

The Boylan Bytes

The Newsletter of the Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198 Knights of Columbus Woodstock, IL



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Greetings Faithful Sir Knights of Assembly 0198, all Our Brother Sir Knights, Brother Knights and Friends!

Welcome to the August issue of *The Boylan Bytes*!

First, we have been informed that **Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard** has appointed **SK Frank Rossi** as *Master of the Northern Illinois District*, effective September 1, 2016. It seems that **SK Jack McCarthy's** term comes to an end too soon, as he has faithfully executed his duties and has always been there for us and all of the Assemblies of Northern Illinois, truly the First District! We wish him health and success. And we look forward to an equally enjoyable and rewarding relationship with the new Master as we have with the previous Masters over the years; **SK Knights Jack McCarthy**, **Paul Isherwood**, **Ray Biliskov**, and those before them.

Highlights of the August 10th Assembly Business Meeting.

One more event towards **Star Assembly** achievement discussed at the meeting was a BLUE MASS to honor our First Responders throughout the Deanery. A number of venues have been discussed, but will update all when a final decision has been voted upon. So one more reason to come to the Assembly meetings! Our attendance has been on the increase the past few years, as it should for an Assembly with over 300 Faithful members. We are the PATRIOTIC AMERICAN CATHOLIC degree, and we need to stand together in all we do.

Did you know that we now have an active **FAITHFUL FRIAR? Father SK Aquino Godwin,** Pastor of St. Patrick's in McHenry has agreed to fulfill the position. Thank you, Father. and Welcome.

The Faithful Navigator has also made arrangements for **Father SK Joel Lopez** to fill for the Faithful Friar if he is not able to make a meeting. This will be very happy news as we have not really had a *permanent* Friar since **Monsignor SK McLaughlin** retired several years ago.

Faithful Scribe SK Stephen Zalas reported that we once again have a WebSite!! It is still being tweaked, but it is there. Visit at http://kofcknights.org/Assembly.asp?A=198
That is a bit long but ma get shortened. You can view a number of pages using the list on the left, however a number of options are password protected. Your access is via your K of C Membership number (you know, that long thing on your travelling card that is in your wallet) AND your date of birth. If you can't remember that, it should be on your Driver's License! Steve is working with the host to get our permanent site updated so that all the necessary info is loaded and then we have another way of keeping up to date.

It was proudly announced that a number of our participating Councils take a prominent place in County Fairs and local Festivals... one more way to get the K of C story out to the community.

Next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be on October 29th at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Rockford. We need the completed Form 4's to **Faithful Comptroller Dan O'Connell** by the September 14th meeting. We also received a note from the Master that any Form sent directly to him will be returned and rejected. The Form, Application and check MUST come from the Assembly Comptroller. When you get the form filled out by the candidate, please check and make sure all the boxes are filled INCUDING the candidates Membership Number, that he signs it AND the Council Financial Secretary signs it. You would not believe the number of forms that come in incomplete over the years.

Send them on or bring them to the meeting at Holy Apostles Church, upstairs, at 7:30.

By the way, do you know who the liaison is for your Council to the Assembly? Is it you? Could it be? Might be another good reason to come to a meeting to find out and or volunteer. When was the last time you heard Fourth Degree news at your Council meeting? This could also be the reason.

If the 'new member' goal for *Star Assembly* is going to be around 10% of current membership, that means we need about 30 NEW Sir Knights to join *Bishop Boylan* in the next 10 months! And there are only four Exemplifications in the entire calendar year. So spread the word and keep that Form 4 handy. If you DON'T have one, shout out and we will get them to you.

They are short meetings and it would be great to fill the room! And you will need to use the side door to the church by the handicapped parking. For some reason they keep the main doors locked. Find a way in and come join us!

Vivat Jesus! John

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