



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 **April** issue of ***The Boylan Bytes!***

Okay, this is late, mea culpa, mea culpa... I've been under the weather for several months now yet the **Faithful Navigator** has seen fit to bide his time... thank you, Worthy Sir!

If you attended the April Meeting you saw that the **Assembly sponsored Blus Mass** had to be postponed. Tentative dates are now in September... which really is a great time to thank our First Responders, as they take on the added task of safeguarding our children and they return school. We see too many people in a hurry who disregard the STOP signs and flashing lights on School Buses. And we are all too aware of the constant tragedies the are occurring at our schools, even middle schools these days. It needs us to pray even more for the safety of our future Knights and leaders.

We have seven candidates in the que for the 4th Degree Exemplification coming up in less than two weeks. Keep them in mind, and keep them in your prayers, just like our Paris asks us to do for the RCIA Candidates, to help guide them to complete the process and become Sir Knights. For many of us, we heard (and live!) that the 4th Degree has been called the 'old mans' Degree. We are to a certain extent, but coming to a meeting and looking around, that is so changing! We are blessed with several younger members joining as Sir Knights, and doubly blessed with a number of them actively taking part in the meetings, actively getting involved in events, and actively looking at and accepting nominations to the Chairs. This is OUR future, and we must be ready to accept them, their ideas, and welcome them with open arms and minds.

With that, our next Business Meeting **Tomorrow** night, will be the presentation of the Slate of Officers for the 2017 – 2018 Fraternal Year. Election will be at the June Business Meeting on June 7th. Remember that when the Nominations are read, they are the names of those who have come forward or been asked by the Nominating Committee to run. But the opportunity is open to ALL members of the Assembly, in-good-standing, (and we ALL know what that means!). So, if you are on the fence about wanting to step up to the plate and become involved, make it known. If you procrastinate beyond tomorrow night, you can still come to the June meeting and place yourself, or have someone do it for you, as an alternate candidate for the chair of your choice. All you must do is agree to serve in the required capacity and be there for the nomination. Think about it!

The Faithful Commander noted that at all the recent Honor Guards that we have stood, we are averaging almost a dozen of us in Regalia. Looking at the Schedule, there are at least one more in May and several in June. Those of you who have the Regalia, please

make an effort for the Bishop to attend. It is really an Honor... next time you are at an Honor Guard, ask the man next to you how many he has attended. Don't be surprised to have them need to think about it, and then watch them figure, let's see, between Confirmations, Wakes and special Parish events, gee maybe 10 or 12 a year, and let's see, I have been doing this for about a dozen years.... The numbers can really get staggering. But once you do it, it pulls at you to try and do everyone you can... and they are so different, a Confirmation is awesome, a Parish Event, like Devine Mercy Sunday, Corpus Christi, a special event to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of **Our Lady of Fatima**, maybe even being held in conjunction with a **May Crowning**. These are times when we can really shine as a **4th Degree Sir Knight of the Knights of Columbus**. It can also shine as a reminder too our own Parish of the worth of the Knights. It can become a powerful recruitment tool. We recently inherited some Regalia, if you are in need. We often receive this from *Sir Knights* who may no longer be able to walk the walk. Or have gone on to become part of a much grander Honor Guard, to the Lord Himself. Man's work is never done!

Speaking of Regalia... the Grand Knight of Fr. McCormick Council 3880 I Crystal Lake recently received a phone call from a parishioner via the Parish Office. Seems they had just gotten a loaner car from Gary Lang Auto in McHenry. When they opened the trunk, they were surprised to find the **full Regalia** of a 4th Degree Sir Knight; Cape, Sword, Chapeaux. But when I looked, there is no name on anything! Two things here: is this yours? And, look at your own Regalia and make sure there is ID on all the pieces... If this was yours, and someone found it who had no idea what it really was, they could have just dumped it, ignored it, or called the dealer who may or may not have known what to do with it. That is at least \$300.00 worth of items. Let me know if it is yours so we can talk and you can describe it...

The list of events going on in our participating Council's seems to be growing as we get increasingly involved in our Parish and Community life. How many of you have tossed your name in the hat to become an Officer in your Council? How many of you are involved in Parish Ministries? As I was at Mass this past Sunday, one of the seven we have, I looked at the Alter during Communion and counted 4 Brother Knights who were Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, one who was a Lector, and 4 more who were ushers! And that was at one mass.... And I also looked around among the almost 500 at that one mass and so many of my Brother Knights sitting in the congregation. I hope that you can see the same thing in your Parish. If not, ready to get involved???

We really hope to see more of you involved, as we continue to grow this Assembly. We have been active since 1955... 62 years of serving the Knights and the communities of McHenry County and the Diocese of Rockford.

Vivat Jesus,

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