



**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  
*September Issue of The Boylan Bytes*

On Saturday, September 22, 2018, the most recent 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification took place. This was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Huntley, IL, with our new Master presiding. At the end of this newsletter is a copy of the letter that **Master Garry Daly** recently sent. Please be sure to read it, as it outlines his goals for the Northern District of Illinois, as well as his own.

The Assembly was honored to receive 10 new Sir Knights into our ranks. They are:

**Council:**

**Sir Knight:**

**776** St. Mary's, Woodstock

Matthew R. Kirchner

**3880** Fr. McCormick, Crystal Lake

Mark L. Allen  
 John P. Baldo  
 Todd S. Bright  
 Joseph Mancini

**9167** St. John the Baptist, Johnsburg

Michael P. Flores  
 Kevin L. Jablonski  
 Steven J. Rooney  
 Jason M. Zakrzewski

**10678** Elizabeth Ann Seton, Crystal Lake

Lawrence M. Kreul

These men have joined with 67 other noble Brother Knights in advancement to the Fourth Degree of the Order, The ***Patriotic American Catholic Degree***. Congratulations to all and when you see one of our new Sir Knights, offer him your thanks and welcome him into the Assembly!

We also had **Sir Knight Jose Cazares**, a new member of the Assembly in attendance for the first time and he was introduced and presented his Fourth Degree Certificate and name badge.

Are you aware that **The Bishop Boylan Assembly** consists of over 310 Sir Knights, not counting the 10 new Sir Knights not yet on the Supreme Roster?

We are made up of 14 different Councils. There are Councils with over 40 Sir Knights in their ranks. We, the Fourth Degree, have been called 'aging' in relationship to overall members. I remember when I became a Fourth Degree back in 1998 along with over 20 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Members of my Council. I went to my first meeting which started earlier than our Council meetings and ended quickly. When I came home early, my wife asked why? since our Council meetings were much longer. I explained because most of the members at the meeting won't drive when it gets dark out! I laughed about it then... although by now I guess I'm one of those! LOL!!! But, each time there is an Exemplification, more and more of the new SKs are young men... and not just because I am getting older, but they are joining. And getting involved. We are truly blessed with so many men today, young men, who are answering the call to advance to the Fourth. It is our duty to ask our fellow Brothers to become Sir Knights, just as it is when a new Brother is inducted into the Order we tell him, Congratulations, thanks for joining, and, oh, here is a Form 100, go get someone else! WE need to keep this going. In view of all that is happening in our parishes, our communities, our country and the world, we need Catholic soldiers to carry on... following the banner of Columbus to spread the word, and to show the world the beauty and devotion of the Catholic man.



September also saw the McHenry County Prayer Breakfast. In the spirit of Pope Francis' renewed call for the New Evangelization, the mission of the McHenry County Catholic Prayer Breakfast is to provide an annual venue for Catholics to gather in fellowship and community prayer, and to participate in the evangelization which restores and strengthens Christ in the hearts of the faithful. We seek to promote a deeper understanding of our faith through exposure and access to exceptional Catholic

evangelizers, resulting in greater bonds of unity as we witness to the joy of living the Gospel in our lives. This year's opening Mass was held at St. Thomas the Apostle church in Crystal Lake. The celebrant was **His Eminence Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, D.D.**, from the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Assembly was proud to provide an Honor Guard for the Archbishop.

During the business meeting, **Past Faithful Navigator Greg Verbick**, currently serving as a Trustee, was presented an award by the **Faithful Navigator** for his tireless efforts as Chairman of the *Second Annual Blue Mass*. A recap was given about the September 8<sup>th</sup> event by Greg. The First Responders were extremely grateful for the support and prayers of the Knights, and the attendance was larger than last year, a very good sign of our commitment.

The only Honor Guard call outs for the past month had been for the Prayer Breakfast and the Blue Mass, but we are starting to get into the time of Confirmations. If you are

an Honor Guard member with full Regalia, please be sure that the **Faithful Captain and Commanders** have your email info so that you can receive the notices for call outs. We can expect the first in a few weeks as the season begins. If you miss the e-mail and don't see it posted on our web page, **Faithful Commander Don May** reminds us that the Bishop's schedule is always printed in the **Observer** and can be read as a back-up.

During the meeting we always have a list of upcoming events at the Councils, as well as a list of sick and distressed members in need of prayers. Of course, our daily prayers should always include our Brother Knights and especially our Clergy. Several comments were made at the Fourth Degree Exemplification about now is a very important time to be praying for our clergy as the entire Catholic Church is in this time of upheaval. It is a daily occurrence that news casts and print are filled with story after story of these terrible atrocities. And it is certainly right that they see the light of day... but remember that like the old "juvenile delinquents" from back in the day, as terrible as this is, it is the few bad apples that are getting the press. we must remember and hold close to our hearts that it is a vast minority of the clergy that are guilty... we need to keep close all the good and holy priests that are out there and in our lives that are being lumped into a large bucket who need our support more than ever. Remember "In Solidarity with our Priests"? do you have your pin? Now is the time to wear it and let them know we support all the innocent priest who follow their hearts and are pure in spirit. Don't throw the baby out with the bath water! Pray with them and support them!

Again, the next Assembly Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at Holy Apostles Church, McHenry, IL, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 7:30 PM. Hope to see many of our new SKs there, along with you 'old timers' and of course all of you sponsors there with them.

Questions, comments, PLEASE let us know!!!

Oh, on the pic below, it seems that **PFN Mike Czyzewicz** felt the newsletter was getting to be a little too much tongue-in-cheek, so he submitted this new photo of the Editor...  
LOL

Vivat Jesus, John



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Brother Sir Knights:

I would like to introduce myself as your new Master of the Northern Illinois District in Illinois. As Master, I would like to share with you my goals to ensure the success of the Northern Illinois District and the good of the order:

- Establish Better Communications
- Unify the Membership
- Help Assemblies attain their goals
- Recognize the efforts of the Assemblies

We have a need to enhance our communication network to attract younger Knights. We need a presence on the social networks such as Twitter and Facebook. We need to actively help our councils recruit. The online membership tool should be added to all of our websites and social media: <http://www.kofc.org/en/join/index.html>. Remember that every Knights of Columbus activity represents a membership opportunity. I encourage Assemblies to work together and share ideas, and even sponsor events together.

As you know, the new uniform has brought some dissension among the membership. We learned the lesson of Unity in the Formation degree. We need to stay united and not divided as a group. We need to set aside our differences and work through them together. It is not the cloth that makes the Knight, but the heart within that defines him.

Everyone likes to be on a winning team. I would like to see the Assemblies exceed their goals and demonstrate to the world we are the Knights the Columbus. We will be here for you. Growth of order is especially important. Our younger Sir Knights are our future of the order. We will continue to rely on our senior membership for their knowledge and experience and for their continued participation in all that we do.

Recognition of our efforts is essential. Many have said, we do not do this for the recognition. Recognition plays a very important role for our membership. It broadcasts to the entire membership what we do, and encourages new ideas among the membership. This sharing triggers other councils and assemblies to take on new activities which will help draw new members.

I am here to serve you to lead and guide. I am available by one phone call, email or text message away. Feel free to contact me for ideas and concerns.

Sincerely,

Garry Daly