



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
March issue of The Boylan Bytes

Inspirational Quote from the March, 2018 Meeting:

“Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.” – George S. Patton

Correctly identified by the **Faithful Captain, Stephan A. Zalas, Jr.**

We had another ‘interesting’, but very rewarding March Business Meeting. On Wednesday, March 14th, we met early, at 5:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church in Marengo. We were there for the Parish’s Confirmation with **His Grace, Bishop Malloy**. AND **were** we there! 20 Sir Knights in Regalia in full glory processed into the church leading the Bishop in. At the end of Mass, we again led the Bishop out and came to attention with drawn swords in salute as he passed by, and then maintained the salute as the Confirmandi passed out. We had the privilege of another photo shoot at the end. We then retired to a classroom, where we had the pleasure of pizza and liquid refreshments during the meeting. It was nice to see everyone there sitting at the tables in Tuxes after retiring the Regalia. Some of us old timers then reminisced about how in the ‘good old days (?)’ the Officers of the Assembly were required to wear the Tux and Social Baldric at all meetings. That was at the time when I became a Sir Knight, around 1998, and had the pleasure of attending some meetings when we voted to do away with the Tux for meetings. Then I became an officer! LOL. At that time, we also had rotating meetings, so at the end of each meeting the call went out to who will host the next one? That didn’t last too long before we were able to obtain permanent site at **Holy Apostles Parish**. I really don’t think that it was because some of us couldn’t remember where to meet from one month to the next.... Well, not all of us! I think I have mentioned before that the average age in those days was pretty high... but it is going down, also observed by the fact that we had one of the brand new Sir Knights at the meeting, in FULL REGALIA! So, who are the new guys?

Well,	SK Jim Eldridge	from Council 9167 (Mr. Regalia!)
	SK Jose Cazares	from Council 1288
	SK Brian Jauch	from Council 3880
	SK Gary Govekar	from Council 9167
	SK Rudy Horist	from Council 16446

Congratulations, and Welcome! Sir Knights. We are extremely happy to have you in our Assembly. Please make an effort to attend our Monthly Business Meetings, on the second Wednesday of the Month. These are held at *Holy Apostles Catholic Church* on the second floor... follow the crowd as they begin promptly at 7:30 PM. You must have your current Council 3rd Degree traveling card as well as your new 4th Degree card which the Faithful Sentinel will ask to see. Don't have your 4th Degree card yet, well, ask to speak with the Faithful Comptroller! And the meetings last about an hour... really!

Remember the old "A funny thing happened to me on the way too..." stories from WAAAY back in the day? Well, a funny thing, etc., etc. happened to me last week. I was in Dick's Sporting Goods in McHenry, stocking up on some golf stuff as I had a tee time for the coming Sunday. I couldn't find the ball that I have been playing the last few years, so I was wandering around. The gentleman (and I now know he really is) behind the counter asked if I needed some help. I told him what I was looking for and he said they don't carry that brand anymore. He asked which particular ball I was playing and why, and I told him. So he showed me what they had and picked one that he thought was close and had some good things to say about it. So after talking a while I grabbed a couple of boxes and we continued talking. I said I was playing the weekend and he asked where? Then being as shy as I am, I also mentioned I was a Knight and worked the Monthly Breakfast at St. Thomas (a plug...) and he said, "Vivat Jesus, Brother, I am also a Knight, a Fourth Degree Knight!" and he is from 1288, mentioned Joe Creasey's name, PFN Mark Serpe and a few others! So we talked and then when I got home I looked him up in my roster, and we BOTH became Sir Knights on November 21, 1998! Hi, John V.!

Remember that Confirmation I mentioned? Bishop Malloy always tells the newly Confirmed how they are now 'adults' in the eyes of the church, and they need to go out and spread the word. That little story above goes to show that we should also be doing the same when we meet new people. It may seem a little odd to meet someone and say, "... by the way, I'm a Knight of Columbus..." but we do hear over and over that many who join simply say, because someone asked me. The magic words. So, try and keep that in mind when the opportunity comes up.

Speaking of new people, the next Fourth Degree Exemplification is coming up on May 5th. Applications can be had from the Faithful Comptroller, and need to be turned in to him in early April... which is only a few weeks away. Talk about time flying. So we have been getting a number of new Sir Knights into the Assembly this past year or so. Lets all try and keep the number growing. Talk up the Fourth at your Council meetings and events. And anytime you are with a Brother. Ask them if they are a 3rd Degree Member. That makes them eligible to become a 4th. You should all be well aware that once you are 3rd you can become a 4th right away. Technically, if you become a 3rd and there is a 4th Exemplification IMMEDIATEY following, you can do it! And if the one you are talking to is not a 3rd, why not? There are so many Knighthood Degrees going on... there is one nearby.... 10, 20 miles away, or on the other side of town... or the county. ASK! Find out when and where, and go find a candidate.

We had a few more call-outs this weekend, unfortunately the wrong kind. Two of our Brothers have gone to join the Lord. They are SK Ron Marilewski from Council 9167, and Brother James Kennedy, the Faithful Advocate of Council 10678. We do have a couple of Confirmations coming up in May. As always, if you can, try to attend. Which

brings up Regalia... I know that several of us have parts of the Regalia collected from SKs who have passed away or just not physically able to continue. If you need the 'loan' of a cape or a sword, let us know. Ask your Council's liaison from the Assembly or let the Faithful Navigator or myself know. Our contact info is at the bottom. The specter of the demise of the Regalia may keep some of you from purchasing it, although it is still available. So if we can help in the interim, please reach out. The part that is hardest to get is the Chapeaux, as many of the old ones are no longer serviceable. But ask! Our Faithful Bishop is always happy to see us at any event, a Confirmation or anything else. He always comes up to us prior to the start and shakes everyone's hand and thanks them for being there... and as he walks through us, with swords at the salute on the way out of church, he again reaches out to say thank you! Which makes it doubly great to share the news if you have not heard it already; Bishop Malloy is now the State Chaplain! Go with God, Your Grace, we follow you on!

In Assembly news, the 2nd Annual Blue Mass is in the early planning stages. PFN Verbeck is again chairing this event, and meetings have already begun. They are held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Crystal Lake on the Monday proceeding our regular Monthly Meeting and begin at 7:00 PM. The Council Liaison is the designated committee member, but any and all Sir Knights are encouraged to attend and help out.

I would like to say thanks to the SKs who do read this and make comments. So far, they have all been good! LOL. Suggestions are welcome and get passed on. The Faithful Admiral is now seeking nominations for Officer positions for the upcoming Fraternal Year, starting on July 1st. If you are interested, PLEASE let him know sooner rather than later. And come to a meeting!

In just a very short time the culmination of Lent will be upon us. Pray that we may all fully understand the sorrow of the death of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of the ultimate sacrifice that he made so that we could be saved. Do your part to make your salvation possible. Then Rejoice! Celebrate his Glorious Resurrection and begin again the new year of hope and salvation. Many of our Parishes will be celebrating the Divine Mercy the Sunday after Easter. Be a part of it if not already involved. In my Council, we have already been invited to assist with the Veneration of the Icon, as we have done for many years. I sent out the call and have already confirmed that at least 6 of us will be there in Regalia. It is one more way that we as Knights can show the Parish who we are and what we do. It is a way of offering a fellowship with the Parish, and a visual invitation to the men of the Parish who are not yet Knights!

Peace!

Questions, comments, PLEASE let me know!!!

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