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Fellow Poquoson **Lions**,

I wish I had written this message before Wednesday so that I would not have the sad duty to chronicle the passing of one of our own. By now everyone should have heard of the death of **Lion Billy Martin**. **Lion Billy** was not only a great **Lion** but almost an institution in the city of Poquoson. I was proud to see so many **Lions** at the service celebrating **Lion Billy's** life on Saturday. For those of us lucky enough to have known him, we definitely had a **Lion** to emulate.

On news of a happier note, Region 1 Chairman **Lion Ray Yannello**, oversaw his first Region meeting on August 10. Aided by **Lion BT, Lion Kathy, Lion Barb, and Lion Gene**, it was a truly a memorable evening.

As of this writing, we are four days away from our Club's second annual Membership Night on August 19. Last year's event was very well received and I look for

this one to be equally as much fun. We want meetings that are different than our status quo dinners. Moving this one to the Poquoson Yacht Club offers us a more relaxed setting yet keeps us in Poquoson. The casual atmosphere highlights the social side of **Lions**, that we do more than sell mints and brooms. The Board is always looking to improve on what we do, and I encourage any **Lion** to bring new ideas to your Board of Directors.

In line with this and as I mentioned at our July 21 meeting, I visited Poquoson Parks & Rec to see what way that we may be able to assist them with one or more of their youth programs. Our idea is to become actively involved with the youth in Poquoson so that they grow up with a good understanding of **Lions**, and what we do for the community. I will report more at our next dinner meeting.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Keith

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"Lion Billy Martin"

Dec 17, 1944 — Aug 11, 2010

A true Lion and a great friend.

We will miss you Lion Billy!

Secretary's Report

The Board met at **Lions Barb and Gene Seiter's** house on August 12, 2010. Seven of fifteen Board members were present, which did not constitute a quorum. **Lion Keith** presided. The following actions were taken:

Opening Remarks: President **Lion Keith**

Minutes from last meeting: Presented

Treasure's Report: Not presented

Correspondence: The following correspondence was received:

Lion Barb received a letter informing the Club of the **Lion's** 24D Charity Foundation Bid and Buy Auction, on October 2nd in Virginia Beach.

Committee Business:

Lion Keith stated that the board will discuss and decide the Club's participation in the 24D Charity Foundation Auction.

Old Business:

Lion Keith reported on the Region Meeting that was hosted by the Poquoson Lion's Club. He noted that **Lions BT, Kathy, Keith, Gene** and **Barbara** attended. **DDG Ray Yannello officiated.**

New Business:

Lion Keith announced that **DG Donna Weiler** will visit the Club on March 3rd. **Lions Keith** and **BT** announced that everything is on track for Membership Night.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Next Month's Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, September 9, at **Lion Bob Boddy's** home.

Respectfully, **Lion Barbara Seiter**, Secretary

USMC

A U.S. Marine squad was marching north of Fallujah when they came upon an Iraqi terrorist who was badly injured and unconscious. On the opposite side of the road was an American Marine in a similar but less serious state.

The Marine was conscious and alert and as first aid was given to both men, the squad leader asked the injured Marine what had happened.

The Marine reported, "I was heavily armed and moving north along the highway here, and coming south was a heavily armed insurgent. We saw each other and both took cover in the ditches along the road. I yelled to him that Saddam Hussein was a miserable, lowlife scum bag who got what he deserved. And he yelled back that Harry Reid is a lying, good-for-nothing, left wing Commie.

So I said that Osama Bin Laden acts like a frigid, mean-spirited cross-dresser! He retaliated by yelling, "Oh yeah? Well, so does Nancy Pelosi!"

"And, there we were, in the middle of the road, shaking hands, when a truck hit us."

When Life Begins

A Catholic priest, a Protestant minister, and a Jewish rabbi were discussing when life begins.

"Life begins," said the priest, "at the moment of fertilization. That is when God instills the spark of life into the fetus."

"We believe," said the minister, "that life begins at birth, because that is when the baby becomes an individual and is capable of making its own decisions and must learn about sin."

"You're both wrong," said the rabbi. "Life begins when the children have graduated from college and moved out of the house."

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I was walking past the mental hospital the other day, and all the patients were shouting, '13....13....13'

The fence was too high to see over, but I saw a little gap in the planks and looked through to see what was going on.

Somebody poked me in the eye with a stick. Then they all started shouting '14....14....14'..

Lion's Corner

Club Notes:

Poquoson Lion's Anniversaries

The following **Lions** observed their "Anniversary" as a **Lion** this month. We are proud of their "**continuous service and dedication**" to club and community!

<u>LION</u>	<u>JOINED</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
RAY CARMINES	1951	59

Thank you, fellow **Lions** for being a "Beacon of Light" and quiet "Heros" for those less fortunate!

White Cane Days

When: Sep 25 - 25
Why : To refill our Charity Account coffers
Who: All able-bodied **Poquoson Lions**
What: Hanging out at the supermarkets begging for bucks

Poquoson Seafood Festival

When: Oct 15 -17
Why: To refill our Charity Account coffers
Who: All able-bodied **Poquoson Lions**
What: Mint sales, Putt Putt staff

Sign up early and often—help the committees out by providing your energy and time to make these fundraisers a success—remember that promise at induction?

Extra reason (as if you needed one): Let's make this fundraiser and all the fundraisers this **Lions** year a real success in memory of **Lion Billy**. He always made us proud as a dedicated **Lion**.

Poquoson Lions Club Coming Events



- Sep 2 Dinner Mtg—6:30 PM
- Sept 9 Board Mtg—6:30 PM
Lion Bob Boddy Host
- Sep 16 Dinner Mtg—6:30 PM
- Sep 24-25 **White Cane Days**
- Oct 7 Dinner Mtg—6:30 PM

Don't Forget

You can read the *Knight's Vision* online at our web site—www.poquosonlions.com. You can also get all the latest news about the club and much more there. Give it a try.





*Happy Birthday to
Lions:*

*Bruce Edwards
Bob Ferrell
Vern Krueger*

*Congratulations
August Lions!*

Lion Billy Martin



Treasurer's Report

No report this month.



From Military Briefings

"At this Command, we have written in large, black letters: DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) on the back of our security badges."

"'Leaning forward' is really just the first phase of 'falling on your face.'"

"I am so far down the food chain that I've got plankton bites on my butt."

"None of us is as dumb as all of us."

"We're from the nuke shop, sir. We're the crazy aunt in the closet that nobody likes to talk about ..."

"Things are looking up for us here. In fact, Papua-New Guinea is thinking of offering two platoons: one of Infantry (headhunters) and one of engineers (hut builders). They want to eat any terrorists they kill. We've got no issues with that, but State is being anal about it."

"The chance of success in these talks is the same as the number of 'R's' in 'fat chance...'"

"Ya know, in this Command, if the world were supposed to end tomorrow, it would still happen behind schedule."

"We are condemned men who are chained and will row in place until we rot." LtCol on life at his Command

"Right now we're pretty much the ham in a bad ham sandwich..."

"The only reason that anything ever gets done is because there are pockets of competence in every command. The key is to find them ... and then exploit 'em."

"Cynicism is the smoke that rises from the ashes of burned out dreams."

"Let's just call Lessons Learned what they really are: institutionalized scab picking."

"Working with that country is like watching a bad comedy set on auto repeat..."

"I finally figured out that when a Turkish officer tells you, 'Its no problem,' he means, for him."

"Our days are spent trying to get some poor, unsuspecting third world country to pony up to spending a year in a sweltering desert, full of pissed off Arabs who would rather shave the back of their legs with a cheese grater than submit to foreign occupation by a country for whom they have nothing but contempt." LTC (JS) on the joys of coalition building

"When you get right up to the line that you're not supposed to cross, the only person in front of you will be me!" CDR on his view of the value of being politically correct in today's military

"There's nothing wrong with crossing that line a little bit, it's jumping over it buck naked that will probably get you in trouble..." Lt Col responding to the above.

"Never pet a burning dog." LTC (Tennessee National Guard)

"'Status quo,' as you know, is Latin for 'the mess we're in...'" Attributed to former President Ronald Reagan

"Whatever happened to good old-fashioned military leadership? Just task the first two people you see."

"I seem to be rapidly approaching the apex of my mediocre career."

"Much work remains to be done before we can announce our total failure to make any progress."

"Once you accept that a dog is a dog, you can't get upset when it barks."

And finally, my own personal favorite:
"CENTCOM - the 'L' is for 'leadership.'"



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INVOLVEMENT

**MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS
SHARE LIONISM - BRING IN A NEW MEMBER**

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The **Poquoson Lions Club** warmly welcomes visiting **Lions** and guests. We meet at the Old Community Center on Odd Road in Poquoson at 6:30 PM, the first and third Thursday of each month.
Come see us!