



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 **August** issue of ***The Boylan Bytes!***

Inspirational Quote

“We should live our lives as though Christ were coming this afternoon.”

Jimmy Carter

I don't know that anyone named the author of this quote at the meeting. It was recommended that the **Worthy Faithful Navigator Mike Czyzewicz** get a white board to post this at the beginning of each meeting... a bunch of us are not that young anymore, and how many of us even forgot the quote had been read? We are still waiting for a winner so we can see the fabulous prizes that are available! Come to the next meeting and let's see if we can get a winner.

New **Sir Knight Mitch Trubisky** ... okay, are you actually paying attention? No, the new Chicago Bear sensation is not part of our Assembly... sorry new **Sir Knight Mitch Odahowski**, of Council 1646, St. Patrick's. welcome to the **0198**. Every one has to get used to my slapstick humor at some time. But another new SK has come to his first meeting, that is something to celebrate. You Sir, are one of the 319 proud members of this Assembly. Welcome.

The Faithful Navigator opened the meeting like I am sure hundreds of Assembly Meetings were opened this past month: The death of the **Regalia** and the introduction of the 'Uniform'. Guess that states where I stand. We had a very lively discussion following the opening statement by the FN, and we had many, many comments. Is this a done deal? We don't know. It was made by the **Supreme Knight**, and we owe him our loyalty and support, just as we should all be supporting the legally elected President of the United States. So that pretty much sets it up that there will be those in favor and those against. This great country of ours was founded on ideas and the right to have differing opinions. The Knights will not have armed conflicts... we will each make our decision based on our own thoughts and hearts. I would hate to see someone leave the Fourth Degree over this, as I would hate to leave the Fourth over this. Time will tell. Say a prayer for all of us.

Members of the Assembly Honor Guard recently participated in the Diocesan annual Blue and Gold Mass, celebrated by the Bishop. This Mass brings together couple from the Diocese of Rockford who have been Married for 25 to 50 years and beyond. This was reported on extensively in the **Observer**, the diocesan newspaper, which I hope that all of you subscribe to. It is a great source of information about the Catholics in Northern Illinois, and regularly features stories and pictures of Knight's in action. Here are a few pics of our Honor Guard.



It is interesting that **His Eminence** never has turned down a photo opportunity with our Honor Guard, or any Honor guard for that matter. Wonder what he thinks of the **Regalia/uniform** issue...

Going forward, we proceeded with Business as Usual from that point on. The **Blue Mass** is alive and well. Saturday, September 23rd it will happen at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** parish in Crystal Lake. Mass will be at 8:45 AM with **Bishop David J. Malloy** as the celebrant. I would expect a very large number of members in full **Regalia** will show up for this event to process **His Eminence** into the church. Bishop Malloy has always been a great advocate of the 4th Degree as we are with him at so many masses and events. The event chairman, **PFN Greg Verbick** has once again sent out the call to arms for all members to pitch in. There is only one more regularly scheduled committee meeting before the event. That will be held on Monday, September 11th, at 7:30 PM at EAS. Every Council liaison should attend this meeting, and bring their list of volunteers from their Council so we can be sure that all of the positions are filled. If you are going to help out in the kitchen for the breakfast, remember you need to be there at 6:30 AM. Lots happening. We all need to get behind this and make it a shining star event for our Assembly.

Most Honor Guard call outs are through for the summer, although we did have two for Pastor Installations the very end of the month, one in Hartland and the other in Harvard. I don't have a report on how many showed up, but I would imagine they were well attended. That is just one more of the type of events we attend. There have been a number of them in these past five years. It is an honor to stand those, and it has its own special feeling to out, to watch a priest accept the command of a Parish.

Coming up on September 27th will be the annual Rockford Diocese Knights of the Round Table dinner. The Faithful Captain has tickets for it if you are interested. We have quite a few SKs who have attended these in the past, some of them almost every year. What is it? Well, it is an induction dinner for the selected recipients of this special group. You can come to the next meeting and get an explanation of the Knights of the Round Table, I won't do it here. However, it is not all serious. A few years back **Fr. Ken Stachyera** was inducted. Fr. Ken was the Chaplain of Council 3880 I Crystal Lake, and I had the pleasure of asking if he would accept. He said he would, but I had to do the introduction. To give you an idea of how that goes, his comment to me was, "My mother will be there, please be kind!" Well, you had to know him to figure out where that went with me. It was great! So maybe it should be on your KofC Bucket List to attend at least one.

As a normal part of our meetings, we had 7 or 8 Council activities listed. We talked

about these in our last newsletter, about attending another Council's event. This serves two purposes. First of all, it adds to the attendees of an event. When your Council has an event, especially if you are the chair, wouldn't you want a lot of people showing up? It gives us a chance to participate, physically and financially, with our Brothers. The second thing is that maybe we can learn something. How did they do this or that? Is it the same way we do similar things, or do they do it a little better? Or can we offer a suggestion (a day or two later, not there and then). Sharing ideas, and maybe resources can only lead to increased efficiency for everyone. Maybe there is an event we don't do in our Council because we think it is too ambitious... or we just never thought of it. Find out what is going on and go there!

We are over 300 strong, in 14 Councils... we can all share with each other.

As a reminder, the next Fourth Degree Exemplification, the **Patriotic American Catholic Degree**, will be in October, in Dixon. The event will be at the Brandywine Banquet facility. All Form 4 must be turned in to the Master no later than October 7th. And the forms must be complete, so if you are signing up a candidate, make sure all of the lines are filled in, dates and names, and signed by the Councils Financial Secretary, the candidate AND the proposer. AND his membership number must be on it... you would be surprised how many times that is missing!

Latest word is that the candidate may wear EITHER a dark blue or black suit OR the traditional tuxedo, all with a white shirt with laydown collar, and if a suit, an 'appropriate' tie. As was written last month, we had 5 new Sir Knights at the last degree. Can we possibly set a goal for 5 candidates at EVERY 4th Degree Exemplification this year???

All it takes is YOU! Let us know if you need a Form 4!

Questions, comments, PLEASE let me know!!!

Vivat Jesus, John

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