



Kells-Grennie Post #316

The Patriot

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The Commander's Message



Happy New Year to each and everyone of our members and their families. I hope that by the time you receive this newsletter the snow from the storm on December 30th, will be gone. Unfortunately, we'll probably see a lot more seeing as the winter season has just barely begun.

Our Membership Chairman has informed me that as the year 2000 ended, we only had a membership renewal percentage of 69% (at this time last year we were at 72%). I urge all of you to renew your membership during this month of January. Let us strive for 100% membership in this first year of the new millennium. a "reminder" notice is contained in this newsletter for all members who have yet to renew for 2001.

I am pleased to report that preparations for our Fifth Annual Super Bowl Party have been completed. This year's Super Bowl Party will be held on Sunday, January 28th. Our "pool" is open, but act soon, the "boxes" are disappearing fast. (See newsletter for additional information.)

On Sunday, February 4th, the American Legion of Richmond County will hold it's annual Four Chaplains Memorial Breakfast at the Staaten Restaurant at 8:30am. All members are encouraged to attend. See Adjutant Ferdie Salvatore for ticket information.

On Friday, February 16th, our Post will play host to this months meeting of the American Legion of Richmond County.

Yours for the Legion,
Gene Ramirez
Post Commander

TAPS

Edward K. Esposito
11/1/00

May He Rest in Peace

Membership Report

Our membership goal for year 2001 is 340 members. As of the end of December we have 235 renewals, or 69.1% of our goal. If you haven't sent in your 2001 renewal notice, please do so now. For those of you who have not paid, a reminder notice is enclosed in this newsletter.



Highlights of the "Minutes of the Meeting"


November 10 Post Adjutant Ferdie Salvatore announced that the annual *Four Chaplains Memorial Breakfast* will be held at the Staaten Restaurant on Sunday, February 4th at 8:30am. The cost is \$17.00 per person (\$10.00 for Post members). Anyone interested in attending should see Ferdie for tickets.

Hospital and Visitation Chairman Vincent Zangari reported that Post Member Andrew Smith is out of the hospital and is recuperating at home. Post member Andrew Procopio is out of the nursing home and is living with his son.


A motion was made and accepted that the Post donate the sum of \$150.00 to the Vietnam Veterans of Americas annual Toy Run.

A motion was made and accepted that the Post Meeting of Friday, December 22 be canceled.


After the meeting, a birthday party was held in the lounge to celebrate the 225th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. Our own Master Gunnery Sgt. Donald O'Hanlon (Ret.) acted as Master of Ceremonies. Donald performed the traditional cake cutting ceremony, using his own Marine sword (*he actually cut the cake on the first swing*). In keeping with tradition, Donald handed out gifts to members of the *other* branches of service (you know, the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard). After the ceremonies were concluded, the party commenced and we listened to music provided by Donald (the Marine Corps Hymn, over and over again). All kidding aside, it was a wonderful party and salute to our Marine Corps brothers-in-arms. Happy Birthday, Marines!

 The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Donald O'Hanlon. *I'm not joking. Congratulations, Donald.*

November 24 For many years the 40&8 Locomotive and Caboose has been a fixture at Island parades and community events. Unfortunately the years have also taken its toll on this train. A fund raising campaign is underway to make the necessary repairs to keep the 40&8 Locomotive and Caboose rollin' down the tracks. Our sincere thank you to Councilman Steven Fiala and Borough President Guy Molinari for all their support and help in getting this campaign started. For our part, the Post has donated \$300.00 to help with the repairs.

 The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Robert Helburn. Congratulations, Bob

December 8 Tonight's meeting was canceled so that we could begin our annual Post Membership Holiday Party.

 The winner of the 50/50 drawing was John Ippoliti. Congratulations, Donald.

December 22 Meeting canceled.

Children's Holiday Party..... Another Big Success!

On Sunday, December 10th, the Kells-Grennie Post and the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #421 hosted our annual Children's Holiday Party.

Over 100 children and parents were in attendance awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus (a.k.a. Mel Hanson). While waiting patiently for Santa, all those in attendance were served hot dogs, salad, kinishes, cookies and cake.

Although the American Legion's 40&8 Locomotive and Caboose was not available this year (it's being repaired), our own Donald O'Hanlon came to Santa's rescue by hiring another train from an amusement park in Brooklyn. At 2:00pm, this train pulled up in front of our building with Santa Claus. Santa entered the hall to the applause and excitement of the children and then invited all of them on a train ride around the neighborhood.

After the train rides, Santa sat down in his special chair and distributed presents to all the children. Even the adults got into the act by participating in our raffle drawing of a Christmas wreath covered with lottery tickets.

When the party ended, each child received a Christmas stocking and candy canes as a memento.

The Post and VVA would like to thank all the volunteers from both organizations for making this year's Children's Holiday Party a huge success.

Come On (TOUCH)Down!!!

To our 5th Annual Super Bowl Party

Sunday, January 28th

Time: 4:00pm till MIDNIGHT

Place: Kells-Grennie Post #316

Cost: \$20.00 per person

(includes one box in our Super Bowl Pool)

Open Bar

Macaroni and Potato Salad

Assorted Cold Cuts

Coffee and Desert

(There will also be raffles and a 50/50 drawing)

Space is limited to the first forty (40) paid customers. So Hurry, Don't miss out. If interested, contact either: Leo Milham or Jerry Quinn, at the Post.

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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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Calendar of Events

January

1st, Monday

12th, Friday

15th, Monday

17th, Wednesday

19th, Friday

26th, Friday

28th, Sunday

- **New Year's Day.** *

- Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.

- **Martin Luther King Day.** *

- Operation Desert Storm Began (1991).

- County Meeting, 7:30pm at H&S Cichon Post #1578.

- Membership Meeting, 8:00pm at the Post.

- **Fifth Annual Super Bowl Party, 4:00pm.**

February

4th, Sunday

9th, Friday

12th, Monday

14th, Wednesday

16th, Friday

19th, Monday

22nd, Thursday

23rd, Friday

- **Four Chaplains Memorial Breakfast** at the Staaten, 8:30am.

- Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.

- **Lincoln's Birthday.** *

- Valentine's Day.

- County Meeting, 7:30pm at Kells-Grennie Post #316.

- **President's Day.** *

- **Washington's Birthday.** *

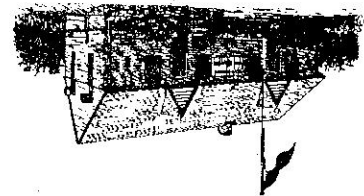
- Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.

- U. S. Marines Raised Flag on Mt. Suribachi (*Battle of Iwo Jima, 1945*).



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