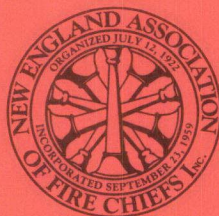


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*Annual Conference & Exposition*

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**1997 - 1998**  
**76<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**



**Fire Director Sidney F. Thurston**  
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## PLACES AND DATES OF PAST CONVENTIONS

- NO. 01 - BRIDGEPORT, CT., JUNE 20,21,22, 1923  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOHN P. DOYLE, WELLESLEY, MA.
- NO. 02 - BOSTON, MA., JUNE 24,25,26, 1924  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOHN C. MORAN, HARTFORD, CT.
- NO. 03 - PITTSFIELD, MA.; JUNE 23,24,25, 1925  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF PATRICK HURLEY, HOLYOKE, MA.
- NO. 04 - MANCHESTER, NH.; JUNE 23,24,25, 1926  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF DANIEL E. JOHNSON, BRIDGEPORT, CT.
- NO. 05 - PORTLAND, ME.; JUNE 21,22,23, 1927  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF CHARLES H. FRENCH, MANCHESTER, NH.
- NO. 06 - BURLINGTON, VT.; JUNE 26,27,28,29, 1928  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF WILLIAM C. SHEPARD, PITTSFIELD, MA.
- NO. 08 - NEW HAVEN, CT.; JUNE 25,26,27, 1929  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF OLIVER T. SANBORN, PORTLAND, ME.
- NO. 08 - RUTLAND, VT.; JUNE 24,25,26,27, 1930  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF LAWRENCE E. REIF, NEW HAVEN, CT.
- NO. 09 - BOSTON, MA.; JUNE 23,24,25,26, 1931  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF SELDEN R. ALLEN, BROOKLINE, MA.
- NO. 10 - NEWPORT, RI.; JUNE 21,22,23,24, 1932  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOSEPH LAWTON, NEWPORT, RI.
- NO. 11 - LEWISTON, ME.; JUNE 20,21,22, 1933  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ALFRED H. KOLTONSKI, RUTLAND, VT.
- NO. 12 - BURLINGTON, VT.; JUNE 26,27,28,29, 1934  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF DANIEL B. TIERNEY, ARLINGTON, MA.
- NO. 13 - NEW BEDFORD, MA.; JUNE 25,26,27, 1935  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOHN S. PACH, NEW HAVEN, CT.
- NO. 14 - HARTFORD, CT.; JUNE 23,24,25, 1936  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF DAVID H. DECOURCY, WINCHESTER, MA.
- NO. 15 - THE BALSAMS, DIXVILLE NOTCH, NH, JUNE 22,23,24, 1937  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF CARL D. STOCKWELL, BURLINGTON, VT.
- NO. 16 - BURLINGTON, VT.; JUNE 21,22,23, 1938  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOSEPH W. RANDLETTE, RICHMOND, ME.
- NO. 17 - PROVIDENCE, RI.; JUNE 20,21,22, 1939  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF THOMAS F. BURNS, BRIDGEPORT, CT.
- NO. 18 THE BALSAMS, DIXVILLE NOTCH, NH., JUNE 25,26,27, 1940  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF SAMUEL J. POPE, BOSTON, MA.
- NO. 19 - BOSTON, MA.; AUGUST 18,19,20,21,22,23, 1941  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF THOMAS H. CUTTER, PROVIDENCE, RI.
- NO. 20 - CANCELLED BECAUSE OF WORLD WAR II  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF WILLIAM C. MAHONEY, PEABODY, MA.
- NO. 21 - RUTLAND, VT.; WAR CONFERENCE, JUNE 22,23,24, 1943  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF WILLIAM C. MAHONEY, PEABODY, MA.
- NO. 22 -THE BALSAMS, DIXVILLE NOTCH, NH.; JUNE 27,28,29, 1944  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF M.W. LAWTON, MIDDLETOWN, CT.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF ALLEN F. PAYSON, CAMDEN, ME.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF ALLEN F. PAYSON, CAMDEN, ME.
- NO. 25 -THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 24,25,26, 1947  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF FRANK J.CALLAHAN,CENTRAL FALLS, RI.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF STUART M. POTTER, GREENWICH, CT.
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PRES. CHIEF - WILLIAM H. CLIFFORD, CAPE ELIZABETH, ME.
- NO. 30 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 23,24,25,26,1952  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOSEPH E. SCANLON, LYNN, MA.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF ANTHONY J. MOLLOY, NASHUA, NH.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF GEORGE C. GRAHAM, BRISTOL, CT.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF HORACE S. JOSE, SO. PORTLAND, ME.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF THOMAS H. SLAMAN, WELLESLEY, MA.
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PRES. CHIEF - GEORGE F. SALISBURY, CENTRAL FALLS, RI.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF EARL ANDREWS, LINCOLN, RI.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF MERTON S.,DYER, PETERBOROUGH, NH.
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PRESIDENT CHIEF CARL P. SAWYER, GROTON, CT.
- NO. 58 - DUNFEY'S, HYANNIS, MA.; JUNE 22,23,24,25, 1980  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF PATRICK BROWN, BURLINGTON, VT.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF GERALD P. LANDRY, WOONSOCKET, RI.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF ROBERT J. NUNES, CHICOPEE, MA.
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- NO. 75 - SHERATON HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, MA.; JUNE 27-JULY 2, 1997  
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- NO. 76 - SHERATON HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, MA.; JUNE 26-30, 1998  
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# FIRE RESCUE NEW ENGLAND '98

## N.E.A.F.C. '98                      N.E.D.I.A.F.C.

### PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF EVENTS

#### THURSDAY JUNE 25

2:00 p.m.                      Member registration open in Middlesex Room 4th floor lobby until 5:00 p.m.  
 4:00 p.m.                      Networking Suite open in Middlesex Room  
 6:00 p.m.                      Directors & Ladies Committees Meeting

#### FRIDAY JUNE 26

8:00 a.m.                      Reading of proposed BYLAWS CHANGES - Middlesex Room - See page 8  
    for proposed change.  
 8:00 a.m.                      8th Annual GOLF CLASSIC - Chicopee Country Club - Chief Kenneth Pelonzi, Chairman  
 9:00 a.m.                      VENDOR Registration & Display Set-up at the Eastern States Exposition-W. Springfield  
 9:30 a.m.                      MEMBER Registration open in Middlesex Room in the hotel.  
 3:30 p.m.                      N.E.D.I.A.F.C. ANNUAL MEETING in the hotel - Middlesex Room closed  
 4:30 p.m.                      Networking Suite open in Middlesex Room  
 6:00 p.m.                      WELCOME/ NETWORKING PARTY - in the hotel  
 8:00 p.m.                      Networking Suite open in Middlesex Room

#### SATURDAY JUNE 27

8:00 a.m.                      SEMINAR - *KEYNOTE SPEAKER - EDITOR JIM PAGE - FIRE RESCUE MAGAZINE*  
    "FIRE BASED EMS & MANAGED CARE"  
 10:30 a.m.                      REGISTRATION open at the exhibit hall  
 10:30 a.m.                      EXHIBITS open until 4:30 p.m.  
 1:30 p.m.                      LADIES ICE CREAM SOCIAL - (Pre-registration required)  
 5:30 p.m.                      CATHOLIC MASS - in the hotel - Rev. Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain  
 7:00 p.m.                      THEME NIGHT - THE 50's - BUFFET & DJ RICH ROY supplying the sounds of the 50's.  
 10:00 p.m.                      Networking Suite open in Middlesex Room

#### SUNDAY JUNE 28

7:30 a.m.                      SEMINAR - DR. MIKE BECHTLE - "LIVING AT THE SPEED OF LIFE"  
 9:15 a.m.                      SEMINAR - CHIEF RANDY BRUEGMAN - "FIRE ACCREDITATION"  
 10:00 a.m.                      Ladies Breakfast Buffet - (Pre-registration required)  
 10:30 a.m.                      REGISTRATION open at the Exhibit Hall  
 10:30 a.m.                      Exhibits open until 4:30 p.m.  
 11:30 a.m.                      SPECTACULAR 2nd ANNUAL APPARATUS PARADE - Springfield Technical  
    Community College to Eastern States Exposition Center via the hotel on Boland Way.  
 4:00 p.m.                      Networking Suite open in Middlesex Room  
 6:00 p.m.                      MEMORIAL SERVICE - Old First Church - Court Square behind the hotel -  
    Middlesex Room CLOSED  
 7:00 p.m.                      The evening is open to enjoy the many fine area restaurants.  
 7:30 p.m.                      Networking Suite open in Middlesex Room

#### MONDAY JUNE 29

7:30 a.m.                      SEMINAR - HOWARD CROSS - "YOU'RE A BUM, I'M NOT"  
 9:00 a.m.                      LADIES BUS TRIP - Stockbridge & Norman Rockwell Museum - (Pre-registered only)  
 9:15 a.m.                      SEMINAR - SHRINERS BURN INSTITUTE - PAT LYBARGOR - "PRE-HOSPITAL BURN  
    MANAGEMENT FOR EMT'S".  
 10:30 a.m.                      REGISTRATION open at the Exhibit Hall  
 10:30 a.m.                      EXHIBITS open until 4:30 p.m.  
 1:30 p.m.                      Board of Directors Meeting  
 2:30 p.m.                      State Caucus Meetings  
 3:00 p.m.                      ANNUAL MEETING - Middlesex Room CLOSED  
 6:00 p.m.                      Pre-Banquet Reception - Ballroom foyer  
 7:00 p.m.                      ANNUAL BANQUET, AWARDS CEREMONY & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - Middlesex CLOSED  
 9:30 p.m.                      Networking Suite open in Middlesex Room.

TUESDAY JUNE 30 - *HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN*

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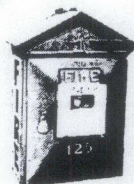
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Rev. Stephen C. Foley

Rev. Charles L. Chalk

**Sunday, June 28, 1998**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Old First Church**

**Springfield, Massachusetts**

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***76th ANNIVERSARY***

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***MEMORIAL SERVICE***

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# Memorial Service

## PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

*Elegy*

Chorale-Prelude,

*"Hark A Voice Says, All Are Mortal"*

Flor Peeters

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## PROCESSIONAL, with colors (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING)

*America, the Beautiful*

Pew Hymnal 564

Materna

## CALL TO WORSHIP (STANDING)

The Rev. Charles L. Chalk, Chaplain

Leader: 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.

Leader: Remember us, O Lord, in time of need.

People: Visit us with your saving help.

## CHORAL INTROIT (STANDING)

*"Lift Thine Eyes" (from Elijah)*

Psalm 121:1-3

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

## SALUTE TO THE FLAG (STANDING)

Led by Chief Sidney F. Thurston,  
President

## GREETING

The Rev. Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain

## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Chief Sidney F. Thurston, President

## HOST CHIEF'S WELCOME

Chief Gary G. Cassanelli

## PSALM 23 (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING)

*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

Pew Hymnal 171

St. Columba

## PRAYER

The Rev. Charles L. Chalk, Chaplain

## ANTHEM

*"He Watching Over Israel" (from Elijah)*

Psalm 121:4 and 138:7

Felix Mendelssohn

## SCRIPTURE READING

A Selection from Proverbs  
The Rev. Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain

## A SPIRITUAL

*"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"*

Traditional American  
arranged by Robert Shaw  
and Alice Parker

## MEMORIAL ADDRESS

The Rev. Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain

ANTHEM		Words from Psalm 84
<i>"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" (from Requiem)</i>		Johannes Brahms
		(1833-1897)
FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER (SAID BY ALL - BACK PAGE)		Led by Chief Anthony Jarvis, Sergeant-at-Arms
ANTHEM		
<i>"Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord" (from <u>Elijah</u>)</i>		Felix Mendelssohn
ROLL CALL	Chief Richard K. Wehter, Ret., Secretary-Treasurer NEAFC	
BELL TOLLER	Chief John G. Wood, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer NEDIAFC	
A HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING)		Pew Hymnal 555
<i>"Now Thank We All Our God" (Stanzas One and Two)</i>		
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:		Chief Roger Bradley, NEDIAFC
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING)		See Insert
<i>"O Say, Can You See?"</i>		
BENEDICTION (SEATED)		The Rev. Charles L. Chalk, Chaplain
CHORAL RESPONSE		Text from an Irish Poem
<i>A Gaelic Blessing</i>		Setting: John Rutter
RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE (ALL STANDING)		
<i>Chaconne in G Minor</i>		Louis Couperin (1626-1661)



*We are grateful to the Reverend Richard Fournier, Pastor of Old First Church, for allowing us to conduct our Annual Memorial Service in this historical setting.*

*For their support of CONCORA, under the able direction of Richard Maxwell Caffey, we also recognize the generosity of Hale Products, Incorporated, and the Whelen Engineering Company.*

*We again thank the Color Guard from the fire departments of Berlin, Connecticut, for their participation this year.*

# 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.

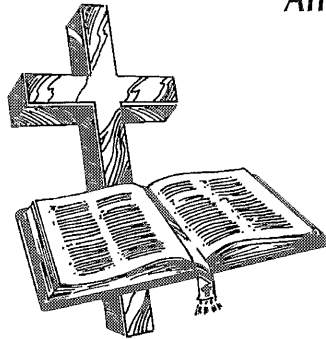
Help me embrace a little child  
before it is too late  
or save an older person from  
the horror of that fate.

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 help my many neighbors  
and safeguard their property.

One day if I must give my life,  
protect with caring arm,  
those loved ones I will leave behind  
when I answer my last alarm.

Amen



*"Entrust your works to the Lord, and your plans will succeed."*

*Proverbs 16:3*

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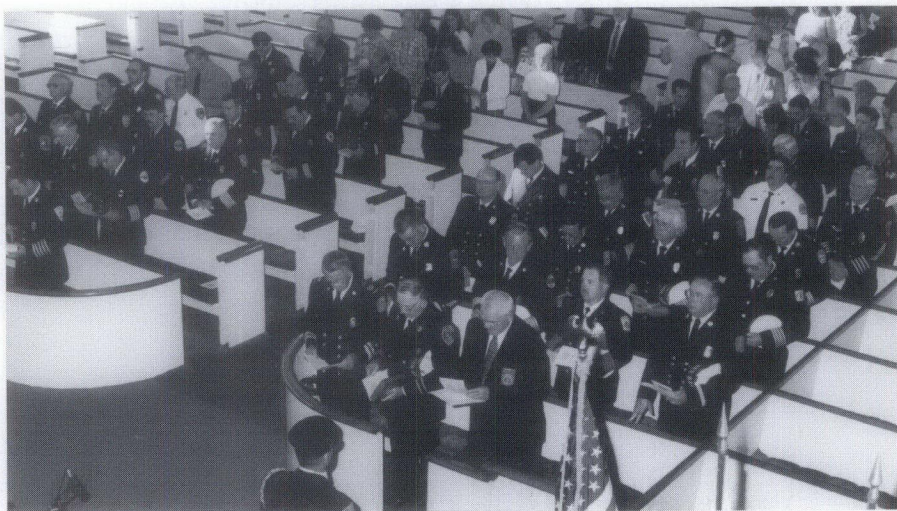
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First Church  
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President Thurston (RF) NEAFC & President Bradley (LF) NEDIAFC lead members to the Memorial Service.



The Processional with members singing *America, The Beautiful*.

Springfield, Massachusetts  
Sunday, June 28, 1998

## P R O C E E D I N G S

### Memorial Service

[Prelude for Organ by Richard Maxwell Coffey, organist.]

[All stand as the CONCORA Connecticut Choral Artists entered the church followed by the Processional with colors.]

[All sang America, the Beautiful.]

REVEREND CHARLES L. CHALK: [Merrimack, New Hampshire] The call to worship:

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 time of need.

PEOPLE: Visit us with your saving help.

[Choral sang Lift Thine Eyes.]

[The Pledge of Allegiance was said and led by Chief Sidney F. Thurston, President.]

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: [West Hartford, CT] Chief Cassanelli and respective Presidents of the Association and Division will render due and proper thanks during their respective remarks. So I just want to make one particular — well, first I want to fix the microphone system.

Chief Cassanelli from the Springfield Fire Department and the respective Presidents of the Division and the Association will render due and proper thanks in their respective remarks. I would just like to take the occasion very briefly on this hot night to recognize, once again, Richard Maxwell Coffey and the members of the CONCORA who are here. It might interest you to know that all of these people are professional musicians. Some are organists, some are pianists, some are instrumentalists, but all are professional singers led by one of the most professional men in the business, Rick Coffey.

It might also interest you to know further that Rick Coffey is an outstanding fire buff. He has





**The Reverend Stephen C. Foley makes the introductions & opening remarks.**



**Springfield Fire Chief Gary Cassanelli gives welcome to the City of Springfield.**



scanners all over his house and his car and at church, every place, almost as bad as I am. But we're going to make a little presentation to Rick today. Most of you know we have a new patch for the New England Fire Chiefs Association. I'd ask please Rick to come forward.

On behalf of the New England Division and New England Association and our unified patch, this is the first official presentation to you, Richard Maxwell Coffey, for your devotion to the fire service, as well as your outstanding accomplishments in the field of music, from us to you. God bless.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT SIDNEY F. THURSTON: [Waterbury Center, VT] Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. It's my pleasure to look out amongst you, to all of our friends, in the future and the past that have come to our Memorial Service, Father Foley and Reverend Chalk and everybody in the choir do an excellent job of presenting this for you people. And I welcome you all here, and it's really a good set up. Thank you.

CHIEF GARY C. CASSANELLI: [Springfield, MA] Good evening, everyone. On behalf of the Mayor of the City of Springfield, Michael J. Albano, and on behalf of the Springfield Fire Department, it is once again my honor and a great privilege to welcome all of you to the City of Springfield. I would especially like to thank everyone who participated in the parade today. I think most of you people that are here tonight were probably there. It was as good as last year, if not better. I think if we keep on with this effort, it will get better and better every year.

I'd especially like to thank all the fire fighters, most of them who are not here, who came a long way for that parade. I give them a lot of credit. There was great, great talent out there today.

I'd like to take a moment to introduce someone who has become a part of the Springfield Fire Department. I think it's very appropriate at this time during the Memorial Service to recognize him and to recognize the fact that he is — I kept thinking a new member of the Springfield Fire Department because he is sort of a reinstatement — but he's the newest spiritual addition to the Springfield Fire Department, finally filled a void we've had for a long time in need

for a Chaplain. And he's a great friend of Father Foley's. I think the only problem I'm going to have is I don't know which one of you has seniority or rank. We don't want any squabbling on the fire ground.

It's my pleasure at this time to turn over my portion of this address to someone who I think can do a lot better than I can at this time and it's Father David Farland.

FATHER DAVID FARLAND: Actually when I came this evening, I didn't know I'd be sitting up here in the most prominent seat. One of our district chiefs asked me when I came back, why I like the fire service so much. It's because there's never a time when we go out that we don't go out to help. I want to thank Chief Cassanelli for his support, and I want to thank all of you for coming this evening. And I want to say this, that our Department is a very hospitable Department. If you haven't discovered that in your stay here in Springfield, don't be afraid to visit any one of our ten stations, and you'll receive a most warm, hospitable welcome. Thank you.

[The King of Love My Shepherd is sung by all standing.]

REVEREND CHARLES B. CHALK: Our Heavenly Father, we do thank you for the privilege tonight as Americans that we can gather in a land of freedom, where we might clearly extend to you that which you might through deserve the honor. We thank you for the fire service of our nation and for service that is provided freely and willingly. We now pray that you will bless this service and keep your hand upon it. May Father Foley tonight give us a message that will inspire and encourage, and yet at the same time, follow us through remembrance of those who have gone before. We pray now for all that might occur this evening. Amen.

[Amen]

[The choral sang He Watching Over Israel.]

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: A Selection from Proverbs. "In everything you do, put God first; he will direct your steps and crown your efforts with success. I wisdom dwell with experience and judicious knowledge I attain. Mine are counsel and advise. Mine is strange. I am understanding. Those who love me, I also love. And those who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, and during wealth and prosperity my

fruit is better than gold, yes, and pure gold. And my revenue then choice silver. On the way of duty, I walk along the paths of justice, granting wealth to those who love me and filling their treasuries. Happy the man watching day at my gates, waiting at my door posts, for he who finds me finds life and wins favor from the Lord. Entrust your works to the Lord, and your plans will succeed."

[The Choral sang Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.]

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: Before delivering the Memorial Address, I must share with you a story briefly. During our parade meeting preparations, one of the Judges asked me some weeks ago to pray for his pregnant wife, who was seriously ill would in the hospital and in danger of losing not only the baby, but her own life. I assured him that I would pray beginning immediately, and the next day I would offer mass in that text. He came to me very excitedly before the parade to thank me and said, "Father, your prayers work wonders. My wife is going to have triplets." The power of prayer in faith. That is a true story. I am impressed, not by myself, but by the power of prayer. And if I can do that, think of what all of you can do together here tonight as we praise God.

"In everything you do, put God first; he will direct your steps and crown your efforts with success." Once upon a time a very unusual, strange child was born, so strange, in fact, that his parents decided to call him Odd, O-D-D. As you might well imagine, there followed for Odd a lifetime of taunting and jokes, most of which were very unpleasant and some of which were absolutely painful.

When the time finally came for Odd to answer his last alarm, he was so tired and frustrated that he said to his wife, "Simply on my tombstone, engrave the date of my birth and the date of my death, nothing else." Odd's wife did as she was instructed. And to this very day, whenever people view his gravestone they remark, Isn't that Odd?

Some years ago, an enthusiastic, young fellow graduated from the very highly respected Massachusetts Fire Fighting Academy with the highest of honors. Soon after his assignment to a busy company in a large metropolitan fire department, he was labelled as "different." He did things by the book.

One day a medical call came in, a girl had been bitten by a large, poisonous snake in a housing complex. Arriving on the scene, the company was greeted by an anxious relative who informed them that the girl was in the bedroom of a tenth floor apartment. Going up the elevator together, they noticed that the rookie was dressed in full turn-out gear on a hot summer day, carrying a CO2 extinguisher in one hand and the familiar flathead/halligan combination in the other. Opening the bedroom door, they were greeted by the frightening sight of a snake preparing to strike out at anyone who dared enter. "Now what do we do," said a very anxious Captain?

Enter the rookie. Very cautiously opening the door, he immediately discharged the CO2 extinguisher, freezing the snake long enough to finish it off with the flathead, where in time, the others were able to render effective and successful medical assistance to the victim. The moral of the story: Even a rookie, or the new kid on the block, has something to offer. Isn't that odd!!

We stand today at the threshold of a new era for the Fire Service of New England. And many have much to offer. Stephen R. Covey, one of the most inspired motivational writers of our day, often refers to the value of synergy. You know what this means: The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. For instance, if you put two pieces of wood together, they will hold much more than the total of the weight each one could hold separately.

Dr. Robert H. Schuller, one of America's most influential and popular preachers, says that we don't need a head-strong approach to problems, which he calls "head-lock," nor do we need the adversarial approach, which he calls "grid-lock." What we need is "inter-lock," where both the Association and the Division join hands together for the future good, not only of the Association, not only of the Division, but for that of the entire New England Fire Service. Isn't that odd!!!

To continue the process, we must lead this joint venture into the new millennium, and I mean lead. We need leadership, not management. A true leader can always manage, but far too many managers cannot lead. Form follows function, and management follows leadership. Isn't that odd?



Likewise, don't be afraid of mutual differences. As Stephen Covey again states, "The essence of synergy is to value differences." Isn't that odd?

How about the ancient Ethiopian proverb, "When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion." Isn't that odd? Heraclitus, the famous Greek philosopher, who by the way, believed that fire was the underlying substance of the Earth, and I think today he might be right, taught, "Opposition brings together, and from discord comes perfect harmony." Isn't that odd?

To place all of this into the hands of God, as well we should, let us refer to the Old Testament book of Jeremiah, Chapter 29, Verse 11: "I know well the plans I have in mind for you. Plans for your welfare, not for calamity. Plans to give you a future full of hope."

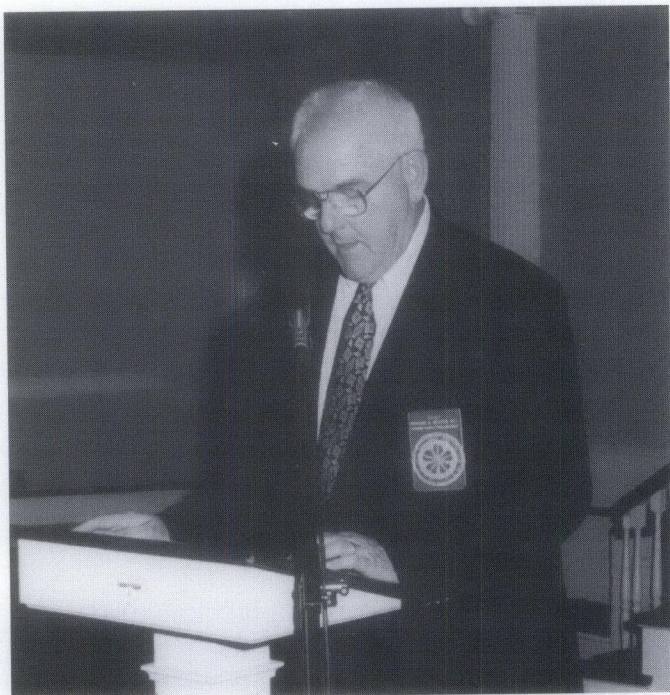
We began with a quotation from Proverbs, and it is fitting that we should end in like fashion. Proverbs 16:3, printed on the back of your bulletin as a reminder, "Entrust your works to the Lord, and your plans will succeed." Isn't that odd?

[The Choral sang How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place.)

CHIEF ANTHONY JARVIS: [Ludlow, MA]

Would you join in reciting the Fire Fighter's Prayer located on the back cover of your program.

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 help my many neighbors  
and safeguard their property.  
One day if I must give my life,



**Chief Richard K. Wehter, Secretary/Treasurer NEAFC reads the Memorial Roll Call.**



**Chief John G., Wood, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer NEDIAFC tolls the bell as the names are read.**

protect with caring arm,  
those loved ones I will leave behind  
when I answer my last alarm.  
Amen.

[Amen]

[The Choral sang Cast Thy Burden Upon The  
Lord.]

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED:  
[NEAFC, Hingham, MA] During the past year the following  
members have last answered their last alarm:

[The fire bell was rung after each name by  
Chief John G. Wood, Jr.]

Chief John E. Obier, Jr.,  
Secretary/Treasurer of the New England Division, North  
Haven, Connecticut.

Chief Carl P. Sawyer, our 57th President  
from Groton, Connecticut.

Chief Robert F. Hevey, Ware, Massachusetts.

Chief John B. Rogers, Middleborough,  
Massachusetts.

Chief James R. Bannon, Pawtucket, Rhode  
Island.

Chief Joseph E. Matta, Hyannis,  
Massachusetts.

Chief Leon J. Delaney, West Springfield,  
Massachusetts.

Chief Duncan Warrender, Coventry, Rhode  
Island.

Chief Samuel E. Angell, Cumberland, Rhode  
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Chief Melvin E. Sanford, Tiverton, Rhode  
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Chief John M. Hanafin, Milton,  
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Chief Joseph F. Hall, Braintree,  
Massachusetts.

Chief Francis A. Luttazi, Dover,  
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Chief William Hanson, Needham,  
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Chief John J. Daly, Windsor Locks,  
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Commissioner William P. Fitzgerald,  
Lexington, Massachusetts.

Chief Louis A. Shea, Fall River,  
Massachusetts.

Chief Andrew E. LaFlamme, Shrewsbury,  
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Chief Norman F. Clough, Malden,  
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Chief Walter N. Champion, Swampscott,  
Massachusetts.

Chief Jon Zvonkovic, Guilford, Connecticut.

Chief Francis J. Dagon, East Hartford,  
Connecticut.

Chief George N. Koser, Litchfield,  
Connecticut.

Associate Edward D. Sherman, Boston,  
Massachusetts.

Chief Ronald S. Jones, Cranston, Rhode  
Island.

Chief Jack Yost, Norfolk, Connecticut.

Deputy Chief Stuart Robinson, Smithfield,  
Rhode Island.

Chief Francis J. Limerick, Manchester,  
Connecticut.

Chief Frederick Philopena, New London,  
Connecticut.

Chief Jacob A. Chase, Suncook, New  
Hampshire.

Chief Joseph F. Farley, Danvers,  
Massachusetts.

Chief James B. Leonard, Amonk, New York.

And for all deceased members may they rest  
in peace.

[The bell was rung 20 more times.]

[All stood and sang Now Thank We All Our  
God.]

CHIEF ROGER BRADLEY, NEDIAFC: [Hanover,  
New Hampshire.] Good evening. Before I start the  
acknowledgments for this Memorial Service, I would like  
to invite each and everyone of you to join me in a  
moment to personally reflect on a dear friend of mine  
and an inspiration to me, Chief John Obier. Thank  
you.

First and foremost, we would like to thank  
this Reverend Richard Fornier for allowing us to use  
this beautiful little First Church here in Springfield  
for our Memorial Service this evening. We would also  
like to thank the Reverend Richard Maxwell Coffey and  
the Connecticut Choral Artists for the beautiful



music. We thank Charlie McInerney for the beautiful flowers he has provided for the service. We also thank the Color Guard from the Berlin Fire Department for their contributions today.

We give thanks to the parade committee and Chief Ed Richards for the untold hours of time and effort organizing this fabulous parade today. We also give thanks to Chief Cassanelli and the Springfield Fire Department for donating the wonderful bell that we are using this evening. We also give thanks to Harold Roeder and the L. W. Bills Company for having the bell chrome plated and supplying the protective box for it.

We give special thanks to the Springfield and West Springfield Police Departments for the inefficient crowd control and traffic control today for the parade. And I would also like to give a special heart felt thanks to Father O'Toole — I'm sorry, Father Foley — for this wonderful Memorial Service and for all that he does for the New England Fire Service.

And last but not least, we give thanks to each and everyone for a wonderful conference and a wonderful Memorial Service. Thank you.

[All stood and sang the Star-Spangled Banner.]

REVEREND CHALK: Please be seated for the benediction. Shall we pray. Our Heavenly Father, we come now again, and we want to thank you for the privilege for being able to gather this evening. We ask now your continued blessings upon this conference as it continues throughout the day tomorrow. May we learn much from our speakers, may we be blessed by the friendship and camaraderie of those around us who share the same desires, the desire to serve mankind and their community and the fire service.

We thank you for those who have made this evening possible. We thank you for the wonderful time that we have had together. And until we join again next year, and sadly again, we may remember those who have passed on before us, we ask you to bless upon all we say and do in Jesus' name. Amen. .

[Amen]

[The Choral sang A Gaelic Blessing.]

[All stood as the Color Guard left the  
church followed by the Chaplains, the Choral, and the  
processional to the music of Chaconne in G Minor.]  
[The Memorial Service concluded at  
7:05 p.m.]

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## C E R T I F I C A T E

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I, Vicki L. Britt, hereby certify that the  
foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of the 76th  
Annual Memorial Service of the New England Association  
of Fire Chiefs, Inc., taken on Sunday, June 28, 1998,  
to the best of my knowledge and ability.

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Vicki L. Britt  
Shorthand Reporter

# **Fire Apparatus Parade**

## **1998 Parade Committee**

***In Appreciation for  
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Chief Edward N. Richards, Chairman  
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Chief Alan Roy  
Chief Richard McDonough  
Chief Thomas Murphy, Ret  
Chief Gary Cassanelli  
Chief David Jorsey  
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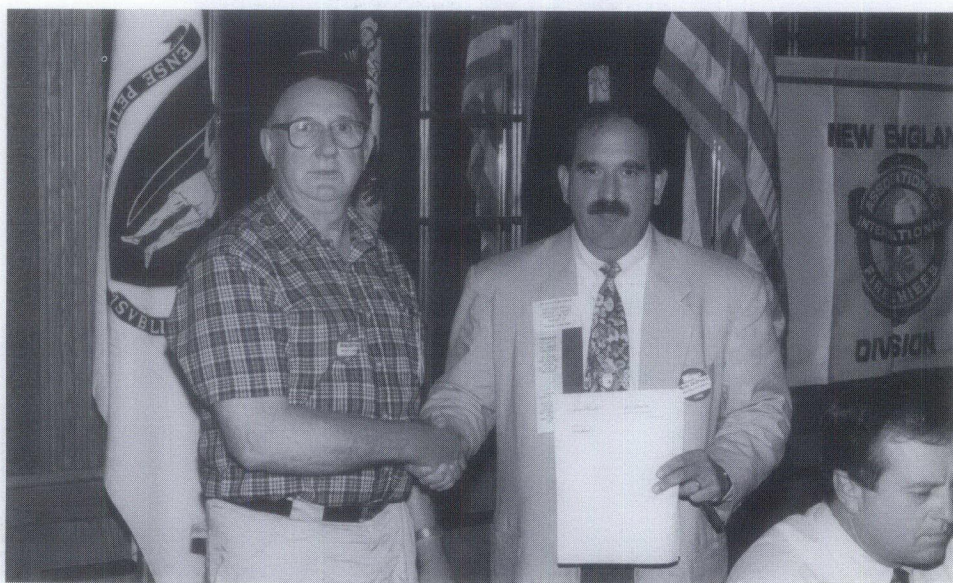








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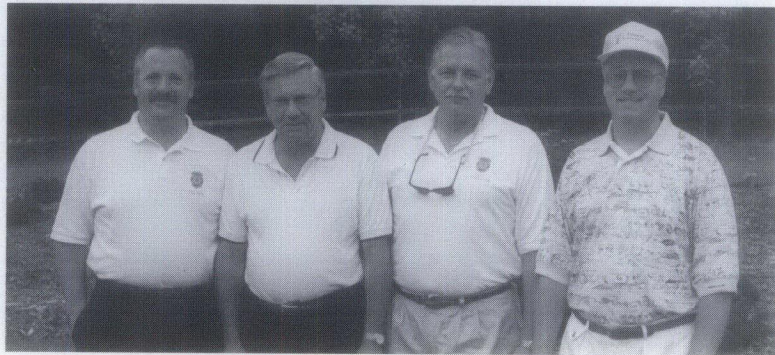
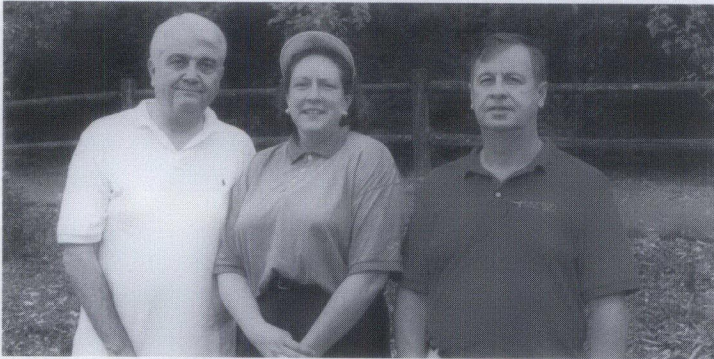
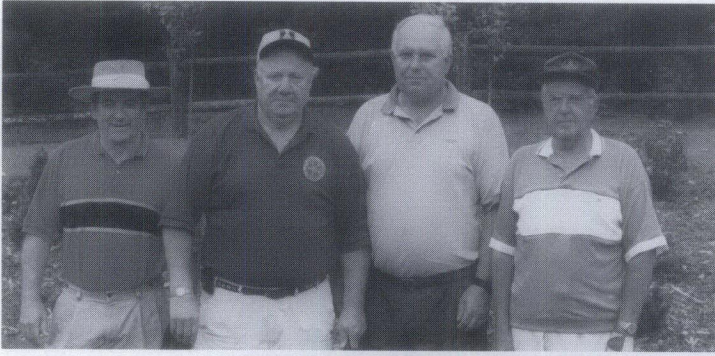


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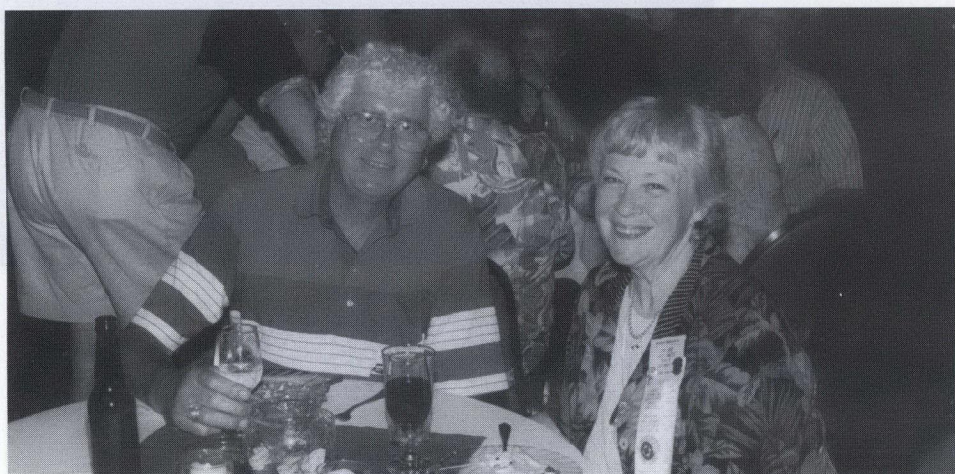


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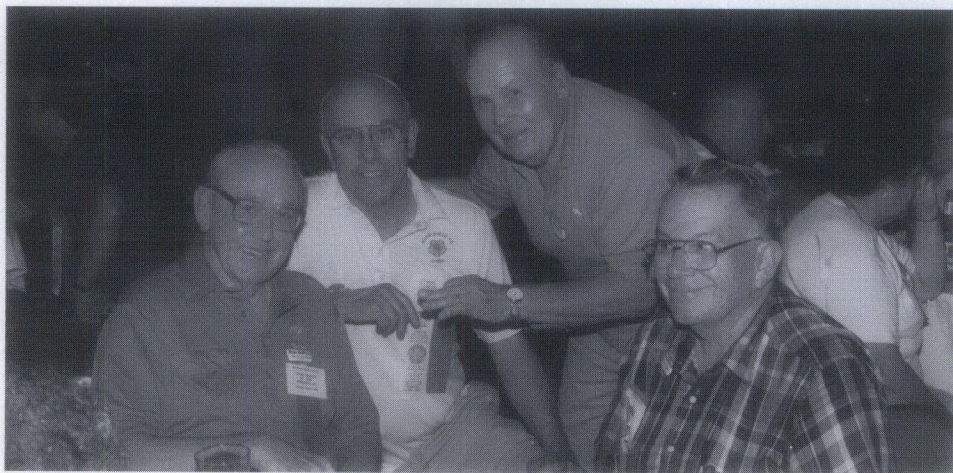
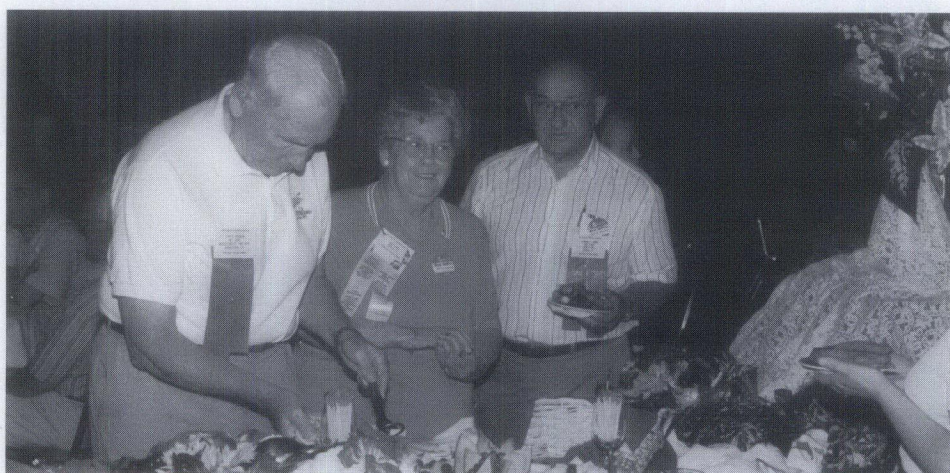
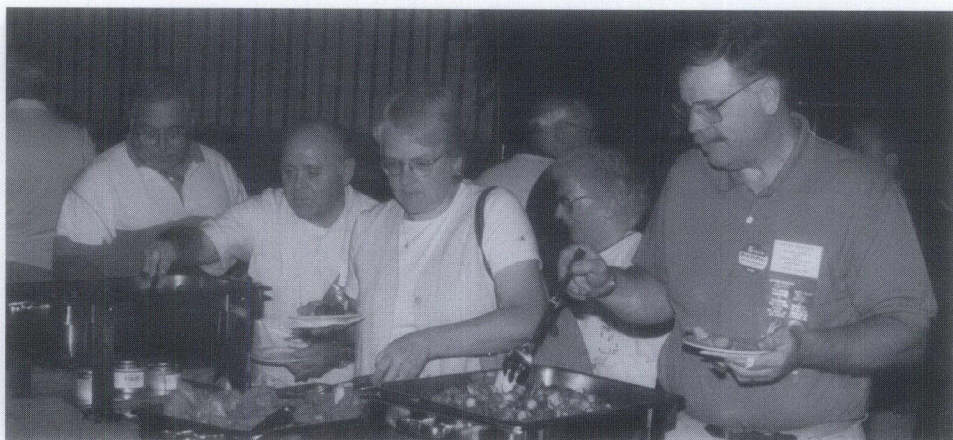


## The Welcome Networking Party





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## The Ladies Activities



**The Ladies Committee**



**Ladies Bus Trip to Stockbridge & the Norman Rockwell Museum**





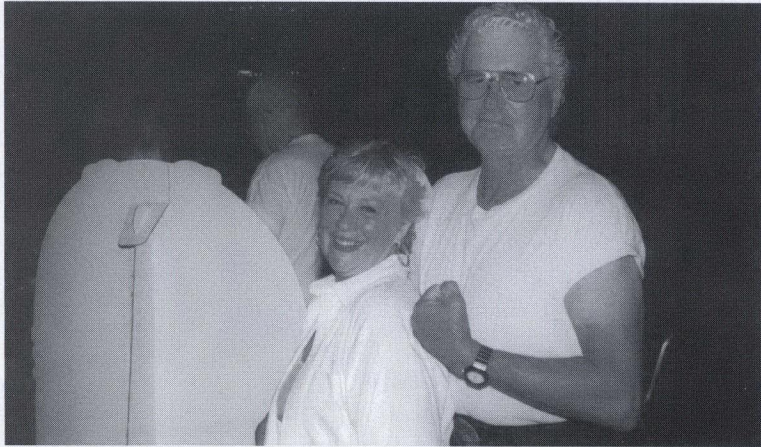
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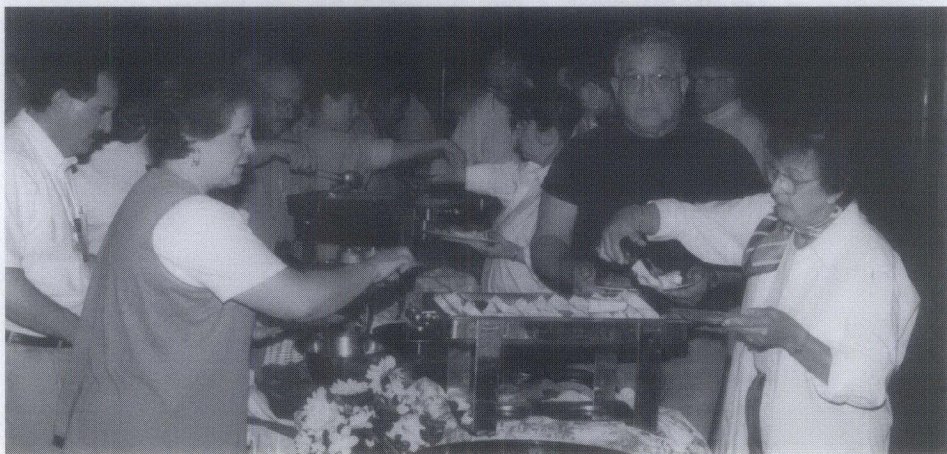
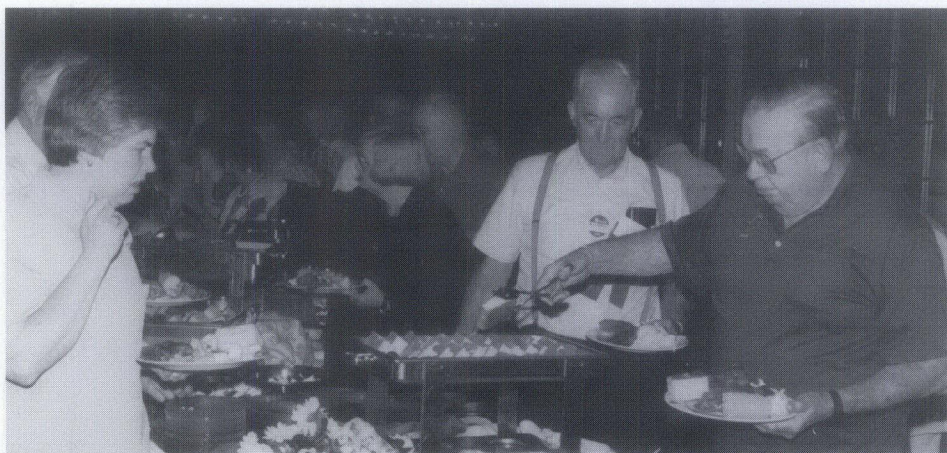


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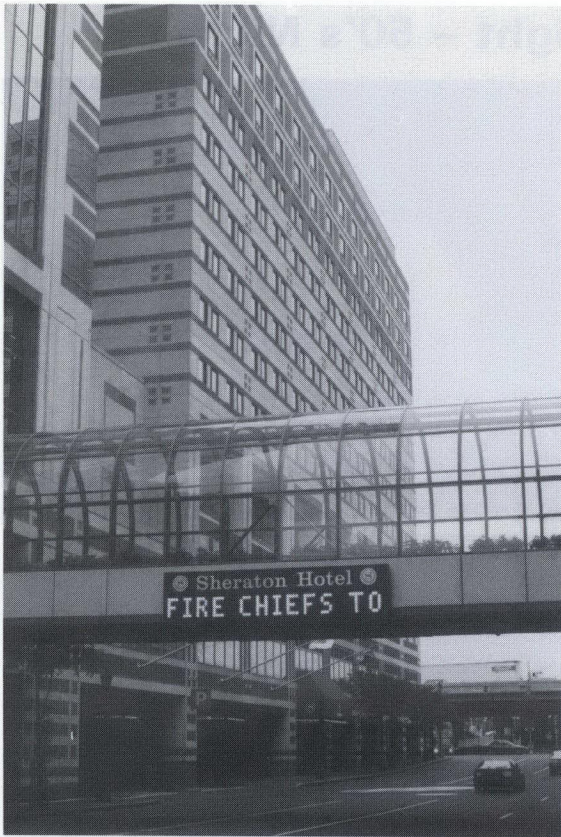




## Theme Night – 50's Night







Welcome back to the  
Sheraton Springfield



Ambassador of Welcome, Chief Bob Nunes of Chicopee (seated) talks it up with Past Presidents (Chief Carl Winslow, Yarmouth, Maine and Chief Bill Healey, Milford, CT)



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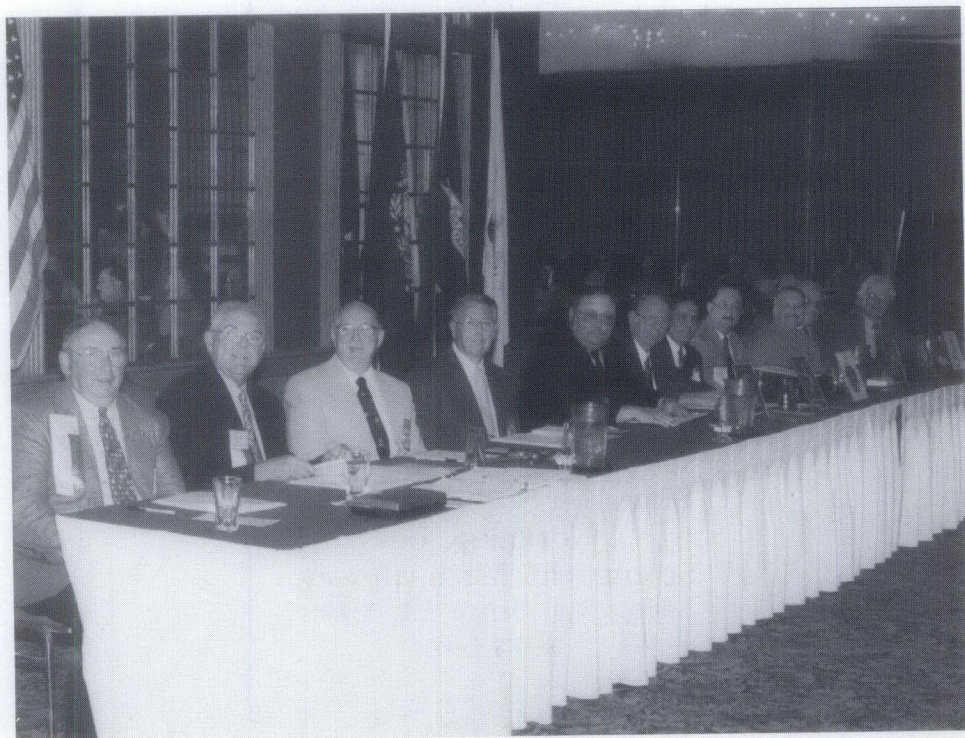
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**NEAFC Officers & Directors at the Annual Meeting.**

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

### Annual Meeting

PRESIDENT SIDNEY THURSTON: [Waterbury Center, VT] Gentlemen, I would like to call this meeting to order.

We'll have the pledge to the flag.

[Pledge of Allegiance said.]

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Father Foley. Where is he? Reverend Chalk.

REVEREND CHARLES L. CHALK: [Merrimack, New Hampshire] Let's bow our heads, please. Lord, please look on this gathering today. Inspire us to make decisions that will benefit both the New England Association and New England Division, that we may do better in the future, bring better seminars, and have a better conference. Please watch over all of us. Thank you. Amen.

[Amen]

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Is Chief Cassanelli here? We'll have to suspend for that one. Secretary's report, Chief Wehter.

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED [Hingham, Massachusetts] The Annual Report of the Secretary for the Fiscal Year June 1, 1997 through May 31, 1998.

To the Officers and Members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated, I herewith submit the report of the Secretary for the Fiscal Year ending May 31, 1998.

The Officers, Directors, and Committee members have held several meetings throughout the year in preparation for the conference. Full Board meetings were held on September 12, 1997, November 7, 1997, February 13, 1998, and May 8, 1998. These meetings were held at the Sheraton Springfield Hotel in Springfield, MA. Several subcommittee meetings were also held throughout the year, including several by the Parade Committee and four on the joint conference. The New England Division had three representatives at most of these meetings as well as the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association. The Mechanics Association did not show an interest in joining us this year.

Testimonials and Memorial services were

attended by various officers and directors of the Association throughout the year.

The day-to-day business of the Association was handled by the President and Secretary/Treasurer, and all correspondence was answered or directed to the appropriate committee. The Secretary edited and prepared the Red Book for printing, prepared all conference forms, advertisements and the conference pocket program on the computer. All mailings were prepared by the Secretary with help as may be required. This year Honorary Life members were assessed a \$10.00 postage and printing fee per vote of the last Annual Meeting. Two members were afforded an exemption and the mailing revealed notification of members deceased in previous years. This has helped to update our database. The conference and exhibitors mailing included an application to join which yielded ten new members. Our membership has dropped by 30 members since the last annual report.

During the past year, the Association welcomed 81 new members, mourned the loss of 28 members, dropped 54 members for nonpayment of dues, 3 members resigned, and 3 members were dropped as their address is unknown. Twelve members were accorded Honorary Life status. Membership statistics as of 6/23/98 are:

State	Active	Retired	Associate	Life	Vendors	Total
MA	200	177	51	9	44	481
CT	65	52	65	1	8	191
RI	43	34	24	0	2	103
NH	38	37	24	3	4	106
ME	27	13	22	0	4	66
VT	24	16	24	1	4	69
Out						
of NE	0	16	5	6	17	44
TOTALS	397	345	215	20	83	1060

The 1999 and 2000 conference will be held at the Sheraton Springfield and the Eastern States Exposition. Preliminary figures indicate the 1998 conference to be a great success. The Board will meet with a delegation from the Rhode Island Chiefs for an on-site tour of the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence. From the previous contact with the Rhode Island Convention Center, the year 2000 would be the



first year available to meet our requirements.

Chief Maurais and his wife, Linda, have done another great job with the exhibits sales. We have constant communications throughout the year in an effort to promote the finest Fire/Expo we can. Harold Roeder of L.W. Bills Co. continues to play a major role in our efforts. This year we sold sixteen ads to fill in spaces in the pocket program which Harold took care of for me. Harold has also been very instrumental in getting donations to cover the parade expenses.

President Thurston reappointed Retired Chief Otis C. Wyatt, Jr. to the position of Historian, and Reverend Foley & Reverend Chalk were reappointed Chaplains, and also Chief Tony Jarvis of Ludlow was appointed Sergeant In Arms.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Board members for their support and cooperation throughout the year, with special thanks to President Thurston, Chief Baston, Chief Flaherty, Chief Maurais, Chief John Wood, Secretary/Treasurer of the New England Division and all the Directors, with a very special thanks to my wife Sally and daughters Kerry, Molly, Sara and Tracy for their patience and help in preparing the many bulk mailings and conference registration packages.

It has been an honor to serve as your Secretary for the past six years and hope to do so for many more to come.

Respectfully submitted.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: You've heard the report of the Secretary. What's your pleasure? Whoever makes a motion please stand and state your name.

CHIEF MAURAI: [Marblehead, MA] Motion to be accepted as read.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Motion made by Chief Maurais.

CHIEF OTIS WYATT: [Narragansett, RI] Seconded.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Motion made and seconded. Is there any discussion? There being no discussion, all those will manifest by saying Aye.

[Aye]

Those opposed?

So voted.

Audit Committee, Chief Jorsey.

CHIEF DAVID JORSEY: [East Berlin, CT]

Mr. President, the Audit Committee has reviewed the balance sheets of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated, as of May 31, 1998 and the related revenue expenses and changes in their financial position for the year. The firm of John T. Walsh, Jr., Certified Public Accounting, 166 Central Street, Norwell, MA, has also reviewed the account. The audit committee and the accounting firm find the account in proper order.

Respectfully submitted, David Jorsey,  
Chairman, Richard Baston, and John J. Flaherty. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: You've heard the Auditor's Report, the mini report, what's your pleasure?

CHIEF OTIS WYATT: [Narragansett, RI] Move it be accepted as read.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Motion made, being accepted as read.

CHIEF CHARLES Q. HALL: [Merrimack, NH] Seconded.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Any discussion?  
All those in favor will manifest by saying

Aye.

[Aye]

Those opposed?

So done.

Treasury Report.

CHIEF WEHTER: Annual report of the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year June 1, 1997 through May 31, 1998.

To the Officers and members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated, I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year ending May 31, 1998.

Balance on hand 6/1/97	\$133,296.46
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#### RECEIPTS

Dues	20,000.00
Conference 1997	16,938.80
Conference 1998	15,245.00
Exhibit Receipts	148,609.00
Red Book	2,600.00
Miscellaneous	2,543.12
Interest	3,601.23
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>209,537.15</b>

EXPENSES	
Office Supplies and Equipment	4,386.73
Conference 1997	83,084.95
Conference 1998	19,535.07
Postage and mailing	2,797.17
Telephone	2,548.67
Memorials	519.96
Testimonials	348.25
Legal, Accounting, Insurance, Professional Services	1,459.00
Preconference Director & Committee Meetings	14,848.33
Miscellaneous	102.00
Scholarships & Selection expenses	1,980.88
Exhibit Committee	5,461.23
Bank Charges	143.64
Refunds	3,137.50
Advertising	5,333.60
Donations	1,300.00
Consulting Fees	22,000.04
Red Book	7,550.55
TOTAL EXPENSES	176,537.57
SUMMARY	
Balance on hand 6/1/97	133,296.46
Total receipts 6/1/97 to 5/31/98	209,537.15
Total expenses 6/1/97 to 5/31/98	176,537.57
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 5/31/98	\$166,290.64

This year's receipts exceeded expenses primarily due to the increase in exhibit space sales for the current conference. With the increase in income there will also be a substantial increase in expenses, especially with the added expenses of an additional building at the Eastern States Expo site and all the other associated costs. This year Honorary Life members were assessed a \$10.00 fee to cover printing and postage costs. This has also revealed some deaths we were not aware of and has helped bring our data base up to date.

This Board is committed to ensure a budget balance that will provide us for a conference default. At this time we do not have those resources which should be \$85,000.00 to \$100,000.00 in reserve funds. After all the conference receivables and expenses are determined, which will be sometime in October or November, based on past history, our balance will be far less than the year end balance noted here today.



In reality during the past fiscal year, we went as low as \$58,000.00, which is not much money for the size enterprise we have developed into. It has not been the Association's policy to accumulate large sums of money, in fact, over the past many years we have subsidized many conference expenses. During this and last year's conference, we have eliminated some of this in order to help bring up our reserves by making the conference self sufficient. As our conference grows, our income grows and so does our expenses. Exhibit fees for this year were previously established the same as last year. However, next year they will increase to help insure a more reasonable income and hopefully the start of a much more needed reserve fund.

All checks received by the corporation are photocopied and filed. All monies are deposited on a daily basis in the supersaver account, with minimum balances maintained in the checking account to ensure the maximum receipt of interest.

All financial records of the corporation are reviewed or subject to a full audit, and receipts exceed \$100,000.00 by an outside accountant on an annual basis. His findings and a copy of all the expense and receipt records have been given to the audit committee for review. All members of the Audit Committee receive periodic updates on the financial conditions of the Association which ensures continuity and the ability to question any and all expenditures.

At the recommendation of the 1994 Annual Meeting, the Treasurer continues to be bonded for the sum of \$200,000.00.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Secretary/Treasurer these past six years, and I hope to do so for many more. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: You've heard the report of the Treasurer. What's your pleasure?

CHIEF WENDALL MANSFIELD: [Stowe, VT] Move to accept.

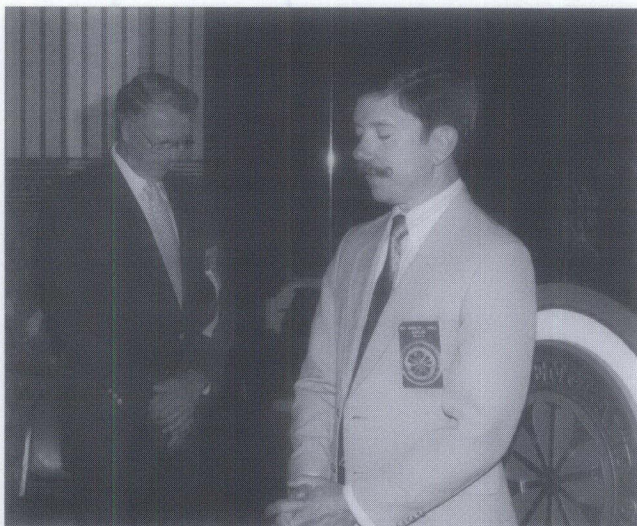
PRESIDENT THURSTON: Motion made by Chief Mansfield that we accept.

FROM THE FLOOR: I second it.

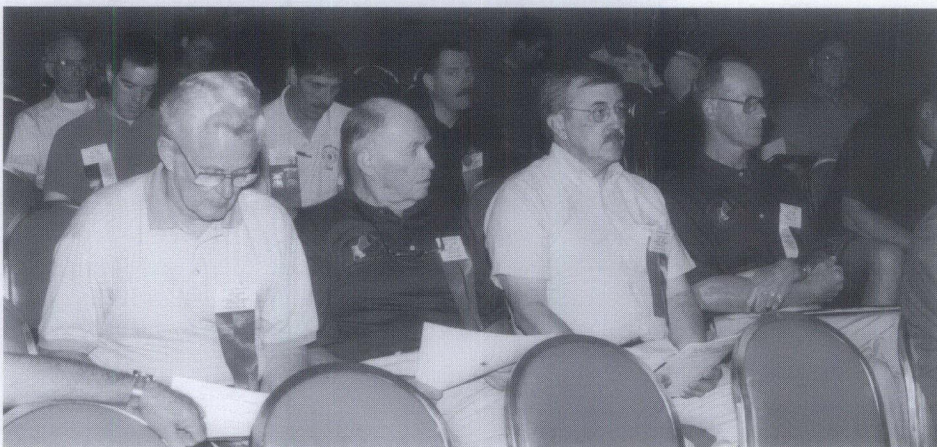
PRESIDENT THURSTON: Motion made and seconded.

Is there any discussion?

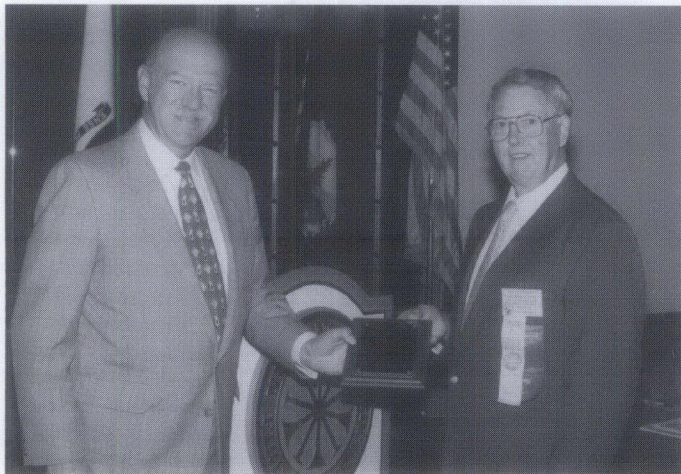
All those in favor will manifest by saying Aye.



Reverend Chalk gives  
the invocation to open  
the educational session.



The Maine contingent taking in the opening session.



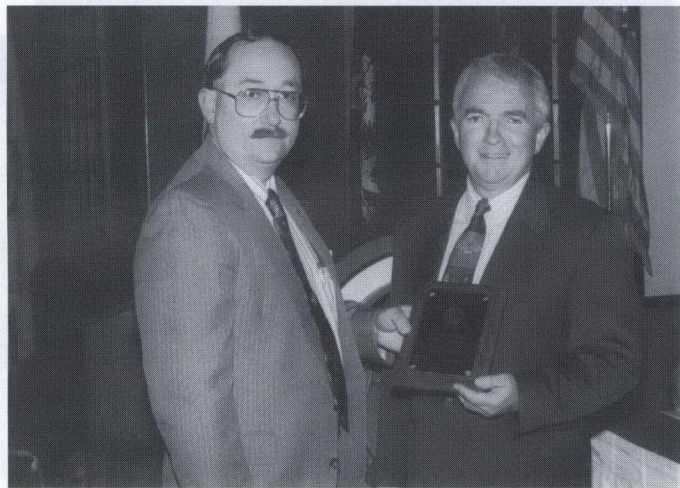
Keynote Speaker  
Jim Page (L) of  
*Fire/Rescue*  
*Magazine*,  
Calrlsbad,  
California receives  
plaque from 1st  
VP Chief Richard  
Baston for his  
presentation "Fire  
Based EMS &  
Managed Care"





Howard Cross of Shaftsbury, VT receives plaque from Chief Mike Howard for his presentation "You're A Bum and I'm Not".

Dr. Mike Bechtle of Brea, California receives congratulations from Chief Mike Howard for his presentation "Living at The Speed of Life".



Chief Mike Howard presents Chief Randy Bruegman of Clackamas County Oregon a plaque for his presentation on "Fire Accreditation"



**1st VP Chief  
Richard Baston  
makes presentation  
to Pat Lybarger of  
the Shriners Burn  
Center for her  
presentation on  
"Pre-Hospital Burn  
Management for  
EMT's"**



**Exhibitors &  
sponsors from  
Quality Emergency  
Vehicles**

**Thank you  
for all your  
help Harold.**







1st VP Christy  
Michael Easton  
James presentation  
to the sponsor of  
the Senior's Day  
Center for the  
presentation on  
the Hospital Day



[Aye]

Those opposed?

So done.

Stay right there, Richard.

Registration Committee Report, Mr. Wehter.

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED: [Hingham, MA] Statistics for registration/preregistration, member 133 spouse/guest 80. At the conference two for members, zero for spouse. For a total of 136 for members and 80 for the spouse/guests. This is down somewhat from last year. Baypath statistics Saturday 1,300, Sunday, 2,400, today 1,000, as of the time I left, for a total of 4,700. During the conference several doors got opened by whatever means, and several hundred probably got in without putting on a day pass, so I'm estimating that the total is around 6,000.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Anyone want to add to that that the vendors have a special express tag for the Chiefs, and they kept an accurate account of that, which will have to be added to this total here. Some of it will be added to this. So we're looking around at least six, possibly up around 7,000 mark. What's your pleasure on the registration committee?

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY: [West Springfield, MA] Move to accept.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Motion made by John Flaherty. Is there a second?

CHIEF JON BARTON: [Gray, ME] Second.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Second by Jon Barton from Maine.

Any discussion?

All those in favor?

[Aye]

Those opposed?

Chief Baston.

CHIEF RICHARD M. BASTON: [North Yarmouth, ME] To the officers, members of the Association, the Education Committee this year was Chief Timothy Travers from Whitman, MA, Chief Roger Bradley from Hanover, NH, Chief Richard Baston from North Yarmouth, Maine, the Chairman, and Chief Michael Howard, Wolfeboro, NH. The committee met at one of our regular Board meetings and then the rest of the meetings we really did on the phone.

We offered five seminars this year, but key note speaker was Jim Page from Fire Rescue Magazine.



His topic was Fire Based EMS and Managed Care. On Sunday the first seminar was Dr. Mike Bechtle, Living at the Speed of Life. The second seminar was Chief Randy Bruegman, Fire Accreditation.

Today the first seminar was Howard Cross, You're a Bum and I'm Not, and the second seminar was the Shriner's Burn Institute, Pat Lybarger, on Prehospital Burn Management for EMS's. The attendance was down from last year. We had 250 attendees this year. We feel that the fact that we were roomed in several hotels probably was a small factor in this drop.

At this time I'd like to have my committee stand and be recognized.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: The Education Committee please stand.

[Applause]

CHIEF BASTON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: You've heard the Education Committee Report. What's your pleasure?

FROM THE FLOOR: I make a motion to accept the report as read.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Motion made.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR., RETIRED:  
[Narragansett, RI] I second that.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Motion made and seconded.

Anymore discussion?

All those in favor?

[Aye]

Those opposed?

Chief Maurais, education, and all that sort of stuff with the exhibits, whatever, and man of many hats.

CHIEF CHARLES F. MAURAS: [Marblehead, MA]  
President Thurston, Board of Directors, and Members,

I herewith submit the report of the Exhibit Commitment for 1998 and to the Officers and Members of the Association.

On March 20, 1998, we sent out 516 packets to vendors, an additional 100 more were sent out to vendors requesting information and to be added to our mailing list.

We printed and laminated 862 Vendor Badges for preregistration.

Contract Exhibit Space	
Inside 8' x 10' Booths	273
Vehicles	<u>105</u>
Total	378

There were a total of 237 vendors at this year's conference.

Total Receipts	\$152,737.50
Outstanding	<u>1,975.00</u>
Total	\$154,437.50

I would like to thank President Thurston for appointing me as Chairman of the Exhibit Committee and the support given by the Board of Directors throughout this year. I would also like to thank by wife Linda for all her hard work throughout this year. Harold Roeder and the Vendors Association for all his help and support. Thanks to Jerry Lipman from Bearcom of Hartford for the portable radios. Also, I would like to thank the following Committee members, Chiefs Mansfield, Bishop, Webster, Bradley, Sylvester, Jorsey, Jones, Pelletier, Nicholson, Touchette, Stanley, Sylveria, Wood, Pollard, McDonough, Reverend Chalk, and I apologize to anyone that I missed for all their help in setting up the exhibits. I would like to thank Mary Ann Flaherty, Tom Sampson, Pat and Otie Wyatt, Dolores Thurston, Lorry Jorsey, Rosalyn Baston, Phyllis Mansfield, Mary Flaherty, Nancy Webster, Jane Barton, Claudia Pelonzi, Estelle Sylvester, Charlie Bradley, Kathleen Chalk, Lila Gillespie for all their help with the registration and exhibitor assistance.

Respectfully submitted, Chief Charles F. Maurais, Chairman, Exhibit Committee.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: You've heard this Exhibit Committee Report. What's your pleasure?

FROM THE FLOOR: I move the motion.

CHIEF WENDALL MANSFIELD: [Stowe, VT] I second the motion.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Seconded by Chief Mansfield.

Any discussion?

All those in favor?

[Aye]

Those opposed?

Nice job, Charlie.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Joint Conference Committee, Chief Pelonzi.

CHIEF KENNETH C. PELONZI: [Beverly, MA]  
Good afternoon, gentlemen. Let me give you a little brief history for those who don't know what this is all about. Two years ago this body mandated to the Board of Directors that they would conduct a joint conference with the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Last year in '97 was the first conference.

After that first conference, at some point in time it was going to be decided what funds, if anything, were going to be shared with the New England Division. After numerous Board of Director meetings and much discussion as to what was understood and what was going to actually transpire, how much money was actually going to be given to the New England Division, to no avail we weren't able to come up with any clear figure.

President Thurston decided that he would appoint a subcommittee to sit down with the New England Division Executive Board on neutral ground and iron it out, pound it out. Chief Howard from New Hampshire, the Director from New Hampshire, and myself, President Thurston, and Dick Wehter met with the Executive Board from New England Division in Concord, New Hampshire Fire Academy.

The first meeting was less than pleasant. It was downright nasty at times. And when we walked out of there, we didn't think we would ever get this thing resolved. About a month or two after that, we scheduled another meeting. Cooler heads prevailed at this one. We were able to come up with some draft language, that was put together. We fine tuned it on Thursday evening before this conference started. We have come up with a three year contract from '97 through '99. And I'm just going to briefly give you a little bit of what it's all about.

Basically what it says is the New England Association will run the conference. The New England Division will assist and supply manpower. The New England Division will attend all the New England Association Board of Director meetings. They will have three people at those meetings. They will have input into the process. They will also have one person on each of our subcommittees for playing purposes. They will receive compensation. From 1997 they'll receive \$2,500. For this year's conference they will receive



\$5,000. For the 1999 conference they will receive \$10,000.

There are a few conditions on these dollar figures. I don't think they're anything we can't get over. Obviously if the conference doesn't make an adequate amount of money, we're not going to be able to pay the New England Division, as we have committed to them, and the language in this contract spells that out. I'm not going to get into it in detail. I think everybody that was involved is satisfied with the agreement. It may not be a perfect agreement, but I believe it's workable for the next three years. I think everybody is happy it's over with. And respectfully submitted. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: You've heard the report of the Joint Conference Committee. What's your pleasure?

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: [Lincoln, RI] I move it be accepted as read.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Motion made by Chief Sylvester.

CHIEF MERTON DYER, RETIRED: [Peterborough, NH] I'll second the motion, and will this report be included in its entirety in the Red Book? Maybe the maker of the motion would amend his motion to include the report in the Red Book.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: I'll amend the motion, Mr. President, and I would move that it be entered into the Red Book.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: The motion is made, amended motion, that the contract that we drew up will be in the Red Book, seconded by Mert Dyer.

Any discussion?

Chief Bradley.

CHIEF ROGER E. BRADLEY: [Hanover, NH] My comment would be that Chief Pelonzi gives a very accurate description of the process to come to this agreement, and I commend him for that.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Any other comments? John Flaherty.

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY: [West Springfield, MA] I think both committees — I think Roger called me once and asked if it is worthwhile. I said, well, you have to go in banging heads, and I guess they did, and it worked out. And in the end, I think we're all better for it. So I'm very happy, and I think both committees

should be commended for their efforts. And it's nice to see that we're able to come to an agreement.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Any other discussion? There being none, all those in favor vote Aye.

[Aye]

Those opposed? Great.

Old business? There being no old business, we'll go on to new business.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: [Lincoln, RI] Mr. President, I would like to ask a question of the Board. I notice that we have Bob Dipoli in here. I would like to know if the New England Association has contributed to his campaign, which is running for the International Second Vice President position. I'd like to know if we've donated to his campaign at this time?

PRESIDENT THURSTON: You have heard the motion by Chief Sylvester.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: It's a request, Mr. Chairman, not a motion at this time. There's no motion yet.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY: We gave a thousand.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: I would like to make a motion that the Association donate another thousand to match the Divisions.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY: I'll second that.

CHIEF OTIS WYATT: We gave a thousand dollars. I make a motion for another thousand.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: The motion is made and seconded.

Is there any discussion? There being none, all those in favor will vote Aye.

[Aye]

Those no?

CHIEF ROBERT A. DIPOLI: Thank you.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Why not. It's only money.

[Laughter]

We're moving this right along. We're cutting the line here. We have elections of officers. The incoming president is or shall be — Mr. Barton.

CHIEF JON E. BARTON: [Gray, ME] Director Jon Barton from Maine. The State of Maine would like to place a nomination for Chief Richard Baston from North Yarmouth, Maine for President.

**New England Chief's Patch**

**Designed by**

**Reverend Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain**

**1998**





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**Chief Richard M. Baston**  
**North Yarmouth, Maine**

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Is there a second?

CHIEF CARL WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Yarmouth, ME]  
Second the motion.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Are there any other nominations?

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT: [Narragansett, RI] I move the nominations close and the Secretary cast one ballot.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Anybody second that, or do we need the second?

CHIEF PETE LAMB: [Lisbon Falls, ME] I second the motion.

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

[Aye]

Those opposed?

I see him write it.

First Vice President.

FROM THE FLOOR: I'd like to nominate my good friend and colleague John Flaherty.

CHIEF BOB DIPOLI: [Needham, MA] I second that.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Motion made and seconded.

Any other nominations?

FROM THE FLOOR: I move that all nominations be closed.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Motion is made that all nominations close and the Secretary cast one ballot for Chief John Flaherty.

All those in favor?

[Aye]

Those opposed?

CHIEF FLAHERTY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: So done.

Second Vice President.

CHIEF DONALD S. CAMPBELL: [Hope, RI]  
President of Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs.  
It gives me a great deal of pleasure to announce that the Rhode Island delegation has endorsed and recommend and nominate our good friend and my good friend, Chief Sylvester from Rhode Island for Second Vice President.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Chief Sylvester from Rhode Island.

CHIEF OTIS WYATT, RETIRED: [Narragansett, RI] It's a pleasure to second that. For the

memberships information, Frank has been a dedicated hard working past President of the Rhode Island Association of the Fire Chiefs, and I'm sure he'll carry on well in the Association.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Any other nominations?

CHIEF WYATT: Move the nominations be closed and the Secretary cast one ballot.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: So done.

FROM THE FLOOR: Mr. President, did you get the name straight, it's Sylvester.

[Laughter]

PRESIDENT THURSTON: This is an ongoing joke here. I'm kind of terrible with names. I remember faces pretty well, but I can't remember the names. I kept calling him Sylveri, but Dick kept writing it down Sylveri.

All those in favor will manifest by saying Aye?

[Aye]

Those opposed?

Announcement for the State Director of Massachusetts. I'm sorry, Richard. The most important guy here, Secretary and Treasurer.

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY: [West Springfield, MA] It's a pleasure to put Richard Wehter's name in for Secretary/Treasurer. Richard has done an excellent job.

CHIEF JON BARTON: [Gray, Maine] Second that.

CHIEF ROBERT DIPOLI: [Needham, MA] Second that.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Seconded.

Any other nominations?

FROM THE FLOOR: Move the nomination be closed and cast one ballot for the Secretary.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: All those in favor will manifest by saying Aye?

[Aye]

Announcement for the State Directors. Massachusetts shall be first.

FROM THE FLOOR: Mr. President, I'd like to nominate my good friend and good Chief of Beverly, Kenneth Pelonzi from Massachusetts.

FROM THE FLOOR: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Seconded. Fine.

CHIEF CARL WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Yarmouth, ME]



Maine has elected John Barton again to serve as our Director.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: New Hampshire.

CHIEF CHARLES HALL: [Merrimack, NH] New Hampshire is pleased to have Mike Howard serve again as our Director for New Hampshire.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Vermont.

Chief Mansfield from Vermont. It is Vermont's pleasure that we've elected Chief Edwin Webster again as our candidate from Vermont.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Connecticut.

CHIEF DAVE JORSEY: [East Berlin, CT] Connecticut will have Chief Edward Richards from Enfield, Connecticut, as our Director.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Rhode Island.

CHIEF OTIS WYATT, JR., RETIRED:  
[Narragansett, RI] The Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs is very pleased to announce Chief Joseph Misto of Westerly, Rhode Island, as the Director of Rhode Island.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Fine. Is he here?  
[Applause]

PRESIDENT THURSTON: So done.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: Mr. President, the new Director from Rhode Island is the one that has the money. You can pick him out.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: I see that.

The next important thing on the agenda is the salary for the Secretary and Treasurer. And I don't want you to go overboard. I don't want you to go four or five hundred thousand, but he needs a raise. John Flaherty will bring us up to speed.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY: [West Springfield, MA] I would like to put before the body that Chief Wehter get a \$1,500 raise this year and a \$1,500 raise for the following year.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: [Lincoln, RI] Mr. President, I would support the recommendation of John Flaherty.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Motion made by Mr. Flaherty that we give Chief Wehter \$1,500 this year and \$1,500 next year and seconded by Chief Sylvester.

Is there any discussion?

All those in favor so manifest by saying  
Aye?

[Aye]

Those opposed?

So done.

CHIEF WEHTER: Thank you.

FROM THE FLOOR: I guess I lost that title right away by having the money.

[Laughter]

PRESIDENT THURSTON: He'll take your money.

The announcement of the scholarship recipients. We used to do this or the Board used to pick this up years ago, and we decided a couple of years ago that we better hire a professor to do this, because you can't beat a man at his own game. The applications were sent in, and we had them done by a professional professor. Richard.

CHIEF WEHTER: The scholarship winners this year are Derick Fors. He's the grandson of Chief Elmer Fitzgerald of Ashby, Massachusetts, and Lisanne Coutu, daughter of Chief Coutu, Lincoln, Rhode Island, and both will be at the banquet tonight.

CHIEF MANSFIELD: How many applications were there this year?

CHIEF WEHTER: Twelve. The scholarships are \$750 each.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Bylaw change, Chief Baston.

CHIEF RICHARD M. BASTON: [North Yarmouth, ME] As printed in the brochure you got, the current language of Article V, Section 1(a), next to the last sentence, the proposed language, "All committee members shall be an active member in accordance with Article VII, Section 1(a) at the time of the appointment, except the Exhibit Committee Chairman may be an Honorary Life Member." That is the change, and it's supported by the Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: You've heard the reading of the bylaw change.

FROM THE FLOOR: As the former Chairman of the Exhibit Committee for 14 years, I recommend that this body pass that bylaw, because from the time I had the exhibits, I took over in 1974 before some of you guys were born. Anyway, it grew under my term. It grew to a point that it was getting bigger all the time, and now it's grown to a big business and definitely needs somebody who stays there and knows the procedure, and Charlie has done a wonderful job, so I recommend they vote this bylaw in.

CHIEF HOWARD SWANSON, RETIRED: [Plainville, CT] I second that.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Motion made and seconded that we change the bylaw to read as stated for the benefit of the organization. This Board, I know, and Mr. Baston and Carl Winslow went over these bylaws and scrutinized them real well. And let's face it, we can't do things that great grandpa used to do years ago. We're moving onward and upward. We've got to change things for the better of the Association. Any other discussion?

All those in favor of the bylaw change will manifest by saying Aye?

[Aye]

Those opposed? So done.

Any other new business? Yes, sir.

CHIEF DENNIS NEWMAN: [Sandwich, MA] Regarding the hospitality suite in Louisville, is a motion necessary for the picking up of the costs? I don't know.

CHIEF WEHTER: Last year there was discussion about this, and it was agreed that between the vendor donations, there would be enough to cover the expenses at the conference. However, if the expenses went beyond, the Association would make a contribution.

CHIEF NEWMAN: Do we need to expand that to include this year as well, or are we all set?

CHIEF WEHTER: That would be for the coming year. We assume they've had enough money. We didn't receive any requests for any money from the last conference.

CHIEF JOHN WOOD: [Hartford, VT] I wasn't aware of this until just recently, so you may end up — I'll check the books for the last year's hospitality room, and I may end up forwarding a bill, not knowing that this motion had passed. So I will look that over. And if it is, fine, then it will be taken care of this year. If you plan on doing the same thing, then I'll keep a running tally on that.

This year we do have a bigger room, for those of you that don't know. It's a 2400 square foot room we got in anticipation of Chief Dipoli's successful election, so the cost may be more.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY: [West Springfield, MA] We're not paying for the room. We just put money



towards the refreshments.

CHIEF WOOD: It's not the total hospitality?

CHIEF FLAHERTY: Well, the hospitality expenses are one thing. I guess I misunderstood that. What was the motion last year, maybe I should be clear on that?

CHIEF WEHTER: It must be in the Red Book.

CHIEF WOOD: I thought this was total expenses of the hospitality room and then whatever that expense was, if it was above and beyond what the vendors had sponsored, then it would be a split.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: Normally they donated \$500. I think the year before it was \$750. They needed that much because they didn't have that much activity. So it's in that neighborhood, five hundred something dollars. It's not a half of the whole cost of the hospitality room.

CHIEF WOOD: I guess I misunderstood. Am I the only one that understood it that way?

PRESIDENT THURSTON: I think that was just for the soda and cookies they were talking about.

[Laughter]

Any other discussion?

CHIEF DENNIS NEWMAN: [Sandwich, MA] I talked to several other Chiefs yesterday at lunch time and some suggestions, for what it's worth, if possible, to involve the State Fire Marshalls from the different states, as well as the training academies for a demonstrations and/or training subjects for the education portion of our conference. I've talked to a couple of the State, and they were very much interested in being involved in that process. I haven't been involved with the Training Committee, so I don't know what's going on there, but I'm offering the suggestion. I think it might be very advantageous for us and expand the involvement for some of our peers.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Thank you. Anybody else want to elaborate on that? You were just asking a question.

CHIEF NEWMAN: I'm actually willing to help out.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: You're offering that as a suggestion?

CHIEF NEWMAN: Yes, I'd be happy to help out with it as well.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: If you could forward that to the Board, I'm sure they will look at it and weigh it and go from there, and they'll be in touch with you. Is that satisfactory? John, go ahead.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: I want to ask Mr. Wood, is anybody driving to the conference?

CHIEF OTIS WYATT: [Narragansett, RI] I'm going to be taking a motor home.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: We're going to have a lot left over here, and it's the will of this party that they donate that, with the scotch, soda — would you put soda in there, please? Save me a trip of taking it back to the — would that be acceptable?

CHIEF WOOD: Certainly to me.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: I mean there's quite a bit.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: The only thing we've got to do now is find out who is going with a motor home that will take it. Right?

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: [Lincoln, RI] Mr. President, I'd like to ask John Flaherty a question, would it be legal for Otie to be a rum runner with his van?

[Laughter]

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Probably not the first time. You made that motion, John?

CHIEF FLAHERTY: Yes.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Seconded by Mr. Baston. We'll get it there somehow as long as somebody is going. Check with John before you leave. All those in favor?

[Aye]

Those opposed?

Mr. Hall.

CHIEF CHARLES HALL: [Merrimack, NH] In lieu of the discussion with trying to remember back and find what happened last year, I'd offer a motion that the Association split with the New England Division any overruns on the liquid refreshments and things at the conference in Louisville. And I believe that's something in the way we had it a year ago. Does that sound right?

CHIEF FLAHERTY: According to this, if you just want to go open discussion? Somebody made a motion to donate a \$1,000, I think it was Chief Mooney, no, Stanley. And I guess part of the discussion was that the year before, there really wasn't any money

needed. And going back to what you said, that if there was that, you would come back and just tell us what it was. It would be 500. If it wasn't for the hospitality room, according to the donation that it might be required for the liquid refreshments there. We are going to be donating quite a bit. But I'm sure if you brought something back to the body and said that you had a bill, because if Bob gets elected down there, we surely would want to make sure that we're hospitable to the rest of the country, and there might be some extra funds needed. But I think if you bring it back to the Board of Directors, and that's something that we can take up at a Directors meeting.

FROM THE FLOOR: Bob is going to be elected. You've got to think positive.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: That's right. Bob is going to be elected down there. We're going to have a good party down there, and I'm sure that the Association would want to make his party a New England style party.

FROM THE FLOOR: Would it be appropriate for the motion to read that the Association support the level that the Directors accepted? Anything that might be needed for the hospitality room in Louisville?

CHIEF FLAHERTY: Yes, that would be fine.

FROM THE FLOOR: That's my motion.

CHIEF FREDERICK STANLEY: [Hope Valley, RI] I second the motion.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: All those in favor?

[Aye]

All those opposed?

Any other new business?

CHIEF WYATT: Yes, I'd just like to ask a question of either Chief Flaherty generally, we just had a recent motion to increase the salary for the Secretary/Treasurer of \$1,500 this year and next year. Was there any consideration given to the Chair of the Exhibit Committee?

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Yes, there was.

CHIEF WYATT: Should there be a motion to include that, or how do you want to do it?

CHIEF FLAHERTY: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Yes. Mr. Flaherty, do you want to handle that?

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY: [West Springfield, MA] The compensation for the Exhibit Chairman is taken



up by the Directors, and they afforded the Exhibit Chairman the same consideration. They gave \$1,500 for the next two years.

CHIEF WYATT: On his behalf, I thank you.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Does that answer it?

CHIEF WYATT: Yes, that answered it.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Thank you. Yes, sir.

ASSISTANT CHIEF JAMES M. TRAINOR:

[Waterbury, CT] I'd just like to remind all the members that the election is coming up very soon, and you will be getting ballots in the mail. Please read the instructions on the ballots and be careful on how you do the ballots, because I know last year several ballots were rejected because they weren't properly done.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Any other announcements under new business?

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: [Lincoln, RI] Mr. President, I just have one to bring up and that has to do with the visit to Rhode Island for the site committee; if they've actually come up with an actual date on that. I believe the members from Rhode Island have questioned me in the room earlier on this. Do you have an actual date on that? And if you do, we'd like you to get in touch with myself or Don Campbell, because we will be inviting you down as our guest for the day. So we would like to come up with some kind of date for the site committee to give us advanced notice so we can set up things for you.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: We haven't at this time, but we will within the next week or so. The President's date book is upstairs.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: I would appreciate a date so I can get back to the committee and let them know what's going on.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: The incoming president will take care of that and get back to whoever he has to.

Any other new business?

CHIEF OTIS WYATT, RETIRED: [Narragansett, RI] Speaking as the historian or part of the Historian Committee, Mert Dyer, who also serves on that committee with me, he and I have been discussing for some couple of years now what might be an appropriate insignia to incorporate into a Chief's uniform, dress blue uniform for retired Chiefs.

In the course of doing this, we've had a suggestion come forward of something like a wreath with a gold "R" that would attach similar to your service stripes or a patch. To do something like this, number one, I feel personally, and I think Mert agrees with me, that we would hope that we could get the entire country to go in one direction, so we don't find Connecticut doing one thing for retired Chiefs, Maine doing something different, Florida doing something yet different.

To do this, we can get an embroidery program that you would give to someone who has these embroidery machines that can make them, and we could get that really licensed to be New England Association license corporation type thing. And then any royalties that might come from that would earn income of a sort to the organization. The initial expense would be for whatever it cost for this program, \$100, \$150, whatever, to get that done, and the people would buy the patches as necessary. And if we could ever get all of New England to walk in the same direction at the same time over a Retired Fire Chief's insignia, then maybe we could ask the Division to carry the same information to the International and try to get it to be accepted as a national program.

There is some reluctance on the part of Retired Chiefs to wear their dress blues when they may be in the company of the same guy whose got the same uniform which says he's Chief, because the badges don't really say Retired Chief, and they're not readable if they are.

I'd just like to ask Mert if he would just address what he found out and what he told me this morning when we met at the conference center, just to pass it on and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors that they consider this matter and decide if it's a project that they want to go in or not.

I think that it does, number one, put our name forward in the country, number two, it would get us all unified in the same direction, number three it might be a small money making proposition, if we wanted to try it. I would offer it to the Board for their consideration after Mert's word.

CHIEF MERTON DYER, RETIRED: [Peterborough, NH] This is a prototype of what I had in mind. It isn't exactly the right size, and I'm not sure I like

the "R." I pinned it on my own jacket. I was thinking of the right-hand sleeve. I think this would give you the recognition. As Otie said, I have the same feeling when you go to an organizational meeting or something with the local Chief, there should be some way to designate between the two.

I've been told if it hasn't been already copyrighted, we might be able to copyright it. And there's no charge or a very minimal charge to copyright. To have somebody design a computer program to do this would be about \$150 to \$165, in that range, and I think I'd like to ask the Board of Directors to consider it. And if the group has some feedback about their feeling for it, I think it's something we can get the Division involved in and possibly next year approach the International. I think I'd like to see it, as Otie said, to go worldwide. I hope you'll support that.

CHIEF ROBERT DIPOLI: [Needham, MA] Would it be more appropriate to put "RE" period to make it more easily recognized as retired than just an "R"?

CHIEF DYER: Well I think a larger "R" would be better. In doing the program, you get proofs of it and you can work it out. There's a reduction, about a 60 percent, 40 percent reduction, which gets it down into the proper size. That's something to be considered. This is just a general idea until we can see exactly what it looks like. The material I used is certainly not the right material. It wouldn't sow well.

CHIEF PETER LAMB: [Lisbon Falls, ME] If the cost is only going to be \$200, I think we can afford to move on this and maybe start the rest of the country in the same direction. I make a motion for \$200, but not to exceed \$200.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Motion made that we proceed with the retired patch and insignia or get it embroidered and not to spend over \$200 is on the floor. Is there a second to that?

FROM THE FLOOR: Could I just ask a question? Does that mean that the Retired Chiefs have to wear a uniform? I know in our area I don't see them wear them down there. It's just a question.

CHIEF DYER: I think, John, the answer to that question, the reason you don't see them wearing it is because they're uncomfortable wearing their uniform



next to that particular person. This is a way of letting a retiree wear his uniform and not impose on the acting Chief's role.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Can I make a suggestion, sir? To charge the Board of Directors with looking into that and making a decision that we don't — if it goes beyond \$200, it's going to escalate. We can nip it in the bud and charge them with looking into that and give us a little more time. This is kind of a spur of a moment thing, and the Board hasn't had a chance to devour it.

CHIEF LAMB: It seems to me, Mr. President, Otie and Mr. Dyer have been looking into it, and they've been talking to vendors already. They know that the cost is going to be right around \$200. Out of the respect for the retired Chiefs out there, I think we deserve to spend that kind of money.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Motion is on the floor then.

FROM THE FLOOR: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Second the motion. Now it's for discussion.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: [Lincoln, RI] Mr. President, I just want to inform the members out here, in the military we're supposed to be quasi military. In the military, when you retire after honorable service, you're allowed to wear your uniform at any formal function. And I see no reason why a Retired Chief, who served his department for the many years he served, should not be allowed to wear a uniform. This goes for any city or town.

They buy their uniform. They earn the right to wear the uniform. I believe that a patch for the Retired Chief wearing a dress blue uniform to a function like this here should be an order at all times. I put 26 years in the military. I retired. I have that right to wear my uniform. I earn that right. And I think these members here, retired, earn that right to wear their uniform, no matter where it's from, what city and town, and I would support that motion and second it.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Chief Flaherty.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY: [West Springfield, MA] I'd like to make an amendment to Chief Lamb's motion, an amendment would be that the body appropriate \$200 to do just that, but just to get feedback. We

don't have everybody here to get feedback from the Associations, all the New England Associations. I'm sure that we also bring back the past Chiefs and just them, in turn, come to their director of the various states, and that they look at it, and we have feedback.

But with this motion, I move forward and just spend up to \$200 in doing just that. It would be done in very short order. I'm sure within six months we would have all the input that needed to make that decision. I would like to make that a formal motion.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: That's an amendment, John?

CHIEF FLAHERTY: Yes.

JOHN G. WOOD, JR.: [Hartford, VT] I'll second the motion for the amendment. Just to speak to that, I think that perhaps what we need to do is have the Board get the feedback and take a look at exactly the design that you want. The design we have at the moment is a conceptual drawing. We don't know exactly what that's going to look like. So if we could have somebody looking at, making sure that what you get for a design is going to be acceptable to the group or the Board, I think that's kind of where John is coming from, and I certainly second that motion.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: First we'll vote on the amended motion.

CHIEF WYATT: Under remarks, I just wanted to pass on to several Chiefs here, many of you said let's be honest. There are Chiefs that are Chiefs today that don't want to wear their dress blues, don't kid yourself. You don't see all of them wearing dress blues. Retired people, it's not that they want to wear dress blues, but we received a notification from you. We received the same thing from the International, please attend the Memorial Service in dress blues, if at all possible.

Yesterday you had a one of the largest Memorial Services we've had. A number of retired people could have been there in dress blues, but they are uncomfortable walking down the street when there's another Chief that says the same thing. They say that town can't make up their mind who is Chief; that was the insignia to show that they are. And what Frank addressed, as a military person, is probably a 100,000 lieutenant commanders in the country, and they're all

entitled to wear their uniform. And everybody knows he's a Lieutenant commander in the Navy or Coast Guard or whatever.

We know we've got 30,000 fire departments, and everyone of them has got at least one Retired Chief. That's 60,000 Retired Chiefs in this country, but not all of them have dress blues. And if we're going to take part and make ourselves a large, visible audience, which is what you requested for yesterday, which I understand is requested also tonight at the banquet, the International requests the same thing, I thought it might be an appropriate direction to go; not because I want to wear my blues. Let's be honest, three quarters of the Chiefs that are retired couldn't get into their blues if they had to.

[Laughter]

That goes for you guys that are still Chiefs.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Chief Flaherty made an amendment to the motion. We'll vote on that first. It was that the Board of Directors to spend up to \$200. Seconded by Chief Hall. We'll vote on that one first. Any more discussion manifest by saying Aye.

[Aye]

Those opposed?

So done.

The original motion was that we spend \$200 to look into and design a patch, see what it's going to cost us for the retirees. All those in favor?

[Aye]

Those opposed say nay?

Now, moving right along. Any other new business?

Father Foley, you're late.

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: [West Hartford, CT] Yes, I know, and I wanted to explain that.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: I've heard them all.

[Laughter]

REVEREND FOLEY: Chief Flaherty, I'm glad to see you've come up and prayed for all of us while I was gone. I appreciate that very much. And, secondly, I was out getting the music, as I was reminded, that late this afternoon by the Secretary/Treasurer, that I had to play the piano tonight. That's where I was. I wanted to render and account for myself.

Secondly, if I may, one of the motivating



factors behind our new patch was so that anyone could wear their uniform, retired or active, because all it says on there is New England Fire Chiefs. It covers everything. God bless you all. I'm serious. That's not a joke. I'm serious.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: I know you're serious.

REVEREND FOLEY: One of the things we discussed, if I'm not mistaken. So please get yourself a patch and wear it.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: They're only four bucks.

REVEREND FOLEY: Let's put it up to five and put a dollar in the Chaplain's Fund.

[Laughter]

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Any other new business?

CHIEF FREDERICK STANLEY: [Hope Valley, RI] Again, reminding everybody, when you get your ballots, we approve the ballots Fridays. We approve the ballots, the New England Division. They should be coming out shortly. When you get your ballots, please vote for the bylaw changes. The bylaw change has been changed to a new system so we don't have the problem like we did last year. We worked hard on them.

Everything right now is in pretty good shape. In the past it takes a two-third's vote on the International bylaw change. If you remember last time, we lost by six-tenths of a point. We wanted the bylaw change in the past. We had 66, but we couldn't get the other .6 to do it.

Check your ballots, make sure you sign the ballots where you're supposed to sign it. Please put them in the envelope. It's very discouraging to find out whether any people voted or not. Last year one of the Chiefs in my state didn't put his ballot in the envelope. But make sure you put your ballot in the envelope, sign the envelope, doing what you're supposed to do, and get back to us. Do what you're expected to do. Get it in on time, but please vote for the bylaw change.

CHIEF WYATT: And the dues increase.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Any other new business?

CHIEF TIMOTHY WALL: [Wallingford, CT] Just an announcement, passing on that John Buckman, Chief from Indiana, is a candidate for Second Vice President



**President Thurston (L) receives Presidents Ring from  
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in 1999.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Anybody else?

There being no other new business, we're on to the presentation of the President's gift by Chief Richard Baston.

CHIEF RICHARD BASTON: [North Yarmouth, ME] On behalf of the Association, we'd like to present you with the President's ring.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Thank you.

[Applause]

[Standing ovation]

PRESIDENT THURSTON: My President's message is going to be short and sweet. This is the end of my career in this capacity. I've enjoyed being here. I've enjoyed coming up through the ranks as the Director and then finally as Second Vice, First Vice, and finally the President. I've enjoyed it. I've enjoyed meeting the people. I've probably made some enemies. I hope I've made some friends, but that's life.

I've had an excellent Board to work with this year. I feel I have been privileged to work with that Board. They were super. They spoke their own peace. It wasn't a one-sided thing because Joe blow voted for this, Joe blow says, well, if I don't vote for him, he'll be mad at me. They voted individually for the best of the organization. This organization can only grow and grow and grow.

We're all one. We're going to be one. We're looking for the same goal, and we're going to accomplish it. You'll always remember, Mr. James Grote always said, "Remember, united you stand, divided you fall." And work with the knowledge of power that this conference brought this year, we can't go anywhere but up. Thank you.

[Applause]

CHIEF BASTON: I notice my name is in small print, so it's going to be very short. It's an honor to be elected as President to this seat. I have a very good Board to work with, and I don't see that with clarity on one side and Sylvester on the other how I can go wrong.

[Laughter]

Thank you.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Now I'll entertain a



motion.

FROM THE FLOOR: We move to adjourn.

PRESIDENT THURSTON: Thank you, gentlemen.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.)

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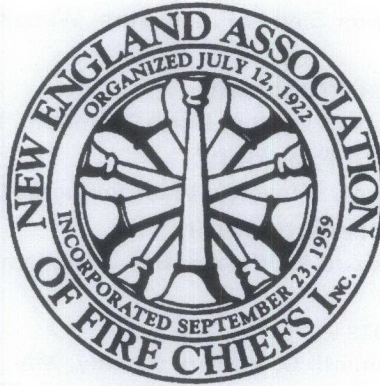
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"America the Beautiful" by Chief John P.Jenkins

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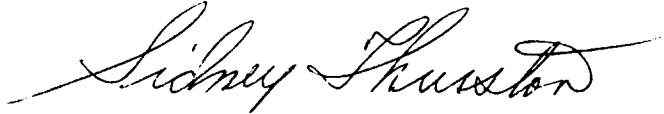
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**These conferences will continue to get bigger and better as the thirst for, "Knowledge, The Real Power", continues. We look forward to many years of success and growth, as being one will make us stronger and wiser.**

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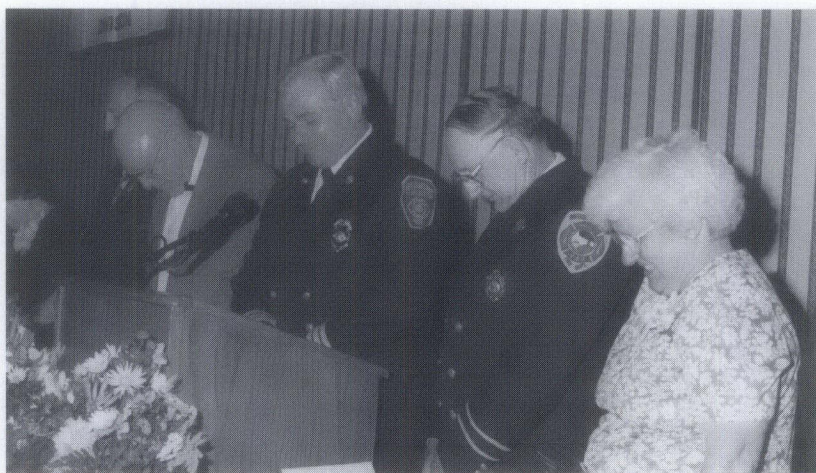
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**Master of  
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## P R O C E E D I N G S

### Annual Banquet

DEPUTY CHIEF RAY DAVISON: [Vergennes, VT]  
Well good evening, ladies and gentlemen. We'll begin our program. We're sorry about the speaker, but I'll try to speak up so that you can hear. We certainly welcome you to the Annual Banquet. We look forward to your participation this evening, and we welcome these wonderful people at the head table. At this point in time, I would like to have the Chaplain, Reverend Chalk, come up and give the invocation to our banquet, please. Reverend Chalk.

REVEREND CHARLES L. CHALK: [Merrimack, NH]  
Shall we pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to gather here this evening. We just pray now that you'll bless our time. We pray for the officers of this organization that we might be able to promote in the future a finer, stronger, and better organization every year. We thank you for all you've given to us, and we pray that you bless this food. Amen.

[Amen]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: Thank you, Reverend Chalk.

Father Foley will now, with Chief John Jenkins, lead us with the National Anthem.

[Chief John P. Jenkins sang the Star Spangled Banner accompanied on the piano by Reverend Foley.]

[Applause]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: Thank you, Father Foley and Chief Jenkins.

I would ask our Fire Director and President of the New England Association to lead us in the pledge to our flag.

[The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by President Thurston.]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: Thank you. Please be seated.

Good evening good friends. We're going to begin to serve very, very shortly. But I'd like to make one or two comments now that we have the microphone available and we can hear one another. I

certainly wish to welcome you to the 76th Annual Banquet of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs and the 31st of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, who are joining us for the second joint conference.

I personally hope it will be many, many to come in the future. This union has been a long time coming, and we are delighted and pleased that we can be together, work together in a unified way to accomplish our missions.

I would like to introduce the head table at this time, if I may, and would you hold your applause, please, until I have gone through the list, and then certainly we wish to recognize them. On my far left, our good friend and Chaplain of the New England Association, Father Foley. The next person that I would like to introduce is our Host Chief, who is here this evening, been so gracious and helpful to us since we've been in Springfield. The Department has turned itself out to the fullest to help us in the most hospitable way, Chief Gary Cassanelli, Chief Cassanelli.

The next person on our head table list is Mrs. Rosalyn Baston. Mrs. Baston is the wife of the incoming President of the New England Chiefs. The next person is Chief Richard Baston, and I'd like to certainly congratulate him on his election this afternoon. The next person is Mrs. Sally Wehter, the wife of the Secretary/Treasurer, Chief Richard Wehter, and Chief Richard Wehter is the next gentleman.

And then the two key people who have led our Association over the last term, our own Vermont Dolly Thurston, and we all call her Dolly in Vermont, and I'm not calling her Dolores here, Dolly Thurston, our First Lady. The next person on my left is the most immediate President of our New England Association, Fire Director Sidney Thurston. You may give this side of the table a nice hand of applause, please.

[Applause]

On my immediate right, as we go by the table, and you'll know me perhaps as Ray Davison from Vergennes, Vermont, a very close friend of Sids, and I'm privileged and honored to serve as his Master of Ceremonies this evening.

My friend on the right here is Richard Marinucci. Richard is the President of the

International Association of Fire Chiefs from Farmington Hills, Minnesota, a long ways from home. The next person is Mrs. Roger Bradley, Charlie, who I did some research in the manual that was put out last year, and found her name among things here, Roger, so I wanted to mention that. The next person is the Division President, Chief Roger Bradley.

The next person is Mrs. Fran O'Donnell, who is with David Sylvaria, who is the new President of the Division, the New England Division of the International Chiefs. I'm very pleased and proud to introduce Mrs. Kathy Chalk, who is the wife of Reverend Charles Chalk, and on the end, of course, is our own Chaplain, too, Reverend Charles Chalk. And I understand from the President, Reverend, that it is your birthday. Congratulations.

[Applause]

[Happy Birthday was sung by all.]

[Applause]

On our front tier, I'd like to introduce my very able assistant, and he has been I'm telling you. You just don't do this kind of a job without a marvelous Sergeant of Arms, and we all know Chief Tony Jarvis.

[Applause]

The next person is the wife of the Chairman of the Exhibit Committee, Charles Maurais and Linda Maurais, and I think they deserve a hand because this afternoon, during one of our sessions, they were given a rousing vote of confidence and thanks for the tremendous job in terms of these exhibitors and vendors which the Chief has arranged for us. So a special hand, please.

[Applause]

The next person is Mary Flaherty, and John is her husband and the Second Vice President of the New England Chiefs right next to her.

[Applause]

And now he's going to be First. We know the next couple because they have served our Association in many, many ways, and we here delighted to have them back and honor them here again tonight. And we have past President and Chief Dave Jorsey and his wife, Laurie.

[Applause]

The next couple is the Division Director



Chief James Russo and Mrs. Russo.

[Applause]

The next couple on our list, of course, is my own friend, Chief John Wood and his wife. He's one of the Division Officers, the Secretary/Treasurer, a very responsible job there, Chief and Mrs. Wood.

[Applause]

The next couple is another Director of the New England Division, and I'd like to introduce Chief George Landry and his wife, Mrs. Landry.

[Applause]

I see we've had a change at the end of the table down here because I see a young fire fighter, and I suspect probably his dad. Could we have a name?

CHIEF RICHARD MCDONOUGH: [Southington, CT] Keith.

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: We're delighted to have Keith with us and the Division Director Richard McDonough.

[Applause]

So we're very pleased to have these people with us tonight, and if we can we'll have dinner. So dinner is served folks. Enjoy your meal.

[The banquet commenced.]

CHIEF KEN PELONZI: [Beverly, MA]

Everybody that golfed and attending the banquet, has everyone received their ticket for the drawing?

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Once again we had a very successful golf tournament, all due, in fact, to the able assistance of my committee. I would first like to introduce my official for the evening, Ed Richards from Connecticut and Frank Sylvester from Rhode Island. Now, my unofficial committee consists of Bob Nunes, who by the way, was the official winner of the tournament for the 18th year in a row.

[Laughter and applause]

And he was assisted by Chief John Flaherty. Without their assistance, I would not have been able to pull this off because things would not have gone quite as easy.

In addition to the committee help, we received a considerable amount of support from sponsors. The N.E. Detroit Diesel sponsored three holes, the hole in one, greatest drive, and the one closest to the pin. Greenwood Motors sponsored two

holes, closest to the pin. In addition to those sponsors that were directly associated with the golf tournament itself, we have vendors that have donated prizes that we'll be raffling off tonight.

The first prize is the grand prize, a set of golf clubs from Spaulding that were donated by Harold Roeder from L.W. Bills.

[Applause]

Mrs. Thurston will draw the first name. The winner is 685.

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: There will be a brief investigation.

[Laughter]

CHIEF PELONZI: I feel a little guilty about this, but I'll take it. The next one, the last four numbers 0678. That's a big Bertha.

[Applause]

And the third to the last four numbers, 0686, that was close.

[Laughter]

I really and truly have to apologize. This looks like a bad joke.

[Laughter]

And this was legitimate. If you'll let me reside as golf chairman next year, I'll be more than happy to step down. Thank you all for your attention.

[Applause]

Thank you all very much. Enjoy your meal.

[The banquet commenced.]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: I certainly hope you folks have enjoyed this marvelous meal that we've had, and I know that the beautiful cheesecake that you're just finishing off makes the finality to the meal in good order.

I'd like to start our program because we have a very full program this evening. The first item on our agenda this evening is to receive a welcome from our Host Chief, who is Gary Cassanelli. Chief Cassanelli has been very, very supportive of the Association program and the meetings here and has participated in many of them. We appreciate all the work that he has supported and all the work of his Department and that of West Springfield. So it's a great pleasure and honor for me to introduce Chief Cassanelli.

[Applause]



**Chief Gary G. Cassanelli, representing the Honorable Mayor Michael J. Albano, and the Springfield Fire Department gives address of welcome from the City of Springfield.**

CHIEF GARY G. CASSANELLI, HOST:  
[Springfield, MA] Good evening, everyone.

Presidents Thurston and Bradley, Officers and Directors of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Officers and Directors of the New England International Association of Fire Chiefs, Reverend Foley, Reverend Chalk, honored guests, family, and friends, on behalf of the Mayor of the City of Springfield, the Honorable Michael J. Albano, and the Springfield Fire Department, it is once again my honor and privilege to welcome you to the City of Springfield for the 76th Annual Conference and Exposition.

I would like to thank all of you for choosing to share your time with us here in the city where I was born and raised. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed Springfield, and I'm looking forward to the next two years as your Host Chief. Please let me know if there's anything I can do to make your stay here next year even better, and I sincerely mean that. Please call me or contact me and let me know, anything, the smallest detail, whatever. If there's anything about the city or anything at all you didn't like or that you really liked, please let me know.

Finally, I would also like to take a moment to commend both organizations in their efforts to provide this year's event as a joint conference. I think that this year's success bodes well for the future. Thank you very much and enjoy this evening.

[Applause]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: Thank you very much, Chief Cassanelli. We really appreciate the efforts that you've given to help our organizations.

I think at this time I'd like to introduce the members of the family of our President and his wife, and he has some dear friends. But we would like to introduce the family first. The Thurston's oldest son, Gary, is here. Gary, would you stand, please.

[Applause]

One of their twin sons is in Colorado, Kelly, and could not be here, but the other twin is here Kurt and his wife Betty.

[Applause]

As many of you know Sid, and knowing him perhaps as well as I have known him over the years, he has many good friends in the Green Mountain State. One of his very special friends, who has worked with him





**Scholarship recipient Lisanne Coutu of Lincoln Rhode Island receives congratulations from President Thurston**



**Derick Fors of Ashby, Massachusetts receives his scholarship award from President Thurston**

over the years in the neighboring department, they work back and forth as friends and neighbors for many, many years, I'd like to introduce Past Assistant Chief Gene Touchette and his wife Belle. Gene.

[Applause]

Another good friend and neighbor and who works with him over here in the booth, and trying to make sure that all of us have a pass slip on our lapels here, Retired Chief Glen Nicholson and his wife, May, from Montpelier.

[Applause]

Past President of our Association and a long time Fire Chief in the Town of Stowe, the ski capital of the world, as you know, is Chief Wendall Mansfield and his wife, Phyllis.

[Applause]

I'd like to have all of the past Presidents who are here this evening at our banquet to rise and be recognized. I'm not going to call your names. I have a list here. You know who you are, Wendall and Bob and a lot of good people here. Past presidents, let's give them a nice hand.

[Applause]

One person who has been keeping Sid in tow and in touch with everything, as we work together in Vermont, is his own Fire Chief from Waterbury Center. I'm very pleased and privileged to introduce Bob Jones, who is here, and his wife Betty. Bob and Betty.

[Applause]

I'd like to introduce our Chief who is going to make the presentation of two wonderful awards that the New England Association give annually. We have two young people who are going to be the winners of two excellent scholarship awards. And making the presentation of those awards tonight is our own President Thurston, Sid.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT SIDNEY THURSTON: [Waterbury Center, VT] I'd like to announce that the two, and we would like to have them come forward to receive their awards. Lianne Coutu, who is the daughter of Chief Coutu of Lincoln Rhode Island. Is Lianne here? Come right up here.

[Applause]

The second scholarship winner is Derick Fors, the grandson of Chief Fitzgerald in Ashby, MA.





Guest speaker Danny Gore of the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont

Is Derick here?

[Applause]

I'd like to present you with this plaque,  
Lisanne. The New England Association of Fire Chiefs was organized on July 12, 1922 for the purpose of promoting the education and training needs of the Fire Service in New England. Since that time, many members have served with dedication and distinction. Chief James L. Grote, Chester, Connecticut, was one of those Chiefs. Chief Grote was an active member for over 80 years, and he was the Chief and Fire Marshal in the Chester Fire Department, Connecticut, for 46 years, the fire Marshal for an additional 24 years, until his death at the age of 100.

Thank you.

[Lisanne Coutu received the plaque and award.]

[Applause]

Derick, this is a great scholarship. You are deserving of it. Thank you very much.

[Derick Fors received the plaque and award.]

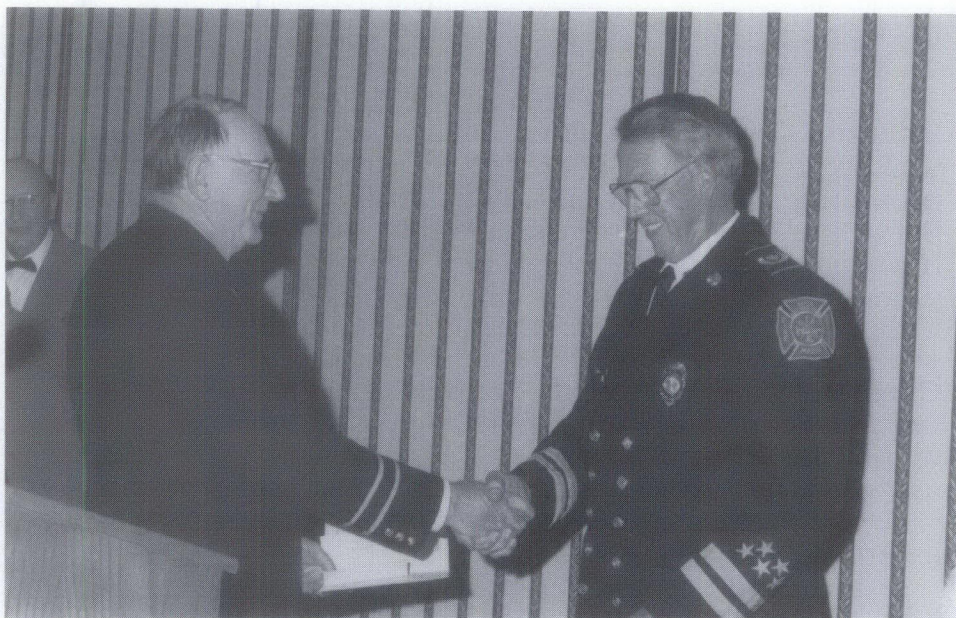
[Applause]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: Thank you, Sid, and congratulations to two of these wonderful young people. This kind of thing, as a long time educator myself in the State of Vermont, I appreciate kids like this who are coming to our Association and being helped by you folks and others.

This evening you have, I think, a very special person coming into the hall. Representative Danny Gore began his campaign for Governor of the State of Vermont in 1962. After 34 years of having votes recorded under scatter, Danny decided to take the advice of the late great Senator, George D. Egan. And George D. Egan and his colleagues list advice in the United States Senate on the Vietnam War, "When in a hopeless campaign, declare victory and go home," that has been Danny's token.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1994, at noon, on the steps of our Great Granites State House in Montpelier, Danny Gore declared victory, and he served as Governor for seven minutes, resigned, and went home to Avery's Gore. Now Danny is spending his remaining years writing the history of Avery's Gore and speaking as the Good Will Emissary for rural Vermont, hoping to convince our future historians that like Richard Nixon,





Newly elected President Chief Richard M. Baston (R) of North Yarmouth, Maine is sworn in by outgoing President Sidney Thurston



In turn the new president swears in the NEAFC Officers and Directors

after he resigned, he's a winner, not a loser.

It's one of my great privileges tonight to introduce Representative Danny Gore, former seven minute Governor of the State of the Vermont, good will emissary for Mertyle, Vermont, and still a loser. Danny Gore.

[Applause]

[Guest Speaker, Humorist, Danny Gore, From the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont]

[Laughter and applause]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: Thank you so much, Representative Danny Gore. We love him in Vermont.

We now would like to have the swearing in ceremony of the new officers that have just come into our two Associations, and we're going to begin with President Baston and Sid Thurston with the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. Would you raise your right hand, Richard, repeat after me.

[Past President Sidney Thurston swore in President Richard Baston.]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: If we can have the Directors of New England Association please rise at this time. The Chief will swear in his new Directors and the other officers.

[President Richard Baston swore in the officers and Directors.]

Congratulations new officers.

[Applause]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: The swearing in of the officers and Directors of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the officers, and their Vice Presidents, by our honored guest this evening, Chief Richard Marinucci. Richard.

CHIEF RICHARD MARINUCCI, PRESIDENT, IAFC: Thank you. After sitting through all this stuff so far tonight, when I go to the next Division conference, for them to have a better time, they're going to have to do something illegal. I want to make a few remarks, but I see we have a stenographer, and I'm not sure I do want to say anything.

[Laughter]

I first make some acknowledgments to the old and new Board Directors of the New England Division and the New England Association. I think what you've done is truly commendable. I have travelled a bit to some Divisions and sections, and you have a great turnout.

You have a great thing going right here, and I would implore you to continue working in a cooperative fashion for the benefit of the whole New England area. Because I think you can only be a little bit better each year as you continue to go on, and I say that from my observation of travelling around a bit.

Since I've been here, it's been a pretty good deal for me. I've had a really great time. I thank everybody for your tremendous hospitality. I've had a chance to see some old friends. I don't mean that about age because Bob's left the room. But I've met some new friends that ultimately will carry me for a very, very long time. It's been a great learning experience for me. I've learned a lot of things about your Association, the New England area. Some of them are pretty neat that I've learned. I've learned that next time I'm going to run a golf outing because I need a new driver. It was so slick the way that worked. I was surprised it never left the podium. It was unbelievable, but I learned from that. I've got something going for me.

I came here and I thought this is pretty good. They set me up with this team. They gave me three great golfers. I never even had to take the clubs out of my bag. We had a score, and I find out we didn't need to carry a score card. It didn't really matter. So I know next year I don't need to, and one of them was in on it, had me hooked the whole way. "Keep trying. We've got a chance at this thing." But I do appreciate the lessons that you've given me. I'm hoping very much to be able to carry those on when I do travel a bit.

There are some neat things you do, and I've been to a couple of your functions, and I say this with all the sincerity. You're honoring our country is to be commended. You do the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance at every morning, and I think that's really great. When you come from where I'm from, when they get done playing the National Anthem, they usually play the Canadian version, then they say, let's go and they drop the puck. It's really good to do that here. Of course I do come from the Stanley Cup Champion. I didn't mean to say that. If you haven't heard yet, it's two years in a row right now, but it's pretty good. It's really been fun. I say this as much as I can, we'll work on some of these things as we go along

a little bit better.

Just a couple of things I learned as I travel around, and it's kind of fun, except for there's two problems, one, you have to stay awake, and you have to exercise bladder control. But I'm learning as I go along. I know what he is talking about when he talked about that warmth.

[Laughter]

The hardest thing I do is the Congressional Fire Service Institute, and many of you have been down to that dinner. I think it lasts for about two days. And they bring you in at some God awful hour, because you're President, and sit there and pretend you're having fun for about an hour, then they take you in and set you up, and then you listen to politician after politician tell other politicians how great they are. And I've pretty much heard that speech, ten or eleven of them I've been to, and they just had the report from the previous year, so now we've got eleven years worth of reports. And I get to listen to Kurt Weldon. Now Kurt has become a good friend of mine. Kurt is still not really sure what state I'm from. I've been introduced six times by Kurt Weldon and in six different states. "Here is my good friend, Rich Marinucci, from Illinois. Did you get a new job? I didn't know. Why didn't you tell me?" Next week I'm from Minnesota, the next week I'm from Indiana, whatever. I'm moving around quite a bit.

But I've learned with politicians that once they get on a role, you don't really want to stop them. Has anyone seen Animal House? You're all old enough to see Animal House and John Bellucci, who was in it, and near the end, after they were in big trouble and they were all going to the moat, he got up and gave this big inspirational speech, and he's talking about, "What are you guys, a bunch of weenies?" And we can't do this. And he says, "Did we quit when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor?"

[Laughter]

And two other guys said, "Don't stop him now. He's on a roll."

[Laughter]

So you learn that with some people and you just don't stop them. But truly, I can't say it enough that it's been great for me to be here. And another great thing that I get to do is I get to install the



officers for the Associations as I go, and I take that very seriously. I said a couple of them I was serious about, but this part I'm really serious about.

So right now I'd like to call up the Officers of the New England Division, first, incoming President, Chief David Sylvaria. Please come up and line up behind me. First Vice President Richard McDonough, Second Vice President Ed Pollard, Secretary/Treasurer John Wood, and International Director Roger Bradley. And also there's a few state Vice Presidents in attendance here, and I think a couple of them are new so they have to swear allegiance to the Association also, Russ Lacaillade from Rhode Island; is that right, Rhode Island?

FROM THE FLOOR: You're on a roll, we don't want to change it.

[Laughter]

CHIEF MARINUCCI: George Landry from the great State of New Hampshire. And I think those are the only two elected State Representatives, is that correct, that were elected this year? And also I'd like Nick Russo to come up, mostly because he's my good friend, and also because he's the State Vice President from Massachusetts. Nick, if you'd come up here also.

And while Nick is making his way up here, I'll just make a couple of quick comments. First of all, even though he's not in attendance, I again compliment the fine job Dave Bibber did representing you on the IAFC Board. It was a tremendous commitment, and I'm sure Roger is going to find out it takes a lot of energy and sometimes you're not really sure what it takes, and you learn a little bit more of appreciation after you've walked in somebody's shoes a little bit.

And also to Bob Dipoli, who has become my friend. He's actually travelled more than I have this year trying to get elected, and I wish him the best of luck, and certainly he's happy to be home because people can actually understand him now.

[Laughter]

CHIEF MARINUCCI: I'm going to get serious in just one second, but what we were talking about earlier. We went down South, and it's so hard when you're from north of Mason Dickson. You're saying come on, spit it out. What's the hold up, because they talk so slow down there. It's unbelievable. Did you ever talk to those people? If they ever had to go to New

York City to order a deli sandwich, they'd never be able to do it.

[Laughter]

CHIEF MARINUCCI: Anyway, as we get ready to do this, I would like to have my very good friend, Bob Counts, to come up and join me as I administer the oath. Bob is the Treasurer and this is another surprise. Bob and I were talking about this. I have a hard time following the script, and this is not in the script, but, oh, well. You can yell at me later.

What I would like to do is please raise your right hand and repeat after me. When I state your name, don't say that part.

[Laughter]

[Chief Richard A. Marinucci, President, IAFC, swore in the Officers and Directors.]  
Congratulations.

[Applause]

CHIEF MARINUCCI: This is a dangerous time for me. I was told to, "Remember, keep it brief." I'm sorry. I got on a role.

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: Thank you very much, Chief. Congratulations to the newly elected officers. Thank you so much for being here and sharing with us in our program.

At this time we have some presentations that are going to take place, but I would like to invite Chief Richard Baston of North Yarmouth, Maine, if he would like to give us his New President's address.

PRESIDENT RICHARD M. BASTON: [North Yarmouth, ME] Maybe the first thing I ought to do is coordinate a meeting after this and set up a commission to investigate my golf committee.

[Laughter and applause]

I'd like to introduce a couple of people. First I have my daughter, Gwen, and my granddaughter, Jessie, with us tonight.

[Applause]

I also have my Deputy Chief from North Yarmouth, Jim Malonson, and his wife Cindy. And also sitting at the table, just a couple of my good friends, Fire Chief Peter Lamb from Lisbon.

[Applause]

John True from South Portland.

[Applause]

Byron Rogers and his wife Phyllis from



Acceptance speech by new NEAFC President Chief Richard M. Baston,  
North Yarmouth, Maine



Acceptance speech by new NEDIAFC President Chief David G. Sylvaria  
of Bristol, Rhode Island

Westbrook.

[Applause]

And the Past President of the Associations and Retired Chiefs from Yarmouth, Carl Winslow.

[Applause]

When my neighbor and Chief, and he's the one that got me into this, Carl Winslow asked if I would serve on the Board of Directors to represent Maine, I should have known better. I asked what that would entail. "Oh, he said, you don't have to do anything. The Secretary/Treasurer takes care of it all."

[Laughter]

Well, I should have known. I also grew up through the service and listened to Chiefs before. And I found that there was more to the job of being a Director than he led on. But anyway, now that the New England Association and the New England Division have formally agreed to have a conference, and with the support of both the Board of Directors and both Board of Directors and the Chiefs from both organizations working together, and we did that very well at this conference, in conjunction with the Vendors Association, I'm sure that we're going to have even better conferences.

It has been an honor to serve as a Director representing Maine, and I look forward to serving as President of the New England Association of the Fire Chiefs. Thank you.

[Applause]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: And now from the New England Division, I'm very pleased and proud to introduce Chief Dave Sylvaria.

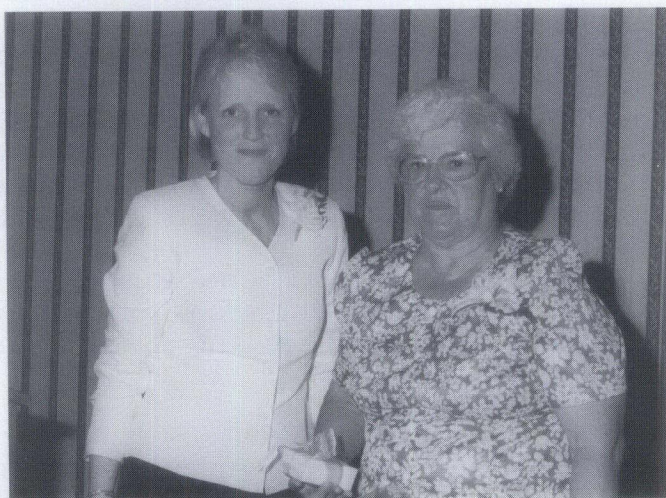
PRESIDENT DAVID G. SYLVARIA: [Bristol, RI] President Marinucci, President Baston, Officers and Members of the New England Association and the New England Division, Father Foley, Reverend Chalk, and invited guests, I am truly honored and privileged to have been elected to the President of the New England Division. I want to thank all of you in this room that have supported me over the years and especially the members of the Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs, who gave me the opportunity to represent them on the Board of Directors, which has allowed me to become President, and I thank them for their continued confidence and support.

I look forward in great anticipation and





**First Lady  
Delores  
Thurston  
receives  
flowers from  
Rosalyn  
Baston for a  
job well done.**



**Sally Wehter  
also makes a  
presentation to  
the First Lady**



**President  
Thurston  
receives  
symbolic  
Chiefs  
trumpet from  
1st VP Chief  
Baston**

optimism in fulfilling the office of President, to work hard to make the annual joint conference bigger and better, and to work hand in hand with Chief Baston and the Association to that end, to work with the Division Board of Directors to find ways to strengthen the Division, and in order that we may continue to service the New England Fire Chiefs and represent them well.

The future looks bright and full of promise. We have proven that the Association and the Division can work side by side to accomplish common goals, with the outstanding results for the benefit of both organizations.

In closing, I wish to thank you very much for your confidence and support. We had a great conference this year. I'm looking forward to working together with the Association. I think the conferences will get better and better as the years go by. Thank you.

[Applause]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: Thank you very much, Chief, and congratulations.

I'd like at this time to have some presentations made, and I believe the first presentation that is on our list this evening, Rosalyn Baston will make a presentation. And I think Tony, the Sergeant of Arms, will help you in terms of providing some materials for you.

MRS. ROSALYN BASTON: It's a great pleasure to give you the beautiful bouquet of flowers for a job well done. Thank you.

[Mrs. Baston presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Thurston.]

[Applause]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: And, Dolly, I think you have a presentation that you'd like to make at this time.

MRS. DOLORES THURSTON: The time has come to pass this on to the next President's Lady, Mrs. Rosalyn Baston.

[Mrs. Thurston presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Rosalyn Baston.]

[Applause]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: And I think we have a presentation at this time that we're going to, a special presentation, and I think Richard is going to make a presentation to our President Sid.

PRESIDENT RICHARD BASTON: New England Association of Fire Chiefs, 1998 Fire Director Sidney Thurston, 76th President, 1997 to 1998. You don't have to use the telephone anymore.

[Laughter and applause]

[Chief Baston presented a silver trumpet to Chief Sidney Thurston.]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: The wife of our Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Wehter, would you like to make a presentation at this time, please.

MRS. SALLY WEHTER: For an extraordinary job. We've all enjoyed working with you.

[Applause]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: Chief Roger, I think you have some presentations that you'd like to make at this time; is that correct?

CHIEF ROGER BRADLEY: Bring it up here, John. The golf committee took it. Is there a big Bertha over there?

What I'd like to do at this point is just have my lovely wife join me to give a presentation. For those of you that didn't know Charlie before you came to Springfield this past week, I congratulate those of you who have gotten to know her a little bit. If you come back next year, you'll get to know her even better. And you'll never know her as well as I have. I've been with her for 27 years.

MRS. BRADLEY: Fran, this is for you.

[Applause]

I'd just need to say that in year's past, I haven't been an active participant as people encouraged in a lot of you this year, and there's a wonderful, wonderful group of women. And I think that as a Division spouse, I feel a little bit guilty to have been involved in a program that was so much fun that we, as Division spouses, didn't do a lot of the ground work in organizing. And I hope that you will allow us to do that in the future, because I'm sure that it's almost as much fun, all right, it's a lot of work. It's a lot of fun, and I think that we would like very much to be able to participate and help you in doing things. But the Association women put on a wonderful, wonderful program for the wives, and I would really like to congratulate them for doing that.

[Applause]

I'm on a roll.

[Laughter]

I'm awfully shy and timid.

[Laughter]

I just wanted to take an opportunity and try to be serious here for a minute. And I've been thinking about this for several days and just decided that I had to say something. And today actually, arriving in the bus with Mary, we were talking about it, and she doesn't even know we were talking about it, which was the beauty of the whole thing.

[Laughter]

We were talking about living for now and doing things now and not putting off things that you want to do. And I would strongly encourage any of the women out there and any of you men too, if there's things you want to do, by gosh, go for them. I don't know where Roger would be without having had the encouragement and support of all of the Chiefs that are here right now. And I also don't know if any of you wives, if you can remember what your husband was wearing for underwear on November 24, 1996, but I can, as can Cheryl Wood, because that was the day that Roger had his heart attack and insisted that he wasn't, so he drove home from the Patriot's game, which was an awfully fun ride.

But at any rate, that week was a horrendous week for us. He went on and had a triple bypass surgery and obviously lived through it. And you know we've started, at that point, not putting off some of the things that we want to do, so we have a \$6,000 debt, but what the hell.

[Laughter]

It's a lovely room. It really is. I love it. At any rate, with that said, don't put things off. Go for it. Thank you.

[Applause]

CHIEF ROGER BRADLEY: I wipe my brow now because I'm sweating. When she started alluding to what I was wearing on the way home from the Patriot's game, I started to sweat. You're told, always wear clean underwear. You may end up in the hospital. I had them on.

[Laughter]

FROM THE FLOOR: And they were clean?

CHIEF BRADLEY: They were black.

[Laughter]





**NEDIAFC President Roger Bradley (L) receives symbolic Chiefs trumpet from 1st VP Chief Dave Sylvaria**



**President Bradley also receives Presidents helmet.**

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: At this point I think we'll bring Fran to the podium. Fran has a presentation to make.

FRAN: I'd like to present these to you in appreciation of the support you've given Roger this year, for having the courage to always be yourself, and for making me feel so welcome. Thank you.

[Applause]

[Fran presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Bradley.]

CHIEF ROGER BRADLEY: What else do we have, John, anything? I'll remember what Charlie said, "If you want to do it, go do it," so I better go do it.

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: John, are we all set on our presentations here? We need Chief Sylvaria to come to the podium. Chief Sylvaria, will you come to the podium, please.

CHIEF DAVID G. SYLVARIA: [Bristol, RI] It gives me great pleasure to present to our immediate Past President, who deserves it, believe me it was a very difficult year this year, at times, for a number of reasons. First and foremost, the loss of our Secretary/Treasurer John Obier was felt throughout this Division. John Wood stepped in. He's done a wonderful job. And through Roger's leadership, we got through it, and we also did a very good job coming together with the Association this year. It was very difficult negotiations at times and finally had to sign an agreement, and I think we're really headed for something very, very good. Roger. Chief Roger Bradley, President New England Division, IAFC 1997/1988.

[Applause]

And the thing that Roger really wanted was a white leather helmet. He hinted around about that, so he can really appreciate. It says "President New England Division IAFC, 1997/1998."

[Applause]

PRESIDENT ROGER BRADLEY: At this point, all I can say is thank you so much. This is going to be just the most perfect addition to my helmet collection, and, well, that's all.

[Applause]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: Thank you, Chief Roger, and wear your helmet well or hang it in your hall of fame at home there. There it goes, fine. It

fits beautiful, Chief.

[Applause]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: At this time, I would like to, again, Roger, are you ready to make some final remarks here to us, please, after you've had a chance to collect your wits with all your new paraphernalia and give us some closing remarks from the Division, please?

PRESIDENT ROGER BRADLEY: I don't know how ready I am, but here we are. For those of you that were at the Memorial Service yesterday, it was a beautiful service. I'd just like to know, and please be honest with me, everybody that recognized my screw up, raise your hand? Uh-huh. Well, I trust that Chief Cassanelli will —

CHIEF GARY CASSANELLI: I won't tell the Chief of Police in Springfield.

PRESIDENT BRADLEY: You won't tell him, thank you. I appreciate that.

Well, many of you were here last year, and last year we listened to Judge Kennedy talk about marriage between two people and two organizations. He talked about mutuality, commitment, and reciprocity. Anyone who is or has been married or has entered into a relationship with someone reflect back on the past year. Were there any tough times? Did you have to negotiate? Did you have to make compromises? Did you have to stand fast for the good of the relationship? Did you have any disagreements? Well, we did. And I'll bet our marriage and our relationship is no different from yours, and that being the marriage and the relationship of the New England Association and the New England Division. And through it all, I think we did all right.

Tonight I would like to recognize some very special people that are here with us tonight and thank you for your tremendous support and your help through the year. First of all, please stand. I'd like to recognize my son Jeff Bradley.

[Applause]

My daughter Jennifer Bradley.

[Applause]

Unable to be with Jennifer is her fiance Adam LaCross. You know, young couple, they have to work. So Adam had to stay back in Burlington and work. And talking about negotiating, it dawned on us a

few days ago that Jennifer and Adam are scheduled to be married a year from this weekend, so we may be negotiating, with both things being very, very important and dear to me.

[Laughter]

You've all met and recognized my lovely wife, Charlie, is here. How could you not? Also with us are a couple of dear people, my father-in-law, Charles Ferris, who for you Maynards, he's a native maniac, and his lovely wife and my mother-in-law, Theda Ferris.

[Applause]

I'd also like to say a special thank you to the Board of Directors, Chief Dave Sylvaria, Ed Pollard, Rich McDonough, Nick Russo, Wayne Sandford Bill Weston, Fred Stanley, George Landry, Director Dave Bibber, and Chief Ernie Lamphere. They've helped me tremendously throughout this past year, and we got through it.

I'd also like to make a special recognition tonight. We have a new member that showed up on the scene this weekend, worked his little butt off for the good of both of our organizations. Couldn't believe it, but Rich brought his son, Keith, setting up over at the hall on Friday and throughout the weekend. Keith, stand and be recognized, please.

[Applause]

I remember on Friday I was out trying to organize some of the trucks and get them lined up. I had the green section. And at one point Keith came up to me and said, "Can I go with you? You look like you've got a fun job."

[Laughter]

Also with us is Tim Wall, who is the New England rep to the volunteer section of IAFC. Tim.

[Applause]

Dale Smith, the Director of Communications from the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

[Applause]

He booked out when I wasn't looking. And you've already met Bob Counts, our Treasurer of the IFAC. Bob.

[Applause]

And last, but not least, a very special thank you to Chief John Wood, who accepted the appointment of Secretary/Treasurer and did an





**President Sidney F. Thurston, Waterbury Center, VT gives farewell remarks after presiding over the 76th conference.**

outstanding job, was elected on Friday for a three year term, and I know he will continue to do an outstanding job. Chief Wood.

[Applause]

Looking forward to next year, Dave Sylvaria will continue to work with the New England Association Board of Directors to preserve the merit that our two organizations are committed to. And I'd like to thank you all for the support you've given me this past year, and I pledge to represent each and everyone of you, the New England Fire Chiefs, to the best of my ability as your Director to the IFAC for the next three years.

And depending on the outcome of the negotiations, I'll see you back here next year off and on, at least. I won't miss it. And the final presentation I have is to officially hand over the gavel to Chief Dave Sylvaria, our President, so he can keep the Board under control next year. Dave, there you go.

[Applause and standing ovation]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: Thank you very much, Roger. I particularly appreciate Roger's help tonight with the merging of the two Associations and having people that I was not familiar with, because I'm not that active obviously in both Associations. I snuck over and spoke to, I think now my good friend, Roger, who I met on the elevator —

[Laughter]

— and we chatted then, to help me, and obviously he knew his good friends and good people in the New England Division. I'm very proud of that. Thank you very much, Roger, for helping me tonight.

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: I'd like to present at this time a dear friend of mine and yours from the New England Association. Sid has worked with us in Vermont in the Vermont Chief's Group, has worked with you in the New England Association, has been an active fire fighter, and to make his fair well presentation, Chief Sidney Thurston. Sid.

PAST PRESIDENT SIDNEY THURSTON: [Waterbury Center, VT] First of all, I'd like to give special thanks to my wife, Dolores. She's been behind me all these years.

[Applause]

Coming strictly from the city, marrying a little old country boy, and we had four wonderful

boys. And she learned to fish, she learned to hunt, and she learned to cast, and she did an excellent job at trying to keep me straight. She ain't done that yet.

[Laughter]

But, otherwise, she's done pretty well. And what I'd like to say is — I'd just like to tell a couple of stories, because I'm sure somebody is looking for it. Relating back to Danny Gore and also to Roger, a guy sat up at the bar one night. All of a sudden he reaches over, and he says to the guy, hey, you spill any beer in my lap? The guy said, no, I drank mine. He goes over on the right and he says, hey, buddy, did you spill any beer in my lap? No, the guy says. I drank mine too. The guy says, just what I suspected, inside job.

[Laughter]

And another one, this fellow is laying on the beach, laying there sunning himself, having a good time. All of a sudden he hears tinkle, tinkle up the rock. So he looks down and hears a bottle floats up on the beach. He goes over there and looks at it, and there's a cork in it. So he rubs it a little bit, pulls the cork out, and out pops a Jeannie. Boy, he said, I've been in that bottle a long time. And he said you have just let me out, and I'll give you any wish you'd like. The guy said, I'd like to go to the moon, and I'm afraid of flying. He said would you build me a road to the moon? He said I told you. I was really tired, been in there a long time. Can't you pick out something, he said, that's a little less difficult? Well, he said, I'm a single fella, never understood women. He said can you do that for me? She said what size road do you want, one lane for two?

[Laughter]

Thanking my Board of Directors that I had this year. I felt very, very fortunate. We've come a long way, making the marriage of the two organizations. I'm sure it will work. We're all adults. We got to go into the future. This conference is only going to get bigger and better. And as the knowledge of power and all of the success that you people are going to bring to this, I've just really enjoyed myself, and I wish all of you good luck and God bless. Thank you.

[Standing ovation and applause]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: Thank you very much, Sid. We appreciate your work and your efforts and those of you from the Association.

We'll now have our closing hymn with America The Beautiful by two of your favorite musicians over here. I just can't believe the marvelous job that Chief John Jenkins does, and, of course, he's going to be accompanied by our own Chaplain, Father Foley.

CHIEF RICHARD MARINUCCI: If you went to the Memorial Service yesterday, you heard Father Foley talk, and his sermons are always so inspiring. But I couldn't help but notice here tonight that Pelonzi won, isn't that odd?

[Laughter]

REVEREND FOLEY: That's odd. What's even more odd is I didn't pull the ticket.

[Laughter]

CHIEF MARINUCCI: And now you've got a Cape Cod English Protestant going to sing a song for our outgoing President, and he's got an Irish Catholic, Father O'Toole, that's going to play the piano for it. Isn't that odd?

[Laughter]

This is what Sid Thurston has requested this evening as we close the service. It's Sid's favorite hymn.

[Chief Jenkins sang America The Beautiful accompanied by Reverend Foley on the piano.]

[Applause]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: Will you remain standing, please, for the benediction by Father Foley.

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: [West Hartford, CT] I decided since this is Charlie Chalk's birthday, and I referred to him as Father Chalk before dinner began, due to all that's happened, we're going to make him a Monsignor.

[Laughter]

Let us pray. Good and gracious God, we give you praise and thanks and glory for this wonderful evening and for the new direction that our two organizations have agreed to make with each other for the good of the fire service. We greatly appreciate what our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, and our hearts have felt here on this great evening. As you look forward to a new future, we ask that you give us, each of us a safe return trip home, keep us always in





The 76th Conference closed with the benediction by Reverend Foley and the singing of "*America The Beautiful*" lead by Chief John P. Jenkins of West Barnstable, MA accompanied by Fr. Foley.

your care, and bring us back once again next year. You are one God forever and ever. Amen.

[Amen]

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVISON: Thank you very, very much. I'd like to make just two very quick announcements. The centerpiece flowers are to go with the lady with the birthday closest to this date. The two fire trucks are going to go to Sid and Roger. I want to thank you so very much for participating here tonight. We'll see you in 1999. Thank you for attending. Have a nice trip.

[Applause]

[The 76th Annual Banquet concluded at 9:55 p.m.]

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| STATE         | ACTIVE | RETIRED | ASSOCIATE | LIFE | VENDOR | TOTAL |
|---------------|--------|---------|-----------|------|--------|-------|
| MASSACHUSETTS | 194    | 184     | 50        | 8    | 40     | 476   |
| CONNECTICUT   | 66     | 52      | 64        | 1    | 8      | 191   |
| RHODE ISLAND  | 39     | 34      | 19        | 0    | 2      | 94    |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 375    | 40      | 18        | 3    | 4      | 98    |
| MAINE         | 25     | 11      | 19        | 0    | 5      | 60    |
| VERMONT       | 25     | 16      | 22        | 1    | 3      | 67    |
| OUT OF N.E.   | 0      | 16      | 5         | 4    | 16     | 41    |
| TOTALS        | 384    | 354     | 195       | 17   | 78     | 1,028 |

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**BYLAWS  
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**As amended 06/29/98**

**ARTICLE I**

**Section 1. This organization shall be known as the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated.**

**Section 2. The purpose for which the corporation is formed are as follows:**

**A. To operate as a non-profit corporation; to encourage and cooperate in the development of new techniques, equipment and practices; to promote more effective organizations and functions of the Firefighting Service, with a view toward greater protection of life and property from the dangers of fire and other hazards.**

**B. To aid in the dissemination of information among the Fire Chiefs of New England concerning: newly developed equipment and procedures for fighting fires and carrying out the other functions of the fire service; special hazards and problems presented by the development of new industrial and scientific processes and equipment; disasters caused by natural or human origin; practices in particular areas in the administration of Fire Departments; other matters affecting and concerning the fire service.**

**C. To provide the means for: an exchange of ideas between its members; conducting of conferences between the members and with those having specialized knowledge on particular matters effecting the fire service; and the study of matters by its committees.**

**D. To provide facilities and operate testing grounds for the display, demonstration and testing of equipment required and techniques of operation used in the fire service.**

**E. To cooperate with the manufacturers and dealers in equipment used in the fire service with a view toward the dissemination of information to the fire service on the various devices available, and the development of better and more standardized equipment.**

**F. To represent the interests of those in the profession of firefighting before legislative and other bodies considering matters in which they are concerned.**

**G. To make charitable donations, including memorial and sickness remembrances, to members and their families, and other persons and communities who suffer financial hardships and losses through death, sickness, injury, conflagrations, and catastrophies.**

**H. To receive gifts, and bequests, raise such monies and own such real property as is necessary for the advancement of the foregoing purposes.**

**ARTICLE II**

**Section 1. Whenever required to effectuate the meaning or intent here of, the singular shall include the plural, the masculine shall include the feminine, and vice-versa.**

**ARTICLE III - THE OFFICERS**

**Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and a Director from each of the six New England States. All officers shall hold their office**

for one year or until their successors have been elected. The offices of president, first vice president, second vice president will be on a rotation basis from the six New England States (Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Vermont). The President, the First Vice President, Second Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. A member shall be an active member in accordance with Article VII Section 1a when elected to office, except the Secretary/Treasurer may be an Honorary Life Member.

A candidate for election as a Director must be an active member in accordance with Article VII Section 1a and a resident of the particular state which said Director will represent. He shall be nominated and elected by the members of that state.

All Active and honorary Life Members shall be eligible to vote for all elective officers.

#### **ARTICLE IV - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of officers as provided by Article I and the past President who will serve as a member of the Board for one year. The exhibit chairperson shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors. The Board shall meet at such a time and place as may be designated by the president. The actual expenses of the board, which includes travel at a mileage set by the Board of Directors each year, shall be paid by the corporation. Each member of the board shall have one vote, the holding of more than one office notwithstanding.

Section 2. The Past President, the First Vice President, and the Second Vice President shall constitute the Auditing Committee. The Auditing Committee will see that the books have been audited by an outside auditing firm each year before the annual meeting.

#### **ARTICLE V - DUTIES**

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the corporation, and the Board of Directors and shall be the official representative and spokesman of the Association. He shall call special meetings of the Board of Directors when so requested by the majority of the Board of Directors or whenever he deems such a meeting is necessary, provided that a minimum of a three day notice of said meetings shall be given and the reasons therefor. The President shall appoint all committees. All committee members shall be active members in accordance with Article VII Section 1a at the time of appointment, except that the Exhibit Committee Chairman may be an Honorary Life Member. He shall perform such other duties as may be incidental to the office.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the First Vice President to perform the duties of the President during his absence. He shall assist the President in conducting the business and policies of the Association and perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Second Vice President shall assist the President and First Vice President to perform the duties of their office and in the absence of the President and the First Vice President, assume all the duties and responsibilities of the President.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to keep a complete record of the proceedings of special and annual meetings of the corporation, the meetings of the Board of Directors; and the standing committees, of which he shall be an ex-officio member; to receive and answer all communications pertaining to the corporation; cause to be prepared a full

report of the proceedings of each annual meeting, which shall be printed and one or more copies, mailed by him to each member of the corporation. He shall receive all communications, contributed papers on topics, etc., designed to be presented to the meeting. He shall collect all monies due the corporation. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds of the corporation; he shall keep a true account of all monies received and disbursed; pay all bills and at the Annual Meeting of the corporation and before all regular and special meetings make a full and correct report of the same. He shall also employ such assistance as he may need for the collection of dues at the annual meeting and report the proceedings of the same and other such expenditures for clerical assistance at other times as may be approved by the Board of Directors. He shall execute a bond to the corporation in the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars to be approved by the Board of Directors, the expense of procuring the same to be borne by the corporation. The consultant fee of the Secretary/Treasurer to be fixed annually at the meeting of the corporation and a pay schedule will be determined by the Board of Directors. He shall also perform such other duties as shall be assigned to him by the President and the Board of Directors. He or any other officer shall not assume an individual indebtedness exceeding One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars without the approval of the Board of Directors. He shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties upon taking office. The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare for adoption by the Board of Directors a list of members eligible for Honorary Life Membership.

**Section 5.** It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to transact all the business of the corporation during the time intervening between the annual meetings. They shall have the full power to expunge from the minutes before printing, anything which is objectionable to the corporation or its members. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancies occurring by death or otherwise during the time from one annual meeting to another and the replacement shall be chosen from the state involved after conferring with the last President of the NEAFC from that state; and may vote by two-thirds of the total number of Directors to remove any officer for cause. A quorum of five (5) Directors shall be required to transact any business. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make charitable donations, including memorial and sickness remembrances to members and their families, and other persons and communities, who suffer financial losses and hardships through death, sickness, injury, conflagration and catastrophes. The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly at a time, place, and date set by the President.

**Section 6.** The clerk of the corporation shall be the director from Massachusetts. The clerk shall perform the duties required under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for corporations.

#### **ARTICLE VI - ANNUAL MEETING**

**Section 1.** The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held each year during the month of June in conjunction with the annual conference, at such date and place designated by the Board of Directors, notification of the site to be announced to the members of the corporation at the annual meeting. Proposals of sites for the annual meeting/conference shall be forwarded to the secretary not less than five days prior to the start of the annual meeting/conference by a member of the association or a company or corporation in business for this purpose. Proposals shall describe the features of the site, amenities and services to be provided and the cost that would be applicable for the current year that the proposal was presented. The cost information is for comparison purposes only. All site proposals shall be investigated by a site committee as appointed by the President. Proposed sites must be at a fully sprinklered facility and in compliance with state fire codes. This committee shall submit all information relative to the proposals to the secretary for disposition as provided above.



**Section 2. A special meeting of the corporation may be called by the Board of Directors upon at least ten (10) days notice by mail to the members, said notice stating the time, place and purpose of said special meeting.**

**Section 3. The exhibit hall and the apparatus display shall at all times be under the sole control of the Exhibit Committee under such rules as the Board of Directors may may adopt.**

**Section 4. A registration fee shall be charged every member registering at the annual meeting, the amount to be determined by the Board of Directors. A registration fee shall be charged every non-member registering at the annual meeting, the amount to be determined by the Board of Directors. Entrance to the exhibit hall or educational sessions will require a registration badge or a day pass.**

**Section 5. The Board of Directors shall have full power to levy an assessment and collect from the members an amount sufficient to cover the entire expense of the annual meeting.**

**Section 6. All proposed changes in the By-Laws and/or resolution to be presented at the annual meeting of the corporation shall be forwarded to the Secretary not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of such meeting. All proposals shall be sent to each member by mail, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. All proposals shall be posted in the vicinity of the registration area. A special meeting of the corporation shall be held on the first full day of the annual meeting/conference at which time the proposals shall be read. The proposals shall be voted on the last full day of the annual meeting/conference. A 2/3 vote of the members present and entitled to vote and voting shall be necessary for adoption. The membership by majority vote may request a secret ballot.**

**Section 7. A portion of the Annual Conference shall be set apart for the holding of a memorial service in the memory of departed members at an appropriate time and setting as designated by the Association Chaplains and approved by the Board of Directors.**

**Section 8. Nomination and election of officers, shall be by secret ballot on the last full day of the annual meeting/conference. All officers elected will be installed at the annual banquet which shall be held on the evening of the last full day of the annual meeting/conference and shall swear to the following oath of office: "I, (name) hereby swear that I will support the Constitution and By-laws and at all times bear allegiance to the goals and purposes of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc. I further swear to perform the duties and responsibilities of my office to the best of my ability and at the end of my term of office, I will deliver to my successor all records of said office, so help me God."**

**Section 9. Reports of all committees will be presented on the last day of the annual meeting/conference. The Secretary shall prior to the next annual meeting/conference arrange for the distribution to all members the activities of the annual meeting/conference and meeting of the Board of Directors.**

## **ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1. The membership shall consist of:**

**A. Active Members:**

- (1) The Chief of the Fire Department of a regularly organized public fire department;**
- (2) Chief of a private Fire Department that provides municipal service;**

- (3) Chief of an industrial Fire Department;**
- (4) State Fire Marshal;**
- (5) Full time employed Fire Commissioners;**
- (6) Fire Directors;**

**B. Associate Members:**

**(1) City or Town Officials, Fire Commissioners, Assistant or Deputy Chiefs or members of fire departments, individuals and individuals representing firms and corporations interested in the protection of life and property against fire.**

**(2) Associate members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership in the corporation except the right to vote and as otherwise provided in these By-Laws.**

**C. Honorary Life Members:**

**(1) Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to vote on all matters. Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to all privileges of an active member except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws. Honorary Life Members shall not be required to pay annual dues, however, the Board of Directors may assess Honorary Life Members a fee to cover mailing costs. Honorary Life Membership may be conferred upon active members upon their retirement from office, provided they have been active members of the corporation or its predecessor, The New England Association of Fire Chiefs for a period of five years immediately preceding the date of their retirement, and provided further that they are not identified with fire protection - from a commercial standpoint. Honorary Life Membership will be withdrawn in the event the member becomes identified with fire protection from a commercial standpoint, but may be reinstated by making application to the corporation and receiving a positive vote at an annual meeting.**

**D. Life Membership:**

**(1) Individuals, firms and corporations interested in protection of life and property against fire, shall be eligible for life membership upon payment of the fee established in the fee schedule. The Board of Directors may assess Life Members a fee to cover mailing cost.**

**(2) Life Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership in the corporation except the right to vote and as otherwise provided in these By-Laws.**

**Section 2. No member who is in arrears for dues and assessments shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the corporation, and any member who is in arrears on June 1st shall receive a second notice and if still in the arrears on August 1st he shall be dropped from membership.**

**Section 3. Dues and Fees Schedule: Dues and fees for Active, Associate, Honorary Life, and Life Members shall be set by the Board of Directors and voted on by the membership at the next annual meeting.**

**Section 4. Application for all classes of membership shall be received by the Secretary/Treasurer. The proposed member has to be sponsored by a member in good standing with the corporation. The Secretary/Treasurer shall after investigation approve or disapprove the application except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws. If a question of eligibility arises, a decision to approve or disapprove shall be determined by the Board of Directors.**

**Section 5. The Secretary/Treasurer shall not register or give a badge or extend any courtesies of the annual meeting to any member whose dues and assessments are not paid to date in full.**

**Section 6. No member shall be expelled from the membership by vote of less than a majority of all members of the corporation, nor by a vote of less than three-fourths (3/4) of the members present and voting on such expulsion.**

#### **ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS**

**Section 1. This corporation shall have full power at a meeting called for that purpose, to alter, amend or repeal these By-Laws, but the same shall not be done except by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and entitled to vote at said meeting. The membership by majority vote can request a secret ballot. However, no such proposed amendment shall be considered that has not been read and posted as provided in Article VI, Section 6.**

#### **ARTICLE IX - RULES OF ORDER**

**Section 1. The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum. All questions of order shall be decided by him, subject to appeal by any member to the parliamentarian.**

**Section 2. In a decision of any question coming before the annual meeting for which no provisions are made in the By-Laws, the presiding officer shall be governed by the rules laid down in Robert's Rules of Order.**

**Section 3. Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall rise in his place, properly identify himself, and respectfully address the presiding officer and when finished shall resume his seat. He shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoid all improper personal references and indecorous language.**

**Section 4. When two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide who shall have the floor.**

**Section 5. A member called to order by the presiding officer shall immediately cease speaking on the question before the house, and shall not resume his remarks until the question is settled.**

#### **ARTICLE X - STANDING COMMITTEES AND APPOINTEES**

**Section 1. The standing committees are as follows:**

- A. Sergeant-At-Arms**
- B. Parliamentarian**
- C. Exhibit Chairman**
- D. Chaplain (s)**
- E. Program**
- F. Registration**

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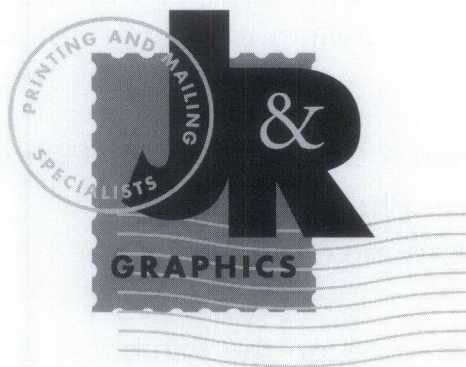
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