

Kells-Grennie Post #316

The Patriot

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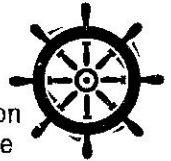
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Commander.....	Pat Miserendino
Vice-Commanders.....	Andy Procopio
	Gene Ramirez
	John Crowley
	Sal Bastiani
Treasurer.....	Emery Chagnon
Adjutant.....	Elias Arout
Judge Advocate.....	Ferdie Salvatore
Chaplain.....	Tom Simonetti
Sgt-at-Arms.....	Jerry Quinn

Committees

Americanism.....	John Crowley
Bar & Lounge.....	Leo Milham
Boys State.....	Frank Triolo
Children & Youth.....	Sal Bastiani
Graves Registration.....	William Bonelli
Hall Rentals.....	Gene Ramirez
Historian.....	Lester Modelowitz
Honor Guard Captain.....	Emery Chagnon
Hospital Visitations.....	Vincent Zangari
Houseman.....	Gene Ramirez
Membership.....	Dennis J. Conroy
Post Editor.....	Dennis J. Conroy
Post Parties.....	Sal Fulcinelli & Rocco Valenti
POW/MIA.....	Lester Modelowitz
Program Chairman.....	Elias Arout
Publicity.....	Elias Arout
Service & Welfare.....	Leo Milham

The Commander's Message



As the Fall season approaches and the vacation season ends, we hope to see a dramatic increase in attendance at Post meetings. This past Summer was the hottest on record and I suppose the heat kept many of our members at home. But now that cool weather is just around the corner, so are a number of Post activities.

At our first meeting in September, our guest speaker will be Steven Marchi, who represented our Post at this years Boys State Convention, held in July. Steven will fill us in about his experiences at Boys State.

On Friday, September 24th, we will hold our "official" installation of Post officers and *Sons of the American Legion* officers by the new County Commander, Frank LaMarsh.

In October, our Post Honor Guard, Post members and *Sons of the American Legion* members will participate in the annual Columbus Day Parade on New Dorp Lane, on Sunday, October 3rd. Since this parade is held in *our neighborhood*, let's have a great turnout and show *our colors* to *our* community.

Also in October, believe it or not, we will begin to formulate our plans for both the Adult and Children's Holiday parties. This will be a coordinated effort between ourselves and the *Sons of the American Legion*. In addition, Essay Contest Chairman, Elias Arout will form his essay committee and begin work on our 3rd Annual Essay Contest for Sixth Grade children, to be held in March, 2000.

In conclusion, I want to personally thank Vincent Zangari and Leo Milham for saving and restoring the Spanish-American War memorial (*see article in this newsletter*) that was found in Brooklyn. It was a job *well done*.

Yours for the Legion,
Pat Miserendino
Post Commander

TAPS

Joseph J. Andriulli

May 2, 1999

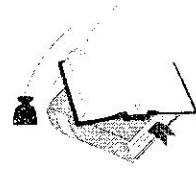
Michael Curran

June 28, 1999

Eugene E. Zegarowicz

July 28, 1999

May They Rest in Peace



Highlights of the *"Minutes of the Meeting"*

July 9 Commander Pat Miserendino announced tonight that the Con Thien Memorial Post #1945 will hold their annual *Family Day Picnic* on Saturday, August 21st, from 9:00am to 2:30pm at the Arthur Kill Correctional Facility. Anyone interested in attending should contact Adjutant Elias Arout at the Post. To help this Con Thien Post activity, the Post sent a donation of \$50.00.

The Commander also announced that he would like to form a Wake Committee. The purpose of the committee will be to coordinate the activities associated with a funeral when notified that a Post member has passed away. Each member of the committee would be given certain duties, such as, contacting the Staten Island Advance to order a death notice, ordering flowers, contacting the Honor Guard for the funeral ceremony, etc.. Once the committee has been formed, the names of the committee members will be announced in the newsletter.

The Commander also informed the membership that the Travis 4th of July Parade was a great success. Even with the temperature close to 100 degrees, it could not dampen the spirits of the participants or the on-lookers. Once again our Honor Guard took center stage as it led the entire Richmond County American Legion down Victory Blvd. A contingent of Post members and *Sons of the American Legion* members participated in the Parade. When the parade ended they all went to the Gold Star Post in Travis for much needed refreshments.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Earl Lind. Congratulations, Earl.

July 23 At tonight's meeting Vice-Commander John Crowley assumed the position of Commander, due to the absence of Commander Pat Miserendino. Pat is recuperating at home due to a recent operation. We are pleased to inform the membership that Pat is doing fine and will return to his duties as Post Commander at the next meeting.

Post member Maury Grosso is currently in the VA hospital in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn due to a recent illness. Post member Sal Gallo has also taken ill and is currently in the Clove Lakes nursing home. We wish both members a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them at future Post meetings.

Post member Sal Albicocco requested a clarification as to what benefits a member of the Post is entitled to upon his demise. The answer is: Any member of the Post in good standing (*a member who's dues are up-to-date*) is entitled to a bouquet of flowers and a Legion ceremony (which includes our Honor Guard) at the funeral home. The members family also receives an American flag and grave marker.

Corporation Treasurer Paul Zalesak gave his second-quarter treasurer's report to the membership. After reviewing his quarterly figures, the membership voted unanimously to accept his report.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Anthony Barbara. Congratulations, Tony.

August 13 The membership welcomed back Commander Pat Miserendino who has fully recovered from his recent operation.

Hospital Visitations Chairman Vincent Zangari reported on the progress of three of our members who are ill. Maury Grosso has left the VA Hospital in Brooklyn and is now recuperating at home. Members Sal Gallo and Robert Helburn are also home and feeling better. We hope it won't be long before all three return to the Post.

In a related matter, the Post passed a motion to increase the reimbursement fees for hospital visitations to a maximum of \$12.00 per visit.

Boy's State Chairman Frank Triolo suggested that our representative to this year's Boy's State Convention (held in July), be invited to the Post to report on the convention. Commander Pat Miserendino chose Friday, September 10th for Steven Marchi, a senior at Monsignor Farrell High School to speak to the membership.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Nick Moscariello. Congratulations, Nick.

August 27 On Friday, October 22nd, the Post will hold its annual **Honors and Awards Night**. On this special occasion, the Post will honor those members who have either given their time to promote the American Legion, or who have been legionnaires for a long period of time. On this night, we will honor 4 legionnaires who belong to the above categories. Obviously, we cannot identify these legionnaires at this time. Their names and contributions to the American Legion will be announced in the next newsletter.

Post Adjutant, Elias Arout, announced tonight that he has American Flags for sale at discounted prices. These American Flag Kits contain the following: an American Flag (3 feet x 5 feet), a two-piece aluminum pole with an American Eagle, and all hardware for just \$20.00. All proceeds from the sale of these American flags will go towards our 3rd annual Essay Contest for Sixth Grade Students. What better way to show your Patriotism and support your Posts community activity. I urge all our members to come down on a Post meeting night and purchase your countries flag.

Show your love of country and buy an American Flag Kit.

Past County Commander Ferdie Salvatore announced that the Richmond County Installation of Officers will be held on Monday, September 20th, at 7:30pm, at the Crystal Room in South Beach. The cost is \$37.50 per person. This includes a complete dinner and entertainment.

Post member Vincent Zangari asked whether the Post donates anything in the event a family member of a legionnaire passes away. Post Commander, Pat Miserendino, stated that flowers are sent to the following family members of a legionnaire in good standing: his spouse, his parents and his children.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Einar Thulin. Congratulations, Einar.

Spanish-American War Memorial Finds a Home at Our Post

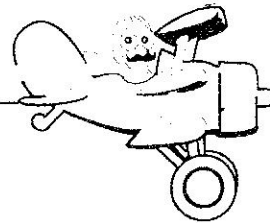
Last year, exactly 100 years after the war with Spain, a strange event took place. An old building was being demolished in Brooklyn to make way for new construction. A member of the demolition crew just happened to be a legionnaire. He noticed that on the cornerstone of the building was a plaque dedicated to the New York State 14th Regiment. Taking a closer look, he saw that it was a memorial listing the names of those men who had made the supreme sacrifice in the Spanish-American War.

Rather than see this memorial wind up in the Fresh Kills landfill, he retrieved this plaque and notified a member of our Post, Leo Milham. Leo gladly accepted this old tarnished brass plaque and brought it to our Post.

It has taken some months, but thanks to the efforts of Post member Vincent Zangari, this plaque (which measures approximately 3 feet by 3 feet) has been fully restored to its original condition. We are now in the process of mounting this memorial and will give it a place of honor in our hall.

It would have been sad indeed for this memorial to deceased war veterans to wind up in a garbage dump. But thanks to these special legionnaires this plaque has a new home where it will be respected. Thank you Leo and Vincent.

Calendar of Events



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| September | 5th, Sunday | - Sons of the American Legion Picnic, to be held at our Post. |
| | 6th, Monday | - Labor Day Holiday. * |
| | 10th, Friday | - Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post. |
| | 11th, Saturday | - Rosh Hashanah. |
| | 17th, Friday | - County Meeting, 7:30pm to be held at the Huttner-Pasqualini Post in Old Town. |
| | 20th, Monday | - Yom Kippur. County Installation of Officers 7:30pm, Crystal Room in South Beach. |
| | 22th, Wednesday | - Sons of the American Legion, Membership Meeting, 8:00pm at the Post. |
| | 24th, Friday | - Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post. Installation of Officers. |
| October | 3rd, Sunday | - Columbus Day Parade at 1:00pm on New Dorp Lane. |
| | 8th, Friday | - Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post. |
| | 11th, Monday | - Columbus Day Holiday. * |
| | 15th, Friday | - County Meeting, 7:30pm to be held at the Merrill Post in West Brighton. |
| | 22nd, Friday | - Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post. |
| | 27th, Wednesday | - Sons of the American Legion, Membership Meeting, 8:00pm at the Post. |



* Fly the Flag



It's Party Time

On Saturday night, October 9th, the Post will hold it's annual Columbus Day Party. The cost per person is only \$27.50. This includes a Hot buffet, open bar, an assortment of Italian pastries and entertainment by *Carmine*. For reservations/information, call Sal Fulicinelli at 356-9309 or Rocco Valenti at 987-0845.

"Poppies" Beat the Weasel

Every May, various veterans organizations sell "poppies" to remember all deceased veterans and help raise much needed funds for their organizations. This year more than 17 million "poppies" were sold nationwide.

It seems someone in Albany decided that these "poppy" sellers should have a license and, of course, a fee should be paid to the State in order to obtain this license. But thanks to our Staten Island Assemblyman, the Honorable Eric Vitaliano, this "idea" was stopped in its tracks. Our Assemblyman introduced legislation in Albany that allows all veterans organizations to continue to sell their "poppies" without the need for a license. His legislation passed and has been signed into law. Thank you, Assemblyman Vitaliano.

"...the best medicine."

The following is a compilation of actual Church Bulletins and Service bloopers:

Our next song is "Angels We Have Heard Get High".

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.

The eighth graders will be presenting Skakespeare's "Hamlet" in the church basement on Friday at 7:00pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to the church secretary.

Don't let worry kill you - let the church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

This service will close with Little Drops of Water. One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.

Tuesday at 4:00pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

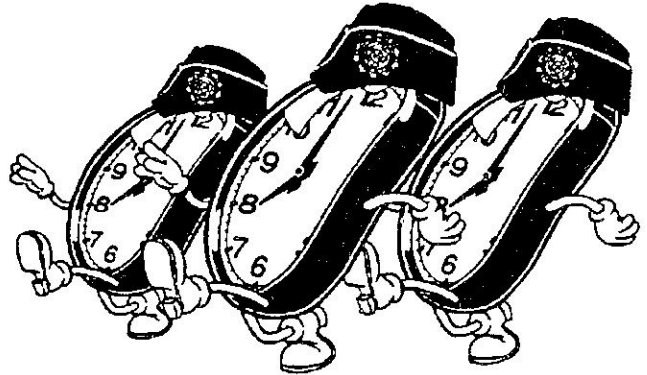
The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

Membership Report

Our membership goal for 2000 is 375 members. As of the end of August we have 176 renewals, or 46.9% of our goal. If you haven't sent in your 2000 renewal notice, please do so now. We have until May 30th of next year to attain our goal.

The Post welcomes new transfer William P. Kuntz.
Welcome Aboard.

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BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY ENGAGEMENT RETIREMENT

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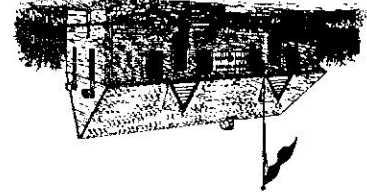
Included in the price:

Soda (Coke, Diet Coke, Ginger Ale, 7-up, Tonic Water, Club Soda, Red Birch Beer and Water), Soda Cups, Ice Cubes, Coffee, Sanka, Tea, Decaffeinated Tea, Milk, Sugar, Sugar Substitutes, Stirrers, Coffee Cups, a Bartender and Clean-up Person.

Come on down any Monday or Friday night after 8:00pm and see it for yourself. Just ask for Gene. He'll be happy to show you around. You'll be glad you did.

Why pay more and get less?


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