

Personal

MEMORANDUM

TO: Most Rev. Alfred C. Hughes

FROM: Father Ryan

RE: Rev. Paul R. Shanley: Class of 1960
California

June 27, 1991

On June 26, 1991, I received a telephone call from Father Paul Shanley who was alerting us of his having need of day surgery at Eisenhower Hospital in Rancho Mirage, California.

Father Paul indicated that he was leaving the residence to go to the hospital for the day surgery the afternoon of June 26, 1991. However, he described his injury as torn cartilage in his knee after excessive squat exercises.

His call was in relationship to bills that he thought he would pay on his Master Card until he found out the cost of such surgery, etc. He intimated that he had placed on his Visa Card \$6,500.00 to date.

I counseled Father Paul in regards following our procedures and alerting the particular hospital in California that this is not an insurance nor a reinsurance but a mutual aid society. He evidently had done so.

He asked me to call Ms. Lynn Wilson, the Financial Counselor at Desert Orthopedic Center so as to explain matters to them.

- A. The Desert Orthopedic Center is the name for a group of doctors.
- B. The doctor who will be surgeon in this case is Doctor Graff-Radford. The fact of a few "pencil holes" and the having received a second opinion to have the surgery done, Father asked our permission.
- C. It is my understanding that the doctors will charge \$4,290. for their surgery; furthermore, Father Shanley has made a \$600. deposit on the use of the hospital, anesthesiologist and miscellaneous charges.
- D. I called Ms. Lynn Wilson on June 26, as requested by Father Shanley, and she intimated that we could not change the financial arrangements since Father Shanley had not told them that he did not want it on Visa. In point of fact, she noted that he indicated he was "retired", had no insurance, and would be a private paying patient.

Ms. Wilson went on to comment that the area was "high rent district" and that a lot of people were of means in that Rancho Mirage area. I asked that she would seek to reverse the plan of his making payments on Visa and instead bill him with an itemized billing for his forwarding to our office with his verification.

In speaking with Ms. Wilson, she told me that it would seem impossible to do anything differently than scheduled by Father in his early directions.

- E. I have written to Father Paul to tell him of my conversation and attach copy for your reference.

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cc: Rev. John B. McCormack

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