



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
May issue of The Boylan Bytes

The month of May capped a tremendous month for the Assembly. At the May 5th Fourth Degree Exemplification in Oak Brook, the Northern District of Illinois installed 102 new



Sir Knights! What a privilege it was for several of us to take part and welcome FIVE new Sir Knights to the Fourth Degree and to **Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198!** Of the five, the three Sir Knights above, from left to right are **Sir Knights Lucien Szczepanik, Brian Arnet, and Gary Hackney**, all from **St. Patrick Council 16446, McHenry**, attended the May Business Meeting to receive their Certificates.



Also attending the Exemplification, but not being at the meeting because of work, were **Sir Knights Thomas Tremblay** (left) and **Arturo Munoz**, both from **Father McCormick Council 3880, Crystal Lake**.

It is great to see the Assembly growing this past year. Plans are under way already for the next Exemplification of the **Patriotic Degree**. This one will be a little closer to home as it will be at St. Mary's Parish in Huntly. They have a large hall in the lower level and everything will take place down there with the Mass of course being upstairs. but it means no long commute and no hotel reservation needed being just a few miles away. So, mark the date, September 22, 2018. If you are successful in obtaining a new member, you can both get there easily. And, even if you are not sponsoring someone, when was the last time YOU attended an exemplification? If it has been a while, it would be great if you could come at least for the ceremony and see how it has changed. And, for those

who have only seen pictures of the Uniform, it would give you the chance to see it live and in person, and in mixed company with the Regalia.

But now on to the meeting!

Inspirational Quote from the May 2018 Meeting:

“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” John F. Kennedy

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

We opened the meeting with 26 Sir Knights present. That's a good number. If all 300 plus attended, we would be hanging from the rafters! Seriously, it's just under 10%, but there are many Assembly's, Council's, and various groups that these days have a hard time reaching a quorum. We have many 'regulars' but also newer members attending from time to time. That keeps ideas freely moving at these meetings. Half of the new Sir Knights from this current Fraternal Year are younger than dirt, meaning many of us who gave rise to the term old man's group are being challenged to keep it lively. Look around at the next call out, and there are young Sir Knights out there, in the beloved Regalia, marching forward. In these troubled times, it is a wonderful sight to see so many coming together to march forward for God. Yea us!

The FN did announce that the prize for this year's Quote Contest has been picked out by Lady Cynthia and will be awarded at the next meeting. I hope that it made people think at the opening of these past meetings and added a little suspense to them. Maybe not, but...

As reported above, three of the newest SKs attended, again another sign that we are not only growing, but having participation! Again, Welcome! Let's hope that the trend of new members continues.

Congratulations to **Faithful Pilot David Jones** for being selected the Sir Knight of the Month.

The Officers Slate was read into the minutes and is also reported on the web page, so another reason to go there! it is kept up to date and has a lot of information, so should be something that you check out at least weekly. No different than we check on our Council, Facebook company and church sites. We need to be informed as much as possible these days... you will find that it is not only bad news out there, there is so much happening that is good for us.

When the Scribe reads out current communications, it is a mix between thank you's from family members for our participation in a loved ones' funeral, a thank you from a Seminarian for our support, a request for more support and donations, and upcoming events.

We are looking at possible participation in upcoming 4th of July Parades, Parish events and the always list of what other Councils are doing. It is getting to be an ongoing thing that many Officers and members are starting to go to other Councils events like

breakfast. Many of our Councils are doing a monthly breakfast, whether it is the old traditional pancakes and sausage, or one with dozens of menu selections. A Council breakfast is not just for fund raising. For many it is a Parish and even a Community gathering promoting friendship and fellowship. Most are underpriced just to draw people together, some even just a freewill donation. Either way, it is a way to get out and meet and support our brother Councils and make a change.

We continue to have many Confirmations taking place through out the County and the attendance numbers as reported by the Captain and Commanders shows continued support for all our Brothers. Unfortunately, the number of Wakes and Funerals has also been increasing. It is in everyone's best that as many of us as possible attend these for the sake of the family to show our thanks to that Brother for all that he has done and that he is remembered.

The monthly meetings of the Blue Mass Committee continue, and your support is needed. See the web page again for times and locations. The meetings are open to all and participation will only guarantee the success of the event.

We are also entering that time of the year when many Councils are having Golf outings. Along with the fun, remember that these are Fund Raisers... and help with our own annual tax-deductible donations to worthy causes. Get some of your Brothers and or buddies together and try to participate in at least one each year!

Please make an extra effort to attend the June Business Meeting on June 13th for the election of Officers for the coming 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. Come, vote, and support your Assembly. The meeting is upstairs at *Holy Apostles Parish* in McHenry. Meeting begins at 7:30 PM and information on the Installation will be available then.

As May is **Veterans Honor Month**, thank you to all y fellow vets for your service!

Peace!

Questions, comments, PLEASE let us know!!!

Vivat Jesus, John



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