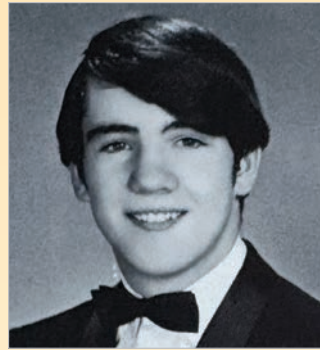




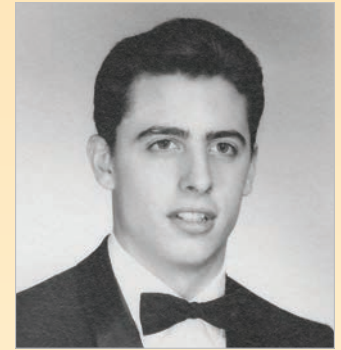
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Ron (Peunic) Pennick '69

## 2025 CATHEDRAL LATIN ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

**This year's Hall of Fame inductees are George Brickman '53 (deceased), Steve Zahony '60, Chuck Lally '68 and Ron (Peunic) Pennick '69.**

The event will start at 12:00 pm with a cash bar followed by lunch and the induction ceremony. Dress attire is business casual.

**Here are the details:**

When: Saturday, September 20  
Where: Alfredo's at the Inn (inside the Holiday Inn)  
780 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village, OH 44143  
Time: 12:00 pm  
Cost: \$30/person with a cash bar

We encourage you to make your payment online by credit card at [www.clatin.com](http://www.clatin.com).  
If you prefer, you may mail a check to: Cathedral Latin Alumni, 5247 Wilson Mills Road,  
PMB #175, Richmond Heights, OH 44143.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rick Welsh at (216) 319-3108;  
[richardcwelsh@gmail.com](mailto:richardcwelsh@gmail.com).



# Men of Latin,

Welcome to the Summer/Fall edition of the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association *Alumnotes!* I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and keeping cool.

This past year was a very successful one for our association. Our signature event, the Communion Breakfast, drew a large gathering to honor our Man of the Year: Dr. Patrick Oliver '74. This event was held on June 1st this year, but we are slowly working our way back to its customary time in the spring, shortly following the Easter Season. Next year's event is scheduled for April 26. Our annual June Golf Outing was sold out with 144 golfers and several alums who came for dinner. Sue Wise's retirement party was also a big success with over 150 guests in attendance.

Please mark your calendars for our last big event of the year, the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Luncheon, which will take place on Saturday, September 20th. We have 4 exceptional inductees: George Brickman '53 (deceased), Steve Zahony '60, Chuck Lally '68 and Ron (Peunic) Pennick '69. We hope to see many of you at this event. Reservations can be made on our website (Clatin.com). If you have any questions on the Hall of Fame event, please feel free to contact Rick Welsh at (216) 319-3108; richardcwelsh@gmail.com.

The Alumni Association is streamlining the "back-office operation" of our organization to replace our outdated and manual systems and processes. Several meetings have been held, in conjunction with NDCL, to investigate new software options for scheduling events, as well as new tools for managing our finances and donations. Stay tuned for updates in the near future.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben J. Carlozzo".

Ben J. Carlozzo '71  
President

*"Opere Et Veritate"*

## DUES – THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

We want to thank everyone who has paid their 2025 dues. Your support helps keep our alumni association going strong. You have until December 31 to make a donation. The Board of Trustees recommends a \$60 gift, but any amount is appreciated – and it is tax deductible.

You can pay by credit card at [www.clatin.com](http://www.clatin.com) or mail a check made payable to **Cathedral Latin Alumni**, 5247 Wilson Mills Road #175, Richmond Heights, OH 44143.

If you are unsure whether you have paid, please contact Kathy Lynch at 216-691-9999.

Dr. Patrick Oliver '74 pictured with his family  
Wife Kim, daughter Brittney, two sons, Jason and Justin



# DR. PATRICK OLIVER

## 2025 MAN OF THE YEAR

### HONORED ON JUNE 1, 2025

The 2025 Cathedral Latin School Man of the Year, also known as the Merit Award, ceremony was held on June 1 at St. Noel's Party Center in Willoughby, Ohio. This year's honoree was Dr. Patrick Oliver '74. The celebration also recognized the Class of 1975 on their 50th reunion.

Patrick began his remarks by expressing deep gratitude for the blessings and opportunities in his life, crediting God's will for guiding his journey. A second-generation police officer, Patrick described himself as "blue blood," honoring his father's legacy in law enforcement. He thanked his brothers, Mike '74 and James '72, for compiling and submitting his career accomplishments to the Merit Award Committee.

Patrick introduced his wife, Kim, along with their daughter Brittany, and sons Jason and Justin, as well as other family members in attendance. Patrick met Kim while working together at the Cleveland Metropolitan Zoo. He also extended his appreciation to the committee for selecting him for this honor.

Reflecting on his time at Cathedral Latin, Patrick spoke of the lasting lessons he learned, how to compete, face challenges, and value the brotherhood of an all-boys school. Inspired by his father's role modeling, he emphasized the importance of persistence, a quality that served him throughout his distinguished career.

He closed his speech with a powerful reminder: "The way to serve Jesus is by serving others."

# Sue Wise Farewell Celebration

On Saturday, July 26, 2025, the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association expressed its profound gratitude and appreciation to Sue Wise for 25 years of dedicated service to our mission. Over 150 guests joined in celebrating Sue's retirement from the CLAA and bid her well wishes for the next chapter in her life. The celebration was held at The Banquet Center at St. Noel Church in Willoughby Hills.



Deacon Tom Wetzel '65 provided a welcoming opening prayer. The festive room was decorated with purple and gold decor and a delicious lunch was served. On behalf of the CLAA Trustees, President Ben Carlozzo '71 spoke words of thanks and praise to Sue for her outstanding service. His moving tribute to Sue was followed by an appreciative "roar" of applause from the crowd.

Since 2001, Sue has been the mainstay of our organization by running the business office, planning and executing all events, and strengthening our Latin community. As Sue remarked, she has been serving the CLAA in deed and truth! Significantly, she has ensured that the *Alumnotes* publications and all mailings were done properly and timely. Perhaps most importantly, she has graciously responded to all alumni phone calls/emails and built trusting relationships among our alumni.

In her comments to the gathering, Sue shared that "...the Men of Latin aren't just alums to me. Each and every one of you holds a special place in my heart. Thank you for giving me the best job I ever had. It's been an honor and a pleasure serving the alumni association for 25 years." Many guests said that the honor was truly ours!

All told, it was a wonderful event, saluting a very special person enjoyed by all. The event closed on a high note with a rousing rendition of the Cathedral Latin fight song.



**Thank you, Sue!**

# 2025 CLAA GOLF OUTING

The 34th Annual Cathedral Latin Alumni Golf Outing was held on Friday, June 27, at Grantwood Golf Course in Solon. As usual, the outing was sold out, with over 144 golfers enjoying the day and the event. While we generally had a hot and humid day, we also endured a one-hour rain delay before our event could be concluded.

The CLAA Golf Outing netted approximately \$16,000 to benefit the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association, as it continues to be the CLAA's primary fundraising event. Golf Outing Chair and CLAA Trustee Chris Lynch '75 and his volunteer committee ran a smooth event that featured delicious lunch and dinner fare from our friends at Winking Lizard. Special thanks to Kathy Lynch and three of the Lynch's daughters (pictured with their Dad, Chris, left to right), Caitlain, Erin and Colleen who stepped up to ensure that the organization and execution of the outing was terrific.



Two teams tied for the winning score with a 61 (10 under par). Once again, the Class of 1979 repeated with a winning team, although with a completely different foursome from last year that included Mike Byrne '79, Phil Oliveri '79, Dan Rachek '79 and David Simko (guest). Those "youngsters" were matched by the



Left to right: Michael DelBalso '68, Ray Kristosik '82, Nick Spuzzillo '70 and Anthony Gregorio '68



Left to right: Dan Rachek '79, Mike Byrne '79, David Simko (guest), and Phil Oliveri '79

foursome of Michael DelBalso '68, Anthony Gregorio '68, Ray Kristosik '82, and Nick Spuzzillo '70. The class of 1979 decided that since they won last year, the other foursome receive the commemorative winners' plaques. All winners also received a dozen golf balls for their effort. Congratulations to both teams!

CLAA President Ben Carlozzo '71 thanked all our event sponsors and participants, as well as leading our group in singing the Cathedral Latin Fight Song.

Other winners on this fun-filled day included:

**Skins:** Each team won \$320. Group 5A on Hole #4 (2 shots) - \$320; Michael DelBalso '68, Anthony Gregorio '68, Ray Kristosik '82, and Nick Spuzzillo '70. Group 7A on Hole #13 (3 shots) - \$320; Tom Flowers '79, John McCann '81, Bill Rachek '80, and Tim Rachek '77.

**Closest to the Pin:** Each winner won a dozen golf balls. Carmen Petrella Jr. (guest), Dan Rachek '79, Dennis Ward '72, Roy Andrews '64, and Bill Gardner '76.

**Round of Golf from Grantwood:** Drawing from field of 144 golfers – Mike McNamara '75.

**50/50 Drawing Winners from online pool:**

5 winners @ \$473 each – Tyrone Brown '72, Frank Cardinale '68, Joe Filippo '74, Tom Nowell '65, and John Sondej '65.

**50/50 Day of Event Winner:** \$570 to Joe DePalma '76. Special thanks to Joe D for donating \$200 back to the CLAA – that's the Latin spirit!

Please mark your calendars for Friday, June 26, 2026 for the 35th Annual CLAA Alumni Golf Outing. Go Lions!

# CLAA 2025 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

## George Brickman '53

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**GEORGE BRICKMAN**, along with teammate and Latin Hall of Famer Ed Voytek '53, were clearly the leaders of the 1951 and '52 Cathedral Latin football teams. Those two teams, coached by Augie Bossu, posted a respectable overall record of 10-6-1.

Some say those two seasons also cost Augie Bossu his head coach job at Latin. The records show that the 1951 Lions were 6-3-0 (with one loss by a single point) and the 1952 squad was 4-3-1 (the three losses were by a total of 15 points). These teams were competitive, if not great.

In the very competitive Senate League, this was simply not good enough to reap the Lions' share of postseason honors for these teams or most of the players. Yet, George Brickman was an All-Catholic honoree as a junior and a Cleveland PresStar (Honorable Mention) his senior year.

George was a three-year varsity football letterman, a rare feat at Cathedral Latin in those days. He was also a triple threat player – as a quarterback, defender and punter. As his teammate and Latin HOF member Bob Fitzgerald '55 stated, "I'm not sure who the All-Scholastic QB was in 1952 but I can assure you that he was no better an all-around player than George and we would not have traded George for anybody." A teammate and classmate described him as "mature, talented and indestructible."

Not just an outstanding player and competitor, but also a leader and role model for others. Another Latin HOFer, Peter Pucher '55, was the beneficiary of being the backup quarterback behind George Brickman. In his letter of support of George's induction, he wrote, "Any success I had as a CL quarterback came from having George Brickman to look up to and try to emulate. No one could have been a better role model than I had in George Brickman." That's from the quarterback of the 1953 and 1954 teams that went 19-1 under Coach Dan Mormile.

George's teammates lauded his leadership without exception. For example, he served as Captain against Ignatius (named to that highest honor against our arch-rival by then Head Coach Augie Bossu who picked a different captain each week). George led the Lions to their first score (a 17-yard TD pass to end Jim Ramsey) and a 31-14 victory against the Wildcats (who were 2-time defending city champs) while also breaking their 18-game winning streak.

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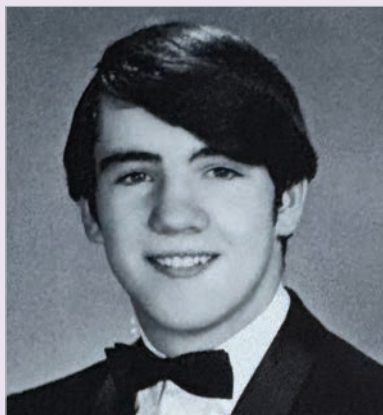
## George Brickman '53 Continued

There are several other powerful examples of why George Brickman was selected for induction into the Cathedral Latin Athletic Hall of Fame this year. George's teammate and lifelong friend Roger Toth '53 described him as "a Man of Charity

and Goodwill." Roger Toth's '53 nomination letter includes: *All my accolades about George Brickman, my quarterback, defensive back, and team leader must always pale in the light of a visit he and several '53 classmates made to me in 1990.*

*Without my knowledge, George initiated a drive to raise money for a handicapped van for my use and presented me a check on that most memorable day. He was the epitome of Latin spirit.*

## Chuck Lally '68



Anyone who is familiar with the Cathedral Latin football history knows of the Lally name. Both Dave '45 and Bob '46 played on the 1944 state championship Latin Lions team. Additionally, Bob was an All-Ohio player on the 1945 team. **CHUCK LALLY '68** is the son of Bob Lally, who was inducted into the Cathedral Latin Athletic Hall of Fame (HOF) in 1961 and he is the oldest child of what was to eventually become a family of 16 children.

Chuck grew up in a competitive family with a strong athletic history. His father played on the Cathedral Latin football teams from 1943 through 1945 and played for four years at the University of Notre Dame, winning national championships for the 1946 and 1949 seasons. During Bob's entire football career, he never played in a losing game. Like Chuck, Bob also ran track at Latin.



Chuck followed his father's athletic legacy by also attending Cathedral Latin School, and is now being celebrated for his own contributions to both football and track and field. Chuck's Cathedral Latin sports career was marked by numerous individual awards, several team records, and the admiration of his fellow students. As Rick Stubel '69 shared, "Chucky was a terrific athlete but more importantly a great teammate who exemplified a true Latin spirit."

In football, Chuck was a two-year varsity starter, performing as a defensive back and offensive halfback. He played key roles in supporting his teams to back-to-back East Senate runner-up finishes in 1966 and 1967, with impressive records of 9-1 and 6-3, respectively. His performance earned him the title of All-East Senate Defensive Back in the fall of 1967. Chuck was also honored with the prestigious Knute Rockne Notre Dame Club of Cleveland Award for his athletic prowess, academic achievements, and involvement in extracurricular activities. As impressive as those accomplishments were, his track and field performances were equally outstanding.

Chuck's talents extended beyond the gridiron to the track, where he served as a tri-captain (along with classmates Dan Keefe and Lester Mitchell) during the successful 1968 season. His senior year, he helped lead the varsity track team to impressive season records. His personal bests in the pole vault (12' 6") and high jump (6' 0") were just shy of Latin's track school

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records, showcasing his dedication and talent in the field events too.

As a three-year varsity track letterman, Chuck consistently excelled in various events, including hurdles, relays, high jump and pole vault. As a sophomore, his relay team set the Latin School record in the 480-yard Shuttle Hurdles Relay held at Mansfield Relays with teammates Nicholas Herbka '66, Bruce Colosimo '67, and Lester Mitchell '68 (spring 1966). He also was a key member of what is believed to be Latin's best pole vault relay team, contributing to a total height of 35'6" and securing a silver medal that year. That pole vault squad consisted of Bernie Barabas '66 (12'), Jim Pedley '67 (12'), and Chuck (11'6").

The following year, Chuck helped lead the Lions to second place in the Annual Cleveland City-wide Indoor Track and Field meet held at the Arena. He was the team's high scorer with 9 points, including a Gold Medal for first place in high hurdles and Bronze Medal for third place in the high jump (spring 1967). Chuck also won medals at the prestigious West Tech Relays.

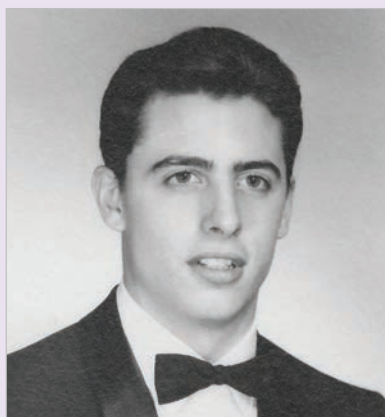
At age 61, Chuck returned to the champions podium where for his age group he received a bronze medal for 3rd place in the 26-mile Bulldog Bicycle Race sponsored by the Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton. Chuck Lally's talent as a multi-sport athlete is a testament to his effort and commitment, as well as an

attitude of enjoying the spirit of competition in all sports.

Along with his father, Chuck has two uncles who attended Cathedral Latin, Tom '47 and Jim '59, and three brothers Kevin '72, Mike '72 (deceased) and Jim '74.

Chuck lives in North San Diego County, where he maintains a small macadamia grove as well as keeping busy in the garage with woodworking projects and the "honey-do" list. He enjoys a semi-retired lifestyle, having spent many years developing medical research software. Alongside his wife, Lottie, Chuck enjoys the tranquility of their rural life. Despite his semi-retirement, he remains active and passionate about cycling, often riding the scenic routes of the area.

## Ron (Peunic) Pennick '69



Prior to their graduation in 1969, the Latin baseball team completed a successful season with senior **RON (PEUNIC) PENNICK** winning All Scholastic, All City, and All Ohio honorable mention honors. He and three other Latin teammates all hit well over .300 in a season where Latin toppled archrival Saint Joseph with a victory 7-1. The team was coached by Mr. David Condon, who envisioned another winning season in the coming year.

Ron Pennick (aka Peunic) began his baseball journey at age 10 in the Perry Little League, where he played for three seasons at Grdina Park, located off East 61st and St. Clair. He advanced to the Cleveland Class F League, spending the next two years competing at Gordon Park.

At Cathedral Latin, Ron initially made the baseball team as a sophomore. However, he was deemed expendable at the final cut after the first game. Undeterred, he returned as a junior in 1968 with renewed focus and a more disciplined, business-like approach. Influenced by standout seniors Bruce Furman, Pat Hoynes, and others plus with the support of coaches Dave Condon and Tom Humanik, Ron delivered a strong season at the plate, finishing with a batting average over .300.

In his senior year, Ron was named tri-captain alongside Greg Goodman and Al Benander. His leadership and performance helped drive the team's success, particularly during the sectional tournament where his hot hitting earned him a spot on *The Plain Dealer* Dream Team.

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## Ron (Peunic) Pennick '69 *Continued*

One of Ron's most memorable moments came in a tournament game against Shaker Heights. With the team trailing 1–0 in the bottom of the seventh inning, Ron hit a clutch triple and was driven in by teammate Marty Vondrak—who also earned Dream Team honors—tying the score. In extra innings, Ron scored the winning run on a bases loaded walk to Mike Ducic, keeping tournament hopes alive.

Ron ended his senior season with a .356 batting average and earned several honors, including *The Plain Dealer* All-Scholastic Second Team,

All-Ohio Honorable Mention, and Cathedral Latin's Most Valuable Player.

After high school, Ron was offered a baseball scholarship to Cleveland State University thanks to the efforts of Coaches Condon and Humanik. During his time there, Ron managed to play all four years mostly in a utility role. The main highlight of his college experience was meeting his future wife, Nancy. Graduating with a B.S. in Education, Ron spent a few years in the Cleveland Public School system.

Changing course, Ron entered the business world and earned a business management degree from Lakeland Community College. He worked as a purchasing agent, ending his career as a purchasing manager.

Ron and Nancy will celebrate their 50th anniversary next year. They have one son, Matthew, who is married to Danielle. Since being promoted to grandfather four years ago, he enjoys spending as much time as possible with his grandson.

## Steve Zahony '60



**STEVE ZAHONY** might be the most unique Cathedral Latin Athletic Hall of Fame induction in the 66-year history of the HOF event. Most people would be surprised if they were told that Latin had a swimmer being inducted, but it is so this year!

Steve arrived at Cathedral Latin in 1956, having just graduated from St. Margaret of Hungary Elementary School near Buckeye Avenue. Like many incoming freshmen, he was eager to join the CL football program and hoped to become the starting center on the offensive line. However, he developed a serious infection on his back that required medical treatment and ended his season after just a few weeks.

A few months later, the Buckeye neighborhood was teeming with refugees from the Hungarian Revolution against Communism. This led to the formation of a new organization called the Cleveland Hungarian Sports Club, and some excellent instructors and coaches were available for a number of sports. Using Cleveland Recreation Department swimming pools, the coach of the newly designated swimming team was Tibor Machan, an ex-world class water polo and rowing champion. Machan was also a friend of Steve's family.



Now out of sync with the CLS freshman football team, Steve started swimming and in a short time was competing in AAU swim meets. "Having advanced in these meets from 1958 to early 1960, the ultimate competition venue was the Ohio State high school championship," Steve explains. However, to qualify for the state championship, one had to be in the top three in a regional championship for Ohio high schools. Unfortunately for Steve's dreams, Cathedral Latin did not have a swim team!

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As Steve recalled, "I asked assistant athletic director and religion instructor Brother Patrick Tonry if it might be possible to represent my high school in the regional championship and wear a Cathedral Latin sweatshirt. With his friendly smile, he said he would think about it. A few days later he informed me that he would register Latin with the proper State swimming agency and handed me a sweatshirt." Steve entered the Northeast Regional championship and placed second in the 100 yd. breaststroke, which qualified him for the state championship in Columbus.

"To my big surprise, Brother Tonry informed me that the school would support my trip to Columbus, and he would drive me down and back. After a few days a message waited for me in my homeroom to see him. I was hoping that it was not a cancellation of the trip to Columbus, but when I entered his office, the twinkle in his Irish smile indicated otherwise. Brother Tonry informed me that we would lose too much school time driving down, so Cathedral Latin decided to fly both of us down to Columbus and back and pay for room and board for the trip. We would stay the extra day if I qualified for the finals," he explains.

As unlikely as it might have seemed, Steve then competed as Cathedral Latin's only representative (since the school did not actually have a swim team) at both the Northeast Ohio District and Ohio State Championship competitions. Thanks to Brother (later Father) Tonry and the school administration, Steve was provided with a purple and gold warm-up sweat suit that he wore to his

swimming competitions, along with receiving travel and related expenses assistance.

In addition to his Silver Medal finish in the Northeast Ohio District Meet, Steve then won the Bronze Medal in the 100-yard Breaststroke at the Ohio High School Championship in Columbus. This accomplishment made Steve a first team All-Ohio swimmer. As a bonus, this was his first flight on an airplane. In those days very few people traveled by plane, so this experience was an extra thrill for him.

Steve's All-Ohio performance in Columbus also earned him a full four-year athletic scholarship from Ohio State's Head Swimming Coach Mike Pepe. There, he competed for Ohio State for 4 years and was a member of the Buckeyes' 1962 NCAA National Championship Swimming Team. Steve was awarded a national champion watch to remember it!

Steve graduated from Ohio State with a Bachelor of Science degree in geology. "I was also fortunate to land a full teaching and research scholarship to Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH, following graduation from OSU," he reflects.

"My greatest thanks and appreciation to the wonderful teachers we had at Cathedral Latin who gave us our academic start. And a special heartfelt thanks to Brother Patrick Tonry for his personal concern for students, which, in my case, was an incredible boost in my life's path," Steve declared.

Steve and his wife, Agnes, reside in Colorado, where he has had a successful career as an international exploration geologist. "While still

single, I returned to Cleveland every Christmas and New Year. I met Agnes there at a New Year's party and we were married a short time later," he says. "We have two grown sons, both married and in the teaching profession. One resides in Santa Barbara, CA and our younger son teaches in Treviso, Italy. We have only one grandchild who just turned four and speaks fluent English, Hungarian, and is quickly learning Italian."

# 2025 CLASS REUNIONS



## Class of '65 CELEBRATES 60TH REUNION

*John Wenzel organized the 60th reunion for his classmates who gathered at the Firehouse Grille & Pub in Willoughby Hills, Ohio. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon of casual conversation and reminiscing, updates on their lives and families, along with reflecting on their high school days. The reunion provided a chance for old friends to reconnect and reflect on the past six decades.*



## Class of '68 ANNUAL REUNION

*Each year the Class of 1968 gathers at Merwin's Wharf in Cleveland for their annual reunion, and this year it took place on Saturday, July 12. The event continues to bring together this class who enjoy good food, drinks, and the waterfront view. It's a casual afternoon of catching up, reminiscing, and strengthening old friendships.*



## Class of '69 CELEBRATES 55TH REUNION

*The Class of 1969 marked their 55th Reunion with a golf outing on July 19 and a dinner on July 20. Twenty-five attendees played golf, followed by lunch at Briardale Clubhouse. The Saturday dinner hosted 58 guests, with Gerry Parisi providing music. The event began with a tribute to lost classmates, followed by Joe McDonald honoring veterans and first responders, who received tokens of appreciation. Nick Restifo was recognized for his lifetime achievements in education and athletics, just months before his passing in October 2024. Ray Somerville wrapped up the evening with a nostalgic look back at their high school days.*



## Class of '70 CELEBRATES THEIR 55TH REUNION

*Celebrating 55 years since it all began — good food, great company, and a lot of laughs in Cleveland's Historic Little Italy at Nido Italia. What better place to reconnect than over pasta, and plenty of good conversation with memories that go back a long way and stories that never get old.*

# UPCOMING REUNIONS

If you have any questions about your reunion or gathering, please contact a member of the committee.

## 1972

In the planning stages,  
Contacts are

Joe Marinucci '72  
(216) 410-7535

Ned Hyland '72  
(216) 469-3656

John Bastulli '72  
(216) 316-0441

## 1975

**September 13, 2025**

*Alfredo's at the Inn* located  
in Mayfield Village, Ohio

Chris Lynch '75  
(216) 509-8601  
chrislynch0531@gmail.com

Vince Malatesta '75  
(216) 381-6646

Mike Alexander '75  
(317) 440-7769

## 1977

In the planning stages,  
Contacts are

Tim Rachek '77  
tracheck77@gmail.com

Leo Hyland '77  
leohyland@gmail.com

## ALUM NOTABLES

### Cathedral Latin Florida Alumni

In 1981, **George W. Smith** and **Jim Mooney (Class of '31)** launched monthly luncheons for Florida-based Cathedral Latin alumni, held at various restaurants across the state.

The group focused on winter gatherings, monthly newsletters, modest dues, attending alumni funerals, and occasional 50/50 raffles. Over the years, several chaplains and many devoted members helped keep the spirit of Cathedral Latin alive far from home.

After more than four decades of friendship, fellowship, and shared memories, changing times took their toll. As members aged and the COVID pandemic limited in-person connection, attendance slowly declined. With heavy hearts, the group was made dormant in January 2025. To honor its legacy, remaining funds were donated to the Brother Frank Nurthern Endowment Scholarship at NDCL—ensuring future students would benefit from the values this group upheld.

*Opere et Veritate*

**Rick Werner '66**

### 1972

On Saturday, April 5th, **Dr. John A. Bastulli** began his one-year term as president of the Ohio State Medical Association. He is the first Cleveland physician to serve as president since the late 1980s. There are approximately 10,000 physician members of the Ohio State Medical Association. Dr. Bastulli is a practicing anesthesiologist and board-certified in anesthesia and critical care medicine. In 2021, he received the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association Man of the Year award.



# 2025 CLASS GATHERINGS

## 1953

**August 8, 2025**

**Group meets on alternating months at Alfredo's in Mayfield Village**

George Billings '53, Contact

## 1955

**June 17, 2025**

Don Hutton '55, Contact  
dhutton@sbcglobal.net



## 1961

**May 21, 2025**

**Monthly meetings at Muldoon's in Euclid**

Joe Spagnuolo '61, Contact  
joespags@gmail.com

## 1962

**Group meets on last Friday monthly, 1:30 at Muldoon's**

Jim McMahon '62, Contact  
jastmsm@aol.com

Jim has a great website with history, pictures and updates <https://cathedrallatininclassof1962.weebly.com/>

## 1965

**July 29, 2025**

**The Class meets on alternating months at The Firehouse in Willoughby Hills**

John Wenzel '65, Contact  
John.wenzel@att.net



## 1971

**April 18, 2025**

**Rocky Mountain Lions Spring Luncheon**

Ron Litra '71, Contact  
ronlitra@att.net

On April 17, 2025, the Rocky Mountain Lions held their spring luncheon at the Golf Club of Bear Dances. A few old stories that never get old were shared. The next luncheon is set for 10/16/25 at Castle Pines Country Club.

## 1972

**Group meets on the second Friday monthly, 12 Noon at Muldoon's**

Pat Carlin (216) 322-4073  
catpat0214@gmail.com  
Joe Isabella (216) 406-8202  
joseph.n.isabella@gmail.com

# In Memoriam

Our thoughts and prayers are extended  
to families who have lost loved ones.



Charles VanDeMotte '45  
Robert Sylvester '47  
Raymond Camma '48  
John Wilkins '48  
Nicholas Molnar, Sr. '49  
Stanley Pajek '49  
L. Hottois '50  
Thomas Gohring '53  
Daniel Buckley '55  
Roland Ross '55  
Daniel Walsh '55  
Leo Deininger '56  
Thomas Mscichowski '56  
Norman Novotny '56

Richard Snyder '56  
Robert Bonick '57  
James Buckley '57  
Ernest DeRose '58  
Robert Miller '58  
David Caravona '59  
Frederick Friedell '59  
Charles Kozelka '59  
William Wintrich '59  
Damanhurl Alkaitis '61  
Edward Dubrovich '61  
Ben Kulwicki '61  
Andrew Poploske '61  
Anthony Patronite '65

Gerald Stopar '65  
James Vitale '65  
Dennis Motyka '67  
Carl Sferry, MD '68  
Mark Wojnar '68  
Lawrence Begin '71  
Anthony Czekanski '71  
Thomas Gombar '71  
Frank Aubrecht '72  
Michael Iacampo '73  
Joseph Perella '78  
Tim Lang '82

## Come Home, Men of Latin September 12, 2025 at NDCL

**The Lions will be taking on the Benedictine  
Bengals in a Throwback game with the  
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