



## **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 **September** issue of ***The Boylan Bytes!***

Inspirational Quote

**“ Leave nothing for tomorrow which can be done today!”** President Abraham Lincoln.

**BLUE MASS** a success! Congratulations to **Past Faithful Navigator Greg Verbick**, **Worthy Faithful Navigator Mike Czyzewicz**, and their entire **BLUE MASS** team. On Saturday, September 23, 2017, the culmination of months and months of planning, preparation and execution, the **Bishop Boylan's** First Annual **BLUE MASS** was celebrated at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Crystal Lake. While the number of participants was under the targeted goal, it must be considered a success. All those who were in attendance, from **His Excellency Bishop David J. Malloy**, the honored **First Responders** and their families, Knights and guests, went away with a good feeling and a promise to be back next year. Soon there will be many pictures of the ceremony and breakfast will be available on our Website. If you missed it, you MISSED it! From the Mass with many members of the Honor Guard leading the Bishop in, to the closing, grace and Bagpipes, the Banners of so many of our member Councils, and the great camaraderie at the bountiful Breakfast. This was a wonderful experience for all. Things were learned that will benefit the Assembly into the future, and the First Responder community of McHenry County who learned how much they are respected and appreciated. It won't be long now until the FN starts putting together a chairman and a team is gathered for the 2018 version. With what has been learned, a faster start, maybe less meetings, but now more productive meetings, based on what we have learned. ANY first event experiences some set-backs, hic-cups, and growing pains. We all learned what is really important to concentrate on and what is not that important. So we can be a more cohesive team, thanks to the hard work of PFN Verbick in this inaugural event, it will truly get better each time we have a **BLUE MASS**. But again, thanks to the team who carried the torch this year. And, remember, when it comes around next year, those who were on the front lines, and those who let it all pass by them, we need to be Involved and lend our support. **WE ARE THE FOURTH DEGREE, The PATRIOTIC AMERICAN CATHOLIC Degree.** And because we are, when it was mentioned that there would be an additional \$3-400 cost to the Assembly for paper/plastic plates and utensils for the breakfast, the **Worthy Grand Knight from St. Patrick's Council 16446**, in McHenry, **SK Carl Smith**, jumped right up and volunteered his Council to wash dishes!

If you have been visiting our great Website, you see more and more information being posted every month. From the pictures of Knights in Action, information vital to the

Assembly as well as the Knights, information on events, the Honor Guard callouts, and what other activities are taking place.

At the meeting the FN called for an update on proposed changes to our By-Laws. These were read and opened for discussions. We had a positive voice vote on presenting these changes formally at the October Business Meeting, and to vote on sending them to Supreme for ratification. The changes are on the Website so that all may read them. This posting is required in the steps for approval. Read them and then come to the October Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM, at Holy Apostles Parish in McHenry. If you don't know where it is, ASK someone. The rest of the meeting covered the normal business of the Assembly: the reports, the reading of bills (do you know what our regular expenses are?), the listing of the activities of our Brother Council's (and ones that we should happily participate in, and maybe get others to attend our Council's events).

The upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification is coming up later the month, and it was announced what would be the only acceptable dress for it, the options available for now. And with that comment, by the time the October Meeting rolls around, candidate selection will be closed... but the nearby one for us in, February, is just around the corner. So, Candidates! If you've got em, bring them in!

We had a guest speaker, **SK Em Bataille**, speak to us on an organization called Coming Home Retreats, which are held at the **Bellarmino** Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, IL. This is a 'comprehensive spiritual outreach and renewal program for our military men and women and their families. The next episode is on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A question was brought up: "Does your Council do an Alter Server Appreciation event?" Is it good or bad, does it work, are they responding to it?"

What other programs does your Council do that could be passed on? More Honor Guard events are taking place. On Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be an Honor guard Call-out for 4 Abandoned babies coordinated by *At Rest at In His Arms*. This follows up the next day for the anniversary 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass for St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School in Crystal Lake. Then a Confirmation on Saturday, in Johnsborg on the 7<sup>th</sup> while there is also the **McHenry Prayer Breakfast**, the same day. October 9<sup>th</sup> brings the **Columbus Day Parade**.

Questions, comments, PLEASE let me know!!!

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