



## **The Boylan Bytes**

The Newsletter of the  
Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198  
Knights of Columbus  
Woodstock, IL



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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!***

This is coming very early to you (finally??) but The Officers of the Assembly wish each and every member and all of our readers of this Newsletter, and their Families, a most Merry, Blessed, Safe Christmas and Happy New Year!

Inspirational Quote

**“Neither a wise nor a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run him over.”** Dwight D. Eisenhower.

**AND !!!!** We had another winner! Wow... 2 months in a row! This time the winner is **Faithful Captain Sir Knight Stephan Zalas. Congratulations!!**

Well, this may have been the shortest Assembly Meeting yet. But if you received and paid attention to the **Faithful Navigator's** message of a few days ago, you would have known that the Agenda was shortened for December so that all present could enjoy a **PIZZA PARTY!** And as you can see by this picture, we all had a great time! Oops, after a few frantic text's this morning it seems we all enjoyed it enough so that NO ONE took a picture... not that it would've been incriminating, we all were such perfect gentlemen. But a thanks to the **FN** for not only thinking of it but for putting it together.

It was a smaller than usual gathering, as perhaps many of you are still finishing your Christmas shopping, but we did take care of some business. As promised, **Faithful Comptroller Dan O'Connell** did in fact have all of our 2018 Annual Fraternal Dues invoices on hand, and some dues were collected. For those not present, they will be mailed out to you in the next few days. Something to think about, is that the approximately 220 remaining invoices have to be mailed at the cost of \$.41 cents each (or is it already \$.45?). That's almost \$90.00 in Assembly money spent for that, and another amount if he mails everyone's new Traveling Card back to them. It seems that the current **Faithful Pilot, SK David Jones** gave some thought to that, and went through the stack and pulled out all of the ones from his Council, saving the Assembly that cost. Hmm, good thinking, Worthy Pilot... I guess the rest of us were enjoying pizza and cookies to have thought of doing the same. But my new card is 'paid' for, signed, and already laminated and in my wallet. Were everyone's should be. Have you looked at the back of yours, where it says, **“In case of accident, illness or need of the member to whom this card was issued, please notify a priest and...”** with the Faithful Comptroller's name address and phone number... and email. IF something

should happen to you, all First Responders are trained to look for this type of information. Just as I assume you have family members listed in your wallet... you know, ICE? ***In Case of Emergency?*** From many, many years on the road as a Road Warrior for work, my wife made sure I had the numbers in my wallet ALONG with a listing of all my current medications I am on (legally).

At the meeting we also handed over to **Past Faithful Navigator SK Mark Heiress** two LARGE black bags of hats, scarves and gloves that were brought in to hand out to the needy in this chilly time of the year. Mark, as the Vocations Chairman, sent them on to ***Turning Point*** with this letter:

"Mary K. Ott  
Development and Volunteer Coordinator  
Turning Point, Inc.  
P.O. Box 723  
Woodstock, IL 60098  
(815) 338-8081 mott@turnpt.org

Please accept this donation of warm weather clothing, hats, gloves and scarfs from the Knights of Columbus of McHenry County.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus of McHenry County, Bishop Boylan Assembly, (the ones who wear the Capes and Plumed Hats for Honor Guards) chose Turning Point to receive this donation.

As 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights, we are members of our individual Councils, composed of the following churches.

Council 776 , St. Mary's Church, Woodstock

Council 1204, Thomas J. O'Neil, Harvard

Council 1288, Holy Apostles, McHenry

Council 3880, Fr. McCormick, St. Thomas the Apostle, Crystal Lake

Council 4535, Queen of Angels, Wauconda

Council 8366, St. Joseph, Richmond

Council 8473, Christ the King, Wonder Lake

Council 9167, St. John the Baptist, Johnsburg

Council 10678, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Crystal Lake

Council 12302, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Spring Grove

Council 12824, Sts. Peter and Paul, Cary

Council 13476, Sacred Heart, Marengo

Council 15324, San Jose Trabajador, St. Mary's, Woodstock

Council 16446, St. Patrick's, McHenry

God Bless and Merry Christmas.

Thank you

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Mark Heiress Vocations Chairman [mheiress@comcast.com](mailto:mheiress@comcast.com)"

We then proceeded to the next point of Business, the annual presentation of a Seminarian sponsorship. Again, with **PFN Heiress** taking point and supplying us with a list of Seminararians from our respective Parishes. Seminarian Ryan Nooraee, from St. Thomas the Apostle in Crystal Lake was selected. And again Mark came thru with a beautiful and touching letter.

"Seminarian Ryan Nooraee  
Crystal lake, IL 60014

Please accept this check of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to help pay for any costs and expenses for your education as you continue your journey to the Priesthood.

As you are aware the Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael McGivney with the sole purpose of charity and dedication and support of Vocations.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus of McHenry County, Bishop Boylan Assembly, the Patriotic Degree, chose to sponsor you during this joyous and spiritual Holiday Season. You were chosen to be the recipient of these funds to be used for your education expenses and any other expenses that you deem appropriate.

Good luck and success in the future, and as I tell my own children in college, " **Study Hard, Read and Learn Much Then Apply What You Know**"

God Bless and Vivat Jesus.

Thank you

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Tis the Season of Christmas. Give from the heart. That is what we do... In Charities Sweet Name as Brother Knights, and as Proud Patriotic American Catholics of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. As the Supreme Chaplain so eloquently stated in his recent article in the *Columbian*, "For the Good of the Order" needs to be the byword for all that we do, think and say. In public and in private.

We also had another opportunity this month to 'help out'. Word was received from neighboring Assembly 2330 that a Brother SK had passed away, who now resides in McHenry. Would it be possible for members of our Color Corps to assist at the wake and funeral Mass. So we did. Three members of Bishop Boylan Assembly attended the wake held at a local funeral home. The members of **SK Robert Nikodem's** Council and Assembly who were present told of Bob's many activities over the years. Then his wife came in and tearfully thanked all of us for being there for her husband. She told us how he has been in failing health for some time now, and how they came to move to McHenry. When we mentioned that we are practically across the street and would certainly have welcomed him into the Assembly, she again, with tears in her eyes told how he had lost the use of speech. She said this would have been so painful for him to be at a meeting and not be able to voice his comments gathered from so many years of experience. It gave us pause, each feeling how we would have felt under those circumstances. And made us even prouder that we had been able to be there for him. And for her. So, let us remember all of our Brothers who are not with us this Holy season. I'm sure there is no one who cannot recall a Brother Knight who stood side by side with us at the Christmas Tree lot, or the Corn Roaster, or the Breakfast, or the Tootsie Roll Drive... whatever fundraiser we attended over the years with that friendly face next to us.

Peace!

Questions, comments, PLEASE let me know!!!

Vivat Jesus, John

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