

The Crusader

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MCAF's second All Class Dinner a huge success

by Tom Baumgartner

During the afternoon and evening of September 11 at The Phoenix Club in Anaheim, California over 540 Crusaders and friends celebrated the founding of Mt. Carmel High School in 1934. The attendees ranged from a member of the first graduating class in 1938 to a Crusader that would have graduated in 1978 if the school had not closed in 1976. An especially large turnout came from the classes of the 60's due to the fine work of George Guzman MC63, Jim Ober MC64, Lance Wil-



"The Gang" hangs out with Mr. G at the September 11 dinner

Popular classmate events for 2005, plan now to participate

As the all class reunions held at the California Coun- have been so successful, try Club in Whittier, Califor- there is another scheduled nia on Monday, May 16. for Saturday, September 17, This event is the major fund- 2005. Mark your calendar raiser for the MCAF charita- and plan to attend! Details ble activities, so mark your will be in a future issue of calendar and plan to attend. t h e C r u s a d e r . More details in the next is- Planning has started for the sue of the Crusader. 2005 Crusader Golf and Ten- Please contact Tom with nis Tournament. Tom your offers to help at 714- Forgue, '60 has agreed to 778-5555 or by email at Co-Chair the 2005 tourna- tom@thomasandthomasinsu ment which will again be rance.com

liams MC65, Chris Herrera MC 66, Benny Garcia MC67, Glen Constantino MC68, Dave Scott MC69, Jim Powers MC70 and a host of others in locating and urging classmates to attend.

The reunion started with an afternoon recep- tion for the 60's classes at 4 PM. Shortly after 6 PM a bagpiper led the 60's group into the main hall where they joined the rest of the Crusader



family for a deli- cious buffet dinner and an evening of socializing and remi- niscing. Father Gus Carter, O' Carm, MC42 gave the invoc- ation for the evening along with reminiscences of his years as a student, teacher and principal of Mt. Carmel. Reunion Chair- man Bruce Junor, MC50 then introduced Al Alessandra, MC54 who talked about the Mount Carmel Alumni Founda- tion's mission and goals. Lance Williams, MC65 also wel- comed the group with a stirring talk (excerpts from which are included in this issue). Frank Pozsgai, MC60 donated two wooden crosses which were awarded to Don Johnson, MC38 as the oldest graduate in attendance and to Chuck Hurd, MC63 as the person who traveled the farthest to attend the reunion. The highlight of the evening was a presentation by John Maya, MC64 of his work in progress, a video history of Mt. Carmel. Everyone then sang a rousing, heartfelt rendition of the Alma Mater. Music and dancing continued until well after midnight. A tired but happy gang of Crusaders left reluc- tantly, wanting more.

For the record, the raffle, which raised over \$10,000, win- ners were: Third Prize: Mt. Carmel Letterman Sweater - Robert Barreto, MC64, Second Prize: Complete Direct TV System - Jaeline Travis, Grandson of Raphael Blount, MC62 and First Prize: Mexican Cruise - Jack Welsh, MC49.

A great big thank you to all that helped make this the great- est Carmel reunion ever held, the number is too great to list here, but you know who you are! Our Lady of Mount Carmel is smiling upon all of us! Photos by Glen Costantino, go to: <http://photos.classmates.com/user/photoalbum/>

The purpose of the Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation is to provide financial assistance to the Carmelite Community and to elementary schools in the Los Angeles area that have provided our alumni with an excellent education. MCAF publishes the Crusader newsletter and assists in regular event planning for the information and fellowship of Mt. Carmel alumni.

The Mt. Carmel High School Los Angeles documentary, you can help

Following the huge success of the 70th Anniversary All Classes Reunion of 9/11/04 in Anaheim, I would like to thank all the fellow Crusaders who took the time to come up to me and offer their support and willingness to help with the video documentary of our school. It indeed will be produced by Crusaders for Crusaders. What was shown that evening was just a preview. In full length it will be a documentary, narrated by actor and 1963 graduate, Cliff DeYoung.

As executive producer I am very fortunate to have my script in the form of all 38 Annuals from 1938 to 1976. These have been loaned by Crusaders from all 5 decades. More than 2500 images from them will have been digitized for use. Interviews with Crusaders, priests and teachers have begun, a few of which were shown in the preview shown on 9/11. (Incidentally, Andy McCarthy, class of 1938 and on that video has since taken ill and your prayers are requested. He is truly one of our greatest Crusader brothers!)

Media ranging from home movies, photographs, old Crusader newspapers, clippings, programs from Football, Basketball Tournaments, Showboat and more have been coming in. We have been attending other smaller class reunions for interviews and will continue to do so.

For anyone who has anything to contribute or knows someone who does, particularly old film or more recent video, or who would like to be considered for an on-camera interview please contact one of us listed below.

The Mount Carmel High School Story is a special one. It's history is deep and rich as I am finding out everyday. I truly believe that there has never been an institution like it anywhere before or since in this great country of ours.

At the Phoenix Club on 9/11 there were about 530 of us (the size of a whole student body that would fill the gym for rallies!). And it was obvious that the spirit, brotherhood and loyalty of Mt Carmel is still strong and will far outlast the steel and concrete buildings that once stood at 70th and Hoover in Los Angeles.

With all due respect and honor to the catastrophe of New York and Washington DC, what I will *also* choose to never forget every 9/11 is the sound of our voices and the sight of our hands thrust skyward as the Alma Mater rang out one more, "Crusader sons are we!"

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Crusader seeks new editor

After thirteen years The Crusader founder, editor is seeking a replacement in the editor's chair. "It has been a great time, and the flow of information that has brought we alumni together is fantastic," reports Tom Pinard, "but it is time for new blood to put together The Crusader."

Pinard retired this past year, for the third time, and is trying to get more time traveling amongst other things. He promises a good hands off, and then an additional promise not to "Monday morning quarterback."

Call Tom at 760-249-3481 or on the road: 760-408-2614

What your donations to MCAF provide; \$40,000 to local schools, Carmelite Order

Mt. Carmel Alumni Foundation Gift Giving Committee allocated \$40,000 to the following during 2004. This is in keeping with the purpose of members desire to help our local youth.

| Amount: | Benefactor: |
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| \$3500 | New York Carmelite Provence |
| \$3500 | Chicago Carmelite |
| \$2000 | Crespi High School |
| \$5000 | St. Raphael's |
| \$15,000 | 15 elementary schools (see list below) |
| \$2000 | St. Mary's High |
| \$2000 | Bishop Conaty High |
| \$7000 | Matching Funds |
| \$40,000 | |

School Addresses:

*Crespi Carmelite High School
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2023 Nadeau St.
Los Angeles, CA 90001



Carmel Grads get together to surf.... Tom Coffin, '59, Pete Janowicz, '58, Greg Johnson, '58, Bill Saunders (should have gone to Carmel) and Ernie Wilkes, '58, were together a year before Pete passed away. They started surfing during the summer of 1956

Classmates Pass On

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Daphane and Parker Norris. Anna Marie remarked that he truly loved Mt. Carmel and enjoyed the reunion a few years back.

Peter Janowicz, '58, passed away July 4, 2004 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. Janowicz was born in September 1940 and owned A&E Electric in Manhattan Beach. Typical of his era, Pete was a surfer and his classmates at Mt. Carmel enjoyed the sport together with him through the years. Joe Williams, '58, made a wreath of flowers and the surviving friends had a traditional paddleout at Pete's favorite beach after his passing. Pete is survived by two daughters, Ellen Hunstein of Dana Point and Alene Frankel of San Francisco, three brothers, Vincent, Frank and Lawrence and three grandchildren.



The Class of 1955 plans 50th reunion

Planning has started for the Class of 1955's fiftieth reunion. It will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2005 at Ft. MacArthur in San Pedro, California. Contacts for the reunion are Robert "Cal" Calentino at (714) 549-0968 (biz) or his email which is caljo@cox.net, Dick Lujan at (310) 325-2788 or his email is RLujan@juno.com, or Ken Poole whose email address is kenpoole2@cox.net. If you have knowledge of the whereabouts of any members of the Class of 1955 or can help with the reunion please let Cal, Dick or Ken know.

Annual board meeting brings on new members to board

Election of officers took place in October 2004 and the following officers were elected for next year: Albert Alessandra – President, Jim Clark – Vice President, Kay Felix – Secretary and Steve Olowiany – Treasurer. Continuing on the board is Tom Baumgartner, this year joined by Al Prukop and Ray Wolfe. Three more board positions have been authorized by the board and they will be filled in early 2005.

For information or questions please call or e-mail any of the following :

- Al Alessandra, 310-377-9220 or 760-7764810, alalessandra@vel.net
- Tom Baumgartner, Cell 714-538-2867, tebaum@pacbell.net
- Kay Felix, 714-637-7744
- Steve Olowiany, 818-846-6014, so446@aol.com
- Al Prukop, 949-498-1017. denpru@aol.com

Finally, we get “respect” from Conaty & St Mary’s

“You are most welcome to come by for a visit ANYTIME that is convenient for you, stated Sister Fay Hagen, adding “bet you never thought you’d hear those words from a principal of Saint Mary’s did you.”

With those words, Saint Mary’s and Bishop Conaty gave thanks for the contributions that the Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation had given our two “sister” schools from years past.

“Thank you also for including women’s schools in your giving this year,” stated Sharon J. Morano, Conaty’s principal, “Any Mount Carmel boy (man) who married a Conaty Girl (we have an old school song with this title) has most assuredly been blessed.” She went on to say that “all the alumnae I have encountered have been kind, generous, loving... and FUN.”

Both principals were thrilled that Mount Carmel alumni, now men, would think to donate monies to their two high schools.

Other schools say thanks..

With the generosity of the MCAF coming through in its second year of operation, elementary schools through the southern half of Los Angeles and the neighboring suburbs are sending letters of thanks.

All have welcomed the funds and feel that the warmth that comes from the old alumni of a school, long faded away in the neighborhood of South LA, brings a beam of hope to their students, their faculty and to the opportunity that more young students will have the opportunity to have a leg up in this world.

Letters from Your classmates



Truly enjoyed the last issue, keep up the good work! The reprinted article on Larry Hauser brought back many fond memories. I am sure that anyone who was at the game following THE ACCIDENT can remember the justified concern about how the lads would perform? With Carmel struggling early a time out was called and as he walked to the bench Hauser tore off the bandages that were impeding his play & threw them at the bench! The Carmel faithful went crazy & the rest is history. However the greatest accomplishment of the 1954 team happened during the season prior to the playoffs, for that year they defeated the dreaded Loyola Cubs four times and how sweet each victory was. The Cubs were so embarrassed & hoping to never see a repeat of this milestone in the rivalry never again to my knowledge played another game in our tournament.

Tom wants to travel, see page 8 for details.....



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John Flynn Class of "55"

Tom & Tom,

Please add my email addresses to your growing list. My office email is jerrb@bisins.com and at home is j.bichleier@verizon.net. I plan to make it the Sept 11th reunion in Anaheim. Are

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Mail (donations and address changes/additions) to PO Box 4551, Rolling Hills Est., CA 90274

One of the many thank you letters....

Recently, St. Odilia School received a much needed unexpected gift of \$1,000.00 from the MCAF. As the Vice Principal, this MCAF donation had sentimental value beyond belief! In 1976, I was in the final graduating class of Mt. Carmel High School, and I had no idea that the MCAF existed. Keep up the fine work at the "Crusader," and I am looking forward to becoming an active member of the MCAF.

Richard Monteilh, '76
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you going to make it?

As for me, I retired from LAPD in 1985 after 25 years. This year I retired from the insurance agency I founded in 1961 turning it over to my two sons. I am doing some consulting work in the financial services and insurance field. Just enough to keep me out of my wife's way at home but not too much to keep from playing golf & racquetball two or three times a week. We sold the big family home in Manhattan Beach and bought a condo with an awesome ocean view on the bluffs in Redondo Beach. If anyone has an excuse to be in Redondo Beach, let me know and we will get together and catch up on all the news.

Let me hear from you.

Jerry Bichlmeier
Class '57

I am a Mount Carmel graduate, class of 1961. I have received the Crusader for some time now and since the last time we made a donation to the cause we have not

received any further correspondence. I spoke to my good friend, Cal Calentino and he stated that I should contact you at this e-mail address and hopefully we will get the problem resolved.

Le Roy R. Cox, '61

Editor's note: Tom Bamgartner took care of the error... we aim to please!!

Tom,

, The Crusader arrived today. Thanks for the plug for the class. Looking forward to the 11th of September.

Thomas D. (Tom) Warner, '56

Tom,

You most likely will receive an e-mail from Arturo Quesada class of 1959. He was appreciative of the Crusader which I sent to him and he wanted to become an official member of the foundation. Arturo has cancer but you would never know it in view of his positive attitude and strong will to survive. Thanks for

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Montana and Wyoming Carmel grads get together

On Friday, June 12, 2004, four Carmel grads, class of '51, Bob Rogers, Jim Fitzgerald, Bill Relph, Ziggy Ziegler, and spouses, met in Story, Wyoming at the home of Bob and Ramona Rogers. It was a great time of sharing and reacquainting ourselves after all those years of going our separate ways. A tour of historic Story, Wyoming topped off by a great Saturday night dinner and Sunday morning breakfast, were the highlights of our stay. Rogers' live in Story, the Fitzgeralds came from Riverside, California, The Relphs' from Longmont, Colorado and the Zieglers' from Billings, Montana. After all the stories, laughing and crying, and a Rogers piano "jam session", our hugs goodbye ended with the promise that we have to do this again, sooner than later. So, if there are any other of you Carmel grads out there, no matter what year, that live around us in Montana/Wyoming area, lets hear from you and maybe we can plan a get together. Lets face it, if it wasn't for those great years at Mount Carmel, we would not be where we are today. My email is jajsaz@in-tch.com. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.

Ziggy Ziegler '51

(presently campaigning for a Montana State Senate seat)

More memories of Hauser and company...

From Sonny Cardone comes some additional memories of Larry Hauser and the '54 squad.

Thanks for article on Larry. I can tell you first hand that every word about Larry's character is true. Larry and I started the new St. Raphael's grammar school together, attending from 6th to 8th grade. Larry and I were soul mates and team mates. From day one we both up just about an hour or more before class to practice. I would ride my bike with a basketball wedged between my "riser" handlebars.

We played in the morning, at lunch hour and after school and many Saturdays and Sundays. Losing was not an option for Larry. I dreaded playing him one on one, it was a war. BUT, he always lifted my game. He was the most focused and intense athlete I ever played with.

By the way, St. Raphael's won the 1950 Mt. Carmel grammar school tournament. Larry was on the all tournament team and I was named Most Valuable Player.... I think God knew a poor kid like me needed the Carmel scholarship that went with that honor.

The story of the broken thumb and collarbone was.... At lunch the good sisters had us form two columns in the hallway outside the classroom then slowly walk down to the first floor on to the playground. We lined up by height, girls at the front and Larry and I at the rear with Larry always on my right. I thought the absolute funniest thing in the world was, to time it perfectly, as we walked by the girls lavatory, push Larry into the swinging doors and watch him struggle to keep his balance before he fell. I did this once to often and Larry came out swinging, hitting my backbone when I turned, breaking his thumb. His collarbone was smashed after we had walked to Harvard Park and got into a pickup football game. He had caught a "Hail Mary" pass when to defenders took him down and smashed on top of him — of course, no pads.

We walked an hour back to Dr. Cosgrove's office on 71st and Vermont (*Editor's note: Ha, the Doc sewed me up after Marlin McKeever did a Larry Hauser on me in practice when we still were wearing the Notre Dame leather helmets.*)

Tom, and all our Crusaders, I am blessed to have been Larry's pal and his team mate.

From an un-named note on other outstanding Carmel athletes...

Larry Hauser had company, didn't Mickey Mount, '47 also win a CIF player of the year award? Another Carmel grad who became a star college basketball player was center Mark Butier, class of '47 or '48. He was the leading scorer for a Santa Clara basketball team that won the league championship and played a close game against a "John Wooden" USLA basketball team.

At Mt. Carmel, Mark Butier was known mostly for his very high grades. After military service, Mark suddenly grew much taller. The Santa Clara coach saw Mark play on intermurals and convinced him to come onto the varsity. The writer mentions this to stimulate other Carmel grads to relate stories of Carmel grads that went on to honors in college and life.

We know that several alumni became star college football players: Tony Linehan, '44 was at USC and later became Pasadena CC's head football coach., John Helwig, '46 starred at Natre Dame, John Hock, '46 played at Santa Clara, Jerry Hennesey '44 played at USC then the Chicago Bears, the McKeever twin, Marlin and Mike went to USC and L.A. Rams.... And so it goes....

Our mystery writer ponders if many alumni became "star" baseball players or track stars.... We know many of the stories, but the bottom line is that all who toiled at 71st and Hoover were and are stars.

DIDYAKNOW ?????

Fr. Joel Moelter is a Mt. Carmel Crusader - class of '44. He taught at Mt Carmel. The Foundation found out about Fr. Moelter working as a missionary in Mexico. Tom Baumgartner sought information:

From: Tom Baumgartner, tebaum@pacbell.net
Subject: Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation (MCAF), Los Angeles, CA
Reverend Father,
Please allow me to introduce myself. I am a graduate of Mt. Carmel High School in Los Angeles. Although the school closed in 1976, there is a strong alumni base who have formed the MCAF " to provide financial assistance to the Carmelite Community and to schools in the inner city who have provided our alumni with an excellent education. I have been a board member since its MCAF's inception and also a member of the gift committee. Several of our alumni have heard of the missionary work of an alumnus, Rev. Joel Moelter, O'Car, who is reported as working in Mexico to foster vocations. Is Father Moelter active under your auspices and , if so, how would be the best way to send financial assistance to him and or the province?
Tom Baumgartner

Dear Tom,
It was good to hear from you. I had no idea that Mt. Carmel still had an alumni organization still active. That's great. Fr. Joel Moelter is in Torreon, Mexico and has worked there for the past ten years. He is remarkable at age 75. He can be contacted at Transfiguration Parish, Calle Uxmal 398, Colonia Valle Oriente, 27277, Torreon, Coah, Mexico. Tel: 011-52-871-733-6337.

Any financial assistance you would give the men in Torreon or to the Province (designated for the education and formation of our new Carmelites) would be sincerely appreciated. I am amazed that you men, the graduates of Mt. Carmel, continue to have a high regard for your education. Fr. John Russell, O.Carm.,
Provincial
jrussell@carmelnet.org

Dear Al,

I want to express my gratitude for the MCAF kind and generous donation to the Carmelite works in Mexico. God be with you all.

We have a large parish and celebrate mass each week in ten localities. Also we work in the prison and the hospital. So our plate is full

Right now in Torreon we are dreaming of a larger worship space as the number of faithful is rapidly growing. You can see the gift is both needed and much appreciated.

Since I both graduated and taught at Carmel for may years all who went there are in my heart and prayers. Again, many thanks for your help in establishing the Carmelites in Mexico.

Letters from Your Classmates...



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he rolled under the basket to rebound, hitting me in the middle of the chest with one of his powerful forearms, knocking me on my back as I slid half way to the free throw line. He look down at me with a little wry smile that said, "don't forget who the starter is!" And I never did. Larry was one of the greatest athletes Mt. Carmel ever produced. The article "DIDYAKNOW ?? from the L.A. Daily News, April 1954", should probably be distributed to all before his sweater is presented to the bidders at the dinner. Tom, thanks to you and all the other alums who work so hard at keeping the Crusader traditions alive. Sorry Barbara and I are unable to make it this year, next year for sure.

John Hayes (Jack)
165 Brodia Way
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Editor's note... the sweater will be part of the Silent Auction at 2005 golf.

Always enjoyable to receive *The Crusader*, especially to read about my classmates. Back in 1957/58, I was on staff of original *Crusader*, becoming editor in my senior year. I remember lots of great times producing a quality newspaper under the tutelage of Bother Francis, O.Carm. May he rest in peace.

Tony Nolan's letter reminded me again of those days when I read of keeping in touch with Julio Lloreda. I remember Julio as the very talented art editor. Tony Auth took that position after Julio graduated. Over the years I have seen a few of Tony's political cartoon, so I know he continued in that field. I am curious what Julio did after graduation.

I am interested in getting email addresses of grads from '57/'58. Since I am no longer in SoCal it would be a good way to keep in touch.

John M. Stanley, '58
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A big "thank you" for your efforts to keep the CRUSADER alive and kicking. I, along with scores of other Mt. Carmel grads look forward to receiving

each new issue.

Enclosed please find my check for the Foundation. Hope it helps. Again, keep up the good work.

Jim Tobin, '53
Jrtob@earthlink.net

Thanks for the great work you guys do.

Bob Freiberg, '52

I'd like to join in the All Class dinner but Anaheim is a bit far for us. So here is a contribution to the Foundation and its mission.

Please say "hi" to my 1946 pals who attend.

Richard E "Gordo" Hodges, '46

Sorry I can't make the "All Class Reunion" but at my age (84) and distance (Oregon), better write and stay home.

Have a great time, and you are doing a great job.

George E. MacKeinzie, '38

Dear fellow Crusaders,

Enclosed is check for \$40. This is my payment for a Crusader Blanket that I was allowed to purchase (on credit) at the 2nd annual Grand Reunion. I cannot adequately thank the wonderful lady who worked the blanket table and let me take possession of this wonderful keepsake. My God shower her with many blessings.

I had a wonderful evening with my brother and sister Crusaders and can't wait for next year's reunion. Thank you all for bringing the spirit and brotherhood of Mt. Carmel back to life. If this keeps up, we just might bring our beloved school back. I can assure you that this organization will always have my utmost support.

Keep up the great work and I'll see you next year.

Anthony L. Saunders, '75

I can't thank you enough for the issues of the *Crusader* I've received to date. Being reminded of long ago friends and names I had almost forgotten adds a different perspective to my thinking.

I have two beautiful daughters and seven wonderful grandchildren... for the most part my grandchildren are the age I was when at Mt. Carmel. I was a long time returning to my education,

graduating from Loyola Marymount in 1997. I went on to study education and currently teach a Special Education Class in Covina.

Keep the Crusader coming, it is truly a service to all of us and keeps Mt. Carmel alive in a very real way.

Bob Sprouffske, '56

Dear Al and the MCAF members,

I admire the work you all are doing with regard to Mt. Carmel. While I am enjoying my retirement years here in the Black Hills of South Dakota, I do miss the activities of Carmel alumni.

Some of my memories of Mt. Carmel include the time I was in the Air Force in Texas in the early '50s, having dinner across the border in Laredo, Mexico when I ran into Father Travers, O.Carm, drinking a beer, wrinkled white shirt and eating a steak.... On Friday!!! Turned out he was serving as a military chaplain and therefore had dispensation.

Other memories involve Fr. Nagle driving the old school truck with the "B" football team in the back and then at graduation, someone passing a half pint up and down the row...if the Padres saw it, they said nothing.

I can't end this without mentioning Fr. Liebau and his class on Civics. We didn't learn much about Civics (he never talked about it), but we were introduced to the great literature of Damon Runyon, which, close to sixty years later, I relish.

These are a few of my fond memories, I look forward to reading of others.

Ed Downes, '48

2004 All Class Reunion Income

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| Dinner | \$24,300.00 |
| Raffle | \$10,775.00 |
| Donations | \$1,775.00 |
| total income | \$36,850.00 |

Expenses

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Postage & Printing | \$2,127.72 |
| Phoenix Club - Dinner | \$17,750.45 |
| Music/Bands | \$1,200.00 |
| Bus | \$250.00 |
| Name Tags | \$79.23 |
| Raffle Prize | \$1,000.00 |
| Other | \$199.74 |
| total expenses | \$22,607.14 |

TOTAL: \$14,242.86

Elegy for the Crusader Nation

A moment of silence, please, on this September 11th commemoration day, for all of the Crusader brothers who have passed on.

(PAUSE)

A second moment of silence for all of those guys who attended Serra, Lieola, Pius, Cathedral, Bishop Montgomery, and Notre Dame instead of coming to Carmel like we told them they should have...

And a standing ovation for all of the priests, brothers, and lay people who helped to make us the men we are today...(PAUSE)

Good evening Mount Carmel Family...I'm Lance Williams, class of 1965. It is my great privilege to speak with you for a few moments...to kick off this great night.

Tonight's Grand Reunion is a historic event, and we are blessed to share this evening with so many of our guys. Brothers of the Crusader Nation, tonight is your night. This is the one to tell your friends about tomorrow. You had to be here to feel the excitement, and you had to see all of us 80-70-60-50-40-somethings acting like we're seventeen again. Tonight, you had to be here to hear the roar and feel the Mount Carmel love.

The Crusader Nation is stirring. It's Grand Reunion time. The echoes are awakened. *Hear it.* Over 500 people are here tonight. The echoes are awakened. *Hear it.* All over these 50 states, the vibe is alive. The brotherhood is stirring.

Crusaders everywhere, feeling the reunion fever. The echoes are awakened. *Hear it.* From Richland Washington, to Fort Walton Beach Florida, the drum beating, the Crusader Nation arisen. The echoes are awakened. *Hear it.*

For this evening, a Crusader brother flew in from Jupiter---Florida, that is...Ken Ronnow heard it. Over in Prague, in the Czech Republic, Cliff Stewart heard it. In Rifle Colorado, Kuna Idaho, Shelton Washington, Crusaders heard it. Baker California, last gas before Vegas, Johnny Martin heard it. Up in Utah, Johnnie Raines...heard it.

Reunion time for the Crusader Nation.

Carmel brothers in Henderson, NV; Vegas, Tucson, Reno, Denver... heard it. Ed Lee...in New York New York---the Big Apple, heard it. Over in Kailua, on luscious Oahu's northwest shore, Chuck Hurd...heard it. Steve Yost chillin' at the Beach, heard it. Tony Gonzales and David Blanco heard it. The Herreras heard it. Bobby Martinez heard it. Dick Martinez heard it. Roberto Jesus Vasquez heard it. Bob Zamora heard it.

Roland Dextrateur heard it. Roland Bush heard it. Jesse Brewer heard it. Jerry Reine heard it. Dennis Loehr heard it...Tony Bixler heard it. Pete Blette heard it. Richard Hill heard it. Paul Pagson heard it. Kerry Davidson heard it. Stan Kolodziej heard it. Roland and Joe Hicks heard it. Michael Mosby heard it. Michael Boutte heard it.

Tony Nicholas, Larry Johnson, Joshua Ervin, Bruce Aubry, Danny and Van Fontno...heard it. Danny Smith-heard it. James Foreman... heard it.

All of you (arm sweep)...heroes and linchpins of the Crusader Nation legacy here tonight...you heard it.

From Duarte to Simi Valley, San Bernardino to San Diego...Hesperia, Hawthorne, Apple Valley, Citrus Heights, and Rancho Cu-camonga. Mission Viejo, Elk Grove, H-Beach, Manhattan Beach, The Beach, don't forget Brea...the Crusader Nation...heard it.

We came to Carmel from St. Michael's, Holy Name, Holy Cross, Ascension, St. John of God, St. Eugene's, St. John Chrysostom, St. Vibiana's, St. Cecelia's, Nativity, St. Columbkille's, St. Malachy's, St. Anselm, Holy Spirit, Holy Family, Mother of Sorrows, St. Matthias, St. Odilia's, Transfiguration, St. Patrick's, St. Agnes, St. Agatha's, St. Vincent, St. Bernadette, St. Bridget, Dolores Mission, St. Lawrence, St. Leo's, St. Albert the Great, Our Lady of Victory, American Martyrs, and of course, the Carmelite mother ship, St. Raphael's. Don't forget the seminary. Don't forget John Muir, Markham, Edison, Pasteur, and Paul Revere from the public school tip.

We grew up in Downey, H-P, Bell, Maywood, East L-A, Compton, north Long Beach, the shallow east side, the way deep east side, the "unincorporated" L-A County, Watts, Beverly Watts, downtown, Dog Town, Aliso, Estrada, Wyvernwood, City Terrace, Pico Union, Jordan Downs, the Nickersons, Baldwin Hills, Windsor Hills, View Park, Athens, Westchester, West L-A, Inglewood, Lennox, Lawndale, Torrance, the west side, and what is now called "south L-A".

Mount Carmel was a beacon through heady times: Carmel brothers lived through the jazz age, the Harlem Renaissance, the great depression, CCC camps, food rationing, WWII, Korea and 'Nam; the New Deal, and the war on Poverty---which still continues today; saw Babe Ruth, and Jesse Owens; Glen Miller, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Artie Shaw, Lady Day, the Prez, and Benny Goodman; the Nicholas Brothers, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Muddy Waters, Art and Zoot, Coltrane and Hendrix, and Motown; FDR, Truman, I like Ike, JFK, LBJ, and Tricky Dick, The 40's Zoot Suit Riots, Watts in '65, Martin and Malcolm, Cesar Chavez, big Afros, colorful dashikis and disco.

On this glorious night we celebrate each other as heroes, dads, granddads, husbands, lovers and knuckleheads...our partners...and we celebrate...our ladies.

Anyone for a ticket to Showboat? How about a "garnubi" joke? Heard it. Tonight brothers, our wonderful legacy lives: everybody was there at Mount Carmel and we didn't like you or dislike you based on the color of your skin, your possessions, the house your family owned, who your daddy was or where you lived.

Remember Huckleberry Hound? Yogi and Boo-Boo? El Kabong? Then how about Uncle Miltie? Ozzie Nelson? The Lux Radio Hour...bong bong bong. When brown George Guzman and black Greg Williams were elected student body presidents in the roaring '60's, it was no big deal... maybe the byproduct of our naivete or perhaps just happier times. Go figure...

All Hail to the Crusader Nation...big love to you brothers---to your ladies and to your loved ones.

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Letters from Your Classmates...



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your efforts to Mt. Carmel Alumni together.

Paul Martin, '57

Tom,
Great job on The Crusader newsletter, I'm sure that all the grads appreciate the work that it takes to collect and publish a paper like this. The Class of '56 is planning our 50th in '06 and I would like to get a copy of the cartoon version of the "Crusader" that appears on page 5 of the July 2004 issue. I was also used on the coffee mug that has the caricature of Brother Lawrence. Also who is the source for the Mt. Carmel memorabilia that was available at the All Class Dinner on the 11th.? Thanks for any help you can give me,

John O'Brien '56
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Hi all. A few weeks late, but a rousing thank you, well done.. and a "that was a party" ! ... for all who participated (all 535+) in the 2004 MCHS reunion.

I salute you, Bruce Junor, '50
Class Dinner Chair

Hi Tom,
Enclosed is the sweater Larry Hauser sold to me before graduating in '54. The seniors usually sold theirs to the juniors, depending on the size and number of stripes. My memories of Larry are many. Since I played behind him at center for two years, I am qualified to judge just how good he was. It was not only his outstanding talent to shoot, to jump, to rebound, and to defend, but it was his fire within to compete, even in practice. To my recollection, Larry never had a bad game, nor a bad practice, EXCEPT ONE. On one afternoon, he wasn't shooting well; I was all over him, anticipating his great moves and getting a hand on most of his shots. Coach Martinelli expected the second squad to work the starters, making them a better unit. On this particular day, I was feeling good with tough defense on the great center, and even scoring on him. It was apparently too much. About an hour into practice, Larry's frustration peaked as

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Classmates Pass On

Clair P. (Pete) Cosgrove MC'56 died Sunday July 25 from effects of diabetes. He will be buried next Monday Aug 2 at Holy Cross cemetery.

Merrell LaPorte Sayle, passed away in October, 2003. Doreen Sayle, his widow, believes he was in the **class of '52**, based on his age at passing (70) and a resident of Torrance. They have six children and 11 grandchildren. He was a retired plumbing and electrical contractor and for many years owned and operated a wholesale plumbing business in the South Bay. There were more than 400 signatories at his memorial service and weeks before he passed, his children all returned home with wives and grandchildren to gather and be with him.

Lyle Blandin, MCHS Class of 1970, passed away on Saturday, October 9, 2004. Lyle suffered a ruptured aorta in September and was doing fine when the other one ruptured, resulting in his death. Lyle was 51 or 52 this year, reports Ed Lewis.

Thomas Albert Fowle, '58, passed away April 26, 2004. Newspaper boy of the year in Los Angeles in 1949, he graduated from CSULA, served in the Coast Guard and worked for Dean Witter Reynolds for 28 years. He is survived by wife, Elizabeth, sons Thomas, Michael and Timothy.

Vic Berrera, '57, Superior Court Judge, great team-mate on the championship Carmel football squads of 1955 and 56, passed away on August 7, 2004. Vic left 71st and Hoover and moved down the street on an academic scholarship, graduating from USC, cum laude in '61. After law school, His Honor worked as a deputy district attorney from 1969 to 1979, then sat as judge on the municipal court before accepting an appointment to Superior Court in 1981. Judge Barrera was re-elected five times and along the way, based on his patience, intelligence, industry, curiosity, self assurance, equanimity, humor and compassion on the bench led to his selection as Long Beach Bar Association Judge of the Year in 1995. Victor is survived by his wife Sharon, his sons Mark and Joseph, his daughters Booke

Cornwell and Shelly Olympius, his granddaughters, Ashley Barrera, Holly Ann Barrera and Jackie Olympius. **Paul Polizzoto** passed away Dec. 2003. Paul enjoyed his Mt. Carmel reunion a few years back and this past summer he and his wife Louise celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. An auto dealer in San Jose for 28 years, he loved big band music, history and his family, mother Genevieve, children Lisa Burns, Pamela, Jennifer and Joseph Polizzotto and three grandchildren, Amanda and Kyle Burns and Bowie Hutcheson.

Mike (Erling Clement) Kralick, '50, passed away April 15, 2004 in Las Vegas, the family home. A Korean War veteran, he was a retired technology programmer for Hewlett Packard and member of Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Mary Lou Kralick, son Phillip, daughter Elaine Andrea Prazenica.

Ronald Stanley Breiter, '45, passed away July 13, 2004. A graduate of Cal State LA, he served in Army Air Corps, then had a distinguished career with LA Police Dept, retiring as a detective lieutenant. He found great satisfaction in a second career as an educator and chaired the Administration of Justice Dept at East LA Community College. He is survived by wife, Irene, two children, son Ron and his wife Debi and daughter Barbara and her husband Mike Schell.

Duane A. Lea, '48, passed away August 26, 2003. After graduating from Mt. Carmel, Duane attended Loyola University then joined the Air Force during the Korean War, serving for five years as a weather officer in the Pacific Theater, as well as Washington, D.C. He concluded his Master's degree at UCLA then joined the Navy's Weather Research Facility, specializing in high-altitude winds and jet streams. While in Norfolk, Virginia he renewed his friendship with Anna Marie Bovill, who he had met when assigned to Washington. A year long courtship led to marriage and a move back to California and a life's career at Pacific Missile Test Center in Ventura County. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Lea, son Kevin, daughter Christine and grandchildren

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