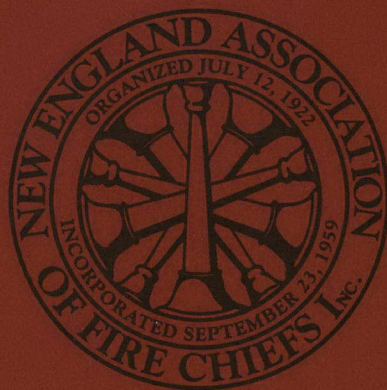


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1999

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North Yarmouth, Maine

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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.
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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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- NO. 24 -THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 25,26,27, 1946
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF FRANK J.CALLAHAN,CENTRAL FALLS, RI.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF ARTHUR W. SPRING, LACONIA, NH.

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PRESIDENT - CHIEF WILLIAM H. HILL, BELMONT, MA.
- NO. 28 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 20,21,22, 1950
PRESIDENT - CHIEF STUART M. POTTER, GREENWICH, CT.
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PRES. CHIEF - WILLIAM H. CLIFFORD, CAPE ELIZABETH, ME.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOSEPH E. SCANLON, LYNN, MA.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF ANTHONY J. MOLLOY, NASHUA, NH.
- NO. 32 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 21,22,23,24,1954
PRESIDENT - CHIEF HENRI E. FORTIER, MANVILLE, RI.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF GEORGE C. GRAHAM, BRISTOL, CT.
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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 PATRICK BROWN, BURLINGTON, VT.
- NO. 59 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 28 - JULY 1, 1981
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JAMES F. RULMAN, WESTBROOK, ME.
- NO. 60 - MARRIOT INN, PROVIDENCE, RI.; JUNE 27,28,29,30, 1982
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- NO. 61 - DUNFEY'S, HYANNIS, MA.; JUNE 26,27,28,29, 1983
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF CHARLES Q. HALL, MERRIMACK, NH.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF WILLIAM A. HEALEY, MILFORD, CT.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF WENDALL M. MANSFIELD, STOWE, VT.
- NO. 71 - ROYAL PLAZA HOTEL, MARLBOROUGH, MA. ; JUNE 18-22, 1993
PRESIDENT - CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, YARMOUTH, ME.
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF EVENTS

THURSDAY JUNE 24

2:00 p.m. Member registration open in Middlesex Room 4th floor 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 25

7:00 a.m. 9th Annual GOLF CLASSIC - Chicopee Country Club - Chief Kenneth Pelonzi, Chairman
 8:00 a.m. Reading of proposed BYLAWS CHANGES - Middlesex Room (if any)
 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, 4th floor 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 the Middlesex Room
 6:00 p.m. WELCOME/ NETWORKING PARTY - in the hotel
 8:00 p.m. Networking Suite open in the Middlesex Room.

SATURDAY JUNE 26

8:00 a.m. SEMINAR - *KEYNOTE SPEAKER - THOMAS POWERS - SPECIAL AGENT - F.B.I.*
 "TERRORISM & RESPONSE BY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL"
 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 - ITALIAN - with a barbershop quartet.
 10:00 p.m. Networking Suite open in the Middlesex Room.

SUNDAY JUNE 27

7:30 a.m. SEMINAR - USFA/NFA - BLUE RIBBON PANEL REPORT
 "SAVING THE SYSTEM" - CHIEF RICHARD MARINUCCI
 9:15 a.m. SEMINAR - *FRANK C. SACCO, PH.D. & CHIEF GARY CASSANELLI - SPRINGFIELD FD*
 "THE EVIL CHIEF SYNDROME: GROWING PAINS IN THE FIRE SERVICE".
 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 3rd 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 the Middlesex Room until 5:15 p.m.
 5:45 p.m. Busses leave conference hotels for Memorial Service
 6:00 p.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE - ST. MICHAELS CATHEDRAL (air conditioned)
 7:00 p.m. The evening is open to enjoy the many fine area restaurants.
 7:30 p.m. Networking Suite open in the Middlesex Room

MONDAY JUNE 28

7:30 a.m. SEMINAR - *WILLIAM T. GIANNINI, ASST. CHIEF OPNS. - PROVIDENCE, RI FIRE DEPT*
 "HAZMAT COMMAND SAFETY"
 9:00 a.m. LADIES BUS TRIP - YANKEE CANDLE FACTORY - (Pre-registered only)
 9:15 a.m. SEMINAR - *MIKE BURTON, ASST. CHIEF - ST. PETERSBURG, FL FIRE DEPT.*
 "WILD NIGHTS, WILD FIRES, WILD WEATHER".
 10:30 a.m. REGISTRATION open at the Exhibit Hall
 9:30 a.m. EXHIBITS open until 3:00 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.

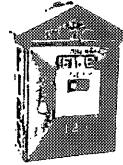
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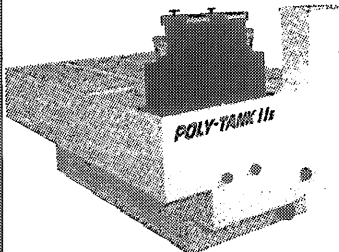


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Rev. Stephen C. Foley

Rev. Charles L. Chalk

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6:00 p.m.

Old First Church

Springfield, Massachusetts

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MEMORIAL SERVICE



Memorial Service

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Michael Fazio, Atherdral Organist

PROCESSIONAL, with colors (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING)
America, the Beautiful

See Insert
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)

Psalm 121:1-3

"Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord
(from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

SALUTE TO THE FLAG (STANDING)

Led by Chief Richard M. Baston,
President

GREETING

The Rev. David Farland,
Springfield Chaplain

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Chief Sidney F. Thurston, President

HOST CHIEF'S WELCOME

Chief Gary G. Cassanelli

PSALM 23 (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING)
"The Lord is My Shepard"

See Insert
Evan

PRAYER

The Rev. Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain

MOTET

"Justorum Animae"

Words from the Book of Wisdom
Setting (1905): Charles Villiers Stanford

SCRIPTURE READING

The Rev. Charles L. Chalk, Chaplain

ANTHEM

"Search Me. O God"

Words from Psalm 139
Setting (1994): K. Lee Scott

MEMORIAL ADDRESS

The Rev. Charles L. Chalk, Chaplain

A SPIRITUAL

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Traditional American
arranged by Robert Shaw
and Alice Parker

FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER (SAID BY ALL -
BACK PAGE)

Led by Chief Anthony W. Jarvis,
Sergeant-at-Arms

ANTHEM
"How Precious Is Thy Steadfast Love"

Words from Psalm 36
Setting (1994): Hubert Bird

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) See Insert
"Now Thank We All Our God" (Stanzas One and Two) *Nun danket all*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Chief David G. Sylvaria, NEDIAFC

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING) See Insert
"O Say, Can You See?"

BENEDICTION (SEATED) The Rev. Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain

CHORAL RESPONSE Text from an Irish Poem
A Gaelic Blessing Setting: John Rutter

RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE (ALL STANDING) Michael Fazio
Cathedral Organist



We are grateful to the Reverend John McDonagh, Pastor of St. Michael's Cathedral, 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 the Whelen Engineering Company, John Olson, President. We also thank Organist Larry Allen.

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.

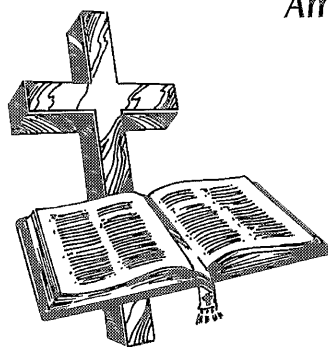
Help me embrace a little child
before it is too late
or save an older person from
the horror of that fate.

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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Rev. Charles L. Chalk

President: Chief Richard M. Baston

First Church
Court Square, Springfield, Massachusetts
Sunday, June 27, 1999
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Members prepare to enter St. Michael's Cathedral for the annual Memorial Service.



Thank you St. Michael's for sharing with us.

Springfield, Massachusetts
Sunday, June 27, 1999

P R O C E E D I N G S

Memorial Service

[Prelude for Organ by Michael Fazio, organist.]

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

[All sang America, the Beautiful.]

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: [West Hartford, CT]

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

PEOPLE: Visit us with your saving help.

[Choral sang Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord.]

[The Pledge of Allegiance was said and led by Chief
Richard M. Baston, President.]

REVEREND DAVID FARLAND: [Springfield, MA] Please
be seated. On behalf of Bishop Duprey, the Bishop of the
Diocese of Springfield, Father McDonough, who is the Director of
St. Michael's Cathedral, I welcome you all to this New England
Fire Chiefs Memorial Service.

St. Michael's Cathedral was built in 1861 as St.
Michael's parish. In 1870, when the Diocese of Springfield was
established, it became St. Michael's Cathedral. Three years ago,
we underwent extensive renovations, not the least of which is air
conditioning. A hearty welcome to all of you.

PRESIDENT RICHARD M. BASTON: On behalf of the New
England Fire Chiefs, I'd like to welcome you to our Memorial
Service, where we remember our comrades who have answered
their last alarm. May they all rest in peace. Also, God bless
Father Foley. He's discovered air conditioning.

[Laughter]

CHIEF GARY C. CASSANELLI: [Springfield, MA] Good
evening to all of you. On behalf of the Mayor of the City of
Springfield, Michael J. Albano, and the City Council, and all of
us in the Springfield Fire Department, I'd especially like to
welcome President Baston, all members of the New England
Chiefs, Father Foley, Reverend Chalk, and Father Farland to the



(L-R) Rev. Stephen C. Foley, NEAFC Chaplain; Rev. Charles L. Chalk, NEAFC Chaplain;
Rev. David Farland, Chaplain Springfield Fire Dept.



Berlin, Connecticut Color Guard – Thank you again for your participation!

City of Springfield and to this beautiful Cathedral.

I had occasion today, and it's funny how little events mark certain moments in your life, but I was having fellowship I think you call it, right, Father? My parents were there, as they usually are, and I had always assumed my parents were married or going to another church because it's another parish that's near here. And Father Foley came to our table, and I introduced Father Foley to my parents. And Father Foley mentioned we were going to be at St. Michael's Cathedral for this beautiful Memorial Service and he asked my parents to attend, and my mother said, "Oh, that would be nice. I don't think we can make it, but that's where we were married." And that was my first realization that my parents were married at St. Michael's Cathedral. I did not know that. I always assumed it was at Holy Name Church.

So this church is pretty special to me because it's where I had my beginnings. So it's those little things or those little moments in life that mark a certain passage in life.

On a more solemn note, I would just like to relate a little moment again in my life that occurred recently. One of our fire fighters died recently. One of our active fire fighters struggled with cancer for a short time and has passed away. And in attending his funeral service, it made me realize in the way the funeral service was handled that we should celebrate his life.

And I knew this fire fighter quite well, and we didn't always agree on everything, but we respected each other very much. And the theme of the service was the celebration of his life. And when I look back on the fire chiefs that I have known, who have passed away, and all the chiefs that have been members of this organization, it's fitting that we memorialize them at this service and also celebrate their lives and celebrate what they have done and what they have meant to us as the present day chiefs, how they've influenced us, where they've brought their departments, and how that has helped us in where we are today.

So I think this is a fitting Memorial Service, and we should celebrate it in a joyous way of what their lives meant to us. I know my predecessors, I look back on it almost every day when I go to work, and I think about what they have done and how they influenced me, and it's been quite helpful in my career.

With that, I welcome you to the City of Springfield, and I'm looking forward to a great adventure. Thank you.

[The Lord is My Shepherd is sung by all standing.]

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: Please be seated.



Reverend Chalk delivers the Memorial Address

Before the opening prayer, may I commend the Public Guard for being so well trained. It's the first time nobody ever obeyed my orders, and I'm glad you didn't because I was wrong, and I apologize for that. So Fire Fighter, Trooper Richard Cop, your training went well, and God bless you for that. Isn't that a wonderful name to have? He's a State Police Trooper and Fire Fighter, C-O-P, Trooper Cop. Watch out when he changes uniforms.

Let us pray. God of peace, who has taught us by returning and rest, we shall be saved. And quietly sent in confidence share our strength by the lying of your superiors lift us, we pray to our presence, where we may be still and know that you are God.

[The Choral sang Justorum Animae.]

REVEREND CHARLES L. CHALK: [Merrimack, NH] The scripture reading tonight comes from the Book of Psalms, Chapter 23. Shall we stand out of respect for God's word. "Let all the earth hear the Lord. Let all inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For the statement he was done and he commanded and stood fast. Counsel the Lord, stand forever the thoughts of his heart for all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord and the people whom he has chosen for his own marriage." You may be seated.

[The Choral sang Search Me, O God.]

REVEREND CHARLES L. CHALK: I always consider it a privilege of the highest degree when it's my year to do the Memorial Service and present the message to the group that's here. Over the years, we've seen this group grow larger, and hopefully in the future, we'll see it again to continue to grow year by year.

The scripture that I read tonight, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." As I look around, and we stand now and are prepared to go to the new century, and when we gather again, it will be the new century. I think our organization, as we turn and look back just a little bit, we represent some of the highest, some of the noblest of traditions. And it's the noblest of occupations that we are in.

There's been changes through the years. We've changed many things. We've changed the equipment we've used. We have changed how we work, and how we approach the things that we do. We've seen many volunteer departments and full-time departments. So there's been many changes over the last century. But there is a basic, there is a standard that we still follow, and that basic is that we help in time of tragedy.

They don't call us, as you say, because somebody did something wrong; they call us when things are going wrong. But we're all part of our communities. We know the towns and cities we live in. We know the streets. We know the people. We know the problems in our community, whether they be political or whether they be social. We know a lot about that. We participate in the activities of our communities that we live in. We are part of that community.

You know today, as I was standing watching the parade, there's a certain sense of pride in that parade. I imagine that Fourth of July will come and many here will participate in their local parades in their communities and be part of that. But there's a sense of pride because when we have the parade, we are usually celebrating something, traditionally it is the Fourth of July.

And isn't it wonderful we live in a nation, live in a country called America, the land where we continue to start the day and night with a patriotic hymn, a land with a hymn that includes something about God in it. Isn't it wonderful that we have a dollar bill in our pocket that has a statement on that that says, "In God we trust." Isn't it wonderful that we have a convention; that we hold an event that has a Memorial Service in it; that starts each session with a word of prayer and a pledge to the flag. Not many do that anymore nowadays; not many hold to those things.

That's why when we look at God's word and it says that when we look at that and it says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord," a country that still upholds God. But yet we all know we are a land in trouble. We worry more nowadays in the fire service about terrorism more than we worry about tactics. Our children go to school, they worry more, the teachers worry more about protecting our children than they do about each teaching them the lessons. We look into buying bullet proof vests as a potential piece of equipment.

I'd like to read you something that just came to me not long ago that I think is kind of unique. This is the testimony of Harold Scott, the father of one of the victims of Columbine High School. He said this before the subcommittee for the House Judiciary Committee on May 27, 1999. He said this, "Since the dawn of creation, there's been both good and evil in the hearts of men and women. We all contain the seeds of kindness or the seeds of violence. The death of my own wonderful daughter, Rachel Joy Scott, and the other children who died must not be in vain. Their blood cries for out for actions."

Going on he says, "I'm here today to declare that Columbine was not just a tragedy, it was a spiritual event; that should be forcing us to look at where the real blame lies." He wrote a poem that says, "Your words are empty air. You've stripped away our heritage. You've outlawed simple prayer. Now gunshots fill our classrooms and precious children die. You seek for answers everywhere and ask the question why. You regulate restrictive laws, and yet fail to understand that God is what we need."

Men and women are a three part means, it consists of a body, a soul, and a spirit. What has happened to us as a nation? Have we refused to honor God, and in doing so, we open the door to hatred and violence? The real bill lies within our own hearts. The young people of our nation hold the key. There is a spiritual awakening taking place."

His closing remarks, he says, "I challenge every young person in America and around this world to realize on April 20, 1999, at Columbine High School, prayer was brought back to our schools. Do not let the prayers offered by those students be in vain. Dare to move into the new millennium with a sacred regard for legislation, your conscience, and do not deny your God given rights to communicate with him."

Those statements are so true for so many places today we no longer see the things that we have in our nation today, or we have at this convention, I should say. We need a return back to God. We need to come back to the simple things that we, the old fashioned ways, the old fashioned things that we used to do. We look at fire service as a changing tradition. We don't need to change the way we have served as American fire service.

We need to continue the traditions of rights. There are young people out there looking for heroes. They're going to find them in the fire chiefs. They're going to find them in the people in the Fire Houses across America. It's one place where people can still go and still know that somebody cares. Nothing is going to happen to them in the doors of the fire station.

Tonight we look to honor some individuals. In our Memorial list tonight, there will be those who have passed on. Those who have served faithfully in the communities, those who have held up the highest honor and tradition in the fire service, as being good individuals, who have served well, and who have been patriotic, and who have done their very best for the communities they have lived in.

Many of those who have passed on, we call them our friends. And we look at their passing, there's a change every

time there's a passing. There's a change within the fabric of that community when that chief passes away. There's a change within our organization when one of our friends passes away.

We will move up, and we will fill up the ranks. Someone will take their place. Courageous leaders will be developed to lead us where they started. And as we look at those who we will honor tonight, I'm sure they will be missed. And they'll be those friendships that we'll have to read about, new individuals who have taken their place.

As we enter the 21st Century, we need friendships to develop amongst ourselves. We need amongst ourselves to be able to know those people who will work with us and stand by us, who will be true to our comrades. Those that are here tonight will recall our comrades who have passed away.

And it's so unique because just recently on the Today Show, Steven Ambrose, the great historical author, is coming out with a brand new book. The book is called Comrades.

Comrades talks about two men, who at the beginning of the last Century, did a unique thing in the American world.

Steven Ambrose has a definition of friendship about two men. Those two men were well known to everybody here tonight. One of them was Mary Wayne Lewis and the other is William Hart. And I think Steven Ambrose has a good definition of friendship, he says this in his book, "Friendship is different from all other relationships. Friendship is based on love. Unlike others and married couples, it's free of jealousy. Unlike children and parents, it knows neither criticism or praise.

Business partnerships are based on contract, so is marriage. Marriage is bound by law as is children. But friendship is freely entered into, friendly given, free to be exercised. Friends never cheat each other or take advantage or lie. Friends do not spy on one another, yet they have no secrets. Friends glory in each other's success and downcast by failures. Friends listen to each other, nurse each other. Friends give to each other, worry about each other, and stand always ready to help.

Perfect friendship is rarely achieved, but how well that describes us. How well that describes the fire service. How well that describes this organization as we work together, as we establish and work together in our friendships.

Ambrose goes on and says, "Even at its highest, friendship is human, not God like, for all his intentions, Clark did not save Lewis. But they gave each other everything they could draw from a friendship, including their finest moments.

Through their trust in each other, they gave their country this epic poem, while introducing the American people to the American west.

Can that be said about us? We have lost some friends. But we have established new friendships over the time we were here at this convention, we've established perhaps some new friendships, and let that friendship be one that draws on each other's finest moments.

Let us unite together as an organization in remembering two things of importance, number one, we should seek the blessings of God in this organization and not only this organization, but upon our fire departments and our communities. Then we should also work to establish true friendships amongst ourselves, for we need that true friend that will help each other in the time of need and also in the time of loss." May God bless us in our time together this evening.

[The Choral sang Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.]

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: Your program indicates that the Fire Fighter's Prayer will be led by Chief Anthony W. Jarvis, our Sergeant-at-Arms. However, some days ago, Chief Jarvis was afflicted with a very, very severe nose bleed, which took repeated efforts on the part of the doctors and emergency personnel to control. He remains at home this evening convalescing. And, therefore, our incoming Sergeant-in-Arms, Chief Frank O'Brien of the Westfield, Mass. Fire Department, will now lead us in the Fire Fighter's Prayer.

CHIEF FRANK O'BRIEN: [Westfield, MA] Thank you, Father. It's a pleasure for me to be here tonight. Chief Surprenant and I have been attempting to fill his shoes for the past couple of days, and we really now have an appreciation of just how much organization comes with the organization. So with that, I would ask you in joining me now in our 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.



Chief Wehter reads the roll call of deceased members as Chief Wood tolls the bell.



Thank you to all that attended.

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.

[Amen]

[The Choral sang How Precious Is Thy Steadfast Love.]

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

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

Chief George Labbe, Brunswick, Maine.

Chief Edward F. Fremeau of Kittery, Maine.

Chief F. Wyman Johnson of Weston, Massachusetts.

Chief Steven A. LaDuke of Hookset, New Hampshire.

Chief Harry F. Willis of North Dighton, Massachusetts.

Chief Clinton L. Hughes our 63rd President from
Wethersfield, Connecticut.

And for all our deceased members, with special
remembrance to the ten Fire Fighter's who have died in the line
of duty these past two weeks.

[The bell was rung 20 more times.]

May they all rest in peace.

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: As we celebrate the
lives of those who have gone on before us, let's all join in a
Hymn of Thanksgiving.

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

CHIEF DAVID G. SYLVARIA, NEDIAFC: As our Memorial
Service for this year comes to a close, we wish to thank St.
Michael's for allowing us to use their Cathedral for our service
this evening, for our Chaplains for officiating at the service, to
the organist and the choir who have filled this Cathedral with
their wonderful voices and music, and to all participants.

With all the things we do at our conference and the
seminars and the parade and all the rushing around, trying to
make sure everything goes smoothly, I think the Memorial
Service is probably the most important thing we can do here. It
gives us an opportunity to kind of slow down a little bit, to kind

of pause and reflect about a lot of people who have come to these Memorial Services with us, that are no longer with us. It's a really good thing we do here this evening, and, again, I thank you for coming and hope to see you all here again next year.

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: As Chaplain Chalk indicated in his reflection, many of our patriotic hymns have a very spiritual element. And so it is that our National Anthem, especially the second verse. I know most of you have the first verse by heart, but not many the second. So, therefore, please refer to our program, and I will allow Fire Fighter Cop to give yours.

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

REVEREND FOLEY: Let us pray. Almighty and ever living God, as we take leave of this most holy place, after celebrating life in a service of remembrance, we ask your most gracious blessing upon us, and not only upon all of us gathered here, but, in particular, on those who have gone on before us. Especially those who have made the supreme sacrifice by giving their lives in the line of duty. And grant us, Almighty God, when the time comes for each one of us to answer that last alarm, that we too may hear those welcome words which our forebears have undoubtedly heard already. "Well done good and faithful servant. Enter now the joy of the Lord."

[The Choral sang A Gaelic Blessing.]

[All stood as the Color Guard left the church followed by the Chaplains, the Choral, and the processional.]

[The Memorial Service concluded at 7:05 p.m.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN

I, Vicki L. Britt, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of the 77th Annual Memorial Service of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc., taken on Sunday, June 27, 1999, to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Vicki L. Britt
Court Reporter



Memorial Bridge across the Connecticut River to West Springfield



The Mayor from Chicopee, Chief Bob Nunes (72nd President) seated; and standing (L-R) Chief Joe Suprenant, Ret.; Chief Art Toth, Ret; & Chief Dave Jorsey (75th President)

Special thanks to Sharon Dunbar & Pam Hardy at the Sheraton Springfield



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United Plastic Fabricating	Hospitality
United Plastic Fabricating	Red Book
United Plastic Fabricating	Parade
University of New Haven	Parade
VFIS of SE New England	Parade
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Berlin Color Guard leads the Annual Apparatus Parade



Parade Marshals - (L-R) Chief David G. Sylvaria, President of the NEDIAFC and Chief Richard M. Baston, President of the NEAFC.



Spectators, young & old line the 4 mile parade route.

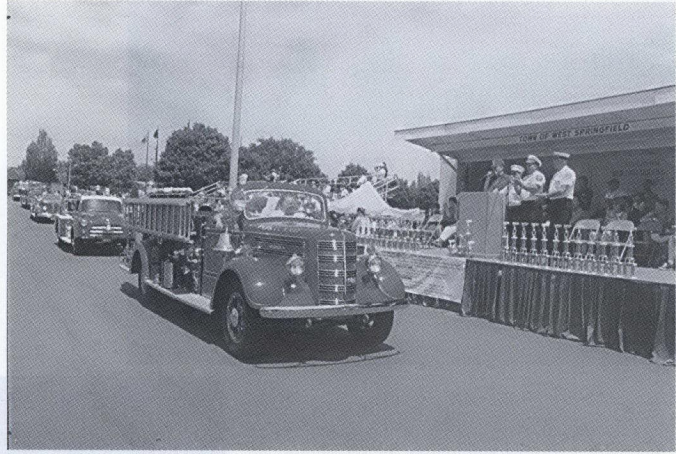


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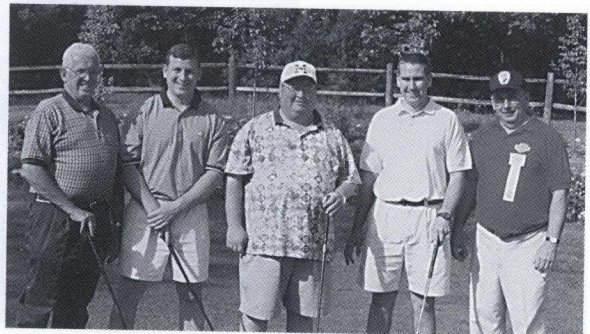
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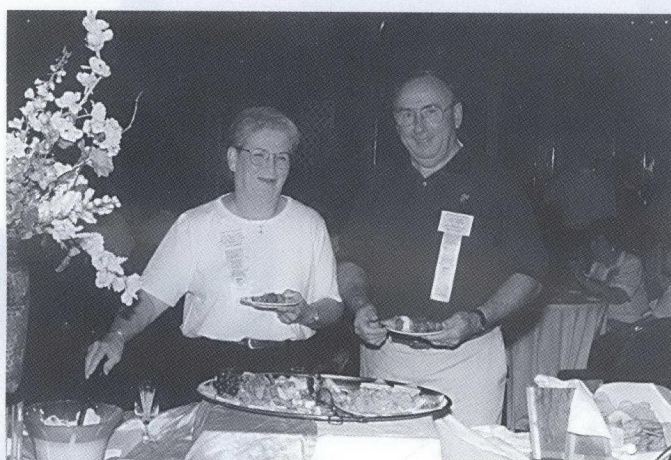
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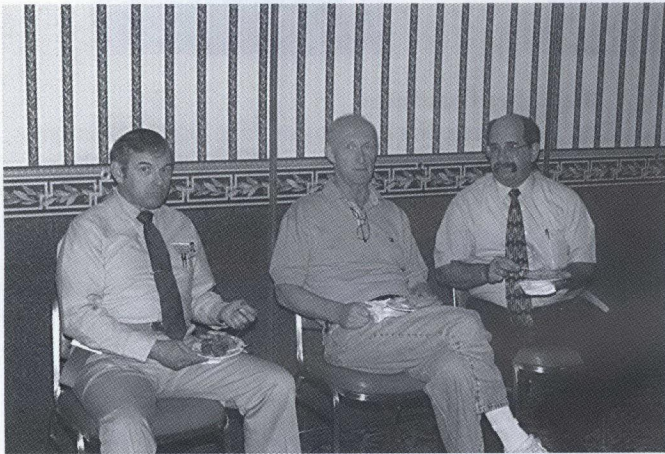
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The Welcoming Networking Party



Sponsored by the N.E.A.F.C.



The Ladies Activities



The Ladies Committee

Front (L-R) Estelle Sylvester, Claudia Pelonzi, Nancy Webster, Jane Barton, Rosalyn Baston (1st Lady), Rear (L-R) Gayle Misto, Cathy Chalk, Sally Wehter, Mary Flaherty.



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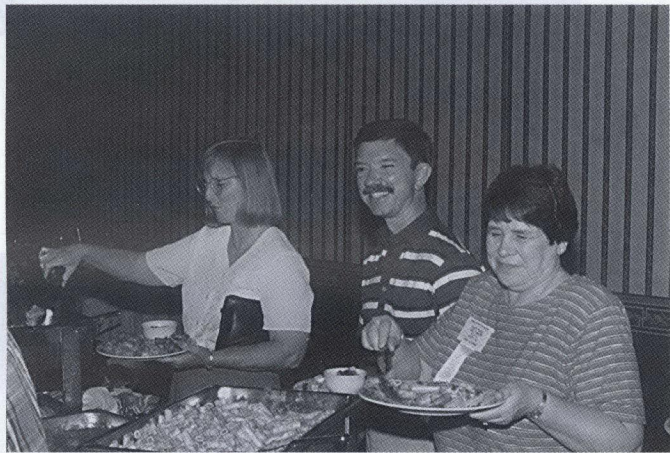


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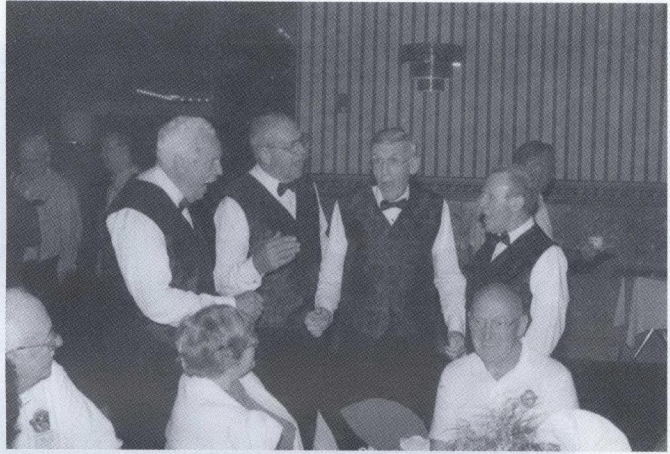


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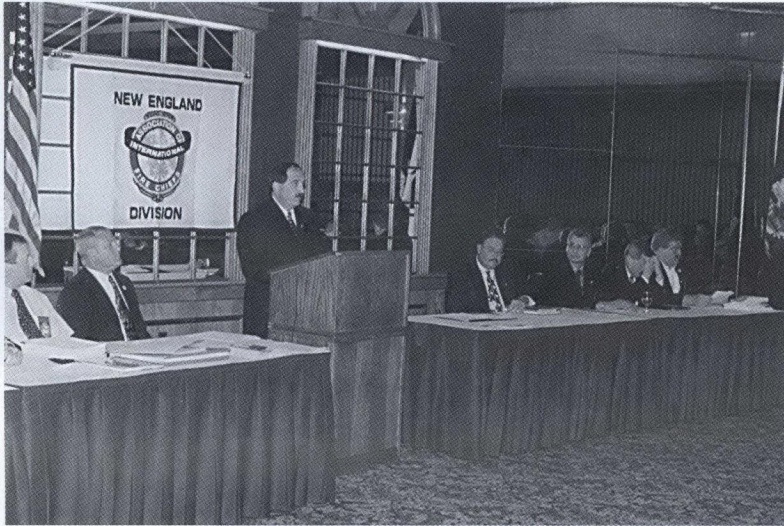
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31st Annual Meeting New England Division – IAFC



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President: Chief Richard M. Baston
North Yarmouth, Maine

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Chief Richard M. Baston, President, presides over the Annual Meeting of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc.

Springfield, Massachusetts
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P R O C E E D I N G S

Annual Meeting

PRESIDENT RICHARD M. BASTON: [North Yarmouth, Maine] We'll have the pledge of allegiance.

[Pledge of Allegiance said.]

Father Foley.

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: [West Hartford, CT] Let us pray. Almighty God, we ask your blessing upon our annual meeting. May all our deliberations and discussions be not only for the good of this organization, but for the future of the fire service throughout New England, the departments, and the communities we represent. And as always, Father, we ask you keep us mindful of the needs of others. Grant eternal rest to those who have gone on before us. You are one God forever and ever.

[Amen.]

PRESIDENT BASTON: Chief Cassanelli.

CHIEF GARY G. CASSANELLI: [Springfield, MA] I just want to greet everyone again. It's great to see everybody here, I see a lot of familiar faces and a lot of people I get to see only probably once the year, but it's good to see you nonetheless. And thank you for coming to Springfield. And hopefully this convention and conference is going to get better and better each year, and I think it is.

I think the Mayor got around to speak to most of the state caucuses, and a lot of exciting things are hopefully happening in Springfield, and there's some actual money behind them. I think you're going to see the Basketball Hall of Fame developed. You're going to see some baseball, minor league baseball developed here in the city that you're going to be able to walk to, hopefully in the next couple of years. It's not a major league affiliation yet, but we're hoping to get that way, hopefully with the Red Sox in the near future.

But I think you're going to see some nice things happening. Hopefully we'll make this convention better and better for you every year. So thank you very much for coming here, and I'll see you all tonight at the banquet. I'm going to be leaving now, to head home to get my dress uniform ready for tonight, if I can still fit into it after today. I thank you all for



Members listen to the Secretary/Treasurers Report

coming, and see you all tonight.

[Applause]

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED: [Hingham, MA]
Annual Report of the Secretary for the Fiscal Year June 1, 1998
through May 31, 1999.

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, 1999.

The Officers, Directors, and Committee members have
held several meetings throughout the year in preparation for the
conference. Full Board meetings were held on August 13, 1998,
November 13, 1998, February 19, 1999, May 7, 1999. 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.
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. The Board also met at the
Rhode Island Convention Center & Westin Hotel and received a
warm welcome and presentation by the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs
along with the hotel, and convention center staff.

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, tickets, brochures,
advertisements and the conference pocket program on the
computer. All mailings were prepared by the Secretary with help
as required. The conference and exhibitors mailing included an
application to join which yielded a few new members. Our
membership has dropped by 9 members since the last annual
report.

During the past year, the Association welcomed 58 new
members, mourned the loss of 6 members, removed 135
members from the active roster for nonpayment of dues, 3
members resigned, and 3 members were dropped as their
address is unknown. 10 members were accorded Honorary Life
status.

Membership statistics as of 6/23/99 are: Massachusetts

active 197, retired 184, associate 46, life 8, vendor 41, for a total of 484; State of Connecticut active 69, retired 51, associate 65, life 1, vendor 8, for a total of 194; Rhode Island active 42, retired 35, associate 19, life zero, vendor 2, for a total of 98; State of New Hampshire active 41, retired 39, associate 17, life 3, vendor 4, for a total of 104; State of Maine active 26, retired 12, associate 20, life zero, vendor 7, for a total of 65; State of Vermont active 24, retired 16, associate 27, life 1, vendor 3, for a total of 71; State of New England active 1, retired 16, associate 4, life 4, vendor 18, for a total of 43; and it gives a grand total of 1,051.

The 2001, 2002 and 2003 conference will be held at the Sheraton Springfield and the Eastern States Exposition. Preliminary figures indicate the 1999 conference to be a great success. The Board met with a delegation from the Rhode Island Convention Center and Westin Hotel on August 14, 1998. After an intensive evaluation of the proposals presented, it was voted to stay at the Sheraton Springfield Hotel and the Eastern States Exposition Center through the year 2003, as their proposal was firm and met our time frame requirements. The Rhode Island Convention Center could not meet the time frame requirements, the weekend after Father's day, and the proposals had escalators attached.

Chief Maurais and his wife Linda have done another fine job with the exhibit sales. We have constant communications throughout the year in an effort to promote the finest Fire/Expo we can. This year we sold fifteen ads to fill spaces in the pocket program which Harold took care of for me (Thanks Harold). Judy Marshall of the 15 Parade Committee has been very instrumental in getting donations to cover the parade expenses. We also sold ad space in the conference brochure to help defray that cost. The Association notes a special thanks to all the sponsors of this year's conference. This year we expanded our advertising by having an exhibit booth at the New York State Fire Chiefs Fire 99 Exposition in an effort to lure exhibitors to our show.

President Baston reappointed Retired Chief Otis C. Wyatt, Jr. to the position of Historian and Reverend Foley and Chalk were reappointed Chaplains. Chief Anthony W. Jarvis was reappointed Sergeant-at-Arms. Chief Jarvis recently retired from the Ludlow Fire Department and will step down after serving as Sergeant-at-Arms since 1991. Thank you, Tony, for all your many efforts for us.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Board members for their support and cooperation throughout the year, with special thanks to President Baston, 1st Vice president Flaherty, 2nd Vice President Sylvester, Chief Maurais, Chief John Wood, Secretary/Treasurer of the NEDIAFC, and all the Directors, with a very special thank you 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 these past seven years and hope to do so for many more.

Respectfully submitted. Richard K. Wehter, Chief.

PRESIDENT BASTON: You've heard the report of the Secretary/Treasurer. Are there any errors or omissions?

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

CHIEF OTIS WYATT, RETIRED: [Narragansett, RI] Seconded.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Motion made and supported that we accept our record as read. All in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed.

Audit Committee. Fire Director Sidney Thurston.

FIRE DIRECTOR SYDNEY F. THURSTON: [Waterbury Center, VT] We met this morning at eight-thirty to review the New England Association books for the past year. We had a letter of review from John T. Walsh, Jr., a Certified Public Accountant of the financial condition of the Association.

The Auditing Committee finds the books are in order. It is the concern of our committee that the accountant's report is a review and not a full audit. The Auditing Committee is also concerned that our books show the total assets of the Association and does not separate the total assets of the Association from the conference receipts and expenses.

The Auditing Committee feels the need to separate totally the conference receipts and expenses from the Association's assets due to the agreement with the New England Division. Recommendations that a full review be done from 1997 to present, showing the receipts and expenses from the 1997, 1998, and 1999 conferences, and that the President and First Vice President work with the Secretary and Treasurer, to have the accountant come up with a recommendation that would be acceptable to the Board of Directors to accomplish the items above.

PRESIDENT BASTON: You heard the report of the Audit Committee. They made a couple of recommendations. I guess this would be the time to handle them. What do you wish to do with them?

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: Move the report be accepted and recommendations carried out.

FROM THE FLOOR: I second that.

PRESIDENT BASTON: It's been moved and supported that report be accepted and the recommendations be carried out. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

Thank you, Sidney.

Treasurer's report, Chief Wehter.

CHIEF WEHTER: Annual Report of the Treasurer for the fiscal Year June 1, 1998 through May 31, 1999.

To the Officers and members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated, I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer for the Balance on hand 6/1/99
\$166,290.64

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$18,327.50
Conference 1998	16,137.40
Conference 1999	15,700.00
Exhibit Receipts	171,954.75
Red Book	450.00
Miscellaneous	3,113.50
Interest	4,799.86
TOTAL RECEIPTS	230,483.01

EXPENSES

Office Supplies and Equipment	7,224.00
Conference 1998	84,821.23
Conference 1999	19,760.13
Postage and mailing	2,166.64
Telephone	2,345.70
Memorials	639.70
Testimonials	133.00
Legal, Accounting, Insurance,	
Professional Services	4,254.70
Pre-conference Director &	
Committee Meetings	11,254.80
Miscellaneous	0.00

Scholarships & Selection expenses	2,148.38
Exhibit Committee	9,109.81
Bank Charges	15.30
Refunds	3,200.00
Advertising	9,825.41
Donations	8,500.00
Consulting Fees	25,500.04
Red Book	5,766.65
TOTAL EXPENSES	196,665.29

SUMMARY

Balance on hand 6/1/98	166,290.64
Total receipts 6/1/98- 5/31/99	230,483.01
Total expenses 6/1/98 to 5/31/99	196,665.29
Balances 5/31/99-	
General Operating Fund	\$149,495.06
Certificate of Deposits	50,613.30
Total financial assets as of 5/31/99	200,108.36

This year receipts exceeded expenses primarily due to the increase in exhibit space fees for the current conference. There was a gain of \$33,817.72 for the fiscal year from all sources. With the increase in income there will also be a substantial increase in expenses especially with the added expenses of additional space at the Eastern States Exposition site and all the other associated costs as our show continues to grow. This year Honorary Life members were again 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.

The Board is committed to ensure a budget balance that will provide us for a conference deficit. At this time, we do not have those resources which should be \$85,000.00 to \$100,000.00 in reserve funds. This year we did transfer \$50,000.00 into Certificate of Deposits to begin that process and will add to this after we have assessed our financial situation.

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. 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 utilizing monies we did realize from income two years ago from the telemarketing campaign. During this and the last year's conference, we have eliminated some of our sponsorship in order

to help bring up our reserves by making the conference more self-sufficient.

As our conference grows, our income grows and so does our expenses. Exhibit fees for this year were set at \$450.00 for an 8 x 10 inside booth. All checks received by the corporation are photocopied and filed. All monies are deposited on a daily basis in a 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 if receipts exceed \$100,000.00 by a certified public accountant on an annual basis, and this has been done. 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 complete quarterly updates on the financial conditions of the Association to ensure continuity and the ability to question any and all expenditures.

As per the Audit Committee recommendation at the 1994 Annual Meeting, the Treasurer continues to be bonded in the amount of \$200,000.00.

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

PRESIDENT BASTON: You've heard the report of the Treasurer. What is your wishes?

CHIEF JOHN E. PAROW: [Chelmsford, MA] Motion to accept as read.

CHIEF JOHN P. JENKINS: [West Barnstable, MA] Second.

PRESIDENT BASTON: It's been moved and supported. Any other discussion?

CHIEF THOMAS J. MURPHY, RETIRED: [Southington, CT] Did I hear correctly \$25,000 for consulting fees is one of the items that you read?

CHIEF WEHTER: Yes.

RETIRED CHIEF WYATT: I would just ask, based on what the Treasurer's report is, I heard him say we had a balance of two hundred and some odd thousand dollars, and the Treasurer's bond is for \$200,000. No reflection on the Treasurer, but I would just respectfully suggest that at the next four meetings, they discuss at what limits they want to go. Because as the income comes up and down, you could all of a

sudden find that you have a Treasurer with \$250,000, even be it momentarily.

FROM THE FLOOR: I don't think you have to worry about Richard. You can't even get a ball cap from him.

[Laughter]

PRESIDENT BASTON: Anymore discussions? If not, all in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

It's a vote.

Registration Committee, Chief Wehter.

CHIEF WEHTER: Pre-registered members/non members 128, spouse 60, for a total of 188.

Registered at Conference 2, for a total registration of 190.

Day Passes: Saturday 1400, Sunday 2800, today, as of 12:30 when I left there, it was 1100, for a total of 5300 day passes.

Vendor attendees are approximately a 1000.

So that would bring the Total Attendance as of right now to 6,800, approximately in-line with what we did last year.

There were, as with every year, for whatever reason, some door gets open and a bunch of people get in and get by, but that's approximately the numbers.

We've at least maintained the same numbers. The day passes have gone up.

PRESIDENT BASTON: You've heard the report of the Registration Committee, what are your wishes?

FROM THE FLOOR: Move to accept the report as read.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Hear that seconded?

CHIEF ROBERT A. BISHOP: [Pascoag, RI] Second.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Any discussion? All in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

It is a vote.

Next is the Education Committee from Chief Howard.

CHIEF MICHAEL HOWARD: [Wolfeboro, NH] Thank you, Chief Baston. Before I get started, I would like to recognize the members that are here today from the Education Committee, Chief Nick Russo from the Division, who is the Director from Massachusetts, Wayne Sanford also served on the committee from the Division — I don't believe Wayne is here today — Chief Ken Pelonzi, the Massachusetts Director at the front table,



President Baston
officially opens the
77th Annual
Conference

Chief Michael
Howard, Education
Committee Chairman
introduces Keynote
Speaker



Chief Frank Sylvester
(L) presents plaque to
Keynote Speaker,
Thomas Powers for his
presentation on
"Terrorism."

Chief Rich Marinucci
receives plaque from
Chief Sylvester for
his seminar on
"Saving the System".



Chief Gary Cassanelli
(R), Dr. Frank Sacco
(L) display plaques
presented by Chief
Joseph Misto for their
seminar "Evil Chiefs
Syndrome"

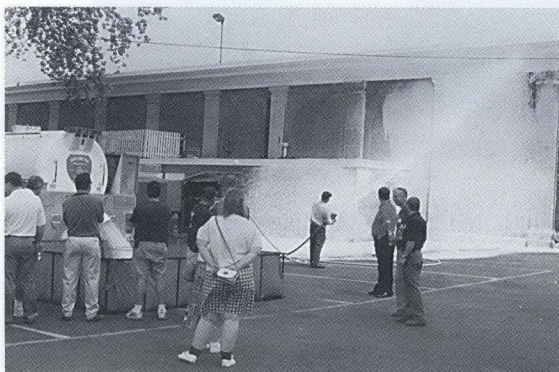
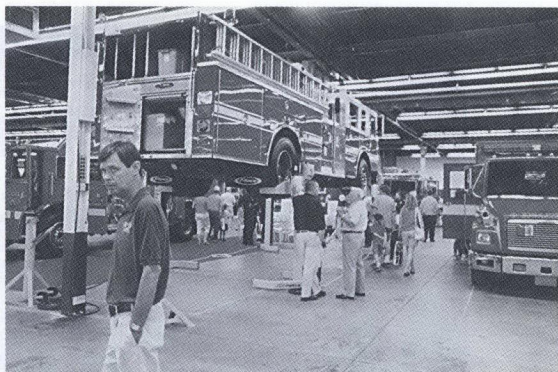
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Giannini (R) receives
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"Hazmat Command"
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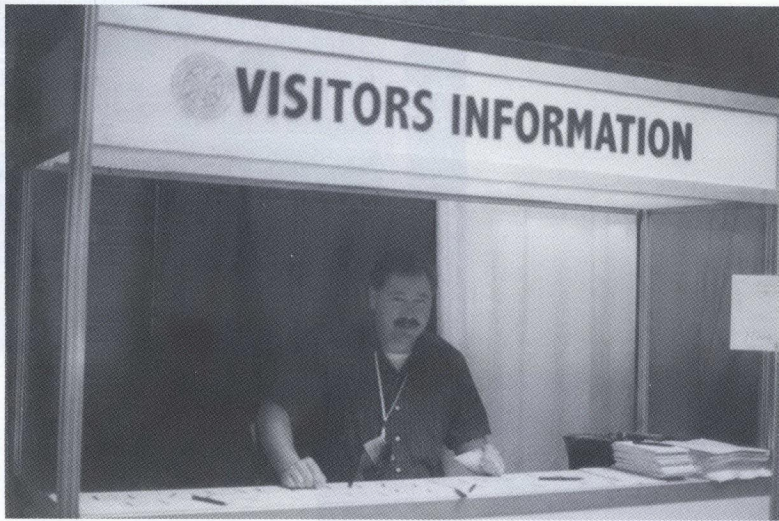




Asst. Chief Mike
Burton (R) receives
plaque for his
presentation on the
"Florida Wild Fires"







Chief Brian Thibeault of Plymouth, NH greeting the day pass attendees.



Secretary/Treasurer answers questions for Channel 22 News

Second Vice President, Chief Frank Sylvester from Rhode Island, and Joe Misto, the Director from Rhode Island who is sitting next to Frank.

We had a keynote speaker on Saturday with a morning session and an afternoon session that followed on Sunday and the morning and afternoon session which also followed today.

Our attendance numbers are as follows: We had 61 people that attended the keynote speakers on Saturday morning. Sunday for the first session we had 48. Sunday for the second session we had 87. This morning for the first session we had 31. This morning for the second session we had 36. For a grand total of 263 attendees at the educational sessions over the three days. It averaged out to approximately 53 attendees for each session.

Also, on behalf of the Board, we want to recognize and give special thanks to Director Rick Mason from the Fire Academy of the State of New Hampshire who provided us with some AV equipment, such as the power point equipment and so forth and saved the association a significant amount of money during our educational programs over the last three days. Director Mason is sitting up in the back. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BASTON: You've heard the report of the Education Committee, what are your wishes?

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: Move it be accepted as read, with thanks.

CHIEF BISHOP: Seconded.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Move and seconded to accept the report of the Education Committee. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor say Aye.

[Aye]

Opposed?

FROM THE FLOOR: I just want to point out that at our Board meeting before this annual meeting that they voted to send your Association a thank you letter for all the help you gave and thank you.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Next is the Exhibit Committee, Charlie.

CHIEF CHARLES F. MAURAS, RETIRED: [Marblehead, MA] June 28, 1999. President Baston, Board of Directors, and Members:

I herewith submit the report of the Exhibit Committee for the 1999 New England Fire/Rescue/and EMS Expo.

On April 12, 1999, Conference Registration Packets were

mailed to 617 vendors. An additional 55 have been mailed out to new vendors, for a total of 672.

Over 900 Vendor name Badges were printed and laminated for pre-registration.

Contracted Exhibit Space:

Inside 8'X10' 267

Vehicle Spaces 110

For a total of 377

There were 234 companies represented at this year's

Expo.

Total Receipts \$203,093.75

Outstanding 2,500.00

our Commitment \$205,593.75

A total of 48 new companies have displayed with us this year.

I would like to thank President Baston for appointing me as Chairman of the Exhibit Committee and the Board of Directors for their support throughout this year. I would also like to thank my wife Linda for all her hard work. I also would like to thank Harold Roeder and the staff of L. W. Bills Company and Bob Shea and Judy Marshall of the Vendors Association for all their help and support. A special thank you to Jerry Lipman of Bearcom of Hartford for the use of the portable radios.

I would like to thank the following people for their help: Chiefs Mansfield, Webster, Jorsey, Wyatt, Bishop, Thurston, Misto, Sylvester, Barton, Russo, Howard, Lacaille, Sylveria, Weston, McDonough, Pollard, Lajoie, Landry, Stanley, and O'Neil, and I apologize to anyone that I missed for all the help in setting up the exhibits and during the Expo.

I would like to give many thanks to Mary Ann Flaherty, Tom Sampson, Pat Wyatt, Gayle Misto, Estelle Sylvester, Jane Barton, Dolores Thurston, Lorry Jorsey, Rosalyn Baston, Phyllis Mansfield, Mary Flaherty, Nancy Webster, June Barton, Claudia Pelonzi, Kathleen Chalk, and Lila Gillespie for all their help with the Exhibitor's Registration area.

Respectfully submitted, Charles F. Maurais, Retired, Chairman, New England Association of Fire Chiefs.

PRESIDENT BASTON: You've heard the report of the Exhibition Committee.

CHIEF JOHN C. HARMON, RETIRED: [Scarborough, ME] Move acceptance of that report.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Do I hear that seconded?

CHIEF JOHN E. PAROW: [Chelmsford, MA] Seconded.

PRESIDENT BASTON: It's been supported that we accept the report of the Exhibit Committee.

CHIEF HARMON: One thing I'd like to mention, Mr. President. When we used to have these conventions at Wentworth By the Sea, and you could only get one truck to park in the parking lot, we've come a long way.

[Laughter and applause.]

PRESIDENT BASTON: All in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

Well, thank you, Charlie.

Next is old business, and one thing we have under old business is, Otie, and your patch.

CHIEF WYATT: If I might, Mr. President, suppose I make a report for the historian which leads into the patch. Is that okay?

New England Association of Fire Chiefs Report of the Historian June 28, 1999.

During the past year, the Historian has enjoyed and very much appreciated the assistance of Mert Dyer of Peterborough, New Hampshire. We have had several phone conversations and met once in Marlborough, MA, to discuss the three items that have been assigned to us:

Number one, the inventory and libraries that we are maintaining:

(a) The membership has been quite alert in reporting to this committee or other officers when they come across Red Books on file. We are currently looking for two or three books for each year from 1923 through 1936 or one book each from 1965 through 1970, plus the 1985 and the 1988.

This will complete four libraries underway. New Hampshire has one, two in Massachusetts, and one in Rhode Island. We have had additional offers of Red Books, but not in the years noted above. It was felt there is little need to start constructing five or more libraries. However, we thank those who are watching on our behalf for Red Books, particularly for the older years.

At this conference this year, a member from the State of Connecticut approached me, who has some books available and would like to assemble enough to put in the Connecticut Fire Academy in the center of Connecticut, if and when we get to that. So we may very well start that to keep that historical thing available. But that was not known at the time I wrote this.

Number two, at the request of the President, we've been researching the material available in the Red Books that we do have in order to summarize events of yesteryear for a future presentation to the membership in summary form. And we're going to start that, the first phase of that will be tonight at the banquet.

Number three, at last year's annual meeting there was a discussion about an insignia for possible use by Retired chiefs indicating their retirement status. It was hoped that this would become endorsed by this organization, and we could then seek approval of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs for acceptance in New England with the goal ultimately of acceptance on a national basis.

While at last year's meeting, there was anticipation that the design could be completed and sent to state organizations in both this Association and the Division, but complications in locating a manufacturer and obtaining a sample were more time consuming than originally expected.

Recently, Mert, in concert with a local vendor in New Hampshire, located someone to make the sample of the copy that I have here today. We have also obtained all the paperwork for completing the copyright process. It is the suggestion of this committee that the membership comment on the sample. Is it the type of insignia they envisioned? Is the size correct, etc.? The expense has been under the \$200 allotted. However, before the bill is presented for payment, our suggestion is to get the membership approval so that control of this idea remains with the Association. If this project is something that the Association does not wish to support, then control could be maintained by others who might try to get acceptance from the Division and the International. We ask for your direction and suggestions.

That, Mr. President, is the report.

Now, if I may, I showed the Division the patch at their meeting on Friday. I had the President's permission to kind of violate protocol because this is a committee project of the Association, but the Division was meeting Friday, and, of course, wasn't going to meet again for another year. So we put it to them. They accepted the idea of this patch, the size, etc., the way it is, and gave wholehearted, unanimous support to it.

I'll pass around a copy here. I think, Mert Dyer and I both feel, that this is the general idea we'd like to go with. There are samples you can take a look at and just pass it around for those who don't have the real McCoy. The thought would be to

put the insignia either on the right arm of the Retired Chief, or a suggestion came from the Division that possibly they wanted to consider to put the insignia under the patch most dress blues have. That would have to be straightened out one way or the other.

The second thing we should do before we go very far, once we establish if we accept it and we're going ahead with this is, what's going to be the criteria, because obviously a uniform is only a uniform if everybody does it alike. Some of us are putting it on the left arm or the right arm or three inches up or five inches up, we'll do that. And then we'll probably get the Division to go to the International and see if we can make this a national thing.

The copyright papers that we have, you can see in this folder. Everything on that bottom half is what the law requires to get a copyright. So you've got about an inch and half of papers. Mert Dyer has contacted a personal acquaintance who is familiar with copyright law and will assist us in getting this done if we proceed to go ahead.

I'd like to ask Mert, do you have any other comments on what I said?

CHIEF MERTON S. DYER, RETIRED: [Peterborough, NH] I don't have any other comments. I think it's a good design. As you brought up, there's some question of where to put it on the sleeve or on the shoulder. But right now, I have, I guess, an agreement with the manufacturer or the person in California who designed it. It is not a copyrighted design at the present time. The laurel leaves on there were modified from a copyrighted design, and they tell me there's no infringement on the other.

So before it gets out into the public, I'd like to tie it up, so we have control over how the design is to be used and so forth. Bob.

CHIEF ROBERT J. NUNES: [Chicopee, MA] Would you just tell me what this represents? What's the two bars for? Is it supposed to mean something?

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: The wreath without the "R," just plain wreath, there's the several that a number of the Chiefs, particularly there's some in Rhode Island, only one or two, there's a number in Maine that have it, and thought it was a non-denominator, does not indicate rank per se. It's not five trumpets, four trumpets, three trumpets. That's something else we should discuss, would a retired fire fighter put this on his dress blues?

That wasn't really our contract. We thought it would be possibly Chief, Officers, anybody that has goals. But we have to be careful there, because there's lieutenants out there that have gold lieutenant patches, so we need to set our standards. But the idea is that the wreath was standard to represent Chiefs in rank, if you will, and the "R" obviously is for retired.

CHIEF NUNES: The two bars don't mean anything?

RETIRED CHIEF WYATT: No, they were put on as a design. You'll have to ask Mert. He may have a better answer.

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: Well, it's one I came up with. What I thought of originally, I would like to have had a complete circle of laurel leaves. And the reason I chose laurel leaves is this was a thing that was done by a lieutenant in San Francisco Fire Department for International some years ago. And laurel leaves have a significance, if I can find it here, but I want to do that.

But I wanted to make it a circle, indicating that the person has gone full circle. But it wouldn't work out, it was too big. The gold on the top is just to sort of set it off. The laurel leaves and the color red for retired. They all tie into the fire service and so forth, just the design that I thought was appropriate.

CHIEF MISTO: My question isn't with the patch. I'm in favor of the patch. I'm commenting on where the patch would go. Some of us do not wear patches on our dress blues. So if we wanted to keep the continuity, I would think the sleeve would be the place to put it.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: Mr. President and Otie, I was quite instrumental with Otie and a firm supporter of it. I spent twenty-six years in the military and retiring gave me the right to wear my uniform, whenever I feel like wearing my uniform, it's something I earned, to go to any formal type of functions that the military may have.

When we discussed this here last year, going to Father Foley's Mass, some of the Chiefs felt like wearing uniforms and felt they would have been out of place, because in Otie's case, he retired from a couple of departments. I believe one was Warwick and the other was Narragansett. And to see a Chief come in with a Narragansett patch and have Otie there with a Narragansett patch, one would wonder whose Chief.

So when Otie discussed the situation of a patch, indicating the "R" for retirement, I thought it was a good idea, and I made the motion at the Division's meeting, and I believe it passed unanimously that this patch would be accepted for

Retired Chiefs.

I believe if you're wearing a Chief's uniform and you're wearing the five bugles and you're wearing that red "R" on there, it would signify the fact that you're a chief and that you're retired, and you have that right to wear the uniform. And this is the reason why I moved then. And on Otie's recommendation, I would like to make a recommendation that the Association support that patch, and that the Association come up with a location being above the Chief's five stripes, above the stripe on the right arm, where it would indicate he is a Chief, he is retired, and it would give him a right to wear the uniform.

That was my recommendation last year, and I stick by that recommendation. Like I said, the Division did vote unanimously to support it, and I ask that the Association also support it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Do you want to make that a motion?

CHIEF SYLVESTER: I'll make that a motion.

CHIEF MANSFIELD: I second it.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Moved and supported.

Discussion, Charles.

CHIEF MAURAS: I'd like to designate, if we're going to, I agree with the motion wholeheartedly, but I think I'd make it one inch above the stripes, not three inches.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Any more discussion?

CHIEF FRANK O'BRIEN: [Westfield, MA] Some of us don't wear marks or stripes, where does that leave us?

CHIEF WYATT: If it pleases the Board and the members, we would just make it right in the specification one inch above five stripes, or we'll measure the total length like six inches up or whatever it may be, so they all come in the same place. Would that be satisfactory, Frank?

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: That one was done, and I talked to the people that did it and asked them if they could reduce it in size, and they cannot reduce it just automatically. They would have to redesign it, and it cost \$120 to do it.

I have here some black and white. Otie did a couple in color, but I have some black and white, full size 80 percent, 60 percent of the full size, and down to 48 percent of the full size. We can proceed with getting the copyright or licensing, whatever needs to be done. And if you have some concern about the size on the sleeve or on the shoulder, we can adjust that, whatever your pleasure is, with the cost of \$120 anyway.

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: I think Mr. President, that based on the motion that Frank made, and in light of what Mert has just said, the best idea, most acceptable idea, was to keep the patch the size it is, put it on the sleeve, an inch above the gold stripes, and for those who don't have any stripes or hash marks, we would make it the six inches, or whatever I'd have to see what the five inches comes to. But it's probably going to come to somewhere in that neighborhood.

I was also going to make a point to everybody at the last annual meeting, you allowed the historian \$200 to have this done. There is a bill that comes to somewhere in the neighborhood of \$117. But it is felt that we will not proceed with that bill, put it in for processing, until after we finish the copyright. We want the copyright in hand before we start moving ahead. And if that pleases the body, we'll just submit that bill at whatever time we finish the copyrighting.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Is there a cost of this copyrighting?

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: There is no cost to the Federal Government to copyright or license something. Hopefully the lawyer I've been in contact with will maybe do it for nothing, certainly not charge us a great deal. I think we can handle that.

PRESIDENT BASTON: You don't need any money attached to this motion at this point?

RETIRED CHIEF DYER: No, I don't think so. If we do, I'll come back next year.

CHIEF KENNETH C. PELONZI: [Beverly, MA] I think for those of us that wear five stripes, if we go with the full size patch, and you put it above five stripes, your arm is going to be full. I would recommend that we seriously consider the 48 or 60 percent.

RETIRED CHIEF WYATT: I'll take it to the banquet tonight, and those of you with five stripes, who are there, we'll give it a fitting.

PRESIDENT BASTON: You've heard the motion Frank made. Do you want to state it again, Frank?

CHIEF SYLVESTER: I believe the motion was made that the Division is meeting with the same motion here and that the Association adopt the Retiree's patch for the Retiree's to wear on their dress blues uniform; that at any functions we have over here, they be allowed to wear their uniforms, whether it be memorial, or whatever it is, the dinner, that they wear their uniforms with the Retiree's patch. That was my motion.

I also heard a couple of suggestions that were brought up on that, but my original motion was to wear above the stripe which would probably be in here. I don't know what size patch it would be. The only one I saw was the one that was presented over here to Dick Wehter.

CHIEF PELONZI: I don't have a problem with the patch. I just think sizewise, it won't look so cumbersome.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: That was the motion.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Moved and supported. Any more discussion? All in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

It is a vote.

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: Thank you gentlemen.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Does anybody have any old business?

CHIEF MARCEL C. COMIRE: [Manville, RI] Is the air conditioning broken in this building, especially this room? And are we going to have air conditioning tonight in the banquet hall, as we did not last year?

FROM THE FLOOR: Right now we're under a power watch and asked everybody to reduce the power consumption. And I've noticed in all the hotel rooms, if there was a digital thermostat, they had them up to 74, 75 to drop the power usage. Because if they don't, they're going to give you rolling blackouts. The Northeast Utilities is going to pull the plugs. All the commercial buildings are trying to help reduce power.

FROM THE FLOOR: I think Nick and them can attest, I believe during the first session this morning, we actually had a very short blackout in the speaker's hall. And I think that's when they took action. I believe that's what the problem was this morning.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Any old business? Would the Sergeant-at-Arms make sure we have some air conditioning?

FROM THE FLOOR: I will do my very best, sir.

PRESIDENT BASTON: No other old business? We'll go to new business.

Father Foley. Very timely, I think, and pursuant to what Otie and Mert are doing, I'd like to make a recommendation that this organization go on record as realizing that the national standard for a fire chief is five stripes on his arm. I was watching last night as we went into the Cathedral, some have one, some have two, some have three, some have four. The

national standard was established several years ago, five stripes for five trumpets, four stripes for four trumpets, three for three, etc. I'd like to make that a point of record, so we talk about standardization and copyright and all that.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Anybody else have any new business?

CHIEF PELONZI: I have two items of new business: The first is, I would like to make a recommendation or make a motion that West Springfield, for the year 2000 or for the 1999, 2000 conference, be designated as the host community. Right now it's Springfield. Chief Flaherty is going in. He's from West Springfield. I think it would be appropriate to have his community as the host community, especially where it's right across the bridge.

CHIEF VICTOR J. ZUMBRUSKI: [Amherst, MA]
Seconded.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Been moved and supported that we have West Springfield be the host community for our conference next year. Any discussion? All in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

CHIEF PELONZI: The next motion I have is, I'd like to address the salary of the Secretary/Treasurer and the Exhibit Chairman. This wasn't done last year. I'd like to recommend or make a motion that we give the Secretary/Treasurer and the Exhibit Chairman a raise, and I think three percent is probably appropriate.

CHIEF RUSSO: I second that.

PRESIDENT BASTON: It's been moved and supported that we give the Secretary/Treasurer and the Exhibit Chairman a three percent raise. Discussion?

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: Just for clarification, I have no objection to the raise at all, for either party named. I thought last year, when the motion was made to grant the salary increases, that it built in "X" salary for this year, or the Board did or somebody did, and "X" for next year too. I don't recollect what they were, but I was under the opinion everything was taken care of for two years.

CHIEF WEHTER: The year that just went by and the year that started June 1, yes, you're right.

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: What I'm saying is, the raise we voted last year is going to be more than the three percent.

CHIEF WEHTER: The vote last year was \$1,500.

PRESIDENT BASTON: The motion has been withdrawn. Will you withdraw your second?

CHIEF RUSSO: Yes.

PRESIDENT BASTON: We don't have a motion. Any other new business?

CHIEF THOMAS J. MURPHY, RETIRED: [Southington, CT] Can't be 10 to 20, when the Secretary/Treasurer read a total of 25 split between the two of them. How can it be 10 to 20?

CHIEF WEHTER: But that was for the previous year. It will be 30 for the next time.

PRESIDENT BASTON: The report you heard is for '98.

CHIEF MURPHY: And that was 25. Correct? So how much is that going to be, twenty-five and three is how much, 10 and 20? I don't think so.

RETIRED CHIEF WYATT: I think there's a confusion, Tom, that they agreed, I thought last year, that this year, starting now, the Exhibit Chairman goes to, and based on what the Chief said, \$10,000.

CHIEF WEHTER: I can answer your question, because I think the raise encompassed —

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY: [West Springfield, MA] The raise for the Exhibit Chairman, his first step is this year. And for Chief Wehter you had the raise beginning as of July 1.

Charlie gets paid right after the conference, so he didn't get it then. He started getting that increment, the first increment, he'll get that at this conference and the second increment at the next conference.

CHIEF WEHTER: Charlie likes to get paid once.

CHIEF MURPHY: But if the total for '98 was \$25,000 —

CHIEF WEHTER: But he hasn't got paid.

CHIEF MURPHY: Whether he got paid or not, the set amount is the set amount.

CHIEF WEHTER: He was paid before. The raise he got and the money he's getting for the work he's done this past conference, he'll receive next week. So it's not reflected in the Treasurer's report because the Treasurer's report ends on the 31st of May.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: It's really 27, because you've got to add the 15 from last year onto the 25.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Gentleman in the back.

CHIEF RUSSO: Mr. President, do we have access to last year's minutes and that would clarify exactly what you voted on?

DIRECTOR RICHARD A. MASON: [Concord, NH] My

question was just going to be, what's the breakdown of the 25? Maybe that could answer the question.

PRESIDENT BASTON: He's looking up the vote.

CHIEF MISTO: Just as a comment, it's 25, 5, plus 15. Charlie hasn't got the 15 yet, so it doesn't show there. So it's really \$27,000 if you add it together, they pay him. He's shown the figure as of May 30.

CHIEF WEHTER: Of the money that was recorded, \$7,000 went to Charlie and the rest went to me. Charlie's current salary per se is \$3,500, which he'll receive next week.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Have you been satisfied?

CHIEF MURPHY: Yes.

CHIEF WEHTER: It's really 85 and 18/5.

CHIEF MURPHY: Was it, in fact, 25/5, now 15 to be paid?

CHIEF WEHTER: Yes.

CHIEF MURPHY: I think we better state it over here that he's only spending 25.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: It's the report as of May 31.

CHIEF MURPHY: 25/5 expended, 15 to be expended.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: So the next report we have will come out showing that as expended.

CHIEF HOWARD: The motion at last year's meeting was that Charley's raise would not take effect until he is paid for the '99 conference. So the books closed on May 31. Charlie will actually receive his increase in pay from \$7,000 to \$8,500 after the books have been closed, which took place on May 31.

He will receive that in the next month or so. So that \$1,500 that Charlie is actually going to receive for a raise, as well as Dick's raise, Dick's raise doesn't take effect until July, I believe, that's what we voted on. And Charlie will get his when his bill is submitted for this previous conference.

CHIEF MURPHY: I understand that, and I'm not disputing that. All I'm asking is the fact that if we spent \$25,000 for consulting fees, and now, in effect, we've spent 25/5 for the consulting fees — there should be an adjustment made in the records, that's all.

FROM THE FLOOR: No.

CHIEF MURPHY: 25/5 was paid. Twenty-five was reported by the Secretary as being expended. I stand corrected. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Have you got the —

FIRE DIRECTOR SYDNEY F. THURSTON: [Waterbury

Center, VT] I've got it here. Chief John Flaherty, West Springfield, Mass. "I'd like to put before the body that Chief Wehter get a \$1,500 raise this year and a \$1,500 raise the following year." A motion was made by Mr. Flaherty that we give \$1,500 to Chief Wehter and \$1,500 the next year, and everybody voted Aye. Chief Maurais' was done at the Board of Directors, and the same thing.

So what has happened is that to clarify this, Chief Maurais hasn't got his \$1,500 this year yet, and Dick hasn't got his yet. And it doesn't take effect until after this fiscal year of 1999.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Is everybody happy? We'll move on.

Any other new business?

CHIEF JOHN P. JENKINS: [West Barnstable, MA] There's been some joking, both out there and a little bit in here today, about the Young Building. I would certainly hope that we are going to do the right thing for the vendors who rented space in the Young Building.

The vendors were greatly inconvenienced. The attempt at putting some military air conditioning in there just simply didn't work. The vendors were greatly inconvenienced, and more importantly, the Chiefs were very inconvenienced. I saw an awful lot of Chiefs that went in and stuck their head in the door and never got beyond the first booth because they said the hell with it, it's just too hot.

And I sincerely hope, and we're not a poor organization, and I sincerely hope we do what is right for those vendors who were in that building, give them very, very appropriate refunds or rebates or credits towards next year or whatever. Because I think the credibility of this organization, I think, is at risk. And for the success and the growth in the years to come, I think it's important we do what is right now.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Chief Flaherty.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: John, we've already done that, but we will take that up at the Board meeting.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Any other new business? If not, we'll move on to the election of officers.

And the first is the President, Mr. Nunes.

CHIEF ROBERT J. NUNES: [Chicopee, MA] From the great state of Massachusetts, the western part —

[Laughter]

Chief Robert Nunes from Chicopee Massachusetts,

The President
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Chief John J. Flaherty
West Springfield, Massachusetts

Kielbasa capital of the world, right next to the sewage treatment plant, I'd like to put Chief John Flaherty's nomination for the millennium year 2000, for his great leadership that probably this Association hasn't seen since 1994.

[Laughter]

Does that year ring a bell? I'd like to put his name in nomination for President.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Thank you, sir.

CHIEF RUSSO: From the great state of Massachusetts, the eastern part, would like to second that motion.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Move and supported that John Flaherty will be the next President.

FROM THE FLOOR: I'd like to move that the Secretary cast one ballot for John Flaherty.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Any other nominations from the floor?

CHIEF JOSEPH E. SURPRENANT, RETIRED:
[Wilbraham, MA] Move the nominations be closed.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Any nominations from the floor? Anymore nominations from the floor? It's been moved and supported the nominations cease. All in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

Nominations ceased. It has been moved and supported that the Secretary cast one ballot for John Flaherty.

FROM THE FLOOR: Mr. President, one question, is his millennium clock up-to-date?

PRESIDENT BASTON: We'll make sure.

[Applause]

CHIEF FLAHERTY: I want to thank my good friend Bob Nunes and Chief Russo for the nomination and the second. I just hope that the kielbasa that we've been serving in the hospitality room didn't quite reach that sewage treatment plant. I hope it was some of the good stuff. But thank you very much, and we'll try to make it a good year for you.

PRESIDENT BASTON: The next officer we have to elect is the First Vice president, and Chief Frank Sylvester is up for it.

RETIRED CHIEF WYATT: The Rhode Island Chiefs unanimously approve and recommend to this organization, and so place the nomination of the name of Frank Sylvester, the King of Lincoln, Rhode Island.

[Laughter]

He's known by his men as his Royal Highness, and he

will do as excellent in his position as First President that he has done in his position in Second Vice, and I so nominate Frank Sylvester.

CHIEF MARCEL G. COMIRE: [Manville, RI] I second the motion, and you owe me three bucks.

[Laughter]

PRESIDENT BASTON: Are there any nominations from the floor?

RETIRED CHIEF WYATT: Mr. President, I make a motion that the nominations be closed, and the secretary cast one ballot and somebody second it and we vote it.

CHIEF COMIRE: Seconded.

PRESIDENT BASTON: All right. Nomination cease, and we cast one ballot. All in favor?

[Aye]

All opposed?

CHIEF SYLVESTER: Mr. President, Chief Wyatt and to the members, I'd like to thank all the members from New England, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and also Western Massachusetts. I want to thank you very much for the support you've given me the past couple of years as I was on the Board of Directors and as Second Vice President. And the gentlemen up in the rear, I'll tell you now, that if you need air conditioning next year, I do have a building in Rhode Island I would let you borrow. Thank you very much.

[Laughter]

PRESIDENT BASTON: Our next office is the Second Vice President, and that's Mike Howard from New Hampshire.

FROM THE FLOOR: Mr. President, on behalf of the New Hampshire Fire Chiefs, we recommend that we nominate Michael Howard as Second Vice President from the New England Association of Fire Chiefs.

ASSISTANT CHIEF BRUCE E. WALKER: [Rye, NH] Mr. President, I second the nomination of my colleague.

PRESIDENT BASTON: It's been moved and supported the name of Mike Howard for Second Vice President. Are there anymore nominations from the floor?

CHIEF WALKER: Move the nominations cease.

CHIEF BRADLEY: Second.

PRESIDENT BASTON: It's been moved and supported the nominations cease. All in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

It's a vote.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT BASTON: From the caucuses the State Directors will be Ken Pelonzi from Massachusetts —

CHIEF SYLVESTER: Mr. President, for the Secretary/Treasurer, I believe we're missing one other there. And my name is Chief Frank Sylvester from Lincoln, Rhode Island, and I would like to take the opportunity to place the name of a man who has probably been the most vibrant personality of all the Rhode Island Chiefs in New England.

This man here, they call him Mr. Personality. He greeted at the main gate everybody that comes in at the Elm Big E, and they say to me, Frank, you're working with the guy over here who is loaded with personality, is very bubbly, and I've got to tell you, on other occasions, when a man can do this much work and send this to me and tell me I'm giving you two days to go through it and keep me going, this man here deserves the position, as far as I'm concerned. As long as I serve on this Board here, I'll be here to nominate Retired Chief Richard Wehter from Massachusetts. He does an outstanding job. Thank you.

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY: [West Springfield, MA] I'd like to second that nomination.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Been moved and supported that our Secretary/Treasurer be Chief Richard Wehter, Retired.

CHIEF NUNES: [Chicopee, MA] I move to close the nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Hear that seconded?

CHIEF SURPRENANT: [Wilbraham, MA] Seconded.

PRESIDENT BASTON: It's been moved and supported that nominations cease. All in favor?

[Aye]

All in favor of Dick Wehter?

[Aye]

All opposed?

[Applause]

PRESIDENT BASTON: I've already told you Ken Pelonzi from Massachusetts, Ed Richards from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Joe Misto, New Hampshire will be Tom Landers, Vermont is Ed Webster, and Maine is Jon Barton.

[Applause]

Announcement of the scholarships, Dick.



Chief Richard Baston (L) receives presidential watch from 1st VP Chief John Flaherty for his outstanding leadership for the 77th conference.

CHIEF RUSSO: Mr. President, point of order, I remember voting to close nominations for the office of President. Did we actually vote on that before John stood up?

FROM THE FLOOR: That was one motion, nominations ceased, and the secretary be instructed to cast one ballot.

FROM THE FLOOR: John, you're out.

[Laughter]

FROM THE FLOOR: That was a legal vote, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BASTON: They say that was one vote.

CHIEF RUSSO: That's fine.

CHIEF ROGER BRADLEY: Mr. President, before you go on to your next business, New Hampshire just introduced to you Chief Lambert from Northampton, New Hampshire to take the place of Chief Howard who is moving up. I'd like Chief Lambert to stand and be recognized and introduce him to the members.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT BASTON: We'll have the announcement of the scholarships.

CHIEF WEHTER: This year's scholarship recipients are Laura Jean Phaneuf, she's the daughter of Chief Peter Phaneuf of Southborough, Mass., and Heather M. Russo, daughter of Nick Russo, Hull, Mass.

PRESIDENT BASTON: Do we have any other new business? If not, we'll move on to the presentation of the President.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: I thought I was going to present it to myself, this beautiful watch, but I guess I have to give it to you. On behalf of all the members of the Association, I would like to present you this beautiful Chief's watch, and it has five trumpets on it, for your dedication and your work, not only for this past year, but for the nine years previous to the Association. It's a beautiful gift, and it's well deserved by you. Thank you.

[Applause and standing ovation]

PRESIDENT BASTON: I guess the next is my message, and it will be short. I've enjoyed serving as your president, and I've had this year a super Board. I'd like to have my Board stand up. I'm not going to single out any of them, but they've all done a super, super job for me.

[Applause]

It's just like being Chief, if you've got a Good Deputy, there isn't much to it.

CHIEF SYLVARIA: I'll tell Mary you said that.

PRESIDENT BASTON: And I have a few things at the banquet I'll mention. That's about all the remarks I'm going to say. It's been a great experience. I've met some very nice people. I guess the next thing is adjournment.

CHIEF NUNES: Make a motion to adjourn.

CHIEF HAMILTON: Second the motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT BASTON: All in favor?

[Aye]

[Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Vicki L. Britt, hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of the 77th Annual Meeting of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, is a true and accurate transcription of my stenographic notes taken on June 28, 1999.

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As we close our Seventy-seventh Annual Conference, let us reflect upon the renewal of old friendships, the gain of many new friendships and the knowledge we have acquired to bring back to our respective communities in the interest of fire suppression, prevention and education. Let us remain united in our efforts to provide the best possible service to the citizens we serve.

The Officers and Directors of both Associations sincerely thank you for your support of this conference.

Join us again in 2000 at the Eastern States Exposition Center in West Springfield, Ma. & The Sheraton Springfield Hotel for another milestone in the process of learning.

Have a safe trip home...

BANQUET PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies

Chief Carl H. Winslow, Ret. (71st President)
Yarmouth, Maine

***Welcome of Association(s) Officers &
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Chief Anthony W. Jarvis, Ludlow, MA

Invocation

Reverend Charles L. Chalk, Chaplain
Merrimack, NH

National Anthem

Chief John P. Jenkins, West Barnstable, Ma.

Pledge to the Flag

Chief Richard M. Baston, President
North Yarmouth, Maine

Dinner is Served

Welcome to the City of Springfield

Chief Gary G. Cassanelli, Host

Introduction of Guests

Master of Ceremonies

Scholarship Awards- President Baston

Guest Speaker

John McDonald

Humorist from South Paris, Maine

Swearing in Ceremony

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Historical Presentation

Chief Otis C. Wyatt, Jr., Ret.

New President(s) Address

NEAFC

Chief John J. Flaherty, W Springfield, MA

Presentations

Master of Ceremonies

Closing Remarks

Chief David G. Sylvaria - NEDIAFC - PRESIDENT

Chief Richard M. Baston-NEAFC - PRESIDENT

Closing Hymn

"America the Beautiful" by Chief John P. Jenkins

Benediction - Rev. Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain

PRESIDENT(S) MESSAGE

N.E.A.F.C. - Chief Richard M. Baston

As the twentieth century draws to a close, members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc., can look back with pride of how our Association has progressed over the past seventy-seven years.

The approaching twenty-first century will make new demands on the fire service. The fire service must continue to be very progressive in the fields of education and training.

May the New England Fire Chiefs become the leaders in this endeavor.

Chief Richard M. Baston
77th President

N.E.D.I.A.F.C. - Chief David G. Sylvaria

During the past thirty-five years, there have been more dramatic changes in the fire service than ever before. We have seen our mission change from the main focus of fire suppression, to responsibilities that include emergency medical services, disaster management, response to hazardous-materials situations, mass casualty incidents and acts of terrorism.

We are standing in the "Gateway to the Millennium". The challenges we face are formidable, our jobs will become more diverse and complex and the demands on our resources and capabilities will increase.

Through these conferences, the Association and Division strive to present the best educational programs, to provide a look at the latest in equipment and technology to prepare ourselves for the future. Just as importantly, the conference provides an opportunity to meet with and learn from each other and to renew old friendships. Have a safe trip home, see you next year at a bigger, better conference.

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ANNUAL BANQUET

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President: Chief Richard M. Baston

Master of Ceremonies: Chief Carl H. Winslow, Retired

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President Baston & First Lady Rosalyn lead the processional into the banquet hall.



Master of Ceremonies, Chief Carl H. Winslow, Ret. (71st President) of Yarmouth, Maine introduces the head table and honored guests.



Springfield, Massachusetts  
Monday, June 28, 1999

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

### Annual Banquet

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Yarmouth, ME]  
The Invocation will be given by Reverend Chalk. Chief John Jenkins will be singing the National Anthem, accompanied by Father Foley on the piano, and then President Chief Baston will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

REVEREND CHARLES L. CHALK, CHAPLAIN:

[Merrimack, NH] Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the time we will share together this evening. We just pray now that you will bless all that is said and done tonight. We thank you for those who are here this evening and the heavens. We ask your blessing for all that occurs here. Amen.

[Amen]

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

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

CHIEF WINSLOW: Please be seated. On behalf of President Richard Baston of the Association, President David Sylvaria of the Division, and the officers and members of both associations, I want to extend a hearty welcome to all of you. It is a pleasure for me to once again be present at this joint conference. And it is an honor to be standing here in front of you.

Last year when Chief Baston became President of the Association, he said it was my fault he got into that position. He later told me that he would get even, and he thinks he did that by having me be Master of Ceremonies; however, only time will tell whether or not he really got even. Now dinner will be served, enjoy.

CHIEF KEN PELONZI: [Beverly, MA] Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Ken Pelonzi. I'm Chairman of the golf department. And once again this year, we have had a very successful tournament. We had 20 foursomes play on Friday morning, which was a great day. Everybody had a nice time. I would like to acknowledge the help I received from my committee. I thank them very much. My committee consisted of Chief Frank Sylvester from Rhode Island, Chief Flaherty from Massachusetts, Chief Ed Richards from Connecticut, and Chief

John Wood from Vermont. That was my official committee.

Unofficial committee and the unofficial winner of the tournament, again, was Chief Bob Nunes from Chicopee, along with his brother, George. George was great. He saw to it for getting a whole bunch of gifts, in fact, every foursome received some type of gift. And through the generosity of some of our supporters and our vendors, we have tonight five additional gifts. And I would like to acknowledge those vendors that assisted us in donating gifts.

Tonight we have a very generous donation from Harold Roeder of L. W. Bills. He has donated a set of woods, Spaulding woods and a set of Spaulding irons, two separate gifts. Hal is not with us tonight. Hal is in Australia for his son's wedding.

[Applause]

Our second donation was from Fred Sorrento, air cleaning specialist. I don't believe Fred is here with us tonight either, but he donated two big Bertha drivers.

[Applause]

And our fifth donation is from Mike and Paula Anton from Anton Enterprises of Maine, and they donated a golf bag.

[Applause]

I'd like to thank them all very much. Without those donations, we wouldn't have any prizes.

The other acknowledgment I would like to make is for those vendors that assisted us for our prizes at the golf tournament in Chicopee. We had donations made by New England Detroit Diesel. They sponsored a hole-in-one for a \$10,000 prize. Unfortunately, no one made it. They also sponsored the longest drive, and they sponsored closest to the pin. I would like to thank those vendors.

With that said, I think it is now time to start the round of tickets, and the first ticket is for the set of woods donated by Harold Roeder of L. W. Bills. The last four numbers are 0703.

[Applause]

The next prize is a set of irons also donated by L. W. Bills. It's 0709.

[Applause]

The next prize, well, really all three of these prizes, the two drivers and the golf bag, the next winner will have their choice. It's the same family 0708.

[Applause]

The next prize 0694.

[Applause]

The last prize is the golf bag, 0702.

[Applause]

That concludes my report and presentation of gifts. I'd like to thank all the participants, and I'd really like to thank the members. Thank you.

[Applause]

[Dinner is served]

[The Banquet commenced.]

CHIEF GARY G. CASSANELLI, HOST: [Springfield, MA] Presidents Baston and Sylvaria, officers and directors of the New England Association and the New England Division, Chaplains Foley and Chalk, ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of Mayor Michael J. Albano, the Springfield City Council, the Board of Fire Commissioners and the members of the Springfield Fire Department, it is once again my privilege to welcome all of you to the City of Springfield. I hope that you've enjoyed your time here, and we are looking forward to hosting this wonderful conference in the future. I want to thank the officers and directors of both organizations for the kindness and consideration you have demonstrated to me and my city. I look forward to seeing all of you again next year.

RETIRED CHIEF WINSLOW: I know you've had a good time chatting, but it is now time to start our program for the evening. We have some honored guests tonight, and I'd like to introduce them to you at this time. As I introduce them, would you please stand.

Our last Association President Richard Baston and his wife Rosalyn.

[Applause] On my right, Division President David Sylvaria and his guest Miss Francis O'Donnell.

[Applause]

And on my left, the newly elected President of the Association, John Flaherty and his wife Mary.

[Applause] As I introduce our remaining guests to you, I would ask them to please stand and remain standing. And if you'd please hold your applause until I've completed the introductions.

Starting on my far right, our guest speaker, John McDonald, Reverend Charles Chalk and his wife Kathy, First Vice President of the New England Division Richard McDonough. On my far left, a person who needs no introduction, Father Foley, Chief Cassanelli, and the Association Secretary-Treasurer Dick Wehter and his wife Sally.

## The Head Table





[Applause]

As I introduce the guests in the front to you, I would also ask them to please stand and remain standing. And if you would once again please hold your applause until I've completed the introduction.

On my far right, the Division Secretary-Treasurer John Wood and his wife Carol, International Association Treasurer Kenneth Burris and his wife Vicki, and Immediate Past President of the Division and the Division's Director to the International Roger Bradley and his wife Charley.

On my far left from the Association, our new Sergeant-at-Arms Frank O'Brien, who has done an outstanding job taking over at the last moment for Chief Jarvis, who had a sudden illness, Exhibit Chairman Charles Maurais and his wife Linda, Immediate Past President Sidney Thurston and his wife Dolly, and Second Vice President Frank Sylvester and his wife Estelle.

[Applause]

At this time, I would ask the Directors of the Association to please stand and be recognized. The Association Directors, please.

[Applause]

And now, if the Directors of the Division would please rise and be recognized.

[Applause]

Also present with us tonight are some past Presidents from the Association. If they'd please rise and be recognized, Past Presidents of the Association.

[Applause]

And the Past Presidents of the Division, if they'd please rise and be recognized.

[Applause]

Each year the Association awards two scholarships to deserving relatives of present or former Fire Chiefs. The Secretary Dick Wehter will now announce the recipients of the both scholarships for 1999, and Chief Baston will make the presentation.

Chief Wehter.

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED: [Hingham, MA]  
It is my pleasure to announce the 1999 Chief James L. Grote scholarship awards.

"The New England Association of Fire Chiefs was organized on July 12, 1992, for the purpose of promoting the education and training needs of the fire service in New England.



Heather Ann Russo receives 1999 James L. Grote Scholarship Award  
from President Baston



Guest speaker John McDonald from "down east Maine"

Since that time, many members have served with dedication and distinction. Chief James L. Grote of Chester, Connecticut, was one of those Chiefs. Chief Grote was an active person of the fire service for over 80 years, serving as Chief and Fire Marshall for the Chester Fire Department for 46 years and as Fire Marshall for an additional 24 years, until his death at the age of 100 in 1992.

He also served as President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs in 1967 and was active in the fire service in Connecticut, New England, and on the national level. Therefore, it is fitting that this scholarship is presented in the name of Chief James L. Grote, to encourage the education of our young people and honor our longtime friend, member, and colleague.

This year's scholarships are awarded to Laura Jean Phaneuf, who is the daughter of Chief Peter Phaneuf of Southborough, who is unable to be with us tonight due to a commitment at the college she is going to attend, and Heather Ann Russo, daughter of Chief James N. Russo of Hull, who is here with us tonight. Would the Sergeant-at-Arms please escort Heather to the podium?

[Applause]

Congratulations, Heather.

RETIRED CHIEF WINSLOW: I'll ask you all to relax and enjoy our guest speaker. Folks in Maine know John McDonald from his popular weekend talk show on WGAN radio in Portland. Others know John through his award winning syndicated newspaper column that appears each week in over 20 regional newspapers. Right now, we want you to sit back and get to know John McDonald, who is delightful downeast studios.

Ladies and gentlemen, I'd like to present the Founder and Director of the Maine Story Tellers Festival and a resident of beautiful Maine, humorist and story teller John McDonald.

[Applause]

HUMORIST JOHN MCDONALD: Thank you very much. I must say of all the introductions I have ever received, that is certainly the most recent.

President Baston asked me to come down here from Maine to give you an idea, since you don't get to have your meetings up in the northern part of New England, he thought it would be best if I came down here and told you something about the great state of Maine.

Now, I know there are a lot of people from down south,

Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, that come north to Maine. But I want to tell you some stories. Now, in Maine, we don't tell jokes, because they're too short. They take too little time. We have a lot of time up in Maine, especially in the winter. We tell stories, and that's why I'm going to tell you a few stories about the state of Maine.

Now, every year, by the way, I am from the downeast town of Cherryfield, Maine. I now live and work in the Portland area. But in every group this size, there's usually at least one, sometimes as many as two or three people, who have no idea of where Cherryfield, Maine is. And rather than embarrass those people, as the rest of us all know, Cherryfield is five miles north of Milbridge, six miles south of Harrington, and eight miles east of Dubois. So she don't miss nothing. She's right there in the middle of things. Like I said, we don't tell jokes up there; we tell funny stories.

Anyway, I went back home to Cherryfield recently, as a matter of fact, I was looking for stories for this evening. And, of course, what happens in Maine in the summertime, probably happens the same thing down here, when the earth gets warmed up a bit, the Department of Transportation gets out there and starts tearing up the roads, and we get lost, we get detoured, and we have no idea where we are.

I was lost in my own state of Maine. I was following Route 1, until I got detoured two or three times, had no idea where I was, had to stop and ask directions, in my own state of Maine. There was a fellow off in a field. He came over. He was very nice, graciously agreed to give me directions. I asked him how to get back out onto Route 1, and he told me. And rather than just wind my window up again and drive off, I started poking around, asking him questions that were none of my business. I said, you're kind of an old timer to be working out here in the field, aren't you? And he said, well, it's none of your dam business, but I'm 64 years old. And because normally my father would be out here helping me, but he's up in the house doing his aerobics. I said, your father, how old is he? He said, he's 83. He said, because normally gramps would be out here helping the two of us, but he couldn't make it today. I said, that's too bad. What's the matter with him? He said, nothing is the matter with him. He's on his honeymoon.

[Laughter]

I said, your grandfather is on his honeymoon? How old is he? He said, he's 104 years old. I said, isn't that ridiculous, 104 years old. Why would anyone 104 years old want to run off



and get married in the first place? He said, that's the problem. He didn't want to; he had to.

[Laughter]

Well, like I said, I finally got back out onto Route 1 and finally drove home. If you've ever been up to northern New England, the State of Maine, you have to be careful. I drive around the State of Maine a lot, driving around, doing a lot of talks. And I know for a fact that you've got to be careful when you're asking directions in the State of Maine. You think you're asking them one thing, and they're going to answer what you ask. And it might sometimes get confusing. I'll give you an example.

I was once going from Belfast to Bangor. A lot of people don't know where Bangor is. Try and imagine, try and imagine Lowell without the frills, and you can more or less picture Bangor.

[Laughter]

But anyway, I was going to Belfast to Bangor, and I got lost again. And there was a fellow standing off the side of the road, and I pulled over and asked him, I said, and I could tell just by looking at this fellow, he had at least one room upstairs that wasn't quite finished.

[Laughter]

But I figured, how difficult could it be to give directions to Bangor? I pulled up and wound down the window and said, "Excuse me, how do you get to Bangor?" He said, "My father takes me."

[Laughter]

You've got to be careful. So anyway, I finally got home. I finally got home, and my parents, my father is a retired dentist. And they have a beautiful house right on the river in Cherokee, a beautiful place. And on one side of the house lives this couple, the Ficketts, Horace and Esther Fickett. Now, the Ficketts, everyone knows couples like this. They've been married so long, they've known each other so long, by now they could say every word they intend to say to each other.

[Laughter]

And they have no intention of repeating. And so the result is they just sit there on their porch, and they say absolutely nothing. They just stare at the river. I sound like I'm making excuses, because I was over by my parents' line, and I was helping them weed the garden. And I'm down on my hands and knees, and I figure, I'm not eavesdropping because they

never say nothing. Because they picked this time, Esther turns to Horace and says, "Horace, do you know what today is?" And he said, "Yes, it's Thursday, why?" She said, "It's not just Thursday. Today happens to be our 50th wedding anniversary." Well, he didn't say nothing. He just sat there. About a minute later, a big wet tear formed under one of his eyes and started rolling down his cheek like that. She looked over and said, "I don't know why you're getting all sentimental for now. Hell, you've forgotten half of our anniversaries over the years anyway." He said, "It was not that. I was just thinking, it was 50 years ago today, like you said. Your Father brought the two of us out behind his barn, and on that occasion, I'll never forget it, he held a gun to my head and said, 'Son, I'll give you a choice right now. You can either marry my daughter this very afternoon, or I'll see to it you spend the next 50 years in jail.' He said, "Damn it. I'd be a free man today."

[Laughter and applause].

I get the idea out there that several people know Horace and Esther Fickett.

[Laughter]

On the other side of my parents, another typical downeast family, the Babbits. Now, the father died and left, there are two sons, and these two boys, they're two of the hardest working — I call them boys; they're in their 40's — two of the hardest working boys you'll ever meet in your life, because the two of them are just enormous pounding thugs, the two of them. I'll give you an example.

I was walking in to get the mail. I was walking right by their house, and I look up into the yard, and here is one of the brothers, and he's holding a pig around his stomach up to an apple tree. And the pig is eating apples. And I must have stood there two minutes looking at the fellow. And I finally said, "What the hell are you doing?" And he looked at me and he looked down and he said, "Well, the pig likes apples, but she's too short to reach them. So I'm just holding her up so she can get some apples." I said, "Well, isn't that a waste of time?" He said, "Oh, hell, what's time to a pig?"

[Laughter]

See the father died, and all he had, he left them the farm. He left them a wood log outside of town, and he left them this pig, no money at all. They had no money at all. They had no idea how they were going to get any. One of the neighbors said, "Look, that pig of yours that your Father left you, that is

the champion sow, won all kind of awards. All you have to do is breed that sow of yours with a boar, champion boar, and you're going to have piglets you can sell for money." Of course, they had no clue what he's talking about.

He said, "Look, I'll make the arrangements.

Wallace Forbes has a champion boar. All you have to do is load that sow, take him down there, and breed him." So the next morning these two boys, like I said, hard working boys. They load that sow into the pickup truck, drove her all the way down to Wallace's house, let her in the pen, the kids came up to the house had coffee, talking and all. Two hours they go back, load that poor sow into the truck, took her home, put her in the pen, gave her her supper. They went into the house and had supper and went to bed.

The next morning they up and ran down to the pen to see if they have that piglets. I told you, they had no clue at all, no idea, saw there was nothing there. So they loaded the poor sow into the truck, drove her down took her to Marilyn Mimsey's house. Marilyn Mimsey had this massive champion boar. They left her in there for four hours. They went out, did all kinds of errands, came back, loaded the sow into the truck, took her home, gave her her supper, went into the house, had supper, went to bed.

The next morning jump up, ran down the pen to see if they had any piglets. Well, they're getting a little tired of this thing, and they took the sow down to George Grant's house. George Grant had a champion boar, left her there for the entire day. They left her there for eight hours. Finally came back, load the sow into the pickup truck, drove her all the way home, gave her her supper, went up to the house. They had supper, went to bed. The next morning one of them was so tired he said, "Listen, I can't even move, I'm so tired. Would you go down to the barn and see if we finally got us any piglets down there?" So the other brother went down, and five minutes later he was back. He said, "Well, we still don't have any piglets, but the sow is in the back of the pickup truck waiting for us."

[Laughter and applause]

You know, when I go back home, Cherryfield is a very small town. And every year on the Fourth of July, we have one of the largest parades in the entire state of Maine. The trouble is, by the time they get all of the members of the American Legion, the Legion Auxillary, the 4-H, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Knights of Columbus, high school band, middle

school band, little league team, farm team, T-ball, Babe Ruth, all those stretched among those hills, there's no one left to watch the parade.

The entire town goes marching down Main Street, there's not a soul on the sidewalk to see it. That's how small Cherryfield is. And it only takes me a couple of days, once I'm home, it only takes me a couple of days before I realize why it was I left town in the first place.

I was in the diner. If you ever want to find out what's going on in town, you walk in the diner. I was sitting there greeting people I hadn't seen in a while. And there were these two fellows sitting up there at the counter, and I had known them growing up. And they never left town, and had odd jobs around town, and we greeted each other, and then they went back to their conversation. And I was sitting there having coffee, and I was listening to each other. And one of them turned to the other and said, "Do you know this town is so small that I have now dated every woman in this town except my mother and my sister?" Without skipping a beat his friend turned to him and said, "Well, you're not missing much."

[Laughter]

See little things like that make me realize why it was I left town in the first place. The people said, well, what do people do there in Cherryfield? Well, Cherryfield is a small town. And my friend Tookie Merrill, and he's an old timer. He runs a business, they sell heavy equipment. I asked him how business was, he says, "Well, John, on Monday I sold a \$30,000 front end loader." He said, "Then on Tuesday I didn't sell a thing. And on Wednesday, the fellow that bought the front end loader on Monday came back for a full cash refund. So you might say Tuesday has been my best day all week."

[Laughter]

He lives alone. His wife died. I always take him out to dinner. We went down to Milbridge. Remember five miles north. We went down to Milbridge right on the water, and we had a nice shore dinner. Afterwards we walk out on the dock because the seagulls are flying all over the place. He's getting old and on in years, a little senile. And one of these seagulls flew over and made a deposit right on his bald head. Well, I was so embarrassed, and it starts running down the side of his cheek. He didn't even notice it. I said, well, Tookie, will you stand right there. I'm going to go right back in the restaurant and get some toilet paper?" He said, "Why the hell would you want to do that?"



By the time you get back that seagull is going to be about a mile away.”

[Laughter]

One of the biggest industries down there, because people like me have to leave Cherryfield to get work, and I fully intend to go back to Cherryfield when I retire. We have a lot of retirees that live there, you see. And there's so many of them that there's a lot of doctors in town, more than you'd expect in a town that size. And there's so little to do in Cherryfield, people have been known to have their annual physical five or six times a year, if only for the personal contact, if nothing else.

[Laughter]

And my friend Tookie Merrill, he went to have his physical. I asked him how it went, he said, “The doctor examined me up one side and down the other. When he got all done he said, well, you look like you're in good shape. How do you feel?” He said, “Doc, I've never felt better in my life.” He said, “Well, that's good.” And the doctor said, now, how is your regularity?” He said, “Doc, you see the clock on the wall? You can set that clock by my regularity six-thirty every morning just like clock work.” Doctor said, “Well, that's very good.” He said, “Well, no, it ain't, Doc, because I'm never up to seven.”

[Laughter]

The next fellow in line had a physical. The doctor examined him, and he said, “You better sit down. I've got some bad news.” And the fellow sat down. He says, “The best I can figure, you've only got six months to live.” The fellow didn't say a word. Got up, put on his hat and coat and headed for the door. The doctor said, “Wait a minute, where are you going?” He said, “Well, if I've only got six months to live, I'm not going to hang around. I'm going to get going.” He said, “Well, where are you going?” He says, “Well, Doc, if I've only got six months to live, I'm going to go home, I'm going to pack up everything I own, and I am moving to South Hiram.”

[Laughter]

Doctor says, “You know, I've been practicing medicine for 27 years. I've told hundreds of people news I just gave you now; that has to be the most bizarre response to that news I've ever heard in my life. Why would anyone with only six months left on God's green Earth want to spend those precious months in South Hiram, Maine?” He said, “Doc, I can tell right now you don't know nothing about South Hiram, because if you did, you'd know, six months in South Hiram is going to seem like ten

years.”

[Laughter]

He's very sentimental. We're talking about bringing trains back to Maine. And any year now, we're supposed to have trains. So he remembers the trains in the old days. They ended the service back in the 60s, but he can't wait until they come back. He used to be able to get on a train in Bangor, Maine, he was always different. He didn't like the people that worked there. You see all these people, they were all out of staters. They talked too fast. They moved too fast. He went up and bought a ticket once. He said, "I'd like a round trip train ticket." So the clerk says, "You'd like a round trip train ticket to where?" He says, "Well, if it's round trip, I hope to hell it brings me right back here."

[Laughter]

And the last time he got on the train, like I say, he didn't like the conductors. He sat down there in his seat, minding his own business, didn't say a word to anybody. Conductor comes through, tearing through the car, and he stops right there by Tokie's seat and he says, "You can't leave the bag in the aisle. You've got to stow it above and then he headed to the back of the train." Tookie didn't say a word.

Fifteen minutes later, the same conductor is back again. He says, "I told you. You can't leave the bag in the aisle. You have to store it above." Headed toward the front of the train. Tookie didn't say a word, just sat there. Fifteen minutes later, the same guy is back again. He said, I'm not going to tell you again. He picks up the bag, walks over to the door, because the train is going right along, he opens the door, leaves it right out into the parker brush. The thing breaks open, scatters along the tracks, walks back and says to Toukie, "There, what do you think of that?" He said, "I wouldn't think much of it if it was my bag, I can tell you that right now."

[Laughter]

Of course the thing he liked about the train, you could have your dinner on the train, you had a nice dinner on the train, and then you could climb into a sleeper. He has his dinner on the train, he had rented a sleeper, climbs into the sleeper, and he goes right off to sleep. In the middle of the night, he hears this knocking. [Sounds of knocking.] From the compartment beneath him, and he hears a woman's voice saying, "Oh, sir, oh, sir, are you awake?" He says, "I am now. What do you want?" She said, "Well, it's awful cold down here,

and I was wondering if you'd go get me a blanket?" Why he says, "I've got a better idea. Why don't we pretend we's married." She said, "Oh, that sounds interesting. What would we do then?" He said, "Get up and get your own damn blanket."

[Laughter]

Well, we had all kinds of excitement up in Cherryfield the last time I was there. It seems a year ago, a fellow from, I believe it was Massachusetts, come to think of it, a fellow from Massachusetts come through town, and he came tearing through town, smacked into a pickup truck, driven by one of the locals. The truck went flying. It was an awful mess. A state trooper arrives on the scene, takes down all the information, of course there was a lawsuit. There had to be.

It took a year for this thing to wind its way through the courts. It finally came up on the docket. And this fellow, I believe he was from Boston, he comes up with his defense lawyer and checked into the local motel, Bluebird Motel. Did I just hear chuckles about the Bluebird Motel?

[Laughter]

FROM THE FLOOR: From Father Foley no less.

[Laughter]

I mean these fellows were travelling first-class. When you check into the Bluebird, you hang expense. But anyway, they checked into the Bluebird. Nine o'clock the next morning, it's down to the courthouse armed for bear. And the defense, the first thing he does is take Mr. Tuttle, the poor truck driver, put him up on the stand and started grilling him up one side and down the other. He said, "Mr. Tuttle," you know the way them lawyers are, "Mr. Tuttle, I have just read the police report of the accident you had with my client here. According to that police report, he told the officer at the time he was all right. The officer even underlined it in the report. You said you was all right. And now, a year later, you're claiming you was injured?" He said, "I'd like to know, I'm sure the judge here would like to know, the jury too would like to know, when exactly last year you went from being all right to being injured." Then this lawyer leans up against the jury box, a little smirk on his face, figured old Mr. Tuttle would just fold. And Mr. Tuttle just came right to light and said, "Do you want to hear the story, I'll tell you. Last year when that client of yours, or whatever you call him, come to town, he smacked into my pickup truck, my truck went flying off the road." He said, "I had a cow in the back of that truck, best cow I ever owned. She went sailing right into the brush

moaning and groaning. State Trooper arrives on the scene, hears my cow over there in the bushes, and says that animal is in misery, takes out his revolver, walks over, and shoots the cow dead. And then with the gun is still smoking, he leans over to me and said, "Now, are you all right?"

[Laughter]

I told you about my friend Tookie Merrill. He has a house right in the center of town, so that you can't get through, where all the roads come together, you can't get through the town without going right by that house. For that reason, he has probably given more directions to more tourists, some of whom, unfortunately, have never been heard from again.

There was a couple from Massachusetts who stopped in front of his house, and they wanted to get directions to Bangor. Well, he gave them directions. And as soon as he got done, they wound the window up and drove off. Five minutes later, same couple, same car pulled up right in front of his house again. He very cleverly directed them right around in a circle. Well, when the wife realized what he'd done, she wound that window down again, she gave him a tongue lashing so severe, it almost blistered the paint on the front of his house, I mean such language. She demanded an apology, but he refused to give it. He said, "Listen, here. I just wanted to make sure you could follow directions before I waste my time dragging you all way to Bangor. Now that I see how clever you are, I'll tell you how to get to Bangor," of course, she didn't want to hear none of it.

Then, of course, there was the time, a few days later, he became a hero right in Cherryfield, without ever stepping a foot off his porch. He was sitting out there on the front porch reading his newspaper, when all of a sudden a car comes tearing around the corner. A fellow come right up in front of the house, and rather than yell at him from the road, the fellow jumped out of the car, ran up on the porch, and said, "Can you tell me how to get to Bangor?"

Well, Tookie could tell this fellow was in a real hurry, so he figured he wouldn't test him. He figured he would just direct him right off. He said, "Well, if you want to get to Bangor, you take this road in front of the house. You go out of town about two miles. You're going to come to a fork in the road. The stranger tried to hurry him up. He says, "Does it make any difference which way I go at the fork?" He says, "Not to me it don't." He says, "But if you want to get to Bangor, you want to bear to that left side of that fork in the road. It will get you .



there several hundred miles faster.” So now he says, well, now he ain’t going to hurry him up.

He said, “Now, after you take that left in the fork in the road, you’re going to go down another two miles, and on your left-hand side you’re going to see a big red barn. And then he looked out and said, “Wait a minute. It is on the left-hand side, it is two miles after that left in the fork on the road on your left-hand side, but the more I think of it, no, it’s not a red barn at all. It’s a green barn, so forget what I said before.

Because two miles out to the left at the fork in the road, on your left-hand side, you’re going to see a big green” — he said, “You know, now that I’ve moved it across the street. I was right the first time. It is the red barn, so forget whatever I said before, because two miles after the left, in the fork in the road on your right-hand side, you’re going to see a big red” — he said, “The trouble with that barn is it’s eight years ago, eight long years ago. The fellow that owned that farm heard about a sale down at True Value Hardware Store. He could never, never refuse a sale.

He filled his pickup truck right up to the gums with paint, took it home, started painting his barn. He gets right in the middle of the job, there’s the barn set half one color, half the other. He gets a call from his daughter out in Canton, Ohio. She just had her first baby. Well, he and mother drop everything. They pack up and flew out to Canton. They had never been out of the State of Maine in their life. They were so excited. They got out into Ohio, they took all kinds of side trips, stayed out there most of the winter, part of the spring.

By the time he got back, do you know he couldn’t remember whether his barn was red and he was painting it green, or whether it was green and he was painting it red. What’s worse he couldn’t find the paint. So he says, look, he looked all over, couldn’t find a drop of paint. Somebody says, well, why don’t you just sit there and wait. Whatever side starts peeling first, is probably the side you put on first, he’s still waiting. And until he finishes that job, people on this side of town can’t remember whether his barn is the red barn on the left heading north or whether it’s the green barn on the right heading south.

People on the other side have the same problem in reverse, but I can guarantee you this much, two miles off that road, there’s a fork on the road, and either your left or right-

hand side, guaranteed you're going to see a red or a green barn. And once you see it, go right on by it. Don't pay no attention to it.

[Applause]

Well, at that point right there, something inside that stranger snapped. I mean it was awful. He realized he had probably saw it, and that's the last person in the State of Maine. But by then, it was too late. He was coming around the same corner, tires squealing, gravel flying, one of Washington County's crack sheriff's deputies, with the old bubble on top twirling around. He come up and cut the car off, come up around the porch. He arrested the fellow right on the spot. This fellow had just stolen a pair or hunting boots from a department store in Milbridge, and he was trying to make a getaway to Bangor, and Tookie stopped him dead in his tracks, armed with nothing more than his directions.

[Laughter]

Well, they hauled him off to the truck, and under intense questioning by the crack Washington County Sheriff's Department Criminal Division, they threw the old search light right to him. They grilled him up one side and down the other. They finally rung it out of him, he had been in Cherryfield eight years before that. And the only mischief he got into, it seems, was he broke into some fellow's barn and stole 15 gallons of paint.

[Laughter]

When word of that got out, Tookie Merrill became a hero in Cherryfield without ever leaving his front porch. Absolutely true story.

[Laughter]

People now coming to Maine, well, they've always come to Maine for what they now call the wilderness experience. There was a fellow from New Jersey, anybody here from New Jersey? Of course not. This is the New England group, so we can say what we want. There was a fellow from New Jersey who wanted a genuine wilderness experience in Maine. So he hired a guy by mail, by phone, and he flew up to the Bangor International Airport up there in Bangor. And this hunting guy picked him up and took him out to a hunting camp, a couple of hundred miles north of Bangor. A real genuine wilderness experience. Of course this fellow had never been in the woods. He had no idea what he was doing, this fellow from New Jersey.

So the Maine guy hands him a bucket he said, "Look,

while I'm building a fire for supper, take this bucket down to the spring and get us some water." He figured he'd get him out of there. So the fellow leaves. Five minutes later he's back. He is as white as a ghost. He's holding the bucket in his and he's rattling. And the Maine guy turns around to him and says what? He said, "What is the matter with you?" He said, "Well, I took the bucket down to the spring like you told me." He said, "When I got down there, standing up to his beltline in the spring was a 300 pound black bear." And the Maine guy said, "Is that what you're scared about?" He said, "I am." He said, "I can tell you right now, guaranteed that bear was as scared of you as you were of him." The fellow from New Jersey said, "Is that right?" He said, "That's absolutely right." The fellow from New Jersey said, "Well, in that case, the water ain't fit to drink now anyway."

[Laughter]

I'll tell you one more story. Growing up in the State of Maine, in the little tiny town of Cherryfield, I used to read these magazines like Life magazine, Look magazine, and I'd read about these fads and these fashions that caught on around the country, mostly in California and New York. And I would always remember how long it would take these fashions, these fads to come to Maine. Sometimes it would take a year or two years or five years or ten years. Sometimes, because they'd never make it at all. They'd get about as far as the rotary in Portsmouth and then they just sort of fizzle out. They'd never even make it across the river, so we missed out on a lot of things.

And the other thing, of course, about the small town of Cherryfield, I didn't tell you, the last time anyone checked, Cherryfield is so small, the last time anyone checked, we didn't even have a full-time town drunk. So the selectmen agreed to take turns,

[Laughter]

Which worked for a while, but then they started agonizing over whose turn it was, you see, so that didn't work. But every year on the Fourth of July — do you remember the fad streaking? Of course you do, don't tell me you don't. I can remember as a kid reading about this new fad that was spreading across the college campuses, and I used to think, wouldn't that be something if streaking caught on in the little town of Cherryfield. I wonder what that would be like. And I used to try to imagine what it would be like.

But things never turn out the way you think they ought to turn out. Because streaking never caught on in Cherryfield, it

must have been either the mosquitoes or the cold weather, it just never seemed like a good idea, until last summer, and it didn't happen the way I thought it would. Every year on the weekend nearest the Fourth of July, Mrs. Strauss in Cherryfield has this very elegant garden party and raises all kinds of money for a local charity. And they bring flowers and plants and refreshments, and it's a very elegant affair. I've never been to it, but I heard it's very nice.

Mrs. Straus' party was in full swing on this particular weekend. It was Carlton Butler's turn to be town drunk, and he's very conscientious. Because it's his turn, he's there. You don't have to remind him. Well, he's coming home drunk, because he never drives when he's drunk. He's walking home, and he's walking by Mrs. Straus' house. And something must have snapped, so you can imagine a man, 67 years old, he decided he was going to go streaking to Mrs. Straus' garden party.

Well, what he did was, he went around a large oak tree, took off every stitch of clothing he had on, walks over to the garden gate. Sitting right inside the garden gate were two little old ladies, one was drinking tea and the other one was eating refreshments. He opened the gate and went streaking right past the two of them. Well, the first one was so shocked, she opened her mouth so wide, she dropped her false teeth right in her teacup, and she's getting them out, putting them back in her mouth, and she turned to her friend and said, "Did you see that?" And by now her friend's glasses are all steamed up, and her friend said, "Well, gee, I hope I hadn't, but I guess I did." And the first one said, "Well, what was he wearing?" And the other one said, "Well, I don't know, but he sure as hell needed ironing."

[Laughter]

Well, he had been streaking up one side and down the other, and they called the police. It's the only thing they could have done. The chief himself came down, chased him around for 20 minutes. He finally grabbed him right by the begonias —

[Laughter]

They hauled him off to the court, hauled him before the judge, and the judge is fit to be tied. The judge is furious. He knew the family, of course. He was so mad, he not only gave him the highest fine he could under the law, he even charged him with a moving violation, just so he could tack on another \$25. Well, of course, the case was over.



It's one of these old fashioned courthouses where the clerk is right up next to the judge, Carlton is up there paying his fine, and he's grinning like a dog eating bumblebees.

[Laughter]

Just picture that image for a minute.

[Laughter]

He's grinning, and the judge is furious. And, of course, he can't do anything now, the case is over. And Carlton is up there using \$1 bills and eating up the whole experience. And the judge looked down and he says, "Carlton, you old fool, whatever possessed you to do something like that? A man of your age should be ashamed of yourself instead of standing here grinning like a fool." And Carlton says, "Well, you know, Judge, he said I suppose I should be ashamed of myself, but do you know just before I came into the courthouse here, I found out from the girls back at the party that I won first prize for best dried arrangement?"

[Laughter]

So it's kind of hard to be humble at a time like this.

[Laughter]

Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. I hope you enjoyed the stories.

[Applause]

By the way, I belong to an organization called the Maine Storyteller's Festival, and I brought a couple of tapes. The tape is called The Taste of Maine Humor, and the proceeds go to the Maine Storyteller's Festival. They're \$10 apiece. I'll hang around for the while. If anyone wants to buy them as a souvenir, but otherwise, I want to thank you for inviting me. I hope you enjoyed the stories, and I hope you all have a safe trip home. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

CHIEF WINSLOW: Thank you, John. President Baston and I want to assure you that all of us who live in the Pine Tree State are not as John described.

[Laughter]

President Elect Chief John Flaherty will you please come forward to receive the oath of your office from Chief Baston?

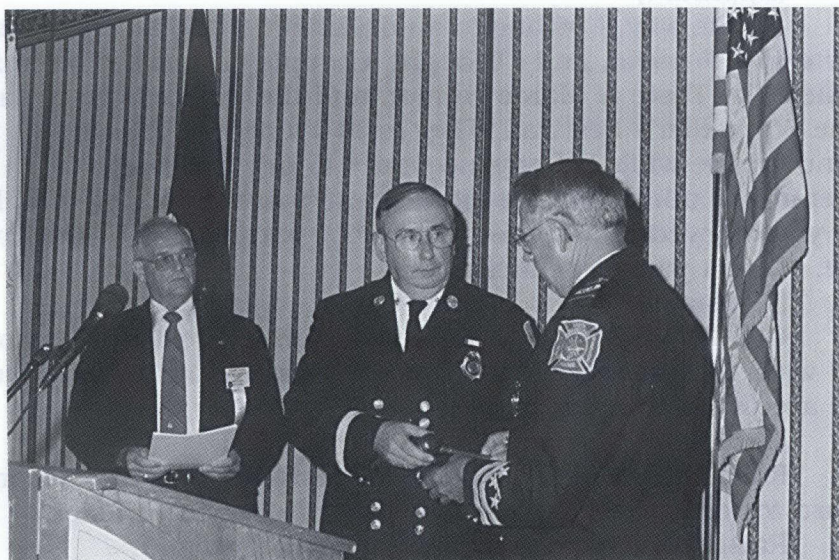
Raise your right hand and repeat after me.

[Past President Richard Baston swore in President John Flaherty.]

CHIEF RICHARD BASTON: The gavel that I use to start the meetings and whatever, and it says on it, "New England



Chief John J. Flaherty of West Springfield, MA is installed as the 78th President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc.



Outgoing President Baston passes on the "gavel" to Chief Flaherty

Association of Fire Chiefs. A gift from Chief Michael Mooney, the President of 1995-1996,” and we just give it up. And I think it would be nice if I passed the gavel to you at the oath and you pass it on and so forth.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: Thank you very much.

[Applause]

CHIEF WINSLOW: Now, if the Vice President and directors will please stand and receive their oath of office from the new President Chief Flaherty.

[President John Flaherty swore in the officers and Directors.]

Congratulations, gentlemen.

[Applause]

CHIEF WINSLOW: Retired Chief Otis Wyatt has a historical presentation, and he will, at this time, give us a brief history of the association from 1923 to 1929. Chief Wyatt.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, RETIRED: [Narragansett, RI] Thank you Mr. Toastmaster, Reverend Clergy, President, Officers, Directors, all Fire Chiefs, and Fire Fighters, I was asked by President Baston to try to briefly, and that's the difficult task, briefly assemble the historical records, that as historian with my colleague Mert Dyer of Peterborough, New Hampshire, of what went on years ago. And despite what some of you people think, I was not there. And some of the people here may have been, I'm not sure.

We found that the New England Association of Fire Chiefs was created by a meeting of five officials, members of the Box 52 Association of Boston, some vendors all met at the Gamewell office in Boston in 1922. From there, they decided that it would be to the benefit of the fire service in those days to assemble a convention, such as we're having today. We felt, and I have felt for some time, as we assemble this history and we look into the books, there are many, many similarities with what's going on today. I'm going to try to quickly and briefly summarize the 1920s.

After that first meeting, which was held at the Gamewell Company in Boston, they decided to have a conference which would take place in 1923 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Starting with those people that assembled there, they created their bylaws, they created the minutes as we know them to be now in the Red Book. They set that whole policy up, and its continued from 1922 until now, with an exception of a brief interlude in World War II.

In 1923, they elected at their first conference, Chief John C. Moran as President, and the Secretary/Treasurer, who had been named in 1922 to get the ball rolling, was John O'Hearn. Now, some of you people may have known John O'Hearn. He was Secretary-Treasurer into the 1940's or early 1950's. I can recall coming up, not as a member, because in those days, this was the Chief's organization, and fire fighters really didn't do that. If you were in a career department, you didn't go with the Chief to a Chief's meeting, if you were a low man on the totem pole. But Chief O'Hearn, I can remember being up here and having him talk, but I can't say in any way that I knew him, but I certainly recall him.

The Secretary's report for that Director's meeting indicated that they were going to have exhibits, as we do now, they were going to have the Red Books, and they made all preliminary past rulings that affected them, particularly advertising for the fire service. They had a very difficult time with that position, because as you recall in 1922, most of those chiefs were 40, 50, maybe even 60 years old. So when they started their fire service career, it was with horses, horse drawn horses, and tankers, etc., steamers.

Now they were faced in 1922 with all these modern conveniences, pneumatic tires on the apparatus, had to worry how to get a motor driven apparatus through the snow when they had nothing to cope with it. They had long discussions concerning sprinklers, hydraulics, Fred Sheppard, those of you who have studied and come up through the ranks, how many of you regretted having to study Fred Sheppard to get promoted? Fred Sheppard was a speaker in the 1920's. We did note that the membership was 119 members in 1923.

In 1924 it grew to 281. The money in 1923, the total fee was \$170. In 1924, it had grown to something like \$1500. The Treasurer received \$100 a year. In 1924, they started a series of trucks concerning the oil burners, oil storage, fire hazards of oil, types of legislation for regulations. Fire chiefs in those days thought it was an absolute crime and a shame for a government to permit storage of 275 gallons of fuel oil in your cellar. Obviously, the fire fighters did not win out at that time.

They had many talks on fighting fires in two story buildings, fire fighters, automatic sprinklers, cellulose fill and that sort of material. The annual meeting on June 26 of 1924, Chief Hurley of Holyoke was elected President, and Chief O'Hearn was, again, as I said, re-elected Secretary-Treasurer

and voted a salary of \$300 a year.

Chief Hurley had suggested that the selection of delegates from the individual states be left up to the individual state, as we just had our delegation reports today at the annual meeting. He suggested that the states name their delegate. The body overwhelmingly voted no. They would decide who was going to represent what state. That was 1924.

In 1925, the third convention was held in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. At the opening of the convention, a committee approved by the last convention offered their reports on a lapel pin, a lapel pin that many of the officers wear tonight, the same general design. And it's carried from 1925 until this day.

And if anybody had met Mert Dyer who was here this afternoon, he had, on his badge, four lapel pins that took him to the same period from 1925 until now with the centerpiece, and the general concept of the badge except for the last one that was designed by Father Foley, all the lapel pins were about the same. In those days, you could get a gold one for three dollars and a half, or you could have a gold plated for two fifty.

The exhibits brought in a total of \$655, and expenses were \$39.80. Just so Charley can pay attention to the next one, exhibit space sold for \$11.70 per space for a nine by fourteen. We now charge somewhere in the neighborhood of \$250 or \$300 for an eight by ten.

FROM THE FLOOR: \$450.

RETIRED CHIEF WYATT: We're up to \$450 for an eight by ten, and they could get \$11.70 to a nine by fifteen. The cast ballots in 1925 was 1,549. The dues \$3 a year. Talks before the convention that year included talks about traffic. Fire chiefs were very concerned and having difficulty with police chiefs and how they were going to control traffic for fires and getting apparatus there, etc. Do you notice that some things have not changed at all?

[Laughter]

Subjects discussed were standardization of hose threads. From those of our division friends, the International Association of Fire Chiefs was founded in 1873 for the sole purpose of creating a standard fire thread. We are now some 126 years later, and we don't have standard fire threads in New England. In fact, I'm not sure there's any one state in New England that is 100 percent standardized on fire threads.

Rhode Island being the smallest, I can tell you they are not. We have iron pipe thread, national standard thread, the



Navy is all over the place down there. There's iron pipe for everything. So we still have not accomplished that goal.

They noted in the minutes that in New England, there are 18 different sets of tools to make hose threads in the 1925 meeting. So if you needed something, you could contact somebody for 18 different occasions.

On Wednesday of that conference, there was a demonstration of the use of foam fighting fire or a two million bolt of lightening, both held at the General Electric plant. In the afternoon, Chief Dahill of New Bedford gave an address on his experience with foam and extinguishing of fires. Another talk was on the fire chief's viewpoint of traffic regulations.

Chief Kenlon of New York City gave a short talk on the fire service and included the comment, "Five men who understand the business are equal to 15 that don't know what they're doing." How many times have we heard that in the training academy? Also brought up for the discussion was a Fire Chief's Cabinet or Fire Prevention Committee. The idea was to have members advise the fire chiefs. This was discussed for many years, but never seem to take hold in New England.

I might note that when I read the book, not the book, because I don't have the book. Mert has the only set that goes back that far, except for our Secretary-Treasurer that has quite a few of them. They were talking about fire extinguishing methods, and the Chief of New York addressed the problem of bales of cotton on the top three floors of a ten story building. And his solution was to cut the windows to floor level and just push the bales out of the building. Others were more conservative in their approach to that problem.

Automatic sprinkler alarms were always being discussed at that time. They were trying to get alarm systems, which to this day we are still trying to get in some places. We have pictures of a snowmobile, one ton truck, with heavy rubber tires, so they put a chain around the tires and put skis on the front, and that was invented by somebody up here in Massachusetts. And that was their ski mobile to take care of snow problems.

At the annual meeting members registered 452. Chief Dan Johnson of Bridgeport was elected President, Chief O'Hearn was re-elected, and the treasury was now just under \$4,000. At the end of that conference, it was just over \$5,000.

The fourth annual conference was held in Manchester, New Hampshire in June of 1926. It has always been the last week of June. After the opening portions, the

Chiefs had a long discussion, should the members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs join the international Association of Fire Chiefs? Now, that's history repeating itself or predating us I should say.

At that time, the dues for this Association was \$3. And the Association voted overwhelmingly to join the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and there was a \$3 dues the chiefs paid to belong here. The Association paid \$1 for every member to be a member of the International. And in 1927, the first check for \$535 was sent to the International, and the New England Association paid the dues of the members of the New England Association to be members of the New England Division.

There was a long discussion on should they join the National Fire Protection Association. I think in recent years, we've heard some discussions, should we be with them, or get with them, are they with us, or get us. It cost \$60. This Association joined for three years, and then voted that they found the NFPA was not worth their investment, and they dropped out.

As we go onto the members, our meetings, they progressed into other sections of the country, they were in the sections of New England, the fifth convention in June of 1927 was in Portland, Maine. And they talked of their many problems, particularly phantom fire alarm boxes. Phantom fire alarm boxes are when cities used to assign box location numbers, when there was no box there, just so when they relocated apparatus or sent somebody, they'd have a location to pinpoint where they were going. And they discussed the phantom boxes in 1928.

At the annual meeting they had 632 members, and they had a cash balance of just over \$12,000. It was interesting when we were looking through the old records that it had an itemized expenditure for the treasurer, every check and what it was more for. The first check that I saw was a report of a check, was check No. 9 for the Secretary-Treasurer for his \$100. And it went on every year for a number of years. Now, I haven't done the 1930s or 40s, so I can't project ahead what that stock would be now, but we don't do that now.

In 1928, the meeting was in Burlington, Vermont, and it went along, much of what I have already repeated here discussing the same things. One of the things that was coming up in '28 and '29 was that they wanted to find a device that would warrant a person when there was a fire, because of heat,

that sounded an alarm in their house or their building. And how many years ago was it that we got smoke detectors? It wasn't that long ago. I'm talking 20 years or something like that. And here in 1928 and '29, they were trying to devise that.

The 7th annual conference was held in New Haven, Connecticut. The first life membership of this Association was awarded at that meeting for Mr. Herbert Winslow of Lynn, Massachusetts, who was the Commissioner of the Fireman's Relief Fund of Massachusetts, and he was made the first life member of the organization.

Red Book that year had pictures of the organizers in 1922. It would be great for the archives if anybody had that picture that we could add it in. I think that here, as we get to '29, we start projecting into '30, and that's the source of another report.

I would like to say that, I think, ladies and gentlemen, in the 1920's, many of the things that we've discussed in the last ten years in this Association were discussed back then. This review is some of the business of the Association during its formative years in the 1920s. If it's the pleasure of the President and Board of Directors, such histories of subsequent decades can be offered at future banquets.

There's a well-known saying that those who do not know their history are condemned to repeat it. Let us not go down that road. I thank you for your attention. I trust that I didn't bore you with an extended period of time, but the history is fascinating, and I trust you enjoyed it. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

CHIEF WINSLOW: Thank you, Otie.

At this time, I would ask our new President Chief Flaherty to make his Presidential address.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY, NEAFC: [West Springfield, MA] Thank you very much, Richard. Reverend Clergy, honored guests, Chiefs in the audience, friends, all, nothing has changed, or very little has changed since the 20's. We still have a Secretary-Treasurer that keeps very good track of every check and makes sure there's a receipt for everything. And so I'm sure that he must be related in some way to the past Secretary-Treasurer. We're talking about a Winslow, a Chief Winslow, I'm sure going down the line, it must be some relation of Charles here.

Before I start, I would like to ask Mary, my wife, to come

up here. We are a team.

[Applause]

When you get the two of us, you get the whole family. And I'd like to introduce my family, or some of them that are here with me this evening, starting with the oldest, my daughter Maryann, if you would stand up.

[Applause]

Billy, a Lieutenant on the Department.

[Applause]

His wife Dina.

[Applause]

Joe, the one that doesn't want to leave us.

[Laughter and applause]

Eileen, my baby that just graduated from college.

[Applause]

And not here tonight, I have a son, Jack, from New Jersey and a son Thomas that is married and has a young son Thomas Patrick. They are without a doubt a help to all of us. When we get involved, the whole family gets involved, so that we have a lot of help.

I want to thank Dennis Miles, Executive Secretary, Retired, from the Town of West Springfield, that has spent the last 13 years with me. And we've been a good team, and Dennis, if you would stand up.

[Applause]

I have a couple of Deputy Chiefs here too, that without a doubt have really helped me and all I've done over the past few years in West Springfield and really helped the Association and all their work with the conference here in West Springfield. Dave and Bob Page, if you would stand and with Dave is his wife.

[Applause]

There's a lot of people that I would like to thank here tonight, and I think I could be here for as long as Otie was telling us about the history of the 1920's.

[Laughter]

I'll try to keep it short. But without a doubt, one of the main stays of all presidents over the past few years has been Tony Jarvis. Tony took probably a week off before the conference, and, Tony, if you would stand up with your wife Loretta.

[Applause]

But coming to our rescue is the new Sergeant-at-Arms Frank O'Brien and helping him Joe Surprenant, and I would like



President Flaherty gives his address with wife Mary at his side, citing "we are a team".



them to stand.

[Applause]

It's been very enjoyable to me this year working with some very special people. The Vendor's Association, Judy Marshall, and all the officers of the Vendor's Association and the new President of the Vendor's Association, who I really enjoyed working with. Judy, if you would stand, I'd appreciate it.

[Applause]

The Golf Committee, the Parade Committee, Chief Edwards has a staff. I went to Chief Wehter and said I need more hats. He said, how many people do you have on that committee? I said we have a lot, and we do. We have every Chief from Western Mass working on the committee. We must have 60 or 70 people that give up their day, and really this parade we had this last weekend shows the effort that was put in. And it's to the strength, pride of Chief Edwards, Chief Cassanelli, Bernie — where's Bernie? Without a doubt, Bernie, stand up. You deserve a round of applause.

[Applause] We are very fortunate that we have all these people willing to donate their time and to bring to Western Mass., a very nice conference. We apologize for that military air conditioning. We could have used that here tonight at times too. It didn't work, but it wasn't without the effort that we put into it.

I want to thank all of you for coming tonight, and I just want to hope that you'll be there to assist me this year as President. Thank you very much.

CHIEF WINSLOW: Thank you, John.

At this time, I'll ask the Secretary and our immediate Past President to come forward to make presentations to some very deserving people.

CHIEF RICHARD K. Wehter: [Secretary/Treasurer] Sixty years ago, in June 1939, a young fire equipment distributor joined our Association. That gentleman is still young. He's still selling fire equipment and fire apparatus, and he is our most senior member. At this time, I would ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort Dave Deane to the podium for a presentation.

[Applause]

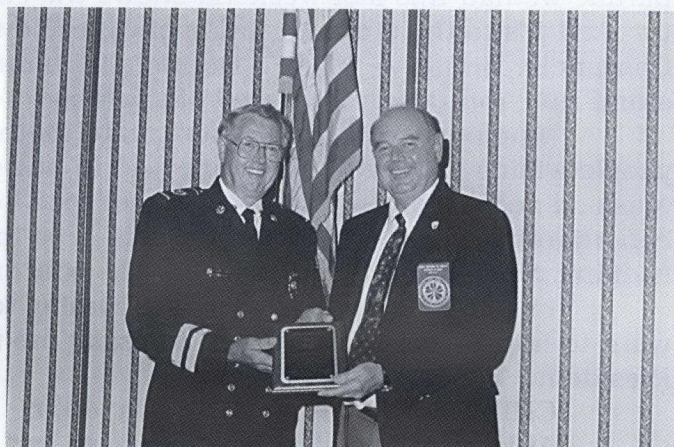
The plaque says, "To David J. Deane, Deane Fire Equipment, with grateful appreciation for 60 years of dedicated service to the New England Association of Fire Chiefs." Well done.

In 1991, President Mansfield appointed Tony Jarvis as our Sergeant-at-Arms. Over the past eight years, Tony has



David Deane receives congratulations from President Baston for 60 years of membership in the NEAFC. Dave is our senior living member. Thanks for all your support Dave!

Congratulations are bestowed on Chief Anthony (Tony) Jarvis, retiring after eight years of dedicated service as Sergeant-at-Arms. Thank you Tony, and best wishes.



Incoming President Chief John Flaherty (L) presents outgoing President Richard Baston with the duly inscribed Presidents trumpet.

served our Association well, with distinction and honor and true dedication. Would the Sergeant-at-Arms please escort Chief Jarvis to the podium for a presentation.

[Applause and standing ovation]

It says, "To Chief Anthony W. Jarvis, Sergeant-at-Arms, with grateful appreciation for your many years of dedicated service to the New England Association of Fire Chiefs." Congratulations.

[Applause]

Father Foley has served as our Chaplain for 25 years. He is not only a Chaplain, but he is a true friend of everyone. And he's a real fire fighter and a real spark. And it is with great pleasure that I ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort Father Foley to the podium for a presentation for 25 years of service.

It gives me great pleasure to present you with this white helmet. It says "Chaplain" on it, "of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs."

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY, CHAPLAIN: I hope this is going to fit. I do have a big head, you know.

FROM THE FLOOR: We all know that.

[Laughter and applause]

CHIEF WINSLOW: At this time, our new President Flaherty has a presentation to Chief Baston.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: Richard, I would like to present this symbol of your office, the Chief's trumpet, and I'm sure that you'll be able to use it on your farm, calling Rosalyn too. But in appreciation for your year as President, we'd like to, on behalf of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, give you this token of our appreciation. Thank you.

[Chief Flaherty presented a silver trumpet to Chief Baston.]

CHIEF WINSLOW: Mary Flaherty has a presentation to Rosalyn Baston.

Mrs. MARY FLAHERTY: First of all, I'd like to introduce my family.

[Laughter]

This is a token of our appreciation for all you've done for the Association. And the Chiefs get all the credit, but it's always the ladies that do all the work.

[Applause]

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

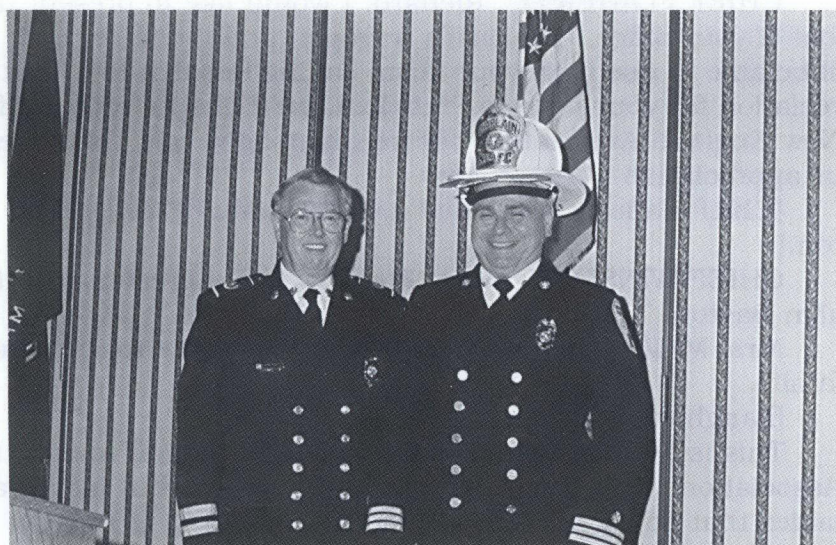
CHIEF WINSLOW: At this time, Rosalyn has a





Front row, left to right: Rev. Charles Hood, Chaplain; Rev. Stephen Foley, Chaplain; Honorable Eileen Foley, State Senator.  
Rear row, left to right: President, Edward B. Borowiec; Jim Smith, Wentowrth Hotel; Jack Hurley, International President; Past President, Joseph R. Cremo.

In this picture taken at the 1975 conference, a younger Father Foley celebrates his first year as Chaplain of the NEAFC.



Celebrating his 25th Anniversary as Chaplain, The Reverend Stephen C. Foley, of West Hartford, CT. receives a five bugle helmet with cross from President Richard Baston in appreciation of 25 years of commitment and service to the Association.



# **A Salute To Father Foley**



**For 25 years he has stood at the pulpit for us. He has been our friend, our spiritual adviser, and dedicated fire buff. He has traveled New England far and wide to make his presence known, and offer his help to those in need. We often hear those hallowed words, "Praise the Lord and Keep the Faith." Thank you Father Steve, we appreciate your wisdom and untiring help.**





Mary Flaherty (L) presents bouquet of roses to 1st Lady Rosalyn Baston



Sally Wehter (L) presents gift to the 1<sup>st</sup> Lady

presentation to make to Mary Flaherty.

Mrs. ROSALYN BASTON: Mary, I give this to you, and I thank you for doing all the field work, and we wish you well as Mrs. President.

[Applause]

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

CHIEF WINSLOW: Now we have a presentation for Rosalyn.

Mrs. SALLY WEHTER: Rosalyn, on behalf of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, it was a pleasure for all of us, the ladies of the committee, to work with you. Thank you.

[Applause]

CHIEF WINSLOW: Now we'll have our closing remarks from the President of the Division Chief David Sylvaria. Chief Sylvaria.

CHIEF DAVID G. SYLVARIA - NEDIAFC PRESIDENT: It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President of the New England Division this past year, and I'm looking forward to continue to serve in that capacity for the ensuing year.

It was our pleasure to work with Chief Richard Baston, I'm sure our relationship with the New England Association will continue strengthening, and I look forward to working alongside President John Flaherty.

The conference, once again, was very successful, and the two organizations really came together to work at this conference and worked side by side very closely, very loyally.

In closing, I wish to thank also the members of the Division Board of Directors for their continued support and hard work. I look forward to a bigger and better conference, and hope to see all of you in Springfield next year. Have a safe trip home.

[Applause]

CHIEF WINSLOW: And now the closing remarks from our immediate Past President Chief Baston.

CHIEF RICHARD M. BASTON, NEAFC Past President: When I accepted the office of President a year ago, I said I would investigate the golf program. I had to go to the golf course to have some pictures taken of the foursomes as they teed off. And I thought boy, there's a good chance for me to look this over. I didn't notice before we started that John was giving out the things, and the pencils all had erasers on them.

[Laughter] The third foursome to tee off, guess who was in it Bob Nunes. And then Joe told me the reason he did that is





Mary Flaherty (R) receives roses as she takes over as 1<sup>st</sup> Lady for 1999-2000



Sally Wehter (L) receives flowers of appreciation from Rosalyn Baston.

he wanted to get on the green before anybody made any little holes and things like that. So when he teed off, it was hard to see where the ball went, but I think it went a little to the left. And I seen it go on the other side of the road, you know, the path they go down.

So I just don't know too much about golf, just what I've seen on TV now and then. And I thought, well, this ought to be good. Bob heads down there with his cart, stepped right out, picked the ball up, jumped into his car, right out into the middle of the fairway he went, put it down, away he went, off over the hill. Well, I thought, you know, you've seen them on TV, they're looking for the ball in the grass. They walk out, you know, change clubs and everything, but Bob didn't. So I could see right off how he was winning all these years.

[Laughter]

Anyway, it's been a pleasure to serve as your President, and I've had a super committee. And I think there's a couple of fellows on the Board, not that I'm going to exclude anybody, but Mike Howard last year, when I was Chairman of the Education Committee, was a great help to me, because that's not my field, his is getting speakers. And this year he did a tremendous amount of work, and would you stand up, Mike?

[Applause]

He can extend that to his Committee. And the other fellow I think that's done a great job is Ed Richards of the Parade Committee, and would you stand up?

[Applause]

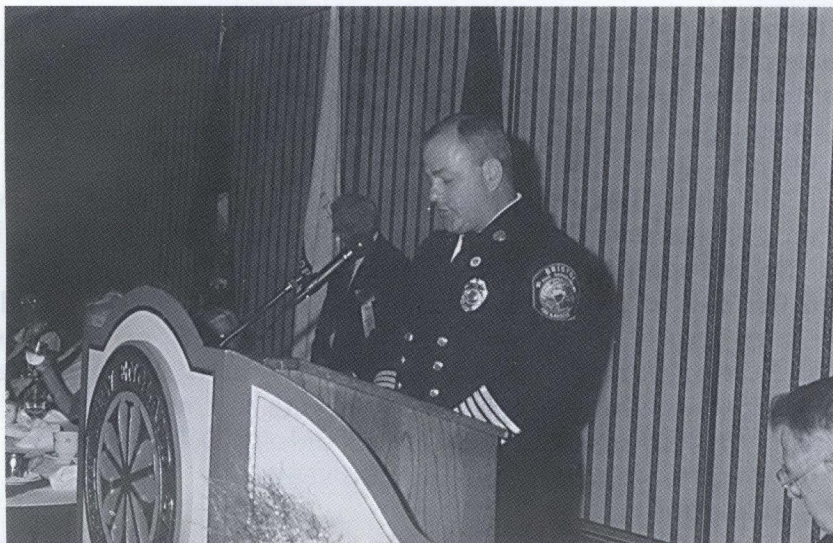
He's had a very large committee that helped, and you can extend my thanks to them. And I'd also like to thank Dave of the Division for getting the help. I think this year, as Dave has already stated, we worked very smoothly together. And Dave and a couple of his fellows serve on our Board. We also have the vendors, Judy has served on our Board. And I think it's very important that they do so, because we need to keep the communications open. If we don't have communications between the three of them, I don't think things will work out, but they have.

And as we move into the 21st Century, the New England Fire Chiefs conference, I know, will continue to grow and expand and possibly be the largest exhibit in the northeast. I hope so and thank you.

[Applause]

CHIEF WINSLOW: Thank you, Dick.





Chief David G. Sylvaria, Bristol, RI, President of the New England Division IAFC



(L-R) Host Chief Gary Cassanelli, Springfield Fire Dept.; Judith Marshall, President 1999-2000 of the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association; and Bernie Welz, Public Information Officer of the Springfield Fire Department. A special thank you for your trusted and valuable assistance throughout the year.

President Dick Baston would like table flowers to go to the person whose birthday is closest to today's date. So you have to fight that out amongst you at the tables.

Those at the head table will go to the Presidents of the Association and the Division and to the Secretary/Treasurers of the Association. I thank you, Dick.

As I told you, times goes by quickly. And with the good Board and a Secretary who does all the work, it is even enjoyable. And I'm sure you found out that it is a lot easier to be President of the Association than to be Chief of the Department. Thank you for giving me the honor as serving as your Master of Ceremonies. And, now, if you'd all please stand for Chief Jenkins, accompanied by Father Foley on the piano, sings our closing hymn. And please remain standing for the benediction by Father Foley. Thank you all for coming. Have a safe trip home and see you next year.

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

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: I went around that rotary, that fork in the circle several times in my life before I got into Maine the first time, with a great sign that said, "Welcome to Maine. The way life should be." I never went to Cherryfield, but I did go to South Paris. And I did go to the Trap Corner General Store, the citadel of Maine humor. And it was everything they said it would be. I walked in and sure enough, there it was, states all over the place, his too. But the best part of all, this is a true story. I sat down at the counter, and I said to the lady, I said, "I think I'd like to have a dish of ice cream." She said, "Well, what would you like?" I said, "What do you have?" She says, "Vanilla." I said, "Well, that's a good start." And she says, "And it's a good finish too." True story.

Let us pray. Good and gracious God, we praise and thank you for this 77th Annual Meeting, which has been an outstanding success. We pray further for your direction as we approach the new millennium, under a new chapter in the history of both the Division and Association, as we work together in partnership for the good of the New England Fire Service.

Give courage, prudence, and wisdom to our newly elected officers in both organizations, that they may truly work together. Grant each and everyone of us a safe return trip home and eternal rest to all those who have gone on before us. You are one God forever and ever. Amen.

[Amen]

CHIEF WINSLOW: Have a safe trip.  
[The 77th Annual Banquet concluded at 9:55 p.m.]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Vicki L. Britt, hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of the 77th Annual Banquet of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, is a true and accurate transcription of my stenographic notes taken on June 28, 1999.

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|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| MASSACHUSETTS | 190           | 191            | 38               | 8           | 33            | 460          |
| CONNECTICUT   | 66            | 50             | 58               | 1           | 7             | 182          |
| RHODE ISLAND  | 39            | 35             | 18               | 0           | 2             | 94           |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 39            | 39             | 15               | 3           | 3             | 99           |
| MAINE         | 26            | 13             | 21               | 0           | 7             | 67           |
| VERMONT       | 24            | 16             | 21               | 1           | 3             | 65           |
| OUT OF N.E.   | 1             | 16             | 4                | 4           | 11            | 36           |
| TOTALS        | 385           | 361            | 175              | 17          | 66            | 1,004        |

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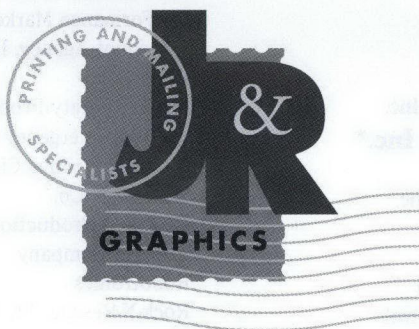
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**ARTICLE I**

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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