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Commander's Message...

The Legion year is quickly getting underway-naturally, along with it comes the various tasks-Americanism, membership, Back to God and the Dinner Dance. Thank the Lord for the success of our picnic and Installation.

But what's more, there has arisen another important task; what to do with the 2nd floor of our post Building. All in all, it looks like another strenuous year for the active membership. Your aid would be appreciated.

Yes, I say the active membership, for on checking the rolls, believe it or not there are many who are strange to me. No doubt, many of these members unknown to me have strong constructive ideas on one or more of the post activities. It would do well to drop in at one of the meetings and air your ideas. They are welcome.

Drop in at this coming meeting, November 25th, and enjoy an evening among friends with a common cause.

JOHN OCCIPINTI
Commander

Past Commander's Column...

Thanksgiving Day is fast approaching again and the majority of Americans will once more enjoy the traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. We should very seriously think what this day symbolizes for each one of us.

A few thoughts that should always be kept in mind are:

- 1) The freedom to worship a religion of our choice, and
- 2) The privilege of being an American citizen making it possible to live and raise a family in this wonderful country.

We of the Legion should continue to back our leaders who in a sense, are the "Watch Dogs" fighting against laws which, if passed, would be detrimental to our country as a whole.

Therefore, let us be thankful for our way of life and for the "Legion" who helps in many ways to make it possible.

PAST POST COMMANDER
F. W. Palmer

† CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE

With the 1957 Christmas Seal Sale, the Staten Island Tuberculosis and Health Committee continues its traditional campaign to raise funds to fight tuberculosis. Christmas Seals are an American tradition-symbolizing the gift of each one of us toward better health for the entire community.

Christmas Seal dollars help pay for low-cost chest x-rays; tuberculin testing program; health education; rehabilitation; and medical research to help find an effective vaccine.

The cooperation of all members of Lodge Pignata Post is requested to help make the campaign a success.

P.S. County Commander Di Vernieri has indicated that the County has wholeheartedly pledged its support.

CHATTERBOX

A fine gesture on Joe D'Elia's part; He feeds the hungry pigeons each AM adjacent to his cafe. Joe says that it's for the birds. Want a good cup of coffee for breakfast or a good luncheon? Well just visit the luncheonette in the 69th St Ferry-house.

All members hope that post members Joe Benedetto and John Peterson have a speedy recovery.

Beg Pardon: In the last issue we neglected to mention that Ray Ratkowsky was also a member of LP baseball team, who plays end for Curtis HS Football team.

Congratulations to Tony Forlenza on an article published about him in a national printing magazine, The Duplicator Review.

Our Dark Horse for the last meeting was Charles Minueci. Will your name appear as the Dark Horse in our next issue?

Congratulations to new Booster Member Victor Martino. All post members welcome you aboard.

Sorry that we have no Auxiliary News Charlotte. We called and your daughter said that you were at Grand-Me's. I wonder where Pete was?

Middle age is youth gone to waist.

DINNER DANCE

The next Dinner-Dance will be held at the Boulevard Hotel on June 7th, 1958. The price per ticket is \$650. More details in our December issue.

Past Commander
Jack Modica, Chr.

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BOWLING

Bowling Chairman Jack Modica reports the following standings:

Gold Div-"A" Team: Tied for 1st place with 19 wins and 8 losses.
Blue Div-"B" Team: 4th place; let's get going gang.
Gold Div-"C" Team: Fighting for Last Place. I guess there's no hope here.

DRIVE CAREFULLY

VETERANS DAY

Date: November 11th, 1957

Place: Meet at Post-Then proceed to Monument in a group.

Time: 9:30 A.M.

All post members are urged to participate in the services. Please cooperate by being present.

Vice Comdr,
Vin Bilotti, Chr.

GRAVES REGISTRATION

Visitation of the Graves will take place after ceremonies at the monument.

Tony Massa
Chairman.

Firing Squad

All members of the Firing Squad will please meet at the Post at 9:30 A.M. in uniform, Nov 11th to participate in the Veteran's Day ceremonies.

PC John Mastro,
Chairman

RENTAL OF POST

House Chairman Jack Sagaria has asked us to publicize the following information concerning rental of the Post Quarters:

Non-Members: Price \$15.00 plus an additional \$10.00 deposit which is reimbursed provided no damage is inflicted. (In the case of non-members beer and soda must be purchased from the Post).

Members: Price \$5.00 (No restriction)
Those interested should contact Jack Sagaria, SA 7-7797.

LAUGH TIME

HUSBAND: A curious animal who buys his football tickets in June and his wife's Christmas present on Dec 24th.

Small boy, explaining why he didn't mind wearing glasses: "They keep the boys from fighting me and the girls from kissing me".

Middle age is when you don't care where you go, just so you're home by 9 P.M.

He was a roaming sailor
Now he sits at home to pont
He found that since he's married
The "tied" does not go out!

When a man's pet hound disappeared, he put the following ad in the local newspaper: "Lost or ran away, liver-colored bird dog named Bill. Will show signs of hydrophobia in about 3 days." The dog came home the following morning.

Early to bed and early to rise---
and your gal goes out with other guys.

"You never kissed me like that before, Mary. Is it because we're in the dark?" "No, it's because my name isn't Mary."

-Editor Speaks-

The Editors and staff of the Lodge-Pignata News attempt to consistently bring news of the Post and the American Legion to all readers. We feel that the service provided by this publication is invaluable. Through this publication, we are able to provide a constant flow of information which carries "the message of the American Legion".

DRIVE ...
... **SAFELY**



BE SURE YOU CAN
...SEE
...STEER
...STOP
SAFELY!

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WELFARE

At the meeting of Nov 25th a vote will be taken on rescission of the following motion which was passed at a meeting held June 25, 1956: "PC Peter Mancuso motioned that 10% of the income realized from the Base ball Popularity Program be placed into a Welfare Fund. Seconded by Joe Black. After a brief discussion Joe Black amended motion to read 20%, accepted by the maker of the motion. Motion was further amended by PC Mark Caruselle that the Fund shall not exceed \$500.00 at any time. This was accepted by the maker and the individual who seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Len Caruselle
Adjutant

BLOOD BANK

An urgent appeal is being made for donors. Please contact Chr PC Fred Palmer on GI 2-6128.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chairman, VC Vin Summa is now accepting dues for the new year, 1957-58. Please mail your Dues to Vin Summa, 97 Monroe Ave, S.I. 1, N.Y. and avoid having him send you "reminder notices."

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MEETING DATES

NOV. 25

8:30 SHARP

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SPECIAL NOTE: No meeting is scheduled for Monday Nov 11th. HOWEVER, all will meet at 9:30 A.M at the Post on November 11th. For further information, see Page 3, Column 1.