



## **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  
**July issue of *The Boylan Bytes***

The Assembly and Officers, under the leadership of **Sir Knight Faithful Navigator Stephan A. Zalas, Jr.** is off and running!

The **Faithful Navigator** opened the meeting in accordance with the prescribed procedures... and being *who we are*, all of the assembled **Past Faithful Navigators** were quick to respond at any slip up that the FN made in protocol, proceedings, form and format! After all, that is one of the best things of BEING a Past Faithful Navigator... correct the new guy who is just making the same mistakes we ALL made over the years! It's part of what it is to be a brotherhood... we will defend you at all costs from some outsider attempting to harm (okay, just pick on any error you make!) when we are perfectly able to do it ourselves... as has happened to all of us over the years.

We follow the rules and regulations of the Order, Robert's Rules of Order, and the program handed down from Supreme, but we have fun doing it.. it is why we are called Brothers! But as we do enjoy the lighthearted gibs, we do respect the Office, watch out for that Officer holding the post, and do support him I all he does. Those climbing the ladder of the chairs may cringe at what they can look forward to, but can't wait for their turn. And how fortunate are we in the Bishop Boylan Assembly? Look at the names of the Officers in the minutes, look around the chambers at a meeting... how many of them do you REALLY know, like your long time brothers in your Council? It has been said before but bears repeating... **The Bishop Boylan Assembly** should be very proud of how many new Sir Knights have joined our ranks, but more importantly, how many are willing to raise their hand when the outgoing Admiral says, "Who is interested in becoming an Officer?" It is not that long ago that a Past Faithful Navigator had to say okay, I'll run again to fill and empty slot, or become a Trustee once again. I see in a lot of Council where it is hard to find those willing to join the chairs, and more likely to stay in the chairs. I have seen many who rise through the ranks doing great job ad supporting the Council or Assembly, but then won't want to be the man and run it. Sometimes it is legit, work, family, health issues... but too often its just thinking you wouldn't be good in that spot. Yet its funny, often everyone else agrees you would be great at it.

But how the Fraternal Year is starting... please attend and follow along and participate. And while you are doing that, stop and realize that YOU could do those jobs... and spend the year learning what it takes, and then stepping up to the plate. It is great for me to look around and see so many of these "new guys" taking on the roles. Think.

As the meeting went on, the **FN** introduces **Father Sir Knight Joel Lopez**, our new **Faithful Friar! Fr. Lopez**, who is Pastor at Christ the King parish in Wonder Lake, came prepared with more than his famous smile! If you have not had the opportunity to meet him, go and talk to him. I have had the pleasure several times at Confirmations there as well as the Installation Mass and dinner. Father has a beautiful voice and is quite willing to share it. For his part, **Fr. Lopez** gave us a short talk on *St. Benedict*, the patron saint of the day. I think it is fair to say that all of us in attendance look forward to seeing him at future meetings.

The **FN** then went on with the meeting, and with the **Faithful Captain** passed out copies of the new Honor Guard Manual. This is a relatively short book with many pictures regarding the what, why and how of the Honor Guard / Color Corps. Here is an excerpt from the Supreme website:

### **Purpose of the Color Corps**

When knighthood was in flower, knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions. Hence, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.

### **We Stand Firm in Support of the Order**

Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. We are always there to offer leadership, guidance, and encouragement.

### **Proudly Serving the Country**

Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served.

### **Unwavering Support of the Faith**

Knights of the Patriotic Degree hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty.

### **Honoring the Legacy of Knighthood**

The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.

And with that, who wants to stand at the next meeting and explain the difference between the HG and the CC? How about someone standing and telling what the current colors are of the Capes and the position???

Additional information was given about the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification... on Saturday, September 22, 2018, at St. Mary's Church in Huntley. We have a number of Form 4s turned in (two by me, SKCS) with at least 4 more (by me, again, SKCS, FCmdr)... just a little jab there to the one who beat me out last time.... LOL. But this

should also be a nod to the rest of you. We are having an Exemplification very close by, a quick drive, no hotel (or expense) needed. We should all be able to find a Brother that is interested. No hotel for them, no Tuxedo... come on, let's get this done! If you need a Form 4 AND the Master's Letter and Application, Call the **Faithful Comptroller, SK Dan O'Connell** at (224) 456-5098 or [koc4thdegree@gmail.com](mailto:koc4thdegree@gmail.com), or grab me, numbers below.

**THE (SIGNED!) FORM 4, APPLICATION AND CHECK NEEDS TO BE IN AT THIS NEXT MEETING, Wednesday, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>! CALL US!!!**

Have your Brothers come out and join the ***Patriotic Degree***.

An update was sent in by the **Faithful Admiral, PFN, Greg Verbick**, on the Blue Mass. This was read by the FN. Please be aware of the date change for the Blue Mass this year, in part because of other events, such as the Tootsie Roll Drive, for one. There will also be a continental breakfast served this year rather than the large buffet. The good news is that because of the changes, the charge to each member Council of the Assembly will be \$25.00. This is a far cry for last years share of \$200.00 each. Sadly, a number of Councils were not able to meet that number last year, so hopefully there will be more responses this year. The sooner the money is turned in, the easier it will be to accomplish the goals and Present a great tribute to the First Responders.

The next Assembly Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, at Holy Apostles Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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