



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

Inspirational Quote from the April, 2018 Meeting:

“The best executive is one who has sense enough to pick good people to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it.” – Theodore Roosevelt

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

The FN stated that this could be the last Quote, as he only has 2 more meetings to lead before the changing of the guard. And, he said he needs time (meaning Cindy!) to tabulate the winner and then order the prize. Just can't wait to see what it is.... ☺

Personally, I keep waiting for something like a quote from something more down to earth like, like from Yoda or the Godfather, know what I mean?? Maybe like, “We’re burning daylight here!” ... by one of America’s greatest cowboy actors in one of the few movies where he is killed... hint, hint!



Before we go on, last month I talked about the March meeting in Marengo that followed their confirmation. Said we had a great picture with Most Reverend David J. Malloy, but hadn't received a copy. Well, here it is, thanks to the efforts of PFN Gerard Weber.

We opened the meeting with 21 members in attendance. This is about an average number for the Assembly. However when you consider we have over 300 Sir Knights in the Assembly, maybe “average” isn’t very good. Wonder how many members attend other Assembly meetings, or as far as that goes, how many members on average does your Council have at the Business Meeting? It would be interesting to collect that data. Interestingly, we have about the same number in attendance at our Council, and we have about the same number of members.

Speaking of “that time of the year...” up above, nominations will be announced at the May meeting on May 9th. As the Faithful Admiral announced, there are still a few open spots. Think about it and see if you are ready to fill a spot. They openings seem to start in the right place, Inner and Outer Sentinels. We will also have a new Friar for the upcoming Fraternal Year. The position of Scribe may be open...

On March 24th, the FN led our team to the Annual Masters Meeting. A couple of resolutions were made. These included the retaining of the beloved Regalia, and the dismissal of the proposed retirement of the Regalia in June. That was well received by the attendees. There will also be 2 new Civic Award citations. There will be more Council and Assembly events published. A new District Master will be installed shortly. Full report of the meeting is available if anyone wishes to see it, let the FN know.

We have a Fourth Degree Exemplification coming up on May 5th, again in Oak Brook. We have at least 5 Candidates! We are growing with each Exemplification, so that means many of you are spreading the word. Keep it up! I need to ask the Faithful Comptroller to print a list of members by Council. I know that Council 3880 has had the largest contingent of Sir Knights for some time, but I do know that 13476 has been ramping up their numbers. The next Exemplification will be 1 October, back up here in our neck of the woods. Let’s see if we can’t add another 5 or more!

We have had a number of Honor Guards recently, but unfortunately a number of them have been for member funerals, including several clergy. In the coming weeks we again have a number of Confirmations... these include in Spring Grove, McHenry, Crystal Lake, and Woodstock. As always, please try to make as many as you can.

On May 26th we will have a special Honor Guard in McHenry at the Vietnam Healing Wall, ***The Wall That Heals***. This almost 300 foot half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial honors the more than 80,000 service men and women who lost their lives in Vietnam and Southeast Asia. We as an Assembly will provide an Honor Guard on Saturday, May 26th. More info will be provided at the May Business meeting. Please attend and then mark Saturday the 26th to show up in Regalia if you have it, your Tux and Social Baldrick, your Red Assembly Shirt if you have one, or your red Assembly tee-shirt, any of the above with your Assembly name tag (except if in Regalia!). We ARE the ***Patriotic Degree*** so let’s show the Vets and the Community our support.

It would be a pleasure to have all of the new Sir Knights from this current Fraternal Year, along with their Sponsors, including the new ones to be inducted on May 5th, to be at the meeting. Come and meet or reintroduce yourselves to your fellow Brother Sir Knights. If you have been a member of the Assembly for some time, but have not attended a meeting for a while, again, come and say hello! Our meetings are short,

generally an hour or less. But it will be a great hour, just showing up and getting acquainted again and remembering why you joined. 323 strong, 4 Honorable, 61 Honorable Life, and 6 on Disability. And so many new faces these past couple of years... and so many under 65! We laugh about that, but before our new name of the *Patriotic Degree*, many thought of us as the *Geriatric Degree*! But come to one of the many Honor Guards that we provide, and look at the Dignity we display, and the Pride we show, the Honor to those we are there for. Geriatric? Not hardly! Look at the number of White Capes we wear... we are an alive and vibrant Assembly, something for all of us to be proud of... and why we should be recruiting our Brother Knights! See you soon!

You *should* know who in your Council is the Liaison with the Assembly. If you don't know, ask! If *you* are the Liaison, speak up at your next Council Business Meeting. AND, be sure that you have a Form 4 with you, don't let an opportunity pass you by. And an opportunity for us... but mostly an opportunity for that man who is just waiting for someone to ask HIM!

Peace!

Questions, comments, PLEASE let me know!!!

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