



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!***

The Officers of the Assembly wish each and every member and all of our readers of this Newsletter, and their Families, a most Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

Inspirational Quote

“ Men make history and not the other way around. (In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress comes when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better!)” Harry S. Truman.

AND !!!! We had a winner for the first time! Congratulations to **Faithful Pilot Sir Knight David Jones.**

And a special note: a comment was made while several of us were talking after the October Meeting ended and most had already left. Every Christmas for many years, we have been having a collection of **new gloves, hats and scarves.** We forgot to bring it up, so here is your note, and maybe to see how many are reading this! Please bring your offerings so they can be distributed before Christmas. **Past Faithful Navigator Mark Heiress** will see that they are distributed. In the past, we have mostly been targeting children in need, however, I think that any adult items would also be greatly appreciated. Many of us have an active involvement in other organizations, such as St. Vincent DePaul Society, Food Pantries, Home of the Sparrow, and so on. Bring your thoughts on where the items can be most useful. We do not necessarily have to donate to only one organization. These can be split up to as many as are named. So, let's be generous and remember the Principle of the First Degree!

The meeting was called to order by the **Faithful Navigator** with 22 Sir Knights in attendance. A quick look around the room showed that a good percentage had on a K of C shirt, many being the red polo of our Assembly. New shirts that were recently ordered and purchased were brought distributed. It was also interesting when I looked at the sign-in sheet that 7 Sir Knights, over 25%, are either the current or **Past Faithful Navigators.** I think that it says a lot about our Assembly when men who have reached the top still show up and contribute so much, rather than resting on their laurels.

The **FN** announced and handed out membership cards and name tags to those new **Sir Knights** that were present. We have not been getting pictures of all of the new members, but here is one of **Sir Knight George Punzio!**



Okay, so judging by the **FN** shown, this pic is a little old. We need to start doing a better job of getting pictures taken and sent to the Newsletter Editor! But we do have a few that are more current. Such as **FN Mike Czyzewicz** presenting his award to **Faithful Purser Joe Creasey**,



And to **PFN Greg Verbick**
And to



PFN John Stefani. While a few of these are from the past, we also had a newer presentation. The **FN** attended a Business Meeting at **Council 10678, St. Elisabeth Ann Seton** in Crystal Lake, where he presented the Council with a Plaque in Appreciation for Hosting the Blue Mass.



Accepting the Plaque are **Grand Knight Kevin Campbell**, along with **PFN Greg Verbick**, the Chairman of our **Blue Mass**, and **SK Andy Voloch**, a co-coordinator of the post Mass event.

The **FN** thanked all military veterans of our Assembly for their Service in Honor of Veteran's Day.

In news that was greatly and *joyfully* received, the **Faithfull Navigator** read an excerpt from the October issue of the **Columbia** magazine, which said, "... on a limited basis, assemblies may choose to continue using the traditional cape and chapeau for color guards at public events, and for honor guards and liturgical processions."

A hand vote with present members was conducted to continue using the current Regalia for our Honor Guards. The Social Baldric and 4th Degree (lapel) pins are reinstated and will still be worn for social events. Both have been ordered for all recent newly installed Sir Knights!

We received a beautiful Thank You letter from ***Rest in His Arms***, from **Susan Walker**. In the letter Susan thanked us for all we do, for our Honor Guard attendance at the recent Abandoned Babies Funeral, and the gracious check that we sent to her organization. We in turn have vowed to answer the call if needed. **In the meantime, pray that this shall never be required, that all of God's babies will be born alive and healthy and not thrown away.**

The regular business of the Assembly was carried on. We have another **Fourth Degree Exemplification** coming up on February 17, 2018, at the Hilton – Oak Brook Hills Resort, in Oak Brook. Forms are available through the Comptroller, or at the Master's Web Site. All Forms and money need to be turned into the Faithful Comptroller by the January 2018 Assembly meeting, January 10th. A couple notes on this: When you have your candidate fill out is Form 4, be sure that his Membership number is on it. It is amazing how many Knights have no idea what *their* membership number is! Ask them to pull out their traveling card out of their wallet... you know, that WHITE card we get every year, when we pay our bills... always in our pocket... just like our ROSARY! AND be sure that the Worthy Financial Secretary signs it before giving it to Dan. It's amazing how many applications come in without one or the other, or both!

Speaking of that, when you come to the December meeting, on the 13th, be kind to the Faithful Comptroller and bring your cash or check for \$20.00 made out to the Assembly for payment of your 2018 dues. He will have the new card with. If everyone did this, you would save the Assembly about \$250.00 in postage to send out the invoice and then send the new card back. But, if it is a financial hardship on you, let the Worthy Comptroller know, by e-mail or phone call. There are provisions for waive the dues. AND, only you and him will know about it. It is PRIVATE. Fifteen years ago when I started and the FC, there were dozens of SKs who were behind in dues. Many of them because \$20.00 was \$20.00. And family came first... it is a fact of life, especially on these times of financial instability. Unlike the Council, where it literally takes an act of God to get someone suspended for not paying dues. The FC can simply send in a form saying suspend this SK for non-payment of dues and it is done, he is no longer a 4th Degree Member. For many years WE do not do that in this Assembly... we go to great lengths to prevent that. A phone call, please!

And back to new Sir Knights: the following have not been to a recent meeting, and we have your name tag ready: Steven Landt, Council 3880; Frank Cermak, 8473; William Nowak, 9167; William Wenzloff and Thomas Kolanko, of 10678; and Edward Abraham of 12824. If one of these men are in your Council, you can as the Faithful Comptroller for the badge and present it to him at a Council meeting.

By the way, the average attendance at an Assembly meeting is around 22. We have room for a few more good men. Why not join us and see that is going on.

At each meeting we have a sign-in sheet, a listing of Council upcoming events, and a list for prayers... Some of this is also available on the web site. But if you don't wander over there, if you feel it is easier to sit down with a piece of paper, here is our current prayer list. I know way too many people, Brother Knights, Sir Knights, friends and family members who have been on a list and have gotten better. Not all, because God does decide who He needs and when. But for the vast majority, prayers are the best medicine you can ever want! Keep these in your prayers, along with all Religious that serve us here on this earth.

Cathy Kane 16446 St. Patrick's, McHenry
Bill Nowak 9167 St. John's, Johnsburg
Joseph Berg 776 St Mary's, Woodstock
Souls of the Abandoned Babies
Victims of the Sutherland, Texas Church Shooting

And let us pray for all Veterans who have served our great nation.

And all Military and First Responders who daily go into harm's way to protect us.

Questions, comments, PLEASE let me know!!!

Vivat Jesus, John

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