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Greetings Faithful Sir Knights of Assembly 0198, all Our Brother Sir Knights, Brother Knights, and Friends!

Welcome to the
October issue of ***The Boylan Bytes!***

Inspirational Quote

“ Damn the Torpedoes, Full Speed Ahead!” Admiral David G. Farragut

By the way... I do not believe that *anyone* has answered the Faithful Navigator with an answer, *any* answer, to date. Too hard, you can't remember the quote by the end of the meeting?? Waiting to find out what the prize is before challenging him? Come on, man!

Before going on to the normal Assembly meeting activity, a comment on this picture. We at **Bishop Boylan Assembly** had an Honor Guard Call-Out in the beginning of the month. It was for an Honor Guard at St. Patrick's Church in McHenry requested by St. Patrick's Council 16446. This was for a Funeral Mass for 5 Abandoned Babies. We showed up, not really this was. But it was a babies... abandoned County. One of the ago. There is an "Rest in His Arms" a woman named Susan became involved a when she found out babies. They were in limbo right here on earth. So she 'volunteered' to undertake the process of adopting the unborn child so it could be given a Christian burial. She was happy to do it, but surprised when she got another call. As she said, "I didn't know it was a permanent arrangement!" Since then she has taken care of 41, now 46 abandoned babies. How heartbreaking could this be for anyone to undertake, let alone a woman, a mother? But she does it to make sure they are returned to God with a Christian Mass and burial. It was with pride that a motion was made at the last Business Meeting and a check was sent to her to help carry on this work of the Lord without any government funds. I just received a very touching Thank You from Susan and it will be read at the November Business Meeting next week on the 8th.



understanding what Funeral, for five right here in McHenry babies over 25 years organization called which was formed by Walker. She said she dozen years ago about abandoned

The Faithful Navigator declared the Meeting Open and all of the prescribed procedures were followed. What that means, is that we were called to order, we had a roll call of Officers, we prayed, we pledged allegiance to the Flag, and to a man we did respect the flag... to the best of my knowledge, most of us don't earn millions per year playing a

game and can afford to be disrespectful to our country. I am not saying that some of the reasons are not legitimate. But the method of protesting them go beyond common sense. And show me another country where you have the right to disagree with the government ... and live. WE are the **Patriotic American Catholic** Degree. To a man that FLAG means something to us... it's symbolism is right next to the **ROSARY** that we agreed to carry, and honor when we became Knights. It may be human nature to get wrapped up in a cause and so involved that reason is forgotten. We start with a meaning to what we say or do, but can get carried away in its execution. Gee, do we need to think about that regarding the current Regalia / Uniform issue before us? Maybe. I am pro-Regalia. Guess it means I am also anti/Uniform. Many were pro-Trump, anti/Clinton. Those who lost that campaign have gone to great lengths to scream and rant and rave at the winner crying foul at everything he says and does. But if we are going to continue making America great, we need to be moderate in our reactions. We need to be calm and work to make things work for the betterment of all. Maybe we all, in all things, need to let things take their course and pray for things to work out, and not make everything happening in America be a bitter fight to the end. There has to be a middle road that everyone can live with. We need to not let the 'little things drive us to desperation. We need to pray for peace. This is the year of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima. Let's concentrate on Our Lady's message to the children, and consequently to us

Pardon my soap-box, but I pray for a return to the values most of us grew up with.

The FN began the meeting as usual with his report and called upon the By-Laws Committee to report at that time. The major revisions of the up-dated By-Laws were then read to the assembled members. There followed a period of discussion. One of the issues was the inclusion of a maximum dollar amount that can be made in a motion for dispensing. This was included in the By-Laws to put a cap on money dispensed at a normal meeting. It does provide for the spending of amounts over this with the proper, timely notification of the entire Membership. This provision is the same as in the By-Laws of our Councils... a written statement of intent, a timely interval, and then a vote at the next following Business Meeting so that all who have a concern can attend that meeting and make their opinions heard. It is imperative that we maintain a close watch on our funds and be reasonable in how they are dispersed. Two revisions were noted for the clarification of Council 16446s name and city, and that the revision date be corrected to October 11, 2017, that being the date of the meeting. A motion was made and approved to send the By-Law revision to the Supreme Legal Department. Once they are signed by the proper Officers and sent to Supreme, and if they are approved by Supreme, they will then be posted on the Assembly Website, printed and provided to all members. If revisions are requested by Supreme they will be addressed at the next available Assembly Meeting.

Minor items can be corrected, or if a major notation is made, the By-Laws Revision committee can be re-convened or a new Committee appointed.

The Faithful Navigator then presented an *Honorary Award*, the **Patriotic Service Award**, to **Sir Knight PFN Greg Verbick** for his exemplary leadership of the Blue Mass. The **Knight of the Month** Award was presented to **PFN SK John Stefani** for something. An Honorary Mention was made for **SK Faithful Comptroller Daniel**

O'Connell, Jr., for assisting John with that thing. **SK Faithful Purser Joe Creasey** was presented an **Award of Merit** (along with his wife!) for many hours of work updating our books and putting them in order. An Honorable Mention was made to **SK Faithful Comptroller Daniel O'Connell, Jr.**, for working with Joe on this as well. As you can see, the job of the Faithful Comptroller extends well beyond membership cards and dues. Having held that position for seven years before Dan took over, it is anything but easy, at least for the first 4 or 5 years! I took over at the request of the Faithful Navigator at the time when the duly elected Comptroller took office that July, realized what the job really was, and walked out! So, as you can tell, I never was very bright! But I spent the time to get most things squared away and when Dan took over, he continued to improve upon the process and things are running very smoothly. An tribute indeed to him. But because the system has been tweaked over and over does not mean it is easy. Ask Dan the next time you see him how many hours and hours he spends every month keeping everything on an even keel. And that is in addition to his very intense job, a longtime leader in Scouting, his involvement in the Council. Oh, yeah, and his wife Annette, daughter Shannon and son Brother Brian. And his father-in-law is **Former Master Ray Biliskov!** His is a K of C Family with many members being Knights. Some Officers serve for a long time... but that is part of the fabric of Knights... it is what helps Council's, Assembly's, District's and State's perform to the highest standards and allows Supreme to be able to have programs, old and new, that continue to be the pride of the Church. It gives Supreme the ability to provide The Holy Father with the wherewithal to show the world what Catholics can accomplish. What is your Council number? The very first Council was No. 1, back in the 1880s. Are we up to Council 20,000 yet? I don't know right now, but we are in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Poland, the Philippines, as well as so many Military posts throughout the world, and in hundreds if not thousands of colleges and Universities thanks to the Newman Centers. So when you come to a meeting of your Council and your Assembly, as you should, as often as you can, and take part in any K of C event, stand proud! When you Sir Knights put on the Regalia, whether it is at a Confirmation or a Wake, whether leading in His Excellency the Bishop, your Parish Pastor or before the family of a departed Brother, people look at you with pride and respect. Go to any Confirmation and stand back and count the number of families that thank you, ask for a picture of you with the Confirmed, or just smile as you walk by. Be proud and be seen! And while you are at it, LOOK for a Brother Knight and think of them as a **Sir Knight...** YOU have to ask them to take that next step. Be sure you get a Form 4 from Dan... it needs to be with you when you are at your Council meeting. You need to have one in your car!!! So that when you happen to be talking to some Catholic Gentleman and find out he is not a Knight, you can share your love of the Order with him by having the honor of asking him to join!

During his wrap-up presentation of the **Blue Mass**, **PFN Greg** thanked and congratulated all of the key members of the committee and all who took part in the event. I'll let him share the names with you either with an article on the Website or here in a future issue. He closed his report announcing a wrap-up meeting for the committee and further announced, with the very verbal support of all at the October meeting, that there would be a **Blue Mass II** next year. Please think about your role in next year's mass and contact him about contributing your time and talents.

We did not have any Form 4s to read, but did have a couple of transfers in, **Bill Weber** and **George Gemberling** (pardon any spelling errors, I forgot to look at the Forms!)

But speaking of Forms, as I talked about a little bit above, the next Exemplification will be in February, as it always is. February, April and October, in different parts of the state. February usually near, October in Rockford, and April either East or South. We have always had somebody attend, small groups or large. When I became a Fourth Degree Sir Knight, we at Council 3880 were rounded up 23 strong, under the guidance of **Past State Deputy, Former Vice-Supreme Master of the Marquette District Joseph Kaltwasser, PGK**. We made quite an impact at the ceremony and dinner that followed. We of **Assembly 0198** have hosted two Exemplifications this century. Talk about a lot of work. But with great pride and participation of members we pulled it off beautifully. Anyone interested in doing another?? It takes several years from the time you inform the Master that we want to do it until our turn comes up. But it's all in the planning, and there is no time like the present to start!!! **Vivat Jesus!**

One last note, at our last meeting the Annual Audit was presented to the Officers and sent to the Trustees for signatures, then sent on to Supreme. Both this year's and a revised copy from last year's (remember my comment above about all of the work that the **Faithful Purser** did to get the books up to date?). So they were signed and sent. If you are interested in all of the information that needs to be gathered to fill out the forms, ask the Purser to see it. Hmmmm, just thinking, I hope I am not scaring anyone away from running for one of these offices in the coming years....

Speaking of scary, it's Halloween as I am writing this, so Happy Halloween to all... and more importantly, happy (?) All Souls and All Saints Day to all of you... as you attend Mass and pray for ad remember your departed family members, say one for all of our departed Brother Knights!

Questions, comments, PLEASE let me know!!!

Vivat Jesus, John

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