FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
142nd ANNUAL CONVENTION
ALBANY, NEW YORK
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2014 – 8:00 AM

PRESENT: President James A. Burns, 1st Vice President Robert McConville, 2nd Vice President Kenneth Pienkowski, Secretary Michael D. Whelan, Treasurer Thomas L. Krawczyk, Attorney Edward M. Cooke.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: We are about to begin our Annual Memorial Service. Would you kindly turn off your pagers, your cellphones and any other electronic devices you have with you please. The exits are to the rear, there are four (4). Go across the corridor and out the exits. At this time I will turn the microphone over to our Chaplain, Reverend Wayne Jagow.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

REVEREND WAYNE JAGOW: Thanks very much Mr. President. I would like to welcome you all and to say good morning.

ASSEMBLY: Good morning.

REVEREND WAYNE JAGOW: It’s good to have you here for this our 142nd memorial time and what we’ve done for all of us are to extend this a little bit. I want to remind all of you, if you have not seen it yet that what we have is a Meditation Room, a Spiritual Center that’s right next to the Ways and Means and for the Convention it will be running continuously the names of those men and women who are no longer with us at all and it is a quiet spot for you to remember those people who touched our lives. I’m so proud of Chris Roberson who did this from our IT staff at Headquarters and it is fitting lasting tribute to those people who have served us in the past. The center point in our Service is to recognize them with the reading of the names. But when you see their names scroll by some memories are jogged and you are to hang on to just a little bit more so please take advantage of it, it’s right next to where the State Chaplains Association’s display is and just take a moment. I know you’re running around the Convention, there are all kinds of things to do but believe it or not just take a moment to sit. For me, I do a little bit more than sit. I nap. I would like to thank everybody who has participated in this Service and just to let you know that unfortunately Barrie-Lyn Foster, our Chaplain took ill this morning, so her reading will be done by Chaplain Ken Palmer. These are all people from the New York state Chaplains Association. I would like to say thank you to Sam Lundy, our Assistant Chaplain for putting everything all together for us as far as this day is concerned and I’ll be saying a little bit more than sit. I nap. I would like to thank everybody who has participated in this Service and just to let you know that unfortunately Barrie-Lyn Foster, our Chaplain took ill this morning, so her reading will be done by Chaplain Ken Palmer. These are all people from the New York state Chaplains Association. I would like to say thank you to Sam Lundy, our Assistant Chaplain for putting everything all together for us as far as this day is concerned and I’ll be saying a little bit of a thank you to because we have some very, very special kind of music and I will share the connection with you on that. We are going to conduct the Service, it’s pretty much self-explanatory. In the beginning I will ask you to stand. When we do the songs, first is going to be the Firemen’s Memorial Hymn and the last for the Recessional will be the Battle Hymn of the Republic. I’m going to ask you to please stand for that. Also I will have you stand after the reading of the names before taps. We ask the Lord’s blessing on our Service today. Each of you has a memory of somebody within this Association. They are very, very important people. Somehow it doesn’t seem right that we give them just a glimpse of time. But that’s the best we can do in this hurry scurry world and it’s fitting that what we are doing right now is to start off this Convention with a remembrance. We need to do that so we know where we are as far as our foundation is concerned so that we can move on. I’m going to ask you right now to please stand for the Processional and the Posting of the Colors.
Prelude: By Sharon M. Palmer

Processional: Kenneth J. Holmes, Sr., Donald J. Farrell, Michael Foley, Bagpiper

Colors Posted: By the Verplank Fire Protective Association, Kenneth J. Holmes, Sr.

Musical Selection: “God Bless America” sung by Alicia Caron, Soloist and Assembly

Invocation by Chaplain Kenneth Hessel: Let us begin. In the name of the one that is, who was and who will to come, Amen. Let us pray. Blessed Lord God, we are a group of individuals here who have used our hands for service. Whether it is pulling hose, hooking up the hydrant, turning the water on, pumping, pulling down ceilings, etc. We have used our hands for the benefit of our community. To help save and protect them. We now gather to bring our hands to pray in memory of those who have gone before us in the Fire Service. We thank you for all they’ve done in the years preceding us. That helped to mold us into the people we are today. So, as we remember them and their service we ask you to just keep us strong, to keep us faithful and let us use our hands for your service. In your name we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-9 by Chaplain William Mayo

Musical Selection: "On Eagles Wings" sung by Alicia Caron, Soloist

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians: 51-57 by Chaplain Kenneth Palmer

Scripture Reading: John 16: 20-22 by Chaplain Kenneth Palmer

Musical Selection: "Firemen's Memorial Hymn" sung by Assembly

Ceremony of the Candles/Tolling of the Bell: By [During which Memorial Candles were lit and a Bell tolled at the announcement of each County].

Necrology Honoring Our Deceased: By Michael D. Whelan, Thomas Krawczyk, Robert McConville and Steven Klein.

Lighting of Memorial Candles/Tolling of the Bell: Retiring Home Trustee, Carl Steffen, John Farrell, William Murray and FASNY Past President, David Jacobowitz.

FASNY Individual Members

Albany County
Delmar Fire Department
Robert J. Boyea
Elsmere Fire Company 'A'
Daniel P. McMahon, Jr.
S. W. Pitts Hose Company
Vincent De Sess
Westmere Fire Department
Edward Stumpf
**Allegany County**
- Friendship Fire Department
  - Edwin M. Clark
- Wellsville Fire Department
  - Edward L. Bastian
  - William P. Brooks Hose Company
    - Lanny Clark

**Broome County**
- Windsor Fire Company
  - Alfred Meyer

**Chautauqua County**
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  - David J. Lewandowski
- Hanover Hose Co. No. 1
  - Gary Sutter

**Chenango County**
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  - Richard P. Paino
- Oxford Fire Department
  - Charles K. Race

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  - Alfred J. Babbie
- Peru Volunteer Fire Department
  - John Roach
- Plattsburgh District No. 3, Fire Department
  - Lawrence Butler

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  - Charles Kuhnow
- Stuyvesant Volunteer Fire Company No. 1
  - Kenneth Van Alstyne

**Cortland County**
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  - Leo J. Dwyer
Delaware County
Walton Fire Department
Pat Covell

Dutchess County
Roosevelt Engine Company No. 2
Brian Sutton
Wassaic Fire Company
Randy Ackerman

Erie County
Angola Volunteer Fire Company
Ernest McCauley
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David Carter
Blasdell Volunteer Fire Department
Walter E. Fox
East Aurora Fire Department
Arthur Popiol
Ellwood Volunteer Fire Company, No. 1
Richard Balzer
Richard Quattrini
Grand Island Fire Company
John Brenon
Lake Erie Beach Volunteer Fire Company
Fred Allen
Mike Krajacic
Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company
Robert Hustead
Robert W. Thompson
Millgrove Volunteer Fire Department
John Uebelhoer
Orchard Park Fire Company
Erwin Bowell
Sheridan Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 4
Jerry Hertel

Essex County
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John Savarie

Franklin County
Saranac Lake Volunteer Fire Company
Former Legislative Committee, Donn G. Garwood
Greene County
Athens Volunteer Fire Department
   Richard F. Albright
Greenville Volunteer Fire Company
   Raymond Gibbons

Herkimer County
Frankfort Hill Volunteer Fire Department
   Mitchell Dye
   Salim Haddad
Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company
   Wayne Johnson

Jefferson County
Clayton Fire Department
   Clark Dano
   Ernest Lowe
   Paul Thiebeau, Jr.
Deferiet Volunteer Fire Department
   Gino Zando
Dexter Fire Department
   Karl A. Savage
Northpole Fire Company
   Michael G. Prior
Rutland Volunteer Fire Department
   Jack Hadley
Theresa Fire Department
   Wesley G. Adams
West Carthage Volunteer Exempt Benevolent Association
   Ron Grover
   Harold Sanderson
   Wayne Stark

Madison County
Cazenovia Hook & Ladder Company
   Past Sergeant at Arms, John D. Haley
Georgetown Volunteer Firemen’s Association
   Frank L. Hitchcock, Jr.

Monroe County
Churchville Volunteer Fire Department
   James H. Leathersich
East Rochester Fire Department
   Robert J. Bagley
West Webster Volunteer Firemen Association  
    Former Legislative Chairman, William R. Schlegel

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Albertson Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Company No. 1  
    William J. Clark  
    Patrick J. Fahey

Atlantic Steamer Company No. 1  
    Douglas Pilger

Bethpage Fire Department Engine Company #7  
    Fritz Kerpa

Carle Place Hook, Ladder & Hose Company No. 1, Inc.  
    Barry Klein  
    Vincent James Madonna

East Meadow Fire Department  
    Roy J. Bronnekant, Sr.

East Meadow Fire Department Ladder Company No. 2  
    Nelson H. Finkelman

East Norwich Volunteer Fire Company No. 1  
    John DeBellis

Floral Park Fire Department Alert Engine Co. #1  
    Richard V. Jacobs

Flower Hill Hose Company No. 1  
    Anthony H. Jessen

Garden City Volunteer & Exempt Association  
    Stephen Davis  
    James McAleese

Jericho Fire Department Rescue Co. No. 4  
    John Scala

Jericho Fire Department Trident Engine Co No. 3  
    Frank Bovino

Levittown Fire Department  
    Jason A. DeLauro

Malverne Fire Department  
    Fire Service Achievement Award Committee, Amedeo dePoto

Mineola Fire Department Fire Company No. 1  
    2004 Community Service Achievement Award Winner, John S. Davanzo

Nassau Chemical & Hose Company No. 1  
    Edward B. Roth

Plandome Fire Department  
    Pete DelDuca  
    Louis Trapp
Port Washington Protection Engine Company No. 1
  Frank C. Pavlak
Roslyn Highlands Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Company
  Wayne Campbell
Sea Cliff Engine & Hose Company
  George J. Myles, Sr.
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  Roy A. Bazylewicz
Stewart Manor Exempt and Benevolent Association
  Tom Schulz
Syosset Fire Department
  Robert M. DePoto
Valley Stream Volunteer & Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
  Robert Bingham
  Richard L. Kleiner
  Phil A. Pantaelo
  Lucas M. Solana
Westbury Fire Department
  Bernard C. Cornell

Niagara County
Adams Fire Company
  Edward Andress
  Chester Stachura
Lewiston Fire Company No. 1
  Ron Bates
Middleport Volunteer Fire Company
  Michael J. Conley
  J. Francis Gaughn
Miller Hose Company
  Gary Wemple
North Tonawanda Live Hose Company No. 4
  Cortland Whitcomb
North Tonawanda Rescue Fire Company No. 5
  Edward Andrees
  Lester Buckley
  Lester Kinzly
  James Neubauer
  David Phelps
  James Schmidt
South Lockport Exempts Association
  Robert Maines
St. Johnsbury Fire Company
  Marshall Bernhard
Sweeney Hose Company No. 7
  Thomas Cribbs
Wrights Corners Fire Company
  Robert Burnett

**Oneida County**
  Cassville Fire Department
    Peter Ratcliff
Stanwix Heights Volunteer Fire Department
    Patrick J. Pelano
Whitesboro Volunteer Fire Department
    Gerry T. LaRock

**Onondaga County**
  Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company
    Joseph Harper
Hinsdale Volunteer Fire Department
    Leo G. Choiniere
Kirkville Fire Company
    James H. Paris
LaFayette Fire Department
    Jack Sutton
Lakeside Fire Department
    Alfred Zoanetti
Liverpool Fire Department
    Reginald Chester
Manlius Volunteer Fire Company
    Charles German
    Luton Reed
Minoa Fire Department
    George Ashworth
    Earl Taylor
Moyers Corners Fire Department
    Patrick Savage
Nedrow Volunteer Fire Department
    James C. Goodman, Jr.
Taunton Fire Department
    Edward Phelan, Sr.

**Ontario County**
  Nester Hose Company No. 1
    William Fuller
Orange County
Enterprise Steamer Co. #2
    Paul D. Doolittle
Fleet Hook & Ladder Company No. 1
    Eugene C. Reynolds, Sr.
Independence Fire Company
    Bob Codner
Maybrook Engine Company No. 1
    Salvatore Mazza
Pine Bush Hook & Ladder Company No. 1
    James R. Sheeley
Storm King Engine Company No. 2
    Matthew T. Clancy
Winona Lake Fire Engine Company No. 2
    Anthony J. Colandrea

Oswego County
Enterprise Fire Company No. 1 of Phoenix
    Roy C. Morgan
Oswego Town Volunteer Fire Department
    Theresa Mosher

Otsego County
C. H. Graham Hose Company
    Ernest Blanchard
Cooperstown Fire Department
    Ted Lamb

Putnam County
Brewster Fire Department
    James P. Duffy
    Thomas Keefe
Lake Carmel Fire Department
    Robert McMahon, Sr.
Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department
    Walter Swarm
Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department
    George Gustin

Rensselaer County
Rensselaer Fire Department
    Former Ways and Means Committee, Glenn Van Alstyne
Rockland County
   Cosgriff Hose Company No. 4
      John J. Burkert
   Sloatsburg Fire Department
      George McDonnell
   Wayne Hose Company No. 1
      Robert Babcock

Saint Lawrence County
   Gouverneur Fire Company
      Andrew Cowles
   Massena Volunteer Fire Department
      Scott Billings
      Raymond C. Losey
   Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
      Kim Grady
      James Wing
   Piercefield Volunteer Fire Department
      Walt Benware

Saratoga County
   Hillcrest Fire Department
      Walter Burdick
   Providence Fire District
      Matt Phillips
   Quaker Springs Volunteer Fire Department
      Frank Gemmiti
   South Glens Falls Fire Company
      Gary L. Dickinson

Schenectady County
   Thomas Corners Fire Department
      Fred Blase

Schuyler County
   Mecklenburg Volunteer Fire Company
      John Swartz

Suffolk County
   Bay Shore Fire Department
      John Skinner
   Bohemia Fire Department
      Lawrence Mays
Center Moriches Fire Department
  Robert W. Loper
Central Islip Fire Department
  Thomas Falco
  William Stahley
Cherry Grove Fire Department
  George Oakley
Coram Fire District
  Wallace Devine
  Peter C. Goldstein
Davis Park Fire Department
  Jack Farrell
Deer Park Volunteer & Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
  Donald Fleming
  Alexander Gillespie
  John Lee
  Paul McCartney
  Juan Perez
  Arthur Wolferd, Sr.
East Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Company
  Joseph F. Herrmann
East Marion Fire Department
  Daniel Dzenkowski
Greenlawn Fire Department
  Lawrence Jesberger
Greenport Relief Hose Company No. 2
  Lawrence Damiani
Greenport Standard Hose Company No. 4
  William S. Jaeger
  Richard Sledjeski
Hagerman Fire Department
  Vincent J. Brienza
  Louis Gallo
  Mike Vignato
Hampton Bays Fire Company
  Michael L. Zarro
Hauppauge Volunteer Fire Department
  John Hough
Jamesport Fire Department Company #4
  Henry Dermigny
Lindenhurst Fire Department
  George T. Callahan
  George Kraft, Sr.
  Douglas Mulholland
  Edwin Spiess
  Carmelo Urso
Medford Fire Department
  John J. Kennedy
  Frank Rafano, Jr.
Middle Island Fire Department
  Marc D. Rosenfeld
Miller Place Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
  Gerard Lange
Nesconset Volunteer Fire Department
  LODD Ross E. Huffer
North Patchogue Fire Department
  Al Kattau
  Edward Welsh
Orient Fire Department
  John Bondarchuk
  Louis Demarest
Patchogue Fire Department
  Jerry Avellino
  Robert DeLaVergne
  Robert Furman
  James Mason
  Jack Meyer
  John E. Rogers
  Calvert Ross
Quogue Fire Department
  Harvey Griffing
Resolute Hose Company No. 1
  Joseph C. Allocca
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Ronkonkoma Fire Department
  Frank Corso
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  Past President, Edward A. Carpenter, Jr.
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Sayville Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
   James McGuire
   Rolland Rogers
   Robert Strong
   Richard Wayman
Selden Fire Department
   Bruce G. Harrington
Setauket Fire District
   Arthur Bryant
Southampton Fire Department
   John Rist
   John Westerhoff
St. James Fire Department
   Everett Snelling
United Fire Company No. 1 of the Cutchogue Fire Department
   Philip Horton
   Elizabeth Toy
West Islip Fire Department
   Robert N. Leiser
West Sayville Fire Department
   David A. Leigh-Manuell

Sullivan County
   Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company
     Paul F. Yonchik
   Loch Sheldrake Fire Company No. 1
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     Glen Whipple

Tompkins County
   McLean Fire Department
     George Totman

Ulster County
   Napanoch Fire Company
     George Simpson

Warren County
   South Queensbury Volunteer Fire Company
     Bobby Lee Dickinson
   West Glens Falls Fire Company No. 1
     John Cameron
     Jay Porter
Wayne County
Excelsior Hook & Ladder Company #4
  Donald VanHoute
Fairville Volunteer Fire Department
  Russell George
Walworth Fire Department
  Ken Cigna, Sr.
  Ronald Hermanet

Westchester County
Croton Falls Fire Department
  Francis Schettini
Elmsford Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association
  Vito Constantino
Firemen's Benevolent Fund Association of Mount Vernon, N.Y.
  Corrado Luiso
  Edgar G. Shute
Katonah Fire Department
  Cornelius J. Pronay, Jr.
North White Plains Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent Association
  Joseph Macellaro
  Robert Towndrow
Ossining Independent Hose Company No. 6
  Former FPLS and Auditing Committee Member, Anthony J. Bosco, Jr.
  Anthony Montague
  William G. Pointer
Ossining Monitor Hose Company No. 4
  Frank Barreiro
  Robert Rinaldi
  John Shook
Ossining Washington Hook & Ladder Company
  George Burckhard
Phenix Hose Company No. 2
  Felix Demasi, Sr.
Riverside Hose Company No. 4
  James E. Brown, Sr.
Washington Engine & Hose Company No. 4
  Roger Pivarnik

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Perry Fire Department
  Jack L. Hurlburt
Firemen's Home Members

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  Chautauqua Volunteer Fire Department
    Lou Ann Newman

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    Leon F. Cook, Jr.
  Becraft Pumper Company No. 2
    Everett F. Miller
  C. H. Evans Hook & Ladder Company
    James H. Reutenauer, Sr.
  Spencertown Fire Company
    Theodore L. Howes, Jr.
  Stottville Fire Company
    Lansing Stevenson
  Washington Hose Company No. 3
    Joseph F. Davi

Greene County
  Athens Volunteer Fire Department
    Peter J. Bruno
  W. C. Brady Hook & Ladder Company No. 1
    Joseph Chierchio

Rockland County
  Pearl River Hook & Ladder Company
    Robert E. Doscher

Suffolk County
  North Babylon Volunteer Fire Company
    William J. Denaga
  Resolute Hose Company No. 1
    John A. Champlin

Westchester County
  Verplanck Fire Protective Association
    Clarence E. Lent

TAPS: By Mark Stella
MEMORIAL ADDRESS

REVERAND WAYNE F. JAGOW: Our meditation is based on Revelation Chapter 21, verses 1-4, and I heard a loud voice from heaven saying behold the tabernacle of God is with men and he will draw with them and they shall be his people. God himself will be with them and be their God and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes and there shall be no more death, no more sorrow, no more crying. There shall be no more pain where the former things have passed away. Dear friends, when Alicia sang that beautiful version of “On Eagles Wings”, it just tugged at my heart and I suspect it did with you too. I don’t know why I well up with tears when I hear that and Alicia, thank you, that was really, really beautiful. I have to tell you, one of my thoughts was when I think about Eagles Wings all the wonderful people we’ve recognized here that are in eternity, that are angels that are in heaven right now. I look at myself and then I look at God and I wept for him because I say Lord, how are you going a package this size up to heaven. I know you can do it, but I do feel sorry for you. Years back, I had used a meditation something that had to do with an angel and an angel with broken wings and I maintained that all of us here are one wing angels. And I want to build on that a little bit. I have in my office right now after that Memorial Service somebody gave me an angel with a broken wing, and I look at that on a regular basis because it reminds me of whom and what we are. What has impressed me more than anything, if you really do take a look at us as an organization is that we are one wing angels. There are men and women who are part of this that have been bruised and broken for a lot of different reasons. Whether it’s a tragedy, whether it’s a death, whether it’s financial concerns or whatever we all don’t have two great big wings. And if we rely on ourselves as a one wing angel, I don’t know about you, but I’d be flying around in circles. I need the other half and this Association gives me the opportunity to tie up with somebody else and we unite and fly together. As a matter of fact the theme for the next few years is going to be for us caring for one another. I know we care for the community. We care for those people who are around us. That’s the whole history of the Fire Service. That’s why it’s there, to protect life and to protect property. We do that very well, but we need to recognize and make sure that we take care of one another. Not just physically, but spiritually, to take care of the whole person that we are. Within our own communities, within our own organizations there are hurting people and we needed to bond with them so that we can fly. Because the PS to this is that I learned something, we have a nature preserve down by us. They have some eagles that are nesting there. If you take the time to watch them, they are just gorgeous birds. I know Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey as our national symbol, but I’m really glad that somehow we have the eagle. What’s so impressive is when you look at them as these huge, huge creatures that are flying and nesting I’ve watched them. One day we had a terrible storm and it gusted and I thought how are these huge creatures going to be able to do anything and when I watched what they did was they took advantage of the gust of wind and soared even higher. They didn’t fight it; they took advantage of it and got more altitude. I suppose there is a lesson for us as one wing angels. We are confronted right now with more and more complex challenges than we have ever had in the past. I feel for the firefighters in Webster, because they wanted to do a job and were shot at. Now we’re there to help. They are individuals that literally lost their homes. Down State New York there are firefighters caring for others. If that’s not an angel I don’t know what is. But for us as people right now who take the time and we need to be able to take the time right now to remember this wonderful flock of men and women who served us in the past. There’s an example of caring. I’m so glad that I am a part of this organization because over and over again and if you are on the receiving end you’ll appreciate the fact that somebody said that we are praying for you. You get a card; somebody sent you an email just to let you know you’re not going it alone. Somebody said, by the way I went through this. Grab on and we become a two wing angel. And when the gust of wind in life starts buffering us, we take advantage of it and we soar higher. We have a choice; we have a choice right now. To go along with the world and just go on complaining and moaning and groaning about bad things. I sound like an old man now every time I talk it’s not like the old days you know. Well it’s not. But I can tell you one thing is that if we as an organization that’s not something that is stagnate. We
are in change. Take advantage of what we are and who we are right now and make for us an agenda that we’re going to soar higher. So let me be an inspiration to you. I really do believe that God’s going to get me off the ground. And I’m going to take somebody with me too. Dear friends, we have nothing more to do but to soar. That beautiful image on eagle’s wings.

MUSICAL SELECTION: “Be Not Afraid” sung by Alicia Caron, Soloist

LITANY FOR FIREFIGHTERS: BY REVEREND JIM VAN HOUTEN

BENEDICTION BY REVEREND SAMUEL P. LUNDY: And now onto God’s most gracious mercy and protection we commit you. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious onto to you this day and always, Amen.

RECESSIONAL: Sung by the Assembly

REVEREND WAYNE F. JAGOW: Please be seated. Very quickly I would like you to give a round of applause; we went a long way to get this lady here. Renee and Mike Caron had to have a daughter, Alicia. He had to get elected to the Board and now we have her as she was our soloist and give her a round of applause. [Applause] And a wonderful, wonderful lady, Sharon Palmer, our accompanist. [Applause] To all the participants, we had to put this service together please recognize them with a round of applause. [Applause] Just a housekeeping rule, give us a little bit, we’ll clear out over on the side so we can go into the meeting, by the way, did we do OK Mr. President? OK, thanks. That means just about that much shy of what God would say so that’s pretty good. You’re God #2. We have the candles if you could please take them back to your respective Counties and give them to the families. What we did is over on the side for some of the larger Counties, the candles are already boxed up but what we did is on the front table we kept candles representing all the various Counties so there might be one candle on the front table but other than that, if you could please take them back to your respective Counties they are on the side. If you could please wait until after the business session for today to distribute them, we really appreciate you. Thank you so much for being here. I think it was a fitting tribute to the wonderful people that have served us in the past. Thank you very, very much. Mr. President. [Applause]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Reverend Jagow, members of the New York State Chaplains Association, we certainly appreciate for the excellent Memorial Service. It was a very fitting tribute to our past members and to past members of many Departments from across the State. We are going to take a couple of minutes while we disassemble some of these things and put out some more of these candles and then we are going to get into our business session.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Top of the morning to you.

ASSEMBLY: And the rest of the day to you,

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: All right. As I spoke earlier there are some new folks in the room, the exits are along the back wall. You go across the courtyard and out the exits in the hallway. We want to thank Reverend Jagow and his Committee and the New York State Association of Fire Chaplains for an excellent Memorial Service. I also want to thank the Verplanck Fire Department for being here today. I joined that great organization 53 years ago last April. I shouldn’t have said that. Would you kindly stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS KENNETH HOLMES, SR.: Led the assembly in the Pledge to the Flag.
PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: You may be seated. I'm sorry, Wayne.

REVEREND WAYNE F. JAGOW: I know, you are only on one wing. But you’re down a notch, you’re God #3. Let’s pray. As we begin the 142nd FASNY Convention we ask that you would truly bless us with your presence. You truly are the giver of all good gifts. May our endeavors be directed by your leadership. That our successes and failures are given to you in true glory. For you can turn everything around that there might be truly a service to all. Watch over our brothers and sisters in foreign lands that are serving us in this Country of ours. Bring them safely back to us and give unto us true peace. Bless our leadership as we continue to go forward. Give us your presence in these meeting hours, in your name, Amen.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Thank you Wayne. You may be seated. Mr. Sergeant-At-Arms, do we have a quorum?

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS KENNETH HOLMES, SR.: Yes Mr. President, we have a quorum.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Thank you sir. I hereby call the 2013 Annual Meeting to order. I would like to welcome you all here to the Desmond, our second endeavor at running our own Convention and being in this property and these people have been wonderful to us and we are looking forward to the next two years of being here with them.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Introduces the following guests:

General Manager of the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Tyler Desmond  
LAFASNY President, Marilyn Farrell  
LAFASNY 1st Vice President, Jo Ann Dunn  
LAFASNY 2nd Vice President, Diane Werner  
Albany County Executive, Daniel P. McCoy  
Town of Colonie Supervisor, Paula A. Mahan  
Albany County Fire Coordinator, John J. Walsh  
State Fire Administrator, Chief Bryant Stevens  
Assemblyman, Phil Steck  
President of VFIS, Troy Markel  
VFIS Education and Training Specialist, John Sroka  
Community Affairs Manager for Kidder, Neal Zipser  
Northeast Regional Accounts Manager for KME Kovateh, Tim Besser  
President of Alesco Advisors, Jim Gould  
President of Penflex, Ed Hoolihan  
Representing Penflex, Tony Hall  
President of Provident Insurance, Barry Balliet  
Manager and CEO of the FASNY Credit Union, Todd Stevens  
President New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, Chief Don Corkery  
1st Vice President New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, Chief Daniel Schwertfeger  
2nd Vice President New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, Chief Joseph Fahd  
President New York State Fire Districts, Thomas Herlihy  
1st Vice President New York State Fire Districts, Anthony Gallino  
2nd Vice President New York State Fire Districts, Tom Rinaldi  
President New York State Fire Police, Richard Duerr
President New York State Chaplains, Chief Chaplain Kenneth Hessel
President County Fire Coordinators Association, Richard Martinkovic
1st Vice President County Fire Coordinators Association, Brett Chellis
2nd Vice President County Fire Coordinators Association, Ed Trembly
3rd Vice President County Fire Coordinators Association, James McCullough
Past President Eastern Division International Association of Fire Chiefs, John Townley
Past President Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association, Steve Austin
President Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association, Jim Watson
1st Vice President Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association, Hoby Howell
Past President Maryland State Firemen’s Association, David Lewis
President International Code Council, Ron Piester
Vice President International Code Council, Dorothy Harris
Town of Colonie Fire Coordinator, Richard Haack
Vice President Fire Coordinator Broome County, Brett Chellis
Fire Service Deputy, Erie County, James McCullough
New York State Senator, Neil D. Breslin
President New York State Fire Council, David Jacobowitz

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Introduces John Sroka, Education and Training Specialist from VFIS for the purpose of a preview of the upcoming FASNY Seminar entitled “You...Safety and Wellness Equals Survival”.


2nd VICE PRESIDENT KENNETH PIENKOWSKI: Good Morning.

ASSEMBLY: Good morning.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT KENNETH PIENKOWSKI: I have the honor this morning, a gentleman who has served ten years on the Board of Trustees and this past year served as President. President Carl Steffen from the Board of Trustees, would you please come up and introduce your present and past Trustees.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CARL STEFFEN: Good morning. It’s certainly a pleasure to speak to you this morning representing the Firemen’s Home for FASNY in Hudson. The
members’ home away from home and the Board of Trustees. I’m going to introduce the people and ask that you hold your applause until afterward. I’m going to change the route we’re going to go just a little because in the eyes of the Trustees, the number one thing in our minds is the members, the care of those members, and the well-being of the members. That’s first and foremost in the Trustees eyes. So, I’m going to introduce those members that are here with us at this Convention today. First off, the President of the Residents Council Billy Rosenhagen. We have Steve Buttafuco, my good friend, I don’t know if he has his hearing aid in, Bobby Hicks, we have Bob Fonck and John Welton. In order to bring these members from the Home we are required by Department of Health Code Rules and Regulations to have an employee accompany them to make sure their well-being is taken care of. This employee has accompanied them to every Sectional Convention I’ve attended. He spends the time with them. He really looks out for their wellbeing and their care, and that’s Eddie Burnett. [Applause] And Eddie is just a representative of the excellent staff we have at the FASNY Firemen’s Home. He’s one of them. They are an excellent staff, they do a great job. With us also today from the Home is our Director of Nursing, Charise Bobb. [Applause] In leading the way for us has been the Past Trustees. So I’m going to announce the Past Trustees first. Like Bob said, they are the people that showed us the way. That is what started it out. First one we have is Gunner Neilson, Past President of the Board. Then we have Robert Darling, Artie Lewis, Jose DeRocha, James Farrell Past President of the Board, John Montrose Past President of the Board, Steve Klein Past Secretary of the Board, Norm Eberle and Paulie O’Brien my good friend. And also, all the Presidents that have served FASNY have served their terms as Trustees. The current President, Jim Burns has served as a Past President of the Trustees, Trustee again and soon to be Past, Past, Past over, the present Trustees that are here today. The Vice President of the Board Dave Blair, current Secretary of the Board Walt Geidel, John Farrell Past President of the Board, Tom McKinney, Philip “Butch” Grella, Dave Wolf, Bill Murray, Wayne Butts, Fred Griffiths, Dave Schmidt, Alan Way, Steve Goodman, Jerry Owenburg and Mike De Vittorio. [Applause] There are three members leaving the board of Trustees this year and I’d like to acknowledge the other two. That’s JP Farrell, some people don’t understand is he put 13 years in on the Board of Trustees for the Home. The other is Bill Murray. I’d like to thank them for their service to the Board. The friendship and service of JP has provided me and the assistant he’s given me in my year as President. The census at the Home as of today stands at 71. We have worked to try to increase it. The problem is it seems when we take people in, we lose somebody. We’re working hard to bring that up. We’re working hard to make sure that the members are receiving the care they so richly deserve. That is their home away from home. Some of you may have heard in the last couple months that we lost our Administrator. Per Department of Health Regulations we have an Interim Administrator that is working at the Home a certain number of hours a week to make sure everything is run right. We have set up a committee of the Board of Directors and Trustees that interviewed applicants for the job. That committee has made a recommendation to the Board of Trustees yesterday and the Board of Directors voted to appoint an individual to that position. This appointment is subject to approval of the Department of Health, so we can’t announce who the individual is until they are approved by the Department of Health. But they have been approved and they will be in the position shortly. Thank you for your support of the Firemen’s Home. Thank you for our support of me. God bless you all and have a wonderful Convention. [Applause]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Carl I want to thank you for your cooperation and efforts in reaching out to me and helping bring the two Boards closer together and I think you leave the Home in good standing and we thank you for your service. We are going to go into the business session for this morning. I want to make a brief announcement. If you are going to make a motion or a second, there are two microphones set up. Please come to the microphone, clearly state your name and make your motion or your second. I will now entertain a motion to adopt the Convention Agenda as printed in the blue folder of the 142nd Annual Convention.

MOTION by Rebecca Franklin-Guild and SECONDED by Thomas McDonough
PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: You’ve heard a motion and a second to adopt the agenda. All in favor?

ASSEMBLY: Aye

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Opposed? So ordered. The minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting have been posted on the FASNY website. Mr. Secretary, are there any additions or corrections to the 2013 Annual minutes?

SECRETARY MICHAEL D. WHELAN: Mr. President, there are no additions or corrections that I am aware of.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: I will now entertain a motion to adopt the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting.

MICHAEL WUTZ: So moved Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Mike Wutz, second by Tom McDonough. All in Favor?

ASSEMBLY: Aye

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Opposed? So ordered. Mr. Secretary, is there any Unfinished Business that has been carried over from the 2013 Annual Meeting?

SECRETARY MICHAEL D. WHELAN: Mr. President, there is no Unfinished Business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: OK, our first item under New Business is the introduction of nominated candidates for elected office. Would those individuals introducing candidates please come forward to the dais. For the purpose of a nomination for President, Jay Egan.

INTRODUCTIONS OF ELECTED OFFICERS

JAY EGAN: Good morning President Burns, officers, executive board and all dedicated members of FASNY. My name is Jay Egan and I am a 42 year member of the Selden Fire Department, Past Chief, Chairman of the Suffolk County Fire, Rescue and Emergency Service Commission and I currently sit on the Executive Board of both the Suffolk County Districts and Fire Chiefs. Some say I’m just too stupid to say NO, but like the person I am introducing, have the Fire Service imbedded in our souls and could not say no even if I wanted to and that would include making this introduction this morning. Those of you, who know me, know I usually shoot from the hip and have been known to not be shy or hold back when I’m passionate about a subject. However, today is going to be a little bit of a different story. I have actually written down my words, as to not screw up, I am wearing my glasses even though I have printed this in large font, because I’m at that point in my life, as I have no choice but to and actually I really don’t want to forget or miss any of the important points that I am here to discuss today. I am honored and privileged to stand here today before you to make the following introduction. An honor that honestly I wish I did not have to actually do, not because I don’t want to or don’t fully believe in Bob McConville’s ability to carry or execute the duties he will be elected to, but this honor was usually bestowed in past years upon Bob’s best friend,
Bobby Knight and rightfully so. When it came to the Fire Service, Bob McConville and Bobby Knight were basically inseparable. They traveled together to meetings, argued or should I say passionately discussed with each other, various points or topics which ultimately they usually both were on the same train of thought about and usually it was right from the get go, but I assume it was better for both of them if they went through the motions. None the less, both of their thought processes collectively were always for the betterment of the Fire Service. Whether it was though legislation, safe practices or making sure that everyone they spoke to fully understood the mission of FASNY and the Fire Service in general. Like I said earlier, I am a member of the Selden Fire Department, which is Bob McConville’s home department and I would like to take a moment to share with you a quick story and which I hope in the end become relevant for everyone. During my first time as Chief of the Department, I had the happy and very enjoyable privilege of having Bob as an Officer of Selden Dixon Engine 3. I was also a Chief, which I guess unfortunately for my members at times, happened to come from an industrial safety background. During my reign of terror, one of the things I needed to institute and enforce a no beard policy. A policy which at that time in the early 90’s was a little controversial and obviously as we all know it now was to assure proper seals could be obtained for SCBA usage and to quote the Seinfeld show, yada, yada yada! I bring this up because at that time Bob had a full beard and those of you who really know Bob can fully understand what a task that I had to undertake rolling out the policy to Bob. I needed to show him the standards, the safety practices, Respiratory Protection 101 and give him all the good reasons why he couldn’t continue to be the “Debonair Bearded Individual” that he was at that time in his life and so on. With that being said, when the importance of why I needed our firefighters clean shaven was fully rolled out, the fact that the safety of my firefighters was really my paramount objective and not that I was just looking to be a chop breaker. I assumed all his questions were answered because Bob reluctantly finally did shave. But to be totally honest about it, I do know that he did so as to set an example as an Officer and leader. Bob continues to this day to lead by example to all our members that firefighter safety is still one of his main objectives and to assure those goals can be achieved through training and education. Firefighter safety has also been one of the many things Bob has followed throughout his time in every organization that he has been a member and leader of. Next, I also have the distinct privilege of being Selden’s District Manager and working for Bob, who is now also currently the Chairman of the Board and which at times is also a joyful task. However, I am going to stay as far away from that subject as possible, being I still have a kid to put through college before I can retire. But seriously, I know and respect Bob for a very long time, including knowing him and his roots in the St. James Fire Department which is where he primarily got his original foundation from and also many for his firematic traditions. Those of you who know Bob well, also know that he is a guy that, if he doesn’t get something right the first time or possibly the second time and finally admits it, he strives until he get perfection, which has been proven by him marring his wife and backbone Virginia. I say that because we all know what a technological wizard and in past years had also been affectionately known by some of the FASNY staff as “Bob, no dot, no com”. However, thanks to Virginia he has been able to retire his childhood encyclopedias, has actually come into the century, let alone the current technological and computer world. So now when he is on a quest for knowledge, information or to research a topic, it is actually current, relevant and not info from past or medieval times. Now let me get back to why I stand up here before you today. For me it is definitely a privilege and more so an honor to make this introduction of Bob McConville as president of this great Organization. But unfortunately before I officially do that and being that I am on the topic of honors I have to lead in with just one more quick story and I promise I will move on. On our last trip to Washington, DC for the CFSI Conference, unfortunately that is when Bobby Knight was taken from us. Maybe little known and I hope I’m not telling tales out of school, but Bob McConville true to form stayed the course with his good friend until just before Bobby Knight’s final moment and also had Virginia at his side. All the years that I have known Bob, I have seen his growth as a leader and all the varied facets in which he operates, but I was honored to see another side of Bob McConville that day, which was that of a very true Friend. Me, not being what you would call the most religious person…Sorry Father, sometimes
my wing is replaced with a horn pushing out. Together with Virginia and Bobby Knight's children we collectively joined hands in his hospital room in DC and said a final prayer for the next path Bobby would then be taking. I didn't realize the power of that moment until I turned and saw the faces of every staff member in that hospital unit and the tears in their eyes. We truly sent him on in the best way that a friend could possibly do. Like that day in Washington, Bob McConville through his leadership and compassion will have all our backs during his tenure as President. He will fight to assure that our rights are upheld, our safety will prevail and every “Unsung Hero” and “Unpaid Professional” in this State will be represented to the best of his ability. In closing, I would like to thank all for you for indulging and listening to me this morning, and finally to thank President Burns for his leadership over the past years, he can be well assured that he will be passing the baton on to a very capable person in Robert McConville as our next President, our friend, our advocate and leader. [Applause]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: There are no other nominees for the position of President, a seat that I now hold. I ask for a motion to direct Secretary Whelan to cast a ballot for Robert N. McConville on Friday.

MOTION by Alan Way and SECONDED by Jay Egan

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Thank you, All in favor?

ASSEMBLY: Aye

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Opposed? I didn't think there would be. Director Brian F. McQueen introduces Kenneth Pienkowski for 1st Vice President.

DIRECTOR BRAIN F. MCQUEEN: Thank you Mr. President. It's so good to be standing here in front of you today. It gives me great pleasure as Chairman of the Central New York Steering Committee and its membership that's here today to introduce to you Kenneth M. Pienkowski for the position of First Vice President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. I know that if it wasn't for his untimely death this past summer, Past Chair of the Central Steering Committee John Haley would be here with me today having this great honor to introduce his great friend, Kenneth. For those of you who know Ken, he puts 120% into his job no matter what the task. You can see Barb, Jen and Ken traveling all across New York State to make sure that FASNY is well represented, and represented well no matter what the event. Ken has been in the trenches serving as every Line Officer in his home Department of Tauton right through the Chief’s position. He's been on the front line, he's been battle tested and it has showed the past two years that he has succeeded as Second Vice President of this great organization. When a good decision needs to be made you will know that Ken and his team have thought the process and come to a conclusion that's positive for this membership. Ken has been actively involved in numerous committees, some of them are Member Services, Insurance, Convention and Exhibits which he currently serves as Chairman, By Laws, Capital Projects, Strategic Planning, Media Communications and Print projects. Ken as Past Director of the Eastern Division Association of Fire Chiefs and also served as Past President of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs. Ken's awards are unending. He's been honored by the Tauton Fire Department, Onondaga County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, Onondaga County Fire Chiefs Association along with various legislative appreciation awards for his diligent work on legislation for the Fire Service not only in Onondaga County, but across the State. In closing let me say, that since 1968, Kenneth M. Pienkowski has been vigilant in fighting for what’s right in the Volunteer Fire Service of this great State. Just take a look at his impact these past two years and you will reassure yourself that this man is a perfect fit for the position of First Vice President of the Firemen’s
Association of the State of New York. Respectfully submitted, Brian F. McQueen, Central New York Firemen’s Association Steering Committee. [Applause]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: There are no other nominees for the position of 1st Vice President for the seat currently held by 1st Vice President McConville. I ask for a motion to direct Secretary Whelan to cast a ballot for Kenneth Pienkowski on Friday.

MOTION by Gordon Kotars and SECONDED by Jeff Martin

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: You’ve heard a motion and a second. All in favor?

ASSEMBLY: Aye

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Opposed? So ordered. Chief Kevin Klein introduces Steven E. Klein for 2nd Vice President. Kevin.

CHIEF KEVIN KLEIN: Good morning, thank you Mr. President. Good morning Officers and Members of FASNY. My name is Kevin Klein; I am a former Chief and currently the 2nd Assistant Chief of the Oceanside Fire Department. It is my honor to stand before you today to introduce my father, 2nd Vice President Candidate Steven Klein. My father joined the Oceanside Fire Department in 1965. He rose through the ranks as Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant and Captain of his Company and then served as Assistant Chief from 1981-1983 culminating with serving as Chief of the Department in 1984. After serving as Chief, many people take a little break and slow down but that’s not my father. He served or continues to serve as Chairman of Nassau County’s 2nd Battalion, President of the Nassau County Chiefs Council, President of the Nassau County Firemen’s Association, Director of the Southern New York Volunteer Firemen’s Association, Secretary/Treasurer of the Nassau County Executive Council and Vice President of the FASNY Foundation. Perhaps his proudest moment achievement was serving a FASNY Firemen’s Home Trustee from 2002-2012 and being part of the Board of Trustees when the new Home was built and opened. Besides this impressive record of service to his brother and sister firefighters across the entire State of New York, one thing that stands out the most to me is the fact that he never once took a break from being a fireman. With his 50th year as a member approaching next summer he is still an extremely active member of Terrace Hose Company #3 and the Oceanside Fire Department. He remains one of our most active chauffeurs and can be found behind the wheel of the engine a large amount of times. It is truly a testament to his love of the Fire Service to continue to serve our community and department after almost half a century. Amazingly enough he still finds time to be part of life around the house with my mother Pam, sister Christine and I and has spent the better part of whatever free time he actually has helping me raise my three sons Christopher, Kevin Jr. and Liam. For all these reasons it is my absolute privilege to introduce to you my father, Chief Steven Klein, your candidate for 2nd Vice President. Thank you very much and have a great Convention. [Applause]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: There are no other nominees for the position of 2nd Vice President for the seat currently held by 2nd Vice President Kenneth Pienkowski. I ask for a motion to direct Secretary Whelan to cast a ballot for Steven E. Klein on Friday.

MOTION by Edward Sendlenski and SECONDED by Paul Napoli

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Thank you, all in favor?

ASSEMBLY: Aye

PAST TRUSTEE PRESIDENT JOHN P. FARRELL, JR.: Good morning. President Burns, Reverend Clergy, Officers, Delegates, Members and Honored Guests. I have the distinct honor and pleasure to introduce Santo “Chan” Rivers as a nominated candidate for his second five year term for the position of Director of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York. Chan was elected to the FASNY Board of Directors in 2009 and has served several Committees including Budget and Finance, By Laws, EMS Committee as Liaison and Fire Service Achievement Award. Chan has held many leadership positions during his 42 years in the Fire Service as a Life Member of the Napanoch Fire Department. Chan has completed 15 years as Fire Commissioner for the Napanoch Fire District which he was just reelected in December 2013. In January of this year, Chan was appointed by the Town of Wawarsing as their Emergency Management Coordinator. Chan is Past President of both the Ulster County Volunteer Firemen’s Association and Chiefs Association. He is currently Chairman of the Ulster County Fire Prevention Committee which he obtained a $60,000 grant to purchase a Child Safety Trailer. He is Past President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association, Past President of the Hudson Valley Royal Order of Blue Vest and Red Vest Organizations. He lives in Napanoch with his wife Cindy of 32 years and their son Cory. With Chan’s outstanding leadership and teamwork that he has shown during his first term, I know he will continue to strive for excellence during his second term. Thank you very much. [Applause]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: There are no other nominees for the position of Director for the seat currently held by Director Santo “Chan” Rivera. I ask for a motion to direct Secretary Whelan to cast a ballot for Santo “Chan” Rivera on Friday.

MOTION by Delbe Spath and SECONCED by Mike Karashay

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: All in favor?

ASSEMBLY: Aye

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Opposed? Congratulations. Past President Michael P. Wutz introduces Michael F. Reid for Director.

PAST PRESIDENT MICHAEL P. WUTZ: Good morning. President Burns, Vice Presidents McConville and Pienkowski, Members of the Board of Directors, Trustee President Steffen, Vice President Blair, Members of the Board of Trustees, Members, Delegates, Guests, old friends and new. Welcome, I appreciate coming before you this morning to make this introduction. I met Michael Reid 28 years ago. I first met Michael back in 1986 when he was the FASNY Firefighter of the Year. A much deserved award and to this day he just doesn’t stop with his volunteer fire work and his professional work. Michael began his volunteer work service as a Junior Firefighter in 1976 with the Merrick Fire Department. While in college he belonged to the Brockport Fire Department and Ambulance Corps. On his return to Nassau County he became an active member of Merrick as Firefighter/Paramedic. His work took him to the Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn in 1987 where he rose to the position of Supervisor. Michael also provided direct patient care at Flushing Hospital as a NYC 911 Systems Paramedic. It was during this time that Mike found himself as one of the first to respond to the Twin Towers on that dreadful day in September 2001. In 2002 he became the EMS Operations Manager at St. Luke’s/Roosevelt Hospital in Manhattan. His duties were wide ranged as direct supervisor of all the EMS staff, payroll, vehicles, supplies and medications. A huge responsibility. Michael was promoted again and returned to Brooklyn’s Maimonides Medical Center as the Director of Emergency Services. He left the NYC 911 system in 2008 and began a new role...
as an EMS Educator with the North Shore LIJ EMS in Syosset and is currently an EMS Instructor Coordinator. His firematic work is wide ranged also. A member of the Merrick Fire Department, past president of the Nassau County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, member of the Southern New York Volunteer Firemen’s Association and has served as a FASNY Director for the past seven years. Michael has been and still today is very much a part of the New York State Department of Health EMS Council, appointed to that position by the Governor. The State EMS Council holds only one seat from the Volunteer Fire Service. His voice is heard and respected. In all his duties, Michael was a long time member of the FASNY EMS Committee and helped develop the FASNY EMS Seminar held at the State Fire Academy in Montour Falls and the addition of the Long Island FASNY EMS Seminar out in Suffolk County. Several years ago Michael’s name was placed in nomination by FASNY for appointment as EMS Director for the National Highway Safety Administration, a position appointed by the US President. Mike did not receive the appointment as the Kentucky State EMS Director received the position. However, it was with a great deal of pride that a FASNY Committee members name was presented. More recently, Michael represented the Volunteer Fire Service at Niagara University as they developed a new training program for Fire, Police and EMS providers to better understand and help persons with disabilities. Michael is married to Marie and they have a daughter, two sons and three grandchildren, several are with us today. Ladies and gentleman, I introduce to you my friend and fellow New York State Volunteer Firefighter, Michael Reid. Thank you. [Applause]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: There are no other nominees for the position of Director for the seat currently held by Director Michael F. Reid. I ask for a motion to direct Secretary Whelan to cast a ballot for Michael F. Reid on Friday.

MOTION by Rich Messina and SECONDED by Bruce Mack

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: All in favor?

ASSEMBLY: Aye

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Opposed? So ordered. Mr. Vice President.

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: I introduce Father Christopher Carrara to introduce Peter Cincotta for Trustee.

FATHER CHRISTOPHER CARRARA: Thank you Vice President McConville. Good morning. My name is Father Chris Carrara and I serve as the Lewis County Chaplain for Fire and Emergency Management. While I proudly serve the fire service in Lewis County where I have made my home, I was born and raised in Suffolk County, more specifically in Selden. In many ways my memories of growing up in Selden will always remain in my heart, especially my time as a member of the Selden Fire Department. This morning I have the honor of addressing you for the purpose of introducing to you Peter Cincotta for the position of Home Trustee. Following on the example of our parents who were best friends in Brooklyn, Peter and I have been best friends for 50 years. More than friends, we consider each other a brother. In reflecting on two of the most significant aspects of my life, my faith and my work in the fire service, Peter has been instrumental in helping those along. Peter encouraged me to become an Alter Server and to join the Church Youth Group and it was Peter who invited me to join the Selden Fire Department, first as a Junior Firemen and then as a Firefighter. Peter has been instrumental in leading me into many experiences in my life, including some he has forbid me to mention here today. In respect to his wishes, I will not mention it was Peter during our youth who showed me where the wine was stored in the Altar Servers room or encouraged me to have a little taste. Nor will I mention in current times how when he comes up to visit the Pastor of a
little village church that is not appropriate to hang out the Pastor's car having words with the local person who just cut us off. No, mentioning these things would be out of place here this morning. Seriously, I believe Peter is a perfect choice for Home Trustee. Over the 34 years Peter has dedicated to the fire service he has brought great passion and personal sacrifice to all his work. On the local level, he has served as Lieutenant, then Captain of Fire Prevention and currently Department Chaplain in Selden. President of the Brookhaven Town Volunteer Firemen's Association serving in the leadership of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association where he is poised to become President. His service is not limited to local concerns only as Peter has served on FASNY's Committee for Youth in the Fire Service for the past six years. Regarding the Firemen's Home, over the years Peter has been a regular participant in the Long Island Day at the Home. After attending each of those days he would always speak about how much he enjoyed his time there and how important it was to do as much as we could for the residents. Over the last few years he would express his desire to do even more for the residents by someday becoming a Home Trustee. As that dream is coming to realization I know that he will serve the residents of the Home with the same dedication and passion he has brought to everything he does. He will use his faith, his strength, his intellect and his love for the Fire Service and its members to serve the residents of the Firemen's Home with integrity and dedication. It is my privilege to present to you Peter Umberto Cincotta for the position of Home Trustee. [Applause]

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: There are no other nominees for the position of Firemen's Home Trustee for the seat currently held by Trustee William F. Murray. I ask for a motion to direct Secretary Whelan to cast a ballot for Peter Cincotta on Friday.

MOTION by Chris Del Vecchio and SECONDED by Eugene Perry

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: All in favor?

ASSEMBLY: Aye

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: Opposed? Past Director James E. Cayey introduces Dennis E. Eickoff for Trustee of the Firemen's Home.

PAST DIRECTOR JAMES E. CAYEY: Good morning. Mr. President, Officers, Trustees, Mr. Secretary, it's good to see you. I come to you today to recommend Dennis Eickoff for the Office of Trustee. The Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association is proud to introduce to you Dennis E. Eickoff of Colton, New York for the election as Home Trustee of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. Dennis now serves on the Firefighter of the Year Committee and previous on the Sectional Communications Committee for FASNY. Dennis was born in Potsdam and raised in Colton and after graduated from Colton-Pierrepont Central School. He is married to Linda and they have one child. Dennis started his 36 years ago while a student and after graduating from Colton-Pierrepont School, he worked in the retail industry. Dennis served on the Library Board for 14 years, after which he became Director of the Town of Colton/Hepburn Library. He is now in his 12th year. Dennis's responsibility in operating the library includes, ordering and processing books, DVD's, magazines, formulating an annual budget and all other facets of library service to the community. Dennis is a life member of the Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association and is currently serving as Secretary of that Organization. He has also served on numerous Committees for the Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association. He is a member of the Colton Fire Department for 34 years and has come up through the ranks as an Officer and has just completed a term as President of the Department. He also serves as a Commissioner of the Colton Fire District and served as Past Secretary/Treasurer and Past Chairman of the Fire District. Dennis also is a member of the St. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association serving as its President from 2011-2013 and is
currently Co-Chairman of the Recruitment and Retention Committee for the Chiefs Association. Dennis is also a member of the St. Lawrence County Fire Police Association. Northern New York feels that Dennis will be an excellent candidate for FASNY Home Trustee. His credentials are numerous and impeccable and his leadership has been proven. We could not think of a better person to present to you for your consideration as a FASNY Home Trustee. Thank you very much. Jim Cayey, Chairman, Steering Committee. [Applause]

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: There are no other nominees for the position of Firemen's Home Trustee for the seat currently held by Trustee Carl Steffen. I ask for a motion to direct Secretary Whelan to cast a ballot for Dennis E. Eickoff on Friday.

MOTION by James Smith and SECONDED by Michael Reid

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: All in favor?

ASSEMBLY: Aye

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: Opposed? Doing double duty this morning, I bring up Past Trustee President John P. Farrell, Jr. to introduce Marilyn L. Schrader for Trustee of the Firemen’s Home.

PAST TRUSTEE PRESIDENT JOHN P. FARRELL, JR.: Good morning again, President Burns, Reverend Clergy, Officers, Delegates, Members and honored guests. First, I just want to say this is a little bit emotional to me because in 1977 Marilyn and I joined the West Athens-Lime Street Fire Company together. We’ve been through a lot being Chiefs together and I went through the chairs in Hudson Valley, she came right behind me and as I step down Friday it’s an honor to see her step into that position. I have the distinct honor and pleasure to introduce Marilyn L. Schrader as a nominated candidate for the position of Trustee of the Firemen’s Home. Currently Marilyn is serving as Vice President of the West Athens-Lime Street Fire Company #1. She has been an active firefighter for the past 37 years and has served as Fire Chief for three terms. On the Company Officer level she has served as Chaplain, Recording and Financial Secretary and served as President for two terms. Currently serving as Fire Commissioner of the West Athens-Lime Street Fire District, she pervious served as Secretary/Treasurer for four years. Marilyn is a 35 year member of the Greene County Volunteer Firemen’s Association and is a Past President and life member and currently serves on several Committees. Joining the Greene County Fire Chiefs Association in 1990, Marilyn has served as President, Director and 14 years as Recording Secretary. Joining the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association in 1979 Marilyn is a Past President and life member. She served seven years as Director, Chairman of the County Vice Presidents and Chairman of the Membership Committee. She is also a member of the Royal Order of the Blue Vest and the Red Vest and has been Treasurer, Vice President and President and currently serving as a Director of the Greene County Chapter of the Royal Order of the Blue Vest. Marilyn is a member of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York and since 2001 has served on the Membership Committee and for the past two years has served as Vice Chairman. Marilyn is employed as a Fire Protection Specialist 1 for New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Fire Prevention and Control in Fire Operations and Training Branch assigned to the Standards Unit and have a total of 30 years of service in the State of New York. I trust that this brief summary of Marilyn’s firematic experience will assure you that she has all of the qualities needed for the position of Trustee of the FASNY Firemen's Home. Thank you very much. [Applause]
1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: There are no other nominees for the position of Firemen’s Home Trustee for the seat currently held by Trustee John P. Farrell, Jr. I ask for a motion to direct Secretary Whelan to cast a ballot for Marilyn L. Schrader on Friday.

MOTION by Rick Penney and SECONDED by Delbe Spath

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: All in favor?

ASSEMBLY: Aye

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: Opposed? Marilyn, where are you Marilyn? [Applause] This is the last one I promise. Trustee David J. Blair introduces Walter A. Geidel for Trustee of the Firemen’s Home.

TRUSTEE VICE PRESIDENT DAVID J. BLAIR: Good morning. It’s my pleasure to stand in front of you to in order to introduce Walter Giedel for a second five year term on the Board of Trustees for the Firemen’s Home. I’m going to make this brief as it’s been a long day for everyone. Walter was been a Trustee for the past five years in the Firemen’s Home, currently is a Commissioner for the Walton Fire Department and he is Past President of the Delaware County Volunteer Firemen’s Association. He is Past Chief and Past President of the Walton Fire Department and has served for 35 years in the Fire Service. Walt is very well qualified for this position, he has been a great asset in the last five years to our Board, and we wouldn’t know what we would do without him. I’m here to very proudly recommend Walter Giedel for a second five year term as a Trustee for the Firemen’s Home. [Applause]

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: There are no other nominees for the position of Firemen’s Home Trustee for the seat currently held by Trustee Walter A. Geidel. I ask for a motion to direct Secretary Whelan to cast a ballot for Walter A. Geidel on Friday.

MOTION by Rebecca Franklin-Guild and SECONDED by Philip “Butch” Grella

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: You heard the motion. All in favor?

ASSEMBLY: Aye

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: Opposed? Congratulations. With the passing of Joe Kelly it’s not often that a Vice President gets to introduce two Presidents. But because of Joe, I was honored two years ago to introduce David Jacobowitz and now two years later, I get to introduce another FASNY President. Four years ago with Joe passing, we needed someone to fill in, take Joe’s spot. We asked Jim Burns. He interrupted his life, he came to the Board. He’s a quick study, a pretty smart guy. He told us some stories and then he told us some more stories. But it’s amazing that he knows all these people and fortunately they weren’t all here today because we would still be going through all his friends. He knows a lot of people, he knows a lot of stuff and he’s a great guy and it is my pleasure and my honor to introduce the President, James A. Burns. [Applause]

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: When I first came back to FASNY a few years back and was going to show up here and make my remarks, thanking everyone for electing me 1st Vice President and was accosted in the hallway by the esteemed Secretary and he said where are your remarks. I said excuse me? He said where’s your speech? I said, "I don’t have a speech". You will
and you will type it and you will get it to me. OK Michael, now I’m President, I’m not typing and you’re not getting it. [Applause] My official statement as President is the document that is being passed out at registration that has all the Committee Reports in it, there is an Annual Report of the President. I’m going to do this extemporaneously as I always do. Friends, fellow firefighters, I stand before you this morning, here I go again. Probably if I told an Irish story I’d get over this quicker. Do you know what the idea of a mixed marriage is in Ireland? When a Protestant marries a Catholic. So before the wedding the happy couple went to see the Reverend, the priest and he instructed them and they invited him to the reception afterwards and then they went over and they saw the Protestant Minister and they got their pre-marriage instructions and they invited him to the reception. So, when they all got to the reception, the father of the bride comes over and he says to the priest he says “would you care for a drink?” “Oh, I’d love one” he says, and he goes to the Minister and he says “would you care for a drink?” “I’d rather commit adultery”. “Here now” says the priest, “I didn’t know there was a choice!” [Applause] This has been a great two years; I’ve met and re-met a lot of friends across the State of New York. It was a standing joke in OFPC when someone would say to my Deputy “where’s Jim?” he would say “he’s out trying to meet the two firemen he hasn’t met yet”. And, I think I’ve met them all. There are not too many Fire Stations that I have not been in and I want to thank everyone that invited me to come to their Stations, either to make a presentation or to make a speech or whatever. I apologize for all of those that I had to decline; there are just not enough of days or weeks in the month. We’ve done a number of things, we, we that’s you here in the room, that’s this Board, that’s the Committees, that’s the Membership, that’s the eight Sectionals. We’ve accomplished much in these last two years and I’m proud of you for doing that. We’ve done some good legislative things, we’ve had some bad ones and I’m not going to dwell on them, if you read my report you’ll see them. I’ve vented through that media, but I thank you for all your service and the help that you give me. We had another successful Recruit New York which was started by my predecessor, Dave Jacobowitz; I think that is going to be the saving grace of this Organization and of the 1,700 Fire Departments in the State, the ability to get out, to get the media involved, people like Rob Leonard, the man snapping my picture, Travis Bort from ABC, getting that message out, getting people to open their doors and welcome people to their Fire Stations, introduce them to what we are all about and bringing them into the fold. That is probably one of the best achievements FASNY has done over these last four years. It’s one of the biggest accomplishments; we’ve gained over 12,500 new members since that program started and you all should be proud of yourselves for what you’ve done and getting that done. Fire Prevention has always been my mantra, last year “Prevention First” was my motto, this year its “Prevention Though Education”. You need to understand that there is no honor in fighting a fire that could have been prevented. Please understand that. I didn’t get that message until I was in 15 years in the Verplank Fire Department and I lost a high school friend in a structure fire on July 13, 1977, I remember the day well. That fire was caused by a cigarette in upholstered furniture. So, now you know why two years ago I told you that we were going to fight the furniture industry, we were going to fight for residential sprinklers and thank God the scourge of the cigarette fires has partially gone away. That legislation hasn’t passed but I’m not going to give up on it. I’ve been appointed to an NFPA Committee to study the thing, and we are going to push that forward until we get safe furniture and it’s got two problems, furniture. It’s got the problem of the cariogenic that we asked them to put in it, we didn’t know when we asked them to put it in, the fire prevention materials that are in there to keep it from burning and by the way it doesn’t keep it from burning, it still burns and second of all, it’s killing people and it’s overwhelming the structure before you can get to it. There is such a fuel load. So I’m going to be there, pushing Bobby, pushing the Legislative Committee to keep that going. Speaking of Bobby, speaking of Kenny my right hand and my left hand as you know, I wintet in the South, play some golf. Now there’s the sad story, when I first retired from OFPC I played 110 rounds of golf that year, the second year I played 120 and last year I had only 32. There’s something wrong with this picture. I’m going back to golf, but without these two gentlemen and this Association should be very proud of the two of them and my predecessor before me, because they’re dedicated to this Association, they are dedicated to the volunteers in the State of New York and they give their heart
and soul every day to make sure that this Organization continues to grow. I want to thank the Board of Directors for their support, I want thank office staff, CAO Quinn, I don’t want to miss anybody so I wrote else down. Fran Connell, that’s his boss believe it or not and she’s my boss. I show up at a meeting and I hand her the receipts and ten minutes later she’s saying there’s a receipt missing from June the 9th. Fran does an enormous amount of work for this Association and for David. John Tucker, we were on the verge of collapse during the financial crisis. The membership didn’t understand that and they wondered why we cut back and why we did it. The forecast was that pace we were going, spending money we were going to exhaust what money was left after the collapse. John Tucker sat down with the Board of Directors and said well we’ll put together a plan. And you know what, its working and its working well, John thank you. Harrison Breuer, everybody who calls the office for any type of Member Service gets directed to Harrison. Harrison does anything as far as Membership is concerned and he does all the certificates that we pass out and he does many other things for the office. Laci Mitchell sits at the front desk and answers the phone. She makes all our travel arrangements. Ann Montag and Pat MacDonald work for John, do a lot of work. Susan Gordon, the Director of Human Recourses. I never thought the Association needed a Director of Human Resources, but we do, this is a major corporation. Without Susan’s diligence in making sure to dot the i’s and cross the t’s, so this Organization is not in jeopardy with the Department of Labor and other things. Steve Abbott, a longtime friend, you talk about neon; him and I celebrated the word neon, what’s that Dancing Bear Lounge up there. I think I’m a part owner. Steve Abbott, every sign, everything in that Journal Book you got, every part of this Convention, Steve Abbott has his fingers in. He came to my room last night at 10:30 with a new agenda and a new guest list. People don’t understand what goes on to make this Association what it is. I said it earlier and I’ll say it again; I want to thank the Verplanck Fire Department. I’ve been with them for 53 years, they have supported me on every step of the way since I left and I’m not leaving, they know it, I’ll come back and I’ll parade with them, I’ll go to the Annual Banquet, I’ll go to the Clam Bakes, I’ll open the clams. Those people supported me all of my adult life. The Hudson Valley Firemen’s Association, thank you for your support. The Westchester County Firemen’s Association, thank you for your support. All of the other fire groups sitting here in the front. This partnership that we’ve developed between FASNY, the Chiefs, the Districts, the Coordinators, the Fire Police, the Fire Chaplains, Fire Marshals and Inspectors. This is making us look good in the Legislature and we’re getting things done and in the Legislature, we’ve made a drastic step in FASNY this year, we changed from a long time Legislative Rep to another firm DKC aka ASA, they’ve changed the name somewhat. Those folks work tirelessly for this and we were successful you heard the story this morning about the Sex Offenders, the LOSAP, the Job Protection. They work tirelessly for us and made us look good to you. But you know what, it’s from you people feeding back to us what you want and what we need, you tell us and we go and get it. In closing, March three years ago I got a phone call from a fella by the name of Jim Farrell, longtime friend. He says to me you know we lost Joe. I said, I know and I was down South and I didn’t get to the service. He said would you be interested in filling that position? I said I don’t know, I’ve got to ask Cathy. Without her permission I’m not going to do it. I asked her and I never called Jimmy back and then I went in the hospital and had open heart surgery and Hudson Valley passed a motion to adopt a Resolution to send me to this position. I never said no. I never said yes. But here I am. In 1971 I went to a Christmas meeting in the Town of Mamaroneck, they hosted the Christmas meeting of the Westchester County Volunteer Firemen’s Association every year and I was a back bencher, I sat as far back so I could get as close to the bar as I could get, and after the meeting we were having a little lunch and all and a big fella came over and he says to me you and I need to talk. I said what’s that Gunnar. You and I need to talk he says, we need to get you involved and we need to get you started. I would not be standing here today without the help of my good friend and mentor Gunnar, thank you. [Applause] Cathy, thank you for putting up with this. It has been a change. You know, how many people are on Facebook? How many saw my picture on my pillow on Facebook? The big poster they had when I ran for Vice President. She cut the picture out, laid it on the pillow and took a picture, well there’s my husband. Thank you Hon, I love you. I also want to thank one other
person and he'll be with me on Friday night and I’m looking forward to it, and that’s my grandchild, little Jimmy and he'll be here with me Friday night. Thank you all for your support and God Bless this Association and its Membership. (Standing Ovation)

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: James, on behalf of the Association we thank you for your two years as President. You’ve done an outstanding job. For the purpose of a motion, the Chair recognizes FASNY Member Cathy Burns.

CATHY BURNS: This is supposed to be easy. I make a motion that we accept the Presidents Final Report.

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: A second?

PAST PRESIDENT BERNIE BOULIO: What I'm I seconding?

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: Well you just seconded it Bernie, we'll figure it out. President Bernie Boulio.

PAST PRESIDENT BERNIE BOULIO: I had to stand up because my legs were getting tired. But I’d like to second that, I got to get in the book somehow. [Applause]

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: Thank you Bernie, you’ll always be in our book without a doubt, you’ll also be in our hearts. You’ve heard the motion, you’ve heard the second. All in favor?

ASSEMBLY: Aye

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: I know there’s none opposed. We were a little remiss earlier Mr. Secretary, and I am going now to ask if there is any other New Business to come before the Association? Hearing none, I bring back President James A. Burns to the dais.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: For the purpose of a report, Thomas L. Krawczyk, Treasurer.

THOMAS KRAWCZYK: My report is in the Committee Book that’s available at registration so there’s no need to re-read the report. Please take a copy home with you and I will give way to the Secretary to read off the ever exciting Form 519.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: For the purpose of two reports, the Secretary, Michael D. Whelan the Annual 519 Report and the FASNY Board of Directors Annual Report, Secretary.

MICHAEL D. WHELAN: Thank God you’re not going to be able to pick on me. As it turns out Mr. President, you actually don’t have a report in here because you never sent me one. [Laughter] Oh, then you don’t have a report in here because I can’t remember what I did with it. However, you’ll note that the report of the Chief Administrative Officer sort of goes through everything that FASNY did for the past two years. So, if you simply cross off Chief Administrative Officer, put in President you got really good report. [Laughter and Applause]. This is as Tommy said the exciting report called the 519 Form 1.
To: The Members of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York:

The Board of Directors respectfully submits for your information the following report related to The Firemen's Association of New York for the twelve month fiscal period ending June 30, 2014:

1. The assets and liabilities, including trust funds (listed separately), of the corporation as of the end of said fiscal period are as follows:

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2. The principal changes in the assets and liabilities, including trust funds of the Corporation during said fiscal period were as follows: Assets decreased from the liquidation of investment holdings to support operating expenses.

3. The revenue (or receipts) of the corporation, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, during said fiscal period were as follows:

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4. The expenses (or disbursements) of the corporation, for both general and restricted purposes, during said fiscal period were as follows:

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5. Concerning the membership of the Corporation:

(a) The number of members as of June 30, 2014 is 45,874

(b) The number of members decreased by 367 during the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

(c) The names and places of residence of the current members may be found in the books of the corporation, which are kept at the Firemen's Association of the State of New York office at 107 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12210.
This report has been prepared pursuant to Section 519 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law and it is dated and signed by President James A. Burns and Treasurer Thomas Krawczyk on August 20, 2014. There is no need to accept this report, it is a report that is read to you by law. Thank you Mr. President. [Applause]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: We call on Foundation President David Jacobowitz for the Annual Report of the FASNY Foundation who will be followed by FASNY Foundation Treasurer Tom Krawczyk for the Annual 519 report.

PAST PRESIDENT DAVID JACOBOWITZ: Thank you Mr. President and congratulations to the new Officers out there. Approximately 12 years ago FASNY separated into different Organizations and one of them was the Foundation. The Foundation was created to fund the Museum and FASNY which also then sponsors the Home. Correct? Thank you, I have my Attorney here to make sure I say everything correctly. Anyway, we have been paying for the last ten years a loan, its 102 payments for a monthly payment of approximately $289,000 a month, which actually works out to about $3,368,000 a year. And over those ten years we have paid approximately $34,680,000 build and create the wonderful Home that we have. So the good news is as of April 2015, the last payment will be made and our books will be cleared. So with that I would like to call on upon Treasurer of the Foundation, Thomas Krawczyk for the 519 Report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FASNY FOUNDATION

THOMAS KRAWCZYK: This is our Annual 519 report. This is prepared by our auditors and it's for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, FOUNDATION, INC.
THE 12-MONTH FISCAL PERIOD ENDING

June 30, 2014

UNDER

SECTION 519 of the NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION LAW

To: The Members of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, Foundation, Inc.

The Board of Directors respectfully submits for your information the following report related to The Firemen's Association of New York Foundation, Inc. for the twelve month Fiscal period ending June 30, 2014:

1. The assets and liabilities, including trust funds (listed separately), of the corporation as of the end of said fiscal period are as follows:

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2. The principal changes in the assets and liabilities, including trust funds of the corporation during said fiscal period were as follows: The Foundation's investment portfolio increases
accounted primarily for increases in assets, decreases in liabilities related to repayment of the bank loans payable.

3. The revenue (or receipts) of the corporation, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes during said fiscal period were as follows:

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4. The expenses (or disbursements) of the corporation for both general and restricted purposes, during said fiscal period were as follows:

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5. Concerning the membership of the corporation:

(a) The number of members as of June 30, 2014 is 1.

(b) The number of members increased by 0 during the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

(c) The names and places of residence of the current members may be found in the books of the corporation which are kept at the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, Foundation, Inc., office at 107 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12210.

This report has been prepared pursuant to Section 519 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. Dated: August 20, 2014, Albany, New York. Signed by the President Jacobowitz and myself as Treasurer.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Thank you sir. The Chair will call for a motion to accept the printed reports except for mine as they appear in the Book of Reports available in the Office of the Secretary.

MOTION by Chan Rivera and SECONDED by Steve Klein

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: All in favor?

ASSEMBLY: Aye


DAVID QUINN: Mr. Secretary, I believe there was error in the report I sent. I believe the President directed me to write on the top of it "Office of the President". Us Irish guys got to stick together you know. Good morning. I want to thank you all for attending, we are here for our second year this year at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in the Town of Colonie and we have as usual, a lot planned for you this year. The 2014 Convention is only possible through the outstanding efforts of the FASNY Convention and Exhibits Committee,
the FASNY Office Staff, the Desmond, the Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau and on board with us this year is the Albany County Regional Chamber of Commerce who was a big help this year and I want to thank them. I also most importantly want to thank you the members for being here and taking time out of your busy schedule to be here for our Annual Meeting. Without you here the meeting could not happen. This outstanding group has made every possible effort to make this Convention a most enjoyable experience for you and I hope you enjoy every bit of it. On behalf of the FASNY Board of Directors, I extend our personal thanks and appreciation. We will see you back here in August of 2015, the 18th through the 21st, please mark those dates on your calendar and we’ll see you next year. Thank you. [Applause]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Thank you David. I want to remind you of the 2% Tax Forum this afternoon at 2PM. That’s also here in the Kings Street Ballroom; your credentials will be scanned so that you get credit for being at the 2% Forum. Please remember that all Training and Education programs tomorrow will begin at 8AM sharp. Please make certain that you are registered for tomorrow’s training. If you are not registered you may do so now in the Office of the Secretary located in the Fort Orange Room, that way. Please be aware that your badge will be scanned at all forums on the way out. Your badge must be scanned to receive a certificate. These certificate are on line, you can download it and print it out at home instead of that mad scramble at the end trying to get them at the table. Please take time to visit our Vendors. They have been very supportive of this Association, please support them. They are located both in the courtyard areas as well as those Vendors who are exhibiting directly outside the hotel lobby, please take the time to search the Vendor area to for your chance to win, you know you got your little key at registration. Try the little box, see if you won anything. Also please make sure you take the time to fill out our survey to the Desmond, Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau and spin their wheel for more prizes. The FASNY Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting will be in this room at 12:30PM. For the first 200 people through the door for that meeting of the FASNY Federal Credit Union will receive a $5 coupon towards the Lunch Picnic that will be held in the hotel parking lot with the vendors outside. There is going to be a meeting of all Sectional Presidents in Room 156 that’s up near the vendors just this side of registration, it’s in the rooms going this way 156 at 12PM. I hereby recess this Annual Meeting until 9AM on Friday. Thank you all for your kind attention. [Applause]

Meeting recessed at 11:30 AM.
PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Top of the morning to you.

ASSEMBLY: And the rest of the day to you.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: This the final session of the 142nd Convention of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York will come to order. Good morning.

ASSEMBLY: Good morning.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: The exits are located to the rear of the room. There are four of them, go across the courtyard and out through the exits. If there is an alarm it will be announced from the podium. Will you please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Donald J. Farrell. Donnie.

ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS DONALD J. FARRELL: Led the assembly in the Pledge to the Flag.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Reverend Sam.

INVOCATION BY REVEREND SAMUEL P. LUNDY: Let us pray. Throughout all history, good men and good women have come forward to make this a more perfect world. We give hearty thanks this morning for these good men and good women. Forgive us those things that we do poorly. Amplify and enlarge those things that we do so well. Bless us to your continued use O Lord to the Fire Service, Amen.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Thank you, sir. Mr. Assistant Sergeant- at-Arms do we have a quorum?

ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS DONALD J. FARRELL: Yes Mr. President, we have a quorum.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Thank you very much. Before we start our agenda, Mr. Whelan is going to love this remark. On Wednesday, I delivered my President’s Address without a written script and had some scribbled notes and some people and about 11:30 pm I got in bed on Wednesday night and my eyes popped right open and I said Oh Lord, you and your no written notes, you left three people out of my list of thank you. Three key and essential people who’ve made this Convention for what it is, and one of them being Jessica Kirk and would extend my apologies to her, I haven’t yet myself. But without what Jessica does in the office for the Training
and Education Program, what she does for organizing this Convention and just anything else that she does my sincere apology for missing her. I missed thanking our Treasurer, who keeps our accounts in order, but the guy I really missed and that’s our Secretary [Laughter] who though all of his problems in this past year still worked for this Association. Made apologies when he couldn’t do minutes and I said Michael please, yourself comes first. But Michael, I sincerely thank you for all you have done for this Association over the years and especially this year through your times of trouble. [Applause] Next time I speak, I'll use the written notes, maybe. First of all, first of all this morning we have a quick video. Who’s flipping the switch on that? [FASNY Video Presentation] An unsolicited unpaid commercial.

The first order of business this morning is the report of the Resolutions Committee, Michael.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

MICHAEL D. WHELAN: Good morning. Thank you Mr. President, there are 15 resolutions read this morning, as Chairman of the Resolutions, I will be doing Resolutions 6 through 10, my Vice Chairman, Ed Tase, Jr. and my Vice Chairman, President of the Board of Trustees David Blair will be doing the others.

Resolution #1–2014 –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 142nd Annual Convention of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York has been held in the Town of Colonie, New York,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT 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 for the adoption of Resolution #1

Tom Rothdiener 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 Burns, Vice President McConville or Vice President Pienkowski.]

Resolution #2–2014 – Presented by the FASNY Board of Directors pursuant to Article II – Meetings of the Membership, Section 1.1 – Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Association.

“WHEREAS, Article II, Section 1.1, of the 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 a 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 purpose of operating the Firemen’s Home for the year of the Association commencing October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015 in the sum of eight million, four hundred thousand sixteen, three hundred and ninety-seven dollars. [$8,416,397.00]

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that there be appropriated the sum of eight million, four hundred sixteen thousand, three hundred and ninety-seven dollars. [$8,416,397.00] for the purpose of operating the Firemen’s Home at Hudson, New York, for the period commencing October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015."

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

Fred Griffiths seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #3–2014 – presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the FASNY Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home, the Board of Directors and the Membership of the Association.

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York extends a rising vote of thanks to John P. Farrell, Jr., a member and Past President of the FASNY Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home, 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 John P. Farrell and we trust his advice and assistance will always be available."

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

Alan Way seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #4–2014 – Presented by the Resolutions Committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home, the FASNY the Board of Directors and the Membership of the Association.

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York extends a rising vote of thanks to Carl F. Steffen, a member retiring President of the Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home, 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 Carl F. Steffen and we trust his advice and assistance will always be available."

Mr. Chairman, I so move for the adoption of Resolution #4.
Wayne Hance seconds the adoption of the resolution.

**Resolution #5–2014** – 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 the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York extends a rising vote of thanks to William F. Murray, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Firemen’s Home, 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 William F. Murray and we trust his advice and assistance will always be available.”

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

Eugene Perry seconds the adoption of the resolution.

**Resolution #6–2014** – 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 Edward A. Carpenter, Jr. and its thanks for his services to this Association as President of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York 2004-2006.”

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

Jerry Owenburg seconds the adoption of the resolution.

**Resolution #7–2014** – 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 John D. Haley and its sincere thanks for his services to this Association as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York 2001-2010.”

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

Ed Sendlenski seconds the adoption of the resolution.
Resolution #8–2014 – 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 Robert A. Knight, the Vice Chairman of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York Legislative Committee.”

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

Peter Cincotta seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #9–2014 – 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 Amedeo “Moose” dePoto, a past member of the FASNY Fire Service Achievement Award Committee.”

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

Otto Kohlmier seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #10–2014 – 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 R. Schlegel, a past member and past chairman of the FASNY Legislative Committee.”

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

Joseph Finnegan seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #11–2014 – 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 Anthony J. Bosco, Jr., a past member of the FASNY Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee and the FASNY Audit Committee.”
Mr. Chairman, I so move for the adoption of Resolution #1

Paul O’Brien seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #12–2014 – 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 Don Garwood, a past member of the FASNY Membership Committee and the FASNY Legislative Committee.”

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

James Cayey seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #13–2014 – 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 Glenn Van, a past member of the FASNY Ways and Means Committee.”

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

William Eck seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #14–2014 – 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 John S. DeVanzo, the 2004 FASNY Fire Service Achievement Award Recipient.”

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

Kevin McElynn seconds the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution #15–2014 – 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 Ross Huffer, who died in the Line of Duty.”

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

Leon Tucholski seconds the adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: The next order of business is a video and a presentation by Director Brian McQueen. This is a presan affirmative ballotentation that some of you saw during some of the Sectional Conferences this year. But all of you did not get the opportunity and I think this is a very important message that Brian has put together for all of the members of the Fire Service of the State of New York, it’s a message on leadership, secession planning and continuity in your Organization. Brian, you’re on. [Presentation by Director Brian McQueen, “Can Your Sectional Say, What If?”]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Thank you Brian, it’s a message we all need to pay attention to, I’ve been saying it since I’ve come back, I’m too old for this. I got here around Sunday, about midday and its Friday and I’m ready to go home and I’m not going home yet. But anyway, you need to groom new people. The next order of business is the election of unopposed candidates for office. Secretary Whelan, will you please cast a single affirmative ballot for each uncontested candidate as directed by the membership on Wednesday.

MICHAEL D WHELAN: President Burns, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to do this. I have been directed as Secretary of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York to cast a single affirmative ballot for each uncontested candidate. Pursuant to the Non-Profit Revitalization Act of 2013, all of the candidates have completed the forms required by New York State and by the FASNY By-Laws. Therefore, I hereby cast an affirmative ballot for each of the following effective immediately following the recess of the 142nd Annual Meeting. Walter Giedel, Trustee of the Firemen’s Home for a five year term. I cast a ballot for Marilyn L. Schrader, a Trustee for a five year term of the Firemen’s Home. I cast an affirmative ballot for Dennis E. Eickoff, a Trustee for a five year term of the Firemen’s Home. I cast an affirmative ballot for Peter Cincotta, Trustee for a five year period of the Firemen’s Home. I cast an affirmative ballot for Santo S. “Chan” Rivera, a Director of FASNY for a five year term. I cast an affirmative ballot for Michael F. Reid, a Director of FASNY for a five year term. I cast an affirmative ballot for Steven E. Klein, as the 2nd Vice President of FASNY for a two year term. I cast an affirmative ballot for Kenneth Pienkowski, 1st Vice President for a two year term and I proudly cast a ballot for Robert N. McConville, President of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York for a two year term. These ballots are again are effective following the recess of this meeting. Ladies and gentlemen, your candidates, congratulations. [Standing Ovation]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: We are going to proceed with the Installation of Officers. The Installing Officer has just driven up from Suffolk County, he has a bit of business to attend to and he will be with us shortly. I would like to welcome to the stage, County Executive for the County of Suffolk, Steve Bellone, welcome sir. [Applause] Will the newly elected Trustees and
Directors, please come to the dais and be seated. You will be asked to stand during the installation, once you have been installed, please remain seated on stage. Would Trustees elect Walter Giedel, Marilyn Schrader, Dennis Eickoff and Peter Cincotta please step forward, County Executive.

SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE STEVE BELLONE: Good morning, it’s an honor to be here and joining you for this ceremony and to be here to swear in our Officers and Directors. First of course, the Trustees of the FASNY Firemen’s Home.

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone installs Walter A. Giedel, Marilyn L. Schrader, Dennis E. Eickoff and Peter U. Cincotta. [Standing Ovation]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Directors Reid and Rivera, please join us.

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone installs Michael F. Reid and Santo S. Rivera. [Standing Ovation]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: 1st Vice President Ken Pienkowski, 2nd Vice President Steve Klein, please join us.

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone installs Kenneth Pienkowski and Steven E. Klein. [Standing Ovation]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Now, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to bring forward your new President, Robert McConville and his beautiful bride, Virginia. [Applause]

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone installs Robert N. McConville. [Standing Ovation]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: I would now like to invite the County Executive to make a few remarks to the gathering.

SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE STEVE BELLONE: Thank you very much, again it is an honor to be here to join at this Annual Meeting and to first of all say thank you to each and every one of you who have been part of the volunteer services, serving your communities, your Counties and your State, the people who you call friends and neighbors. You know, in Suffolk County we’ve experienced quite a few natural disasters, I won’t say since I’ve become County Executive, [Laughter] although some have tried to make a correlation there. But we have had wild fires, Super Storm Sandy, Blizzard Nemo. I didn’t even know they named Blizzards before I became County Executive and of course we just had historic floods. Many of you may have seen the 500 year rain storm for a 2 hour period is about 5 inches; we recorded 9 inches in Islip in a 2 hour period. So that’s like a 2,000 year storm. I’d like to say that we haven’t had this kind of rain
since Jesus walked the earth, that’s what we’re facing and I’m a guy from Babylon, [Laughter] not that I want to make too many connections here. But the result of these natural disasters has been that I have seen our volunteer fire services, who I have long admired from my time as a Town Supervisor, but I have seen all of you, all of them do incredible things, as volunteers. It’s been inspiring to me as County Executive, as difficult as these events have been it has been more inspiring to see the work of all of you in the community and what you do and how you respond, so incredibly and valiantly to these types of events. And for me to be able to come here and swear in these Officers and particularly, your new President Bob McConville, somebody who has really exemplified the commitment and dedication and level of service that all of you in this Organization represent. You know, his service in the Selden Fire Department, St. James Fire Department going back nearly a century, nearly a half century and I was going to say Bob, [Laughter] I was going to say that you have been in the volunteer fire service longer than I’ve been alive but, you know if you say a century then that’s pretty much a given. But let’s put it at a half century. But that service to our local community, to our County and his service in this Organization, a Statewide Organizations is just absolutely phenomenal and result is he has touched so many lives in our community and our County and across this State with his work and his service and now he has just brought it to the next level, serving as President of this Association. And I couldn’t be more proud of him and thankful and grateful to him for his service and proud that he comes from Suffolk County and that’s why I’m so happy to be here to say thank you to him and to all of you who continue to serve your community. Thank you and God bless you. [Applause]

ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Thank you Mr. Bellone for making the trip up here. We will now have remarks from the candidates, excuse me, the newly inducted Officers starting with Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Walt Giedel. [Applause]

WALTER A. GIEDEL: 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 for me to run for this position. I would also like to thank the Steering Committee of Central and the members of Central for their confidence. I need to thank the Walton Fire Department and the Delaware County Firefighters Association for their support and encouragement. I would like to thank Dave Blair for his introduction speech. I also need to thank all of you for your vote of confidence. Last but not least, I need to thank my wife Barb. She has put up with me for over 30 years now though the good and the bad, she has supported me all 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. 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 the members that I can. Thank you. [Standing Ovation]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: The next newly elected Trustee, when I was the State Fire Administrator, I stole her away from the New York State Thruway Authority and she is still with OFPC, Marilyn Schrader. [Applause]
MARILYN L. SCHRADER: Mr. President, Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, Reverend Clergy, Delegates, Members and Guests. I indeed stand before you as a very humble and proud FASNY member this morning. I personally want to thank the Officers, Directors, Members and Steering Committee of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association for nominating me for the position of five year Trustee of the FASNY Firemen’s Home to fill the position that was held by John P. Farrell, Jr. for the past 13 years. John has certainly done an excellent job in serving the residents of the FASNY Firemen’s Home. I greatly appreciate our friendship over the years John and I personally thank you for the introduction of me on Wednesday morning to the assembly. I would like to thank the Greene County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, the Greene County Fire Chief’s Association and the many friends from the Sectionals, County Associations, Fire Companies and Departments across this State that submitted endorsements on my behalf. I especially want to thank my home Company of West Athens-Lime Street Fire Company #1 for their 37 years of support in all the endeavors that I have done. Without their faith, support and understanding I would not have been able to do all that I have done. I will miss being on the Membership Committee for FASNY. I have worked with the wonderful and talented group of people since 2001 when President James Williams appointed me to the Committee. I want them to know that I shall continue to help FASNY grow by encouraging Firefighters and EMS personnel to join our ranks so that this Association can continue to grow to new heights. One cannot achieve anything alone and I am no different so at this time I extend my heartfelt thanks to my family especially Vicki who traveled with me quite a few years for FASNY and especially Andrea for all the help and support they continue to give me each and every day. I promise you, the membership that I will do my best to work as hard as the past Trustees have done and look forward to working with the current Board of Trustees to provide the best facility we can to our Senior Firefighters, Auxiliary Members and spouses that they deserve at the FASNY Firemen’s Home in Hudson, New York. Thank you. [Standing Ovation]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: To my friends from Long Island, that think above 25 is upstate; I have a candidate now for the Trustee from upstate, Dennis Eickoff. [Applause]

DENNIS E. EICKOFF: Presidents, Directors, Trustees, FASNY Officers, Clergy, FASNY Members, Friends and Guests. I stand before you ready to take the next step in my fire career in serving as a newly elected Trustee of the Firemen’s Home. I am following in the footsteps of Vic Strack and Carl Steffen from Northern who have served so ably before me. Many of those elected to various positions they hold today got their start in the local Fire Department, County Organization or Sectional and many have serve FASNY as a member of one of the various committees. I am no different. Having a Steering Committee that offers great support, as well as having a Campaign Managers such as Jim Cayey and Joe Finnegan have really been a help to me. I thank you both. I stand ready to be part of the Home family and to make sure our residents there get the best possible care that can be provided to make sure that their stay with us is a memorable one. Thank you all for letting me be part of this great FASNY family.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: From Suffolk, Peter Cincotta. [Applause]
PETER U. CINCOTTA: Good morning President McConville, Vice Presidents Pienkowski and Klein, members of the Board of Directors, my fellow Trustees, Reverend Clergy, Family, Friends and Guests. I am extremely honored for your trust in me by electing me to represent this great organization on such an esteemed Board. The Firemen's Home is truly a special place and I am truly grateful to be part of the rich history that the Board of Trustees represents. I wish to thank the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association for having the confidence in me and putting my name forward. To the Chiefs, Officers and Members of the Selden Fire Department throughout the years, your continued support is always appreciated and sometimes much needed. I look forward to the next five years working with and getting to know all the staff and especially the residents of this special place we call "Our Home Away From Home". Thank you all and may God continue to bless FASNY, The Firemen's Home and certainly this great country. Now that's the end of my written remarks, but I also have to thank because I did appreciate working and I am coming of the Youth in the Fire Service Committee, but I want to thank Beth Bennett, Chris DePew, Tenna Johnson, Al Sweet, Jerry Presta and now Keith Vella is on that Committee but it's been a great 6 years working with them. I think we've built the great program. I think it will build and continue to succeed. They are the future, the young people that we all have in our departments and our families and I thank them especially for a great 6 years. Thank you and God bless you. [Standing Ovation]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Newly elected Director from Ulster, Santo S. "Chan" Rivera. [Applause]

SANTO S. RIVERA: Good morning. Reverend Clergy, Officers, Delegates, Members and guests. I am honored to be elected for my second term as Director of this great Association. In 2009 when I started this journey, I was asked by the Steering Committee to take on this task from Past Director Jim Ryan and my dear friend and mentor, the late Joe Kelly and asked me to fill this journey and I wish Joe were here today. But I know Joe would be proud of me. I also want to thank my traveling buddies Bill Buckmaster, Joe Malan and my dad Delbe Spath. Eric Orr, Harry Barrett, Tommy Cotton, Rick Penney that travel though the Hudson Valley. I also want to thank Past President Jim Burns for picking me up sometimes. We had some good laughs; I'm not going to say what. I want to express my thanks to the Board of Directors of FASNY for giving me this opportunity. I also want to thank them for their prayers and for being there when I had my open-heart surgery. The staff at 107 and the Board of Trustees thank you for being there for me. I also want to extend thanks to the Ulster County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association in my own company the Napanoch Fire Company and that's in Ulster County, of course. I also want to thank John P. Farrell, a good friend for speaking on my behalf. Thank you John. I also want to thank my son Corey could not be here today along with my wonderful wife Cindy for their love and support and tolerance as I devote so much of my time to the Fire Service. And in closing I pledge to do my best for this great Association. Thank you. [Standing Ovation]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Re-elected Director from Nassau County, Michael Reid. [Applause]

MICHAEL F. REID: Good morning FASNY Family. Thank you for giving me your support and confidence by re-electing me to the Board of Directors for a second term. It has been an honor
to serve you and I look forward to being able to continue my work to better the Volunteer Fire Service. I owe a special thanks to a few people today. Past President Mike Wutz, you have been a friend and a mentor to me since my first days as a new member of FASNY those many years ago. Mike, we come from opposite ends of the State, but you have always been there for me. I would not be here today were it not for you. I’d like to share something with you all today. Perhaps Mike’s vital lesson to me was how important it is to teach and mentor those who will someday be called upon to take on responsibility. I can only hope to be as good at this as he has been and pass along those lessons to others who will soon replace me at this podium. The other person deserving of special thanks is my wife Marie. Despite the many meetings, phone calls and days away from home I never hear a word of protest. She is always been right there to support me and more importantly to urge me on when those challenges we all face seemed to become overwhelming. The love and support of your family will sustain you through everything. Perhaps the greatest challenge we will face together as the FASNY family this change. It is only natural to fear change. We become comfortable with the way things are. But change is inevitable. Together we have seen and welcomed changes that better protect the community from fire; but now we must focus on protecting ourselves. The challenge has been made to reduce firefighter illness, injury and death. Together we will meet this challenge and we will succeed! Again, thank you for your trust and support and I look forward to meeting this challenge; and working with you all. [Standing Ovation]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Your newly elected 2nd Vice President from Nassau County, Steven E. Klein. [Applause]

STEVEN E. KLEIN: Good morning. It is with great pride and humility; I accept the position of 2nd Vice President of FASNY. It is my hope that as I perform the duties of Vice President, I will do so in a manner you expected when you supported my election. It is to the efforts of many people that I have the good fortune to have attained this office. Thanks to my brother and sister firefighters from Nassau County and Southern New York for placing my name in contention. The Chiefs Officers and Members of the Oceanside Fire Department and Terrace Hose and Chemical Company #3 for all the support. A number of them have taken time to travel here this week as a show of support and I thank them. I would be remiss if I did not recognize Past President Gunnar Nielson who started me on this journey with an appointment to the Fire Prevention Committee. He continues to this day to offer support and a kind word each time we meet, “Keep Smiling”. Two other gentlemen, who could not be here today, Art Lewis and Walter “Spike” Monestere, who insisted I had the time to serve as a Trustee of the Firemen’s Home. After all there are only four meetings a year. There are many others and I would be here for hours if I attempted to name them all. They know who they are and I thank them all. A special thanks to my son, Chief Kevin Klein for the wonderful introduction on Wednesday. I am grateful that he and Chris and Kevin Jr. are here with me today. There is one other person I need to recognize, Amedeo “Moose” dePoto is not here today. He very much wanted to be. Unfortunately, it was not to be. It is in his memory that I pledge to fulfill the obligations of the Office of 2nd Vice President. A special thanks to Marguerite for being here, thank you all and God Bless America. [Standing Ovation]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: And now your newly elected 1st Vice President, and in this threesome here, he conscience and subtle reminder and the prankster of the three of us,
mostly the prankster but the conscience as well, from Onondaga County, Kenneth Pienkowski. [Applause]

2nd VICE PRESIDENT KENNETH PIENKOWSKI: Good morning. Reverend Clergy, President Elect McConville, Vice President Elect Klein, Board of Directors, Officers, Trustees of the FASNY Firemen’s Home and FASNY members. I accept the position of 1st Vice President, which you the membership elected me. For that I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence. Two years ago I stood before the membership and committed that I would continue to work for and with you for what is the best for the Volunteer Fire Service. For the past two years the FASNY Board and Committees have been doing what they feel is that most important and will continue to do so. But, you the membership need to communicate with your FASNY officials and appointed committee members and offer them your thoughts. If there is something that you don’t think is right or if you have an idea that you think the committee should be considering, PLEASE share with us. I pledge that I will continue working for the Volunteer Fire Service in our GREAT STATE of NEW YORK. I look forward to working with President McConville, Vice President Klein and your Board of Directors along with the Board of Trustees of the FASNY Firemen’s Home. As President Burns steps down as president I would like to thank Jim for his leadership for the past two years. Secondly Past President David Jacobowitz leaves the FASNY Board after 18 years of dedication and commitment of many hours. Chief, thank you for everything. I want to thank Chief Brian McQueen for the introduction on Wednesday morning and also for all your work behind the scenes as the Central New York Firemen’s Association Steering Chairman. I want to also thank the Central New York Firemen’s Association for their continued support along with President Gordon Kotars and the Onondaga County Volunteer Firemen’s Association. Thank you to the many Sectionals in County Association that sent in their endorsement letters. During the past two years as your Vice President there are a few people that you depend on. Anytime you asked him for something it’s done. I would especially like to thank FASNY Secretary Michael Whelan for everything he does along with Chief Administrative Officer David Quinn and the entire FASNY staff. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO. Most importantly I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to my family. My son, Jamie and daughter, Jennifer and my lovely wife Barb for her full support and understanding and being my companion. I love you Barb. THANK YOU, GOD BLESS AND PLEASE STAY SAFE. [Standing Ovation]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: It is a great deal of privilege and honor for me to introduce the next elected official. But I have a couple of comments first. [Laughter] Someone mentioned the other day that he was a tweaker, I think he is a subtle changers, he is a strong advocate for what is right and he is certainly an honorable individual. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you, your President, Robert McConville from Suffolk County. [Standing Ovation]

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT N. McCONVILLE: Thank you, thank you Jim for those kind words. Before I start Brian, I’ve got to thank you for this morning’s presentation that was Brian McQueen at his best, thank you. [Applause] I cannot put into words how proud I am to stand here before you as your newly elected President. I know this could have not happen without your support, encouragement and trust. In my previous addresses to you, I have always spoken about the long and winding road that which we have traveled together. We have gotten to this point in time as one. I have constantly spoken of my friends who have helped me follow that path. Once
again, we could not have made this final turn in the journey if not for four friends of us all; Amedeo “Moose” dePoto, Past President Edward Carpenter, Director Richie Vella and Legislative Committee Vice Chairman Bobby Knight. I miss them all, but especially Bobby always stood on this dais and spoke to you of his support for me. Myself along with the leadership of FASNY, wish to bring a new culture of Firefighter Safety, Health and Wellness to the Volunteer Fire Service of New York State. Our motto starting today will be “A Healthy Firefighter is Everyone’s Fight”. We cannot perform our daily firefighter activities without being trained, prepared and ready to respond. To accomplish these tasks we must be healthy. We must learn wellness procedures and continue to practice safe actions to protect ourselves. I ask our partners in the Volunteer Fire Service to join with FASNY in developing programs teaching health and wellness to all of the Volunteer Firefighters and New York State. My pledge to you is to make Firefighter Safety and Wellness our number one priority in the upcoming year. FASNY will continue to support sprinklers, construction concerns, and the makeup of furniture, EMS concerns and all issues that affect our firefighters or the safety of the public. We will use every resource available to us to educate, train and inform our membership as always. In closing, I need to thank many people for their support and confidence as I take this important position as President of this great organization. Past President David Jacobowitz for his guidance, President Jim Burns for his counsel, Vice President Ken Pienkowski for always having the right paperwork and the correct date. I thank all three of them for their friendship. I welcome Steve Klein to the Board and I am confident he will do an outstanding job. Also, my fellow members of the Board of Directors, CAO David Quinn and his staff at 107, the ladies of the FASNY, the Board of Trustees and the staff at the FASNY Firemen’s Home for their assistance and cooperation over these past years. I thank the members of the Southern New York Volunteer Firemen’s Association for their help and support. I thank the officers and members of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen’s Association and President Jerry Owenburg and especially to FASNY Director and friend Gene Perry. I am and continue to be a proud member of the Selden Fire Department and Dixon Engine Company #3 and cannot thank them enough for their unwavering support and brotherhood over the past 32 years. They have supported me since day one. Many of whom are present here today. At the New York State Championship Parade this past Sunday in Deerfield, the Selden Fire Department won best appearing Department in the 15-31 category. The Juniors of the Selden Fire Department also took 1st place. I thank the Selden Slowpokes Drill Team for wearing those great green shirts on Saturday. I personally wish to thank JJ Egan for his kind words of introduction on Wednesday. It was an honor to have Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone here today to swear in the new Officers of FASNY and to have him personally swear at me. I thank him for the time he took out of his busy schedule and appreciate his support and his commitment of the Volunteer Fire Service. Also, I have in the audience is my dad and his wife Pat are here today in the audience. I believe I received my start in the Volunteer Fire Service due to my dad who joined the Wyandanch Volunteer Fire Department in 1948 and later on we served together in the St. James Fire Department. I also have Joanie, Meryl Montrose and Larry Montrose from my Firematic family. Also, in the audience is my wife Virginia, my soul mate, the love of my life and my number one go to person, especially when it comes to computers. I could not do this without her help and support and certainly without her love and my love for her. OK, that’s it. I’m done. I swear to you all that I will be a hard-working and caring leader of this great Association. God bless you all and without a doubt as the great Rock ‘n Roll icon Chuck Berry states, “I am so glad I am living in the USA”. Thank you and as always GOD BLESS AMERICA. [Standing Ovation]
REPORT OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: I now call upon Sergeant-at-Arms Kenneth J. Holmes Sr. for his report.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS KENNETH J. HOLMES, SR.: Mr. President, among the duties that are given to the Sergeant-at-Arms during the Convention is counting the number of people in attendance at each session. This report is for Friday, August 22, 2014.

**Wednesday**
- Memorial Service: 275 people
- Opening Session: 242 people

**Wednesday Afternoon Seminar**
- 2% Tax Forum: 204 people

**Thursday Seminars**
- **AM Session:**
  - It Was Just a Routine Call: 142 people
  - Mayday for Mental Health: 50 people
  - Paradigm Shifting: Getting Outside Your Comfort Zone: 41 people

- **PM Session:**
  - Recruiting, Motivating and Retaining the Younger Generations: 152 people
  - Observations from 30,000 Feet: Modern Challenges and Opportunities for the Fire Service: 165 people

- 6th Annual Youth Day: 45 attendees
- 26 advisors

**Friday**
- Closing Session: 202 people

The Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Farrell and I would like to thank the President for allowing us to serve FASNY for the past year. I would also like to thank Donald Farrell for his time as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms and I look forward to serving with three Presidents and the Board of Directors in the next year, thank you.
PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Thank you Mr. Sergeant-at-Arms. Ladies and gentlemen, for the purpose of a presentation a call upon Antonio “Tony” Cruz of Firefighter’s Cancer Support Network for a presentation. [Applause] Ladies and gentlemen, one of our great supporters of the Fire Service across the State, especially in their time of need is the Firefighter’s Cancer Support Network. We have with us this morning, Tony Cruz who is the Director and good friend and he’s got his partner, Ron Barz sitting out here taking pictures. Ron you can come up here closer, you want to get a shot of this check, and I made it big enough so you can see it. Tony, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present you with a check for $2,500 from FASNY for your continued work on behalf of the members of the Fire Service across the State. [Applause]

TONY CRUZ: Good morning and thank you President Burns, President elect McConville, Mr. Bellone for being here today and of course your brothers and sisters out there and FASNY for the opportunity once again to talk to about cancer in the fire service. But before I get into it, I couldn’t do this job without a successful team and if they would stand up Kevin McElynn, Richie Messina, Ronnie Barz, Bob Ruston and Jerry Owenburg. These are people that I work with that help you and I think they deserve applause too [Applause] What is firefighter’s cancer problem? Firefighter’s cancer is looming personal catastrophe for each and every firefighter. Cancer is the most dangerous and unrecognized threat to health and safety of our nation’s firefighters. Multiple studies, including the soon to be released NIOSH Cancer Study have repeatedly demonstrated creditable evidence of a high rate of cancer in the fire service. Cancer rates compared to the general American public. Testicular Cancer 2.02 times greater, Multiple Myeloma 1.53 times greater, Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma 1.5, Skin Cancer 1.39, Prostate Cancer 1.28 times greater, Malignant Lymphoma 1.31 times, Brain Cancer 1.31, Colon Cancer 1.21 and Leukemia 1.14 times greater. We are just beginning to understand the magnitude of the problem that challenges us in the education, training, operations, medical screening and the personal accountability to effectively address cancer in the service. The signs of firefighters exposed to carcinogens are everywhere. Photos appear everyday of firefighters working in active and overhauling fire environments with their SCBA’s on their backs but their mask is dangling along their side. Firefighters still proudly wear dirty contaminated PPE and helmets. Diesel exhaust a recognized carcinogen still contaminates many firehouses, apparatus bays as well as our living, sleeping and eating areas. Many firefighters only have one set of gear, which means they are continually recontaminated from the previous fire. Some diesel exhaust systems even when installed is not used or used incorrectly or poorly maintained. Bunker gear is still stored in apparatus bays where is bathed with diesel exhaust. Bunker goes unwashed for months at a time. We carry our bunker gear in our personal vehicles, some of us wear our PPE in our kitchens, TV rooms etc. Many of us do not shower after a fire or Haz-Mat run. Pinpointing the cause of cancer is extremely difficult because firefighters are not just exposed to one agent; they are exposed to multiple cancer causing agents. Because of the multiple exposures and the multiple routes of exposure, they are inhaled and the carcinogens are absorbed through the skin. Today I leave you with a fact to think about, to talk about and hopefully do something about. President elect McConville is making firefighter health his mission and that’s why the FASNY Organization is so important. The FCSN is honored to be partnering the Organization in getting this message out. On a personal level, two things about being a firefighter and EMS personnel is that we don’t have to grow up. We can always act like kids. The other thing is when we do grow up don’t cheat yourself out of the opportunity to sit down with your grandchildren tell them about that big fire you went to. Don’t cheat yourself out of that pleasure of talking to them. In closing, the Firefighter Cancer Support Network is here to educate
you and to mentor you in your time of need because together we can make a difference and no one fights alone, thank you. [Applause]

**DONATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: I now call on Brian McQueen, Chairman of the Gerald J. Buckenmeyer Scholarship Committee.

BRIAN MCQUEEN: Thank you Mr. President. Again thank you so much for the donations yesterday for the scholarship. $3,500 is just absolutely amazing and the support you have shown to the future of the fire service is just absolutely unbelievable.

KME made a $500 donation to the Scholarship Fund.

Provident Insurance Company made a $5,000 donation to the Scholarship Fund.

Brian McQueen receives scholarship donations from Past President Bernie Boulio, FASNY Past Presidents, Onondaga County Firemen’s Association, Central New York Firemen’s Association, Hudson Valley Firemen’s Association, Western New York Firemen’s Association, Nassau County Campaign and Hospitality Committee, Northern New Firemen’s Association and Monroe County Firemen’s Association.

BRIAN MCQUEEN: I believe that’s it. Thank you so much for all of you that donated the Scholarship again, all the information will be coming out hopefully in October or November in the Volunteer Firefighter Magazine and again, spread the word. This is what it is all about, recruitment, the younger firefighters. Thank you and have a great day. [Applause]

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: For the next order of business I call upon 1st Vice Robert McConville to conduct an election, he has a ballot box.

1st Vice President McConville draws the winner for the gift basket from the hotel and the Albany Visitors Bureau.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: The gentlemen who wrote my script for me this morning must be physic because it says in here that we will take a 10 minute break and he’s right of the Firefighter of the Year and the EMS Provider of the Year Awards. Please don’t wander too far away we want to get started promptly at 11AM. Thank you all, take a 10 minute break.

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FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AND EMS PROVIDER OF THE YEAR CEREMONIES

ANDREW PILECKI: Good morning, President Burns, Vice President McConville, Vice President Pienkowski, FASNY Officers, LAFASNY Officers, Reverend Clergy, delegates, members and distinguished guests. I would like to welcome everyone to the 2014 F.A.S.N.Y. Hero’s Awards Ceremony sponsored by VFIS. It is an honor to stand here before you this morning as Chairman of the “FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR” Award Committee and to present the combined Awards for the 2014 “EMS Provider of the Year” and the 2014 “Firefighter of the Year”. I would like to ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to please assemble the FASNY Officers, Committee members of both the Firefighter of the Year and EMS Committees and the 2014 “Firefighter of the Year” and the 2014 “EMS Provider of the Year” in the main hallway. While that task is being tendered, I would like to say that since our last Convention there were a total of 26 applications that were received for consideration, 19 for the Firefighter of the Year Committee and 7 for the EMS Committee. They are as follows:

Firefighter of the Year Individual Applications

Shawn A. Jordan
Howard Waldman (3)
Bill Street
Joseph Tortorice
David Mordarski
Joseph Pansini (2)
Thomas Gorman
Ken Palmer

Firefighter of the Year Individual Applications

Fairville Fire Dept.
Jamesport Fire Dept.
Ulster Hose Co. #5
Eastport Fire Dept.
Greenlawn Fire Dept.
Northport Fire Dept.
Bohemia Fire Dept.
Mohawk Fire Dept.

Team Applications

FF’s Jeffery Angleberger, Kerry Cochran, Chris Shea
Chief Anthony Kuhn Jr., 2nd Asst. Chief Joseph Mazza
Rescue 33-10, E 33-11, E 33-12
FF’s Michael Labrozzi, Robert J. Bori, Robert A. Bori,
Philip Garypie, Edmund Downes
FF’s Andrew Strain, Anthony Dichiara, John Guarnieri
FF’s Andrew Strain, Greg Smith, Dan Hagstrom
FF’s Randy Plass, Paul VanAllen

Colton/Parishville Fire Depts.
Pocatello Fire Dept.
Kerhonkson Fire Dept.
Sag Harbor Fire Dept.
Kings Park Fire Dept.
Stockport Fire Dept.
EMS Provider of the Year Applications

William Street, Ulster Hose Co.
Chief Walter P. Griffin, East Meadow FD
Lester T. Olmstead, Richfield Springs FD
Howard Waldman, Jamesport Fire Dist.
Kyle Van Nostrand, Northport FD,
J. Bomze
Jeffery J. Angleberger, Colton FD
Kerry Cochran
Chris Shea
Genesse County EMS

At this time I would like to call upon the Color Guard of the Bohemia Fire Department to lead the 2014 “Firefighter of the Year” and the 2014 “EMS Provider of the Year” into the hall. This morning our recipients are being escorted by President Burns and Vice President’s McConville and Pienkowski and the Firefighter of the Year and EMS Committee Members.

(Post the Colors)

(Please be seated)

At this time it gives me great pleasure to turn this part of the program over to the Chairman of the EMS Committee Diana Pfersick for the presentation of the “2014 EMS Provider of the Year” Award.

DIANA PFERSICK: Thank you, Andy, Good morning President Burns, President-Elect McConville, Vice President Pienkowski, FASNY Officers, LAFASNY Officers, Reverend Clergy, delegates, members and distinguished guests. This year the EMS Committee consists of the following members; Vice Chairman Arthur McRobbie from Colton in St. Lawrence County, Marc Kasprzak from Shawnee in Niagara County, Meryl Montrose from St. James in Suffolk County, Michael Quinn from East Fishkill in Dutchess County, David Simmons from Walton in Delaware County, and I am Diana Pfersick from Rush in Monroe County. Our Committee Liaison from the Board of Directors is Santo “Chan” Rivera from Napanoch in Ulster County along with a Committee Resource from the Board of Directors, Michael Reid from Merrick in Nassau County. The EMS Committee received a total of seven applications for consideration for this year’s EMS Provider of the Year Award. All of the committee members received a package which contained the applications for each member to read and score after which the EMS Committee met to select the award winner. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce to you the 2014 “EMS
Provider of the Year” Firefighter William Street of the Ulster Hose Company #5. [Standing Ovation] At this time I would ask that Bill please remain standing as I read excerpts from the nomination letter submitted by Ulster Hose Company #5 Fire Chief Samuel Appa:

William Street joined Ulster Hose Company in 1980 and has held numerous positions throughout his 30-plus career. He is a dedicated and devoted member of the department and community – initiating, organizing, and successfully executing those things that make a fire department a true success and valuable asset to the community. Bill was at home spending time with his family in his back yard when a neighbor summoned him on June 22, 2013. This neighbor had found his significant other unconscious in a swimming pool. Bill had informed his wife to call 911 and proceeded to the pool to render care. With Bill’s assistance, the unconscious person was removed from the pool and lives saving efforts were initiated. As a result of effective chest compressions, the water was expelled from the patient’s lungs. This in turn allowed the patient to regain spontaneous respirations on her own. Care was turned over to the first arriving fire department personnel, which continued treatment until the arrival of Mobile Life Support. The patient was transported to the hospital and made a full recovery. The outcome of this incident could have turned into tragedy if not for the unselfish act of William Street. [Applause] I now call upon the President of the Volunteer Fire Insurance Services Mr. Troy Markel to present the Association Plaque to Firefighter Street.

TROY MARKEL: Presented Association Plaque to Firefighter Street. [Standing Ovation]

DIANA PFERSICK: I now call upon President Burns to present the Medal of Valor to Firefighter Street.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Presented Medal of Valor to Firefighter Street. [Applause]

DIANA PFERSICK: I now call upon President-Elect McConville to present the Uniform Award Bar to Firefighter Street.

PRESIDENTS ELECT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: Presented Award Bar to Firefighter Street. [Applause]

DIANA PFERSICK: I now call upon Vice President Pienkowski to present the Monetary Award to Firefighter Street.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT KENNETH PINKOWSKI: Presented Monetary Award to Firefighter Street. [Applause]

DIANA PFERSICK: Ladies and Gentlemen, I again present to you the 2014 EMS Provider of the Year for the Firemen’s Association for the State of New York, Firefighter William Street. [Standing Ovation] At this time I would call upon Bill to say a few words.
FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM STREET: I’d like to thank the Association, my family members, my friends; my fellow firefighters are here to help me celebrate this. This is something that you don’t wake up in the morning and say what do I need to do to become EMS Provider of the Year, you just kind of do what you do and someone gets selected. Before I start, I just want to let you know this will be donated to Ulster Hose. [Applause] It’s really overwhelming to be in apposition like this. Every firefighter has been on calls where our actions on the call really make a big impact to the people that we go to help. Every day, every time in the life of a firefighter there is going to come a time when the firefighter will come to a scene on one of these calls and he’s going to be the only one there and it’s going to be up to him to provide the care to help this person until the response can get there. That’s what kind of happened to me, it was pretty simple, it was just my turn to take the lead for Ulster Hose and provide care until the response was able to get there. With everybody’s help, my wife on the phone, the response Brian assisting with his wife out of the pool we had a happy ending. And firemen love happy endings; I tell you anytime that we can positively impact a patient, the morale of the Fire Department it just goes out of sight. And it doesn’t have to be a big impact, any impact, any positive impact; and the happy endings are good we all know that it doesn’t always happen that way but we were thankful for at least this day it did happen. The last thing I want to say is about 15 or 20 years ago, my wife and I were in a discussion with other firefighters and their wives and the topic of conversation was pretty much I didn’t feel I made a difference. I told them I’ve been a firefighter for so many years now I don’t think I’ve made a difference and the wives were really quick to correct us well, correct me that’s their job in life. What they said and after they said, this, it really made a whole lot of sense to me. Just showing up to do the calls, showing up for training, showing up for meetings anything that we do as a firefighter makes a difference in the lives of everybody in our community. And it’s pretty simply and the thing of it is every time I hear the story I get a little emotional. It’s just hard to say but when we go to these calls, every time we think about it we feel it in here and I guess it’s pretty simple, we make a difference in our community by just doing what we do, thank you. [Standing Ovation]

DIANA PFERSICK: I now call upon President Burns and Mr. Markel to present the Department Plaque to Assistant Chief John Kelly of the Ulster Hose Company #5 Fire Department.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS AND TROY MARKEL: Present Department plaque to Assistant Chief John Kelly.

DIANA PFERSICK: At this time I would call upon Assistant Chief Kelly to say a few words.

ASSISTANT CHIEF JOHN KELLY: I think Billy said enough, but I would just like to thank everybody up here for giving us this opportunity and for all you people coming out here showing your support it means a lot to the volunteers, just keep up all the good work and thanks. [Applause]

DIANA PFERSICK: Thank you, Assistant Chief Kelly. I once again would like to congratulate our winner on a great job. At this time I would like to turn the program back over to
ANDREW PILECKI: Thank you Diana for a great Presentation, I would like to also congratulate William Street for an outstanding job as being named the 2014 EMS Provider of the Year. This year’s Firefighter of the Year Committee consists of the following members, Mr. Peter Holmes of Rome, N.Y. in Oneida County, Mr. James Darcey of Levittown, N.Y. in Nassau County, Mr. Thomas E. Pasquel of Yorktown Heights, N.Y. in Westchester County, Mr. Dennis Eickhoff of Colton, N.Y. in St. Lawrence County and I am Andrew Pilecki of Pendleton, N.Y. in Niagara County. Our Committee Liaison from the Board of Directors is Mr. Michael R. Caron of Elbridge in Onondaga County. The Firefighter of the Year Committee received a total of 19 applications for consideration for this year’s award. All of the committee members received an electronic folder which contained a copy of all the applications for each member to read and then score each application based on the information provided. Our committee met on April 11th and 12th, 2014 here at the Desmond Hotel at which time we reviewed and discussed each of the application’s that were submitted and a decision was made. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce the 2014 “Firefighter of the Year” Thomas Gorman of the Bohemia Department. [Standing Ovation] At this time I would ask that Tom please remain standing as I read the letter that was submitted by Chief Richard Anderson of the Bohemia Volunteer Fire Department:

On January 11, 2013 at 0535 hours, the Bohemia Fire Department was activated for a structure fire at the Fairfield apartment complex, 40 Middleton Road, 2nd floor, apt. #2. Upon arrival of Chief Andersen and 2nd Assistant Chief Haynes a working fire was transmitted with a person trapped. Chief Andersen and 2nd Assistant Chief Haynes attempted to rescue the victim but were unable to reach her due to extreme heavy smoke and extreme heat conditions. Chief Andersen exited the fire building to assume incident command as 2nd Assistant Chief Haynes remained inside the building. Upon arrival of Bohemia FD Quint 6, Chief Andersen advised firefighter Thomas Gorman that Assistant Chief Haynes was alone in the 2nd floor apartment. Firefighter Gorman entered the apartment thru the front door and up the stairs where he met with 2nd Assistant Chief Haynes at the top of the stairway landing. At this time the smoke completely banked down to the floor and down into the stairwell area and visibility was non-existent and the heat was extreme. At this time the origin of the fire was unknown. As Chief Haynes was preparing to facilitate inside operations for the incoming fire crews, firefighter Gorman, alone, took a left hand lead from the stairway landing on the 2nd floor into a bedroom located on the #1 side of the fire building. Approximately 3 feet into the bedroom firefighter Gorman came upon what is now known to be a cat. Firefighter Gorman removed the cat to the 2nd floor landing and handed it off to 2nd Assistant Chief Haynes. At this time Firefighter Gorman went back into the same bedroom and continued his solo search, as Firefighter Gorman came upon the front windows he removed his helmet and broke the windows out in an attempt to ventilate the extreme smoke and heat he was enduring. Firefighter Gorman continued his search of the bedroom, alone, as other members of his crew were securing a positive water source at the hydrant before stretching an attack line into the fire building. Firefighter Gorman exited the bedroom into the stairway landing area where 2nd Assistant Chief Haynes was waiting for a hose line from the other members of Quint 6. At this time the smoke and heat conditions have yet to improve, visibility was still non-existent. Firefighter Gorman came upon the rear bedroom, located on the #3 side of the fire building, which is connected to the stairway landing area. As Firefighter Gorman entered the rear bedroom, alone, his scot air pack Vibra alert activated, he continued into the bedroom using a right hand lead, Firefighter Gorman came upon a set of windows, Firefighter Gorman took his helmet off and broke out the windows in an attempt to ventilate the extreme heat and smoke he
was experiencing. From the ventilation efforts by Firefighter Gorman the fire was now visible in the living room area where other members were now attempting to extinguish with a hand line from Quint 6. Firefighter Gorman still alone and with his Vibra alert activated continued his search in the rear bedroom, at which time he came upon the female victim laying in the bed. Firefighter Gorman removed the victim from the bed onto the floor between the bed and the rear windows that he broke out, Firefighter Gorman attempted to transmit a “Mayday, Mayday, Mayday” over his portable radio which went unheard. Firefighter Gorman then yelled for assistance three times but no other members were close to the bedroom door. Firefighter Gorman dragged the female fire victim attempting to find the bedroom door, but was unable to find it immediately. Firefighter Gorman then laid the female fire victim on the floor, leaving her as he searched for the bedroom door. After Firefighter Gorman found the bedroom door he then went back to the fire victim and dragged her out of the bedroom onto the stairway landing to the top of the stairs. At this time Firefighter Gorman who was out of air notified the other members who were at the top of the stairs about the fire victim. The female fire victim was taken down the stairs to the outside, CPR was initiated and advanced life support efforts by the Sayville Community Ambulance were given. The female fire victim was transported to the hospital where she regained a pulse. Unfortunately, due to the extreme smoke and heat, the fire victim died from her injuries the following day. Richard Andersen, Chief of Bohemia Fire Department. [Applause]

ANDEW PILECKI: I now call upon Mr. Troy Markel of the Volunteer Fire Insurance Services Company to present the Association Plaque to Thomas Gorman.

TROY MARKEL: Presented Association Plaque to Firefighter Gorman. [Standing Ovation]

ANDREW PILECKI: I now call upon President Burns to present the Medal of Valor to Firefighter Thomas Gorman.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS: Presented Medal of Valor to Firefighter Gorman. [Applause]

ANDEW PILECKI: I now call upon Vice President McConville to present the Awards Bar to Firefighter Thomas Gorman.

1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT MCCONVILLE: Presented Award Bar to Firefighter Gorman. [Applause]

ANDEW PILECKI: I now call upon Vice President Pienkowski to present Firefighter Thomas Gorman with a Monetary Award on behalf of the Association.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT KENNETH PIENKOWSKI: Presented the Monetary Award to Firefighter Gorman. [Applause]
ANDEW PILECKI: And the final presentation for this morning, we are going to call upon the Suffolk County Executive, Mr. Steve Bellone. [Applause]

SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE STEVE BELLONE: Thank you very much, good morning again. I want to congratulate the EMS Provider of the Year William Street and thank him for his service. I’m honored be here with President Burns and President elect McConville and all the members of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York to join them in presenting this award to somebody whose heroism and valiant actions above and beyond the call of duty are extraordinary and to someone who is not a firefighter but has worked closely over the years as I hear your actions, I am just absolutely blown away by what you’ve done, Tom and grateful that’s probably the thing I feel the most, grateful on behalf of my family and my community that you are out there and that people like you are out there. I think of every single person here who puts on the uniform and leaves your family and goes out to answer a call as a hero. There is no question about that in my mind. And Thomas, it is something to receive this award and to be recognized and considered a hero among heroes and that’s what you are for what you’ve done. On behalf of all of us in Suffolk County, this is a great day for Suffolk County when we have the Firefighter of the Year and the President of FASNY, it’s a good day for Suffolk County, a good morning for me. [Laughter] But on behalf of all of us in Suffolk County, we are incredibly thankful and grateful for what you’ve done and your many years of service and what we know you are going to continue to do as a member of the volunteer fire service. Thank you and God bless you. [Applause]

ANDEW PILECKI: Ladies and Gentlemen, I again present to you the 2014 Firefighter of the Year for the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York, Firefighter Thomas Gorman. [Standing Ovation] At this time I would like to call upon Tom to say a few words.

FIREFIGHTER THOMAS GORMAN: Good morning. First I would like to thank the FASNY Board and the Firefighter of the Year Committee for electing me for this prestigious honor. Every day throughout New York State volunteer firefighters perform courageous acts, lifesaving acts and for me to be recognized for my actions has been a truly humbling experience. First I would like to thank my twenty brother and sister firefighters from the Bohemia Fire Department who took the time out of their schedules to make the 200 mile trip in traffic no less to support me here today. I also want to thank the Chiefs of the Bohemia Fire Department for putting pen to paper and making this all happen. To the Commissioners of the Bohemia Fire District, your support these past few months has been overwhelming, I thank you. And last but certainly not least I want to thank my family, especially my sons Brenden and Luke. Your love and support has been incredible as always. Again, thank you to FASNY for choosing me to represent you, God bless America. [Standing Ovation]

ANDEW PILECKI: I now call upon President Burns and Troy Markel to present the Department Plaque to Chief Richard Anderson of the Bohemia Fire Department.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS AND TROY MARKEL: Present Department plaque to Chief Richard Anderson. [Applause]
ANDREW PILECKI: I now call upon Chief Richard Andersen to say a few words.

CHIEF RICHARD ANDERSON: I promise I'll be brief. You guys have been here long enough. Good morning everybody my name is Richard Anderson, Chief of the Bohemia Fire Department. Certainly a very memorable moment not only for Thomas and William but significant for our members of the Department and the people that we protect in our community. In 121 years of service of the Bohemia Fire Department we have had members recognized for their heroism but never at this level. This is a first. For those of you who don't know where we are, we are in a little hamlet located in Long Island in Suffolk County. We have MacArthur Airport sandwiched in between two (2) major highways and the second largest industrial area in Suffolk County. We have approximately 10,000 residents, but during the business hours of Monday thru Friday that number more than quadruples due to industry. All of this with 96 members and we respond to about 1,300 alarms a year. Every here knows how the training requirements have dramatically increased over the last several years to keep up with the ever changing demand of our growing community. Its calls like this that makes all the hard work pay off. Because of Firefighter Gorman’s hard work and dedication he is not only being recognized here today, but in the future next month, I believe by the Suffolk County Fire Academy, he was recognized by Southern New York earlier and the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters so he’s hit it all. On behalf of the members of the Department, it is my honor to congratulate Tommy and William on their accomplishments today. And I would like to thank the Board from FASNY also, thank you. [Applause]

ANDREW PILECKI: Thank you, Chief. I once again would like to congratulate our winners on a great job. I would also add that both the EMS and Firefighter of the Year applications will be submitted to the Eastern Division of the International Association of Fire Chief’s for their consideration in both awarded categories on the national level. We will also have the Firefighter of the Year and the EMS Provider of the year Boards and Books at the Firemen’s Home Museum updated with this year’s winners. All of those members and or companies who were nominated for this year’s award already have received a “Certificate of Merit” award from the “Firemen’s Association of the State of New York in the near future. I would like to thank several people for their assistance in putting together this year’s program, the Color Guard of the Bohemia Fire Department, Jamie Leszczynski at ABC Creations for the great job in making the EMS and Firefighter of the year programs, Steve Abbott from Adirondack Awards for designing the plaques, 2014 General Convention Team for their assistance in putting this program together, Our Committee Liaisons from the Board of Directors Mr. Michael Caron for the Firefighter of the Year Committee and Mr. Santo Rivera for the EMS Committee, the staff at the FASNY Office, Jessica Kirk, Fran Connell, David Quinn, Our Bag Piper Mr. Michael Foley for leading our recipients into the Convention Hall, the staff of VFIS for sponsoring our program this year. Again thank you all. At this time I would like to recognize the Past Chairman’s of the Firefighter of the Year Committee who are in attendance this morning. Thank you gentlemen for everything you have done over the year have to make this committee and our program what it is today. President Burns, I would like to thank you for re-appointing our entire committee for this past year. It has been a great pleasure working with all the members of both committees. If I have missed someone I do apologize. The deadline for submissions for next year’s award is March 15th, 2015. At this time I would ask the committee members to please escort the recipients from the Convention Hall. President Burns this concludes the 2014 Firefighter of the Year and EMS Committee Reports. [Applause]
PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS:  Thank you Andy, please all stand in place until we have had the folks on the dais escorted out by the Color Guard, Sergeant-at-Arms.  Please rise.  [Applause]  You may be seated.  Just a couple of brief announcements for this evening’s festivities for somebody, it’s going to be at Lanthier’s Grove we are going to be running the small bus it does not accommodate a lot people, it will make a couple of runs with traffic between here and there hopefully it can get back and forth without too much time, probably around 5 o’clock in the front lobby, the small FASNY bus. The Board of Directors, we are meeting at 1 o’clock in the Lodge, there will be lunch so you don’t have to run out and come back. Half hour after the break the Board of Trustees will be meeting. Is there anything other business to come this Convention?

DAVID JACOBOWITZ:  I make a motion that we adjourn.

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS:  We have a motion to adjourn the 142nd Annual Convention of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York, all in favor?

ASSEMBLY:  Aye

PRESIDENT JAMES A. BURNS:  Opposed? Thank you all very much, safe travels home.

Convention adjourned at 11:55 AM