

DAVID KAMMER
Marist College
Poughkeepsie, NY
For the Marist College Archives and Special Collections
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Project Name: Marist Heritage Project

Transcript: Yes

Summary: Yes

Photograph(s): Yes

CD#: 028

Name of Interviewee: David Kammer

Main Topics: The following interview occurs with David Kammer, who speaks of his participation as a Brother at Marist Training School. In the beginning of the interview, David Kammer reflects on his early educational years during the Depression into his involvement with the Marist Brothers. David Kammer speaks of the novitiate and scholasticate as well as many other people involved in Marist College's earlier years including Brother Paul Stokes among various other Brothers. Within the interview, David Kammer also speaks of the physical plan of Marist College in its earlier years as well as his various responsibilities as a Brother. David Kammer also speaks of his working at St. Ann's Academy and Marist Institute of Theology. The interview ends with David Kammer's reflection on *Marist's All* and its impact on the college.

Others present?: No

Interviewed by: Gus Nolan

Interview Date: 30 May 2002

Location of Interview: Archives and Special Collections Reading Room at Marist College

Recorder model and type: Marantz PMD 690

Length of interview: 45 minutes, 42 seconds

Number of disks: 1

Recording medium/format: Microdrive

Brand of disks: IBM 1GB Microdrive

Archival copy made: Burned to a gold alloy CD (MAM) and is held in the Marist College Archives and Special Collections. Saved as a .wav file at the highest resolution possible. CD copy is available for researchers.

Quality of original recording: Good

Restrictions on interview access or use: None

Transcribed or summarized by: Erin Kelly

Brief summary of interview context and recording contents: This interview was held in the Cannavino Library on the Marist College campus.

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<u>Time (00:00.00 ~ in hrs./mins./seconds)</u>	<u>Summary</u>
00:00.03 – 00:04.26	David Kammer talks about his personal history, where and when he was born, his siblings and parents, where he went to school, and how he became interested in joining the Marist Brothers. He arrived in Poughkeepsie to begin his training in August 1941.
00:04.27 – 00:15.08	David describes what it was like to go through the novitiate and scholasticate at the Marist Training School, the work, the academics, the physical layout of the campus and where classrooms and dormitories were located.
00:15.09 – 00:32.48	David discusses in depth his work assignments after gradating from Marist. His first assignment was a cook at the Esopus campus for a year. His second assignment was teaching at St. Ann's Academy which he did for ten years, and his third assignment was the Director of Operations at Tyngsboro. He discusses his time at Tyngsboro, the memorable people he worked with, the programs they tried to start, and the relationship between Tyngsboro and Marist College. Finally, David briefly discusses one of his last assignments before he left the Marist Brothers, which was the Director of the Marist Institute of Technology.
00:32.49 – 00:45.42	David talks about leaving the Marist Brothers, getting married, what he did for work after leaving the Brothers, and finally retiring down to Florida. He reflects briefly on what he feels Marist has gained and lost since his time there as a student, overall he's very proud of what Marist has accomplished. He then goes on to talk in more detail about what he's been doing in Florida now that he's retired, and finishes his interview discussing his work on the <i>Marist's All</i> .