

KELLS – GRENNIE AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 316
MINUTES OF MEETING FOR
JULY 21, 2014

Meeting opened at 7:30 pm by Post Commander Joseph Ocohipinti
Roll call of Officers was taken, all were present except VC Emery Chagnon
Post Commander Joe O asked the membership to waive the reading of minutes of past meeting the Membership agreed.

Post Commander Joe O asked two new members to stand and state their names and military service.
Steven Parone a transfer from Post 277 served in the USAF during the Vietnam War

Charles Goffredo IV, who just returned after serving 2 years in South Korea on the DMZ as a forward Artillery Observer. After his 30 day leave he will be heading for Fort Riley, Kansas.

Committee Reports

VC Commander Allen Polazzo gave a membership report but also state that had just had major surgery and was going to need a little help with the membership for the next few weeks. Post Treasurer Carmine Vacirca and Adjutant Lester Modelowitz offered all there help.

There was also a discrepancy in the amount of the yearly dues of being \$35 or \$40.

Allen also spoke about the Veterans Discount program offered on Staten Island by Assemblyman Michael Cusick and if you wish to apply go to his office located at 1911 Richmond Ave.

VC Charles Goffredo reported on the yard sale the post held in June. The sale raised \$610 which was donated to the Ronald Macdonald House. The check was accepted by Robert Goffredo who in turn told a wonderful story about the Ronald Macdonald House and how they helped his family personally.

Vice Commander Bill Baumwoll reported on the Boy's State and Girls Nation candidates.

The Boy's State candidate Richard Whelan and Girls Nation candidate Andrea LaPointe represented the Kells – Grennie American Legion Post and both attend St. Josephs By the Sea.

Bill also reported the next newsletter is process.

Post service officer Joe Toronto spoke about Robert McDonald appointing as VA Secretary and will be on CSPAN ON Tuesday July 22 at 3 pm.

Post Treasurer Carmine Vacirca reported that he and Leo Milham went to the bank and started a new account for the Post and is using the same bank as the building corporation uses.

Corporation treasurer gave his report and said that the corporation account had deficit of about \$3000 because the first payment Insurance was higher than normal and the rates had gone up since super storm sandy.

Post Judge Advocate Bob Mahoney spoke about a possible new way of treating mild PTSD by using what is called Alternative Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. There are proposals to possibly use this treatment with the VA. Bob also touch base on the monument that was erected at the Arthur Kill Correctional facility and list the names of the Vietnam Veterans who were inmates their and passed away while be members of the Con Thien Memorial American Legion Post. Bob said he had contacted Congressman Grimm's office and Senator Lanza's

office about possibly getting funding to have the monument moved to a new location, but now help was offered.

Post Commander Joe O told the membership that a BBQ for members and family members will be held in the backyard on Saturday August 16th, beginning at 1pm. (10.00 PP.

Joe also said that the August 18th meeting is cancelled and the next regular meeting would be held on September 15th at 7:30 pm.

County Commander Dennis McLoone informed the members that there will be a membership workshop at the Post in Lewiston, LI.

Dennis also said there will be a street renaming for the late Sgt Michael Ollis on July 26th at Burbank ave. and Railroad Ave beginning at 10 am.

Joe O told the members that a vote for building r corporation members had to be held.

Nominated were read by Lester Modelowitz.

President: Joe Ocohipinti

Vice Presidents: Ferdi Slavatore & Lester Modelowitz

Corporation Treasurer: Leo Milham

Board Members: Bill Baumwoll, Charles Goffredo, Joe Toronto, Allen Polazzo, John Vivolo, Emery Chagnon.

With no further nomination from the floor , **ONE VOTE WAS CAST FOR EACH NOMINATED**

Ferdi Salvatore announced that the next County Meeting is on July 25th at the Gold Star Post @ 7:30 pm

The door prize ticket was picked at Allen Pollazo was the winner

With no further business to come before the membership the Commander closed the meeting .

Closing prayers were read by Chaplain Dennis Rosenwald.

Recently deceased member Joseph Giglio was remembered.

Post Adjutant

Lester Modelowitz