



**MINUTES OF THE  
QUEENS COUNTY COMMITTEE, Inc.  
LITTLENECK/DOUGLASTON POST #103  
EXECUTIVE MEETING ON OCTOBER 14, 2009**

Vice Commander Robert Condoleo opened the meeting at 8:15 PM, with the salute of colors, opening prayers by our Chaplain, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the POW/MIA Ceremony.

Roll Call was held as follows:

Commander Michael P. Honan, Vice Commander Norbert Chwat, Historian Louis A. Rodriguez, Service Officer Daniel F. O'Sullivan, and Executive Committee Members John Allison, Jacob Domfort, John O'Neill, John Polidoro were excused.

Executive Committee Members Corrine Alpert, Michael Barone, Randolph Brown, William J McDermott, Brian McManus, and Peter Zaun were absent.

The County recognized the presence of PCC's David L. Patterson and Harry B. Jahnke. The County also recognized the presence of DVC Denis J. McEaney, TDVC John N. Severa and PTDC Joseph C. Thomassen.

The minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2009 were unanimously approved on a motion by Joseph Thomassen, seconded by David Patterson.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence was received.

**Agenda Items**

1. TDVC John Severa, reporting for PDC James Casey, stated that thus far the response for the Jr. PCC Dinner has been poor. Posts should not wait until the last minute to respond. He also reminded everyone that the Queens County Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Broad Channel Post. The cost is \$20.00 per person, with no IOU's or tickets available at the door. He requested that the Vice Commanders contact their delinquent posts.
2. DVC Denis McEaney encouraged a strong turnout for the Jr. PCC Dinner that will honor CC Michael Honan. He reminded all present that the county dues for PUFLs is not paid automatically as the National and Department dues and must be paid by the posts. The Budget Committee will be meeting to review the 2009-2010 budget. Our income is not covering the expenses. The only real source of income is that generated by the Ways and Means Committee. Posts must support the county programs. PTDC Joseph Thomassen stated that the Patriotic Committee will meet next month to review the funding available to County. PCC Harry Jahnke stated that, at the present rate of expenditure, the Patriotic Fund will be broke in less than ten years.
3. Arthur Adams stated that St. Albans is making it more difficult to hold meetings there. PTDC Joseph Thomassen reported that the renovations at the NY State Nursing Home are coming along.
4. Forty and Eight Chef de Gare Rev. Philip Sica stated that the membership cards are in and asked members to pay their dues. Arthur Adams asked about the status of the Forty and Eight and the American Legion. The Forty and Eight is now being treated as a separate veteran organization, and they will not be

invited to their conventions. Department has left it up to the individual counties to determine their own relationships. Queens County is continuing its relationship as in the past.

5. TDVC John Severa noted that the Queens County Committee members are not providing the leadership for the county. Very few new ideas are being generated the Executive Committee members. Much of the work is being done by the Past County Commanders and not by the Executive Committee members. PCC Harry Jahnke stated that all Executive Committee members should be chairing most of the committees. Only a few are currently doing so. It was noted that only two Executive Committee Members were present and the attendance records of many have been poor. A discussion about alternates for the Executive Committee Members followed, but there are no provisions in the bylaws for alternates. The Alternates listed in old county directories referred to county convention delegates. George Korb, Post 298, suggested that the committee members should be asked to do the work.

**Good of the Legion:**

50/50 was held and the prize was \$14.00 won by Walter Karas.

A motion to adjourn, made by Joseph Totaro and seconded, was unanimously approved.

Meeting was then closed with a prayer and the salute to colors.

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