

Memorare

The newsletter of the Cathedral College/ Cathedral Prep Alumni Association

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by Bill Bishop

Memorare. To recall or remember. We have chosen this title for the newsletter in order to fulfill a secondary purpose of the alumni association: to preserve the memories of our experiences in the priest-formation programs. Whether it was the discipline and structure imposed, the values that were reinforced or the role-modeling that was provided, the great majority of us who went through the programs must credit the good men of the faculties for creating a large part of whatever success we have achieved in life.

In this Edition

This edition introduces a new section on **Class Notes**. We encourage all alumni to forward in news they believe appropriate to Bill Bishop at BillB70@optimum.net.

We have all met heroes in our lives. The article below tells the story of an alumnus and hero who gave the greatest sacrifice of all.

Tim Dorsey (February 28, 1944 – July 3, 1970)

William Timothy “Tim” Dorsey, born in Peekskill and remembered as a scrappy point guard on Cathedral’s basketball squad, died a hero’s death in Long An Province in, what was then, South Vietnam. Tim was a member of the Cathedral College graduating class of 1963. A teammate describes him as “determined, fearless, competitive, always a team player.” He adds that “one could get the impression that he relished the thought of being the David taking on all those over-



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College and Prep Directories and Class Listings

Alumni directories by class year along with contact information is available at:

<http://stlukes-parish.org/cathedral>

Note: Contact information is not available for every alumnus. Class listings are also available for all classes at the same location.

Thanks to St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Westborough, MA for providing hosting space.

(Dorsey continued...)

confident Goliaths." After leaving Cathedral, he had a brief career with the Westchester County Department of Probation before receiving his draft notice. A plaque dedicated to his memory was placed in the County District Office on Washington Street ten years after his death.

A combat medic, he received a posthumous Silver Star, the nation's third highest military honor, for his actions. The citation awarded for those actions reads in part, "...his unit was proceeding down a canal when the lead boat detonated a mine, seriously wounding seven men.



Immediately, Private Dorsey, who was in the second boat, jumped into the sinking boat and began to administer first aid to the seriously wounded. When the boat capsized, Private Dorsey fought back increasing fatigue and continued to assist his wounded comrades. Using all his strength, Private Dorsey courageously held his comrades above water until additional help arrived. Through his indomitable courage, profound concern for his fellow soldiers and his professional assistance, he saved the lives of several men. Due to his heroic

sacrifices, he was exhausted and unable to reach the shore and succumbed in the water..." Tim died on July 3, 1970.

He was survived by his recent bride of one year, Patricia Ann Cassara and his parents, William J. Dorsey and Elizabeth Ann (nee: Couch) Dorsey. He is buried in St. Anthony's Church cemetery in Nanuet, Rockland County and his name is inscribed on a memorial monument at Iona College in New Rochelle.

The following is a link to Tim's information on the Viet Nam War Memorial Wall which includes a photo: <http://www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/13738/WILLIAM-T-DORSEY>

Know your Latin

Possunt, quia posse videntur.

They can because they think they can.

— [Virgil, 70-19 BC, Roman poet](#)

Patientia comes est sapientiae.

Patience is the companion of wisdom.

— [Saint Augustine, 354-430, Christian theologian & philosopher](#)

Timendi causa est nescire.

The cause of fear is ignorance.

— [Seneca, 4 AD-65 AD, Roman philosopher](#)



The first home of Cathedral College, on Madison Avenue. The building was later torn down and replaced with offices.

Letter from the Executive Board

Dear Brothers,

The Executive Board is happy to report that the membership in the Alumni Association is on the increase. We encourage you to spread the word to classmates who may not be part of the Association. The Alumni Association also welcomes those from the Archdiocese of New York who may not have attended Cathedral Prep but attended Cathedral College (Douglaston). We are also happy to report that the Class of 1968 (Prep) had a successful 50th reunion. The Class of 1969 is now organizing their 50th for September and the Class of 1970 is in the initial phase of planning theirs in 2020. In addition a delightful luncheon was held at Sardi's for alumni from the Cathedral College Class of 1968 (Prep '66). These events help us to renew friendships and reflect on memories.

Most importantly on behalf of the membership of the Cathedral College/Prep Alumni Association a donation in the amount of \$2500 was made to support the education of a seminarian. The Class of 1968 (Prep) added \$1200 to this donation.

The Executive Board is interested in the input and ideas of the alumni. We had sent out a survey and appreciate all those who responded. We have gathered the data and are in the process of analyzing and acting on the results. We hope to see more and more alumni at our two events, the Annual Mass and Dinner and the Holiday Mass and Dinner. In 2019, the Annual Mass and Dinner will be on May 5.

Fraternally,

The Executive Board of the Cathedral College/Prep Alumni Association

Of Interest

Cathedral College was an important part of the seminary formation program in the Archdiocese of New York for a number of years. The College opened in September 1903, and was originally located on Madison Avenue between 50th and 51st Streets. Future archbishop of New York Patrick Hayes was the first president of the school. The school operated as a 6-year seminary formation program, with many graduates going on to attend St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, and eventually be ordained as priests for the archdiocese.

Facebook Group

For those who use Facebook, we have a group and you can check for information and updates. This is the site address: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1031291000372044/>

Class Notes

Brother alumni, we are initiating in the newsletter a section of "Class notes." Most alumni publications contain such a column mentioning significant events (reunions, particular achievements, marriages, deaths, etc.). Therefore, we are soliciting submissions. If the information regards someone other than yourself please be sure to have the permission of the subject or his family. Also please include your name and class as well as, if it's someone else's information, the class (college? prep?) year of graduation of the subject. You can send the information to Bill Bishop (BillB70@optimum.net). Please include "Alumni class note" in the subject line.

1964 (College) (Prep '62)

The members of the classes of '62 (prep) or '64 (college) will be celebrating their 75 birthdays during 2019-20. Approximately 15 of them will be meeting for a Mass in memory of their departed classmates, dinner at the Ristorante Caterina de'Medici (part of the Culinary Institute of America) in Hyde Park and other events in the Mid-Hudson valley on June 6th. Anyone who has not received notice and is interested in attending, should contact Bill Bishop @ BillB70@optimum.net

1970 (College)

In the early planning stage to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our graduation from Cathedral Prep. Targeting a gathering in early June 2020 in the metro NY area. Please drop me a note if you are interested. Immediate task will be to find email addresses and/or phone numbers of our classmates. Blessings to you, and thanks! Bill Burke (billburke74@gmail.com)

1980 (Prep)

Joseph Barone worked on the design and development of the first eLearning Course for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) - Scouts BSA. This 60 minute course focuses on the relationship between the sponsor of Scouts BSA Troops, Packs, etc. and NCCS. (troop111eaglescout@gmail.com)

