



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 November issue of ***The Boylan Bytes***!

We had some interesting comments from the last Newsletter. Some of these were about why we stopped sending it way back when... something I forgot. That was the cost involved. We were having issues with the Post Office over the quantities we were trying to send bulk mail and the many zip codes it was going to. Ah, the days before e-mail! Another comment from another Past Faithful Navigator was a reminder of the parades we used to be in... I wonder how many would be willing to sit on a flatbed trailer wearing the red Assembly shirts and parade around town... if I remember right, we had quite a few of them, and even had a trailer that was hitched to a pick-up. It was a pretty elaborate affair... who has a picture of it to send to me so it can go in an upcoming issue?

With that thought, how many of your Councils either have a float or march in any local parades, such as Christmas. I know that 3880 has one that they use... how many others?

Before getting on to what's happening, I would like to welcome our new Sir Knights. We as an Assembly were 307 strong at the beginning of the month. 3 of these are Honorary Members, 54 are Honorary Life and we also have 6 on Disability. Do you know what those categories mean? Do you know how many members are in your Council? Does a Council have Honorary and Honorary Life members? It's amazing the how little we may know about the Knights... and if that is the case, we should start an 'education' section here to keep everyone informed. As this recent election proved, without being informed, there are so many comments without knowledge!

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus was established on Feb. 22, 1900, on the principle of patriotism — love for and devotion to one's country — and Fourth Degree Knights focus the majority of their activities on this principle. Yet, it should be remembered that the Fourth Degree is an important part of the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization. Nurturing a spirit of fraternalism within your assembly is a vital aspect of the work of the Fourth Degree.

Back to the Assembly: we now have 314 Members as of the October 29th Exemplification Degree held in Rockford. Or was it the Patriotic Degree? Names of the Degrees are changing, the 1st Degree is now the Admissions Degree! What are the other two not mentioned here...?

Please join in welcoming the following Sir Knights to our ranks!

SK Ambrose Kittl of Council 16446 from St. Patrick's in McHenry (our newest Council)
SK Carl Smith also of Council 16446
SK Harlan Delozier of Council 16446
SK Edward Perry of Council 8473 from Christ the King in Wonder Lake
SK John Lavorata of Council 10678 from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
SK David Morrison of Council 10678
SK Donald Ross of Council 10678

Welcome Sir Knights and we hope to see you at the Business Meetings on the Second Wednesday of the Month at Holy Apostles parish in McHenry. SUT 7:30PM. Oh, yeah, what is SUT? Come to the meeting and find out!

Looking back on a report from 2006 we had 256 Members, so we are growing, but that was 10 years ago. Unfortunately, we have lost way too many SKs who have joined the ranks of the Lord's Honor Guard in heaven. And the average yearly growth is barely 5. Not really a good number for an Assembly of our size which is made of 13 very active Councils. So, was your Council listed among the new members above? We all need to actively recruit men to the 4th Degree, the Patriotic Degree. Especially considering the turmoil that we as the greatest country in the world have been going through. By joining ranks and letting our parishes and community's see the good we do, we can encourage others to follow suit.

Here are the highlights of the last meeting.

A letter was read from the Supreme Master regarding the election. Remember who we are and what we are: we are Catholic Gentlemen; we are Sir Knights. His key points on going forward are to continue our efforts of in our Parish Life, Evangelization, Honor to Our Blessed Virgin Mary, maintain a deep understanding of issues of deep value, a heightened awareness, and an on-going and continuing greater appreciation of our Bishops. This is a para-phrasing of his comments, but an e-mail to our Faithful Navigator can get you a copy of the letter. Just keep in mind that the election is over and who won, won, let us support our great Catholic American heritage, and do our part to make America strong.

The McHenry County Prayer Breakfast was talked about and that we had the privilege of once again being the Honor Guard for Archbishop Cordileone of San Francisco. We were also again offered seats at the breakfast. This is one more honor that we have attained over the years by a very active Honor Guard. We strive to have a large turnout for the Bishop at every opportunity, but we then go above and beyond for our Assembly parishes. Although we are always made aware of a parishes events, such as Corpus Christi, Devine Mercy Sunday and Adorations, each parish generally have these same events. So, it is very important that the Sir Knights in each participating Council participate in these events. So how many in *your* Council are Sir Knights and how many have Regalia? Admittedly it is costly. But are there SKs in your Council who can no longer participate in an Honor Guard? Are there SKs who have gone on to their final reward? Did they have Regalia and is it wearable? That last comment was that there are pieces that may no longer be used. If you get any of this, you would want to show it

to the Faithful Captain and be sure you can wear it. There have been SKs who have been turned away at Exemplification's and Honor Guards for not having correct Regalia. Seems unfair, but we are there in dozens and hundreds at times, and we need to be the same. Kind of like someone showing up with white gym shoes... kind of stands out.

These events put us in front of crowds, often very large, where there are many non-Catholics. We need to show our pride in who we are and what we do... and to display our Solidarity to our Priests'.

Worthy Master Frank Rossi also sent along another message on the **Star Assembly** award. It listed the requirements and we are happy to say that we are well on our way! In addition to this newsletter, we have all the required Forms completed to date. We also have received our Fraternal Year Membership Goal. It is a whopping **7%**! That amounts to 21 new Sir Knights. As stated above we have the 7 from this last Degree, so we need, **MUST HAVE** 14 additional Sir Knights by the end of June. That means we must **ALL** be recruiting with all our might to get a large class for the next 4th Degree Exemplification to be held in February of 2017. Which is not that far away. But, to put it in perspective... we have 14 Councils in our Assembly. So, simply put, each Council must get **ONE** candidate. But reality being what it is, how much nicer it would be for each to get 2 candidates... then we are assured of meeting the goal. So, go get 'em!

You should **ALL** have a Form 4 in your possession. If not, see the Faithful Comptroller at the December meeting and get 'a few'!

We are still working on the Assembly sponsored Blue Mass for this coming spring. Please remember that there are meetings for this the Monday before each Assembly Business Meeting at Elizabeth Ann Seaton in Crystal Lake at 7:00 PM. **YOU** are a member of this committee if you are the Liaison to the Assembly for your Council. If you don't know if you are, **COME ANYWAY!!!** This is important to all of us.

Coats for Kids is in process and we are giving them away to the needy.

Are you looking on-line at our website? For many years members have lamented the passing of our old website that PFN Mark Heiress started but was lost to the collapse of the server. Well, we are now at <https://kofcknights.org/Assembly.asp?A=198> Okay, kind of long, but go to it and have your browser save it as a favorite. Then go look at it often!

Go there now to see the Minutes of the last meetings, Honor Guard Call-Outs, member lists and a way to automatically send an e-mail to a member or officer, all protected and easy to use. All you need is your Member Number... you know, on that little card that needs to be signed and in your pocket... and is now time to renew. Oh, and your birthdate... should not be too hard to remember that for most of you. Hope to see you at the next Meeting. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours. Vivat Jesus.

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