Forever*