

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 **MAY** issue of ***The Boylan Bytes***!

Spring has truly arrived... it is the time of the Annual Election of Officers next month for the 2017 – 2018 Fraternal Year. Here is the slate of Officers that have been nominated. Remember, just as in your Council, this is the slate as has stepped forward during the request for candidates. Anyone who wishes to run for an officer needs only to attend the June Business Meeting on Wednesday, June 14th, be a member In-Good-Standing, and address the chair at the appropriate time and state that they wish to run for an office. Then the election is held and may the best man win! We have been blessed as an Assembly over the years for having so many great and motivated men step forward to lead the Assembly in all the ways necessary for its continuing success. Someone must do it... why not you? Be it as a Sentinel or the Faithful Navigator... think about contributing to the Knights by taking on a leadership role. From bottom to top is the normal route, but as happens in Council and Assembly, it does not always work that way. For so many reasons, men need to drop from the chairs... death, sickness, change in work or life causes this, and we need to be ready to step in and take over. It is part and parcel of any organization. Where would we be without someone stepping up to the plate?

I am writing this on Memorial Day. So many of US have been in the service, through thick and thin. I salute my fellow Veterans as we all do as we pay tribute to those who have performed the ultimate sacrifice. Those of us who have been there and by the grace of God have returned honor them by continuing what they started, serving our Country, or God, our fellow man... neighbor and Brother. To serve in anything you need only the desire to help. Here is the current slate that will be voted on in a few weeks. Come to the meeting and show support for them and the Assembly. Cast your vote and cote of confidence and participate. Come to all the meetings or a few as you can. Pitch in where you have something important to contribute, or just pitch in to say, "Here I am, what do you need me to help with?"

Slate for 2017-2018

Navigator-Mike Czyzewicz

Captain-Stephan Zalas

Comptroller-Dan O'Connell

Scribe—Bart Fiore

Outer Sentinel-Ardie Arnold

2 Year Trustee-John Stefani

Admiral-Greg Verbick

Pilot-David Jones

Purser-Joe Creasey

Inner Sentinel-Dylan Olsen

1 Year Trustee-Jerry Weber

3-year Trustee-Chris Wolf

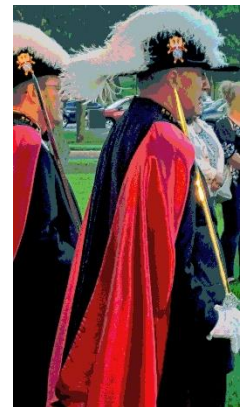
Let's make this the best year yet by participating when and how we can.

At the May Business meeting, the Faithful Navigator opened with the announcement of the new date and changes for the upcoming **Blue Mass** the Assembly will put on. Please go and read the Minutes of the Meeting for the details!!!

We keep posting the events of the member Councils, but we need to do more than that. Here is what was posted at that meeting:

Report of 3rd Degree Activities – Council News

- 16446-1st Degree-5/17/17-6:30pm.
- 16446-Surf & Turf Raffle
- 9167—100-year Celebration of Faith 5-13-17
- 1288 -Worship & Praise St. Mary's 5/12/17 7pm.
- 1288-Blood Drive St. Mary's 8am to Noon.
- 3880-Breakfast 5/21/17 8am to noon.
- 10678-Plant sale 5/20/17 & 5/21/17 -all day.
- 9167-100th Anniversary of Fatima mass-5-13-17 6pm
- 3880-Fatima and May Crowning -5-16-17



This is a little tongue in cheek humor here... the nominated Faithful Navigator for next year, **SK Mike Czyzewicz** (sizz o wicks for the non-Polish of the world) asked me to continue writing this Newsletter after the last meeting. He then said one of the things he would like to see are *pictures* of us in action. Well, that last item above is of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish (home of Council 3880) 100th Anniversary celebration of Our Lady of Fatima and May Crowning, just as other parishes celebrated. Well, we were asked to participate in the event, and SK Robert Kosin was in attendance and took these pics. The one on the right was awesome and **SKs Dan O'Connell** and **Steve Bright** were highlighted by the setting sun turning their swords to shining gold! The other he just took to give me a hard time! Lol but I agree with Mike's comment about adding to the Newsletter. I often invite comments and suggestions, but have only gotten a few. **PFN Mark Heiress** not only sends me a note after each issue, but as a kind of unheralded historian of the Assembly passes on some great tid-bits of info. I would love to have more of you do that. There are many of us that have been part of **Bishop Boylan Assembly** for many years and have so much to contribute and pass on... so, I am putting everyone on notice... take and share your Council's events in pictures.

I was sitting with a member of my Council having coffee and donuts after mass the other day and he was talking about our great Council Breakfast. Then he went on to say how he and his wife also go the breakfast put on by the Councils at Elizabeth Ann Seaton, Council 10678, and Sacred Heart 13476. Which brought up his comment about how he sees some of them at our breakfast as well... so why aren't there MORE of us going to more of these events at the Councils? Well, I don't know. Why don't we? What better way would there be of showing solidarity among Knights by not just hearing about these events, but by getting together a road show in our Councils and supporting the others? Maybe more of you than I know of are doing this... let's hear about it!

There are still several Honor Guard events taking place well into June. For three of the recent events we had an average of just under 10 Sir Knights in Regalia. I think this is under our former numbers. I know that I have been missing from several them because of medical issues... but that means more of us need to take up the slack. With Bishop Malloy's loving to have Confirmations on weeknights around 5:30, I know we have a lot more of the HG that are still working and can't make it in time... so some of us retirees need to make more of an effort to attend when we can. And, once again, get more members in Regalia! As I keep saying... and I announced last month that I picked up a COMPLETE SET OF FAIRLY NEW REGALIA that had been left in the trunk of a local dealer's loaner car... STILL UNCLAIMED! Seriously??? That's several hundred dollars' worth misplaced. Is it yours????

May was also the month of His Grace **Bishop David J. Malloy's** Fifth Anniversary of his becoming the Bishop of the Diocese of Rockford. Many of us, myself included, had the tremendous honor of being part of the Hundred plus 4th Degree Sir Knights that processed into the arena for his Episcopal Ordination and Installation by the late **Francis Cardinal George**. That was an honor and a thrill that we will never forget. In the time since then, we have had the honor and privilege of processing into a church in the Deanery leading our Faithful Shepherd. I have never been part of one of these were he does not come in before the start and walk up to and shake the hand of every Sir Knight and thank them for being there and say that again at the recession. He has been a **Brother Knight** for some time, but not until becoming our Bishop did he become a **Sir Knight**. He is so down to earth with us that it is easy to see why he has become so popular in these five short years. May God grant him the grace and peace to continue in this ministry in good health for as long as He sees fit.

Speaking of being a 4th Degree Sir Knight... as you should be aware, we were not able to meet the new goal set for membership for the current Fiscal Year. You may have missed it, but Supreme has begun giving us a membership goal just as the Councils have always had. We had the pleasure of six new Sir Knights joining the Assembly on May 20th... I don't have the names and Council numbers now, but will be sure to include them in the next issue.

Let's keep our Councils growing and contributing to the membership and success of our Assembly. Let's all try to do double duty by recruiting a new **Brother Knight** AND a new **Sir Knight** for the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year.

Questions, comments, PLEASE let me know!!!

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