

2024 SJMS Historical Museum Reunion

Tentative Detailed Agenda Aug. 17, 2024

Friday, October 11 **Cozy Up to the Museum** – 110 E Otis

1300 hours Kick off our weekend by starting at the SJMS Historical Museum, located on the south side of campus, 110 E Otis. What better way to start it all off than the Museum, your brothers AND a few Cozy's! Remember that distinct aroma? YOU BET! A STRONG tradition for the Old Boys, that only the Cozy Inn can offer. Voted Top 10 Hamburger by the Travel Channel and Best Burger Joint in Kansas by USA Today.

1400 -1600 hours **Bus Tour of revitalized Downtown Salina, Historic Masonic Temple, and Historic Stiefel Theater**

Ride a bus to view the 170-million-dollar revitalization of Downtown Salina and the International Artist Murals on buildings. Larry Britegam will be your guide who is an Old Boy (1967-69), Former Trustee of the school for over 30 years, current Board Chairman of the Museum, and Trace and Guy Walker the Master Developers of Salina 2020 and downtown Salina. Board members Tom Pestinger and Rob Exline are also part of the Master Development group. Travis Young has developed the mural project with artists from the United States and internationally. Travis is Board member Lee Young's son. After the tour, we will stop at the Historic Masonic Temple. Mary Landes will be our guide. She is renovating parts of the historic building and will show us the priceless stage backdrops from the 1905 World's Fair. Mary's grandfather, John Landes, attended SJMS in 1896. We will then board the bus and head back to the renovated Historic Stiefel Theater for a quick tour by Jane Gates, the Executive Director, and enjoy some light refreshments.

1800 - 2200 hours **Food, Fellowship, and Fun at AJ' Sports Grill** – 115 E Ash

Enjoy their 29" Superdome Pizza and a few refreshments; compliments of the SJMS Museum. I'm sure Kent will have a few trivia tricks for you, and correct answers to win a free drink! AJ's features fun arcades and a bowling alley for the kids while you visit and catch up with staff, family, faculty, and brothers.

Saturday, October 12 **Armstrong Chapel**

0930 hours Refresh your memories while we worship together. Fr. Tom Fiske, OB 1971, will preside. The Chapel holds so many special memories for each of us... where some were baptized, received Holy Communion, or even were "gently" awakened! You don't want to miss hearing our organ belting out the worship songs. OB Jeff Broome, 1971, will be one of the acolytes. Needing more volunteers.

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1100 – 1200 hours **Memories** – Stevens Center; Browning Reception Room

Everyone who attended SJMS has memories of their time as a cadet. Memories that will be remembered their entire lifetime. Good memories, a few bad ones but a large number are humorous, and some have been shared with only a few cadet brothers or staff members. Listen to personal stories about their SJMS experience and how it guided them through life. Our emcee, Denny Dumler will introduce our speakers; Jeff Broome, OB 1971; Ricky Wallace, OB 2008; Levi Gottsponer, OB 2013; Rick Taylor, OB 1964; Kyle Stuart, OB 2010, Dakota Strawn, OB 2010. Their stories will certainly entertain each of you!

1210 – 1330 hours Lunch on your own

1330 – 1445 hours **Meet and Greet!** – SJMS Historical Museum

Meet up with our beloved staff and faculty who mentored and guided you. The hugs and laughter will be on the agenda for this event! Tentative staff are Wendy Stein, Terry Plumberg, Lance & Debbie Werber, Roy Lawrence, Ginger Wooten, Brenda McCoy, and Pam Kraus with more staff to be announced.

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1500 hours **Flag Raising** – Memorial Tear Drop Park

Located just north of the Museum. A replica of the Tear Drop, where all bricks and monuments have been gathered from the original days. Join the Muleskinner in remembering our patrons, parents, staff and Old Boys on our named bricks. Steve Cussin OB 1972 and Mark Thomas OB 1974 will be assisting with this event.

Final Roll Call – In front of the SJMS Historical Museum

Remembering our brothers and the legacy left behind. Honored by classmates/peers by laying of a rose. A very solemn ceremony, that often brings a tear.

Handle Ceremony – In front of the SJMS Historical Museum

Established by Jack Vanier, OB 1955, the front door Handle was salvaged from Vail Hall from the fire in 1978. Every Old Boy has since touched the Handle from the historic landmark. A rich tradition for the Old Boys.

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1800 hours

The Garage with Country Style Chicken Dinner Located at Downtown Salina, 4th Street, just south of Iron Ave.

The Garage, with 40,000 square feet of space, is filled with automobiles, motorcycles, and memorabilia on exhibit. This will not disappoint! Pick out your dream car or talk about the car that got away when you were younger. Either way, it's an exciting venue!

Dinner included: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, cream style corn, cole slaw, biscuits and ice cream will fill everyone's tummy. Come hungry!

To round out the evening, entertainment from OB Jeff Broome and his dear friend, Chris Daring will be performing a variety of tunes for your pleasure. Chris is a world-class fiddler, an American musician primarily known for her work as a performer and teacher of the Texas style of fiddling. In 1996 she became the first woman to win the National Adult Old Time Fiddle Championship.

The Museum will be open Friday 1000 and Saturday, 1300 hours – 1700 hrs.