



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
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Congratulations to **Sir Knight Garry R. Daly**, of *Bishop Romeo Blanchette Assembly*, the newly appointed Master **of the Northern Illinois District of the Marquette Province!** Master Daly's appointment by the Supreme Master will be effective on September 1, 2018. We heartily congratulate him and offer our prayers and support. We also as an Assembly thank **Master Frank Rossi**, as he retires from his post and wish him health and happiness, as he has so faithfully served us during his tenure. We all look forward to meeting the Master on September 22nd at St. Mary's in Huntley for the upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification. As an Assembly we will proudly be sending 8 or 10 candidates to take the honor of the Fourth Degree... last I heard we were still taking applications and the **Faithful Navigator** and **Faithful Comptroller** are rounding up the paperwork.. as I well know, since I finally gave Dan the application and check for my last one only to realize his Form 4 is on my desk... so dropping that off tomorrow night. I know that several of us are still looking for candidates and I have one that is seriously looking to attend. And one of my candidates is so excited to finally become 4th, that he is talking to others in our Council... and came up to me to say he has another one... but it was the next day when I realized the Candidate is only 1st Degree. So, when I told Mark, he simply said, oh, well another candidate for our Knighthood Degree in March! Which shows if you go out and ask, you get some results.. and the old when you get lemons (oops, I'm only 1st) you make lemonade! (ok, come to the Knighthood!). Should e a reminder to all of us to ASK that one guy.

The meeting once again had the pleasure of our **Faithful Chaplin, Fr. Lopez**, being in attendance. I hope this is a trend that he is setting, like way back in the day when **Monsignor McLaughlin** held that position, and unless he was out globetrotting again, there he was, sitting up front, offering up his words of wisdom to us. It's been a while, so thank you **Fr. Lopez**. He once again brought us the Saint of the Day and discussed the similarities between the Franciscan, **St. Francis**, and the Dominican, **St. Dominick**. **Fr. Lopez** wore the Brown of the Franciscans to the meeting as a prop for his story telling. Certainly, a part of the meeting that we are looking forward to... as he does not always talk with a straight face!

The Business portion of the meeting goes along smoothly and refreshingly quick. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, you just might enjoy it! As a rule, from the first rap of the Gavel to open the meeting to the closing prayer is generally under an hour, and many times way shorter than that. We do all the normal procedures, but they are usually short and to the point. Of course, an Assembly, unlike a Council, does not have the committees a Council may have, and certainly not the number of events taking place...

which is both good and bad. In the past we have had several different types of fund raisers for the Assembly, including a Sunday afternoon dinner that was successful, a large screen TV give away... well, ok, 'large screen' for those days, maybe 32"? But we had fun and made a few dollars to give away 'in Charities Sweet Name'. We have had comments and suggestions come up over the past years, but they don't seem to take off like they used to. But I find some of that in the Councils as well. Are we too busy these days? Doing what? Is it family things? Parish? Council? School? One of the recent Supreme on-line courses, on Retention, speaks a little about that... when we talk to a candidate, the younger ones are busy with all of that, and have little time for family... and then goes on to tell about the fact that family activity is one of the MAIN reasons to join the Knights, to be *involved* with your family. But Retention in Knight speak also means going after the guys we brought in and then didn't get involved to keep them coming back. So, for the here and now, how many Sir Knights in your Council attend your meetings, but don't come to the Assembly Meeting? I know there are about 15 to 20 in my Council Meeting who are 4th Degree but don't come to the Assembly meeting. Why? Good question... maybe even a great question. Dan and I always announce when the next meeting of 0918 is, but don't follow up with Who's Coming? or ask each one individually after wards while have a cold one if they will be there. If we each get one fellow Brother from our Council to attend an Assembly meeting, that would be 14 more SKs sitting there. Or if 2 of us from the same Council, 28 more members? What else could we accomplish? At almost every meeting one of us stands up and asks for a donation to a good cause. And we dole out the money, because we ARE the K of C. but how are we generating income? Why through annual dues of course. And with over 300 of us in the Assembly now, that is not too bad. But our dues are very cheap compared to many other Assemblies. IF we raised it be \$5.00 that would be over \$1,500.00 more dollars a year. More to do stuff with. But if we had additional outside of dues income could we do more to help those in need? I know that we are all getting hit up at the Council for money for one thing or another, and we work so many events at our Council we are out of time to do more... but it is still the 20% of us that do the 80% of the work... so really getting more involved could do wonders for everything we are about. Wouldn't it be great to see only 10% of us doing something while a *different* 10% of new guys did their part? Rather than the same guys doing everything, let more people do a little to expand what we get done. Things to think about as we are now into the third month of the new Fraternal Year.

It also goes back so something said here before. How many times after Sunday Mass do you go out to eat? Where? Your Council does not have a breakfast every week, but somewhere another Council *may* be having one. How about a short drive to the next town to attend that Councils breakfast? I know that I have Brothers from other Councils coming to my breakfast, but it has been a while since I attended theirs. How about bringing a copy of your Council's breakfast menu to a meeting and we can start publishing them here? Of course, my Council has FOUR Standard menus plus 6 'special' menus that get rotated in and out over the year. He many do you have? How much is the breakfast? When Where and What time? We do list these at the meeting and they are read off, but there really isn't any detail... so they are easily forgotten on the way home. With the fact we ARE getting more members, we SHOULD be creating more opportunities to share.

Next Assembly meeting is Wednesday at 7:30 PM at Holy Apostles. it is always at the same place... in the room upstairs at church. It is not t held guessing game like in the

old days of where is it this month and how do I get there? We may even have some of you who are hopefully reading this that have not been to a meeting since we made Holy Apostles our permanent meeting place. Some of you, if you do show up, may be wondering Why aren't the Officers in Social Regalia? Like we did when I first became Fourth. Things have changed and are still changing... as life does. Is this good or bad? It is, and it isn't. Change for the sake of change is not necessarily a good thing. But change for a reason, even if WE don't see it or agree with it, is not automatically bad. We must understand it, maybe just give it a chance... to really find out the why.

An update was presented by Faithful Trustee, PFN, Greg Verbick, on the Blue Mass. This is coming up very soon and you should be ready for it. Volunteers are still needed as you should know by resent emails that have been sent out. Even if you don't get involved, you should try to attend the mass and show support for both the First Responders we will be honoring, but for those in the Assembly who are involved and who have been working very hard on this second annual event. Each Council has also been tasked with a fee of \$25.00 in support for this event. Please find if your Assembly has paid it to the Assembly yet, and if not, please request the check as your next Council Business Meeting and bring it to the Assembly meeting.

Again, the next Assembly Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 12th, at Holy Apostles Church, McHenry, IL, 2nd floor, 7:30 PM.

Questions, comments, PLEASE let us know!!!

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