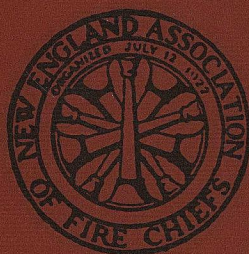


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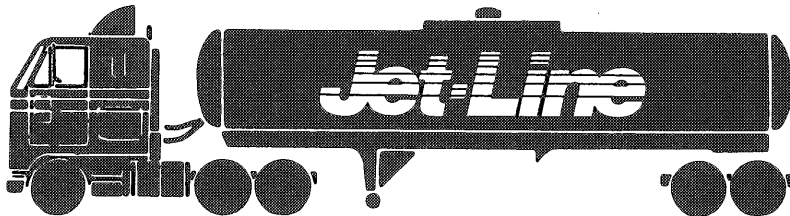
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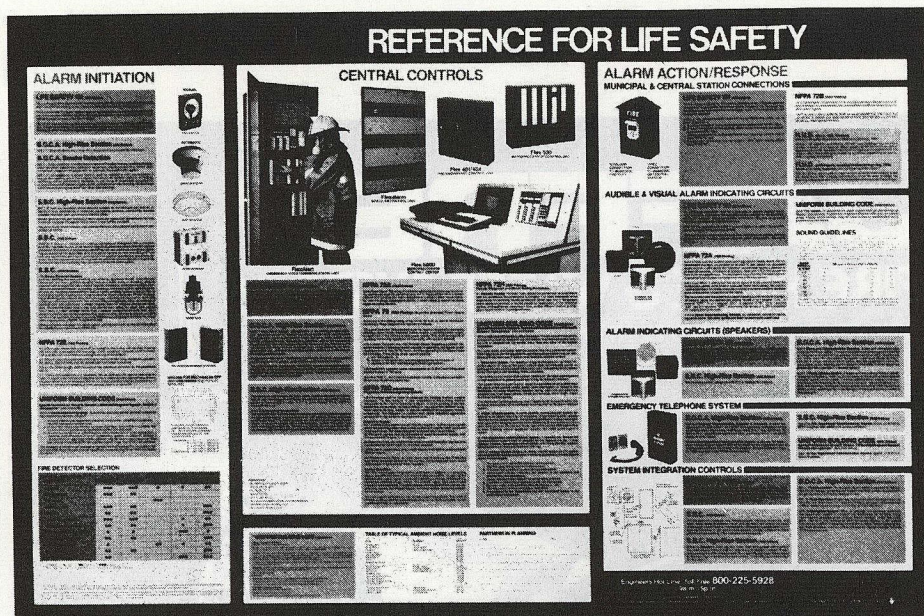
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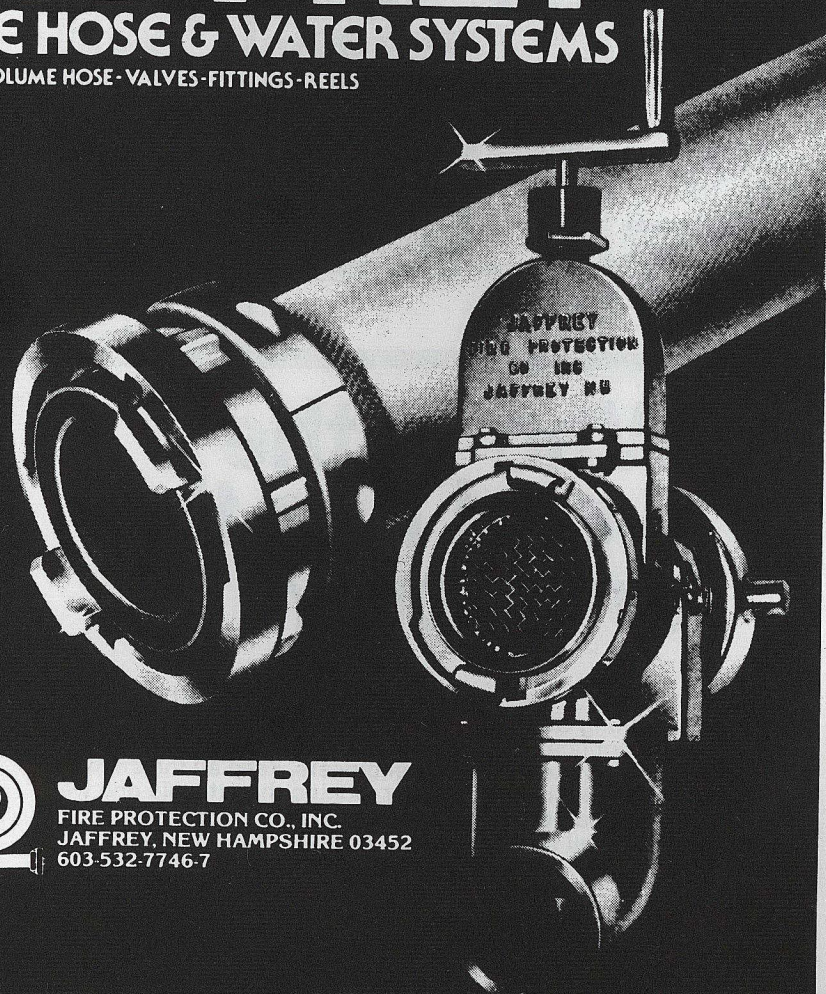
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PRESIDENT ROBERT BUTTERS: [Norway, ME] We will now call the 65th Annual Conference of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs to order. Can everybody hear now? We will now have the 65th Annual Conference of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated come to order.

Reverend Charles Hood of Beverly, Mass. will give the invocation.

REVEREND CHARLES F. HOOD: Let us pray. Lord God, creator and preserver of all mankind, we gather together at this 65th Conference thanking you for past memories and for the gathering together of kindred minds and of old friends in order to enlarge our thoughts and rekindle our spirits, rejuvenate our physical being, and to make this gathering meaningful, fruitful, and full of love. Doing these things with your special blessing, knowing that we are surrounded by your providential care.

We ask this in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRESIDENT BUTTERS: The address of welcome by Chief Richard Farrenkopf of the Hyannis Fire Department.

CHIEF RICHARD FARRENKOPF: [Hyannis, MA] Thank you, Mr. President, officers, members of the Board of Directors, fire chiefs, wives, and guests.

There is an old saying that if you get a little of Cape Cod beach sand in your shoes you will return. Apparently this is true since this is the sixth out of the last eight years that the conference has been held here in Hyannis.

It is a privilege and a distinction to be the host chief at our Annual Conference. It is my sincere pleasure to welcome all of you to Hyannis once again. As host Chief for the 65th Annual Conference of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs and on behalf of the members and officers of the Department, I wish to extend our thanks for selecting Hyannis as your conference center in 1987.

I am sure that this conference, as always, will be successful. I extend to all of you a very enjoyable, informative, and beneficial stay in Hyannis.

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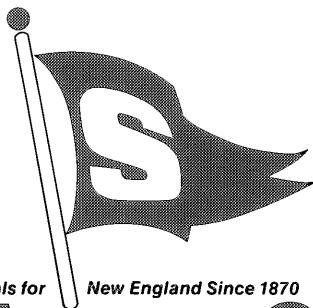
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PRESIDENT BUTTERS: Thank you, Chief Farrenkopf.

We will now have the roll call of the deceased members by our Secretary Arthur Gaudet.

CHIEF ARTHUR R. GAUDET: [Amesbury, MA] The following have died since our last conference.

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These names which were read to you today bring to our minds these individuals and what they did, what they said, the life that they lived and we remember them. There are so many things in this life that we overlook and I think it is appropriate that we do not overlook the service and the devotion of these members of our association for indeed they have left us a grand heritage and we have learned a great deal from them.

It's like the little boy who is on his father's shoulders so that he can see the parade. So it is that we stand upon many shoulders, especially upon these departed members, and we stand upon their devotion and their love to their job. And we have learned a great deal from them.

We gather together to praise God that the victory of life is truly won by these servants of God and we come together in memory of the lives that have been lived and we share God's power to bring new life out of death.

How do you bring new life out of death? You do it. You do it by remembering and by going on and building upon what these others did. It is your responsibility as you receive from them not only the experience and the devotion but the love and the service that they gave in this life. And if we would remember them we would continue what they did.

Life was never meant to be easy, life doesn't go along on an even keel. There are a variety of experiences that all of us go through but those experiences are teachers. They teach us so many things, they prepare us for the good and for the bad and we are better able to cope with the vicissitudes of this life and live triumphantly.

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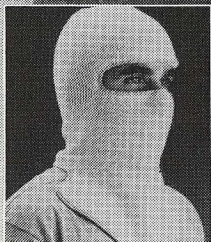
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PRESIDENT BUTTERS: Thank you, Jim.

The final business of the evening is announcements. One announcement I have is to you people going to the banquet and the banquet tickets must be purchased by Monday noon. You can get them at the registration desk.

Anything else I have to say is enjoy the weather, have a good time, and support the exhibitors as they're the ones that help us to make this good.

And we will see you tomorrow.

(Applause)

(The Memorial Service concluded at 9:16 p.m.)

**ANNUAL BANQUET
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**EVENING SESSION
Tuesday, June 30, 1987**

PROCEEDINGS

CHIEF MERTON S. DYER: May I have your attention, please. Would you all please join me in welcoming the officers and directors of the New England Fire Chiefs to this banquet. Please rise.

(Everyone rose. Applause. The band played.)

(The officers and directors entered the room.)

CHIEF DYER: Please be seated.

Fellow Chiefs and guests, it is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you here this evening to the 65th Annual Banquet of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs.

At this time if I may, I would like to introduce the members of the head table.

(Applause after each introduction.)

On my right is the President of the Association, Chief Robert Butters and Mrs. Butters.

Our speaker for the evening, Mr. Joe Perham and his wife Mrs. Perham.

Our host Chief from Hyannis, Mass., Chief Farrenkopf and Mrs. Farrenkopf.

Secretary-Treasurer Arthur Gaudet from Amesbury and Polly.

On my immediate left is my wife Pat.

Beside her is First Vice-President Robert Teece and Mrs. Teece of Randolph.

Next is the Second Vice-President Chief Gerald Landry and Mrs. Landry from Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Next is the Reverend Charles Hood of Beverly.

And Father Stephen Foley of West Hartford, Connecticut.

The music this evening is by the Eddie Heywood Band for your dining and dancing.

I'd like to ask Father Foley to come forward and lead us in the invocation. Thank you.

(Everyone stood)

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FATHER STEPHEN FOLEY: Let us pray. As we gather this evening, Heavenly Father, for the 65th Annual Banquet, we first of all thank you for the longevity of our Association. And we also thank you for the many blessings you have given us during these past 65 years as we mark this milestone in our Association history.

Eternal rest to all that have gone before us. Bless those that have gathered here this evening and the food we are about to partake, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHIEF DYER: Thank you, Father.

Please enjoy your meal. We will have the rest of the meeting after the meal. Thank you.

(The banquet commenced)

CHIEF DYER: If I have your attention, please. After that fine meal we've just had, it is time to get down to the business at hand. At this time I would like to introduce the directors and if they would stand to be recognized.

(Applause after introduction of each director.)

CHIEF DYER: The director from the state of Maine, Chief and Mrs. Kenneth Wagner of Cumberland, Maine.

The director from New Hampshire, Chief and Mrs. Raymond Doloff of Chester, New Hampshire.

From Vermont, Chief and Mrs. Wendall Mansfield of Stowe, Vermont.

The director from Massachusetts, Chief and Mrs. Robert Nunes of Chicopee, Mass.

From Rhode Island, Chief Michael Moise from Providence, Rhode Island.

And from Connecticut, Chief and Mrs. William Healey of Milford, Connecticut.

One other I'd like to introduce at this time, who is a very valuable member of this organization and that is our Sergeant-at-Arms Chief Homer Dubois and his wife from Ludlow, Mass.

We have some past presidents with us this evening. If they would also stand and be recognized. First, Chief James Grote from Chester, Connecticut and president in 1967.

Next is Chief Edward Borowiec, Chicopee, Massachusetts, president in 1976 and Mrs. Borowiec.

Chief James Rulman, Westbrook, Maine, president in 1981 and Mrs. Rulman.

Chief Charles Foss, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, president in 1984 and Mrs. Foss.

From Connecticut, Chief Clinton Hughes of Wethersfield, Connecticut, president in 1985 and Mrs. Hughes.

And our immediate past president, Chief Ernie Flanders of Montpelier, Vermont and Mrs. Flanders.

I will take this time, if I may, to introduce one other guest, a member of the Massachusetts delegation and that is Chief and Mrs. Gerald Carle from the International Organization of Fire Chiefs.

Now it is my pleasure to introduce the Chief of the Hyannis Fire Department for a few words of welcome, Chief Richard Farrenkopf.

(Applause)

CHIEF RICHARD FARRENKOPF: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Before I get into my speech, I would like to tell you about a little incident that happened this past Sunday. I gave my Memorial Service little speech and in it I mentioned the fact that out of the last eight years the conferences have been held here in Hyannis. So consequently after the speech, I went back to my table, talking general talk with everybody.

And a very good friend of mine came up to me and he's been very cooperative and we've been very close together, Chief Ed Creighton. And he said, "Dick, that speech you made you made six years ago."



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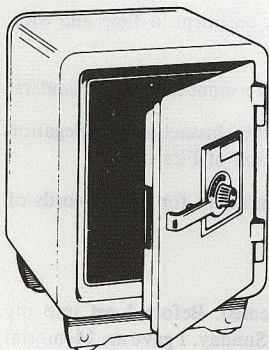
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When are you going to change it?"

(Laughter)

So I thought about it the last couple of days and I have employed a very good friend of mine, who is a chief here and which will be my speech writer for next year and naturally my format will change.

I would like at this time to introduce my speech writer for next year, Chief Ed Creighton.

(Applause and Laughter)

(Chief Creighton stood up)

CHIEF FARRENKOPF: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. This evening brings to a close our 65th Banquet of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. This year will be one of our best years. The exhibits have new tools for the firefighter and safety equipment and other innovative adjuncts to increase our capabilities as chiefs and to insure safety for our men and in the extinguishment of fires as exhibited by the different fire apparatus companies and the display of new apparatus has increased in numbers. And this certainly is a trend in the right direction.

The seminars held during our conference in the areas of liability suits, hazardous materials, stress, and other subjects, keep us abreast of the ever changing times in the Fire Department. Each year, more and more responsibilities are put on our shoulders and we as fire chiefs have to alter or change our policies and procedures to keep up with these changes.

These seminars are a very important part of our conference. It also gives us a chance to meet once again together and meet new chiefs and to exchange ideas and discuss problems we have encountered over the last year. We also had the opportunity to mix a little vacation with business.

Again, I would like to mention the gifts to be given out here tonight are from the merchants of Hyannis. Again this year the merchants have been very cordial and receptive to this Department.

On behalf of my wife Janet and myself, I extend our sincere appreciation and our thanks to all of you for a wonderful conference. Our thoughts and our prayers shall be with one another throughout the year and we look forward to seeing you again next year for our 66th. Love to all and a good night.

(Applause)

CHIEF DYER: Thank you, Chief.

Now it is time for me to introduce our speaker for the evening. And from what I can learn, our speaker is a real Maine humorist, having been born and raised in the state of Maine. I understand he is one of a family of 13 so I imagine story-telling was a very important thing in his growing up in Maine.

He also attended Colby College and received a degree there and from the University of Maine. After his graduation, he taught school in English and story-telling at the Oxford Hill High School for 33 years and for seven of those years he was Chairman of the English Department at the school.

He is now speaking at functions such as this and has done so from the State of Maine, where the sun first touches the continental United States in the morning, to the snowy slopes of Colorado.

It is my pleasure to introduce Mr. Joseph Perham of West Paris, Maine. Mr. Perham.

(Applause)

MR. JOSEPH PERHAM: Thank you very much. I'd like to begin by explaining to you why I'm down here. Bob Butters is a very good friend of mine and he lives about 15 miles down the road. And if you've got anything to throw a little later on throw it at him, okay?

(Laughter)

My wife is with me tonight. She always comes with me. Ladies, I want to make that very, very clear to begin with. I couldn't do it without her as she does all the driving. All I have to do is sit there and hold the wheel.

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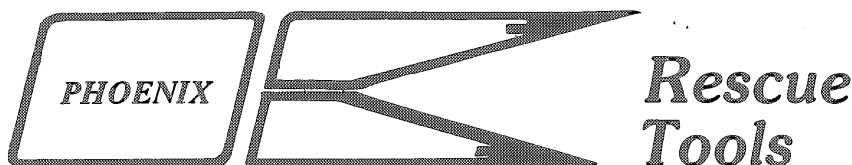
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(Laughter and Applause)

It is a great honor for me to be down here. I don't think there's a greater service that anyone can give to his fellow man than to be a member of the Volunteer Fire Department and certainly what I do is to hold a very small candle to it. I go around talking and it's what they call being on the road.

I went out to Vail, Colorado, that's on the road, and I went to Detroit, Michigan and Montgomery, Alabama. And when I got home, I listened to my telephone and I found out I was supposed to go to Providence, Rhode Island. When you go down to Providence, Rhode Island, you have to stay overnight and I knew Peg was getting sicker.

And I came back there and I knocked on the door and she said, "Joe, I want you to come out back and see something."

Well, I went out back and while I was gone she'd built a chicken coop and she had put in five hens and two roosters. And I said, "Peg, I'm glad you have something to do to keep you busy while I'm on the road, but I'm disappointed. Any farm girl knows you don't have to have two roosters with five hens.

She says, "Well, one of them is on the road all the time."

(Laughter and Applause)

What I mean to say — what I mean to say is she comes with me all the time now.

(Laughter)

We've been married for 33 years and I don't know how you folks down here south do it, but up in the state of Maine we establish all the rules and regulations on the first day of the marriage. Like we went clear out to — what do you call it — Niagara Falls and she told me the next morning that was the second big disappointment.

(Laughter)

Now, listen to me because being a West Paris boy, I am used to having my own way and I want to get it straight. So when I went up there I took my suitcase. I've been told this is the thing to do. I took my suitcase and threw it on the bed and took out a pair of pants and said, "Peg, put these pants on. She was agreeable and she put them on and they fell on the floor.

And she said, "I can't wear those pants."

And I said, "That's right and you remember who is going to wear the pants in this family."

You know, she looked me right in the eye, took her suitcase, threw it on the bed, took these pink things out of there and said, "Joe, put these things on. Put these on." And I'd say she meant it. So I took my right foot and kind of worked it in on that side.

And I said, "Peg, I can't get into these pants."

And she said, "That's right."

(Applause and Laughter)

She said, "You ain't going to until you change your attitude now."

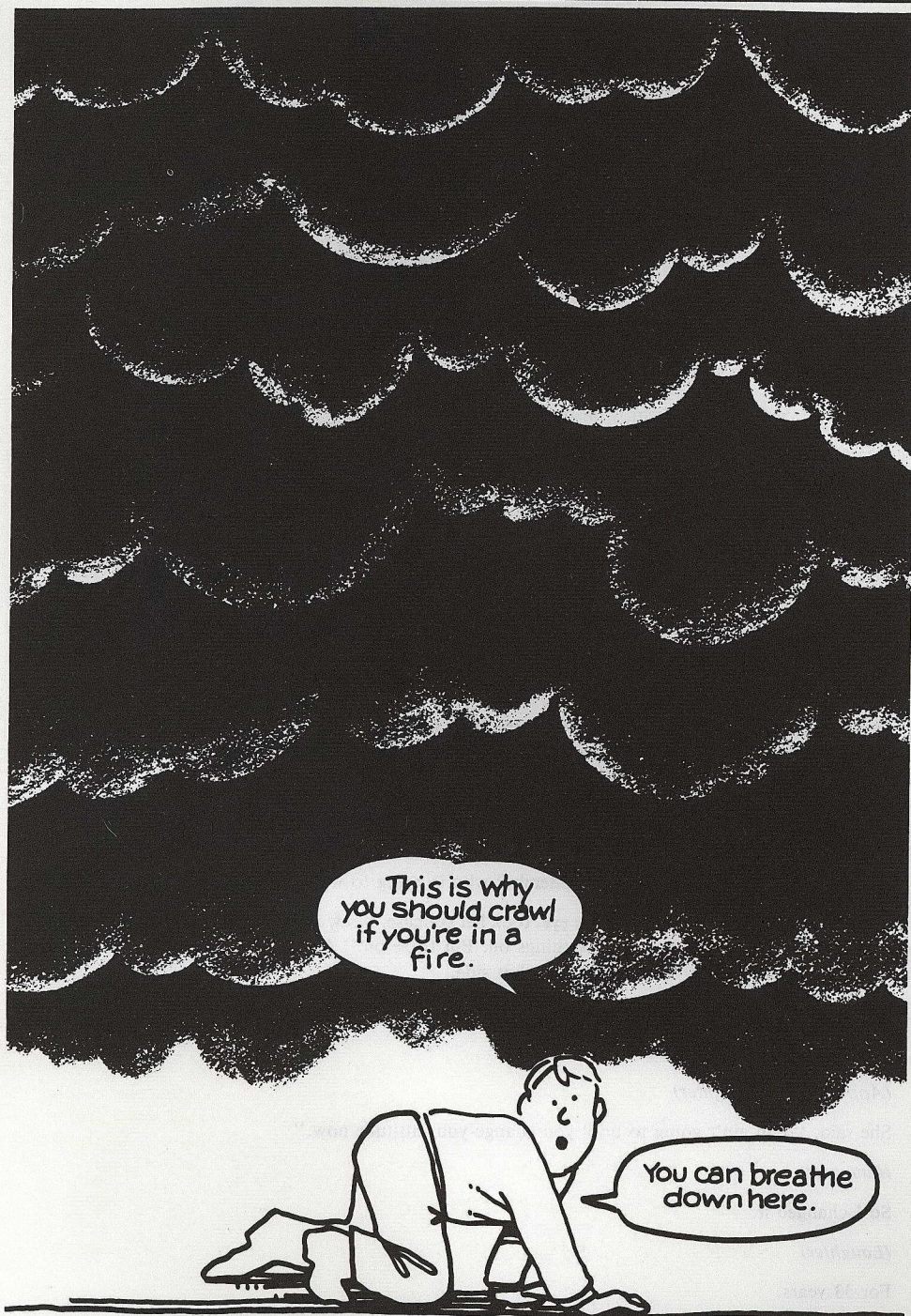
(Laughter)

So I changed it.

(Laughter)

For 33 years.

I don't know you folks ever been up our way. I come from the town of West Paris. Just to give you the idea, that the town of Norway is 10 times big as West Paris. We have a Volunteer Fire Department with Chief Edmonds. Small don't mean anything. All small means is small. Like they had a fire down in the wheat field in Smedsburg in Oxford Plains and the Paris Fire Department come and the Norway



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Department and the Oxford Fire Department come and they don't see too much good.

Five minutes later off across the field come the West Paris Fire Department. That was a 1949 pumper and Chief Edmonds is on the wheel and six guys on the boards. And they went right by the other firemen, folks, right in that wheat field at the source.

There was a flurry of actions and water as the volunteers of West Paris went to work. It wasn't five minutes where the smoke and flames began to come in and in eight minutes Phil and the boys come out of the wheat.

And by that time there was one of these reporters from WOXS. WOX we call it. And he stuck a microphone in Phil Edmonds' face and he said, "Chief Edmonds, I have never seen such a heroic piece of firefighting in my life. Would you like to say something to the listening audience?"

Phil says, "I would. I think it's time the folks of West Paris fixed the brakes on that truck."

(Laughter)

You know, you can say what you want to — you can say what you want to, one time Phil's barn caught fire and he showed up with a pumper and he thought he'd get right down to the flames. The only problem is in the back of every Maine farm there's a big pile of stuff. And he got that thing in the middle of it before he came to an abrupt stop. Well, his Chief Deputy is a fellow by the name of Freddie.

Freddie looked at him and said, "What's the matter Phil, you stuck?"

Phil says, "No, I ain't stuck but if I move I will be."

(Laughter)

I can tell you about the 4th of July. One 4th of July Phil Edmonds was down at the Fire Station. He was there all by himself and an alarm come in and there was a big fire over at the dump. He figured if it was a fire at the dump he could handle it himself. He got the machine cranked up and started heading along. The Fire Department and the truck, you see, is on what they call a side road. Okay, we got a main street in West Paris, that's all we have, we have one single main street. It runs right down the middle of town. They call it the Main Street.

The selectmen passed an ordinance making it a one-way street. That didn't work too well. People got to work and they couldn't go back. And they had to rescind that ordinance.

(Laughter)

What I am saying is the 4th of July and everybody else in the town, you know, were out in the parade and the parade was going up Main Street. And that particular year — this is really funny —

(Laughter)

That particular year, they had some elephants in the parade, you know, left over from the Shrine Circus left over from Lewiston.

And Phil come over the rise coming over Main Street and the first thing he see was an elephant. And on the side of that was the sign Barney's Circus with 50 elephants. So he started counting and he got to 50 and he let out on the clutch and he went into the Main Street and he miscounted — he often does — and he hit the last elephant broadside, dropped her right there. That was all right, except 10 days later he received a bill from the circus for \$200,000. You talk about liability.

(Laughter)

200. Well, he called up the circus manager and he said, "What's the big deal, I only hit one elephant and you want \$200,000!"

The circus manager said, "You only hit one elephant but you pulled the tails out of 49 others."

(Laughter and Applause)

I'll tell you, Mister, they say up in Maine those tails run into money.



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(Laughter)

Maybe you don't notice my Uncle Vern. He lives in Greenwood City. That's one of the suburbs of West Paris. Other side of Patch Mountain. What I mean is, he lives so far in the woods, people, he has to come in to hunt.

(Laughter)

He and Aunt Mary come in here last 4th of July and they had one of these barnstorming pilots that landed down on the ball field. You know what I mean, what he did is he'd come in and charge you \$5 for a 10-minute ride. In Maine they use these open cockpit biplanes and my Uncle Vern and Aunt Mary watched the airplane rides.

And finally the pilot said to my Uncle Vern, "Would you like to go up for an airplane ride?"

And Uncle Vern says, "I would," he says, "but I ain't paying no \$5 apiece, too much money," that's the way he talks.

(Laughter)

Well, the pilot says, "I'll tell you what. I'll take you and the Missus for, I'll take you up for a 10-minute ride and it won't cost you one cent if you can ride for 10 minutes without saying anything. But if you make any noise at all, holler or anything like that, it will cost you the full \$10."

And Uncle Vern says, "That's fair enough."

So he and Aunt Mary take off and that pilot goes right straight up, it's hard to believe. He turns the thing on the nose and he comes right straight down.

There ain't a sound out of that cockpit. Something like this crowd.

(Laughter)

He did a couple of barrel rolls and dead spins. Takes a challenge and turns it upside down and does a reverse loop the loop. And not one single response from that back cockpit.

And that pilot brings the plane down and he calls over his shoulder to my Uncle Vern. He says, "Sir, you have nerves of steel. In all that time of flying, you felt like hollering?"

"Well, Uncle Vern says, "I durn near said something when Ma fell out."

(Laughter)

I'm going to tell you, Mister, they had a lot of fun at the ball field that day.

Speaking of that, you know, if you folks ever come up to West Paris, come in the month of August, the second week of August we have the Alumni Old Home Days. We have a special thing for city visitors. Like one year they had this town idiot contest. Town idiot contest, the folks in town were sick of taking turns so they thought they'd have a contest. They thought they could bring it down to three selectmen.

So they next year, folks, they had the beauty pageant. You know, a beauty pageant like they have. Out of 15 girls nobody won.

(Laughter)

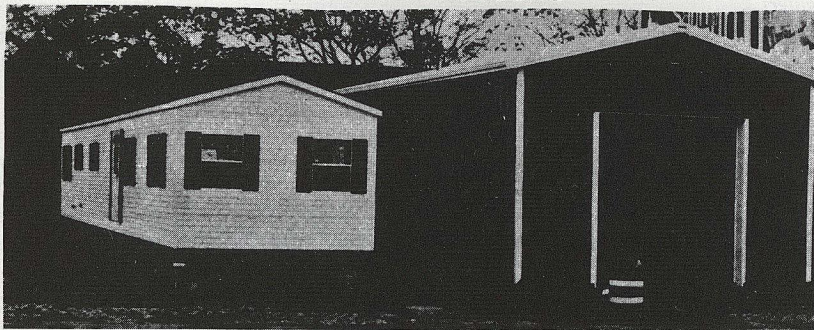
Golly, they had to give the prize to someone so they give it to Fanny Freebie. She was the only one that could get all the letters "Beauty Pageant Winner August 1985" across her chest.

(Laughter)

I don't want you to misunderstand me. Fanny Freebie is an awful good friend of mine, but she's uncommonly plain, you know. What I mean is if God had ever seen her face, there'd be another commandment.

(Laughter)

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Seriously, when she was born, you know, the folks had to go to the neighbor's to borrow a baby for the christening.

(Laughter)

What I mean is, she's the only woman I can see who could cook naked at a lumber camp.

(Laughter)

She hired out to scarecrow one summer. She did such a good job the crows brought back all the corn they stole for two years.

(Laughter)

They say, you know — I don't know this personally — they say her body was all covered with these little round holes where the boys had been touching her with those 10-foot poles.

(Laughter)

Peeping Tom was arrested at her house pulling down the shades.

(Laughter)

To tell you, Mister, I don't have to do this for a living. I'm awfully glad Bob knows I'm gainfully employed so the money I get is a pittance. I build outhouses in Maine. Pretty proud of that too. You know, I built that 11-holer at the Odd Fellows picnic at the Norway Fair Grounds in 1977. I know why they call them Odd Fellows.

(Laughter)

But, I'd like to establish myself early in my program — my program isn't going to be very long —

(Laughter)

—the fact of the matter is I'm in the Guinness Book of World Records and if you don't believe it just look in the Guinness records of Tallest. I built the tallest structure known to man. In the Masonic Hall I built the only three-story one-hole privy.

(Laughter)

I'd like you to think about that for just a minute.

(Laughter)

I had a couple of real bad problems with that job, you know. Of course, you have a problem with the drop.

(Laughter)

The Masons usually eat on the second floor. But the real problem, you see, with a job like that, people, is not so much with the drop as with the draw. You know what I mean.

(Laughter)

You go in there in the middle of winter and you throw that flip-top up and your necktie is going to stand up. You are going to be picking, well—

(Laughter)

Well, the point I was trying to make, people, my Aunt Mary, you know, survived that experience, you know. And last spring she was a-shelling peas. You know, one of the beauties of living in the state of Maine is on the 16th day of April they open the bridge at Newport — no, I guess they open the bridge at Portsmouth and all the out-of-staters come in and you bring us nothing but joy.

(Laughter)

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(Laughter)

We appreciate both, but my Aunt Mary was standing there on the front porch shelling peas and down at her feet was a blue dish and a little kitten eating out of this dish.

And a woman with Rhode Island license plates was driving by. And as you know, all women in Rhode Island are antique dealers.

(Laughter)

They are. She recognized that blue dish had been a very rare antique and extremely valuable. She came out of the car and started talking to my Aunt Mary and this is what she said: She said, "Dear, I don't suppose you'd consider selling that kitten to a lonely widow?"

And Mary says, "Sure, give me \$5 and it's yours."

And she picks up the kitten, looks my Aunt Mary square in the eye and says, "I don't suppose you'd let me have that dish so the kitten would have something familiar?"

"No, I won't part with that dish. I've sold four dozen cats already."

(Laughter)

My next door neighbor Ole Olson lives right back there. He sits on the most hard piece of rail this side of the Pearly Gates, Hyannis not excluded. People stop on the road to admire his dairy farm.

And there is a fellow from the great state of Connecticut sat in my driveway for 30 minutes looking at that beautiful scene. And out of the corner of Ole's barn came Ole's pig with a wooden leg. This guy from Connecticut never seen a pig with a wooden leg before.

So he got out of the car, come down and started talking to Ole and said, "Sir, I don't mean to be inquisitive, but how did that pig get that wooden leg?"

"Well," Ole says, "I'll tell you," he said. "About two years ago I was driving the John Deere tractor up in the back pasture, the one with the steep side hill, and it was raining and the tractor slid and trapped me beneath it. I thought I was a goner and I started yelling for help. And the only living thing upon the farm was my pig. He heard me and broke out of his pen there, rushed up to the back pasture and rutted around and hauled me out of my tractor."

That's what we call in Maine the jaws of life, folks.

(Laughter)

Now Ole says, "That pig saved my life, I think."

Well, the guy from Connecticut says, "That's interesting, but how did he get the wooden leg?"

"Well," Ole says, "it weren't a year ago I was aroused in the middle of the night by this thumping on the door. My house was on fire. My pig smelled the smoke, came up the front porch, and he kept kicking on the front door like that until he woke me and that's the way he kicked." And Ole says, "I know he saved my life that time."

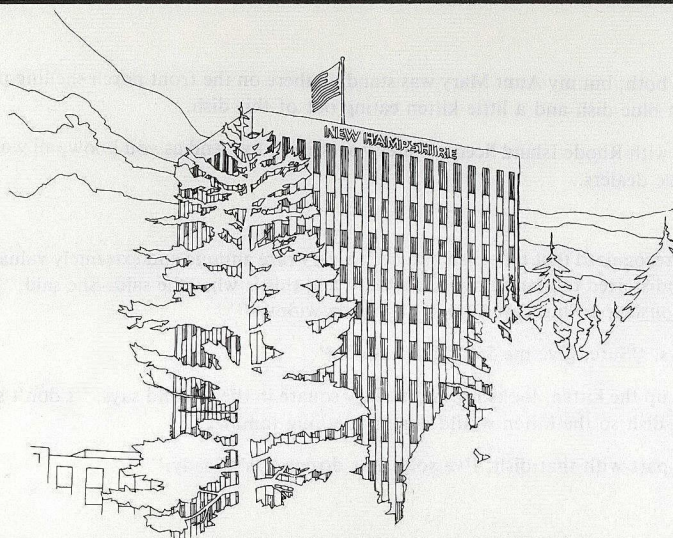
And the guy from Connecticut says, "That's fascinating, but how did he get the wooden leg?"

Ole says, "I'm trying to tell you. Up six months ago I had a new generator at the barn and I grabbed a live wire. Well, if that pig didn't see this and broke out of his pen and rushed in the barn and pulled the main switch, pulled off all the electricity, I wouldn't be talking to you now."

Well, this guy from Connecticut was confused.

(Laughter)

He said, "Wait just a minute, you and I don't seem to be talking about the same thing. I'll admit that's a smart pig. He seems to have a talent for breaking out of his pen, but I want to know how he got that wooden leg."



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And Ole said, "Don't you see, if you got a pig that good, you don't eat it all at once."

(Laughter)

Now, your First Vice-President here, Mr. Teece, he probably thinks old Ole is Swedish. He's not Norwegian either. He's Chinese. That surprises an awful lot of people because that don't seem right somehow, but you have to remember that everybody that comes into the country comes through Immigration, the U.S. Government Immigration.

Well, when they come from China, they go through Angel Island off California. And this young Chinese fellow I'm telling you about was 21 years old and they put him in a long line, you know.

And up there's a desk and the fellow asks questions. And he's coming along and to the guy in front of him he said, "What is your name?" And he said, "Ole Olson."

And when they asked the fellow who was Chinese what his name was, he said, "Sam Ting." And that's how it happened, you see.

(Laughter)

I'm going to tell you that Ole is an awful great fellow. His bull wasn't performing too well between the heifers and cows and he was getting worried and the cows were getting to the top of the field because there was a bull moose running in the area. He was a refugee from Vermont or something like that.

And Ole went down to the vet's and said, "I need something to pep up my bull."

And the vet gave him purple pills and it gave the spark back into that beast.

And I said to Ole, "What are those pills made of?"

And he said, "I don't know, they taste like peppermint."

(Laughter)

But Ole does have problems. He does have problems, you know, because we got this vet up there from New Jersey and he doesn't talk English this guy from New Jersey — doesn't talk English.

Ole called him up one time and said, "I'm having trouble with my calf, he's sick."

And the vet says, "Give him a quart of castor oil."

So Ole did. Three days later he met the vet on the street and the vet said, "How is that calf?"

"Oh," he said, "it weren't a calf, it was a cat."

"My God, you didn't give a cat a quart of castor oil?"

And Ole said, "Yes, I did. The last time I saw that cat one was digging and one scratching new ground."

(Laughter)

Feel free to laugh folks, I love to hear people laugh. I was doing a program in Portland, Maine last week and there was a fellow all doubled over and that's what laughing is all about. All doubled over. Everybody else was laughing and he was doubled over. And I looked a little closer and he wasn't laughing at all. His necktie was caught in his zipper.

(Laughter)

If you want real excitement, feel free to laugh, we're the only creatures on God's earth who can live and with that comes the ability to laugh. This is my group.

What was it Will Rogers said, folks, "I don't know what you do for a living and frankly I couldn't care less. I want to tell you one thing, if you want to be successful you have to know what you are doing, you have to love what you are doing, and you have to believe in what you are doing." And that's why I'm glad I am here tonight, it's that type of group. If you want excitement come to West Paris.

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You know, last summer we had a really hot day up in Maine, one day on the 22nd of July. And I was over visiting my father — listen to this because this is something you ought to hear.

(Laughter)

I was visiting my father and — I don't know why it is when you need something it's either missing or don't work and the only day the air conditioning broke down, you know what I am talking about, dear — the air conditioning broke down and things were getting pretty gamey. And I prayed to God that I left five minutes before I did and I was spared the great trauma of my life. I saw a woman go berserk. I guess that's what you would call it. She tore her clothes off and streaked down like a bluejay. I was sitting here and he said, "Clyde, did you see that?"

And Clyde said, "I did. Did you see that?"

"What did she have on?" my father said.

"I don't know, but it certainly needed ironing."

(Laughter)

I tell you, Clyde, he's quite a fellow and they talk about him in town. He's a few bricks shy of a load. He was in fourth grade for two terms — that's Hoover's and Roosevelt's.

(Laughter)

He's a bald fellow and had a beautiful black toupee split right down the middle. And the wind blew that toupee off and he tried on six before he tried on the right one. He was in a cow pasture.

(Laughter)

He says, "I believe in my family that when somebody dies his mind is being passed onto somebody being born." The only trouble is when Clyde was being born nobody died.

(Laughter)

Henry said, "Clyde, you have to be more careful. You have to pull your shades down. I was going by your house and I seen your wife sitting down on your lap."

And Clyde said, "The joke's on you, Henry, I wasn't home last night."

(Laughter)

You don't fool Clyde, I am going to tell you, Mister. Clyde's on a trip up Canada. You folks know this, everybody, every time you go in Canada and every time you stop for gas stop for a coffee. They have these signs: Clean Rest Rooms, and Clyde said, "I cleaned every rest room up to Montreal."

(Laughter)

Here go, folks, I want to tell you something about Clyde. He is susceptible to suggestion. You know what I mean. When he saw that woman streak across that lawn and the excitement that it generated, he thought he'd try it himself.

Two months later, he got his opportunity, you know, during the flower show and the flower show there. And Clyde said, "Boy, things are getting kind of dull." So he threw his clothes off and streaked across that same lawn.

Well, the flower committee give him best prize for best dried arrangement.

(Laughter)

I don't mean anything personal here, you folks understand, I want to tell you about Clyde. Now, don't think Clyde is slow because he isn't. He's just different. Among other things — well you know how people are who are bald. I told you he had a toupee he lost. People who are bald always go to the bathroom before the rest of us, right, Chief? Well, he was setting there in the barber seat and the barber is rubbing his head and he says, "Oh, that's smooth, oh, that's soft, oh that feels just like my wife's behind."

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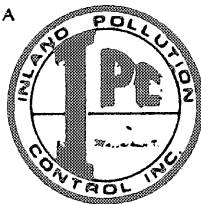
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And old Clyde reaches up and he says, "It does; doesn't it."

(Laughter)

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(Laughter)

— Well, you have to smile a lot, too.

(Laughter)

Now, I want to tell you something here about Clyde, just to give you an idea how much fun he is. I was over visiting Clyde a few years ago and I listened to the strangest conversation in my life. The telephone rung and Clyde picked up the telephone and this is what he said: "Ayuh... Ayuh... Sure is." And he hung up. Well, about two seconds later the phone rang again and he picked it up and he said: "Ayuh... Ayuh... Sure is." And hung up.

Then he come over and he started drinking. I said, "Clyde that's the most peculiar conversation I ever listened to. What was that all about?"

"Well, Joe," he said, "a woman was on the other end and she asked me, 'Is this the Clyde Gammon residence?'"

And I said, "Ayuh."

And then she said, "Is Clyde Gammon there?"

And I said, "Ayuh."

And then she said, "Long distance from Chicago."

And I said, "Sure is."

(Laughter)

I will tell you something right from in front of the drugstore. My wife said, "You shouldn't tell them everything that happens in West Paris." But this is really something. Clyde's wife is Angel. That's not her real name. He calls her that because she is half way up in the air. She got off the bus and she was in the Main Street. And Ed Cooley was in the drugstore and he said, "It's none of my business, but your left breast is hanging out."

And she snapped her head down to the subject under discussion and she said, "Darn it, I left the kid on the bus again."

(Laughter)

Somebody asked Harry Burgess one time, "What do you do for excitement in the town of West Paris?"

And he said, "I don't know, never been excited."

He was waiting on there — he was waiting on there at the cash register this one time and a little sports carriage with a Massachusetts license plate and a little gal got out of that car. And I'll tell you, when she got all the way out the heads sort of snapped in her direction because this girl was scantily clad. She didn't have enough clothes on to order shotguns.

She went over into the Trap Corner Store fashion section and she traipsed back to Harry and said to Harry, "Storekeeper, I'd like to try that dress on in the window."

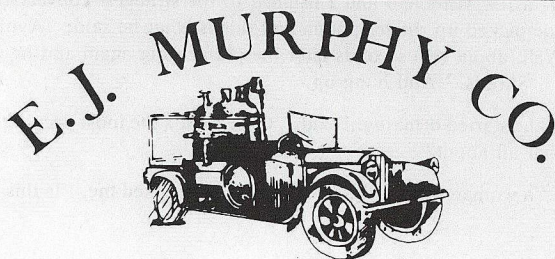
And Harry said, "Go ahead, it might be good for business."



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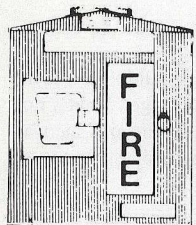
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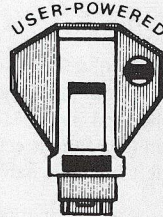
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(Laughter)

You know, years ago Harry Burgess used to go to Boston and Chicago on the train, folks, back when she had sleepers. He was awakened after an hour from a knocking from the berth below and a sweet voice said, "Sir, are you awake up there?"

He said, "I am now."

"It's awfully cold here, would you get me a blanket?"

He said, "Lady, I have a better idea. Why don't we pretend we're married?"

And she said "Oh, that sounds interesting."

"Good," Harry said, "go get your own blanket."

(Laughter)

You know, Harry Burgess, came down to Boston, Massachusetts on one other occasion, shopping for the Trap Corner Store. And something awful happened to him. He got snowed in down here. This was about four winters ago, you remember, they stopped all the traffic on Route 95 going up to Maine. They shut down Logan Airport. You remember that storm. Poor Harry was down in Boston, Massachusetts. He thought he'd go in and stop in Massachusetts on the way, is the way he put it.

He got snowed in and got his Edsel in front of the road what they call the Boston Sheraton Hotel. And he went to the hotel clerk, "I'm Harry Burgess from Maine. I'd like to stop for the night."

And the clerk said, "I'm sorry Mr. Burgess, but we're full up."

And Harry said. "We're 250 miles from home!"

And the clerk says, "We won't turn you out, we'll find a closet or a sofa that you can stay on. Why don't you come back in an hour and we'll see what we can do for you?"

And Harry says, "Thank you." And he walked out and he went to the corner and he found one of these restaurants and he went in and ordered a hamburger. Well, the waitress tried to talk him into something else on the menu. She said, "It's an awfully cold night, why don't you try our clam chowder?"

He said, "I'm from Maine. They put red stuff in it, it don't look good to me." Tomatoes, you know.

The waitress said, "It's really the specialty of the house."

And while she was talking the waiter came over and he said, "You know, you really owe it to yourself to try the Boston clam chowder. People come down from New Hampshire to try our clam chowder."

And Harry said, "I guess I won't have any."

And the waitress went out to the kitchen and brought the cook back and he told Harry everything that was in the clam chowder. And Harry got upset. "I don't want your clam chowder, bring me my hamburger."

They got the message; he got his hamburger.

When he came back, the clerk had a big smile on his face. "Mr. Burgess," he said, "while you were gone this old fellow on the 14th floor, he died. You can have his room."

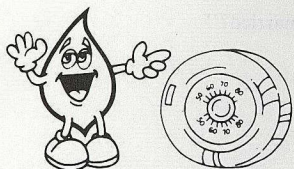
And Harry says, "Thank you."

He goes up to the 14th floor there and when he goes into the room, folks, I mean it's just like he walked into a fairyland. I don't know what that word means down here —


(Laughter)

— But up in West Paris it means a wonderland. He seen things he never saw before in his life. He saw a carpet on the floor, a four-inch carpet. He took his shoes off and walked around in his stockings and it felt pretty good. And he sees this white thing up against the wall. It had a flip-top cover on it.

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And he goes over there and sees that thing sitting in the water and he washes his hands. Why not, he's sanitary. And a little chain and he gives it a pull and all the water goes whoosh like that and the water come back. And he washes his feet, he's barefooted.

And he gets sick of playing around like that and he figures he'd go to bed. It's 9:00 o'clock, but the last thing he does before he goes to bed, he goes over and he locks this door. Just because he's from West Paris doesn't mean he's anybody's booby. No, sir, you can't trust people in the city. He watches TV and reads the papers.

About 11:30, this guy wakes up from a deep sleep and he's scared to death because somebody's come into the door. Here he is 250 miles from home and he thinks it's his last night on earth. And he takes the blanket and he pulls it over his head and he's laying there shuddering.

Well, what it is folks is the nurse, you see. You know what I mean, Lynn. They didn't tell the nurse that the old guy had died so she was coming in to give the old guy his medicine. And she reached under the blankets and popped a couple of pills in his mouth and then flipped him over and give him a high enema.

Well, Harry froze a little bit there. When she finally went out, he went over to the door, locked it, and put a chair in front of the door and he sat on the edge of the bed all night.

At 4:00 o'clock he had that Edsel cranked up, the front headed towards Maine. And by that time they cleared '95.

And by the afternoon, they said. "Harry, we understood you got snowed in in Boston. How did you like that place?"

Boston ain't such a bad place, but if you ever go down there, for God's sake don't refuse their clam chowder because they are going to get it into you."

(Laughter)

I just want to set the record straight here, folks, and then I am going to sit down. How many of you people realize that the baked bean, the baked bean was introduced to the white man by the Micmac Indian right up in the state of Maine in the early 1600s — right off Popham Beach, the baked bean — none of you. But it's true.

You know, in the Micmac language bean is sha-fa-sha-fa-boom, that's what they call it. That means small fruit, you know, and boom like that.

And it's a fact that when the first white sailors come ashore Popham Beach in 1600, there was a Micmac waiting for them with a bowl of baked beans. It was a Saturday night and the sailor thought it was a gesture. But it weren't. They wanted to keep track of the white man in the woods.

I am going to close my remarks by telling you a love story. This is a love story.

[Woman leaving room]

I'm going to tell the folks while you go, ma'am.

(Laughter)

Hey, what a lovely, lovely lady she is. She's not like the woman I had in Rangely two nights ago. I was in the middle of my remarks and she went to the bar and pounded on the bar and said, "I want a shot of whiskey and a drop of water." And she said it pretty loud.

And I looked across at her and I said, "Ma'am, ma'am, yoo-hoo," I said, "the whiskey I understand," I said, "but what's this with the drop of water?"

You know, she looked me right in the eye and said, "Sonny, when you get as old as I am, you find you can hold your whiskey."

(Laughter)

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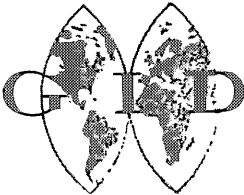
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But I want to close my remarks with a love story. It concerns a friend of mine, Dave Ellin, who used to go to school with me. We went to West Paris High School. We made basketball. I'm an athlete, you may not have realized that. And of course, in our school you were eligible to win the letter if you knew what the letter was.

(Laughter)

We had two to choose from. But he was a good friend of mine. He had an affinity to the baked bean. He loved them but they had a terrible effect on him and really colored his childhood. People didn't want to associate with him.

But when he fell in love, he said, "She's such a sweet and gentle girl," — listen to this — "that I'll have to give up baked beans."

And you know, he did folks, he went cold turkey on those beans. Married that girl and never touched a bean for two years.

But as fate would have it, his car broke down at the trap Corner Store and he told his wife by telephone what had happened. And he told her, "I'll be late but you wait up for me." and all that. His journey took him by Trap Corner Store and the odor coming out of that store was overwhelming.

Vern Inman says on a Saturday night you couldn't smell a tire burning in that place.

(Laughter)

What I mean is, the odor of baked beans was very, very tempting and he knew he had three more miles to walk and he thought he could walk off the effects of the beans.

He went in and then he, as we say in West Paris, puttered home aided by a strong tail wind. And when he went into the kitchen he noticed his wife was very excited. She said, "Dear, I have a marvelous surprise for supper tonight." And she took out a hanky and she blindfolded him and led him to his chair at the table. She's about ready to remove that blindfold and the telephone rung out in the kitchen — the telephone just rang out in the kitchen. And Dave is sitting there blindfolded at his own kitchen table.

Well, she made him promise not to remove the blindfold while she went to answer the phone. Well, when he heard her footsteps disappear in the kitchen, he seized the opportunity to seek relief, as they say on TV. I don't know how the folks in Hyannis do it, but up in West Paris we just shift our weight a little bit in the chair and —

(Laughter)

— that brought about the desired effect. It also brought about a few side effects because he had to grab the napkin and fan the air about him.

After a couple of more solutions, his wife hangs up. He put the napkin on his lap and when she returned he was sitting there contentedly and there was this surprise of 12 dinner guests seated around the dinner table.

(Laughter)

I thank you very much, folks. I enjoyed coming down here and talking to you tonight. I consider it a privilege.

(Standing Ovation)

CHIEF DYER: Thank you very much. I guess you know how much these people appreciated your talk.

Before I introduce Chief Butters, I would like to introduce a couple of guests that he has here this evening. If they would stand, his daughter Miss Lynn Butters is here.

(Applause)

And also the Deputy Chief from Norway, Maine, Chief Douglas Mawhinney.



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Bob is native from Maine and he's been a member of the Norway Fire Department for 40 years and Chief for the last 28 years. And he is also an avid golfer but unfortunately doesn't have much time recently. And he's a great supporter of Scarboro Downs when he decided it's better to own a horse instead of paying for everybody else's horses. And now he has his pacing horse, which in down Maine understatement, is doing well but I heard he is doing very well.

Now it is a pleasure to introduce to you and to swear in the incoming President Robert Teece of Randolph.

(Applause)

(Chief Butters swore in Chief Teece as President) *(Applause)*

PRESIDENT ROBERT TEECE: [Randolph, MA] I had a few prepared words here. I remembered Bob's acceptance speech last year and after this year's I think I am going to throw my whole speech away.

Reverend Clergy, honored guests of the head table, members and guests: It is my honor and pleasure to represent the Massachusetts Chiefs as your President for 1987-1988.

I suppose I will always be known as Mr. Shotgun and for that I will have to thank Jim Fallon for taking an early retirement.

For those of you who are new members on board, I should explain that the usual procedure is you serve as director from your state for two to three years and then one year as Second Vice, one year as First Vice and then President because the Presidency rotated every six years.

Last year Jim had served as our director and one year as Vice. And prior to our conference last year he announced his early retirement. I just finished 10 years in our state association and planned to finish my career in the side lines and never envisioned standing in front of you as your President.

I will accept your term as Mr. Shotgun, I love it.

I'm indebted to my colleagues from Massachusetts for nominating me to fill out Jim's term. I've been attending these conferences for 17 years but only this past year attending directors meetings and also as an auditor.

This year several things have become rather obvious. Our treasury is diminishing rapidly. And we talked about this at our directors meeting today. In this day and age, our due structure of \$10 a year is ridiculous. I think the last time it was raised was back in 1974-'75 when Jim Brennan was secretary and it was raised from \$5 to \$10. So tomorrow morning your directors will make a recommendation to you for a new dues structure.

Secondly, we have over 500 life members and we do spend money on them for postage and printing. We encourage their participation and attendance at our conferences. We need you all and their expertise, but we feel there is some sort of a charge just for them to come in the mailing and the directors will also make a recommendation to you tomorrow morning.'

Third, in our membership I don't think we are even approaching our potential in the six New England states. In Massachusetts, Arthur is a member of our association so he receives a monthly newsletter and in the monthly newsletter in Massachusetts all the new chiefs are in there, their names are listed and he sends them an application immediately. He doesn't have access to the other five states. He is working on a membership list by states and will be passing this out to each and every director along with applications.

I hope when I stand here next year I can tell you our membership has increased a great deal. We have heard a lot of talk, each and every one of the directors, about the cost of the conferences, the rooms, and everything else. And there is a move under foot to maybe go the European plan in the future. If we do this, that means the large exhibit hall that we have down at the end and possibly the parking lot will not come for free. Right now it is free. They don't charge us a cent for that so that is another reason for the dues increase.

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This is your association. I'm asking all of you active members to please attend. It's your association and we will run it the way you want it. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

Robert, will you stand up and come forward here, please. It's my first duty as the incoming president to present the outgoing president with the symbol of his office, "President, New England Association of Fire Chiefs."

(Chief Butters puts on white fire helmet)

Congratulations.

PRESIDENT BUTTERS: Thank you. Reverend Clergy, honored guests at the head table, friends, I had a 15-page speech, but I fell asleep three times so I decided I'd forget that.

You heard our speaker from Maine such as he is, I can give you a little bit of information he didn't give out. Up in my state you go to high school and you go to college and you take a test. If you pass the test, you're a banquet speaker; if you flunk it you're a fire chief. Here I am.

(Laughter)

Vermont, you all know. It's still up hill and down. You can't get there from here. It goes north and south and this is why at that point the trees on the south side, they can't get around to north side.

You go to New Hampshire and they have maple syrup and cows. But did you ever notice you milk a cow from the right-hand side? They're always looking north and south as milk runs down hill.

(Laughter)

I noticed this in the parking lot. My friend in Connecticut, he says on the license plate is Constitutional State. I don't know if that is the Constitution of the United States.

Massachusetts, my friend, are the flat landers. I can tell you fellows something, I have about 15 in my town and they come in out of Massachusetts. Here they give us this Ayuh and they make fun of us. They kid us about our state and now they want to join us because they don't like what they got.

(Laughter)

And my friend Mike in Rhode Island, we have some large families in Maine. I don't know if it's the cold weather that makes our large families, but our families are a lot more friendly than yours.

(Laughter)

In closing, I would like to thank my committee, I think they've done a real nice job. You do the work, I'll do the worrying, and we'll have no trouble.

(Laughter)

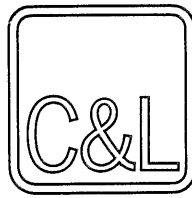
They did the work and I did all the worrying.

And in the state of Maine, we call them weasels. They are running out of holes so fast you can't catch them.

The exhibitors did a real nice job. We realize we'd be in a problem.

This is a 50-50 deal. I'm very proud. I thank you very much. I hope I haven't made any enemies and I haven't hurt anybody's feelings because I made remarks about their state.

I want to thank my lovely wife Beverly because normally I don't. Beverly, thank you. If it wasn't for you I wouldn't be here tonight because I just don't go for this kind of thing.



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(Laughter)

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And my lovely daughter Lynn, thank you for coming.

Thank you.

(Standing Ovation)

PRESIDENT TEECE: Last year he said his knees were knocking and he didn't know what to say this year, but he had us rolling in the aisles.

I have to swear in the directors for 1988. I will call you one at a time and swear you in all at once.

From Milford, Connecticut, Chief William Healey, director from the state of Connecticut.

(Applause)

Director for the state of Vermont, Chief Wendall Mansfield of Stowe, Vermont.

(Applause)

From Maine, Chief Kenneth Wagner, director from Cumberland, Maine.

(Applause)

From little old Rhode Island, Chief Michael Moise of Providence.

(Applause)

From Chicopee, Massachusetts, our director Chief Robert Nunes.

(Applause)

And we have a new director this year from New Hampshire — from Gilford, New Hampshire, Chief Michael Mooney.

(Applause)

The new Second Vice this year is Chief Charles Hall from Merrimack, New Hampshire.

(Applause)

And our First Vice-President from little old Rhode Island, Chief Gerald Landry.

(Applause)

Gentlemen, please raise your right hands and repeat after me and insert your name, please.

(President Teece swore in the directors.)

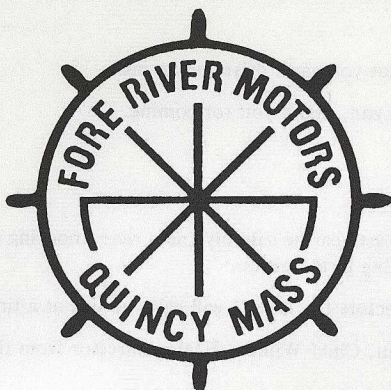
Gentlemen, congratulations.

(Applause)

Mr. Secretary, do we have any announcements? I have nothing listed as far as announcements. Have you any? The Secretary says we have no announcements at this time so I think we will close with the benediction of Reverend Charles Hood. And after that we will have the drawings of prizes by Chief Ed Creighton.

(Everyone stood)

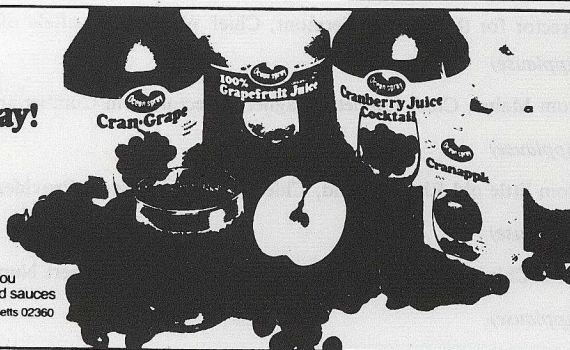
REVEREND HOOD: Almighty and eternal God, our heavenly Father, we thank you for all the blessings of life. We thank you for the opportunity we have had of gathering together with friends and fellow workers and we ask you, oh, God, to bless us and to hold in our memory the activities and the experiences of this conference that we have had.



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PRESIDENT TEECE: Chief Ed Creighton, please come forward and take over the drawing of the prizes, please.

(The following items were raffled off with Chief Edward Creighton presiding:)

Cash drawings of \$100 and \$50.

(The following merchants of Hyannis donated gifts: Colonial Candle Mid-Cape Centre; Hyannis True Value; Bradford Hardware, Butler's Sporting Goods.)

(The following gifts were donated: an apple candle lamp; a Pyrex pie plate keeper; a cooler; a 3/8" drill; a tea pot.)

PRESIDENT TEECE: Ladies and gentlemen, may I interrupt. I made my first screw up, I didn't swear in our Secretary-Treasurer, our most important person. Stand up here, Arthur, please.

(Applause)

Raise your right hand and repeat after me.

(President Teece swore in Arthur R. Gaudet as Secretary-Treasurer.)

(Applause)

(The raffle resumed as follows: 15 professional golf balls; decanter; two cases of beer; Kentucky Bourbon; eight bottles of imported Vodka; three bottles of wine; champagne; Mr. Coffee, Jr.; World Travel Iron; Digital Clock Radio; a lamp; 12-piece set of placemats; scented candles; two sets of placemats.)

(Gifts donated by the following merchants: Airport Liquors; Hyannis Bottle; Town Paint & Hardware; Sears.)

CHIEF CREIGHTON: All these gifts are from the association. I don't know what they are.

(Eight gifts awarded.)

CHIEF CREIGHTON: That's it.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Ladies and gentlemen, before we get started with the dancing again, we want to introduce one of our old past officers of the association. Retired Chief Jim Brennan and his wife Louise.

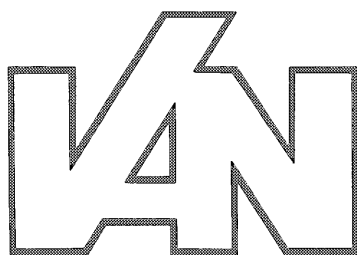
(Applause)

That concludes the festivities. Let's get on with the dancing and enjoy ourselves.

(The Annual Banquet proceedings concluded at 10:50 p.m.)



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Chief Gerald Landry
Chief Robert Teece
Chief Ernest Flanders

Tara Dunfey Hyannis Hotel
Hyannis, Massachusetts
Wednesday, July 1, 1987
10:00 a.m.

PROCEEDINGS

PRESIDENT ROBERT TREECE: [Randolph, MA] All right, gentlemen, I hereby call the 65th Annual Meeting of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs to order.

We'll start off with Jim Grote. Will you please come forward and give us the invocation or right from your seat if you would rather.

CHIEF JAMES GROTE: [Chester, CT] In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Oh, Lord, we thank thee for watching and protecting us at this convention that has been so successful. God guard and protect us and we'll meet again.

Let us have peace on earth and good will towards men. We thank thee God again, again, and again.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Remain standing for the salute to the flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDENT TEECE: My first duty this morning is the presentation of the past President's badge to Bob Butters. Bob, would you come forward, please?

On behalf of the membership, it is my honor and pleasure to present you with the past President's badge. Wear it with honor.

(Applause)

CHIEF ROBERT BUTTERS: [Norway, ME] I'd like to thank all the members for what you have done for me. You gave me one of the greatest honors of my life. Thank you very much.

(Applause)



Outside Exhibits



Outside Exhibits

PRESIDENT TEECH: We are going to go right into the committee reports. The first one will be from our Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary's report from Chief Arthur Gaudet.

CHIEF ARTHUR R. GAUDET: [Amesbury, MA] The report of 1987 to the Officers and Members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated. I herewith submit the Annual Report of the Secretary for the year ending May 31, 1987.

Two meetings were held on October 28, 1986 and May 4, 1987 at the Sheraton Tara Hotel, Danvers, Massachusetts. Plans for our 65th Annual Conference were discussed and formulated.

During the year, all association business was handled promptly by President Robert Butters and your Secretary. A full and complete report of the meetings will appear in the 1987 Book of Procedures of the association, commonly referred to as the Red Book.

Please do not hesitate to call upon your state director or any officer of the association in any matter in which we may assist you.

I would urge all to notify your state director or the Secretary at once in the case of death or illness of a member.

As of May 31st, 1987, we have 1,333 members in the association. Maine - 60; New Hampshire - 99; Vermont - 59; Massachusetts - 321; Rhode Island - 104, Connecticut - 211; Life members - 14; Retired members - 449; outside of New England - 16; for a total of 1333.

During the year 1986-1987, the following changes were made in the membership: New members - 62; Lost by Death - 10; Lost by Nonpayment - 89.

All members removed for nonpayment of dues were notified at least three times and were removed from the rolls in accordance with Article V, Section 2of the bylaws.

All members applying for honorary Life membership and meeting the bylaws of the association were admitted.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Secretary. I wish to thank all the officers and members for their continued support and a special thanks to Chief Robert Butters for his help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Arthur R. Gaudet, Secretary.

PRESIDENT TEECE: You have heard the Secretary's report. What is your pleasure?

CHIEF JAMES F. BRENNAN: [Salem, Retired] I make the motion.

CHIEF LAWRENCE LAMSON: [Hamilton] Seconded.

PRESIDENT TEECE: The motion has been made and seconded to accept the report as read. Any discussion?

All those in favor?

(Aye)

All opposed?

It's a vote.

Now we'll have the second report, the Treasurer's Report.

CHIEF GAUDET: To the Officers and members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc., I herewith submit the Annual Report for the Treasurer for the year ending May 31, 1987.

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand June 1, 1986.....	\$ 3,588.77
Dues	7,810.00



Chief Robert Teece makes traditional presentation to Chief Butters outgoing president.



Retired Chief and Mrs. James Brennan, Salem, MA.

Red Book Account	7,000.00
Banquet Tickets	1,280.00
Registration	4,940.00
Bank Interest	789.72
Transfers from Savings Account	7,240.17
Received from Exhibit Committee	8,029.81
Raffle	2,233.00
Return Conference Cash	250.00
Dealers Gifts	700.00
Sale of Ladies' Gifts	90.00
Return Deposit for Fall Meeting	150.00
Total	\$44,101.47

EXPENDITURES

Flowers, Memorials, Testimonials	\$753.98.00
Conference Expense	22,871.05
Mailing	839.36.00
Salary	3,600.00
Taxes and Social Security	1,880.00
Printing	1,521.90
Telephone	99.25
Insurance	103.00
Office Supplies	95.76
Raffle	175.00
Directors Meetings	2,904.45
Ladies' Gifts	1,030.62
Plaques	168.75
Badges for Past Presidents	165.00
And Legal Fees	250.00
For a total of	\$36,498.12

Total Receipts	\$44,101.47
Total Expenditures	\$36,498.12

Which leaves a balance of \$7,643.35
 Which leaves on June 1, 1987:

The Bank of New England Checking Account	7,643.35
Amesbury Franco American Credit Union 30-Day	
Money Market	5,052.37
Provident Institution for Savings Amesbury	
6-Month Certificate	10,000.00
Amesbury Franco American Credit Union Savings	
Account	21.68
for a total of	\$22,717.40

Respectfully submitted,
 Arthur R. Gaudet, Chief, Treasurer

PRESIDENT TEECE: You have heard the Treasurer's Report. Make a motion.

CHIEF CHARLES M. BELLOMO: [Needham, MA] I make a motion to accept the report as read.

CHIEF MICHAEL MOISE: [Providence, RI] Seconded.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report as read and seconded.

All in favor say Aye.

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FROM THE FLOOR: Second.

(Aye)

All opposed?

It's a vote.

The Auditors' Report by Chief Ernie Flanders.

CHIEF ERNEST FLANDERS: [Montpelier, VT] The Auditing Committee consisting of Ernie Flanders, Robert Teece, and Jerry Landry met on June 29, 1987 and reviewed the records of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. It is our finding that these accounts are correctly stated and recorded.

Respectfully, submitted,

Ernest Flanders, Robert Teece, and Jerry Landry.

PRESIDENT TEECE: You have heard the Auditors' Report, gentlemen.

CHIEF MICHAEL D. MOONEY: [Gilford, NH] I move we accept it.

CHIEF RAYMOND M. SULLIVAN: [Springfield, MA] Seconded.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Motion made and seconded.

All in favor?

(Aye)

Opposed?

It is a vote.

report of the Reservation Committee. Chief Rulman.

CHIEF JAMES F. RULMAN: [Westbrook, ME] The Reservation Committee Report, July '87. I hereby submit the report of the Reservation Committee of the Conference from June 28 to July 1, 1987 - 10 rooms kept.

June 27 - 21 rooms occupied.

June 28 - 118 rooms occupied.

June 29 - 9 rooms occupied.

And June 30 - one room occupied.

For a total room occupied of 159. This includes parlor rooms for the vendors.

The total occupancy by persons was not indicated on the computer report and I was unable to obtain that.

There were 159 rooms.

Respectfully, submitted,

James F. Rulman.

PRESIDENT TEECE: You have heard the Reservation Committee report from Chief Rulman.

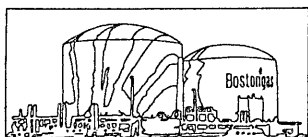
CHIEF KENNETH WAGNER: [Cumberland, ME] I move to accept it as read.

CHIEF HUGE: [Milford] Second.

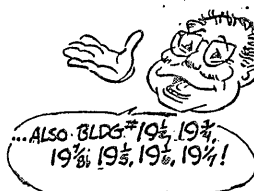
PRESIDENT TEECE: Motion made and seconded to accept the Reservation Committee report.

All in favor?

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Aye)

Opposed?

It's a vote.

Next will be the report of the Exhibit Committee - Chief Creighton.

CHIEF EDWARD CREIGHTON: [Marblehead, MA] This is the biggest conference we have ever had as far as exhibits with 67 pieces of apparatus on the outside lot and 85 booths inside. We were able to negotiate the other parking lot from the hotel without any extra charge on that to handle it.

I will have to say that probably 70 pieces of apparatus is about our limit at this hotel now but that's pretty good show. The final accounting of the money isn't all in yet, but they will be accounted for and given at the next meeting.

And I would like to, at this time, thank my three leading members, Chief John Quinn from Nahant; Chief Mansfield from Vermont; and Chief Doloff from New Hampshire, who did an excellent job and a lot of work on the outside lot.

I would like to say to the President that he appoint another member to that Exhibit Committee so we have three men on that outside lot. We're going to need them or the Exhibit Committee is going to need that extra man down the road.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Thank you, Ed.

You heard the report of the Exhibit Committee. What is your pleasure, gentlemen?

CHIEF RAYMOND DOLOFF: [Chester, NH] I move to accept it.

CHIEF LAWRENCE LAMSON: [Hamilton] Seconded.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Motion made and seconded to accept the report of the Exhibit Committee?

All those in favor?

(Aye)

Anybody opposed?

It is a vote.

Now, the report of the Program Committee. Chief Michael Moise.

CHIEF MICHAEL MOISE: [Providence, RI] The program this year, as you witnessed, was a little different than in the past. We had an outside agency, Ed McCormick particularly to set it up for us and I think the subject matter was very timely.

The only complaint that I have is the numbers of people that attended, particularly in the afternoons. So I think next year we'll resolve that by having morning sessions only as a recommendation.

I'd like to thank the other two committee members, Bob Teece and Ernie Flanders, for their assistance and I think the program went very well.

PRESIDENT TEECE: You heard the report of the Program Committee. Your pleasure, gentlemen.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR: [Narragansett, RI] I move at this time it be accepted.

CHIEF WENDALL MANSFIELD: [Stowe, VT] Seconded.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Motion made and seconded to accept the report of the program Committee.

All in favor?

(Aye)

Opposed?

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It's a vote.

The report of the Registration Committee by Chief Charlie Foss.

CHIEF CHARLES FOSS: [Wolfeboro, NH] The report from the Registration Committee: On Sunday, we registered 296; on Monday - 151; and yesterday morning, we had 4, for a total of 451 registration.

The total amount of money - \$8700 to our Treasurer. This is an increase of 81 over what we had registered for last year. Another year down here and we'll get it back up to 500.

PRESIDENT TEECE: That's the report of the Registration Committee. Your pleasure?

CHIEF WILLIAM MAINE: [North Kingston, RI] I move we accept it.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Does anybody second it.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR.: [Narragansett, RI] Seconded.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Motion made and seconded to accept the report of the Registration Committee.

CHIEF GERALD LANDRY: [Woonsocket, RI] There is a question.

PRESIDENT TEECE: I'm sorry. Any discussion on the motion?

CHIEF GERARD A. CARLE: [Dracut, MA] In the near future, next year, when they give the report, so we know who is coming here, how many life members are attending, how many active chiefs, associated chiefs, and outside guests, and that you have the total membership, which is fine. These are registered people, but we don't know who these people are. We need it for a breakdown in the organization in the future for financial gain or whatever. So if you have a breakdown of the membership, you have an idea who is attending, not just a guess.

CHIEF CHARLES FOSS: [Wolfeboro, NH] On Monday, we had 210 registered. We had 31 retired chiefs total. That was a total of 210 for active chiefs and 31 for retired chiefs and 27 associate members, 21 male guests and 162 female guests.

Last year we had 370. This year 451 registered.

CHIEF CARLE: Thank you, Charles. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Now, on the motion to accept the report of the Registration Committee, all in favor?

(Aye)

Anybody opposed?

It is a vote.

Now we have the report of the Entertainment Committee by Chief Arthur Gaudet.

CHIEF GAUDET: As you well know, this year here we did make a change in the entertainment through the help of Chief Farrenkopf from Hyannis. The Ed Heywood band was hired for both Monday and Tuesday nights at a cost of \$500 for each night.

Now, I don't know if you people have enjoyed it or not, but we did. We thought this year here we would make a change. Hal Corcoran from Rhode Island had done it for the past several years and at the same time Corcoran's cost last year was \$2,000. So we were able to cut the cost by \$1,000, which I think was helpful for the association.

That's the report, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT TEECE: You have heard the report of the Entertainment Committee. Is there a motion to accept?

CHIEF MICHAEL MOISE: [Providence, RI] I move to accept.

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PRESIDENT TEECE: Any discussion?

All those in favor?

(Aye)

PRESIDENT TEECE: It is a vote.

Report of the Publicity Committee by Chief William Healey.

CHIEF WILLIAM HEALEY: Every year I say we send this out and I never get feedback. So we got back a few. We sent out 48 letters of notice to editors of all the papers with a program and the only one that told me any feedback that they had seen in the paper was Arthur said it was in the Lawrence paper.

Did anyone else see it?

FROM THE FLOOR: Cape Cod Times.

CHIEF ROBERT NUNES: [Chicopee, MA] There was a headline in Chicopee. I thought I was running the whole show.

CHIEF HOMER DUBOIS: [Ludlow, MA] I think you ought to read that in the Sunday paper.

FROM THE FLOOR: Step aside, Bob.

CHIEF NUNES: You thought I ran the whole conference. He asked me.

PRESIDENT TEECE: You heard the report of the Publicity Committee. What is your pleasure?

CHIEF RAYMOND M. SULLIVAN: [Springfield, MA] I move we accept it.

CHIEF JOHN H. WALSH: [Willimantic, CT] Seconded.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Motion made and seconded to accept the report of the Publicity Committee.

Any discussion?

All those in favor?

(Aye)

Anybody opposed?

It's a vote.

At this time, the next order of business is setting of the salary of the Secretary. Arthur, would you tell us what the present salary is?

CHIEF GAUDET: The present salary is — they split it up last year and it is \$2300 for the Secretary and \$2700 for the Treasurer. It's \$5000 total anyway. I don't know exactly how, I haven't got the thing here, but it's \$5000 total anyway for both positions.

CHIEF GROTE: Mr. President, does he feel we should give him a little raise? I mean, if he does, why, as everything else goes, raise the bridge so you can cross. He's doing such a good job.

PRESIDENT TEECE: I have spoken to him and he said because the treasury is diminishing, he wants to stay the same way.

CHIEF GAUDET: Let me say that I'm satisfied with what the association has paid me. Like I said, I appreciate your concern, but I'm satisfied with what's happening now. I'd be willing to go along the way it is now, Mr. President.

CHIEF GROTE: So I move, Mr. President, that we remain the salary as such.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Motion made by Chief Grote.

CHIEF JAMES F. BRENNAN: [Salem, MA] Seconded.

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PRESIDENT TEECE: Seconded.

The motion is that the salary of the Secretary remain as it was this past year.

Any discussion?

All those in favor?

(Aye)

Anyone opposed?

It is a vote.

And now, also on the same thing, to set the salary of the Treasurer. Two separate ones, two separate motions.

CHIEF ERNEST FLANDERS: [Montpelier, VT] I'll move that it be the same as last year.

CHIEF KENNETH C. WAGNER: [Cumberland Center, MA] Seconded.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Motion made and seconded that the salary of the Treasurer remain the same as last year. Any discussion?

All those in favor?

(Aye)

Anyone opposed?

It is a vote.

Okay. Now we are going to have the announcement of the 1990 conference site.

CHIEF GAUDET: We had four proposals put forward: We had the Tara Dunfey Hyannis Hotel; the Sheraton Sturbridge in Sturbridge; Waterville Valley in New Hampshire; and the Sea Crest in Falmouth.

The Board of Directors took these proposals and considered them and it was voted by the Board of Directors that the 1990 conference be back here at the Tara Dunfey Hyannis Hotel.

PRESIDENT TEECE: I think we should add in there the Manufacturers Committee. Is there anyone from the Manufacturers Committee? They had four members that were meeting yesterday. Jim O'Neil from Greenwood Fire; Michael Bryan; Walter Masoni; and the new one was Tony Testa. He will be the president next year. Jim is the president this year.

They wanted it and they said this is the best spot for them and they love it here and approved it and from Ed Creighton's report and the amount of apparatus we had in the yard and the booths. From their meeting they have recommended to us we come back here.

And on the same thing, they have a hooker in there, they don't like the American plan. We want to go to the European plan. They don't want meals anymore.

So Arthur is going to have to go to the management. We have got this from all the active members. The active members we are talking of. And with so many restaurants available. Arthur is going to go to the management and we're pretty sure of the prices we are paying here and the exhibits are included in the ones that are staying inside the hotel and they are paying for it.

So that was one of the reasons you heard me last night of a possible increase in dues so all 1300 members would pay for the exhibit spots in the future because we are positive there will be a charge for exhibit space if we take the European plan without meals.

CHIEF GAUDET: Could I just add?

PRESIDENT TEECE: Sure.

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CHIEF GAUDET: Just one thing. I briefly spoke to the convention manager yesterday afternoon and told her, after our Board of Directors meeting, that a lengthy discussion was held concerning this matter.

She said that it was beyond her duties as far as whether we were able to do it or weren't able to do it. Naturally, when you talk to convention hotels, their response is that they have staff in-house at all times as far as the kitchen and all that and this is how these packages in these resort hotels are worked out.

But I definitely told her that it was very strong by both the exhibitors and there were a lot of strong feelings here about the membership that they wanted to go to a European plan and probably have the banquet only on the final night.

She could not give me any concrete information yesterday. She said she'd have to go to the general manager and those who are particularly involved with this facility. So I don't know how soon I will get an answer, but she said that she was going to start working on it.

I think that if they do agree to go to the European plan, that definitely our exhibit cost is going to be charged, the exhibit hall will be charged by the square foot, okay. We have 15,000 square feet of inside exhibit space that we utilize. Whether there will be a charge for the outside space, I don't know. But we are going to look at a substantial charge for exhibition space.

But my feelings are that if they agree to this, and hopefully we can come up with a three-day package with the banquet only, that I would hope that the membership would make an effort to at least fill this house, which would mean 224 rooms to be taken. If this doesn't happen, she said to me yesterday afternoon, she says, "Well, what do you think would happen on the total rooms." she said, "could you guarantee me the house?"

"Well," I said, "we've never been able to really determine."

I can remember working with Nelson Cook, who was the previous manager here and who is no longer with the Tara Dunfey chain, who said that unless we get a minimum of 135 rooms on the package, then if it goes anything below that, then we have to start looking at some additional cost of exhibition.

When you look at that exhibition hall, you have to agree it is one of the finer exhibition halls we've ever had. The exhibitors like being in there and everything else and you are getting no charge for that. And those things go for set-up times and you are talking of four days of getting that hall so naturally there's a cost there. I've always felt, and I think some people felt, that those who are staying here, that they've got to make up that cost somewhere. And if they are doing it on the room charge, well maybe if now we divide our exhibition space and pay a specific amount for that and can come up with a decent room rate on a three-day plus the banquet, maybe that's the way to go.

But right now I cannot guarantee that they will be receptive to this. But the thing has been planted. I talked to her yesterday afternoon and I don't know how long before I'll get a response.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Go ahead, Chief Ed Creighton.

CHIEF EDWARD CREIGHTON: [Marblehead, MA] Does Chief Rulman know how many exhibitors stayed at the hotel? Do you know?

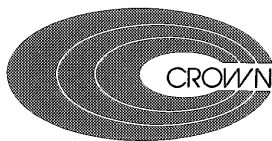
CHIEF RULMAN: [Westbrook, MA] I have the read-out, Ed. However, it's hard for me to decipher who those people are. We did have eight parlors, I can tell you that.

CHIEF CREIGHTON: During the reading yesterday, when the exhibit people were at the meeting and they discussed the European plan, did they realize the possibility would be that their booth space may be doubled?

PRESIDENT TEECE: Yes, they did. They said they realized they would probably be charged for the exhibit area and they're willing to go along with an increase. Maybe they'd rather go that way and have the European plan without the meals.

One more point from Arthur.

CHIEF GAUDET: Another point I want to make too, in talking with the hotel here. As you well



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know, there are many other shows that go in there. We came back down in March to a one-day show out here and I talked to some of the people that exhibited that day. For one day for a 10 x 15 booth, they were charged \$400. Now, we only charge \$120, \$115 for a 10 x 15 and that's probably why. The exhibitors are getting a bargain. That's probably why we get such an outstanding response, \$115 for three days against \$400 for these other people. I talked with the hotel and that's what everybody charges.

Now, in New York it's \$400 and \$500 for their booths at the New York show. So when they come here for \$115, it's the biggest bargain they ever got. But at the same time, if we start going up to \$400, are we going to chase them away? Is there a happy medium? I think we have to take all this into consideration.

PRESIDENT TEECE: I think the directors have some work this year.

CHIEF RAYMOND L. SORENSEN: [Stoneham, MA, Retired] I agree with what you are saying, but I think if any expenses are incurred in the exhibit space, it should be passed on to the exhibitors, the ones using that space and make that more self-sustaining. I don't think the membership, because they go on the European plan, should have a rise in dues simply because of that. I don't mind a rise in dues, but I think the exhibitors should pay more.

Like the discussion was going on and while you are talking with the people, they seem to be setting their guidelines. I had a guest for the first night's banquet and it was \$25 for each person for a chicken breast dinner. I think there is a little profit in that.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Anybody else?

CHIEF WARREN C. LINCOLN: [Hingham, MA] I was wondering if you gave any thought — I am not trying to make a lot of work for people — but I go to a few conventions around and they have gone to the European plan, but also at the same time they're offering a package for meals for those that want the meals for X-number of dollars for one day or two days or three days.

PRESIDENT TEECE: As an option.

CHIEF GAUDET: The room only or both?

CHIEF LINCOLN: Room and meals or no room and a package for the meals. Any combination of that. Some of the hotels have that. I don't know how this is.

PRESIDENT TEECE: And they use exhibit space like we do?

CHIEF LINCOLN: Yes.

CHIEF GERARD A. CARLE: [Dracut, MA] Mr. President, Jim, you stated on the room reservation, that he stated they need about 135, right, that the hotel was looking for or better?

CHIEF GAUDET: Right.

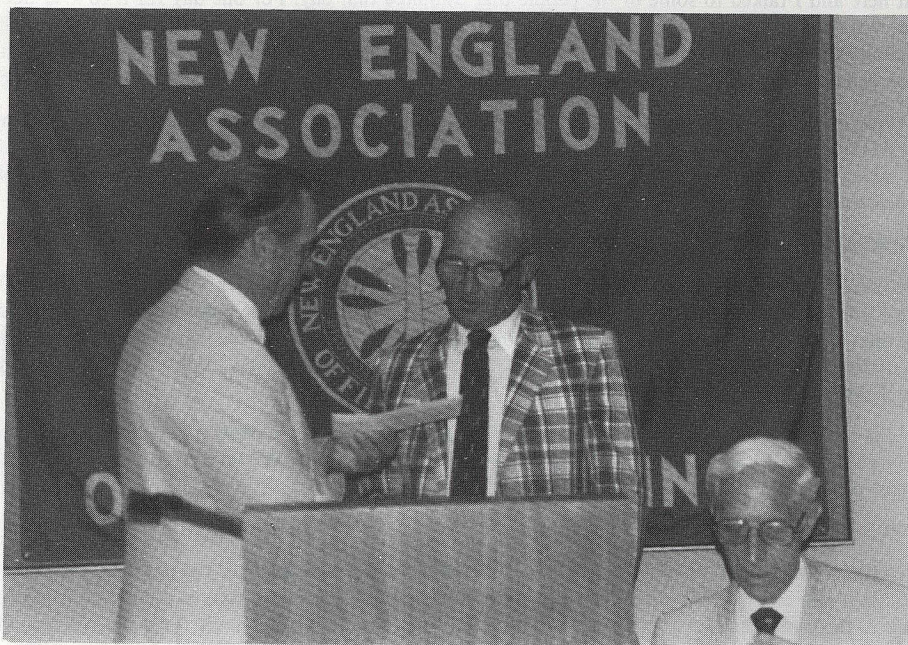
CHIEF CARLE: And on the biggest nights you had 118 rooms, but for a total of 159 average total? On the average if they need 135, if you only have 220 rooms, you are better than 50 percent anyway, right? And if you get just the hotel package plan we discussed with the different guys, we have guys that book directly to the hotel and come in here and they are not giving you credit for it but they are in here.

So if you go to the regular European plan, this way they are going to get the hotel space filled anyway.

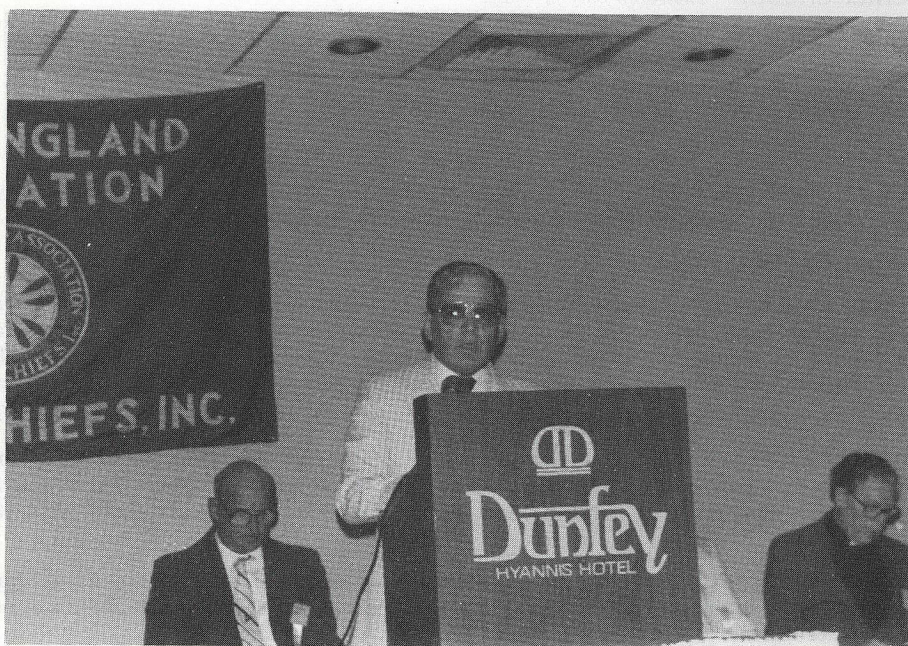
The exhibit is a separate issue and they should pay for it, not the members. I think that's what's proper. You can't ask the membership to pay for the exhibit space for the exhibitors because they are showing their wares to help themselves as well as the organization for everyone to see. But I think independently, too.

PRESIDENT TEECE: We have had several chiefs tell us and laughed at us. They called down and didn't identify themselves as chiefs and made a reservation and got \$90 and we paid \$181, which the exhibit space is in.

CHIEF ROBERT P. STEWART: [Lincoln, RI] I have been talking to different gentlemen at the conference and there is a big difference in the prices, even with the people who are registered not through



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the convention or through the conference, but people who did through the conference.

I know one gentleman paid \$129 less than I did and he questioned the girl and she said that's the bill. He paid it and I paid full price. And even the gentleman who did register not for the conference, I think there is a difference.

CHIEF GAUDET: Do you have any idea what they paid for the room only?

CHIEF STEWART: No, I didn't see the breakdown. He went in through the package plan and paid the \$181 for a one-night stay and Sunday afternoon he got the balance and it was \$241 and he questioned it and she said no, that's the proper price. I got the room number, too.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR.: [Narragansett, RI] I know the directors are very busy and our organization has had more than its share of problems and in the conversation I had with our Secretary over this conference and other conferences. I wonder if it might not be a very progressive idea if we could get together and analyze, No. 1, what are the monies that are needed to run the organization the way we want to run it; and No. 2, ascertain where these monies go, as Chief Sorensen said, so the exhibitors pay for the exhibitors and those who want to play golf, play golf and those who want to do something else do something else and see where our dollars that have been collected in the hotel go.

Now, I'm in an awkward position. I was the Secretary of the Rhode Island chiefs for a number of years and arranged to go to another hotel and the problem comes down very simply to the bottom line that a number of cities and towns are in a financial crunch and are not paying for the chiefs at this conference. They are looking at \$530 or whatever it comes to for a three-day package. They go some place else for \$230 and they can have one hell of a lot of lunches and suppers for that difference and that's what is causing the problems.

I think Chief Sorenson brought it up and I think Arthur indirectly referred to it to me that has led me to believe that some sort of a financial examination of where we're going and what do we need. We certainly don't want to cut the profit out of the organization so we start going downhill or we'll have to jack the dues up as the same price as the International or more.

But we certainly have to look and see that those who get the benefits pay the freight. Most conferences either go to make money for the organization or a break even situation. We are getting hotels in competition here and it becomes very hard.

The Connecticut group had a very fine place up there for very much the same as we have and they are two doors down the street. And it's very hard when the money is coming from your back pocket and you will spend \$280. It's not the easiest thing to do.

I suggest the directors have some sort of financial analysis of where we're going, what do we need, and address Chief Creighton's problems with the exhibitors and see what can be worked out and see if we can be more financially astute.

CHIEF JAMES F. RULMAN: [Westbrook, ME] I was just going to tell you what I read on the computer readout is \$97 right straight down the line.

PRESIDENT TEECE: \$97?

CHIEF RULMAN: \$97, that's the cost of the room.

CHIEF GAUDET: Plus tax?

CHIEF RULMAN: Yes, that's the room rate.

CHIEF GAUDET: \$106.41 because I came in Friday night that's what I paid.

CHIEF JAMES BRENNAN: [Salem, MA, Retired] I don't want to belabor this issue, but last Sunday in The Boston Globe, there was an advertisement by this hotel for \$75 a room. That's not per person, that's for the room Sunday through Thursday and that's this period of time, too.

PRESIDENT TEECE: That's what tells us that we are paying for the exhibit space. That was the feeling of the directors yesterday. I would like to see one of the directors get up and talk.

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CHIEF WILLIAM HEALEY: [Milford, CT] As you know, the Connecticut group is across the street with about 60 rooms. The feeling there is that the European plan might see them come over here, at least a good part of them, but they are not going to pay the modified nor \$190 or \$180, but they are not coming when they have a room with breakfast.

I talked to the Board of Directors and they all have the same feeling that it's time we looked at the European plan and let the exhibit space pay for itself somehow or other. If the hotel doesn't agree with this, then we'll meet again on what we might be doing.

But we do have a contract for next year and we are obligated and believe we should have a better deal. And when you hear the guys talk of money and prices, something somewhere along the line is not coming out right.

CHIEF WYATT: [Narragansett, RI] One other comment. Bill just mentioned you have a contract for next year and I am sure we should honor it and go with it. That does not stop the directors in reapportioning where those costs go. Just because we have a contract it doesn't mean the members have a lower price and the exhibitors have a higher price, if that is the fair and right thing to do.

I also suggest to the directors that in this conference this year, that Monday was by far your busiest day and you had people out on the floor not registered who purposely said: I'm not going to register unless I get challenged, and that was told to me. Now people are going in and out of there and they don't even pay the \$10 or \$15 to get the badge to go in and you have lieutenants and firefighters and other chiefs and so forth taking the benefits of the outside exhibits and the inside exhibits and seeing what most people come for. They don't support your speaking program and they come in for free.

PRESIDENT TEECE: That's the first thing for our October meetings.

CHIEF MOISE: [Providence, RI] That was discussed yesterday on the security similar to what we had at the International where you don't get in there without a badge, like Ft. Knox, you can't get in there.

CHIEF GAUDET: Just one passing comment. Sitting at the registration desk I think it's very, very unfortunate, but when you see members of your organization walk by the table and not even stop to go in and take advantage. I watched it for three days and I can tell you right now that we probably lost \$2,000 in income by people — I mean, I just can't imagine a member walking right by our registration desk and not even stopping and just go in and have a grand old time at our expense, it's just beyond me.

But I'll tell you right now that we probably lost \$2000 in income because of this and I think it's got to be addressed because we can't go on like this. If your own members won't do it, I think we have some serious problems.

PRESIDENT TEECE: We discussed it at the directors meeting yesterday and we are looking into hiring security and you won't be able to go in the door without a badge.

CHIEF GERARD A. CARLE: [Dracut, MA] On that same subject matter, don't charge them a \$5 or a \$10 bill. If we have to register and pay \$35 or \$40 or \$50 and if you increase the dues, I don't think anybody has a problem with that. The problem is if these guys come in, make them pay at least \$20 a day if they want to see the exhibits. Why should we support these guys? Because the bulk is borne by the members that register, if I may.

We have heard about the exhibitors, we hear about the membership, the cost of hotels, foods and all and it's been discussed and you have to break them apart. It's good to have 135 or 150 exhibitors, but it's costing us as individuals money to have the exhibitors here. Do we need that many if it's going to cost us that much? Is that going to offset us getting the European plan and American plan as well?

These are all the avenues you have to look at when you are negotiating. It's good to have a lot of exhibitors if we are going to make money on the exhibitors. But as long as it is costing each member money to have them here, I don't think you need that many exhibitors. Let them pay their own freight and let the association reap the harvest and no free rides.

PRESIDENT TEECE: I will ask the directors from the state associations to discuss this and let us know in October at our meeting.

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CHIEF GAUDET: It's traditionally, over the years like this year here, it was a \$25 registration for the man and \$10 for the ladies. Theoretically, the ladies' \$10 is just to offset the expense of the gift. The gift that we gave this year came to \$8.90 apiece. So theoretically, when you look at the ladies' registration, you are just trying to offset the cost of the lady's gift. It's been traditional with the New England Association of Fire Chiefs that we give a gift to the ladies and through the years there has always been a charge, not to completely offset it, but this year I think each gift cost \$8.90.

They are very happy and they don't mind paying that amount, but I think it gives that extra, they like to see that gift at the end of the table. We don't realize any specific profit from that, it's just something that we do and it's been traditionally done for many, many years and I would like to see it continue. There has been no, in all essence, a profit. You are talking what, 162 ladies so if we made a buck apiece, we got \$162 so there's no big money there.

CHIEF CARLE: I don't think that's a problem.

CHIEF GERALD LANDRY: [Woonsocket, RI] I think we have a great profit from the ladies, they allow us to come here.

CHIEF CHARLES Q. HALL: [Merrimack, NH] The person that had to pay less money for his room — I had the same thing happen to me when I went to the desk. The gentleman added up my bill and told me I owed him \$200-some-odd after a \$181 down payment and he neglected to take the whole \$181 as credit.

I said, "You made a dollar mistake in your favor but you made a big mistake in my favor. I think you better look at it again."

And he said, "Oh, you're with the New England Chiefs."

And the bill came to the \$540 total that we all paid. So yes, we paid more and I think they kind of proved that when they added up those bills. The mistake was with your friend but they caught it on me and I had to pay the extra.

PRESIDENT TEECE: A good part of it is the exhibit space. We are not getting it for nothing. The ones that stay in here are paying for it.

CHIEF RAYMOND M. SULLIVAN: [Springfield, MA] When the directors get into this exhibitors space and the one-day registration fee and for people coming in and providing security that is able to keep the outsiders out. More could be used to offset the increase in exhibitor space and still go up in the exhibitor space, but maybe not as much but use the one-day pass as the tool to make up any losses, too. Get it off our shoulders.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Any other discussion on this?

If there is no other discussion on the conference site, we'll move on to unfinished business. Any unfinished business on the agenda?

CHIEF GAUDET: No, I don't have anything unless anybody has anything.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Does anybody have any unfinished business?

We'll move onto new business. The first item under the new business I have is the bylaw change, the proposed bylaw change. The old Article 4, Section 7 is presently worded: "The president shall appoint all committees. All committee members shall be active fire chiefs at the time of appointment."

The proposed change to Article 4, Section 7 is: "The president shall appoint all committees. All committee members shall be active fire chiefs at the time of appointment with the exception of the exhibit chairman serving at the discretion of the president."

Open for discussion or a motion or whatever, gentlemen. I have heard an awful lot of talk and this is no time to be quiet.

CHIEF CARLE: Any recommendation from the President or the Board of Directors?

CHIEF HEALEY: It will be a secret ballot.

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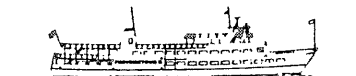
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FROM THE FLOOR: Yes, but a motion to get it on the floor first.

CHIEF GROTE: When you get ready.

CHIEF CARLE: Any recommendations from the Board of Directors where there has been so much discussion?

PRESIDENT TEECE: We discussed it yesterday.

CHIEF CARLE: No recommendation coming forth from the Board of Directors?

PRESIDENT TEECE: I don't think we took a written vote. We discussed it only.

FROM THE FLOOR: What is the reason for the change?

PRESIDENT TEECE: The reason for the change was Ed Creighton is going out and I feel the motion on the floor last year went through and this year everybody is against it. The talk I heard is against it so it is a democratic organization and today is the place to discuss it and vote on it.

CHIEF LAMSON: (Retired) I think the purpose of that bylaw in the beginning — not trying to put words in anyone's mouth or thoughts in anyone's mind — but the purpose probably in the beginning was not to create a system where retired chiefs could hold jobs in a policy-making position as far as the organization goes. This position is strictly a job Ed has done for many years and the people in his committee have nothing to do with the real policy-making of the organization.

I think this should be waived, that should be waived in this case because you have a man here who has done a commendable job for many years. It's a hard job and it's a volunteer job.

I think the purpose of the bylaw in the beginning was so you wouldn't have the top echelon loaded with retired old timers like myself. But a job like this is voluntary and where he's done a good job, I think it should be considered in this vote.

FROM THE FLOOR: [North Kingston, RI] I agree with this gentleman. I think, inasmuch as you are going to be charging an exhibitor more next year evidently, that what he says should go.

CHIEF MICHAEL D. MOONEY: [Gilford, NH] I move that the change be made in the bylaws that has been read to us.

CHIEF GERALD LANDRY: I second that motion.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Discussion on the motion? The motion is to put through the bylaw change as was sent to you in the mail and as I just read. It is open for discussion.

No discussion?

CHIEF CARLE: How are you going to vote on it, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT TEECE: Secret ballot.

CHIEF MOONEY: Can you waive that by vote?

PRESIDENT TEECE: The bylaw is contradictory. If you go to Article 6 in the back it doesn't say anything about a secret ballot, but if you go to Article 4, Section 9, that mentions a secret ballot. One contradicts the other. Chief Dyer is usually our legal counsel. Is he here present this morning?

No? He said he was going to be here.

CHIEF THURSTON: [Waterbury] In Roberts Rules of Order, a secret ballot has to be called for in order to be done.

PRESIDENT TEECE: I have nothing against a secret ballot. Let's go to a secret ballot. I will appoint a ballot committee and pick out a couple of past presidents, I guess.

CHIEF THURSTON: A secret ballot has to be voted on. If someone calls for a secret ballot, someone's got to make a motion.

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CHIEF FLANDERS: I make a motion to have a secret ballot.

CHIEF WAGNER: [Cumberland Center, ME] Second.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Motion made to have a secret ballot. All of those in favor of voting by secret ballot?

(Aye)

Opposed?

(No)

It is not unanimous but it is a majority, definitely.

CHIEF MOISE: Are these blank papers?

PRESIDENT TEECE: Yes.

CHIEF MOISE: What do you do?

PRESIDENT TEECE: On the proposed bylaw change, you say Yes; if you don't agree with it you say No. Very simple, yes or no.

The directors will pass them out and Chief Hughes and Chief Butters will be the ballot committee.

FROM THE FLOOR: A question. Who is eligible to vote?

PRESIDENT TEECE: All active —

CHIEF GAUDET: All members of the association.

PRESIDENT TEECE: All members.

(Ballot vote taken)

PRESIDENT TEECE: Gentlemen, for your edification, this must be a two-thirds vote to pass.

CHIEF BRENNAN: Explain what the vote means.

PRESIDENT TEECE: A Yes vote means the proposed change as I read it will go into effect; a No vote means it will remain as it is printed in the book.

CHIEF FLANDERS: Can it be made clear on who is eligible to vote and who isn't? In the bylaws it said: "Associate and life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership in the corporation, except the right to vote and as otherwise provided in these bylaws." So I think it is made clear before we take this vote.

FROM THE FLOOR: Section 3.

CHIEF FLANDERS. Section 3.

CHIEF CARLE: Specify who is and who isn't. Not everybody votes. Associate members don't vote.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Gentlemen, as we have done for the many years that I have been coming here, 17 years, we've always had Mert Dyer as our judge advocate or counsel or anything you want. Mert, will you give your idea of how you read it?

CHIEF MERTON S. DYER: [Peterborough, NH] The way I read it is that active members and honorary life members, Jim Brennan and those members, they can vote. Associate members cannot vote and neither can honorary members. I don't believe there are any honorary members.

It is spelled right out on page 13: "Honorary life members shall be entitled to vote on all matters."

PRESIDENT TEECE: Are there any associate members in here this morning, associate members?

FROM THE FLOOR: I don't know what I am.

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CHIEF LANDRY: We never did.

PRESIDENT TEECE: You are retired.

I think everybody in the room is entitled to vote.

(The lights went out and came back on)

CHIEF CABLE: They used to do that in our town. The winner was the loser and the loser was the winner.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Any objection to the rule I have? I am going to rule, after listening to Mert Dyer, that everyone in this room is entitled to vote. There are no associate members and no honorary members.

CHIEF DYER: One associate.

CHIEF HOMER DUBOIS: He didn't vote. The deputy chief didn't vote.

CHIEF DOUGLAS MAWWINNEY: [Norway, ME] I was here two years ago and I didn't realize that a deputy chief was not allowed to vote and I put my ballot in. It caused quite a commotion.

Now before I put mine in today, I'd like to know one way or the other whether I can or can't.

PRESIDENT TEECE: You can't vote.

City or town officials, assistants or deputy chiefs and you are right in there. You are an associate member, you're not an active.

CHIEF CLINTON L. HUGHES: [Wethersfield, CT] Let me address the deputy one second. We went through this five years ago. I was totally committed to letting deputies and assistant chiefs vote because they pay their dues.

We went through the bylaw change because you can vote in the International and we totally disastrously lost to have the deputies and assistant chiefs vote. There was a feeling if you have deputies from a department, that they would overrun the chief like they do at home and that's what caused the change in the bylaws.

I still think if one pays their dues, they should vote. That's what my feeling is. If you pay your dues you should vote.

FROM THE FLOOR: [Vermont] It says associates and life members. Now if you write something you can't change it for the sake of change. If you look at page 14, Section 3.

FROM THE FLOOR: Except as otherwise noted.

PRESIDENT TEECE: As otherwise provided in these bylaws is the final sentence. And then you go over to the voting and it says no.

FROM THE FLOOR: I think the bylaw should be rewritten.

PRESIDENT TEECE: I know several things are contradictory.

(The lights went out and came back on)

PRESIDENT TEECE: I'm ruling that all except the two members that are right there and everybody else in the room except those two members can vote. Does anybody have any objections to that? That's my ruling.

CHIEF FLANDERS: Or any other deputy chief. The chief should be here with him.

CHIEF WAGNER: There are two deputy chiefs that I know of so there are several out there.

PRESIDENT TEECE: The ballot committee, please count the ballots.

CHIEF CARLE: Mr. President, while they are counting the ballots, I am sure you will take it under your guidance and control to appoint a committee to take care of these.

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PRESIDENT TEECE: Remain in your seats. These two gentlemen are going to count for a two-thirds of the vote.

We want to make sure we don't have more ballots than we have people here.

CHIEF CARLE: All fire chiefs are honorable. No fire chief would do anything like that.

PRESIDENT TEECE: There are 68 people eligible to vote this morning.

The number has been changed to 69.

CHIEF CARLE: 46/23 for two-thirds; right?

PRESIDENT TEECE: We need 46 votes for a majority, two-thirds.

(Votes counted by the ballot committee)

PRESIDENT TEECE: I think while they are counting, we can go on to the next item.

At the directors meeting yesterday, as you heard me say in my little talk last night, we discussed dues yesterday. It was the recommendation of the vote of the Board of Directors that the active dues be raised from \$10 to \$20 and life members be charged \$5. It is open for discussion.

I would like a motion first on it.

CHIEF PETER R. WILKEY: [Portsmouth, RI] I move the adoption of your recommendation.

CHIEF PAUL W. GAGNE: [Newport, RI] Seconded.

PRESIDENT TEECE: It has been moved and seconded that the active dues be raised from \$10 to \$20 and the life members be charged \$5.

It is open for discussion.

CHIEF DYER: First of all, I would separate that into two motions. That of raising the dues of the active members to \$10 is one motion. And if you wish the second for the life members as \$5.

And then I would recommend or I would move that that portion of active life members be referred to the Board of Directors because a change such as that will change the constitution and bylaws.

It says: "Honorary life members shall not be required to pay annual dues and shall be entitled to all privileges."

So in my opinion, you can't raise the dues of the honorary life members without us going through a process such as now.

PRESIDENT TEECE: It is a bylaw change we are well aware. We propose the change and it will be mailed and then it will not be in effect even if it is voted. The same as this resolution that we have before us now. It was proposed last year and mailed to us and then we are voting on it today. It will be the same on the bylaw change so the motion is open for discussion.

CHIEF MOISE: [Providence, RI] It should be two separate motions.

PRESIDENT TEECE: You think it should be two separate motions?

CHIEF DYER: Not unless you are going to resubmit it.

CHIEF WILKEY: I rescind my motion. And the seconder rescinds.

I make a motion that the active members dues be raised from \$10 to \$20.

CHIEF PAUL W. GAGNE: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT TEECE: The first one is on the floor, that the active dues be raised from \$10 to \$20. And as I just stated it, will not take place now. There will be a resolution mailed to you and voted on next year, but it is open for discussion at this time.

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No discussion? All right then, it's to be voted.

All in favor of this going for a resolution for next year then?

(Aye)

Anybody opposed?

It's a vote.

Now we are open for a second motion for the \$5 for the life members.

CHIEF WILLIAM H. MAINE: [North Kingston, RI] I make a motion that we suspend the bylaws in order to raise the dues of the retired members. Is that possible?

CHIEF DYER: No.

PRESIDENT TEECE: It's written right in the bylaws that it has to be proposed and mailed, the whole thing and then voted on the following year.

CHIEF MAINE: The bylaws have to be amended first.

PRESIDENT TEECE: It is because it's written in?

CHIEF MAINE: The motion I'm making to amend the bylaws to accomplish that fact.

PRESIDENT TEECE: It can't be done.

CHIEF CARLE: You have to notify the membership of your intent.

PRESIDENT TEECE: I'm open for a motion for the increase, to establish a \$5 fee for the —

CHIEF MAINE: We did make that same motion. If you want strictly a motion to charge the retired members \$5, I make that motion.

CHIEF JAMES P. FALLON: [Brookline, MA] Seconded.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Any discussion on the motion to charge \$5 for life members? And the same thing, it will be a resolution that will be mailed out to you.

All those in favor?

(Aye)

Anybody opposed?

Very good.

(The motion passed)

PRESIDENT TEECE: The final tally is 31 - No; 38 - Yes. The motion fails, the resolution fails and the bylaw stays intact as it is now. All committee members — I am not just talking chairmen — all committee members shall be active chiefs.

Any other new business, gentlemen?

CHIEF WENDALL M. MANSFIELD: [Stowe, VT] The day before yesterday at the Vermont caucus, it was brought out to be put before this group here that hereafter the Memorial Service be held in a church rather than in the dining hall and that's the consensus of the whole voting group.

And I make a motion.

FROM THE FLOOR: Seconded.

PRESIDENT TEECE: The Memorial Service be held in a church, made and seconded.

Is Chief Farrenkopf here?

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You were approached on that this year, weren't you?

CHIEF RICHARD FARRENKOPF: No, I was not.

PRESIDENT TEECE: I thought you were. Any problem there?

CHIEF FARRENKOPF: No.

PRESIDENT TEECE: No problems at all?

CHIEF FARRENKOPF: No.

PRESIDENT TEECE: We need busses to get over there.

CHIEF FARRENKOPF: I would assume so.

PRESIDENT TEECE: What will be the closest?

CHIEF FARRENKOPF: The Catholic church will be the closest.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Would they be receptive to it?

CHIEF FARRENKOPF: Yes, they would be receptive to it.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Any other discussion on that motion?

CHIEF FLANDERS: I'm in favor of the concept. I am just wondering if the way the motion is stated in that way, that we are compelled to hold it in a church. It may be broader than that to include the appropriate other facilities because maybe a church will not be appropriate in all cases.

I am saying a memorial should be held and it should be held in the appropriate setting, but if a church is not available in the future—

CHIEF MOISE: Such as a church?

CHIEF FLANDERS: Such as a church to take effect.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Will you make the motion to read that way?

CHIEF MANSFIELD: Yes.

PRESIDENT TEECE: I have heard the motion and it is seconded that the Memorial Services be held in a church or appropriate setting; is that correct?

Any discussion on that?

CHIEF FARRENKOPF: We are talking about an appropriate setting like we had down here?

PRESIDENT TEECE: I don't know.

FROM THE FLOOR: A synagogue.

CHIEF CARLE: A church is a church, no matter what the denomination.

CHIEF FARRENKOPF: It has to be in a church or an appropriate place.

PRESIDENT TEECE: I don't know what an appropriate setting would be.

CHIEF MOISE: Outdoors.

CHIEF FLANDERS: A chapel or something like that.

CHIEF MOISE: An appropriate religious setting.

PRESIDENT TEECE: An appropriate religious setting. That way you can put up a portable altar outside and have it.

FROM THE FLOOR: How can one person make the motion and another person amend it or add to it?

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PRESIDENT TEECE: He agreed to change his original motion. I asked him, he is the maker of the motion and he agreed to change his motion to add on an appropriate setting.

FROM THE FLOOR: You are adding onto it and adding onto it.

PRESIDENT TEECE: I stated the motion as he agreed to change it that the Memorial Service be held in a church or appropriate setting.

CHIEF MANSFIELD: It's open for discussion.

PRESIDENT TEECE: It's open for discussion, yes.

CHIEF PARSON: [Smithfield] I think they should say a house of worship or a place of worship and it should cover any eventualities.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Do you want to make an amendment? What is the amendment again, for the stenographers?

CHIEF PARSON: A Memorial Service be held in a place of worship or a house of worship.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Do you have a second on your amendment?

CHIEF THURSTON: I'll second it.

CHIEF WYATT: [Narragansett, RI] I heard the gentleman from Vermont and they raise a good point. I think the message they were giving is not half as much a church or a religious facility as it was not to be the dining room. We were in Mt. Washington for how many years and the nearest church was probably 10 miles down the road. You could have a separate room well away from the banquet that is set up solely for the situation of a Memorial Service.

Jim Grote arranged for Mass on Saturday nights when the International has their meetings in the spring and that's held in the same motel in a setting that is for that, but not combined with the dining room or anything else.

I think that was the message Vermont was giving much more than say, hey, we can't go to Sturbridge because the nearest church is seven miles away. You know what I am saying?

PRESIDENT TEECE: Any other discussion on the amendment?

CHIEF NUNES: [Chicopee, MA] So if you can't to to a place of worship, you don't have a Memorial Service?

PRESIDENT TEECE: I don't think so.

CHIEF NUNES: If it's got to be in a church?

PRESIDENT TEECE: Or appropriate setting. We are speaking on the amendment now which says: a house of worship.

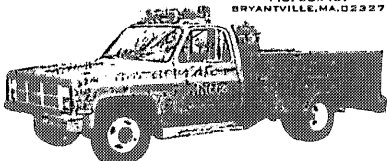
CHIEF NUNES: If you don't have a house of worship?

PRESIDENT TEECE: We are going to vote. One more.

CHIEF PAUL J. ROACH: [Stoughton, MA] Most of you know I am affiliated with the International and your director representing the six New England states. And the opening ceremonies at the International are always a Memorial Service and of the times I have been going it's never been held in a church or a place of worship.

What they do is set aside a separate room within the conference center which has been dedicated to this purpose and this purpose only. And this is done for many reasons. No. 1, it's convenient and it entices the membership to attend the Memorial Service and therefore brings out a larger turn out of members and No. 2, there is a diversification of religious beliefs.

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that this program that is held there does not actually single out one religion over other religions and does not give rise to concerns on the part of the membership but does focus on the memorial aspect of the service.

I think what Vermont is saying is that it's rather hard to put on a dignified Memorial Service in a dining room amongst the clatter of glasses and silverware.

But I think perhaps the whole situation could be handled quite adequately by the Board when they arrange for these hotels if they were to get assistance from the hotel management that they did need a separate room for the Memorial Service.

I think it would add a lot to the service and would take away from the idea we are trying to squeeze this in between the desserts and the entree. I don't think it would be a good idea on the part of any association to actually start moving to a church or temple or another place of worship to hold the Memorial Service because as certain as God has made little green apples, you are going to run into religious differences down the line.

(The lights went out and came on)

CHIEF NUNES: [Chicopee, MA] Did you get the message?

PRESIDENT TEECE: Paul, did you get the message?

CHIEF ROACH: When us Catholics speak, you listen.

CHIEF MANSFIELD: [Stowe, VT] I can withdraw the motion. I got the point across. I will withdraw my motion, also. I would like to see it referred to the Board of Directors.

FROM THE FLOOR: Seconded.

PRESIDENT TEECE: So moved. Motion made and seconded to refer this to the Board of Directors.

All those in favor?

(Aye)

Anybody opposed?

It's a vote.

Any other new business?

CHIEF JOHN PALMER JENKINS: [West Barnstable] Every year we come to Dunfey's and in the Red Book Chief Farrenkopf's name is spelled wrong.

I don't know if this bothers him but it bothers the hell out of me. I spoke to Arthur and the stenographer that Chief Farrenkopf is F-a-r-r-e-n-k-o-p-f.

CHIEF GERALD LANDRY: [Woonsocket, RI] Gerald is not spelled Harold.

CHIEF CARLE: Is it Gerard?

FROM THE FLOOR: When a Fire Chief becomes Chief and he submits his application to this organization to become a member, I'd like the process explained to me how you become a member.




PRESIDENT TEECE: Mr. Secretary, do you want to explain the process?

CHIEF GAUDET: Yes, like I said, the application is submitted and sent to me and then I process it.

CHIEF CARLE: Submitted by who, Arthur, just a member or a chief?

CHIEF GAUDET: What I do is in the Massachusetts delegation, as I get the newsletter each month, I take those who have just joined the Massachusetts and send a letter along with an invitation to join our organization.

CHIEF CARLE: Do you have a response or —

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PRESIDENT TEECE: Are applications worded that way that they need a response or —

FROM THE FLOOR: Is there an investigating committee?

CHIEF GAUDET: There never has been.

PRESIDENT TEECE: There never has been?

FROM THE FLOOR: My point is that I have an old truck in my department and I put it up for sale. An individual comes and he buys it. And he puts on it XYZ Fire Department and makes himself the Chief and sends an application to be a member as a Chief of whatever name he wants to give it. Would he become a member of this organization?

PRESIDENT TEECE: I guess that is a possibility.

CHIEF GAUDET: That is a possibility.

CHIEF HUGHES: [Wethersfield, CT] Billy is talking on a sore subject for us in Connecticut.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Jiggs has the floor.

CHIEF HUGHES: I will elaborate on what he is saying.

CHIEF JOHN PALMER JENKINS: [West Barnstable] Point of order. Could the Sergeant-at-Arms close the doors because this is a sensitive issue to the Cape at this present time as well. We just want to make sure nobody is around who will hear the wrong thing.

CHIEF HUGHES: I am a legitimate chief in the Town of Wethersfield but I do have my own pumper which says The Paradise Fire Department. And one of my guys said, "What does it mean?"

I said, "You tell me it means heaven on earth."

But this happened to us in Connecticut and it is a sore subject with many guys because this individual, as long as I'm around, will never be allowed to join the Connecticut Chiefs and he hasn't.

We're not sure how his application slipped through or whatever, but he is a member of this organization. Many people you know, especially some of the old timers, that it rubs their dander the wrong way that this guy is a member. It's not your fault, it's no one's individual fault, it's just the process.

But plainly, the application should be endorsed by the director or someone like that. You don't have any problems as you are right here with Massachusetts people, but you can see where an individual was sent an application and just became a member.

FROM THE FLOOR: [Gilford, CT] I will have to agree what he is saying. It does say on the application chief of private fire department so if you get an application and say I have my own fire department, you can say you are an active member of the association.

PRESIDENT TEECE: So it includes chiefs of private fire departments.

CHIEF MOISE: [Providence, RI] I would suggest in the Board of Directors or the President will be reviewing or setting up a committee to review the bylaws and that that be one of the main subjects to look into. We had the problem in Rhode Island with who is a chief and I'm sure other states have had the same thing. And I'm sure it comes to a point now, particularly with a private fire department — quote-unquote — that a definitive item be included in the bylaws.

Secondly, that there should be a sponsor, either a director from the state or the chief close by or someone who is a member at the present time. But that's something that should be considered I think in the bylaws.

CHIEF SULLIVAN: [Springfield] The question about the guy who buys the fire engine, is he registered with the State Fire Marshal as a qualified fire official in your state? Now, it would seem to me that in most states every chief of a fire department or an entity or private fire department would be registered with the State Fire Marshal.



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Maybe what we need in our bylaws is the definition of just what is a Fire Chief.

CHIEF MOISE: Exactly.

CHIEF SULLIVAN: And the chief would be registered with the State Fire Marshal's office as the man that signed all the things that are submitted to his office.

FROM THE FLOOR: I am not being critical, I just want to bring it to your attention. As long as you are referring to the bylaws, it should be taken into consideration.

PRESIDENT TEECE: I know in our state association, if anyone submits an application, he has to be recommended by an active chief and maybe we should do it here, that all applications in the state should be referred to the director of that state who then refers it to our Secretary-Treasurer.

CHIEF MOISE: Also the Boards of Directors rule on it and approve them.

PRESIDENT TEECE: I think each director — you are the director of Rhode Island and you know all the active chiefs in your state. And you could approve it and then forward it to Arthur.

CHIEF GAUDET: I think if you waited for a meeting, then you've got, I think, the only proper way would be for the director of that state signing it and then forwarding it to the Secretary for processing.

CHIEF CARLE: You stated, as some do it, you have a response or as an active chief or a response. You have a Board of Directors and you fellows meet at least twice a year and plus this meeting, which is three times a year so you would not delay the membership of acceptance of that man all along.

The director could forward it to Arthur but it can be brought up at the officers meetings and you fellows assume the responsibility of not delaying.

PRESIDENT TEECE: It's a long while between meetings. One is in October and the next one is in May before our conference down there and the regular conference follows.

CHIEF CARLE: October to May is what, five months.

PRESIDENT TEECE: I would think if you have the director from your state certify or approve Yes, this man is a chief and forward it to Arthur, I think that would be satisfactory.

CHIEF FLANDERS: The Board of Directors votes on all memberships anyway at their regular scheduled meeting so all of this work can be done and then you vote at that meeting. It's always been voted on, membership has always been voted on by the Board of Directors.

CHIEF LANDRY: [Woonsocket, RI] How would the directors know who is a fire chief? You are battling in different states what constitutes a fire chief. When he receives a name from AZ Fire Department, how would he know this man is truly a fire chief in a private function or any other function? As you say, he could be buying a truck and contracting out privately.

It's something the directors will have to make that determination. I know they have problems with those.

CHIEF WYATT: [Narragansett, RI] I would respectfully suggest to the directors that if any of them have any questions, and I realize from a large state like Massachusetts with some 500 or 600 chiefs, whatever it is, that somebody might get in there who they don't know. The director is free in two areas. One, directly to the state chiefs association to see if this man qualifies as a member of the state association and he also has enough contact in the state to say: Hey, Joe Blow from XYZ community wants to get on, and they must know from two or three miles where this guy is. If they want to know what happened to a chief of Block Island, I would say talk to the Chief of Block Island and I'm sure the others can.

PRESIDENT TEECE: We are fortunate in Massachusetts that in our fire academy they print every year the fire chiefs and we have to update it ourselves for our own association.

CHIEF CHARLES M. BELLOMO: [Needham, MA] Mr. Chairman, also each town clerk must swear in the chief when he becomes a chief. It's easy to call the town clerk.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Other towns are different. Every place is different.



Memorial Service, front row left to right: Chief James Grote, Chester, CT; Chief Richard Farrenkopf, Hyannis, MA; Rev. Charles Hood, Beverly, MA; Chief Gerald P. Landry, Woonsocket, RI.

Back row left to right: Chief Robert Teece, Randolph, MA; Chief Robert Butters, Norway, ME; Chief Arthur Gaudet, Amesbury, MA.



Left to right: Chief Robert Teece - President; Chief Homer Dubois - Sergeant-at-arms; Chief Arthur Gaudet - Secretary-Treasurer.

CHIEF BELLOMO: If they called up the clerk they wouldn't know who the chief is?

PRESIDENT TEECE: In the fire district they are appointed by a Prudential committee. We just went through that.

Any other comments or discussion?

CHIEF SULLIVAN: I still say the State Fire Marshal is your best source of information. He has to report a fatality, an explosion, and they have to report to the State Fire Marshal and he can tell you who is the chief.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Chief Landry pointed out he is the State Fire Marshal from Rhode Island.

CHIEF LANDRY: [Woonsocket, RI] We do have that information available and if it's available to you. We update that probably once a month. Any time there is a change in Rhode Island, we send out a newsletter to that effect. However, we have 81 departments right now and we are right up-to-date on who is representing the 81 departments. So if you would want a copy of that, I would have it in the mail.

CHIEF GAUDET: Beautiful, thank you, Marshal.

CHIEF JOHN PALMER JENKINS: [West Barnstable, MA] That doesn't cover private fire departments.

PRESIDENT TEECE: That's something you have to refer to the Board of Directors.

CHIEF JENKINS: I would like to move the revision of the bylaw immediately be initiated that an application for membership with this organization must be signed or recommended by an active member and also must be signed by the state director before it goes to the Board of Directors.

FROM THE FLOOR: Seconded.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Moved and seconded that the applications — they are right up here if you have never seen one — must be filled out by —

CHIEF JENKINS: — an active member.

PRESIDENT TEECE: — approved by an active member — recommended by an active member and endorsed or signed by the director before — the application must be approved by an active member and referred to the director of that state and then forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer. And that's been moved and seconded.

Any discussion on that?

All in favor?

(Aye)

Anyone opposed?

That's a vote.

CHIEF JAMES F. BRENNAN: I'm opposed to that.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Oh, I'm sorry.

CHIEF HUGHES: On the other side of this, you could have a legitimate, good chief in charge of a good private fire department, a legitimate fire department. Really, let's say Pratt Whitney in Connecticut decided to have to contract for a private fire department. You could have a legitimate, good chief in that position that you'd want to be a member here. If those circumstances came down the road so it shouldn't be blocked out and that a chief of a private fire department couldn't belong here and if it's a legitimate thing, not just a guy playing with a bunch of kids with a fire truck.

PRESIDENT TEECE: The bylaws say an active chief can be a chief of a private fire department. I don't think we can wipe that out because we have industrial departments.



Directors and Officers, front row left to right: Chief William Healey, Milford, CT; Chief Michael Moise, Providence, RI; Chief Robert Nunes, Chicopee, MA; Chief Robert Teece, Randolph, MA; Chief Charles Hall, Merrimack, NH; Chief Kenneth Wagner, Cumberland, ME.

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CHIEF MOISE: I think it's important that in the bylaws review, that a definition of a fire chief, a private fire department, and all of those things be made and made clearly. It's going to take a little time but I think that's the only way to do it and then we will have a definition on which to go and that's what it has to be.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Guess who the chairman of the Bylaws Committee is going to be?

(Laughter and applause)

PRESIDENT TEECE: Any other new business to come before this meeting?

CHIEF CARLE: Mr. President, not as a motion but as a recommendation, we have 69 people here this morning at the meeting, which is great, the room is full, but we've had 200, 500 registered and whatever it is, I think the Board of Directors should look into possibly changing the annual association meeting to another time during the week if there is space available and it can be done properly without taking away from the program.

But I think sometime or other you have a lot of fellows that have gone and that can't be here for one reason or another. And as much as I know of other associations that have done that and they increased the attendance of their meeting, where you are going to discuss it. It is for the Board to review.

FROM THE FLOOR: [Middleboro] Did you say something in regards to next year you are just going to have morning programs?

PRESIDENT TEECE: For the seminars yes, the morning only.

FROM THE FLOOR: Put it in for the regular meeting.

PRESIDENT TEECE: We will consider it at the directors meetings.

CHIEF JOSEPH J. NICOLASI: [Methuen, MA] You are going to hold a meeting for all the things tallied up. Arthur wouldn't have the figure.

CHIEF CARLE: You don't get your final report or exhibit monies anyway. It's just the report you get and you get it when it is done in the printing. You don't get your final report now of the conference anyway. It's all tentative.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Again, I will ask the directors to discuss this at the state meeting and bring it back to our Board of Directors meeting.

(The lights went out and came back on)

PRESIDENT TEECE: Any other new business?

Anything else, Arthur, at all?

CHIEF GAUDET: No.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Cardinal, will you come forward with the benediction?

CHIEF GROTE: Mr. President, your old great-grand dad is looking at you. And you heard me at the Memorial Services that when I look back to 65 years when this thing started rolling and I'm here being able to speak to you in the 75 years of service and still active — I still put in six, eight, hours — I've been called out of church to perform a duty.

I am, according to the statistics, the oldest active Fire Marshal in the whole United States. Now, I'm proud of that, but there are some things that bother me, Mr. President, and this is one thing. I have to bring a little religion into it.

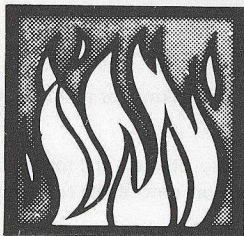
Now, last night we heard the benediction, we heard our prayer from our clergymen — and no criticism. But to the officers before and after, no one thought of standing up and take the Pledge to that flag. The United States President today says we shall have a flag and a captain as we go through the Persian Gulf. Well, I think it's a little ticklish situation but nevertheless, that flag is respected throughout the whole world. So it would be just a moment, Mr. President, that we're taking the pledge to the flag.

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The Supreme Court took the prayers out of the schools. Now, I was raised from a child from the kindergarten of 1896 that you said that prayer. So those things bother you. And I mean that so the same thing now as far as this meeting is concerned.

I don't know how but somewhere along the line we called the meetings at 10:00 o'clock and a lot of my Connecticut boys have gone home. They had plans to leave early and I know they would have been here if the hour would have been 9:00 o'clock instead of 10:00, but I think somewhere along the line, if you wanted to let your hair down at the banquet and don't want to get up the next morning to the meeting, it's at 10:00 or 11:00 o'clock. That's the only problem. Those are the things — and I'm not finding fault.

I'm here to give you a pledge from your old great-grand dad. I am going back home after meeting a few of you new men with a greater wealth than I came here with and I'm on my own. I'm on my own and I pay my own way all the way through for one reason: To meet my old and dear friends that are here — and some are gone — that are very close to me. And I would say to myself: Jim, you have completed 96 years and I'm left almost alone. Boys, this is your show and I'm sure glad to think I'm going home to add a little more wealth to it. So whatever my remarks were, there was no criticism but just a little advance notice.

And I'd like to bring in one more note. It's a good many years ago when at the International, a fire chief in Houston, Texas — and I made 56 of them but now the doctor says to me, "Slow up, boy, you know you can't take long trips — so, while I'm at Houston they said to me, "You have to travel 50 or 60 miles to go to the nearest Catholic church." I am a Catholic and I'm proud of it. And some of my best friends is 32-degree Masons.

So my roommate was a Congregationalist and I said, "Ray, are you going to church?"

He said, "You got to go way the hell out of town," he said, "Southern Baptist, you are surrounded."

(Laughter)

The next morning I turned to my roommate and I said, "Ray, I'm going to church."

He said, "You got to take a taxi to that big white church down the street." Beautiful, boys, I bet it cost a million dollars to build it.

Old Chief Jim Grote and Ray Porter goes to church. I prayed to God, as I was raised a Catholic like with only one supreme being. And when they passed the little silver plate around I made my contribution and I was tickled to death that I went to the services.

Now, the Southern Baptist minister — and if any of you Baptists are here, they make you squirm in your seat and it didn't help me one damn bit.

(Laughter)

So on the way out, of course here is a big six-footer and they wear a little white collar, the minister and in his gown and he looked at my credentials and he says, "Chester, Connecticut, boy, you're a long ways from home."

"Well," I said, "Reverend, we took over Houston. Oh," I said, "the International Fire Chiefs is here."

"Oh," and he read my badge again.

So I said, "I enjoyed your services very much, but it didn't mean a thing to me because I'm a Roman Catholic."

"Oh," he said and he looked around.

"But," I said, "my roommate here is a Congregationalist."

And I will tell you, my good friends, I could smell that coffee and I said to myself: Good God, there must be a restaurant close by but down in the basement you should see the layout. Well, this minister introduced me and the President of the United States couldn't have got there and got the reception I got.

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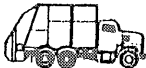
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He wrote a letter to me and stated that three weeks later he preached a sermon by me attending the services as a Roman Catholic believing in the Almighty God, the supreme that's up there. And I went to the services and I didn't draw any lines, Mr. President, because of my record and of 75 years are politics, religion, nationality, and fraternal order and that when you cross that threshold there you treat me as I would treat you.

Thank you, Mr. President.

(Applause)

PRESIDENT TEECE: Gentlemen, the final remarks for the good of the association. You heard me last night allude to the membership thing and I truly think we are nowhere near reaching our true potential. When I became a new chief nobody ever approached me.

Arthur, you are still working on a membership list.

The membership is going to get it and applications with it to get back to your states and start signing up a lot of chiefs out there that are not members because nobody ever asked them. They figure they have to be asked. I think we have to get on the ball.

If there are no other remarks for the good of the association, I will ask Jim for the benediction and we will adjourn after that.

(The members stood)

CHIEF GROTE: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Lord, we ask for your protection and guidance until we meet again. And let's have peace on earth and good will towards men. Protect and guide us to our dear ones.

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRESIDENT TEECE: A motion to adjourn is in order.

FROM THE FLOOR: So moved.

FROM THE FLOOR: Seconded.

PRESIDENT TEECE: Motion made and seconded. All those in favor?

(Aye)

I move that the 65th Annual Conference is hereby adjourned.

(The Annual Meeting concluded at 11:40 a.m.)



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C.H.H.C. Company
Avon, MA

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Canton Auto Clinic
Canton, MA

Canton Auto & Truck Repair
Canton, MA

Cape Cod Boats
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Weymouth, MA

Dunn Copy Products
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