



## **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  
**January issue of *The Boylan Bytes*,  
In the New Year of 2018!**

Inspirational Quote from the December, 2017 Meeting:

**“The one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is unchangeable or certain.”**  
John F. Kennedy.

**AND !!!!** We had another winner! Wow... 3 months in a row! This time the winner is **Faithful Pilot, Sir Knight David Jones** (a second time winner). **Congratulations!!**

So, as a new fundraiser, shall we start a pool to see how many months in a row we can have a winner? Volunteer to run the pool! LOL

It is that time of the year where we are starting **Honor Guard** call outs. These are generally posted well in advance, so should have a good turnout, however, as has been the Bishop's practice, they are more likely to occur on a weekday evening. Since our Assembly has had the pleasure of no longer being an 'old man's group', with an average age of some 70 plus years old, but with more and more *involved* younger Sir Knights, we often find a smaller Honor Guard responding, as many are still being gainfully employed! So it is up to those available to fill the slack and show up when they can.

In the case of a Wake/Funeral, these obviously are of a shorter notice, so again, a smaller response. But PLEASE, any time that you can make the call out, please do. This is an honor that we afford not only our Bishop, and the members of the Parish for a Confirmation, but the families of the dearly departed. We have been told, more often than not, that a departed Sir Knight's widow or family member will comment on how many Honor Guards *they* had participated in. It is fair turnabout that when their time comes, we should be there in droves. For them, and *their* families.

With that in mind, we had the pleasure of doing two services this past week. Five of us had the special honor of providing an Honor Guard for his Grace Bishop Malloy as he officiated at the Funeral Mass of Monsignor Philip O'Neil, at St. Joseph Church in Harvard, Illinois. Msgr. O'Neil was ordained in 1954 and served until his retirement is 2003. His eulogy said how he was born right there in Harvard, a few short blocks from the church, and a few more blocks from where he was buried. He was also a childhood friend of Msgr. Dempsey, and they grew up together, became priests together, and

served God and the Diocese together for many, many years. When his coffin was rolled to the back of the church for the start of the mass, we noted the simple casket that was chosen. It was a plain wooden casket, in the shape you see depicted in old photographs, but it was so eloquent. The burnished wood that shone so brightly, the brass plate stating who it contained and a little bit of his history. It spoke volumes of the man inside. Then, at the conclusion of the mass, Bishop Malloy stepped down off the alter, to the head of the casket, and with the assembled priests', sang the **Salve Regina**. He said this was customary at the service for a member of the clergy. I guess I have never been to the funeral mass for a priest, because I had never heard it sung this way. It gave you goose bumps to hear it, the beauty and message it proclaimed for a fellow priest. Even the simple service at the grave site, and the comments made, gave a glimpse of who this man was.

That afternoon, three of us from the morning Honor Guard, along with several others, again performed an Honor Guard for Bishop Malloy. This was at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton**, in Crystal Lake, for their Confirmation Class. His Grace, as always, acknowledged the **Knights of Columbus** with his usual words of thanks to us, and also mentioned that we had done double duty that day. I assure you Your Excellency, the Honor was all ours!

The monthly meeting, presided over by **Faithful Navigator Mike Czyzewicz**, began on schedule, but then was suspended for a Boy Scout Eagle project presentation. This was something new for the Assembly, although I am sure most Council's host these regularly. A later poll showed that some do more than others... as an example, **Council 3880**, Crystal Lake, has about 4 or 5 of these every year. The project presented was for a project to be undertaken at Harrison High School in Wonder Lake. This was co-sponsored by the Councils in Wonder Lake, Christ the King, 8473, and Johnsbury, St. John the Baptist, 9167. After the resumption of the meeting, a motion was made, and after some discussion, a donation was made. While an Eagle Project is certainly worthy of consideration, a precedence has now been set. When the Comptroller's and Purser's reports were made later in the meeting, it was noted that our cash balance is not that high. Something to be thinking about.

The Worthy Faithful Navigator made a presentation of the Assembly's Knight of the Month, **Past Faithful Navigator Mark Heiress**, for his work in heading the collection and distribution of the hats and gloves. Those items collected at the December meeting were donated to **Turning Point**, and Mark explained how grateful they were for them, especially during the cold season of winter.

Letters were read from the seminarians that we recently donated too, on their thanks and prayers. We also heard of the response to our contribution to "**Support Our Troops**" and how this was also reported in the local newspaper and also the **Observer** this past week.

Our Assembly is still holding at 316 members, and we will be adding 4 to that at the upcoming Exemplification on February 17<sup>th</sup>, in Oak Brook. The Faithful Comptroller is already asking for candidates for the next one, in April. As we look around at the meeting these days, we do see a number of new Sir Knights. That is always a pleasant sight, especially as I mentioned earlier, many of the new members are 'young'

compared to our average age! There is light at the end of the tunnel! Seriously, as we are getting new and younger members into our Councils, we do need to be sure and talk up the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree at our Council meetings. In our Council the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Update is a permanent part of our Meeting Agenda. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree discussions should always be a part of our New Member Recruiting conversation.

**Faithful Past Navigator Greg Verbick**, who is again chairing the Assemblies 2018 Second Annual Blue Mass, gave an update report. He will be starting *monthly* meetings in February for the BM Committee. If you are your Council's Liaison with the Assembly, you are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. They are held at *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton* church in Crystal Lake on the Monday before our Wednesday evening Meetings. They start at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend and get involved. There is much work to be done to insure a larger turnout of honorees for this year's event.

**Honorary Life Membership** was announced for several members. These included: **Rev. Donald Dietz, 12302; James Bukholt, 4535; James Eschenbauch, 4535; Robert Snyder, 9167; Rev. Joel Lopez, 9167.** When you see these gentlemen, please offer them your congratulations for their many years of service!

This month's Prayer card was provided by **Faithful Captain Steve Zalas.**

Recently you should have received an email from supreme reminding you of many of the benefits of being a Knight. I am attaching this two page listing. Read it... you may be surprised at some of the benefits your membership includes. And let your spouse read it! She just may get you jumpstarted into being more involved in the Knights!

We do have 2 call outs coming up, one very quickly. The first being THIS coming Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, SUPER BOWL Sunday... not saying His Grace scheduled it since *his* Green Bay Packers are not playing.... But... it will be at St. Joseph in Harvard... not that far of a drive for most of us, 35 minutes or less? SUT is 12:30 for a 1:00 PM ceremony. We should be able to be there, and have plenty of time to get back to the party!

The second is on February 28<sup>th</sup>, a Wednesday, at Christ the King in Wonder Lake. SUT is 4:30 PM.

#### OUR LADY OF AMERICA PATRONESS OF OUR LAND

"I am Our Lady of America. I desire that my children honor me, especially by the purity of their lives."

~The first words spoken by Our Lady of America, September 26, 1956

**November 15, 1956:** Our Lady taught me this little prayer: "By thy Holy and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, deliver us from evil." Our Lady then asked me to draw a picture of her first appearance. She also requested a statue made according to this likeness and placed, after being solemnly carried in procession, in the Shrine of The Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. She wishes to be honored there in a special way as Our Lady of America, the Immaculate Virgin.

**October 7, 1957:** "Making the Rosary a family prayer is very pleasing to me. I ask that all families strive to do so. But be careful to say it with great devotion, meditating on each mystery and striving to imitate in your daily lives the virtues depicted therein. Live the mysteries of the Rosary as I lived them, and it will become a chain binding you to me forever. They who are found in the circle of my Rosary will never be lost. I myself will lead them at death to the throne of My Son, to be eternally united to Him."

**February 23, 1959:** Our Lady came to me and admonished me to work on the "message" as soon as possible so that it might be placed in the hands of the Bishops who would be responsible for its fulfillment. In a very serious manner Our Lady warned me that I must not delay any longer to do this, as the time is *now*.

Taken from the approved messages of Our Lady of America to Sister Mary Ephrem. Please see the website for more information.

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Our Lady of America  
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As Spring is approaching (it is, isn't it??) we will have more call outs. Again, if anyone has a Tuxedo, but not all or any parts of the Regalia, but would like to participate, let us know. A number of us have pieces parts, capes, swords, baldrics, and so on that have been presented to us from Sir Knights who have passed on, or may no longer be able to march in the processions. Call... we may be able to pass some of this on.

We will be there, and we will be in our traditional 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Regalia. Some of our members have already ordered their Uniform. Likely these have not arrived yet, as the reported delay time in shipping is well over a year from now. However, per Supreme, BOTH will be part of any Honor Guard / Color Corps event that we participate in. And as a reminder, the dress code for a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification also allows a candidate to wear a *dark* colored suit, white shirt, dark "appropriate" tie, and black shoes.

Peace!

Questions, comments, PLEASE let me know!!!

Vivat Jesus, John

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