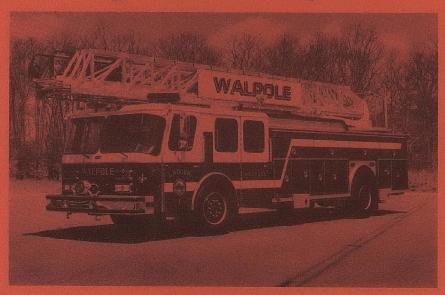
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December 11, 1990

CUMBERLAND - Kenneth Charles Wagner, 56, fire chief of the Cumberland Fire Department, died Tuesday at his residence after a long illness.

Chief Wagner was an active member of the Cumberland Community most of his life.

A 25-year and lifetime member of the Cumberland Fire Department, he joined as a private and worked up through the ranks. He began his career with the town in 1966 as a heavy equipment operator for the Public Works Department.

He served in every official position with the fire department before he was named the town's first

full-time fire chief on Jan. 1, 1982.

He served as both fire and rescue chief from 1982 until stepping down Nov. 1 due to ill health. Before that he was chief of the Cumberland Rescue Department from 1977-82 and was until his death a Cumberland reserve police officer.

"I taught him in school at Greely Institute way back when, and I've worked on the rescue unit wth him for the past 15 years. He was always an awfully nice, caring fellow. He worked with people well and tried

to help people out. He was a humanitarian," said fellow rescue squad member Halvor Merrill.

"It's quite a loss to us, I'll tell you. We're in the process of dealing with it. It's going to be tough. We lost our ladder captain, David Rawnsley, back in September to the same disease," said Deputy Chief George Small, who is acting fire chief.

"He'll be missed for his personal attributes as much as for what he has done for the town," said Town

Council Chairman E. Stephen Murray. "He came to my house twice over the years to put out chimney and stove fires. He calmed down not only the whole family, but the dog as well.'

"Right now we're looking for someone trained in both fire and rescue, as Ken was. We want to keep it a

volunteer department to the extent that we can," said Murray.

Wagner was born in South Kingston, R.I., a son of the Rev. Joshua C. and Ruth Wayles Wagner. He lived in the Portland area since 1942 and attended Cumberland schools including the former Greely

Institute. He later attended Hampden Academy and graduated from Farmington High School.

He attended Harvard University as well as several fire and rescue schools.

Chief Wagner was the first president of the Cumberland Municipal Employees Association. He served from 1982-88 as president of the Cumberland County Rescue Chiefs Association. He was second vice president of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs from 1988-90 and was currently serving as first vice president. He was president of Coastal Mutual Aid Fire Chiefs for 1990.

Chief Wagner had received a commendation from Gov. John R. McKernan last year and in 1987 he received a recognition award from the Maine Board of Emergency Medical Services for his "exemplary

and consistent contribution to EMS development, organization and practice in the state.'

He was a trustee of the Cumberland Cemetery Association since 1977.

He served as sergeant and drove a tank in the Army and discharged in 1960.

Surviving are his parents of Jay; his wife, Rae Bineau Wagner of Cumberland; a son, Jeffrey Wagner of Portland; a stepdaughter, Judith Anne MacCormack of Yarmouth; a brother, Marshall of Yarmouth; a sister, Reba Dunlop of Anderson, Ind.; and a granddaughter.

A full firemen's funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Cumberland Congregational Church. Burial will follow in Moss Side Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Lindquist Funeral Home, Yarmouth.



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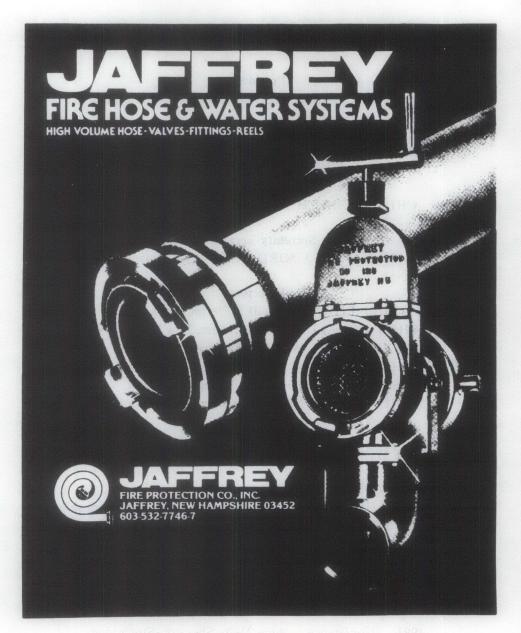
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MEMORIAL SERVICE

(Procession entered church.)

(All rose.)

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: Chief William Healey will lead us in the salute to the flag and immediately following which we'll sing hymn No. 550, "My Country 'Tis of Thee." You will find the hymnals in the pews. Chief Healey.

(Salute to the Flag lead by Chief William A. Healey.)

("My Country 'Tis of Thee" sung.)

REVEREND FOLEY: Please be seated.

I'm very proud to have with us this evening Associate Pastor Reverend William Goble, who would like to welcome all of us to the Federated Church. Pastor Goble.

REVEREND WILLIAM D. GOBLE: Thank you very much. On behalf of the Reverend Ernest T. Berkeley and the people of this church, I want to welcome you to this sanctuary for your Annual Memorial Service. I hope and believe that it will be a service very meaningful to all of us.

When our two sons were very young, there was a song that children loved to sing and we taught it to our two boys. I don't remember all of it, but I know the first part of the song went like this:

"Fire, fire, fire raging all about.

And here come the firemen to put the fire out."

And that's exactly what the firemen have been doing around the world and especially in New England over the years.

Some years ago, when I was pastor of the Central Congregational Church in Jamaica Plain, which is a part of Boston, we had vandals who set fires in the church one night. And the Boston Fire Department was called and they responded very quickly and were able to do exactly what the song said, they put the fires out and they did a magnificent job.

To put the fires out, however, can be a dangerous job. Firemen can be killed, firemen can be hurt, and many have been over the years. So it is good for us to pause to remember their sense of duty and their love of neighbor and love of God.

God bless all of you, we're glad to have you here.

REVEREND FOLEY: Thank you very much, Pastor Goble.

On behalf of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Chief Charles Q. Hall will now deliver the welcome.

CHIEF CHARLES Q. HALL: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. It's with great pleasure we welcome you to the 68th Convention of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. It really is a thrill for me to be able to have our Memorial Service in a church again, since we've been in Providence, we've not been able to have our Memorial Service in a church and for that I would like to thank the pastor and their congregation for providing this old building for us to have our service in.

This afternoon I know there was a little bit of worry on Chief Jordan's part worrying about the lights and I think that God at one time said, "Let there be light," and thank God for that. And we welcome and thank you for coming.

REVEREND FOLEY: To give us the official welcome to the Town of Sturbridge, Host Chief Leonard E. Senecal of the Sturbridge Fire Department. Chief Senecal.

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CHIEF LEONARD E. SENECAL: Good evening chiefs, wives, and guests. I like the honor for representing the Town of Sturbridge for the 68th Annual New England Chiefs Association Convention and I'd like to welcome you to the Town of Sturbridge. Thank you.

REVEREND FOLEY: As you know, for many, many years, the Protestant Chaplain was Charlie Hood and he retired after 25 years of dedicated service to the New England Fire Chiefs.

It is our privilege to have with us this evening the new Protestant Chaplain Reverend Charles L. Chalk, to give the call to worship. Please stand.

REVEREND CHARLES L. CHALK: If you take the programs and join along.

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, His kindness endures forever."

PEOPLE: "Happy are they who observe what is right, Who do always what is just."

REVEREND CHALK: "Remember us, O Lord in our time of need."

PEOPLE: "Visit us with your saving help."

REVEREND FOLEY: Please be seated. Our scripture this evening is taken from the 12th Chapter of the Book of Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is to our spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me, I bid everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith which God has assigned him.

For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually members one of another.

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them if prophesy, in proportion to our faith, if service, in serving.

He who teaches, in teaching.

He who exhorts, in exhortation.

He who contributes, in generosity.

He who gives aid with zeal.

He who does acts of charity with cheerfulness.

Here ends the scripture reading.

Would you take your hymnals now and turn to No. 548, America the Beautiful. Please stand.

(America the Beautiful sung.)

REVEREND FOLEY: Please be seated.

May I begin by thanking sincerely, in fact from the bottom of my heart, Chief Jordan for restoring our Memorial Service to a proper setting. As you know, it has long been my complaint that the ceremony was not conducted in the proper atmosphere, with the extremely notable exception of course of the two Memorial Services we held in the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul in Providence, Rhode Island at the invitation and urging of Chief Moise. And I'm sure you agree with me that those were indeed memorable occasions.

This evening, I had planned to speak to you about devotion. And since the first of the year I have been thinking of something meaningful to share with you. And then I went to Cincinnati to the Fire Department Instructors Conference. I was amazed to see there some 8,000 people strong, all eager to learn the latest methods, the finest technology of training and education in the fire service.

But I was even more amazed to see a spirit of rebirth in faith. I counted no less than six main speakers, including the keynote speaker, who referred to God and faith and service to each other in the course of their secular speeches. Amazing.

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And then in Cincinnati came the next-to-the-last speaker, Assistant Chief Frank Nastro of the New York City Fire Department.

And those of you who were in attendance know he spoke about the social club tragedy in which nearly 90 people lost their lives in a building not even as big as this. It was indeed a moving speech. Here was a tough, seasoned firefighter, a man who had served Company 231 in its heyday with some 2,000 runs a month, over half of them working fires, and many times under auster and hazardous conditions. He had some 5,000 people absolutely silent, more silent than on any occasion I have delivered a speech in my life.

And then came the June issue of Fire Engineer and in that Tom Brennan, a true friend of the fire service, a true, dedicated, and loyal servant, extolled that speech.

And I quote for you now a short portion of Tom Brennan's editorial. The speaker is Assistant Chief Frank Nastro, reflecting upon the tragedy.

"I go to 12:30 Mass every Sunday with my daughters," he said, "but this day, the day of the tragic fire, I went as soon as I got home. The homily drifted through my brain without much impression."

I hope that's not true this evening, by the way.

"I was praying for the deceased and for my firefighters. Then the church filled with the music of 'Amazing Grace.' The hymn that so often accompanies firefighters' funerals. I began to cry alone to myself. I couldn't stop crying, even long after the music stopped," he said.

"Here stood a legendary commander, a man who that night had been the incident commander of the world's largest and busiest Fire Department. All his life he had avoided emotional involvement. He had been detached because on the fire ground you must be detached, and yet it came across clearly that the value of humanliness in the fire service was blatant at that moment in our job. It is so easy to get caught up in acronyms, committees, standard bulletins, and experts who tell us how to operate everything and who have never laced a body bag. Management styles that fly through the industry based on the bottom line become buzz words for speakers at some fire service conferences somewhere. Here, however," says Tom Brennan, "was a manager who commanded more human beings and equipment in his lifetime than you could ever imagine. He had dealt with the most trying situation of his career and relied on faith, heart, and concern for the individual. He had found that those qualities were the core of success in his command function."

He did more for the fire service audience in 22 minutes than all the books and speeches and incident command could ever do. His lesson was etched into the hearts of more than 4,000 instructors forever.

This may not be true of you this evening. But some people just don't appreciate all that is involved in the fire service. The countless hours of training, the endless learning experience, the courageous call of duty, the common sense involved. Perhaps because so many have been fortunate enough never to have needed the Fire Department. And all the while, the fire service could not be a greater calling. It is a service that offers the firefighter the unique opportunity not only to bring himself to his work but to give himself in his work and therein lies the greatness of the fire service. The greatness of real firefighters, irrespective of rank. A firefighter's gift is demanded by duty and yet a gift that goes far beyond the call of duty.

Thinking men have some appreciation of the demands to be met in a matter of a split second. The risks to be embraced. Only the firefighter really knows of answering the constant call of the unknown, the tragic, the lurking danger. Only those who have to deal with the reality of death can have such an unparalleled love of life. It is not a selfish love of one's own life, but a love that never wavers, never counts the cost, but always reaches out to the endangered. Those who have this faith have this love as well. It cannot be otherwise. Human life is so precious for as Frank Nastro said, "It is God's gift."

As we were singing the hymn this evening, "Oh beautiful for spacious skies," the third verse reminds me so much of the fire service, "Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life."





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Bay State Gas Your neighborhood natural gas company In conclusion, may we not say that the courage about which we speak this evening cannot belong to the angels, as to live daily in the danger of death brings all but the hardest of hearts closer to God. It is this value that beckons every good firefighter to serve, to protect, to save, even at the risk of his or her own life. Nothing holds them back on their mission of love and concern. As courage cannot be marred by personal consideration for no greater love hath one than to lay down his life for another.

We are very pleased this evening to have one of our own sing the "Lord's Prayer," Chief John P. Jenkins from West Barnstable, Mass., who will now sing the Lord's Prayer, Please remain seated.

(Chief John P. Jenkins sings the "Lord's Prayer.")

REVEREND FOLEY: Our Sergeant-at-Arms, Chief Otis C. Wyatt, Jr., will now lead us in the Fireman's Prayer, which you will find on the back of the service program.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR.: The Firefighter's Prayer:

When I am called to duty, God Wherever flames may rage, Give me strength to save some life Whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child Before it is too late
Or save an older person from The horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert And hear the weakest shout And quickly and efficiently To put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and To give the best in me, To guard my every neighbor And protect his property.

And if according to my fate I am to lose my life, Please bless with your protecting hand, My children and my wife.

REVEREND FOLEY: The roll call of deceased members will now be read by Chief Martin J. Jordan from Bourne, our Secretary-Treasurer. And after each name is read, the bell will be tolled to signify the last alarm. Chief Jordan.

CHIEF MARTIN J. JORDAN: With any luck the bell should toll about 9. We are trying to hold it off here as it is an electric timer and we'll see what happens.

It's very important, I believe, that we have brought this Memorial Service back to the church. It is one compliment you can give to the association, it wasn't me, it was everybody and that you are impressed and you are pleased with what we did this year. Please tell everyone so we may have more people in attendance next year. Thank you.

It gives me great displeasure that I must announce the following 19 chiefs and members of our organization that departed us in the past year.

(Fire Bell rung after each name.)

Chief John J. Donahue, Pawcatuck, Connecticut.

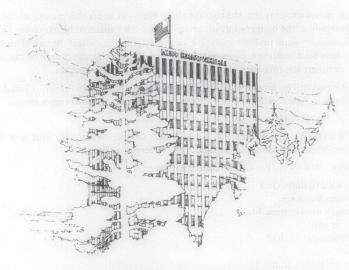
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Chief John F. McLacken, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Chief Clarence Prescott, Dexter, Maine.

Chief Clyde A. Vanduzer, Cummaquid, Massachusetts.

And Chief Robert LaClair, Montpelier, Vermont.

That is the final list of our departed members.

REVEREND FOLEY: Our President, Chief Hall will now deliver the acknowledgments.

PRESIDENT CHARLES Q. HALL: First of all, I would like you all to join me in a moment of silence for the family and friends of our departed members who have just been read.

(Moment of silence observed.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Thank you, We know that each and every one of you needs to be acknowledged for the support that you have given to this association and for the dedication to duty that you have performed in the past years. We hope to see you all next year and we do hope that we can have this service in a church again next year.

But I can't sit down without acknowledging one of our longest members of our association, Chief Grote, 99 years young this year and 68 years with our association. I do have to tell you and probably the one thing that stood out in my mind in the years I have been associated with the New England Association of Fire Chiefs is this one man who always keeps us reminded that we need to remember God and country and why we may have fun in really participating in all the affairs of the New England Association. Chief Grote makes sure we stay on the straight and narrow and we remember who brought us here and the country we live in and we are proud of you for that, Chief Grote. Thank you.

(Applause.)

REVEREND CHALK: If you will please rise for the benediction. Let us pray.

Our heavenly Father, it is a deep privilege for us to be able to gather in a country that is free, to gather and assemble in a house of worship, to be able to honor those who have gone on and to pray and be concerned about those who are here today.

We pray for these chiefs as they go back and they lead their respective departments.

And Lord, sometimes there must be nights when they wonder how do they go on. And Lord, we thank you for your guidance and protection. And we just ask that You will give them the wisdom that they need to continue their jobs. Give them the courage that they need. Bless their families as their families many times spend hours without them in lonely hours.

We just pray, Lord, if it be possible that everyone that is here this night be gathered again next year as we assemble again. We pray for those who will advance to the ranks of Chief in the coming year. We pray, Lord, You will also give them the wisdom they need to continue the great tradition of the fire service that we have here in the United States. We pray now You bless us.

We thank Tou for the privilege of having this Memorial Service and for what it means. We ask it all in Your name. Amen.

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REVEREND FOLEY: We will sing now together the National Anthem, after which the color guard will retire the colors and we will follow out in recession.

(The National Anthem was sung.)

(The color guard came forward and removed the flags and the procession left the church. The people left the church.)

(The Memorial Service concluded at 9:10 p.m.)

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PROCEEDINGS

Annual Meeting

PRESIDENT CHARLES Q. HALL: Gentlemen, be seated for the 68th Annual Meeting, which is called to order.

Chief Grote, would you honor us with an opening prayer.

(All rise.)

CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL JAMES L. GROTE: (Chester, CT) In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Oh Lord, we ask You to protect and to guide us until we meet again and let us have peace on earth and good will toward men and the good women. May God watch and protect us from time to time. In the name of the Father, the Son. Amen.

(Pledge of Allegiance was said.)

PRESIDENT HALL: A small announcement. Chief Dyer, would you stand? Chief Merton Dyer will be our parliamentarian for our business meeting today.

PRESIDENT HALL: And Chief Senecal, will you have a few words of welcome?

CHIEF LEONARD E. SENECAL: (Fiskdale, MA) I would like to welcome everybody here today. I hope you enjoyed yourself in the Town of Sturbridge as we enjoyed ourselves.

I'd like to thank the association for everything they did for the Sturbridge firefighters this week. They enjoyed themselves and I just hope you enjoy yourself all week. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HALL: An item of business. If you have something to say, would you please give your name and your town and come to the mike if you would so the Secretary can hear you.

Chief Jordan with the Secretary's report.

CHIEF MARTIN J. JORDAN: Report of the Secretary for 1990.

To the Officers and Members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated, I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Secretary for the year ending May 31st, 1990.

The Board of Directors fall meeting was held on October 19, 1989 and the spring meeting was held on April 27th, 1990 at the Sheraton Sturbridge in Sturbridge, Mass. The yearly association business was transacted along with the formulation and completion of plans for the 68th Annual Conference and Exposition. The site selection Committee was comprised of President Hall, Secretary-Treasurer Jordan, and Exhibit Chairman Maurais. We visited prospective sites for the future association events throughout New England and will announce the 1993 location at the 1990 Annual Meeting. President Hall and your Secretary transacted all yearly association business professionally and in the best interest of the association.

The 1989 Red Book was printed and distributed to all members of the association in February as well as all the mailings made at the designated times. This year we also sent a detailed questionnaire to all members of the association requesting input about our conference. The response was great and we worked diligently to put the suggestions in this year's conference. All the recommendations and suggestions will continue to be implemented as soon as feasibly possible.

At this point I would like to remind you all of the importance of your State Directors. You elected these men and if you need anything, I urge you not to hesitate to contact them. The Directors hopefully are to notify me immediately of illness, death or change of address of any member. This is imperative in order to maintain up-to-date records of the association office.

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During 1990 we welcomed many new faces into our organization. As of May 31st our membership is as follows:

Connecticut - 268

Maine — 84

Massachusetts --- 575

New Hampshire — 127

Rhode Island — 135

Vermont — 73

Out-of-State Members - 26.

The breakdown is as follows:

Active Members — 461

Associate Membership - 239

Retired - 529

Life Members — 22

Vendor — 37.

For a total membership of 1,288.

During the 1989-90 year, the following members were added:

Connecticut - 16

Maine — 6 — and it is worthy to note that all six are from the Portland Fire Department

Massachusetts - 28

New Hampshire - 8

Rhode Island - 9

Vermont - 3

Retired - 39

Life - 1

Vendor - 0.

For a total new membership of 71.

The association lost by death 18 and terminated membership for nonpayment of dues 145. All members removed for non-payment of dues were notified at least three times and were then removed from the rolls in accordance with Article V, Section II of the Association By-Laws.

All members applying for Life Membership and meeting the by-laws of the association were admitted.

Equipment purchased by the association this year was:

One Tandy 1000 TL computer

One 40 Megabyte Hardrive

One Tandy 300 Printer.

And in addition, all necessary computer supplies to complete the system.

And one Laminating Machine.

Much time has been spent over the past year in continuing the reorganization of the association with special attention in streamlining the business. With the focus on complete computer automation, the association has become a much more efficient and business-like organization. 1990 saw the billing process computerized along with dues cards as well. Most significantly however, this year saw the beginning of preregistration for our Annual Conference. This allowed for less time to be spent at the registration tables for everyone involved. Also new this year was the acceptance of MasterCard and Visa for all association transactions, opening registration to more of our members.



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Lastly, a special appreciation for my wife, Amelia, for her continued invaluable assistance.

And again, thanks to all of you for your confidence and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Martin J. Jordan, Secretary.

PRESIDENT HALL: Motion to accept the report as read.

RETIRED CHIEF JAMES F. BRENNAN: (Salem, MA) So moved.

RETIRED CHIEF LAWRENCE LAMSON: (Hamilton, MA) Second.

PRESIDENT HALL: Motion has been made and seconded to accept the Secretary's report as read.

All those in favor, signify by saying Aye.

(Aye.)

Opposed?

(The motion carried.)

PRESIDENT HALL: The Treasurer's Report.

CHIEF MARTIN J. JORDAN: (Bourne, MA) Report of the Treasurer for 1990, Martin J. Jordan, Chief, Bourne, Massachusetts.

To the officers and members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs; Inc., I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Treasurer for the year ending May 31st, 1990.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, June 1, 1989	\$13,005.16
Dues	17,095.00
Banquet	5,600.00
Raffle	2,392.00
Red Book	5,500.00
Registration (1989)	8,320.00
Interest	2,473.13
Exhibitors' Donations	700.00
Day Passes	3,870.00
Exhibit Committee	25,000.00
Salables	593.00
Void Check	150.00
Preregistration	3,235.00
Luau Tickets	1,623.00
Visa	1,654.00
MasterCard	865.00
Postage Returned	9.50
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Ceremonial Expenses	1,087.28
Salables	1,384.63
Site Visits	389.15
Conference Expenses	32,851.86
Salary	5,644.62
Telephone	224.04
Raffle Prizes	1,432.93
Membership	60.00
Dues Refund	100.00
Bank Fees	124.30
Taxes	1,188.22
Bonds	300.00
12 Month CD	10,000.00
Directors Meetings	8,147.00
Printing	3,842.55
Office Supplies	847.01
Computer System and Supplies	5,678.72
Total Expenditures	\$76,317.37.
Balance on Hand June 1, 1989	\$13,005.16
Total Receipts	\$79,119.38
Total Expenditures	\$76,317.37
Balance on Hand	\$15,807.17
In The Checkbook:	
Cape Cod Bank & Trust:	
Checking	\$15,807.17
6-month CD	10,000.00
6-month CD	10,000.00
12-month CD	10,000.00
Total on Hand as of May 31, 1990	\$45,807.17

Respectively submitted,

Martin J. Jordan, Chief, Treasurer.

PRESIDENT HALL: You have heard the report of the Treasurer of the Association. What is your pleasure?

CHIEF from Marblehead, MA: I make a motion to accept the report.

RETIRED CHIEF LAWRENCE LAMSON: (Hamilton, MA) Second.

PRESIDENT HALL: The motion has been made to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. All those in favor say Aye.

(Aye.)

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PRESIDENT HALL: Opposed?

Hearing no opposition, the Treasurer's Report stands as read.

The Auditing Committee, Chief Gerald Landry. Good to see you, Gerry.

CHIEF GERALD P. LANDRY: (Woonsocket, RI) The Auditing Committee has examined the books and records of the Secretary-Treasurer and find them to be in good order.

(Signed) Gerald Landry, Chairman, William Healey, Auditor and Wendall Mansfield, Auditor.

PRESIDENT HALL: You have heard the report from your Auditing Committee.

CHIEF LAWRENCE LAMSON: (Hamilton, MA) I move it be accepted.

Is there a second to that motion?

FROM THE FLOOR: Seconded.

PRESIDENT HALL: Seconded.

Motion made and seconded that the Auditing Report be accepted as stated by Chief Landry.

All in favor signify by saying Aye.

(Aye.)

Opposed?

Hearing no opposition, that will be accepted as written.

The report of the Exhibit Committee by Chief Charles Maurais.

CHIEF CHARLES F. MAURAIS: (Marblehead, MA) Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, I would like to start off by thanking the Exhibit Committee. They did an excellent job outside and on the inside. I'd like to thank Chief Wendall Mansfield, Chief Ed Haber and Chief Charles Foss. And Chief Wyatt Otis did a fine job at the registration desk, he was excellent.

Also the Vendors Association has been working very closely with me and I believe that's helped us to have successful exhibits out there.

Steve Keegan from the Sheraton has helped us tremendously.

But one thing I would like to add is we had this registration out there that was preregistration and when the exhibitors came there were little lines and very little problems at the desk and that deserves a lot to the women. It was Pat Wyatt, Marion Healey, Jane Haber, and Marge Erenroff, and she's Harold Rone's girlfriend, Donald Mooney, and my wife Linda.

And also the communications we had was provided by Electronics International and Nine Gillespie and that made it a lot easier. There was no shouting and screaming. We picked up the radios and got hold of people and that saved us an awful lot of work.

I would like to give a report on the exhibits that we had. There were 143 inside booths and there were 69 outside booths for a total of 211 exhibits. We had a total of 141 vendor companies that exhibited this year. Registration for the vendors was 740 registered and were handed out badges. That's an increase of 98 over last year.

The total receipts so far to date is \$30,605.

I have an outstanding amount owed to me of \$335.

The total receipts that I can figure out by now — this is an incomplete report — the total receipts right now are \$30,940.

I do have some outstanding and we have to pay the Champion exhibition. That will be taken care of. And I believe we do have this year extra money from the vendors' registrations from the badges that we haven't had, 25 additional badges at \$15 apiece and that earned our treasury.

I would like to thank everybody once again and I think it was well-attended out there and I think it was a good exhibit. Thank you.



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You have heard the report of the Exhibition Committee. Your pleasure?

CHIEF LAWRENCE LAMSON: (Hamilton, MA) I move it be accepted.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR.: (Narragansett, RI) Second.

PRESIDENT HALL: Motion made and seconded to accept the Exhibit Committee's Report.

All in favor signify by saying Aye.

(Aye.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Opposed?

(The motion carried.)

Thank you, Charles.

The Program Committee by Chief Healey.

CHIEF WILLIAM A. HEALEY: (Milford, CT) The programs this year, I think, probably for the first time in many, many years that I have come were well-attended and there was standing room in almost every one. That's a credit to the speakers that were coming in and the people did show up.

Monday's program between Commissioner Stapleton and Chief Postel, both of them were standing room only.

And this year for the first time, because we are getting much feedback, that the ladies have some kind of a program with the men. We put on a program today that was both for men and ladies and this room was full for the whole session today and still the ladies had time to go out and do some putting and attend some craft shows. And everything was well-attended. The feedback I got from everything was super.

That's the Program Report.

PRESIDENT HALL: Your pleasure on the report from the Program Committee?

CHIEF MICHAEL MOISE: (Providence, RI) I move it be accepted as read.

CHIEF from West Brookfield: Seconded.

PRESIDENT HALL: The motion to accept the Program Committee and Chief Healey and his Committee. All those in favor?

(Aye.)

Opposed?

(The motion carried.)

The Registration Committee. Chief Jordan.

CHIEF MARTIN J. JORDAN: (Bourne, MA) I guess the thing to say is that this was one heck of a conference. I don't think anybody can deny that and the tallies from last year to this year show that. The total registrants, and that includes active associates, ladies, and one-day passes, and last year's total was 984. This year's tally was 1174 or an increase of 190. That is phenomenal. I tried to go back as far as the Red Book attendance and I couldn't find anything that came close to that.

The thing I was really impressed with, and I think individuals that preregistered themselves will have to admit it and that we preregistered 320 and last year we had only 363 registered for the full conference to begin with. So to have 320 preregistered even before they got here and spent two seconds and being gone. I noticed no lines whatsoever. Some were one-day passes, but it went like clock work. The ones that didn't preregister said they would do it next year. We registered only 92 here at the conference, less than 100. It brought us up to 412 for the full conference, which is up from last year.

Ladies was 135 and day passes 20 from 3-something last year to 627 for a total of 1174. That is phenomenal.

The luau was attended by 330. The banquet this evening will have 237. The dance last night was attended by 500.

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PRESIDENT HALL: Motion on the Report of the Registration Committee?

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR.: (Narragansett, RI) I move it be accepted as read.

CHIEF PRESIDENT HALL: Is there a second to that motion?

CHIEF from Woonsocket, RI: I second that motion.

PRESIDENT HALL: The motion has been made and seconded that the Registration Committee Report be accepted as read.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

(Aye.)

Opposed?

(The motion carried.)

PRESIDENT HALL: In terms of business, there have been no proposed changes to the by-laws this year so the next order of business is to set the salary for the Secretary.

RETIRED CHIEF LAWRENCE LAMSON: (Hamilton, MA) Due to the question coming up that you just mentioned, I would like to make a motion at this time, in fairness to all, that any compensation for elected or appointed officials of this organization shall be by written ballot with a paid dues card.

PRESIDENT HALL: You have heard the motion on the floor. From looking up the by-laws previous to this meeting, because this issue had been brought to our attention, it did require a two-thirds vote. So if we have a second to that motion, the motion to have a secret ballot does require a two-thirds vote.

CHIEF from New Hampshire: I second that motion.

PRESIDENT HALL: Motion has been made and seconded.

If we could have a standing vote and I would appoint Chief Bliss and the Sergeant-at-Arms, Otis Wyatt as the counters.

And the gentleman also indicated that you must be a paid member. I'll take a moment here as I want to check that one out. O.K.

The parliamentarian has made a correction. It requires a majority vote, a majority vote for a ballot vote.

Again, the appointment for the counters of Otis Wyatt and Chief Bliss.

All those in favor, please stand. You all understand the motion? This is the motion to have a secret ballot for the Secretary's salary.

(38 people stood.)

PRESIDENT HALL: And this will require a simple majority; correct?

RETIRED CHIEF MERTON S. DYER: (Peterborough, NH) Yes.

PRESIDENT HALL: Let me restate the motion so everyone understands it and make sure I'm correct in restating your motion, that you asked for a secret ballot on any pay for —

CHIEF LAWRENCE LAMSON: (Hamilton, MA) — an elected or appointed officer.

PRESIDENT HALL: — any elected or appointed officer. Is the question clear? Those opposed, please stand.

(45 people stood.)

PRESIDENT HALL: The gentlemen voted as reported by the counters: 38 Yes in favor of the motion; and 45 No.

The parliamentarian has stated it was a simple majority and that means we will have an open vote on this issue without secret ballots.

Is that correct, Mert?

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RETIRED CHIEF DYER: Yes.

PRESIDENT HALL: Now the floor is open for a motion on the wages for the Secretary.

CHIEF MICHAEL MOISE: (Providence, RI) Mr. President, I move that the salary for the Secretary be increased by \$2,000 and including Social Security benefits.

PRESIDENT HALL: Do we have a second to that motion?

CHIEF RUSSELL B. LACAILLADE: (Coventry, RI) I second that motion.

PRESIDENT HALL: There's a motion on the floor to make the Secretary's salary \$5,000 plus Social Security.

All those in favor signify by standing, please. Again I'll have the same two counters.

RETIRED CHIEF JAMES F. BRENNAN (Salem, MA) Would you mind stating that again? I think there's a great many members in the hall today that don't know what the salary is.

PRESIDENT HALL: O.K.

RETIRED CHIEF BRENNAN: Now, what is the present salary?

PRESIDENT HALL: What the current salary is?

RETIRED CHIEF BRENNAN: Yes, correct.

PRESIDENT HALL: The current salary of the Secretary's position is \$3,000. There would be a \$2,000 increase at this time.

RETIRED CHIEF BRENNAN: That's just for the one position of the Secretary-Treasurer, one?

CHIEF CHARLES FOSS: (Wolfeboro, NH) Does he pay his own Social Security out of that \$3,000?

PRESIDENT HALL: Yes, he pays his own Social Security out of that position.

RETIRED CHIEF BRENNAN: There are two positions here, Secretary and Treasurer and we are talking of the Secretary's position as of this moment?

PRESIDENT HALL: We're talking about the Secretary's position and the Secretary position only.

RETIRED CHIEF BRENNAN: Right, and that pays \$3,000 as of today?

PRESIDENT HALL: That's correct, that's correct. Is the question clear? Chief Brennan has asked for a clarification of the current wage for the Secretary's position and it is \$3,000 and out of that he pays his own Social Security out of that \$3,000 currently.

The motion on the floor is for the wage to be \$5,000 plus Social Security; is that correct?

CHIEF MOISE: Yes.

RETIRED CHIEF GERARD A. CARLE: (Dracut, MA) How much does the Social Security amount to?

CHIEF MARTIN J. JORDAN: (Bourne, MA) Currently under the old system before this past January, I was employed by the association and the auditing recommended we go to the same as a self-employed employee. At the time I was paying 7 percent and the association was paying 7. Now I pay 14 because I'm considered self-employed so I took a 7 percent reduction in my wages to be self-employed, which I think it's kind of ludicrous, but that's what happened. Social Security is 14 percent of the total.

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: The only question is that it is \$5,000 plus whatever that total amount comes to is what, \$700, \$770 actually.

CHIEF JORDAN: Whatever 14 percent is.

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: The total would be \$5,000 and including the taxes would be about \$5,500, \$5,600, \$5,700.

CHIEF OTIS WYATT, JR.: Mr. President, I hesitate to even, as a counter, but as a member of this organization, to get into this debate. I want to point out to you all that Social Security last year — and I am saying this solely because I do accounting and bookkeeping when — Social Security last year was 7.5 percent and 15.02 for the total thing as an employee of this organization and the Secretary paid like you, I



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and all of us pay Social Security and paid 7.51 percent of his pay of employee deduction and this organization matched it.

This year the proposal is that he will receive the increase and he pays the whole shebang. Now the reason for that is the employee tax laws that I am not familiar with in Massachusetts such as Workmen's Comp or insurance and things of that sort, and it was recommended by the auditors — from whatever source they got their information last year — that we are better off to have a self-employed Secretary to keep the organization from being involved in a lot of tax litigation, tax payments, form filing, and all that other jazz, than to continue the way we were.

Did I not state that correct?

CHIEF JORDAN: Correct.

CHIEF WYATT: So I want everyone to answer that he paid his Social Security in this year and the association matched it. You understand the new policy of him being self-employed that the new Social Security tax is 7.65 and the total is 15.3, but the self-employed person will not be 15.3, he will pay about 14.6 or 14.8, someplace in that neighborhood. I just wanted to clarify that so people knew where they were coming on those figures.

CHIEF JORDAN: What you said originally is true, the split was 7/7, but when we changed during this fiscal year, I picked up the additional 7 myself.

CHIEF WYATT: That is correct.

CHIEF JORDAN: Not the association, the association stopped paying the 7 and I paid 14 percent.

CHIEF WYATT: O.K.

PRESIDENT HALL: And the motion on the floor — Mike, would you rephrase it?

CHIEF MICHAEL MOISE: (Providence, RI) The motion is to increase the salary of the Secretary by \$2,000 plus Social Security.

PRESIDENT HALL: That's the motion on the floor.

CHIEF WYATT: I hear you.

PRESIDENT HALL: We are allowing you to be clarified. It's not the same thing.

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: The association is going to pay for the whole thing, the \$5,000 plus the taxes, right?

PRESIDENT HALL: That is the motion on the floor.

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: But if this passes, this is what he will receive, \$5,000 plus the taxes, right?

PRESIDENT HALL: That is the motion on the floor, yes.

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: For the total number of whatever, \$5,000 plus the 14.6 percent?

PRESIDENT HALL: Or whatever the Social Security number is.

Is everyone clear on the motion that is on the floor? We are still into discussion.

CHIEF JAMES E. PAUL: (Woodstock, VT) I'm a bit confused. I though I knew what was going on but I don't. If we can have it on the flip chart over there, the numbers we are looking at, it would make it a lot easier for us. As I understand it, we're asking to pay the Secretary \$5,000 plus 7.-some percent; is that correct?

PRESIDENT HALL: The way I understand it, the motion is that he is a self-employed person working for the association, O.K. It wouldn't be 7.-something, it would be closer to 15 percent. Is that correct, Otis?

CHIEF WYATT: The self-employment taxes and he has got to pay it, 14 plus.

PRESIDENT HALL: 14 plus so it would be \$5,000 plus 14 plus percent of that \$5,000. That is the motion on the floor.

CHIEF PAUL: So the association will be paying him.

PRESIDENT HALL: That's the motion on the floor, that's up to you.

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CHIEF PAUL: As I understand it, we'll be paying him \$5,750?

CHIEF WYATT: Give or take a little bit.

CHIEF PAUL: And he will pay the tax on that?

PRESIDENT HALL: Yes, that's correct.

CHIEF PAUL: So he will pay the tax on \$5,750, not on \$5,000?

CHIEF JORDAN: \$5,000.

CHIEF PAUL: If we're paying him \$5,750, that \$750 is not exempt from Social Security taxation, I don't believe. And when you do reach a certain point in your salary, whether it be — I haven't got this myself — and I think it's around \$55,000, you no longer pay the Social Security tax.

PRESIDENT HALL: I believe you are correct from what you say. Otis, can you?

CHIEF WYATT: I can't give you the figure off the top of my head, but it's somewhere around \$55,000, it's somewhere \$55,000 when his total salary from all income taxed for Social Security reaches \$55,000, the Social Security stops. It stops in Bourne or anywhere else once he gets to that total, he gets it back on his income tax.

PRESIDENT HALL: I think specifically, Otis, perhaps you or someone else, I believe the gentleman has asked if we pay him \$5,000 plus the \$700-plus, that would then be a tax on the \$5,750-plus, not \$5,000.

CHIEF WYATT: That's right. Everytime it goes up, it will continue to multiply exactly as that gentleman, correct.

PRESIDENT HALL: Correct.

CHIEF WYATT: That's based on the motion on the floor.

PRESIDENT HALL: The way the motion was stated, you're absolutely correct.

CHIEF MOISE: Can I amend that?

PRESIDENT HALL: It's up to you, Chief.

CHIEF MOISE: I amend the motion to increase it by \$2,000, period.

PRESIDENT HALL: The person who seconded the motion? So moved?

CHIEF RUSSELL B. LACAILLADE (Coventry, RI) Seconded.

PRESIDENT HALL: The motion now stands on the floor that the salary be increased by \$2,000, period. And that you understand that Chief Jordan does pay his own Social Security, the association does not pay the taxes for him. Are we clear on that issue?

Any further discussion?

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: When we vote on this, Mr. President, you are going to vote on the amendment first and the original motion?

PRESIDENT HALL: That's correct.

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: Or the amendment?

PRESIDENT HALL: We have to vote on the amendment.

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: Instead of withdrawing his original motion, it would be intact. Did you withdraw the first motion?

CHIEF MOISE: I withdrew the first motion and made a new one.

PRESIDENT HALL: I am going to ask for a clarification by my parliamentarian.

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: It was a properly-made motion. It was seconded. He can make an amendment to the motion. And as Chief Carle said, you would vote on the amendment and if that passes, you will vote on the original motion as amended. All right.

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: He withdrew the first motion and the second went along with the original.

He cannot withdraw his original.



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RETIRED CHIEF DYER: I don't think that's a proper procedure. Do it in the steps.

PRESIDENT HALL: I am going to rule that we will vote on the amendment, based on my parliamentarian's decision. Please, gentlemen, if we could have a show of hands of those in favor of the amendment as made by Chief Moise and seconded by the gentleman in the back of the room. Just the amendment only.

FROM THE FLOOR: A \$2,000 raise.

PRESIDENT HALL: Period, without talking about any tax dollars being in addition to.

Do we understand the amendment? The amendment on the floor is to change the \$2,000 plus paying the taxes to just \$2,000, period. That's as simple as I can state it.

All those in favor of the amendment?

(75 people raised their hands.)

Those opposed to the amendment?

(Eight people raised their hands.)

(The amendment to the motion carried.)

Gentlemen, is there any further discussion on the motion then as amended?

Sensing none, I would ask you for all those in favor of the amendment so the counters have an easier time counting, if you would stand if you are in favor of the motion as stated as amended for an increase from \$3,000 a year to \$5,000 a year for the Secretary of the association, all those in favor, please stand.

(90 people stood.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Gentlemen, I ask those who oppose the motion, please stand.

(Six people stood.)

PRESIDENT HALL: The motion passes, 90 to 6.

Moving on. The second item of business then is to set the salary of the Treasurer for the coming year.

CHIEF MICHAEL MOISE: (Providence, RI) I move that the salary of the Treasurer be increased by \$2,000.

RETIRED CHIEF JAMES F. BRENNAN: (Salem, MA) I second the motion.

PRESIDENT HALL: The motion has been made by Chief Moise and seconded by Chief Brennan, that the salary for Treasurer for the ensuing year be increased by \$2,000.

That's from \$3,000 to \$5,000; correct?

CHIEF JORDAN: Right.

PRESIDENT HALL: Any discussion?

Sensing no discussion, is there any discussion? I don't want to cut anybody off.

Sensing no discussion, would those in favor of the motion as stated please stand?

(76 people stood.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Those opposed to the motion?

(Six people stood.)

76 to 6, the motion passes.

The next item of business is to set the salary of the Exhibit Chairman. The current salary of the Exhibit Chairman is \$1,000.

CHIEF JAMES N. RUSSO: (Hull, MA) I move that the Exhibitors' Chairman salary be set at \$2,000.

CHIEF GERALD P. LANDRY: (Woonsocket, RI) I'll second that.

FROM THE FLOOR: Second.



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PRESIDENT HALL: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion?

Chief Carle.

RETIRED CHIEF GERARD A. CARLE: (Dracut, MA) I move to amend the motion to raise the Exhibitor Chairman's salary to \$5,000.

He's bringing in all the money to the association as well as the Secretary and he's deserving it because he's doing all the legwork with his Committee so I amend that to raise it to \$5,000.

FROM THE FLOOR: I second that.

PRESIDENT HALL: The motion has been amended to \$5,000.

FROM THE FLOOR: Make it 10.

PRESIDENT HALL: Is there any discussion.

FROM THE FLOOR: How do you get on one of these committees?

(Laughter.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Would all those in favor of the amendment please stand?

FROM THE FLOOR: What is the amendment?

PRESIDENT HALL: The amendment is to raise the Chairman's position to \$5,000.

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: Charlie, you don't work hard enough.

(7 people stood.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Those opposed to the amendment?

(Some people stand.)

CHIEF WYATT: I don't think you need a count. If you want I will.

PRESIDENT HALL: It's obvious that the amendment was defeated.

Sensing that you are ready for the motion, the motion was to raise the salary for the chairman to \$2,000 from \$1,000. All those in favor, please stand.

(88 people stood.)

Those opposed to the motion?

(One person stood.)

PRESIDENT HALL: 88 to one.

(The motion carried.)

If I can have your attention, we will move on to a discussion of the site for 1993. Mr. Secretary.

CHIEF JORDAN: The spring meeting of the Board of Directors voted that the 1993 site location will be the Sheraton Sturbridge.

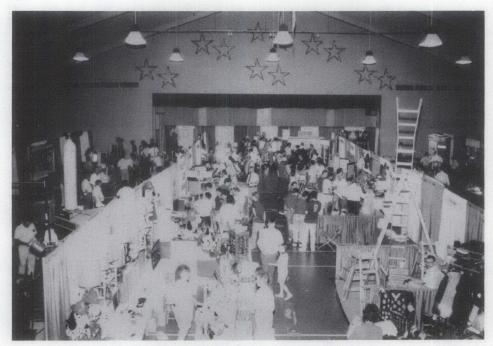
PRESIDENT HALL: Is there any question or discussion on that? I think if the feeling of the board was that the programs were going so well here in Sturbridge that we would stay for an additional year. So if you do have input, please speak to your directors for the 1994 session as you need to be talking about that now.

CHIEF JORDAN: It should also be noted that there was a unanimous vote of the vendors to stay at this facility also.

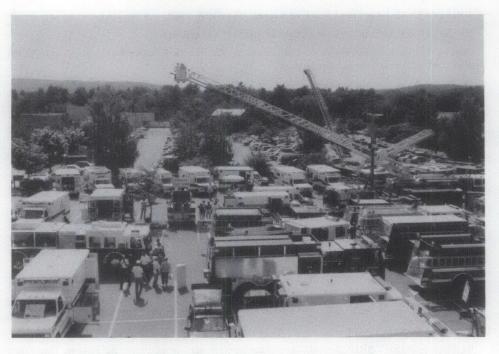
PRESIDENT HALL: That's correct.

Unfinished business. Chief Carle.

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: I would like to hear from the parliamentarian of the by-laws. The thing a few years ago I thought was said as well, a few years ago was that where the situation is incorporated in Massachusetts and it's a Massachusetts corporation, but does the Secretary-Treasurer have to come from Massachusetts even though the corporation is incorporated in Massachusetts? We've always been told it



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had to be in Massachusetts for the Secretary-Treasurer. And the whole thing, just for clarification. I don't have problems with anybody, but just to clarify that point. There have been a lot of discussions so I know the parliamentarian Chief Dyer —

PRESIDENT HALL: Chief Dyer, would you care to comment, please?

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: Yes, in my interpretation — I don't know the Massachusetts laws — but a corporation incorporated, say, in New Hampshire would have to have a Clerk as a resident of the state and you probably would have to have a clerk, a lawyer or somebody a resident of Massachusetts to handle the legal paperwork.

But my interpretation is the Secretary and/or the Treasurer or both could come from any state in New England, but you would probably have to have a resident clerk within the State of Massachusetts. I think maybe Jim Brennan —

RETIRED CHIEF JAMES F. BRENNAN: (Salem, MA) That's correct. The clerk has to be a resident of Massachusetts. The Secretary-Treasurer is serving as the president of the corporation in this particular instance.

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: That's my particular interpretation. They don't have to be.

PRESIDENT HALL: What you are saying is there was a change we would have to have?

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: If you should elect a Secretary-Treasurer from some other state, you would have to appoint somebody within the State of Massachusetts to act as your clerk and file the papers with the Secretary of State and so forth. And there would be a fee involved in that, but the person would not have anything to do, for instance, with registration, the minutes of the meeting or anything like that.

PRESIDENT HALL: Any further unfinished business or questions? Does anyone else care to comment on that particular issue? Are there any members of the vendors association, officers from the vendors association that would like to comment at this time?

Seeing none, I guess we will wait for the fall meeting.

No other unfinished business.

RETIRED CHIEF LAWRENCE LAMSON: (Hamilton, MA) Mr. President, did we act on the site for 1993?

PRESIDENT HALL: We didn't act on it simply because the by-laws state that the Board of Directors will choose the site.

I would entertain a motion that you support the directors if you would care to make that motion.

RETIRED CHIEF LAMSON: I so make that motion to vindicate the decision of the Board of Directors for 1993.

CHIEF DENNIS NEWMAN: (Sandwich, MA) Seconded.

PRESIDENT HALL: Made and seconded that the Board of Directors have the 1993 Conference here in Sturbridge. All in favor signify by saying Aye.

(Aye.)

CHIEF JORDAN: No.

Counter minded? A unanimous vote. Thank you very much for your support for your Directors.

Again I will announce any unfinished business? If not, we will move onto new business. New business.

DEPUTY CHIEF EDGAR DUPONT: (Manville, RI) May I ask a question as a Deputy Chief? PRESIDENT HALL: Yes, you may.

DEPUTY CHIEF DUPONT: What rights do I have being in the meeting? Can I vote on anything?

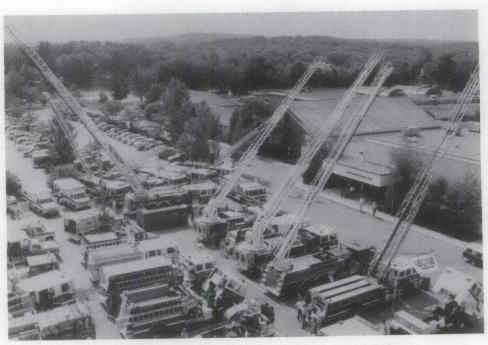
DEPUTY CHIEF DUPONT: As a dues-paying member, why can't I vote?

PRESIDENT HALL: We'll read the by-law as stated at this time.

CHIEF JORDAN: Section 3 of Article V: "Associate life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership in accordance except the right to vote as otherwise provided in these by-laws."



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DEPUTY CHIEF DUPONT: Why can't I vote, for what particular reason? I don't have a copy of that and that's why I don't know what your by-laws are. I don't know if I can even attend the meeting, that's what I am trying to find out.

PRESIDENT HALL: Yes, you can attend the meeting. The by-law, the only answer that I have for you is the way the by-laws are written, they would have to be amended to allow you. As a Deputy Chief you are considered an associate member and you have all the rights and privileges, except for the right to vote, O.K.? That would have to be amended to change that if that was what the body wishes.

DEPUTY CHIEF DUPONT: Isn't that kind of archaic in today's society? I am only asking the question. You guys don't have to get hostile.

PRESIDENT HALL: I don't believe anyone is getting hostile. What I am saying is it would have to be a proposed amendment. It would have to go through all the proper channels and be voted on by the body. That's the problem that you are facing.

DEPUTY CHIEF DUPONT: That's the only problem I am asking. The fact that if for some odd reason the Chief can't attend, who is representing the Chief that can't attend the meeting. The guy is in the hospital. Who attends to represent any of the Chiefs who are here? Usually the Deputy Chief. He can run the department yet he hasn't the right to vote. I think it is wrong. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HALL: Thank you.

FROM THE FLOOR: Read that again, life members can't vote?

PRESIDENT HALL: That's not what I said.

CHIEF JORDAN: Section 3 says -

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: Life member.

CHIEF JORDAN: Honorary life members, life members, that section where you pay \$100 and you are an honorary life as a retiree. O.K.

PRESIDENT HALL: Is everyone clear on that? The retired chiefs who are honorary life members do have voting privileges. Life members who have become life members by paying the \$100 fee do not have the right to vote. That's the way the by-laws are written.

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: Apparently this gentleman, whoever proposed the gentleman to join the association, the Deputy Chief, which there are many others that do belong, was not informed properly that deputy chiefs do not have a vote in this association. They can participate and everything else so it is unfortunate when he joined that he wasn't told of this or whoever sponsored you.

DEPUTY CHIEF DUPONT: If the Chief cannot attend the association because of whatever type of reason, the Deputy Chief comes in -

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: We have 1100 members. If you have 960 active honorary life member chiefs, all right, one chief has not shown up won't matter anything so he just gives his vote away, he doesn't show or if he decides to leave yesterday. So that's about the size of it, unfortunately.

CHIEF JORDAN: Every member that joins the organization receives a copy of the by-laws.

DEPUTY CHIEF DUPONT: I haven't seen it.

PRESIDENT HALL: If you haven't a copy of the by-laws, please feel free to contact Secretary Jordan and get a copy. Through the democratic process, if you feel the by-laws need to be changed that can be you the obstacle that you are up against. I'm sure, Chief, O.K., understand, I'm not trying to say anything different but that is the by-law, O.K. and it was made up by the group that you see here in front of you long before us. Right.

Moving on, any other new business? Yes, Chief.

CHIEF JOHN P. JENKINS: (West Barnstable, MA) I'm surprised that Chief Grote hasn't brought this up, but both at the Memorial Service and this meeting, the American flag sits lower than the state flags. Let's not have this happen again. If we have to get a case, a milk case and put it up on a case.

(Applause.)



Retired Chief Edward Creighton entertains with the Monday night entertainment Jack "D" Johns. The entire hall walked out when he played!



Cardinal Chief James Grote 99 years old performs to the delight of the crowd.

CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL JAMES L. GROTE: (Chester, CT) I didn't come here as a trouble maker. I want to keep things straight.

(President Hall placed the American flag higher than the state flags.)

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Thank you. We have apparently had a problem with that and as President I will apologize. I don't think it's been anyone's fault. We did have a fault with not having a block in one particular room to set it on. There is a block back here and I set it up. It's been a question of not having the equipment and we will make sure we try or I am sure the president next year will make sure that doesn't happen. Won't you, Bill? Or actually Chief Wyatt will make sure it doesn't happen.

CHIEF WYATT: I will do my best. One staff is shorter than the other.

I will also caution Chief Jenkins and Father Foley as did Jim Grote, we went and had a very nice Memorial Service on Saturday but it was brought to my attention afterwards that our flags and the American flag blocked out the church flag. When you go to a church, that basically is not one of the things you do.

So I will make it a point next year to make sure the church flag, particularly for the host who is supplying our facilities and making it all possible, has a proper place in regards to that.

PRESIDENT HALL: I would just make one comment as the outgoing President and I can say this because I am the outgoing president. This Board of Directors that you see in front of you, the Directors that I have been with in the past, and some of them are sitting out there, are always very, very interested in what you gentlemen have to say. There is at times controversy, there is at times a difference of opinion, but your Board of Directors do listen to what their state people say to them and they do bring it to their attention. Sometimes we win and sometimes we lose and that's what happens in a democratic association.

Thanks to Jim Grote we are reminded to remember God and country and thank God for that.

So I would like to thank each and every one of you for the manner in which you have handled yourself as gentlemen over the controversial parts of our conference. The conference has been well-attended and has been excellent and I am real proud to be the President for one year. But it's very little that the president has to do with the running of the conference, it's you guys who do and I am real proud of each and every one of you and of your individual departments and the deputy chiefs that certainly have a major role back there. It is not a put down. You don't have voting rights, it's the way the voting rights were put down. We need to move together to move ahead. Thank you very much.

Moving right along, no further new business.

Father Foley.

REVEREND FOLEY: A clergyman can't pass up a good audience to say a few words and then pass the collection plate, please.

There's one thing I would like to speak about seriously. When you came into the hotel on Saturday afternoon to register, no place did it say: We're having a Memorial Service, but a big enough sign, we sure could see signs: There will be hospitality in this room and that room. And the first impression of the New England Fire Chiefs was, "Well, they certainly know where the holy water is." I've heard a few people in the organization say what they come here for so I submit that to you for your consideration. There's nothing wrong with the hospitality room for myself as I just go to bless them of course.

(Laughter.)

And on a serious note, perhaps we can give equal space that there is a Mass at 6 o'clock and a Memorial Service at 8:30. I realize it is publicized, well-publicized, Martin, thank you, in our literature, but I think it would make a good impression and a good reminder coming in there. The vendors came both to the Mass and the Memorial Service. I think that is good. I think we should come for no other reason of the bottom line, but for no other reason that your name and my name are going to be read off. Let's honor those who are being read off while we are still alive and remember them as they should be remembered.

And again, thank you for putting the Memorial Service back in a proper setting and not in a smoke-filled hall. Thank you and bless you.

(Applause.)



A very attentive ladies group watches the Make Over demonstration and scarve tying.



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Ist Row (L-R): 1st VP Wendall Mansfield, Stow, VT., Pres. William Healey,
Milford, CT., Martin J. Jordan, Bourne, MA, Sec.-Treas. Kenneth Wagner,
Cumberland, ME 2nd V-P.

2nd Row (L-R): Directors: Don Centracchio, W. Warwick, RI, Robert Nunes, Chicopee, MA, Edward Haber, Berlin, CT, Donald Bliss, Salem, NH, Sydney Thurston, Waterbury Center, VT, Carl Winslow, Yarmouth, ME.

PRESIDENT HALL: Thank you, Father Foley, and we all would like to thank you. Would you do me the honor of introducing our new chaplain to those members who weren't present at the Memorial Service?

REVEREND FOLEY: The new kid on the truck is Charlie Chalk from Merrimack, New Hampshire.

(Reverend Charles L. Chalk stood.)

(Applause.)

REVEREND FOLEY: I give you my word, Mr. President, Reverend Chalk will be properly indoctrinated so at the end of the year you will have two Catholic chaplains.

(Laughter.)

PRESIDENT HALL: You have set a big chore for yourself, Father.

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: Mr. President, before you close, that is not new business.

CHIEF JORDAN: We are not there yet.

PRESIDENT HALL: We are not there yet.

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: I will wait then.

PRESIDENT HALL: We are moving into the new business, Mr. Secretary.

CHIEF JORDAN: It gives us pleasure as we want to go over the items that will be discussed at the banquet for those who won't be attending.

As you know, Gerry Landry last year put forth an idea of establishing a scholarship and it was voted and it was put in the name of our most senior organization member, Chief Grote. We went through the process and we received applications. We filled out and sent back incredible applications from sons, daughters, and granddaughters. It was a real difficult time that the Board of Directors and the officers had in determining two. For the two recipients we appropriated \$1,500 and \$750 for the scholarship. One is Nancy Emerson. Her father is Edward Emerson from Ipswich. Is he here? He'll be here this evening at the banquet. And Michelle Provost from Connecticut. Two very deserving individuals of our first of many James L. Grote Scholarships and I want to introduce those.

(Applause.)

I think that deserves applause.

Other items, we had our own booth for the first time with a lot of salable items and we sold everything, gone. So I guess that was a hit.

Did you like those types of items? Do you want the same thing brought back with more items? If you do, we will and if you don't, we don't. We had several dozen baseball caps and everything was gone. I think you would like to continue it.

Very important, with 1288 members of the organization is the addresses with quite a few that we average about 40 a year that retire and mostly forget to change the address with the association. It's not a priority as we meet once a year. I either get it back in the mail or the new chief throws it away. And I get an awful lot of phone calls, "I didn't get it." "I didn't get it." "I didn't get it." They all went out and the Post Office counts them on bulk mailing. Please put us up there with Life magazine subscription changes. Let us know when you change address with a Post Office Box and everything so you make sure to get your mailings.

Things that may change. The Red Book, this is the last year that the current vendor, who has been doing the Red Book as far back as anybody can think, he's decided to retire. Our Red Book was his only source of income and his only occupation. He did it very well and you could see John Wholey with his ads every year. He is retired and no longer doing our book, not that he didn't want to, but the end has come and we will have to go out for a search for a vendor to do this book and to look for quality. All of you who have organizations that perform books in-house, you know there is a flimflam, and we want to make sure nobody uses our name that shouldn't. Hopefully the Red Book format will stay the same, but it is now going to change after many years.

I just want to ask Jim is it Wholey who did the Red Book?



Nancy Emerson & Michelle Provost
Recipients of the First Chief James L. Grote Scholarship instituted by Past Pres.
Chief Gerald Landry (C) 1988-1989.



Amelia Jordan (C) presents Marion Healey (L) and Elaine Hall (R) with bouquets of roses at the Annual Banquet.

RETIRED CHIEF BRENNAN: Yes, prior to him it was Quinlan's, they have a publishing company in Boston.

CHIEF JORDAN: Do they still exist?

RETIRED CHIEF BRENNAN: Yes. I think they printed Chief Stapleton's book.

FROM THE FLOOR: They went bankrupt.

(Laughter.)

FROM THE FLOOR: They went Chapter 11.

CHIEF JORDAN: That let's that out. So I think we will have to advertise for bids for that.

You will get one more Red Book from the existing contractor and we will keep you informed of that.

RETIRED CHIEF LAMSON: Who puts out the book for the New England Division?

CHIEF JORDAN: No idea.

RETIRED CHIEF BRENNAN: That's similar, although smaller.

CHIEF JORDAN: We will go out to bid.

PRESIDENT HALL: Chief Reardon, do you have a name? The question was, was there a publisher for the New England Division book that might be interested?

CHIEF REARDON: We have one person who may be, but I think we ought to follow-up before we make that decision. They are hard to find. I am not real pleased with the one we have. I'd like to find someone else.

PRESIDENT HALL: I guess you are saying the one you have used wouldn't be a good one to look at.

CHIEF REARDON: Better than nothing.

CHIEF JORDAN: The theme night was attended by 330 chiefs, vendors, and so forth. I'm looking for suggestions on what you would like for next year's theme night. Again, ideas, it's not a one-man organization. We have the input of a few people. Does anyone have any ideas that would be a worthwhile theme for next year?

FROM THE FLOOR: Are you going to do a questionnaire again?

CHIEF JORDAN: I have about 400 or 500 questionnaires with a lot of information that will last for a while. They want activities and we are now looking for ideas of what type of activities.

As far as the theme night, we know next year on Saturday during the day we are going to have a golf tournament to start off and probably the first New England Fire Chiefs Tournament to take part of your day while the vendors are attending. And we have a lot of requests for golf and that was a good part of where it would fit in on Saturday morning. So look for that in your program.

CHIEF DENNIS NEWMAN: (Sandwich, MA) How about a clambake?

CHIEF JORDAN: I started to stay away from that as it's big bucks, it's \$30 a person for their cost.

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: How about an Oktoberfest?

CHIEF WILLIAM R. HYDE: (Swampscott, MA) I would like to make a comment. Maybe some of you heard it, I know I did, and I don't know if Charlie, but it was a wonderful affair, no doubt about it, but I think some of us got more food than others. I think it was a matter of when people saw the food there, some of them got up there more quickly. In fact someone said all he did was stand where the girls were handing out the trays and they got more. And a chief said, "I haven't got anything to eat," and he had just arrived. And you may want to think and keep that in mind.

CHIEF JORDAN: We thought the serving line was way too long so we would take care of that. There was food left over that people didn't eat. We had two whole sides of roast beef and a half was left and nobody ate that. So we did run out of cheese and we should have one more cheese tray, but there was more food that we didn't eat.

PRESIDENT HALL: I would like to comment. The program people went on a little bit last year and the Program Committee talked about that we were hiring professionals to bring in speakers for us and that



Sec.-Treas. Martin J. Jordan presents outgoing Pres. Charles Q. Hall with the Firefighters Trumpet.



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was working real well. But there was a lot of talk about cost savings and if the chiefs worked a little bit harder and got the speakers themselves. That did happen this year and the seminars were well-attended. The speakers were excellent and they were all obtained without going through a professional organization. So I would say that the cost was kept down and the seminars were very well-attended and very good.

And so I think we need to applaud the Program Committee for the work they did without having to go through paying a professional organization for bringing our speakers in for us.

(Applause.)

I would like to say that yesterday was my birthday and the party, that platter put on last night, not knowing it was anybody's birthday. I think both Bill and I share a close relationship on our birthdays and the group that they brought in for entertainment last night, those of you who were there, what did you think about them?

(Applause.)

FROM THE FLOOR: All but one.

PRESIDENT HALL: All but one. His nibs.

(Applause.)

CHIEF JORDAN: We will hire him as a solo.

PRESIDENT HALL: Poor Ed, it was the first time in all the years I have been going to conferences that everyone walked out when Ed got up.

CHIEF EDWARD CREIGHTON: (Marblehead, MA) I never knew it was 500 plus the band.

PRESIDENT HALL: He doesn't know to this day who set it up either.

PRESIDENT HALL: Election of officers. Office of the President.

CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL JAMES L. GROTE: (Chester, CT) Mr. President, would it be in order, I have a few little remarks. You want me to say it now or wait until the banquet? You are a gentleman and a scholar. Can you all hear me?

FROM THE FLOOR: No.

CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL GROTE: It is a great privilege and with the help of the almighty God —

FROM THE FLOOR: I can't hear you.

CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL GROTE: You can hear me.

PRESIDENT HALL: Hold the mike.

CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL GROTE: You can't dare me. They dared me the other night to put one of those skirts on and do the hula dance, but I got out there.

(Applause.)

What I want to say is this. I am looking back at a New Year's and I am asking myself where and how the time has passed on. I'm very grateful to the almighty God. As you know, I am privileged and proud of it, but this is my 68th year and I am your past President and Director and when I look around I'll say, "Someone has left me behind," but the almighty God does things His own way.

And what I am trying to get at is 23 years ago I was your President and one particular individual from my own state and another individual was from Maine. I have to bring up the places, and my good friend from Maine, but I won't give the names because they have both passed on and Lord have mercy on their souls. And 23 years ago they said, "Why don't old Grote close the book and call it quits!" It's true, I had 50 years on my belt at the time, but with the help of the almighty God, I am here at this 68th convention.

With all due respect to the staff and the service, I am proud to be able to also nominate two men from Connecticut because my great wealth in all my life has always been the audience before me and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. So far so good. May God watch over us until we meet again.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Nominations for the office of the President.

I thought that's what you were going to do. You fooled me.

CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL GROTE: My name is and I have the title Chief Fire Marshal James L. Grote, from Chester, Connecticut. If some of you don't know where that place is, it's the place where God made, preserved, and watches over it.

It is with great pleasure to nominate not only an outstanding individual, a very dedicated man, a respectable man that will make us one of our great Presidents — and we've had some good ones that have passed on and many to follow. The man I am going to nominate is a very dear and very sincere prince of men. And most of us know who he is, but you will find out when he is in office and that's Chief William Healey of Milford, Connecticut.

PRESIDENT HALL: Do I hear a second to that motion?

CHIEF CHARLES F. SCHEER: (Kensington, CT) I wish to second the nomination for Bill Healey.

PRESIDENT HALL: We have a motion and a second for Chief Healey from Milford, Connecticut, for the office of President. Shall there be any other nominations?

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: I move nominations be closed and the Secretary place one ballot by the Secretary for Chief Healey.

RETIRED CHIEF JAMES F. BRENNAN: (Salem, MA) Second.

PRESIDENT HALL: Motion made and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

(Aye.)

Opposed?

(The motion carried.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Mr. Secretary, you are so instructed.

Congratulations, Bill Healey.

(Applause.)

CHIEF WILLIAM A. HEALEY: (Milford, CT) Gentlemen, the people from Connecticut know I am not much at speech-making so I just want to thank all the men for the faith that they had in nominating me through the Directors, through the chairs, and now the President. I hope to carry on the duties of many past Presidents who are still very active in supporting this organization and hope I do half as good as they did. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HALL: The office of the First Vice President. Nominations?

RETIRED CHIEF EDWARD HADDAD: (Bennington, VT) I would like to make the nomination for First Vice President of Wendall Mansfield.

PRESIDENT HALL: The name of Wendall Mansfield. Is there a second?

CHIEF ERNEST FLANDERS: (Montpelier, VT) I would like to second that nomination.

PRESIDENT HALL: Motion has been made and seconded for Chief Wendall Mansfield for First Vice President.

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

CHIEF CHARLES FOSS: (Wolfeboro, NH) I would like to make a motion to cast one ballot, that the Secretary cast one ballot for the Chief.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR.: (Narragansett, RI) I second that motion.

PRESIDENT HALL: A motion has been made and seconded that nominations cease and the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot in the name of Wendall Mansfield for First Vice President.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

(Aye.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Counterminded? The motion passed. Mr. Secretary, you are instructed.

CHIEF WENDALL M. MANSFIELD: (Stowe, VT) Thank you very much. I enjoy working on the Exhibits Committee and I enjoy being in the Fire Chiefs Association. I will try to do the best.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Now the office of Second Vice President.

CHIEF ROBERT BUTTERS: (Norway, ME) I would like to nominate a gentleman farmer from up there in the sticks, Chief Kenneth Wagner for Second Vice President.

CHIEF JAMES F. FULMAN: (Westbrook, ME) I would like to second that motion.

PRESIDENT HALL: Motion has been made and seconded in the name of Kenneth Wagner for Second Vice President.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR.: (Narragansett, RI) I move that the nominations be closed and the Secretary cast one ballot.

CHIEF WILLIAM R. HYDE: (Swampscott, MA) I second that.

PRESIDENT HALL: Motion has been made and seconded to close nominations for the Second Vice President of the association.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

(Aye.)

Opposed?

(The motion carried.)

CHIEF KENNETH WAGNER: (Cumberland, ME) I appreciate very much your confidence in me in nominating me to this position and I will sure do the best I can. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HALL: We know Ken's a fighter and he will be back here with us next year and he will do a heck of a job. Thank you, Ken.

The office of Secretary-Treasurer.

RETIRED CHIEF JAMES F. BRENNAN: (Salem, MA) Mr. President, If I may, it's two separate positions.

PRESIDENT HALL: We will take them separately. The office of Secretary.

RETIRED CHIEF GERARD A. CARLE: (Dracut, MA) Mr. President, I move we nominate Marty Jordan for the Secretary's position.

RETIRED CHIEF JAMES F. BRENNAN: (Salem, MA) Second.

PRESIDENT HALL: Motion has been made and seconded for Chief Jordan for Secretary of the association.

Are there any other nominations?

RETIRED CHIEF GERARD A. CARLE: (Dracut, MA) I move the nominations cease and the President cast the ballot.

CHIEF CHARLES FOSS: (Wolfeboro, NH) I second that motion.

PRESIDENT HALL: No other nominations?

And the President casts one ballot for Martin Jordan for Secretary for the ensuing year of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. All those signify by saying Aye on the motion.

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(The motion carried.)

PRESIDENT HALL: And congratulations, Marty.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HALL: The office of Treasurer.

CHIEF JOHN P. JENKINS: (West Barnstable, MA) I nominate Chief Jordan for the office of Treasurer for next year.

CHIEF DENNIS NEWMAN: (Sandwich, MA) Seconded.

PRESIDENT HALL: Motion made and seconded for Chief Jordan for the Treasurer's position for the ensuing year.

Are there any other nominations?

CHIEF MICHAEL MOISE: (Providence, RI) I move that nominations be closed and the President cast one ballot.

RETIRED CHIEF JOHN B. ROGERS: (Middleboro, MA) seconded.

PRESIDENT HALL: The motion has been made and seconded that nominations cease and the President cast one ballot for Martin Jordan for Treasurer for the ensuing year.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

(Aye.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Those that may be counterminded?

The motion passes unanimously.

And congratulations again.

(Applause.)

CHIEF MARTIN J. JORDAN: (Bourne, MA) I would like to thank the body for the honor to serve you again. I enjoy this position, I enjoy doing the work for you, and even though I don't get to attend a lot of the events, I think I get far more enjoyment out of watching the expressions on your faces of the enjoyment you receive from this conference. I look forward to serving you another year. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HALL: And now the State Directors. The Director from Vermont.

RETIRED CHIEF EDWARD HADDAD: (Bennington, VT) From our caucus, we have the pleasure of asking the name of Sid Thurston to be the Director for the State of Vermont.

CHIEF ERNEST FLANDERS: (Montpelier, VT) I would like to second that nomination of Sid Thurston for the Director from Vermont.

PRESIDENT HALL: Are there any other nominations?

CHIEF CHARLES FOSS: (Wolfeboro, NH) I move that nominations cease and the Secretary cast the ballot.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR.: (Narragansett, RI) I will second that motion.

PRESIDENT HALL: The motion has been made and seconded that nominations cease and the Secretary cast one ballot at the same time for Sidney Thurston as the Director from Vermont.

All those in favor signify.

(Aye.)

Counterminded?

The motion passed unanimously.

(Applause.)

Sid, where are you?

CHIEF SIDNEY F. THURSTON: (Waterbury Center, VT) Thank you. I'll try my best.

PRESIDENT HALL: Thank you, Sid. We know that's going to be real good.

FROM THE FLOOR: Not good enough, Sid!

(Laughter.)

PRESIDENT HALL: You are going to have to work on your jokes a little more so you can get up and tell a few here.

Maine.

CHIEF KENNETH WAGNER: (Cumberland, ME) It is my pleasure to nominate as the Director for the State of Maine, Chief Carl Winslow from Yarmouth.

PRESIDENT HALL: Chief Carl Winslow has been nominated as the Director from Maine.

CHIEF DENNIS NEWMAN: (Sandwich, MA) I would second that.

PRESIDENT HALL: Motion has been made and seconded in the name of Chief Carl Winslow from Maine.

Are there any other nominations?

FROM THE FLOOR: I move nominations be closed and the Secretary cast one ballot.

CHIEF DENNIS NEWMAN: (Sandwich, MA) Seconded.

PRESIDENT HALL: On the motions and seconds, if you would speak up so we can have a clear record of our meeting just so everybody hears it.

The motion has been made and seconded that nominations cease and that the Secretary cast one ballot for Carl Winslow from Yarmouth, Maine.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

The motion passes unanimously.

(Applause.)

Carl, where are you?

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW: (Yarmouth, ME) Following the gentleman from Cumberland is going to be tough, but I will do the best I can.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Massachusetts.

RETIRED CHIEF HOMER R. DUBOIS: (Ludlow, MA) I would like to nominate my stepson from Chicopee, Robert Nunes.

CHIEF RAYMOND M. SULLIVAN: (Springfield, MA) Seconded.

PRESIDENT HALL: Motion has been made and seconded for Hoss Cartwright, excuse me, I'm sorry, Chief Robert Nunes to be the representative from Massachusetts.

Are there any other nominations?

RETIRED CHIEF GERARD A. CARLE: (Dracut, MA) I move the nominations cease and the Secretary cast one ballot.

RETIRED CHIEF LAWRENCE LAMSON: (Hamilton, MA) Seconded.

PRESIDENT HALL: Motion has been made and seconded that the Secretary cast one ballot in the name of Chief Nunes for the Director from Massachusetts.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(The motion carried.)

And Chief Nunes, are you capable of saying a few words?

CHIEF ROBERT NUNES: (Chicopee, MA) I got a sore throat, but thank you.

(Laughter.)

And I will behave this year.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HALL: I got to tell you that Chief Nunes is one of the few guys you can pick on a little bit and he can come back the next day and shake your hand.

CHIEF RUSSELL B. LACAILLADE: (Coventry, RI) Mr. President, I would like to nominate Don Centracchio from Central Falls as the Director of Rhode Island.

CHIEF GERALD P. LANDRY: (Woonsocket, RI) I would like to second that.

PRESIDENT HALL: The name of Don Centracchio has been placed in nomination.

Are there any other nominations?

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR.: (Narragansett, RI) I move that nominations be closed and the Secretary cast one ballot for Don Centracchio of West Warwick.

PRESIDENT HALL: Is there a second to that?

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY: (West Springfield, MA) Seconded.

PRESIDENT HALL: Gentlemen, if I could just remind you that the secretary up here is trying to type this and she really needs to hear your name so speak up loud and clear. Just make believe you are yelling at a union meeting. O.K.

The motion has been made and seconded for Don Centracchio to be the representative from Rhode Island.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

(Aye.)

Opposed?

(The motion carried.)

You can't get out of it now, Donald.

(Applause.)

CHIEF DON CENTRACCHIO: (West Warwick, RI) I hope it's going to be easier through the year than it was getting in, but I thank the membership and I thank the Rhode Island delegation and I look forward to the challenge. Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHIEF ROBERT NUNES: His first challenge is getting his uniform on tonight.

PRESIDENT HALL: Chief, you are going to have to put in your budget for a new uniform though.

CHIEF CENTRACCHIO: Yes.

FROM THE FLOOR: Look whose talking!

PRESIDENT HALL: New Hampshire.

CHIEF GEORGE W. MOYNAHAN: (Rye, NH) Mr. President, I would like to nominate Donald Bliss of Salem for the representative from New Hampshire.

CHIEF FROM SOUTHAMPTON: Seconded.

CHIEF CHARLES FOSS: (Wolfeboro, NH) I move the nominations cease and the Secretary cast one ballot for Donald Bliss.

PRESIDENT HALL: Is there a second to that motion?

RETIRED CHIEF GERARD A. GARLE: (Dracut, MA) I second the motion.

PRESIDENT HALL: Motion has been moved and seconded that the name of Chief Bliss from Salem, New Hampshire be entered as a Director from New Hampshire and the Secretary casts one ballot.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(The motion carried.)

Chief Bliss.

CHIEF DONALD P. BLISS: (Salem, NH) I just want to thank you all.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Connecticut.

CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL JAMES L. GROTE: (Chester, CT) Once again, we're not going to change the alphabet, but I remember the year that I made it as a Director that C came up first, A, B, C, D, and so on. Now we are at the bottom of the list. We are pioneers. We love you because we are part of New England and I'm proud to be here to say that I love each and every one of you and God watch over you until we meet again.

And it gives me great pleasure and a privilege to nominate my good friend and very close neighbor, Chief Edward Haber from Berlin, Connecticut, an outstanding individual that you will be proud that he is a Director of this association.

My name is Chief Fire Marshal James L. Grote from Chester, Connecticut. Can you hear me?

FROM THE FLOOR: Yes.

CHIEF ROBERT NUNES: Where is Chester?

RETIRED CHIEF CHARLES F. SCHEER: (Kensington, CT) I wish to second the nomination of Ed Haber.

PRESIDENT HALL: The name of Chief Haber has been placed in nomination.

Are there any other nominations:

FROM THE FLOOR: I make a motion the nominations be closed and the Secretary cast one ballot for Ed Haber.

FROM THE FLOOR: Seconded.

PRESIDENT HALL: The motion has been made and seconded that the Secretary cast one ballot in the name of Ed Haber for the Director from the great State of Connecticut.

Are there any other nominations?

All those in favor please signify by saying Aye.

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

The motion passes unanimously.

CHIEF EDWARD HABER: (Berlin, CT) First of all, I'd like to thank my grandfather Jim for nominating me.

Secondly, I would like to thank the entire State of Connecticut and the Fire Chiefs Association for their support and also the support of all the officers of the New England Association.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Traditionally the Sergeant-at-Arms is appointed by the President. So Bill, would you name your —

CHIEF WILLIAM A. HEALEY: (Milford, CT) Otis Wyatt says he is not retiring until after July 1st so the Sergeant-at-Arms next year will be Otis Wyatt of Narragansett, Rhode Island.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HALL: For those of you who don't know, that's the guy who does all the work.

Tonight at the annual banquet all of the officers that you have just voted in will be sworn in. And I will turn it over to Chief Healey.

PRESIDENT-ELECT HEALEY: Charlie, at this time it's my official duty as the new President of the Association to present you with your Past President of New England Division Association badge and hope you wear it with pride.

(Applause.)

(President-Elect Healey presents badge to President Hall.)

(Standing ovation.)

PRESIDENT HALL: At this point in time, I'm going to take a liberty, one of my last liberties as President, and ask the new chaplain, seeing how I know some of you haven't heard him yet, to say a few words in closing. Reverend Chalk.

RETIRED CHIEF CARLE: Mr. President, on a point of order. Earlier you heard me talk when it came to Marty Jordan's raise and all and that it was not indicative that I am not antiJordan. I want you to understand that. He has done an outstanding job and I don't have enough words for that. The only thing is I think that type of raise is a little too large at one time and I support Marty and I appreciate everything he has done for us. I want that understood and known.

CHIEF JORDAN: Thanks, Gerry.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HALL: I think something that a senior member of our association has always taught us is united we stand and divided we fall. And I think Gerry has just made an excellent comment. Thank you, Gerry.

Any other?

CHIEF WYATT: In preparation for tonight's banquet, the march of the officers into the banquet hall will be at 7 o'clock sharp. That's not 7:01, not 7:02, but 7 o'clock. So I ask those people who are going to be into the social hour from 6 to 7 or wherever you are getting your liquid refreshments, kindly watch your watch so you can be seated and ready for us to go at 7 so we don't get in a bind at the bar at the last minute before we go. That's all I have to say. Everything else is set for the banquet.

PRESIDENT HALL: Anything else?

CHIEF JORDAN: Part of your questionnaires was how long it was to get to the banquet. I think we'd start dancing at 10:30 or 11. We guarantee you — Mert Dyer, the MC, that I will be dancing by 8:30, he claims. We only have two pages of things to do for the banquet tonight and some of the things we did at the annual banquet we are doing here so we are trying to roll this on. We are going to do the raffle during dinner instead of afterwards. The salad and rolls will be on the table before you sit down and if we use part of the time instead of wasting time and hopefully it will be working out right, we are gong for 8:30 or a quarter of nine.

PRESIDENT HALL: We have worked very hard to listen to the concerns from last year. We know there were a lot of concerns about how long it took and I have spent time talking to Mert and we have talked to our speaker for this evening and hopefully everything will get over in a very timely fashion.

And I would just like to thank each and every one of you for the support during the year and especially my delegation from New Hampshire because they have been a lot of help to me and supportive.

If there is no other business -

CHIEF JOHN P. JENKINS: (West Barnstable, MA) Gentlemen, I have been a member of this organization for an awful lot of years, as have many of you in the room, and we have continually seen this organization get bigger and bigger and better and better and stronger and stronger. And I truly think at each year it is a case of a few serving many and the officers and committees are doing a superb job for us. Most of them are unpaid and give very, very freely of their time.

I move we stand and give the committees and the officers a standing round of applause.

(Standing ovation.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Thank you, Chief, that was very appropriate. The members have done a lot of work.

Is there any other business? If not, I would like to again ask Reverend Chalk to say just a brief message.

REVEREND CHARLES L. CHALK: Thank you, gentlemen. It's my privilege to be here today. I am not a full-time minister that has a church anywhere. I used to be and I am an ordained minister. I work full-time in the fire service and as far as I know, I am the only full-time individual in New Hampshire that works on the fire service. I'm a full-time fire inspector and I am also an ordained minister. It is my privilege to be appointed. I am a Baptist so I would not be converted to Catholicism. We stand on either end of the pole so we make a good balance, I always said that.

It is my privilege to be here and I look forward to many years of service to you gentlemen. If you should need me, please feel free to contact me. I will be available at any time to assist you as I can.

Let's stand for a word of prayer to be dismissed.

(All stood.)

Our heavenly Father, it is with great blessing that we are here today in a country that is free, in a country that still stands for the name of God. We just thank you for these newly-appointed men who will take in the authority and will bring this association forward in the years to come. Thank you for what you blessed us with. We just pray, Lord, as time goes on that we will be closer to each other, both in friendship and in working associates. And we thank you for all your blessings in these last few days in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRESIDENT HALL: I will now entertain a motion.

CHIEF CHARLES F. SCHEER: (Kensington, CT) I make a motion to adjourn.

CHIEF LAWRENCE LAMSON: (Hamilton, MA) Second.

PRESIDENT HALL: Motion has been made and seconded to adjourn. See you at the banquet.

(The meeting concluded at 3:55 p.m.)

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RETIRED CHIEF MERTON S. DYER: Can I hae your attention, please. Thank you. Would you join me in welcoming the officers and directors of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. Chief Wyatt, would you escort the officers and directors in, please.

(Chief Otis C. Wyatt, Jr. escorts the procession. Standing ovation.)

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: Please be seated, if you would, please.

I would like to introduce the head table of distinguished guests seated before you. For those that don't know, I'm Mert Dyer, the Retired Chief of the Peterborough Fire Department.

And on my right is the new Chaplain of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs from Merrimack, Chief Reverend Charles Chalk and his wife Kathleen.

(Applause after each name.)

Next to them is the Chief from Sturbridge, Chief Leonard Senecal and his wife Cindy.

Next is the first Vice President from Stowe, Vermont, Chief Wendall Mansfield and his wife Phyllis.

And then Dr. Henry Munroe, Chief from Pembroke and his wife Myra.

On my far left the fellow we all know, Reverend Steve Foley.

To his right is the Secretary-Treasurer, the Chief of Bourne, Massachusetts, Chief Martin Jordan and his wife Amelia Jordan.

Next is the First Vice President from Milford, Connecticut, Chief William Healey and his wife Marion Healey.

Next is President and his wife, and both worked very hard to make this conference a success, the Chief of the Merrimack Fire Department, Chief Charles Hall and his wife Elaine Hall.

Seated in front of the head table are the directors from the various states and I would like to introduce them. The Chief from Cumberland, Maine, Chief Kenneth Wagner and his wife Mrs. Rae Wagner.

Next is the Chief from Chicopee, Massachusetts, Robert Nunes and his wife Sandi.

Next is the Chief from Providence, Rhode Island, who I understand will become an ex-chief soon, Chief Michael Moise.

Next is the Director from Waterbury Center, Vermont, Chief Sidney Thurston and his wife Mrs. Dolores Thurston.

Next is the Director from Berlin, Connecticut, Chief Edward Haber and Mrs. Jane Haber.

And our Director from New Hampshire, the Chief of Salem, New Hampshire, Chief Donald Bliss.

And at the end is our very efficient and very busy Sergeant-at-Arms, the Chief of the Narragansett Fire Department, Chief Otis Wyatt, Jr. and his wife Patricia.

Now I would like to introduce the Reverend Charles Chalk to come to the podium and give the invocation. Reverend Chalk.

(All stood.)

REVEREND CHARLES CHALK: Let us pray. Our heavenly Father, we thank you tonight for the privilege of being here assembled in this room. We just thank you tonight for the food you have given us and blessed us with and we ask all things be done to glorify you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Be seated.

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: Thank you, Reverend.

Please be seated and enjoy the meal we are about to serve.

While you are having your salad, Chief Martin Jordan will draw the raffle.

Chief Wyatt has asked me to ask does anybody not have a green ticket at their plate?

There are one or two over there so would you raise your hand if you do not have the green ticket at your plate.

CHIEF MARTIN J. JORDAN: Father Foley is going to draw the first prize of \$500. We hope he is honest.

(Three prizes awarded.)

(Green ticket prizes were:

Calculator.

Light packet first aid kit.

40 channel CD radio.

Clock.

Knife set.

Coffee pitcher.

35-millimeter camera with film.

Alarm clock and radio.

Directory Assistance credit card calculator.

Complete heavy duty.

Banker's lamp.

35-millimeter camera.

Sharp Walkman radio.

\$50 gift certificate.

Hot pot

A print.)

(The banquet commenced.)

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: If we could get started with the rest of the program.

The music this evening is by the Bob Jennings Orchestra under the direction of Guy Bognanno from Lantana in Randolph, Mass. Please give them a hand.

(Applause.)

Could we begin this portion of our meeting by all rising and joining me in the salute to the flag, please.

(Salute to the flag was said.)

Thank you. At this time, I would like to recognize some of the past officers and guests that are here this evening. If they would rise briefly when I call their names. Among the past presidents here this evening is Chief Ernie Flanders and his wife from Montpelier, Vermont.

(Applause after each name.)

And from Maine, Chief Robert Butters and his wife Evelyn Butters.

And from Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, Chief Charles Foss and Helen Foss.

And from Wethersfield, Connecticut, we have our good friends Chief Jiggs Hughes and his wife Joan.

From Westbrook, Maine, Chief James Rulman and his wife Arlene.

And our immediate Past President Gerald Landry and his wife Cil.

We have one other Past President here, our senior Past President, shall we call him, a man that is 98 years young this year — 99th year — and I understand he is the Chief Fire Marshal from Chester, Connecticut. I would like to introduce James L. Grote.

Is the former Secretary-Treasurer James Brennan and Louise in the hall?

I thought they might be here.

Chief Homer Dubois and Mae, I believe they are here, the former Sergeant-at-Arms.

I would like to now introduce some of those that I know are here, the officers of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the officers and directors of the association and I would like to have them introduced. And we have with us I believe the Second Vice President from Hope Valley, Rhode Island, Fred Stanley.

(Applause after each name.)

And from Rye, New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Vice President George Moynahan.

And the Secretary-Treasurer of the New England Division of the International, John O'Brier of North Haven, Connecticut.

I did talk to Vice President Dibber and President John Wood of Hartford, Vermont and they were unable to stay for this evening's meeting.

It is always a pleasure to introduce one of our members, who is a member of this organization and also a member of the international who is known worldwide for his fire activities, the Past President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Chief Gerry Carle and his wife Wanda. He is with us again.

I have two more guests. Chief Hall has two guests with him this evening and I would like them to stand if they would, please. Here is the Assistant Chief Joseph Comer of Merrimack, New Hampshire.

And Deputy Chief Martin Carrier of Merrimack, New Hampshire.

At this time I would like to call on the Chief of Sturbridge, Chief Leonard Senecal for words of welcome.

CHIEF LEONARD S. SENECAL: Fellow Chiefs, wives, and friends of the firefighters, I would like to welcome you here to Sturbridge this evening. On behalf of my wife and myself, residents, and firefighters in the Town of Sturbridge, we'd like to extend our appreciation for you people being here this week.

It's been an enjoyable week for my wife and myself, gaining new friends and meeting old friends.

Also the demonstrations were great, the seminars were fantastic and I felt that we enjoyed ourselves.

Also today we had that stress seminar and I still can't get the car to change color.

(Laughter.)

So my wife put her fingers on it and it changed right off, I don't understand it.

Again in behalf of the Town of Sturbridge and the Town of Sturbridge Fire Department, I hope you enjoyed us this year and next year coming back. And I hope everybody has a safe trip home tonight or tomorrow. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: Thank you, Chief, for those words of welcome and I want to thank you too for a fine conference, especially the weather. It looked a bit threatening at times, but I understand you and Father Foley and Reverend Chalk are in charge of the weather and you did fine jobs. Thank you.

(Applause.)

Before I introduce President Hall, I have two letters I would like to read, if I may, addressed to Chief Charles Hall.

"Dear Chief:

"I would like to take this opportunity to applaud you for having served the New England Fire Chiefs Association as its President for the past year. Merrimack is indeed fortunate to have a Chief as dedicated as you are to the fire service.

Congratulations on a successful year.

"(Signed) Daniel Ayer, Town Manager."

(Applause.)

And I have another one here from Merrimack and its says:

"Dear Chief:

"It has come to my attention that you are about to complete your term as President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I tender to you our congratulations for having served in this honorable position for the past year. You know you have always been actively involved in the association and we are very proud you served it as president.

"Again our sincere congratulations.

"(Signed) Robert W. Bundridge, Chairman, Board of Selectmen."

(Applause.)

I would like to say a few words, if I may, about President Hall. I've known him for quite some time. Chief Hall was raised in the Town of Merrimack and joined the Merrimack Fire Department in, I believe, 1959 as a call fireman and became a career firefighter in 1974. After that he advanced through the ranks and became a training officer and was appointed Chief of the Merrimack Fire Department in 1979.

He has an Associate's degree in Fire Science and has attended the Academy at Emmetsburg. In addition to being the Chief of the Merrimack Fire Department, he is one of the Commissioners on the New Hampshire Training and Standards Commission, of which Dr. Munroe here, our speaker, is chairman.

On the personal side, Chief Hall and his wife have two children and four grandchildren.

As this time, I would like to have President Hall come to the microphone and say a few words.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Thank you, Mert. Reverend Clergy, members, and guests, I had a four-page speech written and it blew all apart when we promised to be through 10 minutes ago. In light of that, I would just like to say thank you to each and every one of you to the support for this association. It's been a thrill to have been the president of this association.

Some things happened this year that really made the conference real good and in my estimation, moving back into a church for our Memorial Service was one of the highlights for me.

Having the Chaplain being appointed from my town is kind of a thrill on my part and I hope he does a good job for this association in the next few years.

And having all of you as friends and fellow dedicated fire chiefs throughout the New England states and I am looking forward to working with you in the future.

Thank you very much for this pleasure of being able to serve you.

(Applause.)

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: Thank you, Chief Hall.

Our speaker for this evening is an old friend of mine. I've known him for quite some time. He's known by various titles, sometimes just plain Hank, also as Doctor, and as Chief. He has his profession and education and Dr. Munroe recently retired as executive director of a small college council in New Hampshire. His avocation has been fire service fire training and he was one of the earliest instructors in the State of New Hampshire for fire training. He is now the chairman of the New Hampshire Fire Standards and Training Commission.

In addition to those positions, he held the position of Chief of the Pembroke Fire Department, which he is recently retired from, and he is also a Civil War buff.

After all of that, Hank would not tell me what his topic is so I guess we'll all be surprised. So if I may, Dr. Henry Hank Munroe from Pembroke.

(Applause.)

DR. HENRY W. MUNROE: One of the things you learn when you are a volunteer fire chief is you try to pass a raffle and you try to get them back. I never walked into a station to sell one that I didn't get three inside. I asked Charlie Hall to head up an ICS committee and he said he'll speak to them. So, his debt is now paid, Charlie put the ICS here.

I retired after 37 years and it's tough, it really is. It's been a great go and a wonderful time. I'm probably one of the few retired fire chiefs in the United States where my academic colleagues couldn't understand what I was doing and the firefighters couldn't understand the other half.

(Laughter.)

But I do know what it means to leave. I know what it means when the whistle blows and you can't go. I've shut the scanner off and that chapter is done. My friends and I know, some friends are here tonight that are leaving and that isn't easy.

Some of you, maybe just a few of you, have as little hair as I have or the years that I have, and were in England and if you were you'll remember that from 1939 on England was fighting all over the world. And every Saturday night there was a program called Armed Forces and a lady by the name of Vera Lynn always sang the last song and the last song was "We'll Meet Again." And as the days counted down to the 6th of June, those words and the song became more poignant for the men in the so-called sausages going down the channel ready to go.

I have taken the liberty to write down the song and it is printed and so if you can, will you sing along with Vera Lynn, if you will, from 1942 to 1945.

(Vera Lynn recording played as follows:

"We'll meet again

Don't know where, don't know when

But I know we'll meet again

Some sunny day

Keep smiling through

Just like you always do

Till the blue skies

Drive the dark clouds

Far away

So will you please say hello,

To the folks that I know

Till then I won't be long

That as you saw me go

I was singing this song

We'll meet again

Don't know where, don't know when

But I know we'll meet again

Some sunny day.")

DR. MUNROE: Chief LaDire wants me to be funny.

(Laughter.)

Chief Nunes wants me to say a cookie word — Chicopee.

(Laughter.)

My wife wants me to be short.

(Laughter.)

CHIEF ROBERT NUNES: (Chicopee, MA) Well, you got one out of three.

(Laughter.)

DR. MUNROE: Which one?

None of you here tonight were around at the start of the 20th century. Many of you hopefully will be here when the 21st starts.

We stand on the meridian. The centuries are about to change. What can we, on this 26th night of the 6th month of the last decade of the 20th century of the world's oldest democracy as fire officers look back to and look ahead?

To place this in perspective, I take liberty as a historian to start with your counterparts of 100 years ago as they stood at the confluence of the 19th and the 20th centuries.

Our turn of the century fire chief commanded a department that depended on steam for power and horses for movement. No management theories bothered him. The labor movement had just started. He was an autocrat. Disease, hoever, was rampant, both among men and horses. Diphtheria, smallpox, scarlet fever, typhoid, influenza, and horse cholera ran unchecked. The nation's infant mortality rate was just under 40 percent and in one Boston winter 35 percent of the horses were down.

The nation was reeling under a tidal wave of immigration from central and western Europe. Now, those who passed the portals of Ellis Island were jammed into ghettos along the eastern seaboard. Wooden four-deckers with one pump and open sewers and it would spawn conflagrations, epidemics, but no civil disorder. Those immigrants, because the term minority had not been coined, had a driving desire to be Americans. No hyphenated Italian or Irish names for them. In many instances barred from employment in trade and commerce, they sought public service. And thus it was they gave the fire service that record of devotion we so proudly acclaim today and the lineage of which some of you still boast.

They fought four wars. The War of 1812, like Viet Nam, was so unpopular that New England threatened to secede. The Civil War saw whole fire companies enlist with patriotic zeal. It was the most bloody and we have had more people that were killed in that war than all the wars we ever had put together.

The nation's most popular president, U.S. Grant, was trounced at the polls following the worst banking scandal in the century's history engineered by his brother-in-law.

Boss Tweed broke the treasury of New York City. How did he get there, volunteer fire companies put him in.

In the last quarter of this last century, US troops were withdrawn from a conquered nation, the South.

All was not dark. In 1840 women by law were allowed to retain property after marriage, and the federal government, finding itself with a \$37 million surplus, gave it back to the states.

Yesterday's chief, and indeed the nation of which 60 percent of its people were farmers, looked forward to the new century with no apprehension, but a feeling of exhilaration, believing America was at the crossroads of good times.

What can you and I look back to? We have been part of military, economic, racial, and sexual revolutions? It's possible to say that a man who was in your department who still lives today rode home from the hospital in a horse drawn carriage yet saw a man walk on the moon. Thus time has been so compressed.

We have witnessed two worldwide wars. The first we entered with idealism and devotion to the principle that all mankind has a right to live in peace. It ended in disillusionment leading to isolationism.

We endured the most devastating economic depression in our nation's history. We saw our nation dispirited, disillusioned and almost divided. Then under the charismatic leadership of FDR, the nation once again became the brother's keeper. Today, welfare, food stamps, children's aid, unemployment security, and bank insurance are taken for granted. 50 years ago they weren't considered.

In the century now closing, we have witnessed the failure of mankind to cooperatively legislate the limitation of arms. Woodrow Wilson proclaimed that without a League of Nations, within another generation there would be another world war. He was right. Harry Truman proclaimed that the United Nations with the Security Council would end armed conflict. He was wrong.

A century ago, the fire chief saw a world ruled by monarchs, kings, sheiks, emperors, and potentates. Today with the communist satellites crumbling, elected leaders are the norm.

In the last 16 years, the greatest emigration in our history has occurred. In the last century they came from Europe. Since 1970, 1 million come each year from Asia and Latin America and they have created new slums, new ghettos and as chiefs we have borne the results of their despair, fire.

We have an epidemic of drugs that knows no social limitation. The banker and the doctor vie for those that steal to feed their habit.

We have a staggering illegitimacy rate, the teenage mother. No health insurance, no employment, except drug sales and prostitution. We have a fourth generation on the dole with no sign of change for the next generation. We are looking at groups who will spend a lifetime on the dole. They will yearn but never earn. The result: Envy, hate, and riots.

We are a geriatric society. A chief and I were talking just a few minutes ago about ALS. We are the oldest society in history and growing older. This year 15 percent of our population will be over 65; in 30 years one-quarter; and by the turn of the century, 10 percent will be over 80. It will present problems of more leisure, the old want to work longer, increased health costs, prolonging life. Fire Departments will add geriatrics to their EMT courses.

Social Security taxes are going up and gone up 235 percent since 1960. Your checks and mine, when I was working, showed more withholding for Social Security than IRS. Soon, unfortunately, battle lines will be drawn between the young who must pay and the elderly who see it as a rightful inheritance.

While we have reduced the rate of infection, we have increased the exposure of our firefighters by virtue of pandering political decisions. We now protect the carrier to the detriment of a respondant. I speak of AIDS. By extending immunity to those who transmit it under the odious guise of civil rights, we place our firefighters in jeopardy. Were we to have cloaked the typhoid carrier of the past century in such secrecy, we would have doomed numbers of our society to a lingering death.

Economically we are close to being a second-rate name productively. In 1973, we were the richest nation in the world. We produced 36 percent of the world's goods with only 6 percent of the world's production force. And we lived like kings.

In 1970, 1976 actually, it came to an end. We have lost 95 percent of our shoe industry; 56 percent of our textile and a portion of that has been on the eastern seaboard, which has great ramifications; and one-third of our auto industry. We haven't a television set, tape deck or sneaker that is made in the U.S. Our steel mills are cold, our merchant fleet is rusting, and Rockefeller Center is owned by the Japanese as well as 70 percent of all our western banks.

All the major change that affects you is in the field of medicine. We have virtually eliminated every bacteria and viral disease except the common cold.

Most people you take to the hospital have put themselves there, drug addicts, alcoholics, they drive too fast without a seat belt, they smoke too much and have emphysema, they are overweight with bad backs. They suffer from self-inflicted ailments. There is little you can do for them.

Last year the No. 1 cause of death for black males under 35 was homicide. What can you do for them?

We have moved from an old age of cure to a new age of care, where medicine finds itself increasingly helpless to cure disease caused in no small part by the eradication of old disease.

Half of the people you take to hospitals are there because they don't care about themselves, and others because they did care and they are old, and tomorrow you will be called upon to adjust artificial hearts.

I said our chief of a century ago and most citizens had confidence in the changing of the century. The changing of the century 100 years ago has gone by. They were firm in their conviction that the United States was the center of the civilized cosmos. Do you, does our population feel the same or is the sum and substance to what Senator Daniel Moynihan said that we may be the first generation to pass onto our children the world worse than what we inherited?

On this 26th day of the 6th month of the first year of the last decade of the 20th century what can we predict, prophesize or guess what will be our future?

Philistines and sycophants will abound, but so will heroes and philanthropists. The assault on the family will continue, but will fail. Most of us will hold onto the eternal virtues of honesty and decency and although the dishonest and deceitful will gain headlines, they will pass to oblivion. Despite continued

assaults on the deity, whatever name we call it, will still reign, disappointed perhaps with his creation, but still holding out to you and me the promise of the rainbow.

Fire and its consequences will still be with us in the next century. Heat, both of limited and of mega proportions, is necessary for existence. It will be used as a weapon and it will also be a help.

The role of the fire service in medical assistance is now firmly established and will become even more so. We will become even more immersed in its advancement which will dramatically alter our mission as well as those we employ.

As to the volunteers who are beset by regulations which threaten their elimination, I believe this issue, catapulted by the cost of protection, will eventually be resolved in the political arena.

I predict that during the next century there will be women who, despite reason, intellect, and tuition will marry fire chiefs.

(Laughter.)

They, like their predecessors, will stand with, behind, and in front of their chiefs as they climb the ladders.

Will the wives and the lady friends of the chiefs who are here tonight please stand so we can applaud you and thank you?

(Women stood to applause.)

Fire Chiefs' wives share their husbands with his department, politicians, and the citizens he protects. They defend him to mother-in-law, praise him to their kids, and commend him to God for safekeeping. She is proud of his devotion, but fears for his courage. Despite every effort they also become a member of the service.

If he is a volunteer, they dispense coffee with temperatures below zero, bundled in an old bunker coat, hair askew under the knit cap, while other wives sleep in warm, slinky wisps of nylon. Yet to the blackened recipient of her hot liquid offering, she is beauty unsurpassed.

Chiefs' wives spend time scrubbing soot, mending burn holes, and learning to live with the faint smell of smoke on the pillow and dirty towels in the bath. She becomes accustomed to have boots in the bedroom, bunkers in the hall, and the continuous chatter of scanners, for which the whole family, the visiting pastor, and even the family dog have got to shut up for.

(Laughter.)

They miss weekend drives to the beach, are left standing on the steps with a new dress when the alarm interrupts the first dinner out in months, and suffer in silence while he stops just for a minute to visit at the next fire house to see a new truck.

Fire chiefs' wives are mainly understanding, dependable, discerning, and self-sacrificing, wearing last year's bathing suit so he can get a new light bar. Sometimes they seem a bit peeved because Mr. Trumpet has been a little bit late and warmed up dinner three times on a busy afternoon.

Fire chiefs' wives have firm hands on broad shoulders, who open doors, hold the bunker coat and helmet as their husbands dash out. Then they return to the empty bed to toss and turn, worry, fret, and often curse the radio that lets them know oh, so very little about what the one they love so much is facing.

They petition God each time he departs and thank Him for his safe return.

Fire chiefs' wives like a full night's sleep, quiet weekends, candlelight dinners, paychecks, fluffy gowns and no fires.

They dislike ambulances, dieting, door-to-door salesmen, fifth alarms, gray hair, and dirty ovens.

When their chief makes a good stop, the town acclaims him. When they blow it, only God and their wives leave the door open.

She is forgotten when she should be remembered, but seems to always remember. She is, above all, a patient, loving martyr who supports your participation in this whacky, irrational, dangerous, honorable profession we love so much.

And as to the chiefs, they will continue as they have to give dedicated, competent leadership. Taking their charge to defend and protect with the same high resolve as their brothers of a century ago, and because of this they will be held in high esteem by those in society who know the value of their sacrifice.

When you consider life and its shortness, its heartaches, and its limitations, and the lack of respect engendered in this day by so many professions, being a chief is a high privilege that all of us can and should be proud of.

(Applause.)

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: Thank you very much, Hank.

At this time, President Hall has a very pleasant duty to perform and that is the awarding of the scholarships.

I wonder if the Sergeant-at-Arms could escort Chief Grote, Chief Landry, and Chief Jordan over to the area that the orchestra is using and they will make the presentation from that location.

PRESIDENT HALL: Ladies and gentlemen, we would just like to introduce as our first annual scholarship award offered by the New England Association of Fire Chiefs and introduced last year by President Landry. It is named in the honor of our senior adviser, better known as the Cardinal, and stepping up to the stage right at this moment is Chief James Grote, who has been at every conference for the past 68 years and he's just turned 99. We already said that, but we want everybody to know it.

(Applause.)

The winners of this year's scholarships are Nancy Emerson from Ipswich High School, Ipswich, Mass. She's the daughter of Edward Emerson of the Ipswich Fire Department, Ipswich, Massachusetts. Nancy ranks sixth out of a class of 96. She was elected the class president, the yearbook, National Honor Society, Closeup Project, Steering Committee, Marching Band, Concern Band, and Jazz Band. Maybe the band will let you play.

Nancy lists the following community activities. She's on the honor roll, the National Honor Society, DAR Citizenship Awards, and the National Latin.

Nancy will be attending the American University at Washington, D.C. to study international relations. Nancy, would you come forward and congratulations.

(Applause.)

The second recipient is Michelle Provost from Mills High School in Burlington, Connecticut. She's the daughter of Donald Provost of the Burlington Fire Department in Burlington, Connecticut. And she ranked 30th out of a class of 266.

She is the vice president of the Church Youth Group, she was in the play "Grease," and she's a Sunday school teacher. So all the reverends up there, please pay attention to this young lady.

Michelle lists the following community activities: She is a volunteer with the Bristol Hospital, the police DARE program, that's the young people against drugs, the Burlington Volunteer Ambulance as an EMT, and a volunteer with the American Red Cross.

And she will be attending the Western Connecticut State University for Nursing.

Congratulations.

(Applause.)

Chief Jordan, Nancy and Michelle, if you would step up and receive your awards.

(Awards presented by Chief Jordan.)

Let's have a big round of applause.

(Applause.)

(Photographs were taken.)

Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen.

(Applause.)

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: Congratulations, girls. And thank you, President Hall and the other chiefs.

We now have a presentation to be made by Mrs. Marion Healey, who would like to make a presentation at this time. Marion.

(Mrs. Elaine Hall came forward.)

MRS. MARION HEALEY: Continuing the tradition we started last year, on behalf of the Ladies Committee, I present you with this gift from us in appreciation for your wonderful work and the marvelous Ladies Program we had this year. Elaine is a friendly, loving, kind, generous person and most of all she's a gracious lady and I'm proud to know her.

(Applause.)

(Mrs. Healey presents gift to Mrs. Elaine Hall.)

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: Congratulations.

Amelia, I believe you have a presentation you would also like to make at this time.

MRS. AMELIA JORDAN: Thank you. Marion and Elaine, come up, please.

On behalf of the Ladies Committee, I would like to present these two ladies with these flowers. Elaine, we very much appreciated your work this year and have enjoyed every minute of it.

And Marion, we very much look forward to working with you in the upcoming year and may next year's conference be half as good as this one.

(Flowers presented to Mrs. Elaine Hall and Mrs. Marion Healey.)

(Applause.)

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: Thank you. We have now reached the point in the evening's program where I wish the present President Charlie Hall would come forward and President-Elect Bill Healey would come forward for the purpose of swearing in to office.

(President-Elect William A. Healey sworn in by President Hall.)

PRESIDENT HALL: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HEALEY: I want to thank everybody for that round of applause. Charlie's done a great job this year that just passed as President of the New England Fire Chiefs and I just hope I can do as equally well a job as Charlie did.

As everybody knows the association has grown, the association is successful, and everything is on a nice keel that we want to stay on.

Reverend Clergy, officers, directors, many members, especially their wives who probably do more work than the committee men, guests, and members, welcome. I'm truly honored to accept this position as President of the New England Association of Fire chiefs for the coming year. I especially thank the Connecticut colleagues of mine for electing me to represent them and for their continued support for the last six or seven years going through the chairs. They are all seated over here on the right-hand side. Thank you, fellows.

I also have to thank the man who the scholarship was named after, the Cardinal, as we call him in Connecticut and you don't call him that when you're in trouble, and who has been nominating me since 1984 through the directors, through the vice presidents, and to the present.

As everybody knows, a few years ago we cautioned that the states would make their appointments and there wouldn't be any nominations at the regular meeting. Well, that didn't last one year because somebody insisted that a nomination has to be made from the floor. And as the fellows that have been going to the meeting know, there is always a speech when I am nominated. Thank you, Jim.

(Applause.)

I also have to thank him for his prayers because he does say prayers for me.

My wife and I cannot sufficiently express our thanks to Ed and Jan Neighbor for all their help, confidence, and assistance, but most of all through friendship.

To my wife, who has to put up with me in the association and has to put up with me in the city, has to put up with me with union problems, and has to put up with me with political problems, thank you, darling.

(Applause.)

And in the coming year I plan to continue the traditional support of the former Presidents through hard work and further the goals of this great association. I'm proud to be a Fire Chief and I'm proud to be President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. Thank you.

(Applause.)

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: Thank you very much, Chief Healey. We all look forward to a very active year in the coming year.

At this time Chief Jordan, I believe you have a presentation to make.

CHIEF JORDAN: It is a pleasure to do this part of the job of presenting this to the President. There are a few things I would like to say. If you look around here this evening, there are well over 200 people that are here and it is you that have made this conference spectacular.

Just a couple of quick notes. We set a record for this conference. There are 1170 attendees to this conference, an all time record, and it's up 300 from last year. Why, because we're doing things your directors and your officers are doing things that you have suggested we do.

I did make a mistake, as we are about 20 minutes behind this evening, and we will try to correct that. But I'm proud to be your Secretary-Treasurer. I thoroughly enjoy this job. Chief Healey stated he would like to be able to do next year what we did this year. Bill, I have no doubt, knowing you.

And it gives me great pleasure this evening to present the badge of the firefighter. And that is the traditional trumpet that symbolizes our office. As you know, the Chief has five and it is my pleasure to present this to the outgoing President Charles Hall.

I would like to read it: "To Chief Charles Q. Hall, President New England Fire Chiefs 1989-90." Thank you for an excellent year. I thoroughly enjoyed working with you and it is a great pleasure.

(Trumpet presented to President Hall.)

(Applause.)

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: Before we swear in the other officers and directors, I have a letter here that I would like to read at this time. From very good friends of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs Fire Service and it says,

"Dear Bill:

"Paul and I wanted you to know we'll be thinking of you as you assume the Presidency of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated. Our thoughts, prayers, and best wishes are with you. Congratulations to you and all the officers, outgoing and incoming. Please extend our wishes to our old friends we do miss them. But have many happy memories."

And it's signed "Rita and U. Paul Leddy."

(Applause.)

If the following would come forward, we would have the swearing in of the officers:

First Vice President Chief Wendall Mansfield of Stowe, Vermont.

Second Vice President Kenneth Wagner, Cumberland, Maine.

Secretary-Treasurer Chief Martin Jordan, Bourne, Massachusetts.

The Directors: From the State of Connecticut, Chief Edward Haber, Berlin, Connecticut.

Chief Sidney Thurston, Waterbury Center, Vermont.

Chief Don Centracchio of West Warwick, Rhode Island.

Chief Robert Nunes, Chicopee, Massachusetts.

Chief Carl Winslow of Yarmouth, Maine.

And Chief Donald Bliss of Salem, New Hampshire.

Chief Healey, will you swear these men in.

(President Healey swears in the Directors.)

PRESIDENT HEALEY: Gentlemen, congratulations. Face the audience.

(Applause.)

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: Thank you, President Healey.

Chief Jordan, do you have a few comments that you would like to make at this time?

CHIEF JORDAN: It just happens today we received by Federal Express this proclamation for President Chief Healey from the Legislature of West Chester County Board of Legislators. I would like to read this as a Proclamation.

"Whereas the brave firefighters who protect the lives and property of their fellow citizens and have always been one of the valued resources of any community, and

"Whereas on June 26th, 1990, the members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs are honoring one of those special people, Milford Fire Chief William A. Healey, by installing him as the president of their association at their Annual Meeting in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, and

"Whereas a firefighter for four decades, William A. Healey has served as Chief of the Milford Fire Department for the past 17 years, and throughout his career has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the highest standards of professional excellence, and

"Whereas the residents of West Chester owe William A. Healey a tremendous debt of gratitude, for it is he who helped develop county legislation requiring safety plugs for propane tanks — a measure which can save countless lives, and

"Whereas William A. Healey has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow officers and the gratitude of his fellow citizens, it is fitting that we join in this tribute to him, therefore be it

"Resolved that the members of the West Chester County Board of Legislators take great pride in honoring William A. Healey as he is installed as president of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, and be it further

"Resolved that Tuesday, June 26th, 1990, be and the same is hereby declared 'William A. Healey Day' in West Chester County, and be it further

"Resolved, that the text of this Proclamation be carried throughout the entire land for all people of good will to forever know.

"Given under this seal this 26th day of June 1990, the West Chester Board of Legislators."

Congratulations, Bill.

(Applause.)

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: The proceedings are about to be closed for the program this evening of the 68th Annual Conference of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. Before we close, I want to thank you all for your attention and God bless you and have a safe trip home and may we all meet here again next year in Sturbridge.

At this time, I would like to call on Reverend Father Foley for the benediction. Father Foley.

(All stood.)

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: Let us pray. Gracious God, as we close now formally the 68th Annual Conference, we thank you for what our ears have heard, our eyes have seen, and our hearts have

May we take that to our respective states and communities the blessings you have bestowed upon us in this conference.

And now: May the road rise up to meet you May the sun be always at your back May the rain fall gently upon your fields

And until we meet again May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Amen.

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: I hope you all stay if you can. Bob Jennings' group will be playing for dancing after the close of this meeting. Thank you.

(The Annual Banquet concluded at 9:25 p.m.)

CERTIFICATE

I, Annette Nahigyan, Registered Professional Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript, Pages 1-158, is a true and accurate transcription of my stenographic notes taken on Saturday, June 23, 1990 and Tuesday, June 26, 1990.

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