



# *The Secretary's Pen*

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## *Snow and Ice and Wind, Oh, My!*

This past week, much of the country has dealt with winter weather of an extreme kind. Here in Kansas, schools and businesses closed in the aftermath of an overnight snow. Being originally from South Bend, Indiana, where the ever-dreaded lake effect snow remained a constant threat each year, a few inches doesn't really impress me.

The cold weather is a good reason to stay indoors and work on tasks at a desk. This includes making a good start on the "*Links of Benedictine Interest*" page on the ABA website – to which I will add the suggestions you send as they arrive in my email: [ABAcadSec@gmail.com](mailto:ABAcadSec@gmail.com).

Chilly temperatures are also a reason to sit quietly and enjoy nature – a sort of *Lectio Divina* that doesn't require the written word. (Some might describe it as *Visio Divina*.) The blanket of white snow on the lawn, the birds searching for food, animals foraging reminds us of our never-ending search for what God wants us to become. Like the jet stream, we are never stagnant.

Soon, it will be time to register for this summer's biennial convention, with the theme, "Give Me a Word..." The registration form will be included in the February ABA Newsletter and uploaded to the website - a version which can be filled out directly on the computer, rather than having to print and mail it - before the end of the month. Register early for a discount.

The membership forms have also been revised to be fillable, as well. They have been uploaded to the website, in place of the previous forms.

Feel free to send me suggestions for website updates, or announcements of interest to Benedictines about upcoming programs, etc.

Peace!

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