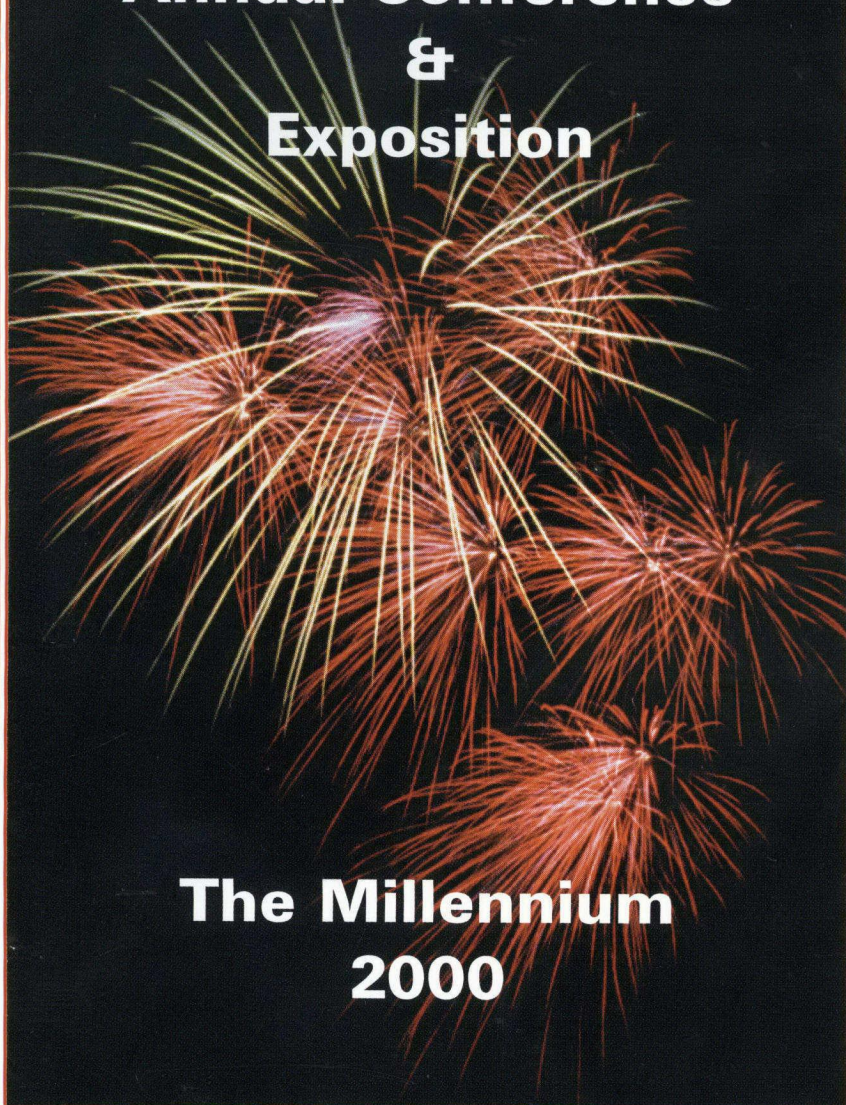




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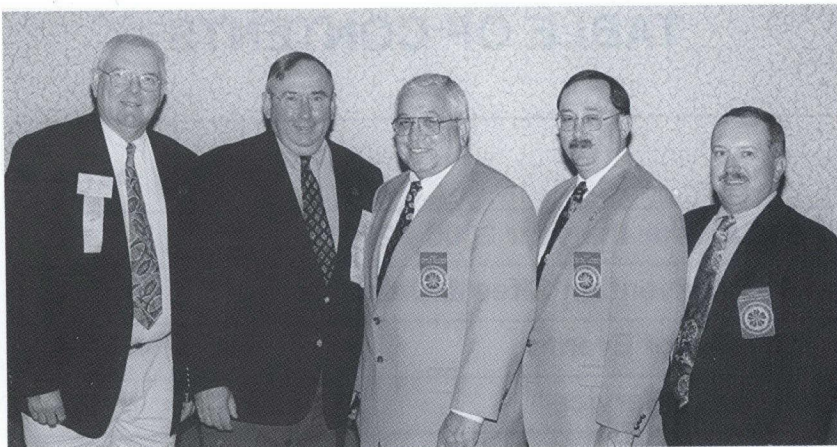
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Chief John J. Flaherty
West Springfield, Massachusetts

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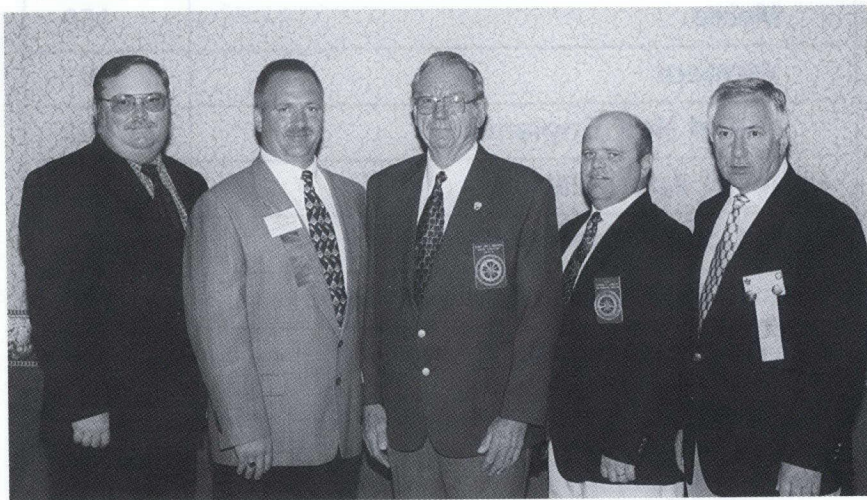


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Seventy Ninth Annual Conference

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Friday June 22nd to Monday June 25th, 2001

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.
- NO. 23 - CANCELLED BECAUSE OF WORLD WAR II
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ALLEN F. PAYSON, CAMDEN, ME.
- NO. 24 -THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 25,26,27, 1946
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ALLEN F. PAYSON, CAMDEN, ME.
- NO. 25 -THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 24,25,26, 1947
PRESIDENT - CHIEF FRANK J.CALLAHAN,CENTRAL FALLS, RI.
- NO. 26 -THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 22,23,24,1948
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF STUART M. POTTER, GREENWICH, CT.
- NO. 29 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 19,20,21,22,1951
PRES. CHIEF - WILLIAM H. CLIFFORD, CAPE ELIZABETH, ME.
- NO. 30 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 23,24,25,26, 1952
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOSEPH E. SCANLON, LYNN, MA.
- NO. 31 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 22,23,24,25, 1953
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.
- NO. 33 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 20,21,22,23, 1955
PRESIDENT - CHIEF GEORGE C. GRAHAM, BRISTOL, CT.
- NO. 34 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 25,26,27,28, 1956
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOHN F. KEEFE, BELLOWS FALLS, VT.
- NO. 35 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 23,24,25,26, 1957
PRESIDENT - CHIEF HORACE S. JOSE, SO. PORTLAND, ME.
- NO. 36 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 23,24,25,26, 1958
PRESIDENT - CHIEF THOMAS H. SLAMAN, WELLESLEY, MA.
- NO. 37 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 22,23,24,25, 1959
PRES. CHIEF - GEORGE F. SALISBURY, CENTRAL FALLS, RI.
- NO. 38 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 20,21,22,23, 1960
PRESIDENT - CHIEF GUY L. FOSS, WOLFEBORO, NH.
- NO. 39 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 19,20,21,22, 1961
PRESIDENT - CHIEF FRANCIS J. DAGON, EAST HARTFORD, CT.
- NO. 40 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 18,19,20,21, 1962
PRES. CHIEF - ALFRED T. WRIGHT, WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF RALPH G. SEAVEY, ROCHESTER, NH.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF THOMAS J. HAYES, EAST HAVEN, CT.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF EDWARD B. BOROWEIC, CHICOPEE, MA.
- NO. 55 - DUNFEY'S, HYANNIS, MA.; JUNE 19,20,21,22,23, 1977
PRESIDENT - CHIEF EARL ANDREWS, LINCOLN, RI.

- NO. 56 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 25,26,27,28, 1978
PRESIDENT - CHIEF MERTON S.,DYER, PETERBOROUGH, NH.
- NO. 57 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 24,25,26,27, 1979
PRESIDENT CHIEF CARL P. SAWYER, GROTON, CT.
- NO. 58 - DUNFEY'S, HYANNIS, MA.; JUNE 22,23,24,25, 1980
PRESIDENT - CHIEF PATRICK BROWN, BURLINGTON, VT.
- 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
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ANGELO CAPPELLI, JOHNSON, RI.
- NO. 62 - DUNFEY'S, HYANNIS, MA.; JUNE 24,25,26,27, 1984
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF WILLIAM A. HEALEY, MILFORD, CT.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF WENDALL M. MANSFIELD, STOWE, VT.
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PRESIDENT - CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, YARMOUTH, ME.
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- NO. 76 - SHERATON HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, MA.; JUNE 26-30, 1998
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The 79th - 81st Annual Conferences

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF EVENTS

THURSDAY JUNE 22

- 3:00 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 23

- 7:00 a.m. 10th Annual GOLF CLASSIC - Chicopee Country Club - Chief Kenneth Pelonzi, Chairman
- 8:00 a.m. Reading of proposed BYLAW CHANGES - Middlesex Room (if any)
- 9:00 a.m. EXHIBITOR 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 - Tickets required.
- 8:00 p.m. Networking Suite open in the Middlesex Room.

SATURDAY JUNE 24

- 8:30 a.m. SEMINAR - *KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Chief Dennis Budd - Worcester Fire Dept.*
"The Worcester Tragedy & the Lessons Learned" & the Massachusetts Statewide Mobilization Plan - How Did it Work - Fire Marshal Stephen Coan
- 8:30 a.m. SEMINAR - "Taking Care of Our Own" (addressing line of duty deaths)
 Sponsored by National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation - 6 hour session - limit 25
- 10:30 a.m. REGISTRATION open at the main parking area entrance information center.
- 10:30 a.m. EXHIBITS & HOT CLASSES at Expo Center open until 4:30 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m. LADIES ICE CREAM SOCIAL - (Pre-registration required)
- 5:45 p.m. Busses leave conference hotels for Memorial Service
- 6:00 p.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE - ST. MICHAELS CATHEDRAL (air conditioned)
- 9:00 p.m. Fireworks display at the Eastern States Expo Center.

SUNDAY JUNE 25

- 7:30 a.m. CATHOLIC MASS - in the hotel - Rev. Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain
- 8:30 a.m. SEMINAR - "Gordon Ave Fire" - a near conflagration
 Deputy Asst. Chief Paul A. Wentworth, Providence Fire Dept.
- 9:30 a.m. LADIES SEMINAR - featuring novelist Archer Mayor - Coffee/Danish served
- 10:30 a.m. REGISTRATION open at the main parking area entrance information center.
- 10:30 a.m. EXHIBITS & HOT CLASSES at Expo Center open until 4:30 p.m.
- 11:30 a.m. SPECTACULAR 4th 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.
- 5:30 p.m. Busses begin trips to Theme Night from conference hotels to Elks Pavilion
- 6:30 p.m. THEME NIGHT - Outdoor Chicken/Steak Roast w/DJ & 50's/60's music -
 Elks Pavilion - West Springfield
- 9:30 p.m. Networking Suite open in the Middlesex Room.

MONDAY JUNE 26

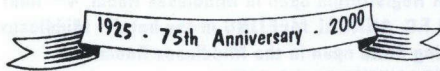
- 8:00 a.m. State Caucus Meetings
- 8:30 a.m. SEMINAR - "How To Prepare For ISO Rating" - Todd Dickson
- 9:30 a.m. LADIES RIVERBOAT CRUISE - (Pre-registered only) Limit is 49
- 9:30 a.m. REGISTRATION open at the main parking area entrance information center.
- 9:30 a.m. EXHIBITS & HOT CLASSES at Expo Center open until 3:00 p.m.
- 10:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING - Sheraton Springfield
- 1:30 p.m. LADIES - Wine Seminaire - Proper selection, care & serving of wine.
- 6:00 p.m. Pre-Banquet Reception - Ballroom foyer & Hospitality Suite
- 7:00 p.m. ANNUAL BANQUET, AWARDS CEREMONY & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
 MIDDLESEX ROOM CLOSED.
- 9:30 p.m. Networking Suite open in Middlesex Room.

TUESDAY JUNE 27 - HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN "LEADERS IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM"

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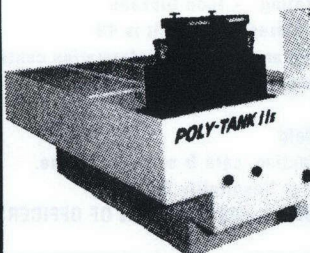


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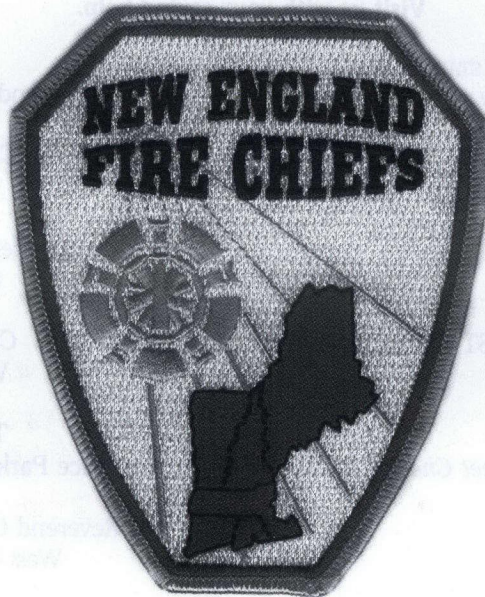
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SATURDAY JUNE 24, 2000
1800 HOURS**



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SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

Memorial Service

Especially Dedicated to the Memory of the "Worcester Six"

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN: Cantabile Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

PROCESSIONAL, with colors (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING) SEE INSERT
America, the Beautiful 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" Felix Mendlessohn (1809-1847)

SALUTE TO THE FLAG (STANDING) Led by Chief John J. Flaherty
President-NEAFC

GREETING The Reverend David M. Farland
Springfield Chaplain

PRESIDENT & HOST CHIEF'S WELCOME Chief John J. Flaherty
West Springfield, MA

A SPIRITUAL Traditional American
"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Arr: Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

PRAYER The Reverend Christopher Connelly
West Springfield Chaplain

A HYMN OF ETERNAL LIFE (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING) SEE INSERT
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Hyfrydol

SCRIPTURE READING The Reverend Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain
NEAFC

HYMN-ANTHEM
"Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand" John B. Dykes (1875)
Text: Henry Alford (1867)

MEMORIAL ADDRESS The Rev. Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain
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ANTHEM

"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" (Requiem)

Text: from Psalm 84

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER (SAID BY ALL)

Led by Chief Frank O'Brien
Sergeant-at-Arms

ROLL CALL

Chief Richard K. Wehter, Ret., Secretary-Treasurer
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BELL TOLLER

Chief John G. Wood, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer
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A HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING)

"Now Thank We All Our God" (Stanzas One and Two)

SEE INSERT
Nun danket all

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Chief David G. Sylvaria, President
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING)

"O Say, Can You See?"

SEE INSERT
Star Spangled Banner

BENEDICTION (ALL SEATED)

The Reverend Charles L. Chalk, Chaplain
NEAFC

CHORAL RESPONSE

"A Gaelic Blessing"

John Rutter (b. 1946)
(Text from an Irish poem)

RECESSIONAL (ALL STANDING)

Sonata II: Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



We are grateful to The Reverend John McDonagh, Rector of Saint Michael's Cathedral, for inviting us to conduct our Annual Memorial Service in this historical setting.

For the continuing support of CONCORA (Richard Coffey, Artistic Director), we again recognize the generosity of Whelen Engineering Company, John F. Olson, President & Chief Executive Officer.

We also thank Larry Allen (a founding associate of CONCORA), who is today's conductor and organist, assisted by Stephan Barnicle.

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.

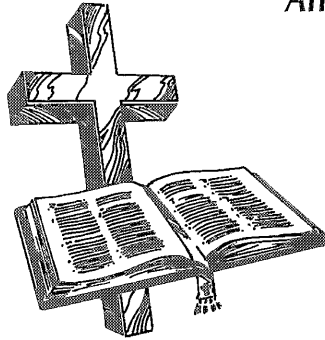
Help me embrace a little child
before it is too late
or save an older person from
the horror of that fate.

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

NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION
OF
FIRE CHIEFS, INC.
SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Chaplains: Rev. Stephen C. Foley
Rev. Daniel S. Harris
Rev. Charles L. Chalk

President: Chief John J. Flaherty

Cathedral Church of St. Michael
State Street, Springfield, Massachusetts
Saturday, June 24, 2000
6 p.m.

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Color Guard lead Memorial Service Detail to St. Michael's



Chaplains prepare to celebrate the service led by Fr. Foley (far right)

Springfield, Massachusetts
Saturday, June 24, 2000

PROCEEDINGS
Memorial Service

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

[All sang America, the Beautiful.]

REVEREND DANIEL S. HARRIS: [Weymouth, MA] Please open your brochures, the memorial service brochure for 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 DANIEL S. HARRIS: 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 John J. Flaherty, President.]

REVEREND DAVID M. FARLAND: [Springfield, MA] Please be seated. As Chaplain of the Springfield Fire Department, it is my pleasure this evening to welcome to the New England Fire Chiefs, especially Chief Flaherty, the president of the association, to welcome your family, your friends in the name of Bishop Dupre, the bishop of the Diocese of Springfield; and also the Chief of the Springfield Fire Department, Chief Gary Cassanelli, who wanted me to extend his regrets. He was unable to attend the service this evening because he has a special family celebration in Connecticut.

I'd like to extend also a special welcome in the name of the Bishop and Chief Cassanelli to Chief Budd of the Worcester Fire Department and the members of the Worcester Fire Department. You are most welcome.

Reverend, clergy, members of the fire service, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the 78th Annual Memorial Service of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs and the New England Division. On behalf of the New England Fire Chiefs, the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the New England Apparatus Maintenance Association, and the



Rev. Daniel S. Harris delivers the Call to Worship



Chief John J. Flaherty gives the Presidents welcome

New England — there's a lot of New Englands here — Exhibitors Association, I want to thank you for taking part in this service, remembering those that have departed from our ranks in this past year.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY: [West Springfield, MA] Worcester firefighters — six Worcester firefighters lost their lives in a tragic fire of last December, and I want to say a few words on the commitment that the state had and the statewide mobilization in assisting the Worcester firefighters in recovering their lost brothers. In that mobilization, we had 186 communities statewide, 25 task forces activated, 227 engine companies, 88 ladder companies, 56 specialized units, and approximately 18,000 — or 1839 firefighters.

This tragedy brought the whole fire service to its knees, and we want to express our deep sorrow to Chief Budd, to the members of the Worcester Fire Department for their great loss. And we would like to express that sorrow that we all share with you. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful department rest in peace. We also lost many other firefighters in the line of duty this past year. We're going to remember both the chiefs and the firefighters that departed this past year.

Now, as the Host Chief, I would like to take this opportunity to express the goodwill of the Town of West Springfield, its Board of Selectmen, and our fire department, the West Springfield Fire Department. I would like to welcome you also to the memorial service on their behalf.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank John McDonagh, Father John McDonagh, the Rector of the Cathedral. Father, thank you for allowing us to hold this beautiful service at Cathedral of St. Michael. A special thanks to Reverend Stephen Foley, Reverend Chalk, Reverend Daniel Harris, Father Farland, and Father Chris Connelly for putting the service together. I would also like to thank the Chaplain's Association you see present here on the altar.

Concora is again with us this year providing the beautiful choral music. I'd especially like to thank you, the Worcester Fire Department for taking part in the service, and thank you for coming, and we hope that you have a pleasant day. Thank you.

[Choral sang Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.]

REVEREND CHRISTOPHER CONNELLY: [West Springfield, MA] May they not be forgotten. Brother, when they weep for me, remember that it was meant to be. Lay me down,

and when you leave, remember I'll be at your sleeve. In every dark and choking halt, I'll be there as you slowly crawl. On every roof and driven snow, I'll hold your coat, and you will know. In cellars hot with searing heat at windows where a gate we'll meet and closets where young children hide, you know I'll be there at your side.

As firemen we understand that death's a card dealt in our hand, a card we hope we never play but one we hold anyway. That card is something we ignore as we crawl across a weakened floor. For we all know that we're the only prayers for anyone that might be there. So remember, as you wipe your tears, the joy I felt throughout the years, as I did the job that I love to do, I pray of that thought will see you through. Amen.

Please stand.

[All stood and sang Live Divine, All Loves Excelling.]

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: Please be seated. Our incoming Chaplain, Reverend Father Daniel Harris, who will succeed Charles Chalk, who becomes a Protestant Chaplain Emeritus as of this conference, will now read the Scripture selection. Father Harris.

REVEREND DANIEL S. HARRIS: A reading from the gospel according to Luke: As they were making their way along, someone said to Jesus, "I will be your follower wherever you go." Jesus said to him, "The foxes have lairs, the birds in the sky have nests, but the son of man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Come after me." The man replied, "Let me bury my father first." Jesus said to him, "Come away and proclaim the kingdom of God." And then a mother said to him, "I will be your following, Lord, but first let me take leave of my people at home." Jesus answered him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

This is the word of the Lord.

(Thanks be to God.)

[Choral sang Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand.]

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: Chains from glory into glory 'til in heaven they take their place, 'til they cast their crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Worcester, the city with the big heart emblazon upon the fire department patch — the eyes of all were focused on Worcester, Massachusetts in December of 1999, no not focused, riveted, riveted on Worcester. And the reason, I believe, can be found in the Scripture selection which Father Harris just read — Jesus answered, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and

keeps looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Arriving at the scene on December 3rd, the rescue company was informed that people were trapped in the building. Despite the awesome task of searching such a dilapidated, decaying, complicated cold storage facility, the members of the rescue immediately, without hesitation, without looking back, initiated the process.

All too soon, it became apparent that two members of the rescue squad were in deep distress, lost in that huge building with their breathing apparatus rapidly running out of air. Once again, without hesitation, without looking back, several more brave Worcester firefighters entered that monstrous building in search of their missing comrades. Four more stalwart souls would soon be lost in the effort.

Jesus answered, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and keeps looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.” They never looked back; they never hesitated. They responded to the challenge in the finest tradition of the fire service, and they have taken their well-deserved place in the kingdom of God.

In all, six valiant individuals joined their forebears from such places as Boston, Brockton, Bellows Falls, and throughout New England, who have made the supreme sacrifice and given their lives that others might live. Of such as these must Henry Alford have thought when he wrote the words of the great hymn just rendered so beautifully by Concora, “Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand in sparkling raiment bright, the armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steeps of light: ‘tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin; fling open wide the golden gates and let the victors in!”

Volumes will be written; volumes will be spoken, but nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing can ever diminish the bravery and the loyalty, and above all else, the love these six Worcester firefighters displayed and so many others like them all over New England throughout our history.

For those of us who must carry the torch in their stead, the words of Proverb 29, Chapter 29, Verse 18, may serve as our inspiration — “Where there is no vision, the people perish,” not perish in the literal sense, as our heroes did, but perish in the figurative sense when the fire service becomes demoralized through lack of leadership.

In those departments where active involvement is encouraged, wonderful things do happen. In her inspiring book, “Jesus: CEO,” Laurie Beth Jones reminds us that people who



Remembering the "Worcester Six" - Chief Dennis Budd, Worcester Fire Department



Choral group sang "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place"

work harder and longer on any project when they understand the overall significance of their individual contribution.

A fire chief I know in New England — and certainly, I know many fire chiefs in New England — displays the qualities of leadership in outstanding fashion. Assuming command of a department that was without contract for years, beset with other dozens of grievances and other maladies, he soon effected a great transformation. How did he do so? The answer is found, I believe, in a sentence taken from his inaugural address given on the day of his installation — “I would rather have you work with me than for me.” He gave them a vision of something larger than themselves, just as Jesus did with his disciples. Learning from the life of Christ, this chief recognized that leadership by example will sway more minds and give more hope than anything else he might do.

In loving memory of the Worcester Six, in loving memory of all who have died in the line of duty, and in loving memory of our deceased New England Chiefs, let us all pledge ourselves to the constant pursuit of Christ-centered leadership principles.

In closing, I share with you, in regard to leadership, the inspiring words of Oliver Wendell Holmes — “What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”

Though not in your program, it is my distinct privilege to ask Chief Dennis Budd from the Worcester Fire Department to come forward.

CHIEF DENNIS BUDD: [Worcester, MA] Thank you, Father Foley. Reverend, clergy, colleagues, fellow chiefs, friends family, I would just like to at this time thank each and every one of you for the support, for the compassion, for all the things that you gave to us as a city. I do this on behalf of the Worcester Fire Department and on behalf of the families of our six fallen firefighters.

Chief Flaherty asked me if I wanted to say something, and at first, I didn't believe I was going to. But walking into the church, there was something that changed within me. I wanted to relate that to each of you. Six months, almost 7 months ago, when this happened, we, after recovering our six brothers, had six funeral services.

At that time, I felt grief; I felt sorrow; I felt need. Coming into this church today, which I believe this is the first memorial service that me and my Color Guard have attended — thank

† Last Alarm †



Chief Richard K. Wehter reads the Last Alarm roll call as
Chief John G. Wood, Jr. tolls the memorial bell

you, gentlemen — but the sorrow will always be there. Coming in today, a lot of grief has changed to peace. That was one of the things that I wanted to relate to you today. Thank you.

Thank you, Father Foley, and I thank the New England Chiefs, Mass. Fire Services, and the Chaplain Organization for this opportunity. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

[Choral sang How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place.]

CHIEF FRANK O'BRIEN: [Westfield, MA] I want to ask you all to turn to the last page of our memorial program and repeat with me the Firefighter's Prayer:

When I am called to duty, God,
wherever flames may rage,
Give me strength to save some life,
whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child
before it is too late,
or save an older person from
the horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert
and hear the weakest shout,
and quickly and efficiently
to put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling and
to give the best in me.
To 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)

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED: [NEAFC, Hingham, MA] Since last we met, the following fallen members of our associations have answered their last alarm:

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

Chief George Bulger, Rumford, Maine;
Chief Carl P. Johnson, Portland, Maine;
Chief Bruce Walker, Rye, New Hampshire;
Chief Earl Ford, Pembroke, Massachusetts;
Chief Oscar Gasset, Halifax, Massachusetts;

Chief John C. Connell, Stratford, Connecticut;
Chief Robert F. Wilder, Tiverton, Rhode Island;
Chief Joseph Lawlor, Wayland, Massachusetts;
Chief Wallace Holmes, Kingston, Massachusetts;
Chief Fletcher K. Patch, Hingham, Massachusetts;
Chief Edward B. Boroweic, our 54th President, Chicopee,
Massachusetts;
Chief Henry J. Parisi, North Providence, Rhode Island;
Exhibitor Connie Gross of the Roberts Company,
Framingham, Massachusetts.

And in the line of duty, fire service personnel of all ranks
from the six New England States: From the city of Worcester,
Massachusetts,

Lieutenant Thomas E. Spencer;
Firefighter Paul A. Brotherton;
Firefighter James F. Lyons, III;
Firefighter Jeremiah M. Lucey;
Firefighter Joseph T. McGuirk;
Firefighter Timothy P. Jackson;
Captain David J. Watts, Nantucket, Massachusetts;
Firefighter Walter J. Flintz, Bridgeport, Connecticut;
Firefighter David L. Packard, Boston, Massachusetts;
Firefighter Ronald D. Peters Everett, Massachusetts;
Assistant Chief Richard Bacon, Barnstable,
Massachusetts;
Firefighter Richard R. Murphy, Boston, Massachusetts;
Deputy Chief John E. Murphy, Russell, Massachusetts;
Firefighter Philip M. Pinkowski, Jr., Clarendon, Vermont;
Deputy Chief Dennis Kusnierz, Chicopee, Massachusetts;
Firefighter Theodore A. Ferrante, Jr., Revere,
Massachusetts;
Chief Robert Jones, Unity, Maine.

And for all our deceased members, may they rest in
peace.

[The bell was rung 20 more times.]

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

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: We're about to sing
the National Anthem, and I would ask that you please refer to
your programs because there are two verses. It is the second
verse which makes the hymn God centered. And also to thank
the Color Guards of the Holyoke and Worcester Fire
Departments for their beautiful job here this evening, as well as

the bag pipe band from Holyoke and Worcester, Massachusetts.

I'm very sorry. I neglected to introduce Chief David Sylvaria the President of the New England Division of the International Fire Chiefs. David, I apologize. Please come forward.

CHIEF DAVID SYLVARIA, NEDIAFC: As our Memorial Service again comes to a close, I wish to thank St. Michael's for allowing us to use their Cathedral for our service, and the choir for filling the Cathedral with wonderful music and voices.

This service gives all of us an opportunity to break from the rushing around, the hustle and bustle of conferences, going to exhibits and seminars and conferences and just the day-to-day routine, which is usually very, very busy. It gives us a chance, of course, to reflect on the lives of our various firefighters.

Thank you all for your participation.

[All stood and sang Star-Spangled Banner.]

[The Choral sang A Gaelic Blessing.]

[All stood as the Color Guard left the church followed by the Chaplains, the Choral, and the processional to the music of Sonata II: Allegro Maestoso E Vivace.]

[The memorial service concluded at 7:12 p.m.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN

I, Hilary O. Winslow, Shorthand Reporter, hereby certify the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of the 78th Annual Memorial Service of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc., taken on Saturday, June 24, 2000, to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Hilary O. Winslow
Shorthand Reporter

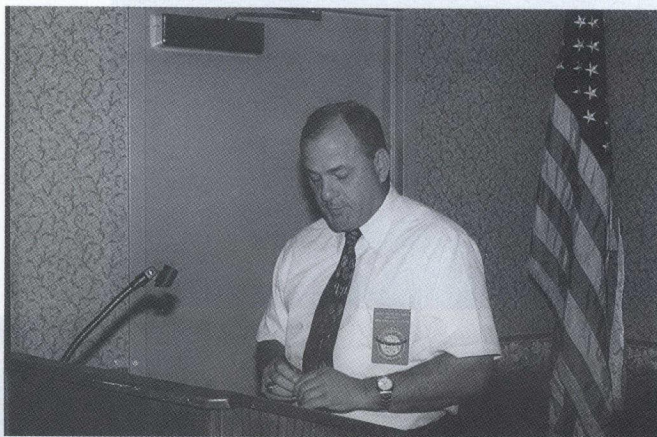


Chief David G. Sylvaria with the closing acknowledgements



Memorial Service closes with the singing of The Star Spangled Banner

New England Division IAFC Annual Meeting



10th Annual Golf Classic



Chicopee Country Club



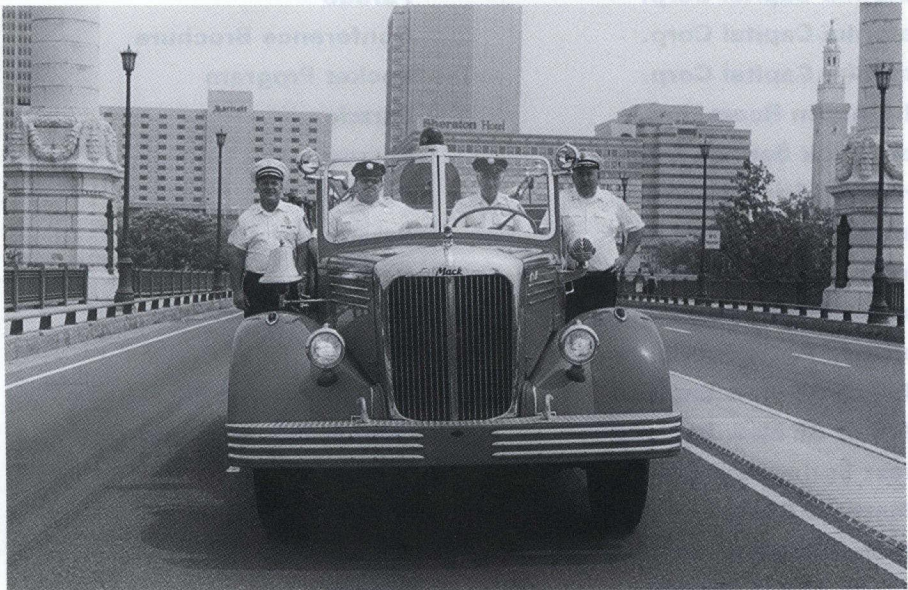
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United Plastic Fabricating	Parade
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VFIS of SE New England	Conference Brochure
West Springfield Credit Union	Parade
Westfield Bank	Parade
Whelen Engineering	Memorial Service
Yankee Fire & Rescue	Parade

4th Annual Apparatus Parade



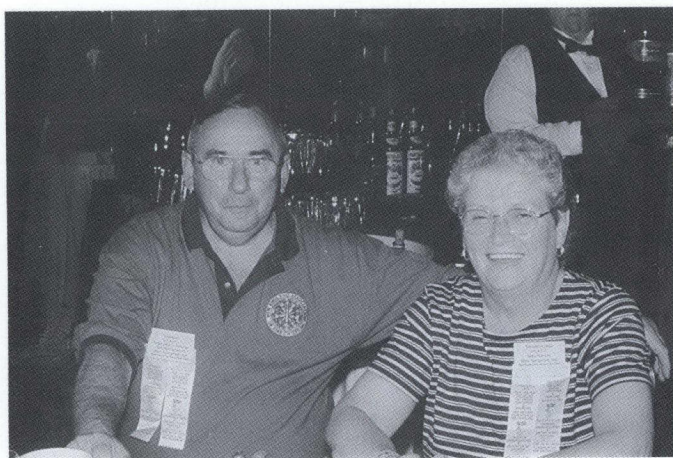




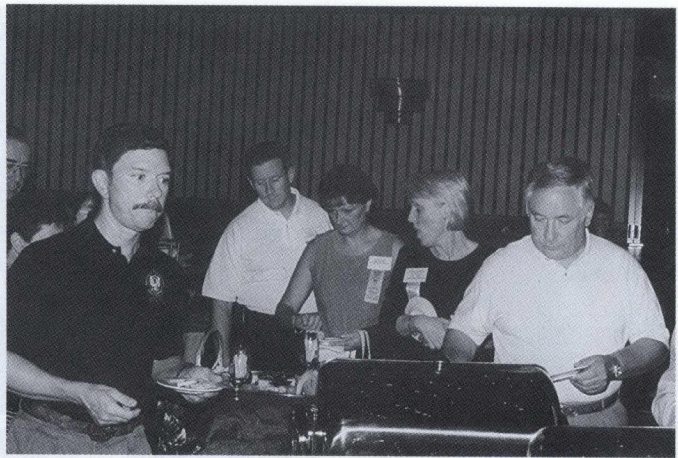
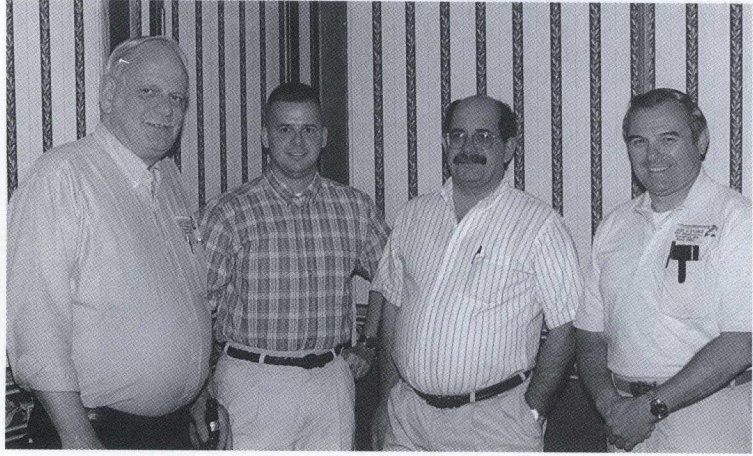
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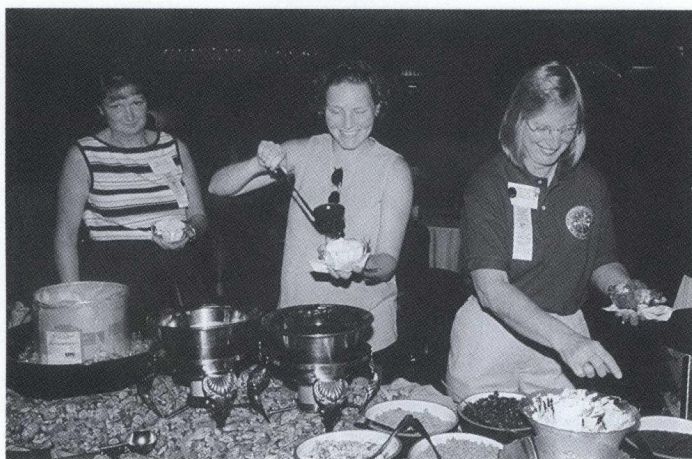
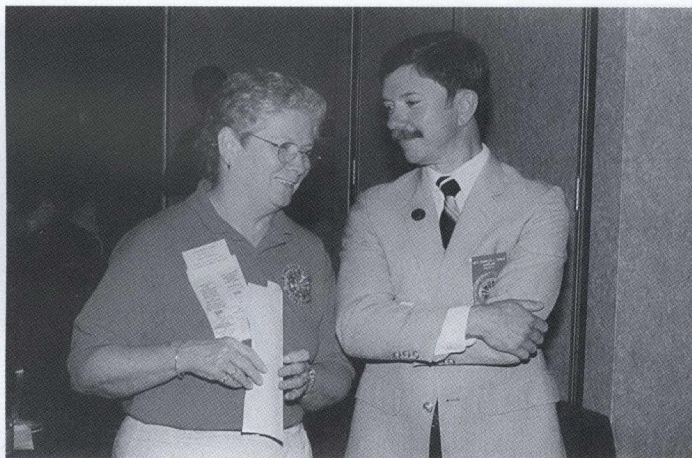
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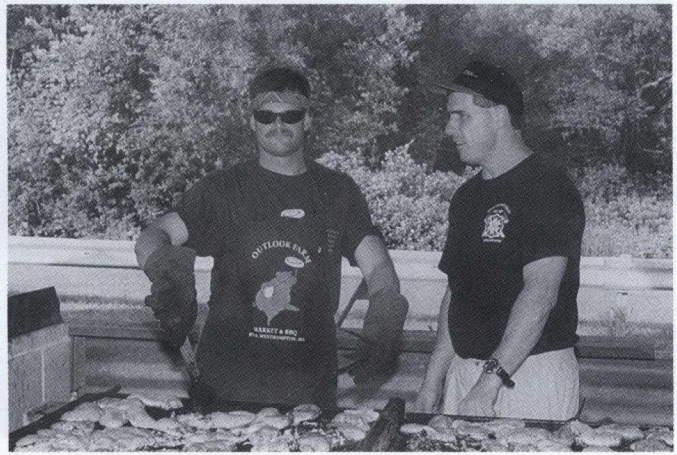


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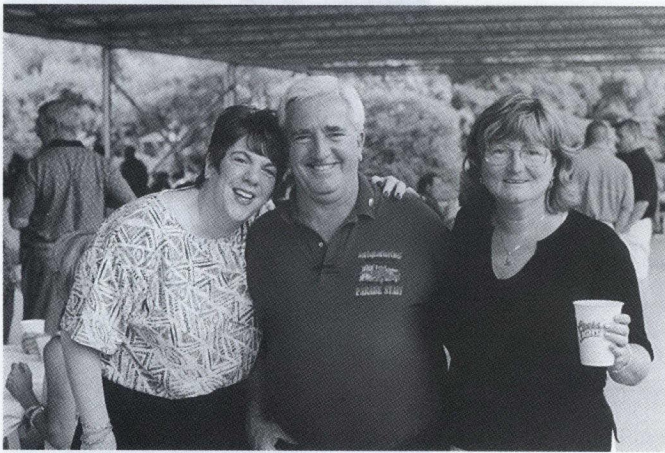
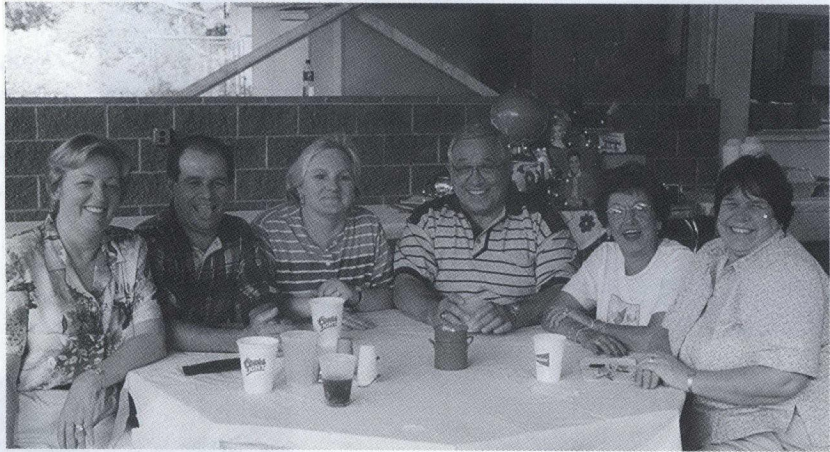




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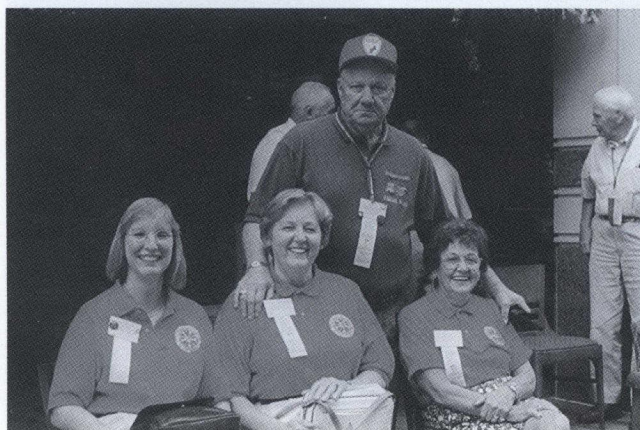
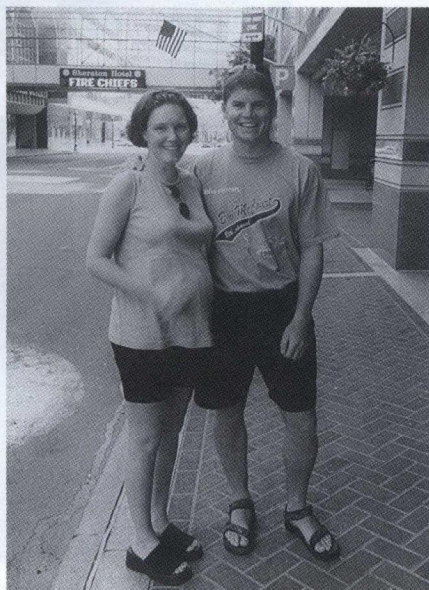
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Many thanks to
Pam & Sharon
and all the
Sheraton staff for
another fine year.

Kerry & Dennis Dolan
with (Little Chief to be)



The Mayor from Chicopee,
Chief Bob Nunes
back at his welcoming
station with
(l-r) Kathy Chalk,
Gail Misto, &
Estelle Sylvester

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President: Chief John J. Flaherty
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Chief John J. Flaherty, President, presides over the 78th Annual Meeting of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc. at the Millennium Conference.

Springfield, Massachusetts
Monday, June 26, 2000

P R O C E E D I N G S

Annual Meeting

PRESIDENT JOHN J. FLAHERTY: [West Springfield, MA] Gentlemen, take your seats, please. I'd like to call to order the 78th Annual New England Association of Fire Chiefs Meeting. If you'll all rise and join with me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Pledge of Allegiance said.]

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Now we'll have the invocation by Reverend Chalk.

REVEREND CHARLES L. CHALK, CHAPLAIN:

[Merrimack, NH] Let us pray. Our Father now, we come to the business portion of this organization, and we just pray now that you will give wisdom to those who speak and help us to be able to look forward in getting this organization moving as it comes into a new century. We thank you for the blessings you provided during this conference and the great conference that we've had and pray it will continue the rest of this day. Bless our speakers today in your name. Amen.

[Amen.]

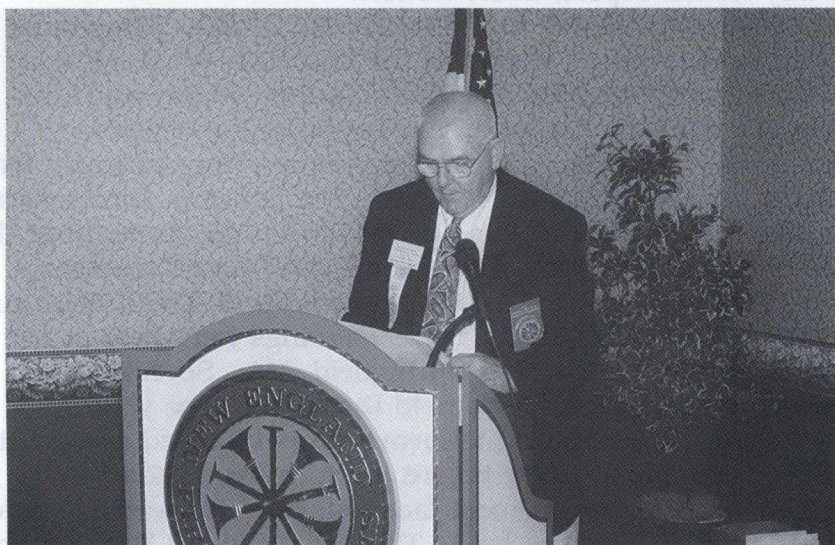
PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: I'd like to call upon the Secretary for his report, Chief Wehter.

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED: [Hingham, MA] This is the Annual Report of the Secretary for the Fiscal Year June 1, 1999 to May 31, 2000. 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, 2000. The Officers, Directors and Committee members have held several meetings throughout the year in preparation for the conference. Full Board meetings were held on September 17, 1999, November 5, 1999, February 18, 2000, and May 5, 2000. These meetings were held at the Sheraton Springfield Hotel in Springfield, MA. Several sub-committee meetings were also held throughout the year.

The Directors' meeting formats was changed so that the members came in the night before the meeting so that the various committees could meet face to face. This was necessary due to the increased work load. The New England Division had three representatives at most of these meetings as well as the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association. We welcome the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association as they join us this year. They have had two



Rev. Chalk of Hudson, NH delivers the Invocation



Chief Richard K. Wehter of Hingham, MA gives the Secretary/Treasurer's Report

representatives attend the Board Meetings. Various officers and directors of the Association throughout the year attended testimonials and Memorial services.

The President and Secretary/Treasurer handled the day-to-day business of the Association 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.

This year the Secretary, along with Mr. Monty Gearhart, established the Associations first web site. The site has a wealth of information about the Association as well as all conference information for attendees and exhibitors. We look forward to the future use of this site by all our members. The site can be accessed at www.newenglandfirechiefs.org/. 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. This year a 16-page color brochure was produced under the direction and capable hands of Chief Joe Misto, assisted by Chief Dave Sylvaria. The 2001, 2002 & 2003 conference will be held at the Sheraton Springfield and the Eastern States Exposition. In the Fiscal year 2001, we will again evaluate our present situation and look to the future years beyond 2003 for conference sites. In this day and age, meeting planners need to look far into the future to get the best packages for their members and attendees.

Preliminary figures indicate the 2000 conference to be a great success. This year Hands On Training sessions at the exposition site has added a new dimension to the conference. Special thanks to Chief Howard and his committee for coordinating our educational program.

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. The Board voted to have portable air conditioning brought into the Young Building this year as we wait for the Eastern States to complete their capital improvement program. Hopefully this will attract more exhibitors and make it comfortable for everyone.

This year we sold fifteen ads to fill in spaces in the pocket program, which Harold took care of for me (Thanks Harold). Judy Marshall of the Parade Committee has again 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.

President Flaherty reappointed Retired Chief Otis C. Wyatt, Jr. to the position of Historian and Reverend Foley and Reverend Chalk were reappointed Chaplains. Chief Frank O'Brien of Westfield, MA was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms replacing Chief Anthony Jarvis who retired. Reverend Chalk has served since 1989. Thank you Reverend Chalk for your commitment and service to the Association.

The Reverend Daniel S. Harris of Weymouth, Massachusetts has been appointed to replace Reverend Chalk. Reverend Harris is also the Chief Chaplain of the Massachusetts Corps of Chaplains and Chaplain for the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. We look forward to Father Dan's obvious commitment to the Fire Service.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Board members for their support and cooperation throughout the year, with special thanks to President Flaherty, 1st Vice President Sylvester, 2nd Vice President & Education Committee Chair Chief Howard, 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.

This year I make special recognition of my daughter Sara, who for several years has been a significant help to me during those final weeks before the conference and at the conference. This year Sara graduated from the University of Vermont and in a few months leaves to do two years service in the Peace Corps.

It has been an honor to serve as your Secretary for these past eight years and hope to do so for many more to come. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Thank you very much, Dick. I'd like to call on Father Foley and just to add to Reverend Chalk and Reverend Harris.

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: [West Hartford, CT] I must begin by saying that Reverend Chalk's service of 11 years have been exemplary and committed to excellence. However, last evening I saw a most interesting thing, I think he became a Methodist last night.

[Laughter and applause].

In case you may have forgotten, a Methodist is a Baptist who mustered up enough courage to come out of the closet and drink in public.

[Laughter]

Either that or the exuberance in finalizing 11 years as Chaplain of the New England Fire Chiefs relieves such a burden from his mind that he had to dance all night.

[Laughter]

On a more serious note, I thank Charlie for his constant support and assistance during these 11 years, for his inspiring ideas, many of which were incorporated into the work of the Chaplains of the organization as we try to travel as frequently as circumstances permit throughout New England between Board of Directors Meetings and this Annual Conference to serve the needs of New England Fire Service community.

We are most pleased by the same token to report to you that after a search of several months, in which all the Directors of the various states tapped the talents of Chaplains in their respective areas, to have selected a man uniquely qualified to assume Charlie Chalk's position as the Protestant Chaplain of the New England Fire Chiefs. And as I think as we enter the new millennium, that our choice selection is particularly interesting.

As Chief Wehter has indicated, Father Daniel Harris, Pastor of the Episcopal Church in Weymouth, Massachusetts, Chaplain of the Weymouth Fire Department, Chief Chaplain of the recently constituted Corps of Fire Service Chaplains in Massachusetts, which organization, by the way, has an official status, under the laws of the Commonwealth, as a segment of the Department of Fire Services. And he is also Chaplain of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. It is easy to see that whatever organizations I am not Chaplain of, Father Harris is.

[Laughter]

And so we welcome you with open arms. We look forward to a wonderful, productive, significant career together, Father Dan, as the new millennium unfolds before us. And I wish you a great welcome, as we also wish Charlie Chalk a very fond farewell, and hope, Charlie, that you will remain an active member of this organization. I thank all of you.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

SPEAKER: Mr. President, I think we might have missed something. Isn't it a motion to accept the Secretary's report?

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Could we have a motion to accept the Secretary's report.

CHIEF OTIS WYATT, RETIRED: [Narragansett, RI] I move the Secretary's report be accepted as read.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We would like to make sure that anyone that rises to speak would give their name and their state, or department and state, so that the stenographer could record it. Could we have a second?

CHIEF CHARLES F. MAURAS, RETIRED: [Marblehead, MA] I second that motion.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a motion to accept the Secretary's report that's been seconded. Any discussion?

Seeing or hearing none, all in favor?

[Aye]

Now, we'll get back to what I was going to say is, unlike Father Foley, even though our names begin with "F," I didn't eat the Blarney Stone. I'm very, very short worded. But Reverend Chalk, Charlie, I want to really thank you on behalf of the Association for the many years that you served us and served us well. Thank you very much.

Reverend Dan, I want to thank you for accepting the position. I know that you will add the same quality of service that Reverend Chalk did. Thank you both for accepting, and I thank Reverend Chalk for his many years of service. Now we go onto the Audit Committee Report. I'd like to call on Richard Baston.

CHIEF RICHARD M. BASTON: [North Yarmouth, ME] The Auditing Committee has met and reviewed the New England Association books for the past year. We have also reviewed the report of the Certified Public Accountant John T. Walsh, Jr. regarding the financial conditions of the Association. The Auditing Committee has found that all of the books of the Association are in order.

Last year's Auditing Committee recommended that the Association Assets be separated from the Conference receipts and expenses. This has been done. A full audit of the Association books are subject to a full audit if the receipts reach \$250,000, as certified by a Certified Public Accountant, on an annual basis, and this has been reached just this year, and a full audit has been done this year. We haven't received it yet, and it will be a couple more weeks before you get that. When he gets back, he'll have the whole thing. So it has been done.

We're a big business now. And the Audit Committee feels that our Treasurer should be bonded for One Million Dollars. He's bonded for \$200,000 now. We've gone over that.

The Committee also feels that our activities should be reviewed by our Insurance Liability Committee and recommendations from them be received and acted on. That's our report.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: You heard the Audit Committee report, can we have a motion?

CHIEF WYATT: I move that the audit report be accepted as read and the recommendations of both the bonding and insurance liability be carried out. And one step further, I respectfully ask that when the auditor's report is complete, that each State Director get a copy.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: You heard the motion, do we have a second?

CHIEF SIDNEY F. THURSTON, RETIRED: [Waterbury Center, VT] I second the motion.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: A motion has been made to accept the Audit Committee report as amended by Otis Wyatt. Is there any discussion?

Seeing none, all in favor?

[Aye]

I'd like to call on Chief Wehter for the Treasurer's report.

CHIEF WEHTER: I'll just clarify on the audit report there, as you know, our fiscal year ends on the 31st of May, so that it only gives us a couple of weeks to get the books done, which doesn't leave much time. But I spoke with the accountant, and he said he had about two to four more hours to finish the formal part of it to be a complete audit.

He's going to change the word "review" in the report to "audit." So it's not going to substantially change. But it doesn't give us much time from the time the fiscal year ends to get that full thing done. It cuts it close.

Now the annual report of the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year June 1, 1999 through May 31, 2000. To the Officers and Members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs Incorporated, I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2000.

Balance on hand 6/1/99	\$200,108.36 20
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RECEIPTS

Dues	14,687.50
Conference 1999	13,129.80
Conference 2000	18,833.00
Exhibit Receipts (83,210.00-1999 & 149,662.50-2000)	232,872.50

Red Book	300.00
Miscellaneous	936.92
Interest,	8,246.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS	289,005.92

EXPENSES

Office Supplies and equipment	1,621.82
Conference 1999	79,214.65
Conference 2000	24,654.38
Postage and mailing	1,715.00
Telephone	1,475.12
Memorials	344.00
Testimonials	380.08
Legal, Accounting, Insurance,	
Professional Services,	2,234.00
Pre-conference Director & Committee Meetings	11,482.76
Miscellaneous	50.00
Scholarships & Selection expenses	1,700.00
Exhibit Committee	16,930.88
Bank Charges	140.46
Refunds	8,917.00
Advertising	6,365.30
Donations	750.00
Consulting Fees	28,500.04
Red Book	5,449.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	191,924.99

SUMMARY

Balance on hand 6/1/9900	200,108.36
Total receipts 6/1/99 - 5/31/00	289,005.92
Total expenses 6/1/99 - 5/31/00	191,924.99
Transfer to CD's	30,000.00
Balances 5/31/00 - General Operating Fund	\$212,703.02
Certificate of Deposits	84,486.27
Total financial assets as of 5/31/00	197,189.29

This year's receipts exceeded expenses, and there was a gain of \$97,080.93 for the fiscal year from all sources. With the increase in the size of the conference both income and expenses increase. Air conditioning of the Young Building created a substantial increase in expenses, but eventually Eastern States will A/C the building.

This year the Board of Directors voted not to assess Honorary Life Members a \$10.00 fee to cover printing and

postage costs. State Directors have been directed to provide the Secretary/Treasurer with any changes within their State. The Board is committed to ensure a budget balance that will provide us for a conference default. At this time we do not have those resources which should be \$100,000.00 in reserve funds. This year we did transfer \$30,000.00 into Certificate of Deposits to add to the \$50,000.00 we started with the previous year, and will add to this after we have assessed our financial situation this year until we have reached our goal.

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 that we did realize from income a few years ago from the telemarketing campaign.

During this and 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 again set at \$450.000 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 for the Association.

All financial records of the corporation are reviewed or subject to a full audit if receipts exceed \$250,000.00 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 eight years, and I hope to do so for many more.

Respectfully submitted, Chief Richard K. Wehter, Retired Secretary/Treasurer

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Thank you, Dick. What is your pleasure?

CHIEF JOHN P. JENKINS: [West Barnstable, MA] I recommend we accept as presented.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Do we have a second?

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

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a motion that's been made and seconded. Any discussion on the Treasurer's Report? Seeing none, we'll come to a vote. All in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed? Unanimous.

Now, I'll call upon Chief Charles Maurais to give his Exhibit Report.

CHIEF CHARLES F. MAURAI, RETIRED: [Marblehead, MA] President Flaherty Board of Directors and Members, I herewith submit the report of the Exhibit Committee for the 2000 New England Fire/Rescue/EMS Expo.

On April 18, 2000, Conference Registration Packets were mailed to 668 vendors. An additional 42 were mailed out after April 18 to new vendors, for a total of 710.

Over 940 Vendor Name Badges were printed for pre-registration and approximately 1,000 badges were made and issued to exhibitors.

Contracted Exhibit Space:

Inside 8' x 10'	264
Vehicles Spaces	<u>114</u>
Total	378

There were 228 Companies represented at this year's Expo.

Total Receipts	\$206,675.00
Outstanding	<u>1,150.00</u>
Committed	\$207,825.00

A total of 21 new companies have displayed with us this year. There were 14 exhibitors who cancelled prior to the Expo, and this should be addressed at the next Board of Directors meeting.

I would like to thank President Flaherty for appointing me as Chairman of the Exhibit Committee and the Board of Directors for their support throughout the year. I would like to thank my wife Linda for all her hard work. I would also like to

thank Judy Marshall and Harold Roeder of the Vendors Association for all their help and support. A special thank you to Jerry Lipman for the portable radios. I would like to thank the Chiefs from the New England Division, New England Association, and the Mechanics from the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association for their help in setting up the exhibits and during the Expo. I would like to give many thanks to Mary Anne Flaherty, Pat and Otie Wyatt, Gayle Misto, Gale Sylvester-DeMeelo, Jane Barton, Dolores Thurston, Mary Flaherty, Nancy Webster, Claudia Pelonzi, Estelle Sylvester, Kathleen Chalk, Charlie Bradley, and Jen Howard for all their help with the Exhibitor's Registration area. The smooth operation of the vendors office could not have been achieved without the tremendous support from all organizations, and we thank you all.

Respectfully submitted, Chief Charles F. Maurais,
Retired, Chairman Exhibit Committee, N.E.A.F.C.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Thank you, Charlie. I'll entertain a motion to accept the Exhibit Report.

CHIEF SIDNEY F.] THURSTON, RETIRED: [Waterbury Center, VT] I so move.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: John Woods, would you like to second that?

CHIEF JOHN WOOD: [Hartford, VT] Sure. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a motion on the floor and seconded to accept the Exhibit Report. I just want to make sure, John, you got into the magazine. Is there any discussion on the Exhibit Report? Seeing none, all in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

The ayes have it unanimous.

I'd like to call on Chief Michael Howard of Hooksett, New Hampshire for the Education Committee.

CHIEF MICHAEL HOWARD: [Hooksett, NH] The Education Committee, I'd like to start off by recognizing the committee members and ask that they stand when I name them. Chief Sylvester, our First Vice President, Chief Misto, Director from Rhode Island, Chief Richards, the Director from Connecticut, Chief Barton, the director from Maine, Chief Russo, who I believe is the Mass. Director from the Division. Nick is in the back there. I'd also like to recognize Chief Lambert, the Director from New Hampshire. Further, I think it's important to recognize Chief Flaherty and Secretary/Treasurer Wehter for all



Chief Michael Howard gives the Education Committee Report



Chief Dennis Budd, Worcester, MA delivers the Keynote session

Chief Frank
Sylvester (L) presents
plaque to
Chief Dennis Budd
for his Keynote
presentation on the
Worcester tragedy.



Massachusetts State
Fire Marshal Stephen
Coan receives
congratulations from
Chief Sylvester for his
co-sharing the Keynote
session on the
statewide mobilization
for the Worcester
Incident and the
lessons learned.

The Fallen
Firefighters
Foundation
team receive
congratulations
and thanks for
their six hour
presentation, from
Chief Joe Misto (L)
and Chief Tom
Lambert (R)

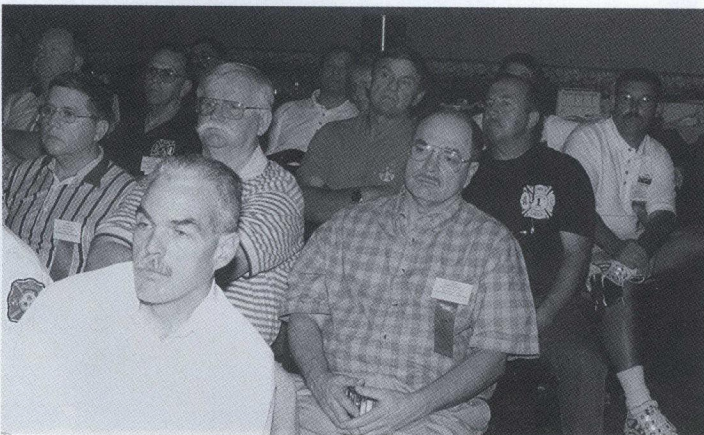
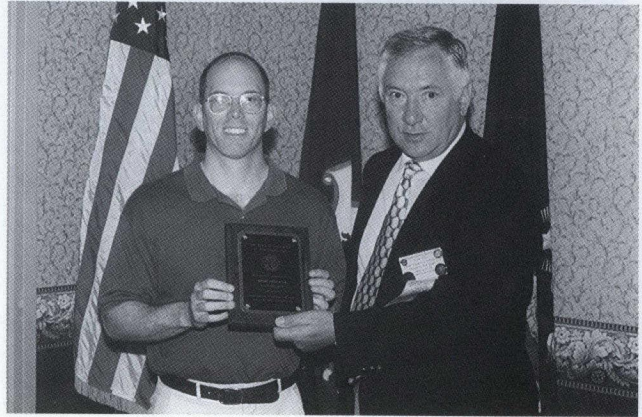


Education



Asst. Chief Paul Wentworth (L) of the Providence Fire Dept. receives plaque from Chief Joe Misto for his presentation on the Gordon Ave near conflagration.

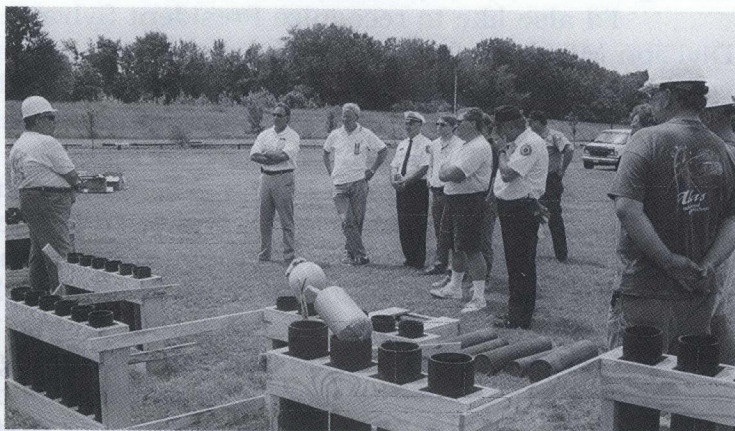
Chief Joe Misto (R) presents plaque to Todd Dickson for the ISO presentation.



Members listen attentively at the seminars

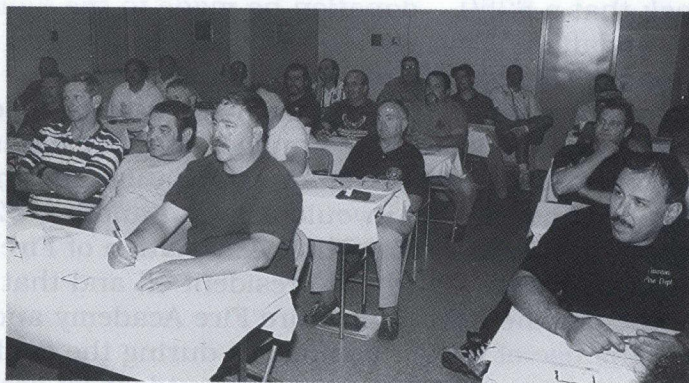
Hands on Training at Expo Center

Real live
fireworks display
set up training
on the Expo
grounds.



Hands on training
from Holmatro
Rescue Tools

New England
Mechanics
Association
members attend
all day pump class
in the Young
Building.



of their help in assisting our Education Committee, particularly during these last couple months, as we finalize the program.

I'd also like to recognize President Sylvaria and the Division Members for all of their help during the program. I would like to recognize Bill Hollick from Trade and all of the various regional trade directors of that group in New England and Judy Marshall from the Vendors for all of her help, in helping us to get vendors to put on programs at the Big E.

And, finally, in that initial group, I'd like to recognize the Mechanics Association, who joined us this year and provided a very good program on pumps on Saturday at the thing.

Next, for the second year in a row, I'd like to ask him to stand, the Director of Fire Standards and Training for the State of New Hampshire, Rick Mason, who provided all of our AV equipment, some \$25,000 worth of equipment that saved the Association a significant amount of money, and I'd like Rick to stand and be recognized.

[Applause]

Earlier in meetings with the Directors in the Division earlier this year, a budget was set of \$10,000 for your Education Committee. We will come well within that budget. A couple of things that I'll share with you, that we will hopefully be acting on in the upcoming meetings, I will recommend to the Board, hopefully with the endorsement of the Education Committee Members, that we hire what would hopefully be called an education coordinator, starting with next year's conference and pay that person a few dollars to help administer and assist the Education Committee with that program.

With that I would ask that when you consider this report, that the following three items be added to, that would still fall within this budget of \$10,000: The first would be that I ask that a \$250 donation be made to the Fallen Firefighter's Foundation. They put on the program, I'm not sure of the exact name, "Taking Care of our Own", on Saturday. I would ask that we make a \$250 donation to them. I would also ask that you allow us to pay out of the budget, and the funds are available, that we would pay the Trade Association and their instructor staffs. And, finally, I would ask that another \$250 donation be made to the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chaplains, which I believe Charlie is President of, and that would be to recognize the New Hampshire Fire Academy and Director Mason for the use of the AV equipment during the conference.

Over the three days, the outdoor lot sessions were a disappointment. The only outdoor lot session that had any

involvement was the New England Fire Marshall's Association session on Saturday, where they did a full walk through on fireworks. I believe Chief Russo was down there from the committee, and Nick offered some very positive comments about that. We will continue to work on those outside activities for next year.

We've learned many lessons from this year's education, trying to increase it. We had gifts given to us for the sessions here at the hotel by L.W. Bills. He donated four small fire alarm boxes. They're trigger type gifts. Anton's had two \$25 gift certificates that were also given out. And on the opening program on Saturday, we had a helmet given to us by Fire Tech and Safety of New England, a white chief's helmet that was raffled off as well.

Through this morning's program, the attendance on Saturday was 230 people, give or take a few. We had 125 people at the main session, 13 at the Fallen Fire Fighter's Program, I think it was 52 at the Mechanics, and approximately 45 people for some of the daytime sessions at the Big E. I'd also mention that the other session that did pretty well outside was Pierce's All-Steer Demonstration.

On Sunday, we had 40 people for the opening speaker here and approximately 40 people throughout the day at the various sessions at the Big E. And then this morning, there was a little over 51 people here for the ISO program, and I'm not sure what the numbers are for the remainder of the day. So at this point, we stand in the count of 360 plus for the Education Program.

Initially there was 30 programs designed, with over 58 sessions over 3 days. I will have a final report for the next Board meeting, but obviously we did not make those total sessions. The programs were available, but many sessions went unfilled. That's the report.

John and Dick have brought to my attention that the Trade Association Instructors were from Massachusetts and Connecticut, so I would ask if you accept the report, that those would be the two State Academies that we would pay once those bills are received at the next Board meeting. That's the report of the Education Committee.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Before I ask for a vote on this, I really would like to thank Mike Howard for the tremendous job he did with the Education Committee. Mike has put in 20 hours, 25 hours a week just trying to schedule this. We have 58

various sessions here. And Mike and his secretary up in New Hampshire have put in a ton of hours, under very trying conditions.

Mike up until last week didn't even have a budget for his department. Mike, I really appreciate it, and on behalf of the New England Association, I want to thank you.

[Applause]

Now, you heard the Education Report, what is your pleasure?

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: [Lincoln, RI] Mr. President, I move that we accept the Education Committee's Report, and I also move we accept the recommendations that were made here today.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a motion on floor, is it seconded?

CHIEF JAMES N. RUSSO: [Hull, MA] I'll second it.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing none, all in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

Chief Misto of Westerly, Rhode Island, and his report is on the Advertising Committee.

CHIEF JOSEPH A. MISTO, SR.: [Westerly, RI] The report of the Advertising Committee. As you all know, we changed the format of the advertising for the conference. It came out as a full color brochure. The original brochure that we had intended to put out was a 12 page brochure. As we worked with the brochure, we started adding pages for, first of all, we had requests for advertising in the brochure, and we added a memorial page, I don't know how many of you have seen this, but we added a memorial page to the back of it. We ended up with a 16 page brochure.

In the mailing of this brochure, we had some problems with the mailing lists and the combining of three Associations, the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, the New England Division of the IFC, and the Mechanics Association. In putting the list together, it didn't quite work out. There were duplications in the mailings. Some of you got one, some of you got two, three, four. This created a large additional expense. We originally printed 5,000 of these, and we were 1500 short, 1100 short. We had to go back to a reprinting. While I don't have the exact figures in front of me because of the newspaper, some of

these haven't come in, I'd like to take an opportunity to thank some people, and I hope I don't forget anybody. I'd like to thank Judy Marshall, who works with the vendors. I'd like to thank David Sylvaria, he's the New England Division President. They were very, very instrumental with many, many hours of phone conversations and trips to and from the printer to come up with something like this.

I'd like to thank Dick Wehter, who furnished endless amounts of information that had to go in, forms that had to go in. I'd like to thank Harold Roeder, he supplied numerous pictures to pick from that had to go in the brochure. I can't think of anybody else, but I might have missed somebody. There were so many that we made phone calls to to get this information. I want to just make just one more comment. When we started this, this was going to be a three year program, and it was to take the initial year to put the layout in and what we were looking for. And so far I haven't had any complaints. Next year the cost of it should come down because we know how to do it, and we know the concept that we want to use. I want to thank everybody else that contributed to this, and that's the report.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: This gentleman has done a tremendous job in the Advertising Committee, as Chair of the Advertising Committee this year. He put out a brochure, he and his committee put out a brochure, and he's very bashful. He gives all the credit to everyone else. But that's all we received since it went out is compliments on the quality and professionalism of the brochure, and I want to thank you, Joe, for all of the effort that you put in for making this possible.

[Applause]

I'd like to call on Ed Richards for the Parade Committee Report. Ed is from Enfield, Connecticut.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: I would move we accept the Advertising Report.

CHIEF WOOD: I second that.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: I'm trying to move this meeting along and missing out on the report. We have a motion to accept the Advertising Committee Report, seconded by Mr. John Wood, Hartford, Vermont.

CHIEF EDWARD RICHARDS: [Enfield, CT] First and foremost, I'd like to thank Father Foley and Reverend Chalk and Harris for the beautiful weather that we had for the parade. Without that, it wouldn't have been much. We had about 150

apparatus. We don't have a final count yet. The President's Cup winner was Lime, Connecticut, with a 1927 antique. And the great thing about that is they're from Connecticut, so that keeps that President's Cup in Connecticut, which it has been since the inception of the parade.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: I wonder why.

CHIEF RICHARDS: What I'd really like to do is I'd like to thank the Parade Committee members, many of whom are here. I'd like you to stand and be recognized. They do a lot of work on this parade, through the year and during the meetings and during the parade. Please stand and be recognized. I see several in the audience.

[Applause].

I'd like to express my sincere thanks to Judy Marshall, who takes an active part in the Parade Committee, and through her efforts raised \$7,000 in parade sponsorships to support the parade. I'd like to thank the Mechanics Association. They do the judging. They come down and help out and do a great job with them.

I'd also like to thank Chief Flaherty and the West Springfield Fire Fighter's Association for providing the facility and the doing the cooking for the picnic that followed the parade. We had a great time afterwards, although the weather could have been a little cooler, Father Foley. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: If the stenographer could just put the — we made a motion and we seconded, but we never voted on it. If seconded. Could put it in the right place. Is there any discussion on the previous motion from the Advertising Committee? Seeing none, all in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

Fine.

Again, why this whole conference has been a success is the committee work done by not only the Advertising Committee, the Golf Committee, and all the committees there, it's just tremendous the amount of work all these people have put in. And I want to thank Ed Richards. You wouldn't believe how many committee members he does have. Dick Wehter didn't believe it last year when I asked him for a couple of boxes of hats. He said how many people are on this committee anyway? And I said plenty. There's probably 70 people volunteering their time. A lot of the chiefs in Western Mass. and the surrounding area, and that's why the parade is such a huge success. But it's no small part to the leadership of Chief Richards from Enfield.

[Applause]

Registration Committee. I asked Chief Sylvaria from the Division, who is working on registration for me, he's done an excellent job on the registration in trying to capture who was attending the conference. And he was here, I asked him to do something for me, and he is, but I want to speak on his behalf.

He has done a tremendous job. He and members of his department have taken over, taken the information that has been retrieved from the registration forms and compiling a good list for us to use in future conferences. He's done a tremendous amount of work, not only on the Registration Committee, but on the Advertising Committee and really anything we've asked of him. So I would like to just put that out there, but give him a round of applause for a job well done.

[Applause]

Golf Committee. Chief Pelonzi ran a beautiful golf tournament this year. He had no interference from me. Well, I started, but he told me where to head in. But he has done a tremendous job. And, again, the golf fees paid for all expenses, so Kenny, thank you very much for a job well done.

[Applause]

Anything under old business, Dick? Would you like to bring anything up under old business? I'd like to have a report from the Historian, Otie Wyatt, Narragansett, Rhode Island.

CHIEF WYATT: Gentlemen, during the past year, the Historian has had some help and appreciates it from the West Warwick and Lime Rock Fire Departments in Rhode Island, who have located 63 copies of red books for past years between 1938 and 1990. While the original intent was to move excess books from one library to another, that transfer has not yet taken place. We have four libraries in progress. The secretary, one each in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. During the past year, members from Connecticut were also going to explore the need and/or the possibility of having a library in that state.

We still have a need for Red Books between the years 1923 and 1937 and 1966 and 1969. Other than that, we have enough books to complete the four libraries. But we need those years, and we need two books in each of those years.

At the request of the President, I've been researching the material available in the Red Books we do have in order to summarize events for yesteryear for a future presentation to the membership in summary form, planned to be put in the Red Book. Since Mert Dyer has the oldest books, he is composing

that now. I saw him here Saturday, and he will forward that to me to go into the Red Book.

As directed at the last meeting, there have been some 100 retired chief's dress blues patches made. One was distributed to the secretary of each Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs for them to discuss with their respective Divisions and obtain a consensus. That process has not yet been completed so far as I know. All expenses associated with that order have been handled by Retired Chief Mert Dyer. He indicated to me Saturday that he was planning to make a gift to this Association of all those expenses which amount to just a little under \$400.

The copyright process has been completed. As you may remember, the New England Association of Fire Chiefs and the New England Division has supported this completely, and it's endorsed, and it's in place. We're seeking to have it placed on a national basis. Director Roger Bradley has started a resolution. He's going to forward that copy to me. I'm on the Resolutions Committee for the International. That will be brought up in Dallas when we have a meeting on Thursday, the 24th, and I don't foresee any difficulties with getting the approval. But we'll have to see what the secretaries say when we get to Dallas.

There are a few retired chiefs who wrote me asking for directions as to the patch placement, and we have agreed all the patches are going to be put on the right sleeve, a half an inch above the gold top bar, if you have a series of gold rings, your chief marks, many chiefs use five, and on top of that, they may have one row of hash mark type situations. In that case, the patch will go a half an inch above the top row. If you don't have that much, it goes four inches up from the edge of the cuff on the right sleeve. I think that has taken in everything.

I want to turn over to the Secretary today the first monies that have come in for the patch. They're available to Retired Chief Officers for \$5 a piece. And I'm turning over to the Treasurer \$45 for the first nine patches that have been sold and installed on people's uniforms here in New England and request that the Treasurer keep this in a separate line item so we know what comes in with this, to balance off, hopefully to show them it's worth the investment and the approximate cost of getting it started. And I believe that, Mr. President, is the Report of the Historian.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: You heard the report of the Historian, what is your pleasure?

CHIEF RUSSO: I move we accept the report and the recommendation as given.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a motion on the floor. Is there a second?

CHIEF ROBERT FOSTER: [Holland, MA] I second the motion.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a motion that's been seconded. Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

We're going back and just insert under the Registration Committee the person that was supposed to give the report. I was giving my accolades to the additional information and actually registering at the conference. Dick Wehter is going to come forward and give you a report on the attendance for this conference. Dick.

CHIEF WEHTER: The total registration of members was 125, and there were 60 spouses, for a total of 185. The day pass registrations are incomplete at this time, but it looks like we had over 2,000 yesterday and probably in the neighborhood of 1400 on Saturday. We'll probably have a more accurate account when Dave Sylvaria's committee gets their tabulations completed. Obviously, I can't give you today's because this is going on right now.

We do have a problem over at the exhibit hall with people opening doors and people getting in. And for whatever reason, I'm sure several hundred got in there yesterday, through many various means, especially exhibitors going out through their emergency exits and leaving the door open and people coming in. And it's not that big of a deal because we don't charge for entry.

But the big deal is we're trying to get a decent database of people who attend, so that we can focus on sending those people those brochures to insure that they get the information in a timely fashion, and, hopefully, we'll increase our attendance at the HOT sessions and all the educational sessions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Thank you, Dick. Can we have a motion on the Registration Report given by Chief Wehter?

CHIEF WYATT: I'm pleased to accept the Registration Report.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Do we have a second?

CHIEF THURSTON: I'll second that.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor?

[Aye]

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: Pursuant to what Dick just said, I noted it was last year's main entrance, this year someone apparently went in after the parade was over and opened that door, and everybody was streaming in that entrance there. So I mean you lost several hundred count right there.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: I understand that. I also understand from the Sergeant In Arms that there is a slow effect of all these people trying to do registration forms after the parade. So maybe with the Web site and maybe with the information that we get from the registrations this year, we could insure that these people have those registration forms all filled out when they come, so they're able to pass them out.

Old business, nothing under old business. Seeing none, move on to new business. Under new business, election of officers and directors. It will be the Rhode Island President, would somebody from Rhode Island like to make a motion?

ASSISTANT CHIEF ARTHUR A. JACQUES: [Lincoln, RI] I'd like to nominate my good friend Frank Sylvester.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Is there a second?

CHIEF MARCEL G. COMIRE: [Manville, RI] I second the motion.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a motion that's been made and seconded for the President of Rhode Island, for the President of the New England Association. All in favor?

[Aye]

Is there any other nominations? Seeing none, we'll move on. First Vice President.

CHIEF PAULEY: [Milford, NH] Mr. President, it's a great honor to nominate Chief Mike Howard from Hooksett, New Hampshire for First Vice President.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a motion on the floor for Chief Howard. Is there any other nominations for First Vice President? Can we have a second to that nomination for Chief Howard?

CHIEF ROGER BRADLEY: [Hanover, NH] I second it.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: So we have a motion on the floor for Michael Howard as the First Vice President. All in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

Second Vice President from Connecticut.

CHIEF DAVID JORSEY: [East Berlin, CT] Mr. President, it's a great honor to nominate Eddie Richards from Enfield,

Connecticut as the Second Vice President.

CHIEF MARK T. KERR, RETIRED: [Simsbury, CT] I'd like to second that motion.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a motion on floor for Chief Edward Richards for Second Vice President. Is there any other nominations? Seeing none, all in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

We have Secretary/Treasurer. Would someone like to make a motion?

CHIEF SYLVESTER: I would like to place the name of Richard Wehter for the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a motion on the floor for Chief Richard Wehter as Secretary/Treasurer. Is there a second?

CHIEF KENNETH PELONZI: [Beverly, MA] Chief Pelonzi, Beverly, MA, the birth place of the American Navy, I would like to second that motion.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a motion on the floor that's been made and seconded. Is there any other nominations for Secretary/Treasurer? Seeing none, all in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

CHIEF WEHTER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: What we're going to have here now are the announcements from the Directors of the various states, Massachusetts. Would someone like to make a motion?

SPEAKER: Mr. President, with great pleasure, I would like to make a motion to nominate Chief Alan Roy, Palmer, Massachusetts as a Director.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: What we're doing here is each individual state has selected their Director, so we're just announcing the Director from Massachusetts, and congratulations, Alan.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: What I'd like to do here is thank my good friend, my buddy, Chief Pelonzi from Beverly, who has done a tremendous job as Director from Massachusetts. Kenny has informed me that in the not too distant future, he's looking at retirement, and he thought it would be in the best interest of the Association if he allowed someone to work with me in the coming year so that they would get their feet wet. Kenny, I really appreciate all the work you've done for me and for the Association over those years, and I hope you'll still come

to the meetings.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

The new Director from Connecticut.

CHIEF EDWARD RICHARDS: [Enfield, CT] That position will remain vacant until such time as the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association can ratify a selection.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Moving right along to Rhode Island.

CHIEF WYATT: The great State of Rhode Island that had the Quonset Navy Base, that tried to show Beverly how to run a Navy, but we have the outstanding Coast Guard Facilities of which Charlie Maurais was the pride of the Coast Guard. Our President is a ranking officer in the Coast Guard Reserves. But it gives me great pleasure, despite all that rhetoric, to place before you the name of Joe Misto, who has been selected by the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs as their Director for this year.

[Applause].

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Congratulations, Joe.
Maine Director.

CHIEF RICHARD M. BASTON: [North Yarmouth, ME] Maine is going to return John Barton, who is doing an excellent job for us.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: That's for sure, too.
Congratulations, John.

[Applause]

New Hampshire Director.

CHIEF RICHARD PAULEY: [Milford, NH] Mr. President, it's my pleasure to announce that the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs has put Tom Lambert from Northampton as our Director again.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Congratulations, Tom.

[Applause]

Vermont Director.

CHIEF THURSTON: It's my pleasure to keep Mr. Webster in the position he's been in for the past few years.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Very good, Sidney.
Congratulations, Ed.

[Applause]

This is the part of the program where we set the salary for Secretary/Treasurer. Do we have a recommendation from the Board?

CHIEF SYLVESTER: Mr. President, the recommendation from the Board is a four percent increase for the

Secretary/Treasurer.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a motion on floor to give the Secretary/Treasurer a four percent increase, is there a second?

CHIEF WYATT: I second that.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: There's a motion on the floor and seconded. Is there any discussion on the motion?

CHIEF JOHN P. JENKINS: [West Barnstable, MA] Would you include the dollar amount in as part of the motion?

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: \$800.

CHIEF JENKINS: That's the increase?

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Yes. His salary is \$20,000, so it's four percent of \$20,000. Any discussion? All in favor?

[Aye]

Opposed?

I'd like to also at this time announce that the Board of Directors has taken a similar position for the Exhibit Chairman. Now it's the Board of Directors that set that salary, and that salary will get a four percent increase also.

Presentation by Chief Sylvester.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: I hate to step in front of you, John, but I know that we know that Father Flaherty has the Irish golden tongue, and I have the sick wit, but we do have a presentation for you. When I came on the job 36 years ago, when a chief was retiring, after serving, years ago chiefs used to serve probably 10, 15 years as a chief, and then they'd retire. The chief used to get a gold watch for putting in 30, 35 years of service. They'd give them a gold watch, then they'd take them down to the Social Security Office and have them apply for Social Security. They didn't know what pension plans were in those days.

John, I want to say to you, after serving one year, you're getting a gold watch from us, and I want to say thank you, John.

[Applause and laughter.]

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Thank you very much. I really appreciate it. I don't know what I can say. Everyone seemed to enjoy this conference. Everybody had a good time. The vendors did well at the conference. Last night we even had Reverend Chalk dancing over at the pavilion, and everybody really wanted to continue because everybody was having a good time. And there's been many comments made to me that it was because of me or because of Mary or what, but it isn't. It's because of all the people that participated in it.



1st VP Frank Sylvester (L) presents gold Chiefs watch to President John J. Flaherty in recognition of his outstanding service to the Association.

I had a great working relationship with the New England Division, with Dave Sylvaria, John Wood. I had a great working relationship with Paul Lamoureux of the Mechanics Association, Judy Marshall of the Vendors Association, and really, as I told you before, a working relationship with the Board of Directors. Everybody put in a hundred percent, which made this year easy on everyone.

There was a lot of work. Our Sergeant at Arms had a tremendous amount of work to do. But this year has been a great year. I'm happy it's over, but I'll be here to help Frank in the future. I want to thank you all for participating, and I think that you all owe yourselves a round of applause for a nice, successful conference.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

Is there any other business to come before the organization? Sorry, Frank. Chief Sylvester.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: I only have a few remarks. This here year was Chief John Flaherty's year, and I would like to see quite a few people to show up to the banquet to honor John leaving office. But John is always going to be around as long as I'm here and so isn't Kenny and Mike Howard and the members on the Board that have really worked hard to make this conference what it is today.

You're not going to believe this year here, but I have to tell you the truth, about ten years ago, Joe Misto and I couldn't even get in the door. And here we are after ten years, Joe sitting on the Board of Directors, and I'm becoming President of the Organization. It's an Organization that's worked hard to get where it is today. It's an Organization we can all be proud of today. We've done an awful lot within the last couple of years. We've done more within the last three years than we've done over here in probably the last 20 years. And when I say that, I say that by what we did as far as working together and merging, bringing in the Division, along with the Association, bringing in the Mechanics, causing this Organization to grow, having the support of all the Chiefs throughout the six states of New England, which I'm proud of. I'm proud to be from New England.

Questions I've asked, a lot of them have been answered, very few were difficult to answer, but they were answered. I asked John one day, I says, "How come we really celebrate a chief that's being knocked out of office, and the guy coming in office we don't really know who he is until he's coming out of

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Chief Frank M. Sylvester

Limerock Fire District

Lincoln, Rhode Island

office?" And John said, "Frank, that's the system." And I said, "Geez, when the President of the United States gets elected President, and he's being sworn into office, they have a huge Inauguration for him, a big parade for him, and a big celebration, and when he's going out of office he becomes homeless. He loses his house on 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, he loses his job, he loses his airplane, he loses everything." I said, "Around here when a chief is going out of office, we certainly celebrate them."

I just want to say, John, this is your year. We're here to celebrate you. And I want to tell you, John, I really enjoyed the friendship I made with you and the members of the Board and most of the chiefs throughout New England. If I hadn't have been here, I wouldn't have known you, and I just want to say thank you very much.

And before I close, I made a mistake here Saturday morning, and I want to thank Father Foley for correcting the mistake. At this time I would like to have Marshall Cohen stand up and be recognized, because Marshall Owen did one hell of a job Saturday. This is the real John Owen from my State's Fire Marshall's office, State of Rhode Island. Thank you very much.

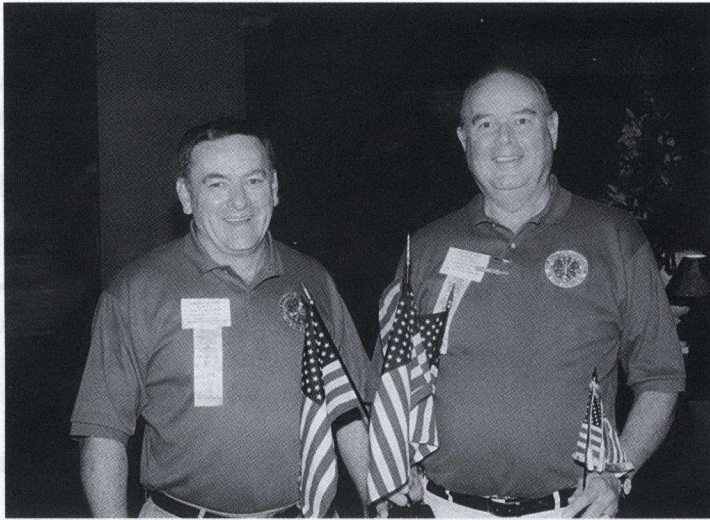
PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: I'd like to add to why they celebrate going out of office. You know when you're in office, you're the President, and you like to have a party because you're as happy as hell to get out of there.

[Laughter]

I want to thank you, Frank, and I want to wish you well on your new year. I'm sure it's going to be a success also. Any other business to come before the body? Remarks for the good of the Association, Chief Wehter.

CHIEF WEHTER: Over the years, our conference has grown and grown, and each year it gets harder and harder to make sure that the things we select are the right things to do at the conference. So it's really important that we hear from you about what you liked and what you didn't like. So tell us how you felt about the conference. We'll all like to know. A lot of time and effort goes into the planning process of conferences and coming up with these theme nights and all these different activities. And if you appreciate it and liked it, tell us. If you didn't like it, tell us that too. We'd like to hear it. Thanks.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Under remarks also, during our brief Board of Directors meeting, we recognized the fine work that was done by Frank O'Brien, my Sergeant At Arms, and for



Sgt. At Arms, Chief Frank O'Brien of Westfield, MA (L) with
Ret. Sgt. at Arms, Chief Anthony Jarvis of Ludlow, MA.

Thanks for all the behind the scenes work that you do for us.



Chief Dennis Budd of Worcester (R) is presented a check for \$2,500.00 from the
Association by President Flaherty for the Worcester Six fund.

Tony Jarvis, who, the two of them were outstanding in the amount of work that they did. But I'm sure Tony is going to be crippled, and Frank is going to be crippled for two weeks for carrying all those flags all over the place. But I think we owe them a deep show of gratitude and certainly our applause.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

Frank O'Brien is stepping down, and Chief Sylvester has appointed Dave Jorsey as the Sergeant At Arms for this coming year. And Frank and Tony said they'd be more than happy to assist you, Dave, because you're going to need a lot of assistance, let me tell you. But I want to introduce Dave Jorsey, the new Sergeant At Arms.

[Applause]

Is there any other remarks? I want to also introduce Mike Brown. Well, Mike Brown was like Reverend Chalk over at that barbecue last night. He didn't get off that dance floor, and that's all he had was a smile on his face. Would you like to say a couple of words?

CHIEF MICHAEL BROWN: [Port Orchard, WA] Sure. Well, it's truly been a pleasure being here. Your hospitality has been absolutely incredible. I did have a great time last night, and I think that if that's going to be a trend, that you take an opportunity to get out of the hotel and just kind of let down and have a good time, it's good for everybody, and it was sure good for me. Just a brief comment about things that I see when I traveled around this last year, and the critical thing is unity in the fire service, and you've said that several times. Everything we can do to unite ourselves and speak with a single voice, the more successful we will be. So thank you for letting me come. I've really enjoyed it. I hope to be back next year. Thank you.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: In this room also today, we have one of our own that is going to be running for Second Vice President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, who is also, I believe, the Second Vice President of the Mass. Chiefs, and I would like the six states in New England, which I believe he will be travelling to very shortly, to give support to Nick Russo out of the Hull, MA.

[Applause]

At this time, Mr. President, I would definitely like to make a motion to contribute money to start off the campaign for Nick Russo's election. At this time I'd like to make a motion we donate \$1,000 for his campaign to start off. We have a motion on the floor to contribute \$1,000 to Nick's campaign for Second Vice President.

CHIEF PETER LAMB: [Newport, NH] I'd like to second that.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a motion made and seconded to contribute \$1,000 to Nick Russo's campaign for Second Vice President of the International. Any questions? Seeing none, all in favor?

[Aye]

With that, it draws to a close this meeting. I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: So moved, Mr. President. We have a motion. Seconded.

CHIEF PELONZI: Seconded.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: All in favor?

[Aye]

(Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.)

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I, Vicki L. Britt, hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of the 78th Annual Meeting of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs is a true and accurate transcription of my stenographic notes taken on June 26, 2000.

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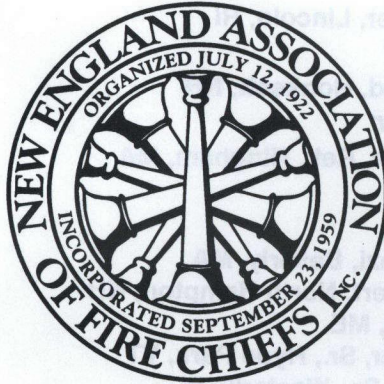
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Welcome of Association(s) Officers & Directors - Lead by NEAFC Sgt. at Arms
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Invocation

Reverend Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain
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Pledge to the Flag

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West Springfield, Massachusetts

Address of Welcome

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Introduction of Guests

Master of Ceremonies

Dinner is Served

Presentations

Master of Ceremonies/President/Secretary

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Tony Vee

Comedian

Swearing in Ceremony

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New President(s) Address

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Chief Frank M. Sylvester, Lincoln, RI

NEDIAFC

Chief Richard McDonough, Southington, CT

Closing Remarks

Chief David G. Sylvaria - NEDIAFC - PRESIDENT

Chief John J. Flaherty-NEAFC - PRESIDENT

Closing Hymn

"America the Beautiful" by Chief John P. Jenkins

Benediction - Rev. Charles L. Chalk, Chaplain

PRESIDENT(S) MESSAGE

N.E.A.F.C. - Chief John J. Flaherty

As the twenty-first century begins, we can look back with pride on how our annual conference and exposition has grown. This year the New England Fire Chiefs took another giant step forward and set the tone for future conferences. A beautiful color conference and parade registration brochure was produced. The six New England Fire Marshal's with the help of Atlas Advanced Pyrotechnics, Inc., New England Fire Academies Trade Association, New England Fire Chiefs, New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association (who just joined the conference this year), and the vendors presented a total of 61 educational seminars and hands on training courses in the Young Building and on the Big "E" grounds. Also, our own web site (www.newenglandfirechiefs.org/) was created.

I would like to thank the chairmen and their committee members, the N.E.F.A.M.A., N.E.F.E.E.A., and the N.E.D.I.A.F.C. for their hard work and support in making the New England Fire/Rescue/EMS Conference and Exposition a premier event.

May God watch over and guide us in the years to come.
Chief John J. Flaherty - 78th President

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As we start a new century, the challenge of providing an ever expanding service to our communities will be very formidable.

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Have a safe trip home, see you next year.
Chief David G. Sylvaria

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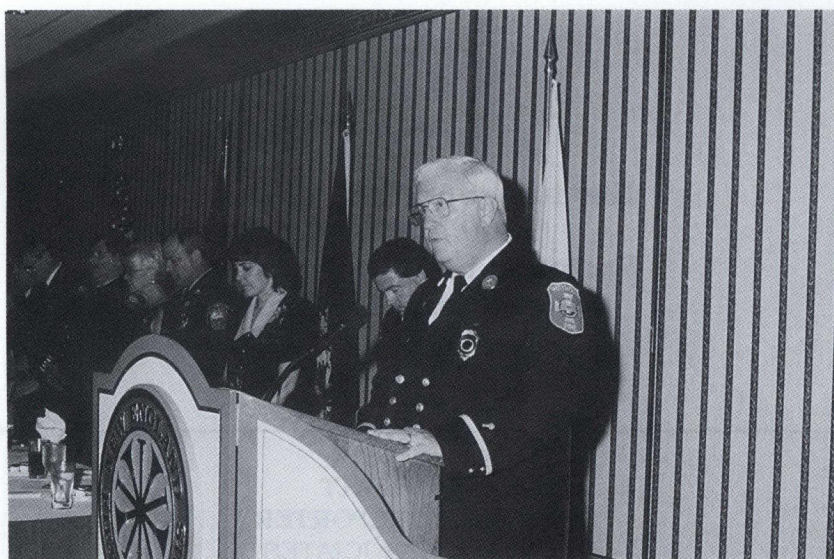
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Monday, June 26, 2000

P R O C E E D I N G S

Annual Banquet

MR. DENNIS MILES: [Master of Ceremonies] Please remain standing for the invocation being offered by Reverend Dan Harris.

REVEREND DANIEL HARRIS: [South Weymouth, MA] Let us pray, O Lord and Father of all, allow us here to be aware that you are the giver of every good and worthwhile gift; that our lives are in your keeping; that our endeavors are directed by your leadership; that our successes and failures are known to you and that your love and concern are limitless. Favor us with your blessing, as we attempt to continue to fulfill our duties. Send us forth with commitment to serve, renew us with your strength to do our jobs, with your wisdom to make the right decisions, and with your courage that we may be freed from fear. Keep us, God, in your safety. Amen.

[Amen]

MR. MILES: The National Anthem will now be sung by Chief John P. Jenkins, West Barnstable, MA, accompanied by on the piano by Reverend Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain.

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

MR. MILES: The Pledge to the flag will be done by Chief John J. Flaherty, President.

PRESIDENT JOHN J. FLAHERTY: [West Springfield, MA] Will you all please join me. [The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by President Flaherty.]

MR. MILES: Thank you, John. Please be seated. Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Dennis Miles, and I'm from the from the Town of West Springfield, and it gives me great honor to be here this evening for this great event. At this time, I would like to call upon the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of West Springfield, Anthony DiStefano, to give the greeting on behalf of the Town of West Springfield.

[Applause]

MR. ANTHONY DISTEFANO: Thank you, Dennis. Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. It is my pleasure to welcome you all this evening on behalf of both the Board of Selectmen and the citizens of West Springfield. We would like to extend our best wishes to you all on this, the occasion of your 78th Annual

The Head Table



Conference and Exhibition. We trust that your stay in the West Springfield, Springfield area has been a productive one, and we look forward to your returning here again next year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate outgoing Division President David Sylvaria and Association President Chief John Flaherty for the outstanding job that they did to bring this conference together in such a successful manner. Again, we welcome you to the Pioneer Valley, and we hope you enjoy the remainder of your visit. Thank you.

[Applause]

MR. MILES: Thank you, Anthony. At this time, I'd like to recognize some of the guests for Fire Chief John Flaherty that are here this evening, an honor that I'll take some opportunity to recognize those that are here and then pass the baton to John so he can recognize others. John prompted me a little bit before I came up here, as I was recognizing the three members of the Board of Selectmen for their infinite wisdom 14 years ago as they actually appointed him to the Chief of the Town of West Springfield. So really those aren't my words but —

[Laughter]

But I would also say a couple of years thereafter, they then had the wisdom to appoint me.

[Laughter]

See that's why it's a bit fallible. You make one mistake, the second mistake, not good. Anyway, at this time, I would like to recognize the members of the Board of Selectmen that were here when they appointed John to be Chief, and they are Mr. Dick Newman, Mr. Jim Russell, and Mr. Marty Lyons, from the Town of West Springfield.

[Applause]

As well as their wives, Caroline Russell, Kim Lyons, and Jeannie Newman.

[Applause]

Not to be out done, the current members of the Board of Selectmen are also here this evening representing the Town of West Springfield, and they are Phyllis Austin-Bertera, as well as Anthony DiStefano, as well as still Marty Lyons.

[Applause]

At this time, I'd also like to recognize, West Springfield is in a pretty good position this year relative to public safety. We know the position that Fire Chief John Flaherty holds with this Association. It is also something that we're very proud of in West Springfield that our Police Chief, Thomas Burke, is also the

current President of the Massachusetts Police Association in its centennial year. So I'd like to recognize Tom Burke and his wife Jadwiga Burke.

[Applause]

At this time, I know that behind every good administrator is a woman, typically a woman that's the secretary, this isn't about Mary yet. We all know that. This is about Kathy Patruski, who stands behind John as his administrative assistant, his secretary, I'd like to recognize Kathy Patruski and her work.

[Applause]

I'd also like to recognize Father Chris Connelly from St. Thomas Parish, Chaplain of the West Springfield church.

[Applause]

I would like to now call on John Flaherty to recognize other members of the President's tails.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Thank you very much, Dennis. Chief Burke not only is the President of the Mass. Police Association, the Patrolman's Association, but he's also President of the Western Mass. Police Chiefs Association. So he has had really quite a distinguished year for West Springfield. When you get one, you get them all. When I became a Director in the Association nine years ago, all the family came with me, and they all supported me. And Mary, my wife, and my family, if they would stand up, and I'll give you an introduction on how they came. Maryann, Jackie, Jimmy, Joey, Tommy, Tommy's wife, Maureen, and my little baby, Eileen.

[Applause]

They have been a tremendous asset to me, and when we have fun, we have fun together, and when we hurt, we hurt together. So thank you very much for all the work you've done over the past ten years.

There's another table I'd like to introduce here. I have another daughter out in the audience Carol Burns, if you would stand, please.

[Laughter and applause]

And, of course, Mary is a twin, so when you get one, you get the other one too, Ann, would you please stand.

[Laughter and applause]

Sister Judith O'Connell, when they were growing up, all three of them were together. She's first cousins to Ann and Mary, and I thank you, Sister, for coming.

[Applause]

I'd like to introduce my brother, Michael. Michael, if you'd stand.

[Applause]

And my good buddy Tom Hogan.

[Applause]

Also here as part of the fire department family is Robert Page, Deputy Chief.

[Applause]

This is my family, and I'm very proud of them. Thank you. I think it's about time to eat now. Thank you.

[Dinner is served]

[The Banquet commenced.]

CHIEF KENNETH C. PELONZI: [Beverly, MA] I'd like to give away golf awards. We have seven prizes all donated by vendors and one donated by Chief Flaherty's son Joe. We'll start with a wedge donated by L.W. Bills, Harold Roeder, a set of irons, 5907.

Next we have a driver donated by Joseph Flaherty. The last four numbers are 0902, and the Flahertys are going to take them home again, your own brother. He couldn't give it to you; you had to win it.

We have another driver, a Calloway Big Bertha donated by Fred Sorrento, Air Cleaning Specialist. He has donated two of them. This is the first one. The last four numbers are 0912. Chief Brown.

Another Calloway driver, 0897.

Next is a wedge donated by Moore Medical, 0903.

[Laughter and applause]

Another Flaherty, and Monty picked it out.

[Laughter]

Now, which one of the Flahertys haven't won something here?

[Laughter]

For a golf bag donated by Anton's, 0908. It's not a Flaherty.

A windbreaker donated by Quality Emergency Vehicles.

Last four numbers 0906. And that concludes the drawing.

Just a couple of words. We had another great tournament this year. We had almost 20 foursomes. I believe everybody had a great time, and we look forward to running it again next year. Thank you very much.

Bob Nunes was the unofficial winner as usual.

FROM THE FLOOR: We had a drawing for a weekend at the Cliff House in Ogunquit, put on by Eddie Lyons, Fire President, Wayne Wood, United Parcels, and myself, and, Mr. Sylvester, please make the drawing for me.

Chief Williams Kingsbury of Medfield won a free weekend

to the Cliff House in Ogunquit. Thank you.

MR. MILES: I noted as I was reading the guests and the President stated, I wasn't quite sure if Father Connelly was indeed the Chaplain of the West Springfield Fire Department. And if you notice in the program for this evening there was a last minute lineup change where Chaplain Foley was going to do the invocation, and he was replaced by Dan Harris. So you can understand with all of these Chaplain changes, and the Chaplain moves — and I didn't realize until the golf raffle why we needed so many Chaplains, but obviously, there's a lot of forgiveness to be had here.

[Laughter]

I'm a West Springfield resident. Father Connelly is at the St. Thomas School, and my six year old son happens to go to St. Thomas School. But earlier this year, it's a funny story, they attended the Millennium Mass., and Bishop McGuire did the Millennium Mass. And my son, Matthew, who is in the kindergarten class, went in, and, apparently, Bishop McGuire told a comical story that Matthew felt compelled to come back and tell my wife and I. And he was going on about this story, and Bishop McGuire this and Bishop McGuire that and Bishop McGuire this. And my three year old, Brian is going, "Matthew, Mark McGuire? Mark McGuire?"

[Laughter]

And this is a true story. We walked out of the room, and I heard Matthew turn to his brother, Brian, and said, "No, Brian, not Mark McGuire, it's Bishop McGuire, his brother.

[Laughter]

So we figured Bishop McGuire would appreciate that story, and we've also submitted it to Reader's Digest for a \$100.

[Laughter]

Part of my contract as Master of Ceremonies was not to tell jokes because it's my privilege to introduce the next speaker, who is indeed a comedian, and it is with great pleasure now that I introduce Tony Vee.

MR. TONY VEE, COMEDIAN: [Guest Speaker] Thank you very much. That's going to be hard to follow. If it is, we're all in a lot of trouble. Hello. How are you? It's nice to see you. I feel like I'm doing something at the Senate Subcommittee Hearings here.

[Laughter]

But I ought to confess to something, I think this would be a good place to do it, I suppose. Hi. In deference to family, I

see some small children, and it's been mentioned there's clergy and a lot of priests here, and they've asked me to keep my remarks relatively clean and easy going. So with that in mind, I say good night. Thanks for having me here. You've been great, and that's about all I can do without offending people. So please hold on to whatever you hold dear, and let's get going.

[Laughter]

I was told at the last function I did here with some fire folks involved at the HuKe Lau in Chicopee, so you know I work all the top joints in the area.

[Laughter]

If you can work the HuKe Lau, man, you're doing something.

[Laughter]

Oh boy, the HuKe Lau, not again. Apparently some of my remarks scared a woman to want to rush the stage and apparently have some words with me. And her husband restrained her, I was told several times, because she really had something to say to me apparently. And she finally cold cocked him, punched him right in the face and put him out. So anyone who feels like doing that this evening, please feel free, just turn to the person next to you, if I offend you, and hit them.

[Laughter]

No need to come all the way up here.

[Laughter].

And, luckily, I've got this fine hunk of wood right in front of me. I feel like a muppet right now. Trust me, the bottom half of me hysterical.

[Laughter].

Ask my wife.

[Laughter].

All right. That's one of those jokes. You could have easily hit somebody right there, you really could have. Let me just say, I'm glad to say you are, in fact, mostly Fire Chiefs And associated with Fire Chiefs. I thought it was like some football expansion when they said New England Fire Chiefs. I thought it was maybe a Rugby league.

[Laughter]

Are you taking notes on this, ma'am? You hired a stenographer for me?

[Laughter]

That's funny. I just noticed that. Is that because this is an official meeting, and someone is going to have to record this at some point? Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha. I don't know how you write

ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, but that's really, really funny.

[Laughter]

It's like playing a piano or something, like a little midget piano.

[Laughter]

I saw some of the guys in the kilts, and I assumed there was going to be some bagpipe music, so I thought maybe you were the accompanist.

[Laughter]

So at some point, ma'am, you might have to stand up and repeat some of this.

[Laughter]

With that in mind, let me do this next joke.

[Laughter]

I was driving out tonight on the Mass. Pike, because it's really too close to fly from Boston, and I didn't know if the Springfield Airport could handle all the traffic. So anyway, I was driving out, and I stopped to get a soda because my precious bodily fluids were ending. And I go into the convenience store, and there's a sign that says, "No shirt, no shoes, no service." You've seen that sign? Do you see the fatal flaw in that sign? It doesn't say anything about pants.

[Laughter]

Do you see the beauty of that?

[Laughter]

Technically speaking, you go into any convenience store on the planet with nothing on but a halter top and a pair of flip flops, get all the Twinkees you desire.

[Laughter]

You can actually stand with your bottom hanging out, and have the sheet eating spats and demand a slurpy.

[Laughter]

I will have a slurpy, sir, and so you shall.

[Laughter]

Ma'am, I'm only hoping that's what you have to recount at some meeting.

[Laughter]

Where the budget comes under play. And you go, oh, look at the fine entertainment we had, said something a bit about no pants. It's good. I was at the convenience store. I found this, has anyone seen this? I found caffeinated water, is anyone hip to this? It's the best thing that ever happened to me. It's called Crank 20.

[Laughter]

It's a hundred milligrams of caffeine of pure crystal clear water. I love it. I like it so much I started making my coffee with it.

[Laughter]

I go 120 for days on end. Sometimes I don't sleep for a week.

[Laughter]

I find that the possibilities are endless with caffeinated water, don't you? You can have caffeinated anything, caffeinated soup, caffeinated jello, caffeinated decaf coffee.

[Laughter].

You could really mess with your friends then. I'm feeling a little jittery, are you sure that was decaf? Well, the coffee was. I can't really speak for the water.

[Laughter]

Also, let me say, and I don't mean this in any sucking up sort of way, but I'm glad that you all exist by the way, the Fire Chiefs. The fire departments, in general, I'm a big fan of. Here is what I've determined in my life, I never want to live anywhere that they have a volunteer fire department.

[Moans]

I want people paid to come put me out, that's all I'm saying. I don't want it left up to a vote.

[Laughter].

A bunch of guys sitting around a bar somewhere, are you going to the fire? I don't know. I'll go if you go. Whose house is it? Tony. The hell with it, he owes me money. I'm not going.

[Laughter and applause]

I didn't think I hit such a sour note on that one? Are some of you on volunteer fire departments? Where are the volunteer people? You're just working for the food, are you?

[Laughter]

I have a feeling someone is going to get cold cocked.

[Laughter]

I have a feeling it's coming very soon. That's what I think, I really do.

[Laughter]

I'm guessing you are, sir?

REVEREND HARRIS: Yes.

MR. VEE: Are you a volunteer?

REVEREND HARRIS: I am.

MR. VEE: What city and/or state, township?

REVEREND HARRIS: I can't tell you that.

MR. VEE: You can't? Why, what's he going to do? Oh,

the Reverend Daniel Harris.

[Laughter and applause]

MR. VEE: Ouch. Well, you know if I weren't already going to hell, I would think this is going to be a sure thing. I might as well continue to put my foot in it. It's not like I've been leading an exemplary life up to this point, and my one off comment about the voluntary fire department is going to put me in — what are you in for? I made fun of the fire department.

[Laughter]

Oh, that's a tough one. There wasn't like a clergy member there? Oh, yes. He was right there.

[Laughter]

And so, Reverend Harris, what city and/or state, township, borough are you connected to?

REVEREND HARRIS: Weymouth.

MR. VEE: That's like a whole city, and they have a voluntary fire department?

REVEREND HARRIS: No, just a volunteer Chaplain.

[Laughter and applause]

MR. VEE: I would say that's what those guys need is a voluntary Chaplain, don't you think? Wow. And what do you voluntary to do for them?

REVEREND HARRIS: Come with me.

[Laughter and applause]

MR. VEE: I don't think so. I think not. I think I'll stay right here behind this.

[Laughter]

MR. VEE: So Weymouth is a fine example of a small town.

FATHER FOLEY: It's a cheap town too.

MR. VEE: Yeah, they won't pay the priest. They've got to pay the firemen. They can't be paying everybody.

[Laughter]

Why don't you just take up an extra collection for yourself there?

[Laughter and applause]

I've been to church enough to know you just take up a collection for whatever you need. Somebody needs a new pair of pants, another collection. Every other Sunday should be Reverend Harris week.

[Laughter]

REVEREND HARRIS: It is.

MR. VEE: You guys want a request before you go to work, throw a couple bucks in the basket. If not, I don't care.

[Laughter]
 What do you think? See, now you do want to hang around with me, don't you?

[Laughter]
 This guy might have some pretty good ideas. Reverend Harris week.

[Laughter]
 Where else are people from, far away? Anywhere? It's all New England, correct? Every state represented?

SPEAKERS: Sure is. Vermont even?

[Laughter] Sorry. How many folks from Vermont?

REVEREND HARRIS: Quite a few of us.

MR. VEE: Well, not as many as the volunteers.

[Laughter]
 I wouldn't think there would be that many houses in Vermont to put out.

[Laughter]
 There's supposed to be trees up there and stuff, isn't there?

[Laughter]
 You all the live together, ma'am?

[Laughter].
 You're related too?

[Laughter].
 Sort of a communal approach.

[Laughter]
 So if you all live together, you won't have to go far. Do you smell smoke? It's upstairs, I guess.

[Laughter]
 Wouldn't seem to be anywhere else. We're all here, right? We're all accounted for.

[Laughter]
 All I ask is a ten minute head start to my car, that's all I really ask, just a fighting chance. That's all I need.

[Laughter].
 Anyone from Rhode Island?

CHIEF SYLVESTER: Yes.

MR. VEE: Very, very nice.

FROM THE FLOOR: Providence.

MR. VEE: Very good.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: I'd like to get there sometime, let me show you the way.

MR. VEE: You've never been to Providence? That isn't really good coming from the fire department.

[Laughter]

Providence, I don't know where that is. There seems to be an issue, we don't know.

[Laughter]

Where in Rhode Island, sir?

CHIEF SYLVESTER: Lincoln, Rhode Island.

MR. VEE: Home of the dog track, isn't it? Ma'am, you're happy about the dog track.

[Laughter]

Wow, that's great. That's really great. I worked at one of those Native American casinos at Foxwoods. Do you know the one I'm talking about? Someone from there too? No, sir, please. Is there someone from there?

REVEREND HARRIS: Yes.

MR. VEE: Well, here is the point, I've worked at Foxwoods several times. I've worked at Native American casinos in Michigan and a couple in California. I've worked at Mohegan Sun. Here is my point, I've never ever, ever once seen an Indian, have you?

[Laughter]

I'm always getting hit by some big greasy guy that looks like me.

[Laughter]

Hey, you're kind of funny. Thanks for coming. Are you an Indian? Yes, yes, yes, we're all Indians.

[Laughter]

I'd like to introduce you to the Chief of the Tribe, this is Chief Vinny Two Feathers Valducci.

[Laughter].

I think you know the accountant, Running Numbers.

[Laughter]

I think native Americans may have relaxed their standards a little bit. I don't know what the criteria is for being considered an Indian any more, 116 Cherokee, all right, you're an Indian. I drive a Jeep Cherokee. Close enough.

[Laughter]

I hate John Wayne. Indian.

[Laughter]

Rhode Island, farm state, tiny.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: My wife goes to Foxwoods all the time. She's there all the time.

MR. VEE: Do you get tired from pulling the thing? What's your game, ma'am?

MRS. SYLVESTER: I'm not going to tell.

MR. VEE: You just wander around. You're a strange little group, do you know that?

[Laughter]

I'm not telling you what I play. You'll find my machine, and then you'll steal my money.

[Laughter].

Rhode Island is kind of a tiny state, that's the only thing.

MRS. SYLVESTER: It's the smallest state.

MR. VEE: If you look on a map, the RI doesn't even fit, does it? They can't even get the initials of the state in the state.

[Laughter]

I think there should be some lobby initials should at least fit. It always looks like a line with RI floating around in the water. I think they should just build a bridge from Massachusetts to Connecticut and turn Rhode Island into a mall.

[Laughter and applause]

A mall with many fine fire departments I might add.

[Laughter]

Another good save, huh, Reverend?

[Laughter]

I'm telling you, I'm right on top of things, I really am.

[Laughter]

I'm having a great time. Where else? Connecticut, I assume?

FROM THE FLOOR: Enfield, in the back over here.

MR. VEE: Enfield, Connecticut, and where would that be in terms of like civilization?

FROM THE FLOOR: It's actually part of Massachusetts.

[Laughter]

MR. VEE: You've annexed yourself? Is it that little bump in Massachusetts that sort of goes in?

FROM THE FLOOR: That's south.

MR. VEE: That's around 395?

FROM THE FLOOR: No, Southwick.

MR. VEE: Right here. There's a little bump either Connecticut didn't want, or Massachusetts said, no, I don't like it there, give it to Connecticut. I know it dips into our space, but no.

[Laughter]

Where else? I guess New England. I guess I could figure that out. The six New England states. Who did I miss? New Hampshire. New Hampshire, the finest state in the Union, ma'am. It really is.

FROM THE FLOOR: Oh, no.

MR. VEE: Oh, yes, ma'am, and I'll tell you why, they put the liquor stores on the highway.

[Laughter and applause]

Every other state in the Union is getting you not to drink and drive. New Hampshire, what the hell, they made it easier.

[Laughter]

I don't know why they bother having the cutoffs. I think they should just put them at the toll booths. Throw a couple bucks in the basket, grab a bottle, be on your way.

[Laughter]

Also, now, is this not true in New Hampshire, they sell fireworks there, but you can't use them.

[Laughter]

So your basic attitude is, we don't care what you do, just go someplace else to do it.

[Laughter]

Now, follow me, if you will, you've got liquor stores on the highway and fireworks that have to be transported somewhere else.

[Laughter]

You don't think there's a bunch of youngsters driving home in December lighting bottle rockets on the way home, with a bottle of Tequila next to them.

[Laughter]

[Siren sounding]. Where have you been, son? New Hampshire.

[Laughter]

I've had some nutty stuff happen to me in New Hampshire. It's very woodsy, is it not? Did we spring a leak, or is someone mad at me?

[Laughter]

Do you hear that? Please tell me you hear that? It's some mechanical thing.

FROM THE FLOOR: Gasoline.

MR. VEE: You know, this would be the group to believe about that.

[Laughter]

I know that sound. We better get out. If you start walking out one at a time, I'm right behind you.

[Laughter]

FROM THE FLOOR: You might be lining up outside the door.

MR. VEE: You guys will be keeping me and that. I was up in New Hampshire, I was up at a place called Dixfield Notch. Yeah, are you familiar with that? There's nothing up there. If the world were flat, that's where you'd fall off.

[Laughter]

There's nothing but trees and mounds. And I'm not a big woodsy guy. When I heard I had to come to Springfield, I was real happy because you've got tar and pavement, stuff I can deal with, you know, noise, automobiles. You put me in the woods, and my head explodes. I hear a cricket, and I go, it's going to kill me.

[Laughter]

I, despite my size, I'm not real tough. So anyway, I was up in Dixfield Notch, and they convinced me that I wanted to see a moose, because that's what people do when you go out in the woods, they convince you you want to see things you have no business seeing.

[Laughter]

You know, I don't expect moose to trek down to my neck of the woods and take a gander at me at some off time.

[Laughter]

But I'm up there thinking, you want to go see a moose, and I go, okay, I'll go see a moose. So they throw me on a mountain bike, and I'm riding around in the woods, and I'm peddling for a month and a half. And I finally see a moose, and it hits me, I didn't want to see a moose.

[Laughter]

You know what I'm saying? I want to see a moose in theory. I wanted to go, hello, moose. I don't want to turn the corner and go, ah, moose.

[Laughter]

It was like a moose two feet from my puss, and I'm going, moose, moose. There's no one around, me and the moose. I'm in the middle of nothing. And the moose is looking at me like, yeah, buddy, I'm a moose. Lighten up. I'll get us through this.

[Laughter]

Then they all say this to you, they go, look, if you see a moose, don't panic because they're more afraid of you than you are of them. Yeah, I have two things to say about that, (a) you don't know how afraid I am, and, two, how do I know I don't bump into the moose that has snapped?

[Laughter]

And not a minute and a half before I come dopey doping along, he's going to his new buddy, I don't care, I'm killing one of them. I've had it up to my antlers, I really have.

[Laughter]

I get the one disgruntled postal worker moose.

[Laughter].

Who haven't I got yet? Maine. The fine state of Maine.
Nice place to be?

FROM THE FLOOR: The way life should be.

MR. VEE: Yes, yes, all your appliances on the front porch.

[Laughter and applause]

Exactly the way you want life. Yes, should have thrown
that one away a couple of years ago. A lot of good memories in
that machine, yes. Thought we'd hang onto her.

[Laughter]

Where from Maine, sir?

FROM THE FLOOR: I'm just busting you.

MR. VEE: You're not from Maine. You just wanted to
get the heat off wherever you are from. Maine great, great state
also. The highway 95, only road you got.

[Laughter]

What's that?

FROM THE FLOOR: That's all you need.

MR. VEE: Apparently east and west doesn't affect Maine
at all. If you've got to go north and south, we've got a road. If
you've got to go the other way, I don't know what you got to do.

[Laughter]

FROM THE FLOOR: Find a moose.

MR. VEE: Portland, it's a nice part of the road. I was
driving up Route 95 one time. Whose from Maine? You are.
Where from, sir?

FROM THE FLOOR: Lewiston.

MR. VEE: Lewiston — or Lewiston.

[Laughter].

The LA area is what they call it. Right? Big place, Exit
12. Oh, yes, I've been there. I've been right there on Exit 12
many a night.

[Laughter]

Didn't want to be, just ended up there.

[Laughter]

The road, 95 is cool because they're very helpful.
They've got signs telling you to drive nice. Have you ever driven
there? Are your tires inflated? Have you had enough rest? It's
like my mother putting the signs up.

[Laughter]

I'm trying to drive over here. I just came from New
Hampshire, I've got a bottle of liquor, let me get on with it, will you?

[Laughter]

This will only be for the people from Maine, or if you've driven up 95. Somewhere around Exit 4 there's a cemetery, in the breakdown lane. There's like 12 random grave sites with headstones, but there's no fence. It's literally breakdown lane, cemetery.

FROM THE FLOOR: That's Enfield.

[Laughter]

MR. VEE: That can't possibly be anyone's last request, just throw me by the side of the road. That's all right.

[Laughter]

I don't know even how you visit those people. You're going 65. We love you dad, we miss you, we'll be back.

[Laughter]

Turn around. It's going to cost another toll. Oh, we didn't like him that much.

[Laughter]

It's good work you all do. I was coming out to do this and my wife, I've got a wife, did I tell

[Laughter]

Oh, yes, I got a good one. And by the way, stenographer lady, we're getting into the territory that the lady cold cocked her husband on. So get yourself ready.

[Laughter]

My wife, we just had our second baby enter the world last Saturday, my wife and I.

[Applause]

Thanks very much. We had a little boy named Gus, and now we have a little girl named Gus. We didn't want there to be any jealousy.

[Laughter]

So we're kind of flying high from that. My wife, she did most of work by the way. My job was done in about a minute and a half.

[Laughter]

A very pleasurable minute and a half I might add. I would do it again should she ever ask.

[Laughter]

Is the Reverend Harris laughing yet?

[Laughter]

I don't want to get into it anymore. You have twins?

REVEREND HARRIS: You had to tell him that.

MR. VEE: What denomination are you allowed to have twins?

REVEREND HARRIS: Episcopalian.

[Laughter]

MR. VEE: Do you just sign up for them, do you?
 [Laughter].
 Is there like a list or something?
 [Laughter]
 I'd like to get a couple of twins, oh, sure, we'll put you at the head of the line.
 [Laughter]
 Oh, yes, that would be great.
 FROM THE FLOOR: Father Foley, what do you think of that?
 FATHER FOLEY: He went home.
 [Laughter]
 MR. VEE: He went home.
 FATHER FOLEY: I'm on my way to the HuKe Lau.
 MR. VEE: Oh, it is, Father Steven C. Foley, Catholic father?
 FATHER FOLEY: I used to be.
 [Laughter]
 MR. VEE: Until tonight. I don't even know if there's a confession that could handle this.
 [Laughter]
 And where are you from, Father Foley?
 FATHER FOLEY: We've got a Methodist, Baptist minister here.
 MR. VEE: You do? You guys have everything covered here. Any Rabbis in the area?
 [Laughter]
 Oh, you missed. There's a Methodist? Where is he?
 REVEREND CHALK: I'm a Baptist.
 MR. VEE: Okay, sorry.
 [Laughter]
 Didn't want to start any religious war in here.
 [Laughter]
 Baptist, not a Methodist. Somebody snorted, that's great. Thank you. That's the highest compliment I get.
 [Laughter]
 If it was a snort or you actually pass something through your nose, that's even better.
 [Laughter]
 If I get some desert shooting out of a nostril, I would just call it a show and go home at that point. I really would.
 [Laughter]
 Oh, please feel free. You know I almost wish I didn't have to do this other show. I'd stay here. And where are you from?
 REVEREND CHALK: New Hampshire.
 MR. VEE: What part?

REVEREND CHALK: Merrimack.

MR. VEE: Merrimack, that's actually civilization, sort of.

REVEREND CHALK: We have a brewery.

MR. VEE: Very nice.

[Laughter]

Do you go by periodically and bless the kegs, do you?
May you run evenly and have a good head.

[Laughter and applause]

A couple of nights I wish I had that blessing myself.

[Laughter].

And now here is the thing, now when we're all in line,
you guys will be right behind me in hell. Do you know what I
mean? He'll go, he told the jokes, yeah, but you stayed.

[Laughter]

You could have gotten out at any time. And, Father,
where from?

FROM THE FLOOR: Fort Kent, Maine.

MR. VEE: Like I should know that. You said that, Fort
Kent, like it's the hot spot.

[Laughter]

Oh, yes, you know, Fort Kent. Who the hell would know that?

[Laughter]

Where is that in Maine?

FROM THE FLOOR: Maine.

MR. VEE: Yes, I know. Because there's sections of
Maine that they didn't even bother to name the city. Like when
you get up past Bangor and stuff, and it's like yeah, caribou
head, they just go by the map designation. They just quit. They
went, oh, no, no one is going to be up here. It doesn't matter.
It's like playing battleship or something. Okay, the first one that
died. All right?

[Laughter]

That's pretty good. Near half hour, and then you went
no thank you, Tony.

So my wife is always giving me suggestions on how to do
my show and stuff, and since she had the babies, I let her tell
me. Are most of you married? I like being married. I think
women are the best thing to ever happen to men, by the way. I
really do.

[Applause]

If not for women, we would do nothing but sit in our
underwear, drinking beer and watching sports. That's all we
would do.

[Laughter]

You'd get calls like this, what are you doing? I'm watching fishing, are you coming over? Yes, come on over. They're just baiting the hook. I'm not putting pants on. It's not a formal event.

[Laughter]

I love my wife completely. The only time my wife and I have any difficulties is when I have an opinion.

[Laughter].

As long as I go along with the program, everything is fine. As soon as I wander down the original thought aisle all by myself, that's when things go hoopy for us.

[Laughter]

I'll give you a classic case, my wife came home a while ago with a painting for our house, a beautiful piece of artwork, it was Elvis playing cards with some dogs.

[Laughter]

It was on black velvet. It was stunning.

[Laughter]

We tried to find a matching piece, but the van had gone.

[Laughter]

They don't stay at the gas stations all day. You want quality, you've got to hustle.

[Laughter]

So she comes home with this painting. She goes, look what I got for the house. I go, oh, that's nice. Then she asks me the wrong question, where do you think we ought to hang it? And I know I shouldn't get started, but she's talking to me, and I figure it's worse if I don't speak.

And I go, I don't know, why don't we hang it over there? And she goes, well, I thought we'd hang it over there. So I go, okay, go hang it over there. She gets all mad. She goes, oh, you really don't care, do you?

[Laughter]

Ah, you see my dilemma already, don't you. I have effectively used up all of my options, neither one of them seem to be correct. I cared, it was wrong. I didn't care, still wrong. I got nowhere to go now.

So she does it again. She goes, really, what do you think? I go, I don't want to do this anymore. Ring the bell, give me my food plate, let me out of this round, will you?

[Laughter]

And after all of this, she goes, you really don't care, do

you? I said, you know, honey, as a matter of fact, I don't. As far as I'm concerned, as long as you don't hang the damn thing in front of the television, I don't care where it goes.

[Laughter]

Yeah, if you're keeping score, wrong answer, one more time.

One more, I won't pick on my wife too much. Do you have somebody in your life fellas who is in charge of stuff you don't even know needs to have somebody in charge of it? Case in point, one more time.

A couple of Thursdays, I wake up, I'm not awake for four seconds, you know that kind of a wake, you don't know where you are yet, you still have the crusty stuff in the corner of your eyes, haven't had a whole breath. My wife looks at me, she goes, we need new pillows. How do you even answer something like that? Weren't we not resting comfortably on these not moments ago, my love? I don't even know you can break a pillow, can you? They're pillows. As long as they're soft and under your head, they're working. It's not like one night you go to sleep and say, oh, geez, that pillow is like a brick. I think I might have chipped my head. You're right, we need new pillows. God bless you, ladies, that's all. Who is the highest ranking guy? I just thought of that.

FROM THE FLOOR: The guy next to you.

MR. VEE: You're in charge?

[Applause and laughter]

You missed it. His wife raised her hand. You didn't even budge there, dude, did you? You knew exactly what was coming. Whose in charge (head nodding).

[Laughter]

And what is your, I don't know how it works, what denomination are you?

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Cherokee.

MR. VEE: What is your rank designation?

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: President.

MR. VEE: You're the President of the Fire Chiefs of —

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: There's another president of the Division.

MR. VEE: We've got a lot of presidents. Couldn't make up your mind any of you? You're the President of that table, and you're President of that table. We've got a couple of co-captains at your table here.

[Laughter]

And what rank? Is Chief above everything else?

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: No, I think the wife is.

[Laughter]

MR. VEE: That is a given, sir. Anyone whose been —

FROM THE FLOOR: That's the right answer. You know what he's looking for.

[Laughter and applause]

MR. VEE: I know, sir.

FROM THE FLOOR: That's my dad.

MR. VEE: We're all looking for it. You can always tell a Chief, but you can't tell him much.

[Laughter]

I'm guessing that's pretty true, isn't? So, now, what are your duties as head guy? Tonight you're going to retire?

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: As the President.

MR. VEE: You're going to turn it over to this guy?

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: No, no, this guy (indicating).

[Laughter]

MR. VEE: And he still stays President. There's two presidents?

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We're both retiring.

MR. VEE: Is that what this function is? Did you want to retire? Oh, you did. So we do know what you're looking for, sir.

[Laughter].

You're absolutely correct. He wants a little bit more free time. Ma'am, I don't know how you write that, but you go right ahead. I stumped you, didn't I?

[Laughter]

So it's an annual meeting. Correct?

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Yes.

MR. VEE: But does it change every year? How long have you been President?

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: One year.

MR. VEE: You get to be Chief — it's like volleyball, every year you rotate, and everybody takes the chair.

[Laughter]

You guys in the back, 15, 20 years tops. Moves right around the edge, down the line.

[Laughter]

And then what do you have to do to become a priest?

[Laughter]

REVEREND HARRIS: You don't want to know.

MR. VEE: Maybe I don't want to know. Maybe it's just

not my business. Well, folks, God bless you all. As I said, I can't say enough about the work you all do. Where are the new chief heads? And you'll be — now, let me ask this, since technically I'm done, so this is on overtime, don't hold this against me, because I don't know where this one is going.

[Laughter]

I'm pretty sure of everything else, but right now I'm really flying by the seat of my pants. What are the official duties of the head, to put this dinner together for next year?

CHIEF SYLVESTER: We'll ask the wife.

[Laughter]

MR. VEE: You have to follow her to the casino, I'm guessing, is one of the —

[Laughter]

Whenever she says, Foxwoods, off we go. But it's a coordination dinner, is that what it is?

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: We have a conference, we have an exhibition, parade, conference, golf.

MR. VEE: Parade and golf. Well, so far it seems like a real important job right there.

[Laughter]

Gee, I've got a lot to do, there's the parade, there's golf. What about the ping-pong tournament?

[Laughter]

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: My son is out there.

FATHER FOLEY: You notice the priest in the family.

MR. VEE: There's a priest in the family too. Look the only honest one among you, at least he wore his duds so I can pick him out.

[Applause and laughter]

Here I am flapping my lungs with you, at least with you I know I'm going to hell. That's a direct elevator.

[Laughter]

Are you all the fire people?

FROM THE FLOOR: God, no.

MR. VEE: Just the fortunate one, and how did you disappoint your family?

[Laughter]

You've got a fireman; a priest.

MR. VEE: What do you do?

FROM THE FLOOR: I married her.

MR. VEE: And that's what disappointed them?

[Laughter]

Ouch, are you guys all right? What is your job there, sir?

FROM THE FLOOR: I sell electricity and natural gas.

MR. VEE: You sell electricity — I give away my natural gas.

[Laughter].

Much to the dismay of those around me.

[Laughter]

Maybe we could cut a deal.

[Laughter]

Ma'am, the first official and only fire joke of the evening, by the way. The priest, the fireman, and the electrical guy.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Campbell's Soup and Coke.

MR. VEE: He deals coke. Well, we're proud of you.

[Laughter]

Maybe you're the one I should talk to afterwards.

[Laughter]

And a legal secretary. Those are all your — don't retire yet. You've found enough time it looks like.

[Laughter]

And what, insurance. All of those people are your kids?

MRS. FLAHERTY: Except for the priest.

MR. VEE: How many kids did you have?

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Six. I had a lot of fun on those nights.

[Laughter]

MR. VEE: I bet. Wow. You're pretty good between bells I'm guessing.

[Laughter and applause]

FROM THE FLOOR: He's got a big hose.

MR. VEE: I could have made a fire pole joke, but I didn't out of respect to everybody. This is going down real quick. A couple of things in closing. You guys were nice. Be careful going home, some of you have been drinking a little bit (indicating).

[Laughter]

Did you guys get a room for the night? Did you really? Oh, boy. Move over.

[Laughter]

I'm 33, my brother is one.

[Laughter]

Your guess is as good as mine. Maybe you can sign up for twins, I don't know. All right, listen, if you are too drunk to drive home, remember, you don't have to drive anywhere because I've got this theory that the world revolves around its axis, all you have to do is run outside the building and wait for your house to come by.

[Laughter]

It would work if you jumped up high enough. Besides that, thanks for having me. The last thing I'll say is keep supporting comedy, because God knows you don't want me showing up to your house with Tupperware and everything.

[Laughter]

Thank you all very much. Good night.

[Applause and laughter and standing ovation]

MR. MILES: We'll take a minute to pause as Fire Chief John Flaherty takes a personal moment.

[Laughter]

He's overcome with emotion no doubt. It is a bit unfair, but I need to reflect a little bit on, as I left the Town of West Springfield —

[Applause and laughter]

The Chief is laughing out loud as well. The big house joke came into offing, and there was always a rivalry between the two Chiefs in West Springfield, and it didn't matter, who was going to get on the agenda first before the Board of Selectmen, who was going to get in the budget first, who is going to steal all the money first, and it just went. And what happened was on the night of a retirement party, naturally Chief Burke was called to the roster first. And when pointed out by John, he pointed it out, because Chief Burke has a big gun, but he very quickly pointed out he has a big hose.

[Laughter]

So it is of his own volition Chief Flaherty has a big hose.

[Laughter]

We will be moving into the presentation portion of this evening, and we will literally take a two to five minute break. Thanks.

[A recess was taken.]

[The Banquet commenced.]

MR. MILES: My understanding is that Tony Vee is from the Comedy Connection in Boston. At this time, we'd like to do the presentation ceremony. At this time, President Flaherty would like to present a donation to the Shriners, and we would ask that Director Philip Walters and others from the Shriners please come forward.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: I know we just had a very funny comedy show, but the Shriners here are into something that is very serious. So it's a real change in temperament, but I think that we just have to do that. We have some small presentations to make. Sir, just come right up in here, and the



Mr. Philip Walters of the Shriners Burns Center in Boston accepts a check for \$2,500.00 from President Flaherty.



Harold Roeder receives recognition from President Flaherty for his many years of service to the Association.

others can come right up in front. Right here, sir.

Please, on behalf of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, I would like to make a small token of our appreciation for the fine work that the Shriners do at the Burn Center in Boston. It's a check for \$2,500. And we have with us the Shriners from the Crippled Hospital here in Springfield, and we're just so proud to be able to present that to you. You do fine work. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

MR. PHILIP WALTERS: Thank you very much. As the late Vice President and former Senator from Minnesota said, on this occasion, I'm as proud as punch to be here on this occasion. It gives me great honor to be here at this gathering to accept this donation on behalf of the Shriners Hospital in Boston. It is also a very distinct pleasure to be here because of the efforts of a very dear friend of mine, Judy Marshall. Judy, could you please stand up for a minute, please.

[Applause]

This is no accident that I'm here. Judy is on the Board of Directors of the New England Fire Chiefs. And when the decision was made to make a donation to the Shriners Hospital, a light bulb went off in Judy's head, and she requested that I be the representative from the hospital to accept the donation of this affair tonight. Judy and I go way back. We were both drama/radio and television majors in college some years ago. We, of course, had great aspirations of becoming radio and television stars; that did not happen. However, we've both achieved some measure of success in our chosen fields. Judy as a financier, and I in the medical field.

The Shriners of North America are known as having the greatest philanthropy in the world, over 30 hospitals, covering the disciplines of orthopedics, spinal cord injuries, and burn care.

I've had an unbelievable opportunity to work at the Boston hospital for the past 29 years. I have witnessed firsthand the unbelievable work that they do for pediatric burn patients. The care is superb and it's free. Regardless of race, color, creed, or place of origin, the helping hand goes out to everyone.

Fire Chiefs, I thank you, to all of the Fire Chiefs gathered here, to all of the firemen who risk their lives daily to help our children, I thank you.

Now, I feel perhaps with a little latitude, I'd like to say hello to my own personal Fire Chief, Jon Alberghini from the Town of Kingston. I know he's here somewhere.

[Applause]

I saw Chief Alberghini last week doing some work on his property on Main Street in Kingston. And I asked him if he had planned to attend this function here in Springfield. He says, "Yes, I'll be there on Saturday and Sunday." I said, "Oh, I was hoping you'd be there on Monday night because I'm supposed to be accepting a check from the Fire Chiefs for the Shriners Hospital," and he said, "Really, okay, I'll be there," and, of course, he is here. Thank you, Chief, for coming to support me.

[Applause]

Again, thank you all very much. We really appreciate it.

[Applause]

MR. MILES: At this time Presidents Flaherty and Sylvaria will present plaques to Harold Roeder of L. W. Bills Company.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: I want to just say a few words about Harold. His company is celebrating their 75th anniversary this year. And just recently, Harold decided to step down as the Secretary/Treasurer of the New England Fire Exhibitors Association. And we have this plaque here to honor him or honor his company. But we should have a lot more to honor all the work that Harold has done throughout his many years in the Association with the Fire Chiefs, both in New England and the Division. Harold has done an outstanding job in helping us promote the show, which, in turn, helps all the fire departments in the area by raising money for education for the fire service. And, Harold, I'd like to present this plaque to you in appreciation, not only for your 75th anniversary, but for your many long hours and work for the New England Fire Chiefs.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT SYLVARIA: Over the years, Harold has served both the Division and the Association very, very well. He's worked extremely hard. I can remember when the Division and the Association had different conferences, and Harold would always be at the Division conference setting the booths up himself and working extremely hard. And I think he was the driving force behind the conferences getting together, so we could have one large organization, successful, the New England Fire Chiefs, not the New England Division, not the New England Association, but one group of people, all the Fire Chiefs, all the fire service officers that would pull together. And I think he has done a wonderful job doing this, and I think he deserves an awful lot of credit. So on behalf of the Division, Harold, I'd like

to present you with this plaque. It's a wonderful job. Thank you all the very much.

[Applause]

MR. HAROLD ROEDER: I'd also like to thank the Chiefs and all the Chiefs I've worked with over the years. It's been a pleasurable experience for me, sometimes a little difficult. But we've got a lot of things accomplished and always stayed gentlemen. And I thank both the Division and the New England Association, and good luck in the future. And as you know, and as you've said, I'll be there when you need me further. Thank you.

[Applause]

MR. MILES: At this time, I'd like to call outgoing First Lady Mary Flaherty to present a bouquet of flowers to the incoming First Lady Estelle Sylvester.

MRS. MARY FLAHERTY: Estelle, I'd like to present you these flowers, and I hope you have a very enjoyable year. And I hope you have as much opportunity to have fun as I had this year, and I'll be there to help you.

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

[Applause]

MR. MILES: And, ladies, you might as well stay standing, the incoming First Lady Estelle Sylvester will present a bouquet of flowers to outgoing First Lady Mary Flaherty.

MRS. ESTELLE SYLVESTER: Mary, I need you, so be around. Thank you very much.

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

[Applause]

MR. MILES: Mary has heard that before. At this time, Mrs. Rita Lajoie will present a bouquet of flowers to outgoing First Lady Ms. Francis O'Donnell.

MRS. RITA LAJOIE: Fran, these are for you. Thank you for being there the last few years and for supporting me. Thank you. Good luck to you.

[Mrs. Lajoie presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. O'Donnell.]

[Applause]

MR. MILES: At this time Mrs. Sally Wehter would like to make a presentation on behalf of the Ladies Committee.

MRS. SALLY WEHTER: Mary, on behalf of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, I'd like to present you with this gift for the wonderful job you've done. You've had a great

Reverend Charles L. Chalk



Reverend Charles L. Chalk of Merrimac, NH, receives Chaplain's helmet with gold leaf shield in recognition of his many years of service & dedication.

year. Thanks.

MRS. FRANCES O'DONNELL: I'd just like to say thank you to all the Ladies Committee for all their hard work and for their help. And it's really been an enjoyable time, and I hope you have many more enjoyable years here. Thank you.

[Applause]

MR. MILES: I'd like to call upon President Flaherty to present the helmet to outgoing Chaplain Reverend Charles Chalk.

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Just a couple of words about Reverend Chalk, he's been a Chaplain for over 10 years, but last night —

[Applause]

But he has done a wonderful job for us. And besides being a Protestant Chaplain for the New England Fire Chiefs, he was also a member of the fire department. And because of his increased workload, he is now Assistant Chief in his department, there wasn't time for him to continue on.

Reverend Chalk, it's my pleasure on behalf of the New England Fire Chiefs to present this beautiful helmet to you for your many years of tireless work with the Association. Thank you very much.

[Applause and standing ovation]

REVEREND CHARLES CHALK: Thank you all very much. It's been my privilege to serve in this position. I'm not quite Assistant Chief yet, John, but it's close enough.

I have appreciated the opportunity to work with you all, serve you all, and get to know you better. And as we work together and done what needed to be done here, I do have to say a great thank you to Father Foley. When I first came in, I was not new to the fire service, nor was I new to being a Chaplain. But it was one of those situations when you join a new organization, you need to find your way. And he was the guidance to me, and I appreciate it. And I would like to publicly thank him for all he did to get me to fit in, feel like I was part of this organization, and I appreciate that. And, again, if anyone ever needs me, I'm always available. I'm not leaving. I'm not gone. It might take a year or two before I get back again. I'll just squeeze it into the budget somehow. I've had a great time, and we look forward again to being with you all very soon. And hopefully God will bless this organization, make it continue to grow. It's grown along since I've been here, and I know it will in the future. So I hope the next ten years gives you great, great steps and a great future. Thank you.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: I would like to introduce at this time Father Foley. He has a small token of appreciation for Reverend Chalk. Father Foley.

FATHER STEVEN FOLEY: Thank you very much, President Flaherty. Charley, if you talked any longer, I would have made you a Catholic.

[Laughter]

However, last evening for those who attended the chicken and steak barbecue, you know that Reverend Chalk has become quite exuberant.

[Laughter]

Actually what you saw taking place there was quite religious

[Laughter]

He became a Methodist.

[Laughter]

I mean he's really going through the steps. Last year we introduced him as a Monsignor. But you know what a Methodist is, don't you? You must know what a Methodist is. That's a Baptist who has enough courage to come out of the closet and drink in public.

[Laughter and applause]

And you paid \$5,000 to Tony Vee to come up here and be a humorist, huh?

[Laughter]

I'll tell you what, next year I'll need that for my car payment, Frank. Why don't you pay me.

[Laughter]

We have a token of our appreciation and something to make certain that Reverend Chalk will never forget his first night as a guitarist. We have forever this holy picture.

[Applause and laughter]

As we say in the trade, as an ever lasting souvenir, I wish to present this to you now, my dear good friend, on behalf of the Chiefs and also on behalf of Dan Harris, whom will assume the responsibility as Protestant Chaplain at the conclusion of this ceremony this is evening. So, Charley, please take this with you, in all good humor, and remember all the many good, great times we've shared together. God bless you.

[Applause]

REVEREND CHALK: If I can just take one more second?

[Laughter]

My last outgoing thing I'd like to do, I want to make

sure, I owe somebody back one little thing, I owe Linda a dollar.

[Laughter]

She and I know what that's all about.

[Laughter]

MR. MILES: Great fun, great fun. You know it reminds me, the Chief has just awarded to a Chaplain a helmet, and that Chaplain is moving on to become an Assistant Chief. Little of you know that during the fire in Holyoke, our Lady of Perpetual Help, it was actually the Chief who donned the Chaplain gear to help fight that fire, so I just see a little bit of irony there. It's a true story. At this time, I'd like to call incoming President Chief Frank Sylvester to present the Chief's helmet to outgoing President Chief John Flaherty.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: John, on behalf of the Members of the Association, we know the work you've done over the years. You've certainly brought me a long way. Five years ago, I thought I was going to have a Happy Meal at the table over here, and I finally made it up here after five years, with the support of John Flaherty standing behind me. John has done an awful lot of work. This year's conference has probably been one of the best conferences we've ever had over here, and that's a tribute to John for the work he's done. I was ready to resign tonight. I spoke to John's sons.

[Laughter]

John, they came to me and said, we're glad to have our father back. I said, where did he go? They said, he spent the last year with the Chiefs, but that's not what we meant. Also, at the barbecue last night, one of my ex-firefighters is now going on John's department. And he informed me that it was nice for the fire department to get John back. And looking over here at my Commissioner, I probably won't have a job in a month or two if I have to put in all the hours you did. John, on behalf of the Members of the Association, we want you to wear this hat proudly. You certainly deserve it, and you bring honor to the Fire Chiefs.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT FLAHERTY: Thank you, Frank.

[Applause and standing ovation]

I would like Mary Flaherty to come up here, and, here, Mary, here is your helmet. Thank you very much.

[Laughter]

MR. MILES: At this time Incoming Division President Richard McDonough to make a presentation to Outgoing



1st VP Frank
Sylvester (R)
presents the
Presidents Helmet
to outgoing
President, Chief
John J. Flaherty
of West
Springfield, MA.



Outgoing President
of the NEDIAFC,
Chief David
Sylvaria, receives
Presidents Trumpet
from 1st VP
Richard
McDonough.



Officers &
Directors
sworn in by
Reverend Harris.

President David Sylvaria.

CHIEF RICHARD MCDONOUGH: [Southington, CT]
David, it's a great pleasure that I give you this trumpet from all the Members of the Division. Like Chief Flaherty, you've worked very hard for the last two years moving the Division along, helped make this conference what it's turned out to be. And it's been my extreme pleasure to work with you. I've enjoyed every minute of it.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT DAVID G. SYLVARIA, NEDIAFC: Thank you very much, Dave. Thank you very much. I'll probably save it for the closing remarks, I think.

[Applause and standing ovation]

MR. MILES: At this time, we would like to have the swearing in of officers. At this time we would like to call up the incoming officers for the Association from Maine, John Barton; Vermont, Edward Webster; New Hampshire, Tom Lambert; Massachusetts, Alan Roy; Rhode Island, Joe Misto; First Vice President Michael Howard of New Hampshire; Second Vice President Edward Richards of Connecticut; Secretary/Treasurer, Richard Wehter.

Incoming officers for the Division from Maine, Skip Baker, if you would please come up; Vermont, William Weston; Massachusetts, John Parrow; First Vice President, Mike Lajoie; Second Vice President, Nick Russo.

They will be sworn in by Reverend Harris.

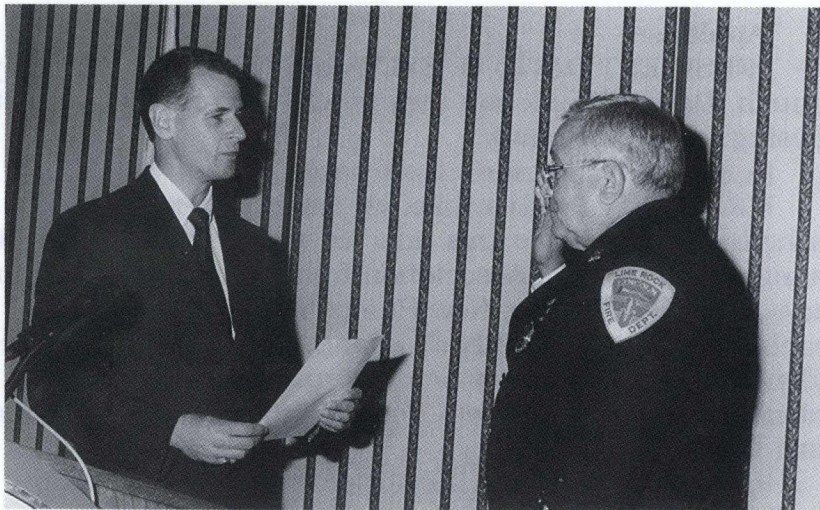
REVEREND DANIEL HARRIS: First, for the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, please raise your right hands and repeat after me. I, your name, hereby —

[Laughter]

Let me try that again. I, and your name, hereby swear that I will support the constitution and bylaws, and at all times will bear true allegiance to the goals and purposes of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated. 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, will deliver to my successor all records of such office, so help me God. Congratulations.

[Applause]

The New England Division of International Association of Fire Chiefs, please raise your right hands and repeat after me. I, and your name, hereby swear that I will support the constitution and bylaws, and at all times bear true allegiance to the goals



Mr. Ronald Rivet of the Limerock Fire District Board of Commissioners administers the oath of office to incoming President, Chief Frank M. Sylvester.

and purposes of this Division and the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated.

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 in office will deliver to my successor all records of said office, so help me God. Congratulations.

[Applause]

MR. MILES: Congratulations. At this time, I would like to call upon Fire Commissioner Ron Rivet, who will swear in Chief Frank Sylvester as President of the Association.

MR. RONALD RIVET: Thank you. I just want to say a couple of words. I'm honored that Frank asked me to do this. There's many people here that he could have asked, and I just want to say thank you, that I'm honored to be doing this. He has Stanley here, he has family here, friends here tonight that could have been responsible for this, and I'm really, really glad you asked me. And I know Frank is a dedicated and hard worker and will do all he can for the New England Fire Chiefs Association. He tells me about it a lot. He always tells me about what's going on, and I'm sure he's going to do a good job for everybody here.

Chief, please raise your right hand and repeat after me. I, Frank Sylvester, hereby swear that I will support the constitution and the bylaws, and at all times bear true allegiance to the goals and purposes of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated. 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, will deliver to my successor all records of such office, so help me God. Congratulations, Chief.

[Applause]

MR. MILES: Thank you, Ron, and congratulations, Chief. At this time, I would like to call upon First Vice President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Michael Brown, who will swear in Chief Richard McDonough as President of the Division.

CHIEF MICHAEL BROWN: Thank you very much. My purpose here tonight is to do the installation, but I have to make a couple of comments before I start that. This is my first opportunity to come and visit with the New England Fire Chiefs organization. With the enthusiasm and the dedication that I've seen in this last week being around you, you should really be proud. You have a tremendous organization. If I could make

one recommendation, it would be to continue to channel that energy. And if you can be successful in channeling that energy, you, by far, could be the most influential fire chiefs in our country. Keep up the good work. This is an incredible organization, and I'm proud to be here.

Now, a couple of things before I start the installation, I want to share with you that you have an obligation as part of this. A President cannot be successful if you do not support him. So after installation, when he, in fact, asks you to do something, you have an obligation to accept. Because no President by just being himself can be successful by himself. It takes every one of us to participate in this calling.

So if you would, as I do the installation for Chief McDonough, if you would quietly amongst yourselves just follow along and commit yourselves to this organization, and now we'll start.

If you'll follow after me and raise your right hand to be sworn in. I, Richard McDonough, do hereby solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of my office; that I will uphold the Constitution of the United States and the constitution and bylaws of the New England Division and the IAFC.

And during my term of office, I promise that I will at all times endeavor to do all in my power to advance the interests of the organization, to strive to increase the proficiency of the fire service, and improve the professional development of Chief Fire Officers, so help me God. Thank you. Congratulations.

Ladies and gentlemen, President Richard McDonough.
[Applause and standing ovation.]

MR. MILES: At this time, I would like to call upon Incoming President Chief Frank Sylvester for his address.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: [Incoming President] Thank you very much. Chief Flaherty, Chief Sylvaria, Clergy, Father Foley,
[Laughter]

Father Dan, Reverend Chalk, distinguished guests at the head table, ladies and gentlemen, there are many things that have happened to me since I've been here in the last five years, dealing with five different Presidents, dealing with different members of the Board, making the friends that I've made over here, and trying to be a team player, which I have been, and that was one of my promises when I got here, I would be a team player. I believe in being a team. But there are things, like I said, that happened. And I just want to go by a few of the things that have been going on and let you people know where

we're going and what we're doing. It's through the leadership of John Flaherty, Dave Sylvaria, the members of the Association and members of the Division, on how far and how fast this organization has grown. We've become one, and that was quite difficult. We sat on negotiations. It used to be just the Association over here, and it was the Division over there. We finally had a marriage, and the marriage is working. We have brought in the Mechanics, and that's working also.

In the next year there will be a few changes, I'll be looking at a few changes, and the changes are still going to be for the better, and it's to make the conference a lot better. I look at Charley and Linda Maurais over here and the work that they do. You wouldn't believe how much work they do. When they're vacationing in Florida every year, their phones and the E-mail and the fax machines are going constantly. I look at Chief Wehter and Sally Wehter over there, and I know that that they are backbones of the Organization. Without Chief Wehter, this organization probably wouldn't be worth what it's worth today, because I did the audit today, and by the way, Dick, you're doing one heck of a job, the cash flow shows. This is John Flaherty's night. This is John's watch. I really don't want to take anything away from John, but I asked him questions today in our business meeting. And I said, "The Organization that we have over here, we certainly go all out for a poor guy that's being thrown out of office.

[Laughter]

And we gave him a watch, a nice watch. John loves the watch. We gave him a Chief's helmet. He hadn't had one in the last five years, now he's got one. But the work is hard that he did for this helmet. I'll tell you, John, you deserve a Code of Arms as far as I'm concerned. And I said to John, "Why do we do this here when you're going out of office. Why didn't we do this for you when you got elected President?" John says, "Hell, Frank, I don't know. That's the system." So I said, "It really doesn't make sense." He said, "Why doesn't it?" So I said, "When the President of the United States gets inaugurated, they spend like \$70 million. They have balls all over Washington, D.C. They give him a \$50 million home at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. They give him an airplane probably worth another \$20 million. They give him all kinds of help," which John had very little to be honest for what we do. I said, "When he's coming out of office, he loses his job, he becomes homeless, he's out of his house." I don't think he'll get back in with Hilary buying her own

in New York.

[Laughter]

And I said, "With this type of a situation we have over here, you're going out of office and here we are celebrating you going out of office. It really, really doesn't make sense." But I can tell you what we're doing, we're celebrating the work John has done for the past eight, nine years with the New England Association, bringing it to where it is today, along with John and David, Roger. I look around here and I go back, and I say, the work that these guys have put in, and this is facing me, well, I hope when they throw me out of office next year, that I can say I've done half as good as John Flaherty. Thank you very much.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

MR. MILES: At this time I'd like to call upon Assistant Chief Arthur Jacques of the Lime Rock Fire Department.

ASSISTANT CHIEF ARTHUR JACQUES: [Lincoln, RI] For anybody who was at the party last night, that's the last time I'm going to play the trumpet.

[Laughter]

Chief, we've got to make this quick. From the many officers of the Lime Rock Fire Department, we're proud you're becoming President, and we have this little plaque in your memory.

CHIEF SYLVESTER: Thank you all very much. I just have one more thing to say before I sit down for the evening. First of all, I want to thank my family. Would you please stand over there, my family coming in from Rhode Island.

[Applause]

I definitely want to thank my cousins on my wife's side, Pat and John Monse. I want to thank my other table over there, my cousin from Cumberland, along with my Commissioner's family. And a nice surprise tonight, I happened to go over here to the table where my President from the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs was sitting, and there were two women there that had their head down, and I did not recognize them. And I'm talking to the President of Rhode Island, and he looks at me and starts laughing, and I said is there anything wrong with me? Is my appearance a little out of proportion here? And I started looking around, and I looked and spotted two members of my office staff, Leslie and Kris, would you please stand for a minute, please, my office staff.

[Applause]

I would like to ask you one question, I realize that my

office is only about 20 feet down from yours, and sometimes it's difficult for you to walk down to my office, but you drove 106 miles up here to see me. I went to the doctor before I got here, is it a bad report or what? Would you be honest with me? You had me concerned when I looked there. Also, I would like to introduce the Rhode Island State Fire Marshall, and this time I'm going to get it right, Steven Cohen stand up, please.

[Laughter and applause]

I'm just kidding. His name is Irwin Owens. I made one mistake at this conference, and that was the other day when we had Chief Budd from Worcester and we had the United States Fire Marshall in named Steven Cohen. And I introduced Chief Budd. It was one of the seminars Mike Howard was running. He said, "Frank, I want you to take care of this for me," and I did. I thought I did a good job, but evidently I didn't. So when it comes time to introduce the Fire Marshall, I introduced the Fire Marshall as Fire Marshall Owens. And the guys from Rhode Island are looking around and saying he's already lost his mind. He hasn't even been President yet, so they're looking all around.

Well, Father Foley, I want to thank you very much for making me look good on that one there, because Father Foley certainly dug me out of the hole on that. And I just want to thank everybody for the plaque and the recognition, and I hope I have the support that John had. Thank you.

[Applause]

That's the second time I fouled up. I really fouled up here. It's hard for me to say this, but I have to say it, and I usually try to bypass these things. I just want to say to my wife, thank you for the five Bachelors Degrees, the three Masters Degrees, the Law Degree, and my two granddaughters are looking forward to you working with them also and helping us out the way you do with me, my three daughters, and I can't thank you enough. Thank you.

[Applause]

At this time we'd like to call upon Incoming President Chief Richard McDonough for his President's address.

CHIEF RICHARD MCDONOUGH: [Incoming President] I'm not sure I can follow Frank, but I'm going to try to do one presentation anyway. Reverend clergy, guests, thank you. Chiefs in the audience, it's been my extreme pleasure to work with Chief Sylvaria and also with Chief Flaherty. I hope I do half the job that they've done. I'm going to try to work my hardest to make this conference the best I can, and I just hope all of the



Chief David G. Sylvaria, (above) of Bristol, RI and President of the New England Division IAFC

And Chief John J. Flaherty (below) of West Springfield, MA and President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, give their closing remarks as the 78th Conference draws to a close.



Chiefs out there are willing to support me. I'd would like to thank one person who is my driving force, which is my son, Keith, if you'd stand. He keeps me in line. If you'd stand.

[Applause]

Thank you, again, and I appreciate all your support. Thank you.

[Applause]

MR. MILES: I would like to call on Chief David Sylvaria for his closing remarks.

PRESIDENT DAVID SYLVARIA: [NEDIAFC] First of all, I'd like to thank my Board of Directors for their hard work over the past two years that I've had the pleasure of serving as President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the New England Division. Without their help and support, especially our Secretary/Treasurer, who I think is the mainstay of the organization. Presidents come and go, but the Secretary/Treasurer is always there to keep the watch, keep track of the money, take the minutes, and do all the work that I usually don't do. I know John usually sends me an E-mail when the quarterly newsletter comes out, stating you're late again. We had eight morning newsletters. I was late seven times, missed one, and John had to write that one for me. He did a wonderful job. He was very consistent.

To Roger Bradley, who I followed as President. Roger now is the International Director. He does an excellent job, and I thank him very much for his guidance and his help. And to all my Board of Directors who have done such a fine job and the New England Association.

I think over the last couple of years, we've grown together a great deal. We've all pitched in together. We depend on each other. Everyone has a job to do. And at the end of conference everybody is pretty much exhausted and tired and complaining. But if you weren't exhausted and tired and complaining, you wouldn't have a successful conference I don't think. And to President Flaherty, my counterpart in the Association, it has been an absolute pleasure to work with John. He is truly a gentleman. He's a professional. I've appreciated his friendship and his support. He's a wonderful man, has a wonderful family, until I met his son Joe last night.

[Laughter]

So to John, I thank you very much. Thank you.

[Applause]

And now we're going to get to Frank Sylvester. Frank

and I have been friends for — where did he go? He's trying to hide. Frank and I have been friends for a very, very long time. Frank has been Chief for a year; I've been Chief for a very long time.

In Rhode Island, I was Frank's Vice president when he was President of the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs. We've served on various Boards. We've done everything together over the years. And whatever I can do for Frank and the Organization, I will do. He's the President, and I'm sure he'll give me something to do, something probably pretty miserable, but that's okay. And just to say thank you very much. Thank you for your support, for your respect, and your help. Thank you very much.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

MR. MILES: At this time I'd like to call upon Chief John Flaherty, Outgoing President, for his closing remarks. This is the part of the program that you've all been waiting for, once I finish it's almost over.

[Laughter]

PRESIDENT JOHN FLAHERTY: [NEAFC] I want to follow up on what Mike Brown said that you don't accomplish anything unless you have the support of a lot of people, and surely this year we have the support of a lot of people.

We had the New England Division; we had the New England Mechanics Association; we had the New England Exhibitors Association. And it was just tremendous the amount of people and effort that went into this year's conference. And it's no small part that the leadership of these various organizations, and we'll start with the Exhibitors Association, and Judy Marshall, would you stand up? Let me tell you, this woman is without a doubt one of the main players.

[Applause]

We have Paul Lamoureux with the Mechanics Association, Paul.

[Applause]

And we have, of course, David Sylvaria. David, you've done an excellent job this year. I want to thank you very much.

[Applause]

We had a lot of committees this year. And one thing about being President, you can do a lot of delegating. I even had Bob Nunes working.

[Laughter]

But there's a few I would like to recognize, because I'm telling you, everybody worked. But the Education Committee with Mike Howard, Mike, you've done a tremendous job this

year. We had 58 training sessions, and Mike put that together with his committee. And, Mike, we appreciate all the effort that you put into doing that. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

We have the Advertising Committee, Joe Misto. He put a brochure together, he and his committee, that was second to none. It was the first year we did it, and it was recognized throughout the Northeast as one of finest pieces of work. And, Joe Misto, if you would stand up, we appreciate all your work.

[Applause]

We had close to 400 vendors that showed at the Eastern States Better Living Center, and the Young Building and areas in-between. And Linda and Charley Maurais have done an excellent job in insuring that those spaces were filled and the show was a success. Thank you very much for your efforts.

[Applause]

We have a Secretary/Treasurer, and before Frank alluded to how much money or the bottom line that we had here, and it was in no small part due to this gentleman, Richard Wehter. He's our Secretary/Treasurer. Although he says that bottom line will probably not be there this coming year because Chief Flaherty was in office, Dick, I want to thank you for all your work this year. You've done a great job.

[Applause]

And I want to go back to Dave Sylvaria. I think Harold Roeder really said that we went through quite a change in the last few years, two different conferences, actually three different conferences, and were all brought into one. And, David, you know the last couple of years you were President. You have done a marvelous job of cooperation with the Division, bringing all your people in to help, and we really appreciate it. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

[Applause]

Of course, we have Ed Richards with the Parade Committee. He must have had every Fire Chief in Western Mass. And by the way, all the Fire Chiefs in Western Mass. please stand up, because you've done a whale of a job. There must be 70 or 80 people out there that worked for the parade. I would like them to stand up and be recognized.

[Applause]

But this next gentleman I'm going to single out has done, I think, a marvelous job. I don't know how he does everything he does for the Springfield Fire Department. Bernie

Welz, anything you want done, just ask Bernie. I don't know if Bernie sleeps at night or what he does, but Bernie will make sure that the thing is accomplished. Bernie, if you're here will you please stand.

[Applause]

Bernie is getting old like I am. He's probably gone to the restroom. Dennis Miles and Ann Miles, Dennis and I go way back to when I first became Chief. And not long after that Dennis came on board, and without a doubt he's one of smartest young men I've ever met. He has done a marvelous job for the Town of West Springfield for 13 years. And now he's working for CIGNA making twice as much, but, of course, he's doing probably twice as much work. But Dennis I really appreciate you accepting the MC job this year and thank you very much.

[Applause]

I was quite honored by having the town officials here tonight. We have the Chairman Anthony DiStefano, Phyllis Austin-Bertera, and Marty Lyons. Of course, Marty has been there as long as I have too. He's been there almost 14 years. Marty came in a short time after I made Chief. And we appreciate all the efforts that you have given the Fire Department over the years, and I thank you very much for coming tonight.

[Applause]

But there's two of the smartest gentlemen here tonight. They had the wisdom 14 years ago to choose me as Chief, and I would like to have Dick Newman and Jim Russell stand up. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

But without a doubt, none of this could have happened without the support I have received from my Sergeant At Arms. Poor Frank. Frank has accepted being Sergeant At Arms. And ever since he's said, "John, I must have been on medication when I said I'd do this."

[Laughter]

Frank and Tony Jarvis, two of the finest people you ever want to meet. They have spent all weekend, from six o'clock in the morning until last night, it was in Frank's room, when he's on the computer doing the change in the presentation program. He accused me of killing all the trees in Western Mass. with all the paperwork that was generated. But, Frank, I really appreciate your friendship and your support, and I thank you very, very much.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

Of course, it was alluded to that there's a backbone on the fire department and who is the real Chief, well, Mary says she is. But every time I come into the office Kathy is sitting at my desk, and I'd like to recognize my secretary Kathy Patruski and her husband.

[Applause]

But it's been a fine year, and it wouldn't have happened without the work of a lot of people. And the people that are close to me have really done the most. Mary, my Co-chief here, she has done an outstanding job, not only in helping me with what I had to do, but to do the Ladies Committee. And, Mary, and all the kids here, you get one, you get them all. My extended family, I have another daughter back there and the rest of them, I really appreciate all you have done, and I thank you all very much.

[Applause and standing ovation]

MR. MILES: Thank you, John. It's been nothing but a privilege to actually be up here, to be the Master of Ceremonies this evening.

I look at John as a role model professionally and personally. And I've often said, if I can raise my children anywhere as near as John has raised his family, I will be doing well, and I greatly appreciate it.

[Applause]

That's all for selecting a great leader and a great role model. I'm sure this Association will go far, will continue to expand and grow for many, many years ahead, and I wish you the best of luck.

At this time, we'd like to have the closing hymn America the Beautiful by Chief John Jenkins.

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

[Applause]

MR. MILES: We would ask Reverend Charles L. Chalk, Chaplain, to do the benediction.

REVEREND CHARLES CHALK, CHAPLAIN: Let's pray, our Father, as we leave from this place tonight, we ask that you will protect us as we travel. We ask that as each of us return to our communities, that we might be able to better serve that community. And that you'll protect with your guiding hand each and every member of the fire services here.

We thank you for their wives, for their others who support them, their families. And we just ask, Lord, that you

will bless this organization, and that next year there may be gathered together again a great group to do the business of this organization. We thank you for all that you've given to us and bless us now and ask it all in your name. Amen.

[Amen]

MR. MILES: The Hospitality Room is now open. Thank you all again for coming.

[The 78th Annual Banquet concluded at 10:00 p.m.]

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MASSACHUSETTS	184	199	35	8	31	457
CONNECTICUT	64	50	56	1	6	177
RHODE ISLAND	36	36	22	0	2	96
NEW HAMPSHIRE	35	40	15	2	3	95
MAINE	23	15	20	0	5	63
VERMONT	21	19	16	1	3	60
OUT OF N.E.	2	17	3	5	8	35
TOTALS	365	376	167	17	58	983

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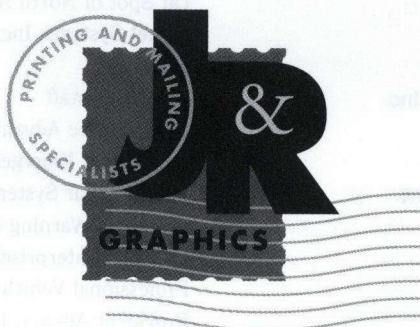
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BYLAWS
NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.
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ARTICLE I

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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