



## **The Boylan Bytes**

The Newsletter of the  
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**Greetings Faithful Sir Knights of Assembly 0198, all Our Brother Sir Knights, Brother Knights and Friends!**

Welcome to the **January** issue of ***The Boylan Bytes!***

Another year! 12 more months to serve the Lord! 365 days to Pray the Rosary to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and Mary the Patron of Knights! How can it not be a great year with all of that in front of us!

Worthy **Faithful Navigator Greg Verbick** opened the first meeting of the year with wishes to all of us for a Happy, Prosperous, Safe and Holy New Year. And a continued challenge to all of us to strive for this Fraternal Year to end with **Bishop Boylan Assembly** earning ***The Star Assembly Award.***

Here are the highlights of the last meeting.

We are narrowing down the period for the Blue Mass. It is being scheduled for Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Mass will likely be at 8:00 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle. With the date now selected, the Pastor at St. Thomas will be contacted with details. The FN is planning to send the latest minutes of the B-M Committee meeting to all so that they may be read at each Council's next Business Meeting. This will be informational as well as start planning on the financial support of each Council. As plans progress, we will have a better understanding of the cost, with each Council's fair share. The same is true for the support of both Sir Knights and Brother Knights for the man-power needed. As we have said before, in conjunction with this event, we are looking to have a fund-raiser with **Buddy-Z's** Italian pizzeria and restaurant in McHenry. The flyers should be available at the February Meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Buddy Z's fundraiser will start February 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 15%. Covers carry out, dine in and delivery. This will be one day a month through March to help raise funds for the Blue Mass. This will be in the form of a coupon you will present on the designated day. Buddy-Z's 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?

A new program as presented at the meeting, from the Girl Scouts to help our military. It is called Operation Cookie. They are collaborating with a group called Hero's in Action to help distrustful cookies to active military. Naturally this was greeted with cheers, who doesn't like Girl Scout cookies, and what can be better than buying LOTS of them and then SENDING THEM TO THE TROOPS! We get to feel good, and NO CALORIES!!!

There is another ***Patriotic American Catholic*** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification in mid-February. We may possibly have a few more candidates. The next one is in April of this year, not that far away. We need to get out to our Council Brothers and recruit new Sir Knights. Not sure where this will be held yet, but it will be in ILLINOIS! So not too far away to not be able to attend. Get a Form 4 out at your next Council Business meeting and let's plan on a big **Bishop Boylan** contingent again. We have had many in the past with 10, 20 or more joining our ranks for 0198!

At each meeting, we pass around a sheet where members can list the activities of their Council. Here are a few examples:

- 1288-Ice Hawgs outlining 2-18-17
- 1288-St. Patrick's Parade 3-2-17
- 1288-Blood Drive Holy Apostles. 1-14-17
- 1288-Bowling at Raymond's Bowl 3/1/17
- 1288-Trivia night -2 /27/17
- 8366-Rosary for Life
- 3880-Annual Polish Dinner 1/14/17
- 8473-Taste of Italy-1-28-17
- 3880- Monthly Breakfast 1-15-17
- 10678- "Big Game Breakfast"-2-5-17

Of our 14 Councils, only 5 are listed here with events going on... but I bet more of you are being active. YOU need to come to the meeting and let the rest of the Sir Knights know what is going on... It is a way of advertising your fund raisers and enhancing the crowds.

Another meeting item is the list of letters and thank-you's that we receive. Every time we make a motion to help someone, be it a seminarian, a community group, like First Way, or Seniors of McHenry, they respond with some heartfelt thanks... they always let us know how important we are to them. Financially and spiritually. How many other groups are out there for us to help? And it isn't only money. As you hear every year, along with the millions of dollars we donate, just as important, or maybe even more so, are the millions of HOURS we donate. And those hours are from us, and our families! So many wives and children are always working side by side with us. Let's let them know how much we appreciate them by writing up what they are doing... let's make sure we tell everyone how much they help.

Here is another thought... How many in your Council have Regalia? How many would love to be able to participate, but don't have all or part of the Regalia. It is expensive. But we often get items donated from a fallen Sir Knight, or one who is just not physically able to participate any more. And how many of those items are sitting in a closet at home because we forgot about them? Or don't know what to do with it. In one Council, we have been gathering those up and distributing them to those who want to be part of an Honor Guard. Be it for a wake for a fellow member of your Council, or for the Bishop

as he holds a Confirmation. Some of the Parish's in our Assembly are relatively small, but when there is a Confirmation or a Special Mass, and we from the Assembly show up in force, they appreciate it! They look at us coming down the aisle, they take pictures, and always someone says thanks to us for being there. And quite often the family of a departed Brother Knight does not realize what dad has been doing all these years. And they come often with tear-filled eyes to say thank you, thank you, thank you. It meant so much to us to see you all there. It really puts it in perspective what the Knights are all about. So, if we can help someone be a part, the better for us all. So, if any of you out there want to be part of the Honor Guard but can't afford all of it, come and ask around. And if you can afford part of it, BUY THE CHAPPAUX! It is amazing how many of you have big heads. Oh, let me re-phrase that... some of the older guys had small heads!!!

Let's all get active. Hopefully there are a lot of the 300 plus Sir Knights out there reading this but not coming to the meetings. For whatever reason... please think about just dropping by. The meetings are short, generally less than an hour. And you get to meet some old friends you haven't seen in a while, and you will get to meet some of the new guys. Who want to meet the rest of you.

Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting. At Holy Apostle's Church in McHenry on Bull Valley Road. We are on the second floor... come in the handicapped doors on the West side of the building... for some reason, they lock the front doors! Hope to see you there. And before you come, go out to the web page and read the minutes...

Vivat Jesus,

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