



The Boylan Bytes

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

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

Looking back through my files I found a 'newsletter' from 2005 by then Faithful Navigator Bob Klier. Yep, many years ago the FN would send out an e-mail to the members of what was going on in the Assembly. I remember getting those from Bob, along with ones from Former FNs Chuck Edfors, Bob Howell and Mark Serpe. Not quite sure why 'we' stopped doing that, but by the time I became FN we were no longer doing it. It's a shame, we lost some history along the way. Maybe it is time to select, beg, coerce someone to become the Assembly Historian. Wonder how many of us still have old 'stuff' about the Assembly. Anyone have any old pictures? Like of the parade float we used to have? I remember riding it one hot day through the streets of Marengo. It was right after we stopped wearing the roasting Regalia during parades and the official parade uniform became the old, red Assembly polo shirt, dark slacks and K of C hat. The Assembly did several parades every year at various Council cities and towns. It would be nice to get an old picture or two and include that in a future issue.

Here are the highlights of the last meeting. Speaking of that, are you on the mailing list for the minutes of each meeting. Think I touched on it in the last Newsletter about how few e-mail addresses we have. If you are on the list you get the minutes and this Newsletter, if not you are missing a lot. Okay, that's preaching to the choir as YOU are on the list which is why you are reading this. But who in your Council isn't? Maybe a comment or two at your next Business Meeting you find one or two of the guys asking about it. Get the address and pass it on. If you haven't gotten out there yet, check out the Assembly Webpage. It is up and running (thanks Faithful Scribe Stephan Zalas!) See it at <https://kofcknights.org/Assembly.asp?A=198> The minutes are there as well as this Newsletter, a list of upcoming Honor Guards, meetings and bits of info.

At the last meeting

The Faithful Navigator opened the meeting and discussed his attendance at the recent Round-Table held in Rockford. This annual diocesan meeting is to induct those Knights who have gone over and above in their contributions to the Knights, the church and our communities. It's a good time dinner event attended by the Bishop and many dignitaries. If you've never been to one, mark your calendar and plan on attending next year. The Council's in our Deanery and our Assembly always participate with wives and clergy.

Coats for Kids is off and running! The jackets were shown and a committee is being formed for their distribution. We have participated in this each year and our Assembly has also conducted a hats and gloves collection to coincide with this.

We are dressing up our Officers! New jewels were ordered and have been delivered. This is not the first time we have replaced these. They are worn at every meeting, and should be available for other events. These include that they may be worn by sitting officers for Honor Guards as well. So, they take some wear and tear, but always add to the dignity of an event.

The FN discussed the "Blue Mass" committee meeting that was held on October 10th. The committee is to consist of the liaison for each Council within the Assembly. Everyone did not attend the meeting for various reasons, but hopefully many will attend the next meeting on November 7th. Attached at the end of this Newsletter will be the notes from that meeting. They should be read at each Council meeting so that we may provide a beautiful ceremony when it is held and that everyone is involved.

You should all be aware of the annual McHenry County Prayer Breakfast that will be held on November 12th. It will begin with an opening mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton church in Crystal Lake, at 7:00 AM. We will again have the privilege of providing the Honor Guard for the presiding prelate, the Archbishop of San Francisco. SUT is at 6:30 that morning. We are invited to the breakfast after Mass and will have at least one table. If you are interested in attending either the Honor Guard and/or the breakfast, please let the FN know.

Each month we receive several communications. These may be from the Master, seminarians who have been the recipients of our contributions, letters from those who have received our Charity, or requests for donations. While they may be noted in the minutes, you need to come to the meetings and hear them read. People do appreciate all that we do, and their thanks can be very moving.

Do to our on-going business, the By-Laws review is being resurrected. A Committee met several years ago and recommendations had been made, but the full assembly never acted on the proposed change. It is time to take care of this business.

The Admission Committee is being pushed again to take a more active role in new Candidates to the First Degree. It does not accept candidates for the Patriotic Degree, but many of us are involved at the Council Level. The application into the K of C by members of the Mason's is the main reason. It is a real occurrence. More than one of our Councils have been approached by Mason's for admission into the Knights.

One of the nicer things at the meeting is the acknowledgement of a special occasion. At the meeting the Faithful Comptroller announced the awarding of Honorary Membership to Sir Knight Anthony DePippo. Tony is a Past Grand Knight of Council 3880. Congratulations Sir Knight!

The most recent Exemplification Degree will have taken place by the time you get this, so come to the November meeting and meet our SEVEN new Sir Knights! The next

Exemplification will be held February 18th in Lisle. Get those Form 4s filled in by your Brother Knights in your Council! Start recruiting!!!

Oh, when you do come to the November Meeting, on the 9th, bring your checkbook or a \$20.00 bill. Your 2017 Dues invoices will be available... this saves money for the Assembly as we will not have to mail your notice, then mail your card back to you.

The following is the National Novena prayed prior to the election from Oct 30th to November 7th

Prayer to Mary, the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States

Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters;
Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse;
God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother, in union with Mary we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.
Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you.
Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America.
Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government.
Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity.
Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation.
Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations.
Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need.
Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.

Vivat Jesus! John

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Attached is the report of the first meeting of the Blue Mass Committee. Read and take part!



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Assembly Sponsored Blue Mass

The initial meeting of the newly formed Assembly Blue Mass Committee met on Monday, October 10, 2016.

The meeting was held with limited membership as all invited where not able to attend.

Below is a list of the discussion, comments and thoughts of those present. This is a Rough Draft document and is merely to inform the Assembly members of the current thought processes. It is most certainly not 'set in stone' and is given to provide insight and solicit thoughts and suggestions from the members to allow us to put on the best Blue Mass that we can.

There is no semblance of order in these thoughts...

- Logical time frame in spring of 2017 (both from a logistics and financial standpoint)
- The Parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle and Elizabeth Ann Seaton have been suggested. Basis is on the ability to hold upwards of 300 for the Mass and similar room for a following reception. Any other Parish that feels they can accommodate this size of a gathering should submit their name.
- Event should be on a Saturday morning, possible with the Mass beginning between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM. This then could dictate the reception menu: a light breakfast or a brunch.
- Host Council will provide a light breakfast or lunch, financially assisted by the Assembly and the Assembly's Councils. The amount of financial assistance will be established after the costs have been calculated by the Blue Mass Committee.
- Each of the Assembly's Councils will be asked to provide several volunteers to assist at the reception: serving, busing, cleaning, etc.

- Each of the Assembly's Councils will be asked to provide members in council shirts to act as ushers
- Sir Knights will be asked to volunteer as Lectors and Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.
- His Eminence Bishop David Malloy, a 4th Degree Sir Knight will be invited to concelebrate the Mass with the Pastor of the host Parish and our Faithful Friar. Additional clergy may be invited to attend.
- Invitations will be sent to the Chiefs of Police and the Chiefs of Fire Departments and all EMT groups in the county and the McHenry County Sheriff. The States Attorney would also be invited as well as all Judges. The Mayors of each Council City will also be invited. (It should be noted that not all members of the departments would be able to attend as they need to have an active force on duty, but they will still be invited. There would be no quota on the number invited.)
- Each Department would be invited to bring their service flag with to have it processed in to the Mass with the Assembly Honor Guard and a Police Color Guard that has already tentatively agreed to perform.
- A tribute foundation, *The Pillars of Freedom*, have agreed to have a flag display to include the First Responders Flag included with multiple American flags.

Please bring this list to your next Council Business Meeting and have it read and ask for additional comments.

Please have these comments, plus all **YOUR** comments and suggestions sent to the Faithful Navigator ASAP. We are starting now, but Spring will be here sooner than you think with an effort like this!

Greg Verbick, FN