



# The Subiaco Monthly

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## Alumni News

Derek Pagel '11 married Hannah Flournoy in the Abbey Church at Subiaco on July 4, 2015. Groomsmen were his fellow alumni of the class of 2011 -- Zach Boyer, J.P. Thomas, and Gregory Frederick. All four had graduated on May 12, 2015, from Benedictine College in Atchison, KS, Pagel majored in history and will serve in the Kansas National Guard. Frederick's degree is in biology; he will work at the Kansas City Aquarium. Thomas, a biology major, hopes to help save the ecosystem. Boyer majored in theatre and business; he plans to become a monk.



Ross James is an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the women's basketball team at Lafayette College (PA). He served as a graduate assistant coach at Texas Woman's University from 2012-14 while completing his master's degree in Kinesiology. The Lafayette coach said, "Ross James is a tireless worker who enjoys his job. The ability to recognize and evaluate talent across the country is a necessary key to any highly successful staff and Ross is a trusted individual with these skills. He will do an excellent job assisting our staff in bringing top athletic and academic talent to Lafayette College."



Bob O'Bryan '57, a retired educator and businessman, volunteers as a librarian at St. Eugene's Catholic Church in Oklahoma City. On a recent visit, Br. Ephrem, OSB '60 and Bob toured the Red Earth Museum in downtown OK City.

Norman Giblin '86 wrote recently: "I left after sophomore year. I was in your French class and won a foreign language competition doing a solo skit about a sumo wrestler and a little boy. It was a take-off on the Mean Joe Green commercial for Coca Cola."

Spencer Scarbrough '81 will teach Spanish and coach cross country at Springdale Har-Ber.

Andy Walding '71 visited with Fr. Nicholas, Br. Ephrem, and other monks during a mid-July trip to Subiaco. Andy's classmate, Dale Schumacher '71, reflected from Texas: "I was just imagining the sight of Fr. Nicholas and Andy driving around on the Kubota; I remembered (with a smile) the last time that I rode the same Kubota with Fr. Nicholas; it was a balmy 21 degrees and we went to the Co-op and then to the barn near the cemetery below 1st ridge. What is the temp today....it is 101 here this afternoon."



Dr. Rafael Granja '98, wife Gloria, and son Elias attended Mass with the monks on July 18. Moving from Dallas to Cleveland, Rafael will be working with veteran amputees, helping them regain sensory feedback from their advanced robotic prosthesis at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. Gloria is an attorney for a university in Mexico, doing legal work in her home.

Cathal Gilmore '10 and Chris Trachier '10 reunited in Yankee Stadium in July.

John-Rex Spivey '09 recently graduated from flight school in Pensacola.



Logan Kremer '15 began a new chapter in his life on July 1, 2015. On this day, also known as Induction day (I-day), he started his transformation from civilian life to military life at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Through hard work, dedication and discipline he fulfilled a life-long dream.

I-day started at 7:30 a.m. with the processing into the Academy. After a very long day, at 6:00 p.m. he took the Oath of Office with his father, Retired U.S. Navy Commander Frank S. Kremer, Subiaco Academy Class of 1984. He was allowed 30 minutes with his family before entering the doors of Bancroft Hall, his new home for the next 4 years.

Alumni Association Secretary Dale Schumacher '71 recently received an offer from Gary Gilbert '75, younger brother of Jack Gilbert '71. Dale explains: "Substance of call was very impressive in my opinion and what a story it is. When his daughter married she chose as her wedding colors orange and blue. Being

the dutiful father of the bride, Gary bought orange and blue cloth napkins for the reception. Only a true Subi guy would do that in my opinion. I would almost bet that there has not been a daughter of a graduate in the history of the SAA that has shown such devotion and dedication to her father. What a great trivia question for the next reunion. . . . Gary has 140 orange and 42 blue cloth napkins which he would like to donate to the SAA."



*The following several paragraphs came from a former Academy boxing coach.*

Henry Prados Pitard '57, sent an old picture of himself setting the World Masters squat record in the over-40 class, 181 lb. division with his 545 lb. squat at the 1981 Louisiana State Power Lifting Championship in New Orleans. Prados, who began his weight lifting and boxing at Subiaco, admitted that weight lifting "was more my thing than boxing; at least the weights don't want to beat me up." Prados plans to be here in 2017 for his 60th, and hopes classmates Peewee Myers and McCrate and other classmates will make it.

Louis Seiter '56 of College Station, TX, says he has "good grass for his small Brangus herd." Brangus is a cross between an Angus and a Brahman. Like most Arkansas ranchers who wind up in Texas, Seiter is doing his weight lifting hauling hay. Voted the outstanding boxer at the 1956 Arkansas Golden Gloves held in Fort Smith, he was awarded the Barney Sugarman Trophy (Boxing's Heisman) and remained undefeated in Arkansas. One of his target dates in 2016 is his 60th Alumni Reunion. Louis and wife Barbara have been generous benefactors in the recent drive conducted by the Abbey.

Michael Vogler '63 died July 17, 2015, from complications during heart bypass surgery. At Subiaco he won the Math Medal as a Junior and as a Senior. At UALR, he earned a math degree. From an early age, Michael possessed a deep belief in non-violence and was ready to risk all for his beliefs.

As a pacifist, Michael refused to obey his draft for the Vietnam War and was arrested and sentenced to three years in federal prison in Springfield, Missouri, where he served two years and 19 days of that sentence. On January 21, 1977, Michael and all Vietnam objectors were pardoned by President Jimmy Carter in one of the first acts as President.

During the time of his imprisonment, the Subiaco Boxers had several boxing matches in Springfield. One of the Subiaco boxers was Joe Cicone '66 (open quality) whose father was Superintendent of the Federal Prison. As a result, Fr. Nicholas and Jim Limbird, Rufus Stewart (Vietnam veteran) and others easily obtained visitors' passes to see Michael. Michael spent his entire career working with or for at-risk kids. Governor Clinton appointed him to the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board.

Michael was very involved in the Catholic Worker Movement. (The Founder is now in the stage of an "interested



person,” on the road to canonization ). He ran an underground newspaper at UALR. A master bridge player, Michael is described as “an extremely quiet and humble man who did not talk about his many accomplishments in the field of social justice.” A celebration of his life was held in the basement of St. Edward Church in Little Rock.

,Br. Reginald (Richard) Udouj, OSB ‘79 and Br. Cassian Elkins will make solemn profession of vows as monks of Subiaco Abbey at Mass on August 8, 2015, in the Abbey Church. Having completed the period of triennial vows, these two professed this life-long commitment as Benedictine monks.

Father John Wright ‘49 died May 23, 2015.

Carl Fredrick Grummer, Jr. ’64 died July 26, 2015.

John Michael Vogler ‘63 died July 17, 2015.

Charles E. Bauer ’46 died July 26, 2015.



Installing access points in Fuhrmann Hall



Pre-cast concrete cross and new sign for new front entrance. Some comments received recently: “Thrilling! I miss the concrete shelf used during pep rallies. . . . Without the front steps, how will mail-call be the same? . . . Love the sign! . . . Can’t wait to see all the projects in August.”



Rudy and Veronica Lim donated a used Toyota pickup to the Abbey on July 11, 2015. Br. Ephrem presented them with one of his calligraphy pieces, the *Magnificat*, for their son Paolo ‘97, a former Latin student.



Knights of Columbus from Russellville, Conway, and Ft. Smith volunteered to work on a project in East Park. This group was led by the 4th Degree Assembly 1703 from Conway.

## Choir Camp 2015



One hundred thirty-two campers and staff from Arkansas and six other states participated in the Arkansas Interfaith Conference Choir Camp 2015 at Subiaco during the week of July 20-25. Seven religious denominations were represented. Instruction in choral music and handbells were offered to all campers. Parents were invited to attend the liturgical service in the abbey church at 9:40 a.m., Saturday, July 25, and the Broadway show by the young performers immediately after the Saturday picnic lunch.

This is the 28th consecutive year that Subiaco Abbey and Academy has hosted this group at Subiaco.



On the feast of Our Lady of Einsiedeln (July 16), the monastic community enjoyed a musical performance by harpist Juliette Buchanan and organist Valerie Stagaman. The two musicians performed in the abbey church, with works ranging from Mozart and Debussy to Amazing Grace.

## Subiaco on AETN



Br. Ephrem conferred with Chuck Dovish during the AETN's Chuck Dovish, "Exploring Arkansas," which aired on July 6. Fr. Jerome, Fr. Hugh, Glenn Constantino, and Br. Joseph K. assisted in this endeavor, featuring the original monastery site, the farm, the school, and the monastery.



Br. Jude (former science teacher) helped present science faculty members and students re-arrange supplies in the lab.





**Columbarium - Einsiedeln Chapel**



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Carl Stengel '95 and son installing cabinets in Fuhrmann Hall

**SAVE THE DATE!**

The dedication of Fuhrmann Hall and celebration of *Continuing the Tradition...A Campaign for Subiaco*

Saturday, August 29, 2015 2:00 p.m.

Mass of Thanksgiving, dedication, blessing and reception

Please plan to join the monks for this special event!

For more information, contact Linda Freeman at 479-934-1029 or lfreeman@subi.org or Glenn Constantino at 479-438-2653 or 479-934-1026.

*Save the Date*  
**Day Dog Picnic**  
 September 19, 2015  
 Begins at 4 p.m. with Mass in the Green Room at the fieldhouse  
 Online auction  
 Live and Silent auctions  
 Great Food!!