



**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  
**February issue of *The Boylan Bytes***

Inspirational Quote from the February, 2018 Meeting:

**None this month...** ☹️ very short meeting with low attendance as the meeting night was also Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day

**AWW !!!!** The streak is broken...

The Honor Guard is on call and busy already this new year. We started **Honor Guard** call outs. These are 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.



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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. We are experiencing, as has been in the past as well, an occurrence of a Council having at least a few SKs with Regalia, but only showing up if it *their* Parish, and never attending for any other Parish event, Confirmation or whatever. Yet at the same time, we see some SKs that attend every HG that they can... out of a sense of duty and of commitment. Hardly anyone can attend every event, but any can and just choose not to bother. We keep hearing of other Assemblies that this is a common practice, especially in larger Assemblies, from larger Parishes, such as in Chicago. This also seems to be a common practice in some states, such as Florida, where there are as many snowbirds as locals. There you would think it would be the opposite. We have always been able to mount

large HGs, especially in smaller parishes for Confirmations. Now it seems that 5 to 7 is the normal number present. Why? We really aren't sure, but would like to have some feedback on this, either at a meeting or even an email response to one of the addresses as the end of this newsletter. Any and all comments would be appreciated, regardless of the direction.

The weekend of February 24/25 was a great example. On Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>, we had a double Confirmation at Transfiguration church in Wauconda, **Queen of Angels Council 4535**. We had 7 Sir Knights at the first, and 5 at the second. It was a long day, but some were able to attend one or the other. So for some, at least part of the day as available for family and job jar duties. But more could have attended. Then the next day, we had another confirmation at St. Patrick's, in McHenry, for **Council 16446**. We again had seven Members of the Honor Guard attend. Next up is on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> for the Confirmation at Christ the King Church in Wonder Lake, for **Council 8473**. **SUT** is at 5:00 PM. And in case you are a working man, and concerned with dinner, I understand they will be providing a dinner afterwards. After that, there is May 8<sup>th</sup> in Woodstock at St. Mary's for **Council 776**. Sometime in April will be St. Thomas the Apostle in Crystal Lake for **Council 3880**. More will follow as we receive the dates.

When our own **Bishop David Malloy** is present, or in the case of Wauconda **Bishop John Manz** of the Archdiocese of Chicago, we should certainly be out in force. It is our commitment for some when we joined the Fourth Degree, not mandatory, but for some to be part of the Color Corps when we could. We made a very large financial investment of our Regalia. It shouldn't have been to wear it once for only our neighbors to see, but to let the world see us.

Now the other side of the coin. I had a Brother Knight from my own Council tell me Sunday morning over coffee and donuts that he wants join the Fourth and *get* Regalia, and to carry his fathers or grandfathers sword... but he said when he contacted one of the suppliers, was told Regalia is no longer available! I haven't heard of that, and with the only source for the Uniform being Supreme, you think they would gladly sell what they can. I need to check both normal sources, the **English Company** and **Lynch & Kelly**. If you have had similar results, let us know. There are a few Councils, 3880 included, that have some items available having been donated by deceased SKs families, or SKs who can longer participate. The Chapeaux is the hardest part, due to wear and tear, and some are styles no longer accepted by Supreme. So if you are a .Fourth but don't have Regalia, check with your Council liaison to see what is available. And as a note, on line is a source for Regalia, but in the past, some of this has been part of a scam.. you order and pay but never get anything, so use caution and try to stick with the main sellers, such as on Amazon or e-bay if possible.

AND... are you even **aware** of a call-out? Some that I know claim to not even get the email alert. Some don't read these emails... some don't look at the website on a regular basis, as they are always posted as soon as we are alerted of the Bishops' schedule. And there are a number, actually about 100 plus, whose e-mails we don't even have. Oh, which means **you** are not even reading this, as I send it as a blast e-mail to everyone on our list. But we are nowhere near the 317 current members on the list. Part of that is that we *can't find you!* Here is a list from the **Faithful Comptroller, SK Dan O'Connell, Jr.**, whose address Supreme, therefore us, don't have. I one IS you,, or you

know him, please have him get in touch with Dan to get his record changed. Oh, any of you on this list a KofC Insurance member? How do we pay your beneficiaries if we can't find them? Hmmm.

SK Tim Stewart Council 9167      SK Tadeusz Orlos Council 3880  
SK Donald Dietz Council 12302      SK Robert Snyder Council 9167  
SK James Bukolt Council 4535

If you are your Council's liaison, and you know the current address, or are in touch with him, please inform Dan at [kofc4thdegree0198@gmail.com](mailto:kofc4thdegree0198@gmail.com)

We had a successful 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification this month with five new Sir Knights joining into our Assembly. It appears that we may have more joining at the next one on May 5<sup>th</sup>, Cinco de Mayo. For more information on this, and a Form 4, come to a meeting or contact **FC SK Dan O'Connell, Jr.** (see above email)

The February Business Meeting was very short. In fact, with a number of Officers absent, some as Lectors at their churches, the **Faithful Navigator** needed to call replacements to fill the empty chairs for the Opening Ceremony. When that was done, we looked out and there was **ONE** person left sitting in the audience. So we laughed, agreed that we had a quorum, and proceeded. Such is the way of things in the Knights!

Audit filed, number of members announced and all the normal business was conducted. There will be the Annual Master's Meeting in March in Elmhurst, and the **FN** announced the attendees and alternates. The chairman of the **2018 Blue Mass** sent a note in his absence saying that committee will begin meeting in March, on the Monday before the business meeting at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, in Crystal Lake. All are invited to attend at 7 PM. Contact **PFN Verbick** for information.

Peace!

Questions, comments, PLEASE let me know!!!

Vivat Jesus,      John

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