



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
June issue of The Boylan Bytes

Congratulation to the new Officers of the Assembly, and let's all pray and make a commitment to support them and the Assembly in this new Fraternal Year of 2018-2019.

Even as we ended the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year we have shown our commitment to the ***Patriotic Catholic American Degree*** in several ways. We have continued our year long commitment to Growing the Catholic Church by inviting in many of our fellow Brothers to become Sir Knights. This past year has been very rewarding in that respect. Further proof of this is the number of newer Sir Knights that have been stepping up and put their name in to become Officers. Several the have obtained the Regalia of the Sir Knight and taken part in many Honor Guards. These have included Confirmations with



His Excellency Bishop David Malloy, Honor Guards for our fallen Brothers at Wakes and Funerals, Memorial Masses at the Parishes of the Councils that make up our Assembly. And not the least among them, the Honor Guard at the McHenry Memorial Park over the Memorial Day Weekend when the replica Vietnam Memorial Wall, ***The Wall That Heals***, was displayed to the community. Here are a few of the pictures when we stood in honor at the

corners of the Wall, just as we do at the corners of a departed Brothers casket. We then led the assembled people in our prayer ceremony for the Deceased.





The full length of the wall is 375 feet. So, the march to the center and then posting to the two corners was long... and in the 95 degree heat, it was impressive to all who watched... the entrance of the Honor Guard, the



called all to the stopped and bowed the prayers. It was a



Posting and Return and the exit... over and over, and then when the Faithful Navigator Prayer service, people just their heads with many joining in fitting tribute and those of us



who are veterans, especially those of us of the Viet Nam era, felt the chill at both the spectacle, decorum, and solemnity of the Honor Guard.

June also brought about the Election of the new Officers, and the retiring of the Worthy

Faithful Navigator and the ushering in of the new Faithful Navigator. The elections were held and with one unanimous vote we began a new chapter. Faithful Navigator Michael Czyzewicz is now the Faithful Admiral, ever the Past Faithful Navigator. Thank you, Mike, for a very good year leading the Assembly on to many great achievements. You served us well and proud!

During the meeting, the Faithfull Navigator also bestowed upon **Captain Steve Zalas** his award (a 4th Degree dress shirt) for winning the year-long challenge of the "Inspirational Quote of the Month" contest. **Faithful Pilot David Jones** was also honored (with a 4th Degree cap) for being first loser... um, second pace winner! Seriously, these two accounted for all the winning entries... I for one never even came close, but then again, I'm retired so who cares! LOL

We are now at 321 Members... this includes 3 Honorary Members and 60 Honorary Life Members. In case you were curious:

"Honorary/Honorary Life Membership — A member who has **attained the age of 65** years and who **has been a member of the Fourth Degree for 25 consecutive years** shall be designated an honorary member in his assembly and shall be exempt from general fund charges, except payment of \$10 per annum. A **member who has attained the age of 70 years and who has been a member of the Fourth Degree for 25 consecutive years, and those who have been members of the Fourth Degree for 50 years, regardless of age, shall be designated as honorary life members** and shall be exempt from further payment of assembly dues. Both the honorary and honorary life designations have special plastic membership cards that will be sent to the faithful comptroller for presentation to the member by the faithful navigator."

Part of our number comes from the 5 new recent members who have joined, but sadly also accounts for the recent death of 3 other members. We used to read the names of all the deceased members of the Assembly at the annual Installation of new Officers. Not sure why this is no longer done, but maybe we should look into it. I know my Council has an annual Memorial Mass, where we read off the long list the very long list, of all departed Brothers. Any volunteers to revive this?

The next 4th Degree Exemplification will be held o Saturday, September 22, at St. Mary's Church I Huntly, IL. Form 4's for that need to be turned in by the August meeting. See **Faithful Comptroller SK Dan O'Connell, Jr**, or your Council's liaison for a Form 4.

The Faithful Scribe read the communications including a request for a donation from **First Way**, an organization that this Assembly has contributed to and supported since its founding. A motion was made for a donation, seconded, and passed.

Faithful Admiral Greg Verbick reported on the **Blue Mass** scheduled for September 15th of this year stating that the date has been changed to September 8th, and that it will now be a Continental Breakfast. Invitations are being readied at this time.

We participated in Honor Guards for 4 Confirmations and 4 Wakes. A list of Honor Guards, including the Fourth of July Parade were read. the Faithful Captain read of the opening of **Madonna House**, a Pro-Life shelter for pregnant woman, was holding an Open House in June. You likely read of the Bishop attending in the Observer. A Motion was made, seconded, and passed for a donation from the Assembly.

On Saturday, June 16th, at Christ the King church in Wonder Lake, the newly elected Officers of the Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198 were installed following a Mass celebrated by Father Joel Lopez, Our newly elected Friar. **Sir Knight Stephen A. Zalas Jr.** was installed as our Faithful Navigator, along with the rest of the elected Officers. All of the Officers contact information can be found on our Web site.



June also saw a special accolade for **Sir Knight Joel Lenart! Joel**, a member of Council 776, St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, participated in this years *Special Olympics* and won **4 Gold and 1 Silver Medal!** **Congratulations, Joel**, you are a true Knight and an inspiration to everyone!

The next Assembly Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 11th, at Holy Apostles Church, 2nd floor, 7:30 PM.

Be there or be square, as we used to say back in the day!

Questions, comments, PLEASE let us know!!!

Vivat Jesus, John



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