

**FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
137th ANNUAL CONVENTION
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2009 – 9:00 AM

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Good morning. I would like to start the Friday morning session with the Invocation by Reverend Wayne Jagow. Please rise and remain standing.

INVOCATION BY CHAPLAIN WAYNE JAGOW: Good Morning. On this day also I was advised that Sonny Cohen has passed away and we want to remember him. He was a vital part of the Fire Police Association and Chaplain in the Hudson Valley area and especially in this morning hour we want to remember all of those who have served us so well in the past and as this Convention draws to a conclusion, as you all go your separate ways. We ask God to go with all of you. Let us pray, Lord God, our Heavenly Father in this morning hour for this privilege of gathering together in your name, we give you thanks and we praise and now that we become a scattered flock, bless us and guide us and protect us in our journey to our respective communities and may we share with them all that we have learned all that has been a part of us and share part of our growth in this proud Association. Bless us all as we continue to be your people in your service. May your presence truly be felt among us and we ask this in your name Lord. Amen.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Now, the Pledge of Allegiance by the Sergeant-at Arms.

ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS WINFIELD "WINK" KELSEY: [Led the assembly in the Pledge to the Flag.]

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Thank you. You may be seated. Mr. Sergeant-at-Arms, do we have a quorum?

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS JOHN HALEY: Yes, Mr. President we have a quorum.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Ok, we have a quorum. Just so that I don't get hollered at, I want to make sure that everyone is aware; we moved the exits from yesterday. They are now in the back corner there and another exit is behind the black drapes here. If there is an emergency, you will be notified from the podium and the podium gets to go first, just follow us.

Welcome to the 3rd Session of the 137th Convention of Firemen's Association of the State of New York. I would like to announce that we are going a little away from our agenda and ask Mike Reid to come forward for the purpose of a presentation.

MICHAEL REID: Good morning. Before we proceed to the next item on the agenda, I need to take a moment of your time. First, I would like to ask that all former and present members of the EMS Committee here in the hall today, please come forward. Over 20 years ago the relationship between the fire service and EMS became obvious as the core mission of both were the same, saving lives. Many departments had formed or were forming at the time EMS companies and first aid squads to better serve their communities. EMS was also recognized by our State Legislature as a growing area which needed some guidance and assistance so they started the process of placing EMS firmly into public health law. The set of laws we know today as Article 30. The FASNY leadership has also seen the need to represent fire based EMS and had formed the EMS Committee. Serving at that time were individuals such as Sonny Staff, Paul Ohelmer, Greg Turrell, Lynn Mack and a young man by the name of Michael Quinn. Michael was appointed to serve with our own Dick Beach as a delegate to a newly formed group, the New York State EMS Council. The Council was tasked with writing this new section of law, Article 30 and Michael Quinn was instrumental in that process. As the years went by, FASNY delegates came and went. Delegates served their terms and were replaced with new delegates with the exception of one, Michael Quinn. Mike continued to sever as a charter of the State EMS council and mentored countless new

council members, including myself, in the fine art of EMS politics. This past year Mike was recognized by the council as its longest continuously serving member and charter member and we here in the FASNY family want to take a moment to recognize that achievement here today at our Annual Convention. Michael would you please come up. I am also told that not only is Michael instrumental in serving the EMS Community here in FASNY, he was also a charter member of own ambulance corp. back in Fishkill and still a presently serving member and an active firefighter. Presented to Michael Quinn in recognition of twenty years of outstanding service and dedication in developing of EMS within New York State. Founding member and delegate in the New York EMS Council, 1989-2009, presented at the 2009 FASNY Convention, Niagara Falls, New York. Congratulations Mike. [Applause]

MICHAEL QUINN: I don't have my Jim Burns mic book with anything to say in it. I just want to say that I could not have done this without the support of all the officers and directors and members of FASNY and I could not have done it without the support of my wife. Thank you. [Applause]

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Thank you, Mike and Mike nice job. I will now call upon the Secretary of the Association, Michael D. Whelan to discuss the election of officers.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

MICHAEL D. WHELAN: Article II, Section 6.3 of the By-laws of Firemen's Association of the State of New York was adopted at the 2007 Convention. Article II, Section 6.3 states nominations in part for each unopposed candidate for Officer, Director or Trustee at the Annual Meeting of the Membership, the Secretary, shall upon approval motion by the Membership, shall cast a single affirmative ballot for each such unopposed candidate. Mr. Chairman, I will ask that you entertain a motion from the membership to cast an affirmative ballot for

Santo "Chan" Rivera for Director of FASNY
John P. Farrell for Trustee of the Firemen's Home
Carl F. Steffen for Trustee of the Firemen's Home
William F. Murray for Trustee of the Firemen's Home
Walter A. Geidel for Trustee of the Firemen's Home

If the membership so directs, I will cast a single affirmative ballot for each unopposed candidate and I shall certify their election for office effective immediately upon the close of the 137th Annual Convention.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: You have heard the Report of the Secretary. Is there a motion?

CHARLES SKINNER: I make a motion.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Charles Skinner made the motion.

MIKE []: I second it.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Mike [] seconded it. The motion is to allow the Secretary to cast one affirmative ballot for all unopposed offices on the election. Any discussion? All those in favor, signify by saying, aye.

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Opposed, nay. Motion carried. [Applause] Congratulations. I will now introduce the Attorney for FASNY, Edward Cooke for the purpose of swearing in the elected candidates.

EDWARD COOKE: If you would please, raise your right hand and repeat after me. I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of New York and comply with the By-laws of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York and to perform the duties of to the best of my abilities, so help me God. Good Luck. [Applause].

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: I would ask Jim Ryan come forward and Chan "Santo" Rivera for a pinning of the Director's Badge. [Applause] We will now go to the acceptance speeches of elected and sworn in candidates and the first is Chan Rivera.

CHAN RIVERA: Good morning. Reverend Clergy, honored guests, FASNY members, officers, ladies and gentlemen. It is a great honor to stand before you here today to accept the Board of Director of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. I would like to thank 2nd Vice President Joe Kelly for nominating me and Delbe Spat, my Dad for the 2nd. And to past Director Jim A. Ryan, thank you for the great 10 years as Director you did a fine job, thank you. I also like to thank my wife, Cindy and my son, Cory for all the support they have given me, without them I would not be here this morning. I want to thank the Ulster County Volunteer Firemen's Association, the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association and most of all my own company, the Napanoch Fire Company for their support. I would like to thank all of you, the members of this great Association for your support. In closing, I ask everyone to be more involved in this great Association to make it stronger than ever. We must grow for our voice to be heard. Thank you. [Applause]

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: For the purpose of an acceptance speech, John Farrell.

JOHN FARRELL: Good morning. Reverend Clergy, President Cuff, Vice President Jacobowitz and Kelly, fellow Trustees, Board of Directors, delegates, members and friends. I can't believe that I am ending my eight years on the Board of Trustees. Three years with the passing of Vice President Eck and my first five year term. It's been an honor to serve on this Board during such a very busy and enjoyable time. I would like to personally thank all the Sectional Associations, especially my own sectional, Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association for all of their support, encouragement and guidance while I have been on the board. Thanks to my home company, West Athens Lime Street Fire Company and Green County Volunteer Firemen's Association, I truly appreciate your support. Thank you to past President of the Board of Trustee James Farrell and past Trustee Robert Darling on their kind words on Wednesday for my nomination. To Director James Ryan, I wish you all the best in your retirement from the Board of Directors at the end of this Convention and you certainly have done a great job. I also want to say thanks to Gunnar Neilson, James Farrell and Jim Ryan who actually got me involved in FASNY. To my wife, Marilyn and family, thank you so much for your support and most of all your understanding as I continue to do my job as Trustee. I look forward to the continuing support with my fellow trustees along with my excellent relationship of Hudson Valley Trustee my little bid of luck Paul O'Brien and Tom McKinney. In closing, I pledge to you the membership, my commitment to my position as Trustee of the Firemen's Home, its staff, but most of all the members of the Firemen's Home. Thank you so much. [Applause]

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: For the purpose of an acceptance speech, Carl Steffen.

CARL STEFFEN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Reverend Clergy, President Cuff, Vice Presidents Jacobowitz and Kelly, Board of Directors, Trustees President Montrose, Vice President Farrell, the Board of Trustees, invited guests and especially to you the membership of FASNY. FASNY is not a bricks and mortar organization; it is you the membership that makes this organization as great as it is. I stand before you today with extreme honor and pleasure for the purpose of accepting the position of my second term as Trustee of the Firemen's Home that this Association has elected me to. It was five years ago that I accepted my first term as Trustee. At that time it seemed like five years would be an eternity. Now it feels like only yesterday, time sure flies when you are busy and enjoying the work. Over these five years there have been good times and there have been other times, but all in all it was well worth the effort it takes to be a Trustee for the Firemen's Home. It is important to me to recognize those who have assisted me in my election and in my first term as Trustee. I would like to thank Jim Cayey for my nomination and Dennis Eickhoff for seconding my nomination. I would like to thank all of the sectionals that have supported me throughout my previous term and through this election process. I would like to thank Northern New York Firemen's Association and their officers for their support throughout this endeavor, I am truly proud to represent Northern throughout the State of New York. I would like to thank the Board of Directors that I have worked with through the various meeting and events. I would especially like to thank the past and present trustees for their support and their friendships. I thank you the membership for all of your support and showing your confidence in me to serve another term as Trustee.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank my wife, Stacy whom I love dearly. I cannot say enough about what she does that allows me to continue to perform the duties of a Trustee. Stacy, I love you and it is just five more years. In closing, I stand before you today and promise that I will carry out the duties and responsibilities of a Trustee for the Firemen's Home as I have been elected to do. I will make the same commitment to you that I made five years ago. I will do my best to assure the members of our Home are safe and receive the best care possible, the care they so duly deserve. Thank you and God bless you all. [Applause]

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: For the purpose of an acceptance speech, Bill Murray.

WILLIAM MURRAY: Thank you and good morning. Good morning, FASNY family, friends and guest. At this time I would like to thank you all for electing me as a Trustee of the Firemen's Home. I would like to thank the Suffolk County Firemen's Association, especially past President Bob McConville for his nomination and Vice President Rich Vella for his second to the nomination. I thank the Bay Shore Fire Department for all their support and encouragement and also my wife and family for putting up with all the travel, expense and time away from them that goes with the various jobs that I have done in the fire service. I have been serving as an appointed Trustee since 2008 as a replacement for past Trustee Joseph Esposito who had to resign due to health reasons. I would like to thank my fellow Trustees for their support as I attempt to learn and fulfill the duties of the position. The past year has not been fun as we had to make a lot of hard decisions due to the economic situation. I am looking forward for the preservation of the Home to benefit the volunteer firefighters of the State of New York. Thank you again for your support. [Applause]

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: For the purpose of an acceptance speech, Walt Geidel.

WALT GEIDEL: Good Morning, Reverend Clergy, honored guests, officers, members, delegates and fellow firefighters. It is with great pleasure and pride that I accept the position as Trustee of the Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Home. I would like to thank the late Jim Wright for his inspiration to me to run for this position. As you all know, I was appointed to the Board of Trustees in April to fill the position upon the untimely death of Jim. I have big shoes to fill and will endeavor to fulfill that commitment. I would like to also thank the Central Steering Committee and the membership of Central for their confidence. I need to also thank the Walton Fire Department and the Delaware County Firefighter's Association for their support and encouragement. I would like to thank Jim Williams for his nomination speech and to Charlie Skinner for the second. I also need to thank all of you for your vote of confidence in me. Last, but by no means least, I need to thank my wife Barb. She has put up with me for nearly thirty years now, through the good and the bad. She has supported me all of the way to here and I know I can count on her in the future. Her encouragement, patience and support have made this possible. She and my family have always supported whatever I have taken on 100%. Well, maybe not the Dog Control thing, but almost everything else. I also thank the FASNY family for this opportunity to serve the members of the Home. I will do my best to help provide the best care and lifestyle for the members that I can. Thank you again for your support. [Applause]

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: At this time I would like to past President Jim Williams for the purpose of swearing in the newly elected President of the Board of Trustees, John B. Montrose, new Vice Chairman, John P. Farrell and Secretary, Steve Klein.

JAMES WILLIAMS: I would like to ask all the members of the Board of Trustees, please stand. As members of the Board of Trustees, do you promise to be supportive, cooperative and will you assist the elected officers of your organization, if so, answer, I will.

JOHN MONTROSE, JOHN FARRELL AND STEVEN KLEIN: I will.

JAMES WILLIAMS: To the elected officers, do you accept the office to which you have been elected, if so answer, yes.

JOHN MONTROSE, JOHN FARRELL AND STEVEN KLEIN: Yes.

JAMES WILLIAMS: Are you ready to assume the responsibilities and perform the duties of your office, without reservation, if so, answer, yes.

JOHN MONTROSE, JOHN FARRELL AND STEVEN KLEIN: Yes.

JAMES WILLIAMS: I now charge you with the following: 1. That you know and understand the duties of your office as outlined in the constitution and by-laws of your organization. 2. That you devote yourself to these duties and conduct yourself as an officer at all times. 3. That you will work honestly and faithfully with your fellow officers. Realizing that no organization can function smoothly or effectively unless there is harmony among its membership, the Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York will now place its welfare in your hands.

Individually, Steven would you please raise your right hand and repeat after me. I, Steven Klein, pledge to uphold the office of Secretary to which I have been elected to the best of my ability and to abide by the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of New York and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. By the power invested in me, I declare you duly installed as an officer in this organization. Congratulations. [Applause]

JAMES WILLIAMS: Mr. Farrell, would you please raise your right hand and repeat after me. I, John P. Farrell, Jr., pledge to uphold the office of Vice President to which I have been elected to the best of my ability and to abide by the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of New York and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. By the power invested in me, I declare you duly installed as an officer in this organization. Congratulations. [Applause] Just as a little aside, during my tenure as President of this organization, I had the pleasure of appointing both John's, John Farrell and John Montrose to their position on the Board of Trustees, so I am really pleased to see you progress to the positions to which you are now holding and with that I would like to install Mr. Montrose as the President of the Board of Trustees. I, John B. Montrose, pledge to uphold the office of President to which I have been elected to the best of my ability and to abide by the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of New York and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. By the power invested in me, I declare you duly installed as an officer in this organization. Congratulations. [Applause]

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Thank you, Jim Williams. I am now going to call upon Jim Cayey, Chairman of the By-Law Committee to read and introduce proposed by-law changes. Jim.

JAMES CAYEY: Thank you, Joe. Good Morning. Proposed change to the FASNY Constitution and By-Laws 2009,

Article VI Committees, Section 1 now reads:

Section 1. Appointments.

1.1 Standing Committees. The President shall subject to approval of the Board of Directors annually appoint the following standing committees with such responsibilities as the Board of Directors may by resolution decide: an Audition Committee; a Budget and Finance Committee; a Chaplains Committee; an Emergency Medical Services Committee; a Fire Chiefs Committee; a Fire Police Committee; a Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee; a Fire Service Achievement Awards Committee; a Firefighter of the Year Committee; a Hazardous Material and Weapons of Mass Destruction Committee; a Legislative Committee; a Membership Committee; a Public Reactions Committee; a Resolutions Committee; a Two Percent Tax Committee; and a Youth in the Fire Service Committee.

Proposed Change: Section 1.1 will remain the same, but will eliminate "a Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction Committee," This Committee will be incorporated into the Training and Education Committee which is an ad hoc Committee established by the Board of Directors. Mr. President, I move for the adoption of this proposed change.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: You have heard from the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee with a motion to adopt the change in the By-Laws in relation to the Hazmat Section. Is there a second?

ALAN WAY: Alan Way, Monroe County seconds the motion.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Alan Way, seconds it. There has been a motion made to second it, is there any discussion? Hearing none. I will ask for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Opposed? Nay? Motion carried.

JAMES CAYEY: 2nd Proposal. Article III – Board of Directors and Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home.

Now Reads:

Section 1. Powers of the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home 1.2. Management of the Firemen’s Home. The management of the Firemen’s Home shall be vested in the President of the Board of Directors and a Board of Trustees subject to oversight by the Membership and the Board of Directors. The Board of Trustees shall organize by selecting from their number: a President; a Vice-President; and, a Secretary. The Board of Trustees shall employ staff necessary for management and oversight of the Home, including, but not limited to: an Administrator and a Comptroller. The Board of Trustees shall prepare and adopt such rules, regulations and procedures defining the duties of its officers; the conduct of its own proceedings; the management and governance of the Firemen’s Home; and, the admission of residents of the Home as they may deem proper, not in conflict with the laws of this State or with the Certificate of Incorporation or By-Laws of this Corporation.

Proposed Change-Article III – Board of Directors and Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home. Section 1. Powers of the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home. 1.2 Management of the Firemen’s Home. The management of the Firemen’s Home shall be vested in the President of the Board of Directors and a Board of Trustees subject to oversight by the Membership and the Board of Directors. The Board of Trustees shall organize by selecting from their number: a President; a Vice-President; and a Secretary. The Board of Trustees shall employ staff necessary for management and oversight of the Home, including, but not limited to: an Administrator and a Comptroller. The Board of Trustees shall prepare and adopt such rules, regulations and procedure defining the duties of its officers; the conduct of its own proceeding; the management and governance of the Firemen’s Home; and the admission of residents of the Home as they may deem proper, not in conflict with the laws of this State or with the Certificate of Incorporation or By-Laws of this Corporation.

Proposed Change to the same Article. Management of the Firemen’s Home. I won’t read that, but I will rather say to you is that this section will remain the same, except in the third sentence the word, “...but not limited to;” and “...and a Comptroller.” Will be eliminated. Thus the sentence will now read “...The Board of Trustees shall employ staff necessary for management and oversight of the Home, including an Administrator. Mr. President, I so move.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: There has been a motion made by the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there a second?

BOB WESCOTT: Bob Wescott, Hudson Valley, seconds it.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Motion has been made and there is a second. It is now open for discussion. Steve Klein.

STEVE KLEIN: Yes, Mr. Vice President, Steve Klein, Secretary of the Board of Trustees. I would like to respectfully request on behalf of the Board of Trustee that this motion be tabled until next years Convention. Can we end the discussion on it now, Sir.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: I need a second for that? Is there a second? Thomas Gaffney. Motion made and seconded to table this until next Convention. All in favor signify by saying aye.

ASSEMBLY: AYE.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Opposed? Nay. The Aye's have it. Postponed until next Convention.

JAMES CAYEY: Mr. President that concludes my report for the proposed changes to the By-Laws. Thank you.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Thank you, Jim. We are now going to take a short break to allow the Chaplain Committee time to set-up for the Memorial Service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank to put a plug in for my past Director, Jim Ryan who has a cruise set-up as an outgoing testimonial on September 19th on Lake George. It is a boat cruise, it is \$50.00 per person, and no tickets will be available after the first week of September. Please contact Tommy McKinney. Thank you. We will now recess for about five minutes, while we organize the stage for the Memorial Service.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

REVEREND WAYNE JAGOW: Please be seated. Before we begin, I would like to let you know that it is truly my honor and privilege to welcome our Color Guard for this morning's Service they are from Clarence Center and I called them and asked them to be a part of this simply because when 3407 Flight went down, I thought they represented the best of what we had as far as a model in the fire service and that they should at this moment in time lead us as we pay our respects to those hundreds who are no longer with us in this Association. So, I want to personally thank them for taking the time to be our Color Guard. I want to thank Marilynn Horwood for being the music leader for today and I would like to thank Faith Journey our group who is going to lead us in singing. I have to tell you, you should be thanking them too, because they weren't here I'd be leading all the songs and you all would be yodeling. I would also like to thank the Chaplains, Hugh Connaghan, James, VanHouten, Bill Michatek and Frank Knower for taking the time to be a part of this Service on this day. Also, Bruce Mack, Rich Silvaroli and Harold Wollaber for taking care of our bell and candles and Ed Tase, Jr. for taking care of our Taps for today. Everything has come together for us from this past year to let you all know that we are going to recognize two hundred and eight six individuals. We are going to recognize them with candles and as the bell is tolled; as the candle is extinguished we remember they are no longer with us. And for all of you, I would appreciate it if you could take the candles back to your respective County so that they could be distributed to the family. The candles at the conclusion of the session are available to all of you. They are in alphabetical order and they all will be in that back room, behind the curtain and there are boxes available if you could please take them back so that the families have a keepsake of this moment. I ask you all to participate in this Service, everything gets written on these programs for this day. We are going to begin with the Posting of the Colors by singing "God Bless America" and they if you would follow the directions of those individuals who are going to carry out various aspects of this Service. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is truly my honor to welcome you all to a very special moment in time as we take time to remember, please rise.

[The Assembly sang the Processional Hymn, "God Bless America", followed by Posting of the Colors by the Clarence Center Fire Department.]

INVOCATION BY REVEREND JAMES A. VANHOUTEN: Shall we uncover at this time. I give you the Lord's presence in prayer, shall we. Oh mighty God and Heavenly Father as we enter your presence this morning, we do so with grateful hearts. Grateful for your love and care for all of us and grateful for the many blessings which you have provided for all of us here this morning as well as for our families. Thank you Lord for the privilege and opportunity that you have given to all of us to serve you in our communities in the fire service. We ask for that you would deepen our resolve and increase our skills so that when duty calls and the lives of our neighbors are at stake and that with your divine help, we might save lives and ease the suffering of others. In a city that we called here today to remember and honor those who from our ranks have been answered and called home to you to that final resting place in the station house of heaven. As their names are recalled today and as the bells are rung and as their candle is lit, brings to our minds the former days of friendship filled with thoughts and memories of the great times we shared together. Be with their families today and look favorably upon the souls of our beloved friends. Fill our hearts and souls with your peace and we ask these things in your name and pray. Amen. Thank you.

MUSICAL SELECTION: "Think About His Love" by Faith Journey.

REVEREND WILLIAM MICHATEK: Scripture reading from Romans 8:18-30.

REVEREND HUGH J. CONNAGHAN: Led the Assembly in the recitation of the "Litany for Firefighters".

MUSICAL SELECTION: "Firemen's Memorial Hymn" sung by Assembly.

READING OF NECROLOGY: By Michael D. Whelan, Thomas Krawczyk and Steven Klein.

CEREMONY OF THE CANDLES/TOLLING OF THE BELL: By Bruce Mack, Richard Silvaroli and Harold Wollaber. [During which memorial candles were lit and a bell tolled at the announcement of each County.]

Individual Members:

Michigan State Firemen's Association

Paul M. Wilcox

ALBANY COUNTY

Robert C. White, Elsmere Fire Company 'A'
Edward F. Himes, Menands Fire Company No. 1
Edward Hotaling, Sr., Midway Fire Department
Norm Kellerman, North Bethlehem Fire Department
Dale E. Garwood, S.W. Pitts Hose Company
Joseph Mahan, S.W. Pitts Hose Company
Andrew Walthers, S.W. Pitts Hose Company

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Larry Bowker, Cuba Fire Department
Paul Yaw, Cuba Fire Department
Nicholas Johnson, William P. Brooks Hose Company

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Robert Case, Dayton Volunteer Fire Company
John Palen, Gowanda Volunteer Fire Department
Duane Dunbar, Kinney Hose Company

CAYUGA COUNTY

Gary Flick, Moravia Fire Department
Robert A. Ware, Port Byron Fire Department

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

Dale VanValkenberg, J.S. Lambert Hook & Ladder Company

CHEMUNG COUNTY

John E. Turner, Southport Volunteer Firemen

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George Rider Hook & Ladder Company
Arthur J. Titus, Maydole Hose Company No. 2

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Frederick H. Popp, Elizaville Pumper Company
William Beaumont, H.W. Rogers Hose Company No. 2
Gail Baker, Hudson Fire Department

CORTLAND COUNTY

Ray Marvin, Excelsior Hook & Ladder Company No. 3
Theodore R. Doty, McGraw Fire Department
Hubert M. Maxson, Truxton Fire Department
John M. Bays, Virgil Fire Department
George W. Lang, Water Witch Steamer & Hose Company No. 1

DELAWARE COUNTY

Richard Huyck, Sidney Fire Department

DUTCHESS COUNTY

Edward J. Duncan, John H. Ketcham Hose Company
Richard Browne, Lewis Tompkins Hose Company No. 1
Rush M. Greenough, Lewis Tompkins Hose Company No. 1
William H. Pottenburgh, New Hackensack Fire Company
Harry T. Carson, Protection Engine Company No. 1
Israel M. Cohen, Wassaic Fire Company

ERIE COUNTY

John McGee, Sr., Exempt Firemen's Association of Getzville
Edward W. Andrews, Hutchinson Hose Company
Clifford C. Horey, Hutchinson Hose Company
Douglas Hooper, Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company
Robert Hull, Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company
Richard Martin, Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company
Clayton Sweetland, Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company
Greg Heim, North Amherst Fire Company
Raymond Spencer, Sr., North Amherst Fire Company
Elmer Duermeyer, North Bailey Firemen's Benevolent Association
Francis McClemens, North Bailey Firemen's Benevolent Association
Ronald Roetzer, North Bailey Firemen's Benevolent Association
John Walsh, North Bailey Firemen's Benevolent Association
Jerome F. Musialowski, Rescue Volunteer Hose Company No. 1
Francis Rider, Sheridan Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 1
Richard Schoelles, Sheridan Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 1
Frank Korzen, Sloan Active Hose Company No. 1
Frederick Wilde, South Line Volunteer Fire Company
Edmund F. Jankowski, Union Fire Company
Eugene Tangelder, Winchester Volunteer Fire Company

FRANKLIN COUNTY

William Spaulding, Bangor Volunteer Fire Department

GENESEE COUNTY

LODD Norm Koch, East Pembroke Volunteer Fire Company

GREENE COUNTY

Alfred Daoust, Coxsackie Hose Company No. 3
Felix Perkowski, Greenville Volunteer Fire Company

HERKIMER COUNTY

Palmer Gregg, C.W. Carpenter Hose Company No. 2

JEFFERSON COUNTY

James A. Ryder, Adams Fire Department
Louis Greene, Chaumont Fire Department
George Waterson, Clayton Fire Department
Richard A. Hough, Mannsville-Manor Volunteer Fire Company and Past Home Trustee
James Snider, West Carthage Fire Department
Frederick Homan, West Carthage Volunteer Exempt Benevolent Association, Past Member of the 2% Tax Committee
Bobby Ware, West Carthage Volunteer Exempt Benevolent Association

MADISON COUNTY

Roy Spade, Chittenango Fire Department
Marie Dymes, Munnsville Volunteer Fire Department
Thomas Davis, North Chittenango Volunteer Fire Company
James Varney, North Chittenango Volunteer Fire Company

MONROE COUNTY

Herbert R. Meier, Barnard Exempt Firemen's Association
Bruce Rowan, Egypt Fire Department
Joseph Messerino, Fairport Exempt Firemen's Association
Gerald L. Doser, Fairport Fire Department
Past Home Trustee, Donald H. Fox, Fairport Fire Department
John W. Smith, Gates-Chili Volunteer Fire Department
Richard Watchtman, Gates-Chili Volunteer Fire Department
Robert B. Wells, Gates-Chili Volunteer Fire Department
Robert Floyd, Hilton Fire Department
Alfred A. Joseph, Morton Fire Department
Donald Luke, Penfield Fire Company
Carl L. DeChau, Ridge Culver Volunteer Fire Association
Donald Hills, Rush Fire Department
Raymond Foster, Spencerport Volunteer Firemen' Association
Lyle Zarpentine, Spencerport Volunteer Firemen' Association
Walter C. Harvey, St. Paul Boulevard Fire Association
Herbert F. Krause, Spencerport Volunteer Firemen' Association
Charles F. Turner, Spencerport Volunteer Firemen' Association
Robert Hiffiker, Webster Volunteer Fire Department
Harry Hutteman, Webster Volunteer Fire Department
Larry V. Palo, Sr., West Brighton Volunteer Fire Department
Charles R. Ely, West Henrietta Fire Department

NASSAU COUNTY

Edward Ellison, Bayville Fire Company No. 1
Robert Lopez, Bayville Fire Company No. 1
Vito Defanis, Bethpage Fire Department Engine Company #7
Ben Krysinski, Carle Place & Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
Edwin Tonyes, Carle Place & Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
George C. Wollmer, East Meadow Fire Department
Kenneth Clarke, East Meadow Fire Department, Engine Company #2
Ralph F. Luisi, Sr., East Rockaway & Exempt Benevolent Association
Jordan L. Klahn, Jr., Floral Park Fire Department
Harry L. White, Floral Park Fire Department
John Szymanski, Floral Park Fire Department, Active Engine Company No. 3
Harold L. Herman, Garden City Volunteer & Exempt Association
Ralph O'Malley, Garden City Volunteer & Exempt Association
James D. Doyle, Great Neck Alert Engine, Hook & Ladder & Hose Company No. 1

John Fonda, Great Neck Alert Engine, Hook & Ladder & Hose Company No. 1
John Reed, Jr., Great Neck Alert Engine, Hook & Ladder & Hose Company No. 1
Fred Reifenheiser, Hempstead Fire Department
Homer Wright, Hempstead Fire Department
Erie Herman, Jr., Hewlett Fire Department
Richard Kershow, Hicksville Engine Company No. 7
John W. Keyer, Hicksville Hook & Ladder Company No. 6
Ernest Donner, Hicksville Protection Hook & Ladder Company No. 1
George Felluss, Island Park Fire Department
Edward Junginger, Levittown Fire Department
Joseph J. Peirano, Locust Valley Fire Department
George Shephard, Lynbrook Fire Department
James R. Farrell, Malverne Fire Department
Alfred F. Lapp, Merrick Empire Hose Company No. 3
Walter Langer, Mineola Fire Department Company No. 2
William Pokorny, Mineola Fire Department Fire Company No. 1, past Public Relations Committee Vice Chairman
John M. Livingston, Nassau County Fire Marshalls Office
Milton J. Frankowski, New Hyde Fire Department
Thomas J. Gentile, New Hyde Fire Department
Donald J. Kiefer, North Merrick Fire Department
Mark Koehler, Plainview Fire Department
Edward Cirella, Sr., Plainview Volunteer & Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
Allen Wofford, Plandome Fire Department
Richard Wood, Port Washington Protection Engine Company No. 1
Noel Johnson, Rockville Centre Fire Department
Edward Kunkel, Rockville Centre Reliance Hose Company No. 3
James A. Neff, Rockville Centre Reliance Hose Company No. 3
Eugene Shortell, Sea Cliff Engine & Hose Company
Robert Grenning, South Farmingdale Fire Department
Emil J. Cisarik, South Farmingdale Fire Department, Truck Company No. 1
Arte Lotten, Stewart Manor Exempt and Benevolent Association
Joe Hoda, Syosset Fire Company No. 1
Charles H. Jagde, Valley Stream Fire Department
George E. Kunz, Valley Stream Fire Department
Joseph E. O' Shea, Valley Stream Volunteer & Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
Richard T. Eckert, Wantagh Fire Department
Robert J. Nicosia, Wantagh Fire Department
Kenneth Stanford, Wantagh Fire Department
Ralph J. Nicholes, West Hempstead Fire Department
Lothar Bettinger, Westbury Fire Department
John Cardinali, Woodbury Fire Company No. 1

NIAGARA COUNTY

Joseph W. Duval, Columbia Hook & Ladder Company No. 1
Paul S. Van Voorhees, Columbia Hook & Ladder Company No. 1
Edward Tase, Sr., Frontier Volunteer Fire Company
William Heppner, North Tonawanda Rescue Fire Company No. 5
Don Moyer, Jr., Sanborn Fire Company
Milo Barber, Shawnee Volunteer Fire Company
Charles W. Kraft, Upper Mountain Fire Company, Past Committee Chair, Firefighter of the Year
Robert Moje, Wendelville Fire Company
Linda Mc Neely, Wilson Fire Company No. 1
Jerome Nichols, Wrights Corners Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association

ONEIDA COUNTY

Robert H. Hryb, Clayville Fire Department
Russell Barlow, Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company
Robert Brykala, New York Mills Fire Department

ONONDAGA COUNTY

William Burdick, Camillus Fire Department
Robert Havranko, Camillus Fire Department
Jeffrey L. Conlon, Dewitt Fire Department
Paul Dixon, Minoa Fire Department
Joe Sanfillipo, South Bay Volunteer Fire Department

ONTARIO COUNTY

William E. Lathey, Nester Hose Company No. 1

ORANGE COUNTY

Aldo Marta, II, Cronomer Valley Fire Department
Stephen M. Vitek, Cronomer Valley Fire Department, 2% Tax Committee Member
Douglas Glass, Fearless Hook & Ladder Company No. 1
Herman Ingram, Jr., Good-Will Fire Department
John Vernon Lewis, Highland Falls Fire Department
John Jaszembowski, Howells Fire Company No. 1

PUTNAM COUNTY

Mike Mullaney, Brewster Fire Department
Arthur C. Brady, Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department

RENSSELAER COUNTY

Michael J. Fox, Defreestville Fire Department, Inc.

ROCKLAND COUNTY

Henry C. Eck, Blauvelt Volunteer Fire Company
William V. Harris, Jr., Pearl River Fire District
Dominick Cucchiara, Pearl River Hook & Ladder Company

SAINT LAWRENCE COUNTY

Franklin W. Harmer, Pyrites Fire Department

SARATOGA COUNTY

Robert Cromie, Harmony Corners Volunteer Fire Department

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

Robert McPhail, Beukendaal Volunteer Fire Department
William Hopmeier, Pine Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Dist., No. 5, Past President of

FASNY

Edward Martinec, Scotia Fire Department

SUFFOLK COUNTY

Joseph Rosina, Ames-Elliott Engine Company No. 3
Barry Smith, Amityville Hose Company No. 1
Reid J. Stafford, Bellport Fire Department
James Leahy, Centereach Fire Department
Robert P. Miller, Central Islip Fire Department
William I. Miller, Central Islip Fire Department
Charles Matthews, Cold Springs Harbor Volunteer Fire Department
Howard Gmora, Deer Park Volunteer & Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association

Orrin Hill, Deer Park Volunteer & Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
John F. Burke, Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department
Martin Noguier, Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department
Daniel A. Norton, East Northport Fire Department
Daniel Baudo, Greenlawn Fire Department
Gene Garuppo, Hagerman Fire Department
Edgar Terry, Hampton Bays Fire Company
Fred Wouters, Jr., Hampton Bays Fire Company
George A. Christenen, Sr., Holbrook Volunteer Fire Department
Arthur Stone, Huntington Manor Fire Department
Karen Todd, Lindenhurst Fire Department, Chemical & Rescue Company No. 1, Inc., Public
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Joseph P. Benkert, Sr., Lindenhurst Fire Department
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Ernest Scott, Lindenhurst Fire Department
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Rico Torres, Middle Island Fire Department
Andrew Chereb, Miller Place Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
Walter Heba, Miller Place Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
Robert G. Lee, Miller Place Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
Richard Mackiewicz, Miller Place Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
Charles R. Reichert, Miller Place Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
Roger Overton, North Patchogue Fire Department
Joseph Angland, Jr., Patchogue Fire Department
Robert Chiuchiolo, Sr., Patchogue Fire Department
Patricia Erland, Port Jefferson Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent Association
Leroy Mott, Port Jefferson Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent Association
George Fennell, Quogue Fire Department
Leonard Jankowski, Quogue Fire Department
Edward Link, Setauket Fire District
Donald W. Scott, Smithtown Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
Richard Fowler, Southampton Fire Department
Joann L. Kuri, St. James Fire Department
Harry Nordin, St. James Fire Department
Erhardt Olsen, St. James Fire Department
Dave Kaplan, Stony Brook Fire Department
William Beebe, United Fire Company No. 1, Cutchogue Fire Department
William J. Reilly, West Babylon Fire Department, Past Director of FASNY
Fred Ball, West Islip Firemen's Benevolent Association
Edward Gallagher, West Islip Firemen's Benevolent Association
Norman Rall, West Islip Firemen's Benevolent Association

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Al Bertholf, Loch Sheldrake Fire Company No. 1

TIOGA COUNTY

Donald F. Weisse, Lockwood Fire Department

ULTER COUNTY

Edward L. Bush, Jr., Scoresby Hose & Hook & Ladder Company

WARREN COUNTY

Edward G. Baertschi, North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Company
Larry Flewelling, Sr., West Glens Falls Fire Company No. 1

WAYNE COUNTY

Harold S. Jordan, Fairville Volunteer Fire Department
Dexter Morrison, New York Central Hose Company No. 5
Francis Siler, New York Central Hose Company No. 5
Richard F. Laitenberger, Union Hill Volunteer Firemen's Association, Past Member of the Legislative Committee and of the Games of Chance Committee

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Donald Cowen, Firemen's Benevolent Fund Association of Mount Vernon, NY
Robert Snyder, Firemen's Benevolent Fund Association of Mount Vernon, NY
Charles A. Wagner, Firemen's Benevolent Fund Association of Mount Vernon, NY
Bernard A. Hoffman, Hastings-on-Hudson Hook & Ladder Company No. 1
George Johnson, Monitor Hose Company No. 4
Robert Johnson, North White Plains Fire Company No. 1
Clarence Gardner, North White Plains Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent Association
Leroy Kulers, North White Plains Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent Association
Sabatino J. Lombardi, North White Plains Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent Association
James Scofield, North White Plains Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent Association
William Carney, Ossining Fire Police & Emergency Squad
Donato Traditi, Ossining Hose Company No. 1
Joseph Williams, Ossining Hose Company No. 1
William Gallagher, Port Chester Reliance Engine & Hose Company No. 1
William Heminway, Port Chester Reliance Engine & Hose Company No. 1
Wallace Williams, Senate Hook & Ladder Company No. 1
John C. MacDiarmid, Somers Volunteer Fire Department
Spencer Oakley, Somers Volunteer Fire Department
Russell Curtin, Washington Hook & Ladder Company
Marion Plesich, Washington Hook & Ladder Company
Arthur Tobin, Washington Hook & Ladder Company
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Herbert Effinger, Levittown Fire Department, Ladder Company No. 1

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John T. Dillon, Sr., Spring Valley Fire Department

SUFFOLK COUNTY

Dennis A. Schoen, Sag Harbor Fire Department

ULSTER COUNTY

Royal W. Janson, Woodstock Fire company No. 1

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

William H. Kossow, Briarcliff Manor Fire Department

John E. Glennon, Buchanan Engine Company No. 1, Inc.

John B. Lane, Pleasantville Fire Department

Taps played by Edward Tase, Jr.

MEMORIAL ADDRESS BY REVEREND WAYNE JAGOW: Please be seated. The basis for our meditation is in the Ephesians Chapter 4 Verse 29. It says; tell all let no corrupt words proceed out of your mouth for what is good for necessary edification that it may in part break the Heavens. Dear Family and Firefighters, I want you to know that I'm 10-4, 1-7, Room 8 and that's it. Well, I think I'd better translate. One thing impressed me yesterday when we did the "Firefighter of the Year" and the young man talked about the Communication Center and too many times what happens to us is we forget that wonderful place that has men and women who not only dispatch us, but become the lifeline for us in every or any kind of event that happens within our lives and there is a special kind of language that goes on in that room. What we are trying to do in Niagara County because of the increase as far as calls are concerned and with everything that is taking place, we have all the different frequencies that everybody is switching back and forth on to, but we tried to simplify the language so that people don't have that puzzled look on their face. What I am getting to use is something that I had when I was in the Sheriff's Department when we were in the patrol cars talking back and forth. I can tell you that for me right now to translate this to you will make a lot of sense. I said, I was 10-4, 10-7, Room 8. What that means is that 10-4, I'm ok, but I'm 10-7 meaning that I am out of service and Room 8 back at our Dispatch Center in the Sheriff's Department in the bathroom. So, let me simplify the communication, I'm ok, but I'm out of service right now, because I'm in the bathroom. My wife is using the phrase an awful lot because I've been out of service a lot. In this day when you talk about communication, in the day when we are involved in technology as far as communication is concerned the words that follow us to the congregation emphasis that are very important for us and simply put, I think it is time for us to be clear and concise as far as our message is concerned to what we communicate to one another. It is amazing we have the great technology; we have things that are happening to us at such a rapid rate, words like blog. I won't you to know that I don't twitter. I'm still trying to figure that out. My daughters are very upset with me because I am not on Facebook. My son said, "Dad, you should have a blog". I told them, kids I just learned to turn the computer on now. My son told my daughters I didn't realize that you are on Facebook, they talk now more to one another then they did when they were growing up. I went to a restaurant the other day with my wife and there was a group that was celebrating a birthday. It was a family, a son, a daughter, another daughter, a wife and a husband and as they sat down at the table, all of a sudden I noticed that the father was on the phone talking to somebody, the two girls had something in their palms and they were going back and forth and the way that is called texting, to somebody else and the poor, poor mother looked just absolutely bewildered because she was talking to herself and by the way, talking to yourself, have you ever noticed and I found it the other day in the parking lot at the market. There was this lady that was going back and forth and gesturing with her hands and the whole thing and not too many years ago we would have said that lady has a mental problem, but I realized that there was something sticking out of her ear and she was talking to somebody. We are talking about communication right now and what is interesting though is with all the technology with everything that we have sometimes we are in cross

communications with one another. We really aren't talking what is so sad is that sometimes I see these families all come together and nobody is talking to one another, they are talking to other people and they are missing something. Now, I am more than happy that we have all the technology, I think this is the most wonderful thing that has ever happened to us and I really appreciate what happens to us at the Communications Center. The wonderful, wonderful events that have taken place so that the lifeline, maybe we don't give the staff an awful lot of recognition, the recognition that they really do deserve. Think about when we have an incident, we make the contact and we make the calls and some how all of these pieces always start to fall into place and things start to happen. We now have gotten to the point where we are able to communicate to one another so that we are not on all different kinds of frequencies or whatever and I commit to you that what we need to be doing is people here in this service that we are involved in that is the Fire, is that we are cross communication that what we say and what we do is so very, very important to the rest of the world and I cherish that thought, because it seems to me that we are going to be that standard verse and we should be that standard verse for that message of caring for people so that conversation and what we say and what we do come together. Sometimes in this world there are just an awful lot of words, a lot of words; by the way I am a politician, so I give you a lot, a lot of words. It's only when you translate that into actions and you do something really does happen. So many times we are gauged by not specifically what we say, but by what we do and literally we come back and we say we care and we do, every single day, every single hour, every single moment we care. The theme is 24-7, ok, by the way translate that. It took me awhile to figure out what that meant, 24 hours in a day and 7 days a week and that must mean forever God and especially in the words of our text book today. Be careful of what you say and what you do, because people are listening. We need to use the words and the actions that we have to let the world know that no matter what is going on there is still the constant of men and women who are ready to lay down their lives to show concern in a very, very real kind of way. We need to hear that too for ourselves. Those names, that sea of names, you were so patient as you listened to the names that really didn't mean that much to you while you waiting for that special name that was so close to your heart, that we put it all together and it's us. The statement that we are making to an awful lot of people is that this proud Organization takes the time to remember and we know how important it is for us to remember those very special people who showed by their words and actions that they really did care. Doesn't it seem in this world that somehow we have lost some stability? That somehow with all the reality shows and all the things that are there somehow you are mad at things and the shaking of the fist and all of that that gets all of the attention, we took time today to thank God for some of the finest people that have effected our lives that were there on a regular basis. We can't dispute that and we need to be reminded of that. At work I try to have staff meeting so that we are all on the same page and what just simply amazes me over and over again is when I tell everybody this is what's happening and this is what's going to take place. They listen to the rumor mill, well, we heard this and heard that and I said I am telling you right now it's coming from the right end of the horse this is what's happening. Don't believe the other stuff, this is what's real. We need to let the whole world know that in this wonderful, wonderful Association with this group of people that we have, we truly are people that are ready to show that in this world we do care and we are ready to serve. I had a lady a church who every Sunday morning that greets me and I greet her and because of the word that I love that is so special it is the word called Shalom and she'll say Shalom to me and I'll say Shalom to her and now other people have started to say it too, because Shalom is that wonderful Hebrew word that encompasses an awful lot of meanings. It doesn't simply mean hello, goodbye, it means peace. It's just a wonderful, wonderful word that all sums everything all together. You say Shalom my friend, Shalom. I have to be very careful, because sometimes what I say isn't heard the way that I think it is. I had also a young man who on Sunday morning greets me and he ways with an action, he is autistic, so sometimes his words don't come out too clear, he grabs around me and says he loves me and I believe him. The only people that do it better than him are my two granddaughters and you all know the feeling and you know the real concise message that you have and feel love. It's wonderful. But, the other day, it was a typical Sunday he came at the end of church service and greeted me and he said, "Well, where's Gladys?" Matt, Gladys? Gladys, where is she? I thought he was referring to my wife and I said her name is Marie. So, the following Sunday he came back and he did the same thing and he got really perturbed at me. He said, "Where is Gladys?" I said Matt, I, sorry, I tried to humor him; she is not here right now. On my way home from church, it really clicked in with me I never even realized it because as I've been to church on it's way after the service as they go out into the world, one of the things that I do is to get to the back of the church I commission to everybody and I have been doing it for years and years and years and Matt is the only one that has really heard it. I say, depart now

in peace and joy and serve the Lord with gladness. I know who Gladys is now. Here all this time I was so bothered by what was going on that I didn't even look to what I was saying and what he was hearing. This is what I want you to hear, you are loved by our Lord, you are commissioned to go out and translate that love in a very real kind of way. So, Shalom, Shalom, ok, now depart now in peace and joy and serve the Lord with gladness. Amen.

MUSICAL SELECTION: "You Raise Me Up", by Faith Journey.

CHAPLAIN FRANKLIN H. KNOWER JR.: Read the Firefighter's Prayer.

BENEDICTION BY REVEREND WAYNE JAGOW: Please rise for the Benediction. This morning's Benediction was written by Father Thomas Minardi from Lake George, New York and it was dedicated to the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association on June 18, 2009 and I think it is important for us to share this wonderful tribute with this grand Association. A Benediction Prayer, we make pause a moment let us take, let us pray and let us say a blessing in a thankful way, to those who gave and sacrificed courage without pause to fight a cause through wind and flames. A Benediction to proclaim. You are a blessing to us now in memory we bow our heads now, solemn moments []. You heard the call, they ring the bell. For we too shall hear the sound that rings eternal []. The names they recall, the spouses, the sons, the daughters, the mothers, the hearts that bare the loss, the grief are tribute in our prayers we speak from those who live because of them. Remember always now of them, now may the Lord do bless and keep all their names in hearts so deep. God smile upon us here today and bless and keep us as we pray and my God's speed be upon us all and thank you firefighters call and ring the bell with strong conviction as make this prayer in Benediction. Amen. We continue on singing our Recessional Hymn.

RECESSIONAL: "HERE I AM, LORD" sung by the Assembly.

REVEREND WAYNE JAGOW: Ladies and Gentlemen, please a round of applause for Mary Horwood and Faith Journey. [Applause] Thank you so very much for the honor and privilege for being with you for this very special Memorial Service, you may be seated.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: While we are getting reorganized here, I would like to have Michael Whelan to come to the podium, John Haley and any other people who are going to make donations today. Thank you. Continuing on with business, I am going to ask Michael Whelan to please come forward with the Report of the Resolutions Committee.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

MICHAEL D. WHELAN: Good morning. The report of the 2009 Report of the Resolution Committee and the Petitions, Resolutions and Written Communications received by the Resolutions Committee at the 2009 Convention Conference Center, Niagara Falls, New York. Michael D. Whelan, Chairman, David J. Blair, Vice Chairman.

Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the Board of Directors, the Trustees of the Firemen's Home and the Membership of the Association:

Resolution #1-2009 – "WHEREAS, the 137th Annual Convention of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York has been held in Niagara Falls, New York,

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the thanks of the Association be extended to the General Chairman Edward Tase, Jr., Vice Chairman Gary D. Hunt, and to the entire Niagara County Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention Committee."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution #1.

Martin Sanborn seconds the adoption of the resolution.

[This resolution and all following were voted "Aye", unanimously, by the Assembly to adopt, the motion being carried and so ordered by President Cuff, Vice President Jacobowitz or Vice President Kelly.]

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: At this time would Ed Tase please come forwards and Gary Hunt as Co-Chairman. Presentation made from Presidents.

Resolution #2-2009 – Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the Board of Directors, the Trustees of the Firemen's Home and the Membership of the Association:

"WHEREAS, the 137th Annual Convention of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York has been held in Niagara Falls, New York,

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the thanks of the Association be extended to the convention speakers, invited guests, forum presenters and representatives of the other fire service organizations in attendance."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution #2.

Neil Hasley seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #3-2009 – Presented by Past President Michael P. Wutz, Chairman of the FASNY Budget and Finance Committee on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Trustees of the Firemen's Home pursuant to Article IV – Meeting of the Membership, Section 1.1 of the By-Laws of the Association:

"WHEREAS, Article IV Section 1.1, of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association provides that the Membership shall have the opportunity to approve or reject the annual budget for the Firemen's Home at the annual meeting or convention, and

WHEREAS, the Firemen's Association of the State of New York Board of Directors has submitted to this Convention its budget for the year of the Association commencing October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010, in the sum of nine million, four hundred twenty thousand, two hundred nine **dollars** and sixty-one **cents** [\$9,420,209.61].

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that there be appropriated the sum of nine million, four hundred twenty thousand, two hundred nine **dollars** and sixty-one **cents** [\$9,420,209.61] for the purpose of operating the Firemen's Home at Hudson, New York for the period commencing October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution #3.

Duncan Wilson seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the FASNY Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Home and the Membership of the Association:

Resolution #4-2009 – "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Firemen's Association of the State of New York extends a rising vote of thanks to James A. Ryan, a member of the Board of Directors of this Association, who is leaving his office at the conclusion of this Convention after having served the Association to the best of his ability and,

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sincere appreciation of this Association be extended to James A. Ryan and we trust his advice and assistance will always be available."

Mr. Chairman, I proudly move the adoption of Resolution #4.

Rick Tange seconds the adoption of the resolution. [Applause]

Resolution #5-2009 – Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the FASNY Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home and the Membership of the Association:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association extends its sincere condolences to the family of William J. Hopmeier and its thanks for his services to this Association as a President of the Association from 1980 to 1982.”

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution #5.

Jerry Buckenmeyer seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #6-2009 – Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the FASNY Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home and the Members of the Association:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association extends its sincere condolences to the family of James W. Wright and its thanks for his services to this Association as a member and the President of the Firemen’s Home Board of Trustees.”

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution #6.

Charles Skinner seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #7-2009 – Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the FASNY Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home, and the Members of the Association:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association extends its sincere condolences to the family of William J. Reilly and its thanks for his services to this Association as a Past member of the FASNY Board of Directors.”

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution #7.

Mr. President, Richard Vella, 1st Vice President of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, seconds that motion.

Resolution #8-2009 – Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home, the FASNY Board of Directors and the Membership of the Association:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association extends its sincere condolences to the family of Donald H. Fox and its thanks for his services to this Association as a past Trustee of the Firemen’s Home.”

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution #8.

Wayne Butts seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #9-2009 – Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the FASNY Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home and the Membership of the Association:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association extends its sincere condolences to the family of Richard A. Hough and its thanks for his services to this Association as a Trustee of the Firemen’s Home.”

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution #9.

Thomas Arsenault seconds the Resolution.

Resolution #10-2009 – Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the FASNY Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home and the Membership of the Association:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association extends its sincere condolences to the family of Karen S. Todd and its thanks for her services to this Association as a member of the FASNY Public Relations Committee.”

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution #10.

Mr. President, Eugene Perry, President of the Suffolk County Firemen’s Association, seconds the motion.

Resolution #11-2009 – Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the FASNY Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home and the Membership of the Association:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association extends its sincere condolences to the family of Stephen M. Vitek and its thanks for his services to this Association as a member of the FASNY Two Percent Tax Committee.”

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution #11.

June Gunza seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #12-2009 – Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the FASNY Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home, and the Membership of the Association:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association extends its sincere condolences to the family of Charles W. Kraft and its thanks for his services to this Association as a past Chairman of the FASNY Firefighter of the Year Committee.”

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution #12.

Neil Hasley seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #13-2009 – Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the FASNY Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home, and the Membership of the Association:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association extends its sincere condolences to the family of William Pokorny and its thanks for his services to this Association as a past Vice Chairman of the FASNY Public Relations Committee.”

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution #13.

Michael Reid seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #14-2009 – Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the FASNY Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home, and the Membership of the Association:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association extends its sincere condolences to the family of Richard F. Laitenberger and its thanks for his services to this Association as a past member of the FASNY Legislative Committee and a past member of the FASNY Games of Chance Committee.”

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution #14.

Jane Marie Skinner seconds adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #15-2009 – Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the FASNY Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home, and the Membership of the Association:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association extends its sincere condolences to the family of Frederick Homan and its thanks for his services to this Association as a past member of the FASNY Legislative Committee and a past member of the FASNY Two Percent Tax Committee.”

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution #15.

Marilyn Schrader seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #16-2009 – Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the FASNY Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home, and the Membership of the Association:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association extends its sincere condolences to the family of Norman Koch, a member of this Association who died in the Line of Duty.”

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution #16.

Jerry Buckenmeyer seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #17-2009 – Presented by the Membership Committee on behalf of the FASNY Board of Directors,

“WHEREAS, Article One, Section 9 of the FASNY By-Laws State:

9.1. Assessment. The Board of Directors shall establish a schedule of annual dues for membership, excepting that dues shall not be increased unless approved by a vote of the Regular Member at the annual meeting or another special meeting of the Membership.

And WHEREAS the Board of Directors, in consultation with the Membership Committee has established the following schedule of annual dues:

Full Company organizational dues will increase from no charge to ten dollars per year, the individual full company members dues will remain the same.

Regular organizational dues will increase from twenty to twenty-five dollars per year.

Regular individual member dues will increase from ten to fifteen dollars per year.

Youth organizational dues will increase from three to five dollars per year.

Youth individual member dues will increase from three to five dollars per year.

Regular individual members may choose to pay sixty dollars for a five year membership.

Regular organizations may choose to pay one hundred dollars for a five year membership.

Now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular members at the Annual Meeting hereby approve the schedule of dues as presented.”

Mr. Chairman, I would ask for a motion to adoption of Resolution #17.

Eugene Perry, Vice President of the FASNY Membership Committee seconds the motion.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: That is the end of the Resolutions. Next is the Report of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

REPORT OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

JOHN D. HALEY: Mr. President, members and guests. Among the duties that are given to the Sergeant-at-Arms during the Convention are counting the number of people in attendance at each session. This report is for Friday, August 21, 2009.

Wednesday Morning		
Opening Session		240 people
Wednesday Afternoon Seminars		
Charleston Sofa Store Fire		239 people
Fire Ground Safety		266 people
Thursday		
Opening Session/ Firefighter of the Year		384 people
Thursday Afternoon Seminars		
Functional Boss Behaviors		186 people
Fire Service Round Table		202 people
2% Tax Forum		271 people
Friday		
Memorial Service		273 people

The Assistant Sergeant-at Arms, Winfield Kelsey and I would like to thank the President and Board of Directors for allowing us to serve FASNY for the past year. Thank you.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: You have heard the Report of the Sergeant-at-Arms, I will now take a motion to accept that report.

MARC KASPRZAK: Marc Kasprzak, Niagara County seconds the motion.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Thank you, Mr. Marc Kasprzak. There is a motion made and a second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Those apposed? Nay. The motion carries. Right now I am going to call upon John Haley for the purpose of a donation.

DONATIONS TO THE FASNY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

JOHN HALEY: On behalf of the Central New York Firemen's Association and the Central Steering Committee we would like to donate \$500.00 to the FASNY Scholarship in the name of Walt Geidel, who went in a Trustee this year. [Applause]

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Any other donations? Bill Grant.

K. WILLIAM GRANT: On behalf of Carl Steffen, the Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association would like to presents this check to the Scholarship Fund. [Applause]

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Thank you, Bill. Jim Williams.

JAMES WILLIAMS: Mr. Cayey, on behalf of the past Presidents of FASNY, I would like to present this check \$1,500.00 to you for the Scholarship Fund. [Applause]

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: I will call Jim back to the mic, he has another donation.

JAMES WILLIAMS: Mr. Montrose, would you come forward please. Gentlemen, on behalf of the past Presidents of FASNY, I have this check for \$3,000.00 towards our pledge for the Chapel Fund. [Applause]

VICE PRESIDENT KELLY: Thank you very much. At this time, I will turn the podium back to the President.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT CUFF: Thank you. I will now call for any unfinished business. Mr. Secretary, do we have any unfinished business?

MICHAEL D. WHELAN: Mr. President, there is no unfinished business before the Association carried over from the prior year.

PRESIDENT CUFF: Is there any unfinished business before us? [None]

NEW BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT CUFF: Is there any new business? Is there any new business to be brought before the Convention? Ok, hearing none. An announcement with regards to the Board of Directors meeting which will be held in the Onex Room, which is in the Hotel Dining Room behind the Sports Bar Restaurant at 1:30 PM. If that being the case, we will see you next year in Suffolk County and I will call for a motion to adjourn this Convention. The Chair recognizes Chan.

CHAN RIVERA: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT CUFF: There is a second. Any discussion? [None] All in favor?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

PRESIDENT CUFF: Opposed? [None] I declare this Convention closed. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Adjourned at 11:20 AM

Transcribed by Kathy Perry.

Michael D. Whelan,
Secretary
The Firemen's Association of the State of New York