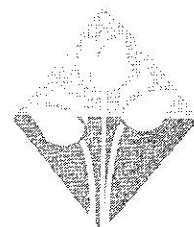


Kells-Grennie Post #316



# The Patriot

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## The Commander's Message



I want to thank those members who attended the Four Chaplains Inter-Faith breakfast held at the Staaten on Sunday, February 10th. Our Post was well represented with a large turnout, thanks to Vice Commander Sal Bastiani's efforts.

I hope to have a repeat performance for the Children and Youth Breakfast on Sunday, April 14th. I am sure our Children and Youth Chairman, Sal Bastiani will ensure a good turnout, again. The Post's Super Bowl Party, ran by Sgt-at-Arms Jerry Quinn and Bar/Lounge Chairman Donald O'Hanlon was a big hit as usual. Everyone had a good time, except the bookies who, when last seen, were heading out of town.

The month of March is very special to all those of Irish heritage who will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. In the past years, our Post was represented at the Staten Island St. Patrick's Day parade by our Honor Guard. However, since our Guard is down to less than a handful of members, we will not participate in this years parade. We need new members, both young and old, to join our Honor Guard in order to represent our Post at future functions.

Starting March 8th, our new Friday night meetings will begin an hour earlier, at 7:30pm. Please make a note of this change.

I want to extend to all our members and their families a healthy and happy Passover and Easter holiday.

Yours for the Legion,  
*John Crowley*  
Post Commander

## Membership Report

Our membership goal for the year 2002 is 303 members. As of the end of February we have 276 renewals, or 91.1% of our goal. If you haven't sent in your 2002 renewal notice, please do so now. Time is running out.

The Post welcomes new transfers: Michael T. Flynn, Charles F. Blanchard, Jr., John F. Doloughy, Joseph Biancolillo, Vincent Calandra, Joseph A. Butler, Joseph P. Lennon, Joseph Graney, Vincent R. Martire, Richard P. Ferm, Robert George and Santo L. Piazza.

*Welcome Aboard!*

**Remember the Pentagon and the World Trade Center**



## Highlights of the *"Minutes of the Meeting"*

**January 11** Bar/Lounge Chairman Don O'Hanlon announced that there are still openings for anyone interested in attending our annual Super Bowl Party to be held on Sunday, February 3rd.

Commander John Crowley thanked everyone who volunteered to help at our Children's and Post Holiday Parties.

A motion was made and accepted that we bring our nightly meetings at 7:30pm, on a two-month trial basis beginning with our first meeting in March. At the last meeting in April, the membership will vote whether or not to make this new start time permanent.



The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Jerry Quinn. Congratulations, Jerry.

**January 25** During WWII, parents who had a Son(s) and/or Daughter(s) in the service proudly displayed a banner with a blue star in their window to show passers-by that they had a child(ren) in the service. With the current War on Terrorism, this wonderful tradition is back. If you know of anyone who is currently on active duty, you can get one of these blue-star banners for *Free*. Just come down to the Post on any meeting night and ask for Lester Modelowitz.

Corporate Treasurer Paul Zalesak gave his year-end Corporation report to the membership. His report was read and accepted.



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

**February 8** Bar/Lounge Chairman Donald O'Hanlon announced that the Super Bowl Party was a great success (except for the Saint Louis Rams fans). He thanked all those who helped to run the party.

Service and Welfare Chairman Leo Milham spoke on changes occurring at the VA clinic and at the VA hospital in Brooklyn. Leo mentioned the transfer of physicians at the clinic and the procedure for filling prescriptions that is taking place. Leo encouraged members to use the VA pharmacy, because if the members do not use these benefits, they will lose them. The VA is presently signing agreements with local hospitals which may cause the closing of VA hospitals. He also mentioned that the co-payment for prescriptions has increased from \$2.00 to \$7.00 per prescription.



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**February 22** Judge Advocate Ferdie Salvatore made the following announcements:

This year's Boy's State convention will be held between June 27th and July 3rd, in Morisville, NY.

The Children and Youth Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 14th at the Staaten Restaurant. The cost for members will be \$10.00.

The American Legion Birthday celebration will be held on Friday, March 15th at the Joseph Merrell Post.

The National Commanders Dinner will be held on Friday, April 19th, at Anton's Restaurant in Queens. The cost for members is \$45.00.

Commander John Crowley thanked all those members who attended the Four Chaplain's Breakfast (we had over 20 members attend this function).

Honor Guard Captain Emory Chagnon announced that his group will march in both the Great Kills Memorial Day Parade (May 18th) and the Travis Fourth of July Parade.



The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Ed Falcone who donated his winnings to the Post. Well done, Ed.

BIRTHDAY      ANNIVERSARY      ENGAGEMENT      RETIREMENT

SHOWER      ***Planning a Party?***      CHRISTENING

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The Post has a modern hall facility that can accommodate from 40 to 100 people. The rental fee is \$450.00 (\$400.00 to Post members\*) for 5 hours usage (One hour to Set-up, Four hours to party)

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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 Jerry. He'll be happy to show you around. You'll be glad you did.

#### *Why pay more and get less?*

\*With 2+ years membership with our Post.

# IT was a Super Party

Our Sixth Annual Super Bowl Party was a great success. The winners of our Pool and Prizes were:

<b>Football Pool</b>	1st Quarter	- Mike Brennan
	Halftime	- Alan Anderson
	3rd Quarter	- Paul Zalesak
	Final	- Maureen Jones & Larry Zuckerburg

<b>50/50 Drawing</b>	- Gloria Schneider
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<b>Lottery Tickets</b>	- Marie Margadonna
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Congratulations to all our winners.

## \*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*\*\*\*\*

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.....

Since afternoon meetings was a dismal failure we're going to try something new. Beginning with our *first* meeting in March, Friday the 8th, the evening meetings will now begin at **7:30pm** (instead of the usual 8:30pm starting time), on a trial basis.

This start time will be used for all meetings during March and April of this year. A vote will be taken at the second meeting of April (the 26th) to determine whether or not this start time will become permanent.

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## Calendar of Events



<b>March</b>	3rd, Sunday	- "Star Spangled Banner" made U.S. National Anthem (1931).
	8th, Friday	- Membership meeting at the Post, 7:30pm.
	15th, Friday	- County Meeting 7:30pm, to be held at the Joseph Merrell Post.
	17th, Sunday	- <b>St. Patrick's Day.</b>
	22th, Friday	- Membership meeting at the Post, 7:30pm.
	28th, Thursday	- First day of <b>Passover.</b>
	29th, Friday	- <b>Good Friday.</b>
	31st, Sunday	- <b>Easter Sunday*</b>

<b>April</b>	11th, Thursday	- Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire (1991).
	12th, Friday	- Membership meeting at the Post, 7:30pm.
	14th, Sunday	- <b>Children and Youth Breakfast</b> , to be held at the Staaten Restaurant.
	19th, Friday	- <b>National Commanders Dinner</b> , to be held at Anton's Restaurant in Queens.
	26th, Friday	- Membership meeting at the Post, 7:30pm.
		- County Meeting 7:30pm, to be held at (to be determined).



\* Fly the Flag

# "...the best medicine."

## HOLLYWOOD SQUARES

*These are from the days when the Hollywood Squares show responses were spontaneous and not scripted like they are now. Ah, the good old days...!*

- Q. If you're going to make a parachute jump, you should be at least how high?  
A. Charley Weaver: Three days of steady drinking should do it.
- Q. True or False...A pea can last as long as 5,000 years.  
A. George Gobel: Boy it sure seems that way sometimes...
- Q. You've been having trouble going to sleep. Are you probably a man or a woman?  
A. Don Knotts: That's what's been keeping me awake.
- Q. According to Cosmo, if you meet a stranger at a party and you think he's really attractive, is it okay to come out directly and ask him if he's married?  
A. Rose Marie: No, wait until morning.
- Q. Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older?  
A. Charley Weaver: My sense of decency.
- Q. In Hawaiian, does it take more than three words to say "I love you"?  
A. Vincent Price: No, you can say it with a pineapple and a twenty.
- Q. What are "Do It", "I Can Help" and "Can't Get Enough"?  
A. George Gobel: I don't know but it's coming from the next apartment.
- Q. Charley, you've just decided to grow strawberries. Are you going to get any during your first year?  
A. Charley Weaver: Of course not, Peter. I'm too busy growing strawberries!
- Q. In bowling, what's a perfect score?  
A. Rose Marie: Ralph, the pin boy.
- Q. Can boys join the Camp Fire Girls?  
A. Marty Allen: Only after lights out.
- Q. According to Ann Landers, is there anything wrong with getting into the habit of kissing a lot of people?  
A. Charley Weaver: It got me out of the army!
- Q. Who stays pregnant for a longer period of time, your wife or your elephant?  
A. Paul Lynde: Who told you about my elephant?
- Q. When a couple have a baby, who is responsible for the sex?  
A. Charley Weaver: I'll lend him the car. The rest is up to him.
- Q. Jackie Gleason recently revealed that he firmly believes in them and has actually seen them on at least two occasions. What are they?  
A. Charley Weaver: His feet.
- Q. Do female frogs croak?  
A. Paul Lynde: If you hold their little heads under water long enough.
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## WHERE EVER YE MAY BE

Every Saturday evening, an Irishman walked into a Dublin Pub and ordered three pints of beer. He took the three beers and walked over to an empty table and proceeded to drink them all. Upon completion, he returned to the bar, ordered three more beers and repeated the process. This went on every Saturday night.

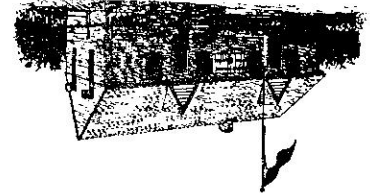
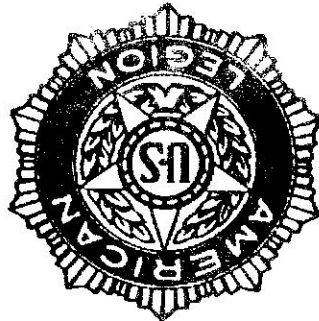
On the next Saturday evening, this same Irishman walked up to the bar and asked for his usual. The bartender's curiosity got the better of him and he asked the man: "Sir, it's none of my business, but why do you consistently order three drinks at a time?" The Irishman replied: "You see Sir, I have two brothers, one lives in America and the other in Australia. Since we are separated by long distances, we decided that whenever we have a drink, we will order three at a time and pretend that we're sitting together at the same table, like we did when we all lived in Ireland." The bartender smiled and said, "That's great. What a wonderful way of remembering each other."

A few months later, the Irishman walked into the pub and asked the bartender for **TWO** pints of beer. The bartender was startled, but didn't say a word. He watched as the Irishman walked toward his usual table. The bartender felt very sad as he figured that one of the man's brothers must have passed on. When the Irishman returned for the second round, the bartender handed him the two pints and whispered, "Sorry about your loss." The Irishman replied, "What loss?" The bartender, now confused, said: "Well, when you didn't order three beers like you always do, I just assumed one of your brothers passed away." "Nothing could be further from the truth," the Irishman said. "They're both alive and well" "Then why only two beers?" the confused bartender asked. "Because I gave up drinking," said the Irishman.

## THESE PUNS ARE INTENDED

1. Two vultures board an airplane, each carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at them and says, "I'm sorry, gentlemen, only one carrion allowed per passenger."
2. A three-legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He slides up to the bar and announces: "I'm looking for the man that shot my paw."
3. A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan." Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."
4. These friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving the Hugh, and only Hugh, can prevent florist friars.
5. Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him.....what? (This is so bad, it's good.)  
Answer: A super callused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.
6. And finally, there was a man who sent ten different puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

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