



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 **February** issue of **The Boylan Bytes!**

This issue is coming to you at the end of February, ushering in March... with it the promises of spring, and the beginning of Lent. Lent is truly the beginning of the most holy of seasons for the church, ushering in the terrible crucifixion of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, but the most wonderful Resurrection of our Lord. This should be uppermost on everyone's mind during this time.

Our **Faithful Navigator Greg Verbick** opened another meeting of the Assembly with a good crowd of Sir Knights. Not a great crowd as it was just under 10% of our membership. Most of us probably see the same thing with our Councils. Maybe we should start spring out with a contest: Who can come up with the best plan for increasing attendance at both the Council and Assembly level? By meeting together, we can make plans for events and have newer members contribute. New attendees can bring us new ideas and opportunities. We joined the Knights... WHY? Did we plan to become an active member, or just to say, yes, we are a Knight? Lent again is a good time for reflection, and maybe, like spring, it can be a time of renewal for not only our faith, but for our commitment to the Order.

Here are the highlights of the last meeting, although if you are taking advantage of our Website, you can view the Minutes of the meetings, as the **Faithful Scribe, SK Steve Zalas**, posts them shortly after. And, if you do read the minutes, maybe you come up with a question or comment... let us know, come to the next meeting and voice it, or contact one of the Officers or respond to this Newsletter. Input is always welcome, be it pro or con, it is your thoughts that help keep us involved and the Assembly vibrant.

With the announcement of the **Blue Mass** being scheduled for Saturday, April 29th, at 8:30 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle, in Crystal Lake, we are in need of more Council Liaisons to participate. The **FN** has stated that we will continue to have the **BM** meetings on the Monday before the Assembly Meeting. But now there are only two more meetings! April is fast approaching. He noted that at the last meeting we had more participants, but still need more to get involved. The next meeting is next Monday, March 6th, at Elizabeth Ann Seaton in Crystal Lake. Call the **FN** for details at (224) 243-0822, or an e-mail at gregory.verbick1@gmail.com. He will gladly answer your questions!

There is an upcoming *Chicago Bulls* basketball game that the State Knights will be sponsoring on March 22nd.

“On this special night, all Knights of Columbus, family and friends have the opportunity to purchase Chicago Bulls tickets at a discount. With every ticket purchased, \$5 will be donated back to the K of C Charities Inc. to support Special Olympics Illinois.”

See the details on the State Council website, www.illinoisknights.org

We had a guest speaker, **SK Em Bataille**, from Barrington, speak on “Veterans Coming Home Retreats”. These are held at the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington. This retreat is open to all veterans and their families. The brochure is being posted on our website.

The April 4th Degree Exemplification has been rescheduled to May 20th, to be held in Oak Brook. So, for us, a little more time to recruit some new Sir Knights for our Assembly! We did have several Form 4s read for both a new and a transfer member. Motion 2nd and approved! Why not all of us get a recruit or two this year and see if we can reach 400 members? We are at 318 right now, so only need 82 more!!!! We do have some Knighthood Degrees coming up, most notably one being hosted by **Fr. McCormick Council 3880** on March 12th in Crystal Lake. Info available if you ask! **EAS Council 10678** and **Sacred Heart Council 13476** also have **Knighthood Degrees** during the year. Let’s take advantage of them.

Among the letters read was an invitation announcing the Annual Meeting for **First Way** Pregnancy Support Center in Johnsburg. If you remember, this is the organization proudly sponsored and funded by many Councils and the Assembly. The meeting will be on Friday, May 5th.

Honor Guards & Confirmations! They have started already for this year. We have already attended Confirmations in Wauconda for **Queen of Angels Council 4535** and **St. Patrick’s Council 16446**. The Wauconda Council, home of **Past Faithful Navigator Chuck Edfors**, among many notable members, has been a part of our Assembly for so many years, even though they are technically in the Diocese of Chicago. The newer version of “The little White Chapel” has seen us there many times. **St. Patrick’s Council** is the newest member of our Assembly. We have proudly attended several Confirmation’s and other events there over the past several years in full Regalia. St. Patrick’s of course, is also home to our **Faithful Friar, Fr. Godwin**.

We have just received a request for our **Honor Guard** for several more upcoming Confirmations. For those with Regalia, when was the last time you stood **HG?** We have a tradition of posting a dozen men for these, but how great would it be to see 15 or 20 **Sir Knights** in Regalia processing in leading **The Most Reverend David Malloy, Bishop of the Diocese of Rockford**. And here is a lesson... that is the proper way of addressing a Bishop... not Your Grace (English version) or Your Excellency (reserved for an Ambassador). Interesting little tidbit found on-line! Regardless, let’s get out there and show the world the we are involved!

We had talked recently of a fund raiser we were going to be doing at a local restaurant in McHenry as a means of raising funds to help defray the cost of the Blue Mass. Unfortunately, that business has canceled their offer. But, there are other options out there, and I know that several Council’s have held events where you go to a

restaurant on a specific night, with or without a coupon, and a percentage of the evenings take is returned to the charity. Have you been involved in one of these for your Council? If so, care to lend you expertise to the Assembly? Contact the **Faithful Navigator**, and talk to him about this!

We really hope to see more of you involved, as we continue to grow this Assembly. We have been active since 1955... 62 years of serving the Knights and the communities of McHenry County and the Diocese of Rockford.

Vivat Jesus,

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