



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 **December** issue of ***The Boylan Bytes!***

Apologies for being a bit late! The holidays, old age, and the meeting postponed for a week has messed me up.

From Worthy **Faithful Navigator Greg Verbick** and all the Officers of the Assembly, a belated Merry Christmas and hope for a very Prosperous, Healthy, and Happy 2017.

Here are the highlights of the last meeting. Apologies again to the handful of brave souls who were at the Assembly Meeting Hall on the scheduled second Wednesday of the Month, December, 14th only to find no one home. Because of the extreme weather a decision was made to postpone the meeting for one week, until December 21st. I think this is one more reason we all need to be visiting our web page. These types of notices are perfect for including, and if we all took a quick look just before leaving home or earlier, we could find any last minute changes. The Faithful Scribe and Webmaster, **SK Steve Zalas**, is doing a great job of working with the Navigator to have the site updated as soon as possible. Go to www.https://kofcknights.org/Assembly.asp?A=198 it will take you to the page you can click on to access it. Of course, that is a bit long, so I just open it, then save to favorites and give it a simple name.

IF you are a registered Fourth Degree Knight of the Assembly in good standing, all it takes to access anything is knowing your Membership number (hint, hint... it is on your Travel Card in your wallet!) And the year of your birth. So very simple. I did ask at the last meeting how many have been to the website, and the number was extremely low. When we had the site years ago, everyone would go and check it out for any updates and current news. Probably in the next couple of months, this Newsletter will NOT be emailed to everyone, but available on the website to members.

The Faithful Navigator opened the meeting by commenting on the change in date of this meeting as noted above. First item for discussion was the Blue Mass. If you recall, there is a BM meeting every Monday of the week of our Business Meeting. It is held at Elisabeth Ann Seton Parish in Crystal Lake at 7:00PM. When we made the decision to have this event, the Liaison from the Assembly to each Council was appointed as a member of the committee. Do you know who that person is? Is it you? See the list at the end of the newsletter. The meeting is open to anyone who wants to attend and get involved. Turn outs have been a little light, so the more the merrier! The main items talked about have been the time: Mass at 8 or 8:30 on a Saturday in the Spring. Three parishes have been noted so far. All 14 of our Councils will need to contribute financially, although no total amount has been determined yet. We will most likely serve a breakfast afterwards, which could be provided by the host Council, the Assembly, a combination, or possibly even catered. Invitations will be sent to all fire and police

departments in our prospective cities, EMTs, 911 operators, County first responders, clergy and 'others' not yet identified. I think you can see why your input is needed. We must make these decisions ASAP so that calendars can be marked and we have the proper attendance.

In conjunction with this event, we are looking to have a fund-raiser with **Buddy-Z's** Italian pizzeria and restaurant in McHenry. This will be in the form of a coupon that you will present on certain days, and they will contribute a portion of the proceeds to the Assembly. Many Councils have done this type of a fund-raiser and it is generally successful. Again, you need to be participating to make it work. Once it is finalized, the flyer/coupons will be printed and made available for you and to pass around to family, friends, and your Council. Remember, the Fourth Degree does nowhere near the fund-raising of a Council, so our income is limited to annual dues. You have paid yours for this year already, right?

At the January 11th meeting, we will be passing out and collecting your individual Volunteer Hours Report. This is the basis for Supreme's annual announcement of the millions and millions of hours that Knights all over the world expend helping others. Another reason to come to the meeting to be counted. We have so many Sir Knights that work hours and hours in their Council, Parish and Community doing what Knights do. Let's stand up and be counted. We are the "**Patriotic American Catholic**" Knights.

We welcomed some of the seven new Sir Knights who recently joined our Assembly, and happy to have them. However, as things are changing, the Assemblies are now being given a new member quota, just like the Councils. We have a goal of 7%, which means 21 new members this Fraternal Year. Only 1 Form 4 was read at the meeting, so we need your help in recruiting another 13 Brothers to join our 4th Degree ranks.

The Faithful Navigator went over the list of Star Assembly requirements again so that we can key in on them in the coming months. The requirements are:

1. Publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin to assembly members, with a copy sent to the vice supreme master
2. Submit the *Report of Officers Chosen* (#186), the *Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728) and the *Annual Assembly Audit Report* (#1315)
3. Meet its new member goal
4. Earn the Fourth Degree Civic Award
5. Enter the "To Be a Patriot" competition

Come and find out, and let us know, which of these you can help with or even chair! We are one together. For some of these activities, you do not even have to win, but by entering, by showing that initiative, we will qualify for the Star Assembly award. When an Assembly enters one of these events, the Master will determine the winner. And, he is reading this as well! Entries must be submitted by May 15th.... NOT THAT FAR AWAY!!!

Once again Assembly 0198 has had a successful "Coats for Kids" program. With complete agreement, the coats we purchased were given to "Home of the Sparrow". If you want to personally get involved with a local charity, Home of the Sparrow, PADS, and the various local Food Pantry's throughout McHenry County is the place to start. Those of us in Regalia, as we stand next to a departed Brother's casket at their wake, know that

very special feeling we feel in doing it, in participating in a life changing experience. Working with any of these agencies gives you that same warm fuzzy feeling.

Speaking of the website, how many of you have noticed the column labeled SAFE at the end of your name? Know what that is? Are you a volunteer in your Parish? A Lector, Usher, RICA, or Catechism Teacher? If so, you should be marked SAFE. It means that you have followed the Diocesan guidelines to promote a safe environment of our children. Let us know if you have filled out the application and have had it submitted to Rockford.

Speaking of Membership, we have 307 Members in Good Standing, (not counting the new ones yet), 3 Honorary Members, 54 Honorary Life Members, and 6 Disability Members. Here we go again, do you know what each type means? We must start passing out a quiz sheet at these meetings!!!!

Proudly so many of us have served, and proudly we serve again! **Operation Support Our Troops** was formed years past to send care packages to all our troops, everywhere they serve. They consist of the little things like soap, shampoo, goodies, etc. Each package is made to be shared by 10 servicemen or women. Our contribution, annually, I might happily add, will provide a package a month for the new year.

Finally, we received a card of "A Family Prayer" which we recited at the end of the meeting. These are available to all Knights from Supreme, and we have been blessed by several of our fellow Sir Knights in providing them to us. You can get copies for your Council or Parish. Ask. In closing, here is the one we recited at the December meeting:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation of love.

In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reign in our home and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever, Amen.

Council

776	St. Mary's
1204	Thomas J O'Neil
1288	Holy Apostles
3880	Fr. McCormick
4535	Queens of Angels
8366	St. Joseph's
8473	Christ the King
8167	St. John the Baptist
10678	Elisabeth Ann Seton
12302	Queen of the Most Holy Rosary
12824	Cary Grove
13476	Sacred Heart
16446	St. Patrick's
??	St. Mary's (Spanish)

Woodstock
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Crystal Lake
Wauconda
Richmond
Wonder Lake
Johnsburg
Crystal Lake
Spring Grove
Cary
Marengo
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