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HOLIDAY INN, 441 ELECTRONICS PARKWAY, VILLAGE OF
LIVERPOOL, NEW YORK.

August 10, 2018

BEFORE: Kenneth M. Pienkowski, President

Jamie J. Woodard
Court Reporter
P.O. Box 59
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MR. PIENKOWSKI: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Welcome to the 146th Annual Convention of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. The exits are located to your right and to your left. If there is an alarm, it will be announced from the dais. Directions will be given from the podium to exit the ballroom in an orderly fashion.

Before we get started this morning with our regular convention agenda, I would to take this opportunity to announce a new schedule for this year's convention. We have made several changes from previous years to accommodate a more efficient use of our attendees' time. The schedule this year includes an additional morning session on Saturday to allow more time for our speakers' presentations. The educational forums will include one this afternoon and two tomorrow afternoon. Each will include an afternoon break so everyone has a chance to visit our exhibit.
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the gold color displays.

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At this time I would like to ask that you
please silence your cellphones. There will be
absolutely no food or drinks allowed in the
meeting room during the memorial service and the
general sessions. During these sessions,
everyone must be seated. Please, everyone must
be seated.

As part of the memorial service, I ask that
all members of the FASNY Board of Directors and
the Board of Trustees from the Firemen's Home,
please rise when a past president, a member of
the Board of Directors, or a trustee from the
Firemen's Home is named in the necrology.

Thank you.

We are now about to begin our Annual
Memorial Service. Please welcome FASNY Chaplain

(Applause.)
REVEREND JAGOW: Thank you, President Ken.

Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

REVEREND JAGOW: As you know, we are making a transition as far as the chaplaincy is concerned, and I am very pleased to have the ability to announce the incoming chaplain, Reverend Barrie-Lyn Foster, who will share with you a couple of very important announcements. Barrie-Lyn put together this very significant service for you this morning, and you will find it very, very rewarding. Barrie-Lyn.

REVEREND FOSTER: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

REVEREND FOSTER: We're here today to give honor to whom honor is due, and part of that honor is, of course, the extinguishing of the candles. You will be able to find all the candles in the Onondaga room after the service. They are in Onondaga Room E. This room also has a screen with the names of all of our deceased members rotating. If you'd like to sit there and
have some quiet time for meditation, it's the room right passed the hall here across the bathrooms. So you can pick up your candles after the service.

We would also like to let you know that there will be a difference in the way Taps is experienced today. Instead of us standing and saluting for what we usually do as Taps, we will have a salute and a moment of silence, and then you will be seated. As a special treat today, you will hear Taps, the long version, also entitled "Il Silenzio", so please be seated for that portion of the service. Reverend Wayne. REVEREND JAGOW: Thank you, Barrie-Lyn. This is going to be a special moment for us, and we want to take a moment to remember. I am going to ask you now to please rise for the processional. (Whereupon, the colors were posted by the Cicero Volunteer Fire Department.) (Whereupon, the National Anthem was
performed by Sharon M. Palmer and Melissa Gardiner.)

(Whereupon, the Memorial Service was conducted.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: We have some guests with us this morning. I would like to take the time to introduce them. The supervisor from the Town of Salina, Mark Nicotra. Is Mark here?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Kenny Askew, First Vice President of the Volunteer Fire Police

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Association of the State of New York. I think he's working ways and means.

Christina Devaney, manager of the FASNY Federal Credit Union. I haven't seen her this morning.

William Mayo, Chief Chaplain of the New York Association of Fire Chaplains', who participated in the memorial service this morning.

Joe Rinefierd, Fire Coordinator from Onondaga County. Is Joe with us this morning?
MR. RINEFIERD: I am.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thanks, Chief.

Vincent Kearney, the fire chief of the Belgium Cold Springs Volunteer Fire Department.

Tim Boel, the Educational Specialist for VFIS Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services.

Timmy is probably out there working his exhibits.

Tony Cruz, the National State Director East for the Firefighter Cancer Support Network. Is Tony with us?

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Charlie Murphy from the Firefighter Cancer Support Network. Thank you

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for being here this morning.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sergeant-at-Arms Donald J. Farrell.

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Sergeant-at-Arms Donald J. Farrell and the audience members.)
MR. PIENKOWSKI: Please be seated.

Sergeant-at-Arms Farrell, do we have a quorum?

MR. FARRELL: Yes, sir.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you.

I hereby call the 2018 annual meeting to order of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. At this time I would like to introduce Secretary John D'Alessandro for remarks on the new youth in the fire service video.

Secretary D'Alessandro, please.

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Thank you, Mr. President.

Those of you that have attended the convention in the past know that for the last several years we've asked ABC Creative, our creative and marketing partners, to do a different video, highlighting aspects of the volunteer fire service. We didn't plan this, but I think the fact that this year's, which is exceptionally well done, is about youth in the fire service, and I think the pleasant irony is,
for those of you that were here for the memorial service, during the litany for firefighters one of the responses was, inspire us to serve future generations, and that's maybe the most important response that we made today during the memorial service, because our future, our lifeblood, is the youth, our Rams, our Juniors, our Explorers.

So I hope everybody enjoys this video. It's very well done. It's very personalized, and if you want to use it in the future, please contact myself or David Quinn, CAO Quinn, and we'd be happy to get a copy to you.

(Whereupon, a video was played.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: What a powerful video.
Chief Perkins from Boonville, Chief Felice from Mottville, thank you for your full cooperation and understanding in working with ABC to produce a video that is going to reach out to the firefighters in the future and bring them in to get involved with their fire department and their youth program or their explorer program. Thank
you very much Boonville and Mottville Fire Departments for their full cooperation.

It's an honor to be standing in front of you this morning as your President for the past two years and moving the 146th Annual Convention.

What a powerful memorial service this morning. FASNY Reverend Jagow. People working for and helping people. Leadership working for the betterment for the boots on the ground firefighters across the state of New York.

That's what it's all about. We all know as volunteer firefighters somewhere in our areas there's departments that are struggling. I wish we had the answers, we don't, but we're all working together to assist everybody out there, and the only way we can be efficient if organizations out there that are struggling come forth and say, I have a problem, or I need help, so we can provide help.

I would like to introduce the current FASNY officers and directors. Please stand as I call

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your name. I ask that you please hold your
applause until the end of all introductions.

My First Vice President, Steven E. Klein;
Second Vice President, John P. Farrell; and
immediate past President, Robert N. McConville.
Directors, Michael R. Caron, Jose DaRocha, Laurie
M. Hance, Kenneth J. Holmes, Sr., Michael K.
Krummenacker, Eugene J. Perry, Jr., Santo S.
"Chan" Rivera, Diana Pfersick, and Edward Tase,
Jr.

Appointed officers of the Firemen's
Association of the State of New York: Secretary,
John S. D'Alessandro; Treasurer, Thomas Krawczyk;
and our Chief Administrative Officer, David A.
Quinn.

Additional appointed officers: Our
chaplain, Reverend Wayne F. Jagow;
Sergeant-at-Arms, Donald J. Farrell; and Thomas
With, our Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Board appointed positions: Our legal
counsel, the Hannigan Law Firm, Terence S.
Hannigan and Timothy C. Hannigan.

Association key staff: Colleen Simo,
Director of Human Resources; and Patricia Phesay,

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our Director Finance.

Thank you. You may be seated.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: For your information only,

I introduced Director Laurie Hance and past
President Bob McConville, they did not stand.

They're not present with us. They're at the
Syracuse Fire Department Training Center for
youth in the fire ground training, the session
that is presently going on.

Thank you. Vice President Klein.

MR. KLEIN: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. KLEIN: As a matter of clarification,
as in the earlier part of this program where I
was reading your name and you weren't able to
stand, when I call your name now, it's okay to
stand. Thank you.

I would like to recognize past FASNY
officers and directors. Please stand as I call
your name. I would also ask that you hold your
applause until the end of all the introductions.

Again, as a matter of clarification, I am
going to read all of our past presidents and all
of our past directors and officers. Thank you.


Michael Wutz was supposed to be with us, but unfortunately he was in an accident on the way coming here. Michael P. Wutz is not going to be in attendance. David Jacobowitz, James Aloysius Burns. Top of the morning to you.

MR. BURNS: And the rest of the day.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, sir.

And Robert N. McConville, who is on assignment.


(Applause.)


Past Officers: Sergeant-at-Arms, Werner
"Zip" Kraemer.

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2 Thank you. You may be seated.
3   (Applause.)
4   MR. KLEIN: It is my honor to introduce the
5   President of the Board of Trustees, David
6   Schmidt, to introduce his trustees.
7   MR. SCHMIDT: Before I introduce our
8   current Board of Trustees, I would like to
9   introduce four important guests we have with us
10   from the Firemen's Home. Over here we have Mr.
11   Bob Funk, Bobby Hicks, Frank Roberts, and Billy
12   Rosenhagen.
13   (Applause.)
14   MR. SCHMIDT: Accompanying them on this
15   trip for the weekend is CNA Ed Barnett.
16   (Applause.)
17   MR. SCHMIDT: Our current Board, Vice
18   President Wayne Butts, Secretary Walt Geidel,
19   Junior past President David Blair, David Wolf,
20   Fred Griffiths, Steve Goodman, Alan Way, Michael
21   De Vittorio, Gerry Owenburg, Peter Cincotta,
Dennis Eickhoff, Marilyn Schrader, Jim Interdonati, Bill Eck, and President Ken Pienkowski is a member of our Board.

Thank you.

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(Applause.)

MR. SCHMIDT: Past trustees that are with us today, please stand. Jim Burns, Fred Scheider, Jose DaRocha, Jim Farrell, John Montrose, John Farrell, Steve Klein, Paul O'Brien, Bill Murray, and Butch Carella. We also have past presidents from the association who are members of the Board are Tom Eiswerth, Jim Williams, Joe Finnegan, Dave Jacobowitz; and Bob McConville was here earlier, but again, he had to leave.

Gentlemen, thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. SCHMIDT: If anybody knows anybody that needs use of the facility, we have a premiere facility 40 miles south of Albany in Hudson, New York. One year of fire service is all that's required. If you know somebody, please contact
one of the trustees. Thank you.

MR. FARRELL: Those state agencies across
the state that are representing your association
if you're going to say a few words, please come
up front.

First on the list our first speaker is

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Nikita Jankowski from Visiting Syracuse.

MS. JANKOWSKI: Good morning, everyone.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MS. JANKOWSKI: How you guys doing today
this fine summer morning?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good.

MS. JANKOWSKI: My name is Nikita
Jankowski. I'm here on behalf of Visit Syracuse,
and we would love to welcome you to the Salt
City. We have lots of things going on in this
city, and we are thrilled to have you here. We
are so glad that you chose to have your
convention here for three years, and for us, that
is nothing to sneeze at, so we're happy to see
all of you here. I have a question for you guys.
How many of you are from western New York?

(Audience complies.)

MS. JANKOWSKI: How many of you are from the Catskill area?

(Audience complies.)

MS. JANKOWSKI: Okay. Adirondacks?

(Audience complies.)

MS. JANKOWSKI: New York City?

(Audience complies.)

MS. JANKOWSKI: Central New York?

(Audience complies.)

MS. JANKOWSKI: Okay. Thousand Islands?

(Audience complies.)

MS. JANKOWSKI: Southern Tier?

(Audience complies.)

MS. JANKOWSKI: Okay. So the state is represented very well in this room. Give yourselves a round of applause.

(Applause.)

MS. JANKOWSKI: But I'm going to keep this short, and I just want to say, welcome to Syracuse. We have a lot of things going on as I
mentioned. If you haven't been here before, or if it's a while since you've been here, you may have noticed that our downtown is going through an urban renaissance, and we have a lot of new restaurants, a lot of new activities going on, and even outside of the cities, we have a lot of different museums and things like that. So what we ask of you when you're here, is when you're not in your meetings and you have some down time, get out and explore the city a little bit, because we are more than happy to welcome you into our community and into our city, because we are thrilled to have you here; and if you have any questions about what's going on in Syracuse, this booklet right here you can find this on one of the tables outside of this door. When you walk out of the door, make a left, and you'll see our booth. Ask for Ron, and he will give you all the information that you need for Syracuse. If you have any questions, see Ron; and once again, welcome to Syracuse, and thanks again.
MR. FARRELL: Representing the sales manager and the Holiday Inn from Liverpool Convention Center, Rachel Bliss.

MS. BLISS: Good morning, everybody.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MS. BLISS: Welcome back. I can't tell you how wonderful it is to see everybody, and what a great feeling it is to walk out of my office and be greeted with your happy faces and smiles and hugs and kisses and jokes, and I just love having you guys here, and I'm so glad you're back. I'm so glad you're coming back next year. I just want to reiterate what a great, great job your organization does for you putting on this convention. It is so much hard work, and they just give it everything that they have, and they do a wonderful job. So I always want to recognize that, because this is not easy.

You're going to have a great time today on the fun walk, on the 5k. I will be out there, and we'll have a booth. We will have a game for

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prizes. A few housekeeping notes. We will be
doing a renovation this fall, so when you come
back next year, we will be shiny and new and
probably even a Wyndham instead of a Holiday Inn,
but most importantly, we will have a bigger bar,
so we cannot wait for you guys to come back and
enjoy that. Okay? So thank you, everybody.
Welcome back, really happy to have you.

(Applause.)

MR. FARRELL: Next is our assemblyman from
the State of New York Assembly, Al Stirpe.

(No response.)

MR. FARRELL: Next, the President of the
New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, Julius
Leone.

MR. LEONE: Good morning.

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. LEONE: Thank you very much for the
invitation. First, I would like to comment on
the memorial service and how special it was that
you were able to recognize past members that have
gone before us. What a phenomenal job. What a moving experience. It was really, really good.

Secondly, I would like to comment on the video. The video was phenomenal. We're all experiencing the same things at fire stations. It's going to be important that we all work together to try to overcome the shortages that we have. I'd like to introduce our Second Vice President Lee Shurtleff. Lee, if you could raise your hand, please.

(Applause.)

MR. LEONE: I would also just like to take a moment and congratulate outgoing President Pienkowski, and it's special for us from the New York State Fire Chiefs, because as you know, Ken also served as President of the New York State Fire Chiefs. You're probably thinking, why would somebody want to take on those tasks that takes a lot of time, a lot of effort, and a lot of time away from your family, a lot of travelling. The answer is pretty simple, because it's his love and caring for the fire service and how we serve
our communities. And what a special obligation
that is that you've taken upon yourself, so I
want to thank you for that from the New York
State Fire Chiefs and what you've done for our
organization and what you've done for FASNY.
Congratulations on a wonderful job.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you.
MR. LEONE: I would like to take the
opportunity to congratulate the incoming
officers, Steve Klein, incoming President Steve
Klein is also a member of the New York State
Association of Fire Chiefs' committee, and works
extremely hard for us during our conference, and
I want to congratulate him and thank you for
everything you do for us, and thank you for
everything you do for the FASNY organization.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you.
MR. LEONE: Just outstanding. Again, those
that do that are here for only one reason, to
make our organizations better, to make the fire

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service better in the state of New York.

So congratulations on a great convention.

Congratulations on the business that you'll be undertaking this weekend, and I think the thing that we need to keep in mind based on the video that we've just seen, we all recognize the fact that not a single fire station -- there may be a few of us -- a single fire station in the state isn't looking for members. We have a lot of work to do in the future. Our organizations work so closely to identify the needs of the fire service, particularly to try to move legislation through that will have a positive impact on the fire service in the future. We look forward to working together on that endeavor and others.

Congratulations, and have a wonderful convention. Thank you.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. FARRELL: Next is the President of the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, Thomas Rinaldi.

MR. RINALDI: Well, you don't know how wonderful it is to be here today, and I'm very

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gad that my name wasn't included on the memorial
service, but we came close a couple of times this
year. I'm glad to be standing here before you
today. I'd like to first introduce my First Vice
President, Fred Senti.

(Applause.)

MR. RINALDI: And Second Vice President, Ken Preston.

(Applause.)

MR. RINALDI: It's been a tumultuous two
years. I've also been president alongside of Ken
and all the folks from the State Chiefs, and it's
been a tumultuous two years, but I'll tell you,
it's been enjoyable, and we've made a lot of
friends, and we've made a lot of progress. One
of things that we've done and attested to the
video we have here today, we all have come to the
realization that we need to work harder to bring
new people into our fire station, and it's not
just a problem here in New York. It's a problem
all over the United States. I see articles in
the magazines from everywhere where we're having
the same problems. So I congratulate the
leadership of FASNY for taking this step and
getting this video and getting the recognition
that people need to make that the youth are our
future.

I want to thank especially Ken Pienkowski
and all the leadership of FASNY for the working
relationship that we have had over the last
couple of years. We had some challenges, and
we're meeting those challenges, I think, and we
certainly still have more to do; and Ken, thank
you very much for your leadership and your vision
and to try to meet the challenges that we have in
the fire service here in New York state.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Tom. It's an
honor.

(Applause.)

MR. RINALDI: It's certainly been a
pleasure and an honor working with everybody here
and with all the people that are trying to
address the problem. We worked very hard
together on the cancer legislation, the cancer
benefit. I know Dave is familiar with this, some
of the opposition that we have seen out there,
but I think it's a lack of understanding and a lack of information. We're going to continue to

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work on that. So I think we're going to continue to work forward.

But again, I want to just wrap this up, and again, thank you for the leadership. Thank you for what you've done, and thank you for working together and becoming great partners in the challenges that we meet in New York State. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. FARRELL: Representing the Second Vice President of the County Fire Coordinators Association of the State of New York, William Streicher.

MR. STREICHER: Good morning, everyone.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. STREICHER: First I would like to introduce our First Vice President of our county association, Bill Kennedy, from Central District.

(Applause.)

MR. STREICHER: As I recognize here this
morning there's a common goal that we face in
fire service making our future survivable. I'm
very happy to be working with the FASNY group;
and Ken, I thank you for the invitation here

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today.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thanks for being here.

MR. STREICHER: It's a great, great
conference. We have a lot of work ahead of us in
the recruitment end. The movie that was shown
here earlier is a huge start. I'm proud to say
working with all the associations across New York
state we meet many times during the course of the
year working on different ideas and trying to
come forth with a positive outcome. We have a
lot of hard work ahead of us. All these
associations have committed to working hard on
this main topic of recruitment for your fire
service. So we look forward to working with you.

Thank you, and have a great convention.

(Applause.)

MR. FARRELL: Next is our State Fire
Administrator from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Frances Skip Nerney, Jr.

MR. NERNEY: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. NERNEY: I'm honored to join you today, and we would like to congratulate Ken and his team and the members of FASNY and all the work you're able to accomplish for the fire service. We do appreciate it. They are out there working hard for you, I can tell you that. I've had the privilege to work many different topics and projects over the last four years since I joined the state service, and they are working hard to make the fire service safer here, and I appreciate that.

I'm equally honored today to be able to introduce to you my boss, Commissioner Roger Parrino, who will speak to you in a second here. I think it's important that you kind of understand where he's coming from, so I'm going to read a little bit about him. Roger Parrino
was appointed by the Governor, Andrew Cuomo, to
serve as the Commissioner of New York State
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency
Services in May of 2017. Immediately he dealt
with water issues across the state, something we
talk about constantly. As Commissioner, Mr.
Parrino provides overall direction and leadership
and the state's efforts to protect against,
prepare for, respond to, and recover for manmade

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and natural disasters. The DHS currently has 465
employees and an annual budget of just over 1.6
billion dollars. Commissioner Parrino has nearly
40 years of service, or public service, starting
in 1980 when he enlisted in the Marine Corp
reserve and reported to Paris Island. He served
in New York's Police Department for 21 years,
where he was promoted to Lieutenant commander of
detectives and was a member of the hostage
negotiation team for over 10 years. Commissioner
Parrino most recently served as the senior
counselor to the US Department of Homeland
Security Secretary Jay Johnson, where he provided operational crisis management to all levels of the leadership in the cabinet level agency of 232,000 persons responsible for border security, counter terrorism, immigration, aviation security, cyber security, infrastructure protection, and emergency management. He’s been busy there. While serving in DHS, Mr. Parrino managed a counterterrorism policy portfolio that included the national terrorism advisory system, the People's Republic of China, active shooter complex attacks, and state and local enforcement coordination. Before joining the USDHS, Mr. Parrino was employed by -- Inc., and worked as a civilian advisory to the US Marine Corp., during which he served four combat deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. Commissioner Parrino also served as a member of the defense legal policy board, an independent board tasked by Defense Secretary Leon Defendant Panetta to review the application of military justice in deployed areas. The Board served as a federal advisory
committee responsible for providing the Secretary
of Defense with informed, important advice and on
issues relating to the Department of Defense.
Commissioner Parrino is a recipient of the NYPD
Medal of Honor for his actions on September 11,
2001, and the DHS Distinguished public service
medal. He is a 1979 graduate of the Valley Forge
Military Academy. In 1989, he graduated from the
Regents College, and is a lifetime member of the
Council on Foreign Relations. I think it's
important when you hear him speak and understand
where he comes from, and he's walked the walk,
obviously. So that is important to me. In my
short time working with the commissioner for just

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over a year, I found his leadership and mission
intensity, blended with the compassion for
victims of the disasters and compassion for his
employees as well, has served and made a
difference in New York state and what we're able
to do at OFPC improving the lives of New Yorkers.

It is my pleasure to invite the DHS
Commissioner Roger Parrino for a few comments.

(Applause.)

MR. PARRINO: Thank you, and good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. PARRINO: So I can judge an

organization by how they judge people that go

before them and the next generation that's

coming. I'm very pleased to be a part of that

very powerful memorial service this morning on

taking care of those that have gone before you

and then to watch the youth recruitment video of

your next generation. To be that says a lot

about you and your organization, and you have my

respect. Hats off. So to get Skip to say more

about me than I'm actually going to say is a

little confusing, so Skip and I will have to work

on that, but he gives me -- So you think you're

boss, and you show up to something like this, and

Skip gives me like five or six pages that I have

to talk about because it's going to become an

OFPC advertisement while I'm up here. If you

could just bear with me. To tell you a little
bit about the stresses of my job, yesterday I get
a call at about four o'clock in the morning for
the derailment in Deposit, and I show up. I
think I get there around 7:00. Skip comes around
8:00, 8:30 -- I'm trying to figure out how that
happened, but that's okay, but after being there
for a couple of hours, which was phenomenal
seeing everybody playing well in the sandbox, all
the locals and state, and eventually the feds
when they showed up. It was all very good. Now
I'm driving up here, because I know I have this
today. I have about a two hour drive, I'm
exhausted thinking about pulling over and taking
a nap, and I get a call from the Governor's
office, they want me at a prison about four hours
away. I GPS it. I tell them the time it's going
to take me to get there, and then I tell them
forget about -- not that important. So then now
I know I left the derailment before Skip, and

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this is where the real stress comes in, I want to
nap. I don't think I can make it to the hotel.
It's only a two hour drive. I'm about an hour in, and I can't keep my eyes open, and I'm trying to find a place where I can pull over and sleep where Skip can't come up and take a picture and blackmail me or anything. So that is the real stress of this job, not the call from the Governor or four o'clock wake up. OFPC provides basic exterior and interior firefighter training, fire officers and specialized firefighter training at the fire academy and regionally. We also have our fire investigators that work with both the fire departments and controllers to determine cause and origin of fire. Our teams of investigators in our accelerant detention K9 teams have proven to be extremely helpful in uncovering the cause of fires across the state, and we look forward to continuing with your partnership. OFPC has a longstanding relationship with FASNY and has proven beneficial to both organizations, including regular meetings to discuss topics such as training, staffing, and firefighter safety, and I would like this strong

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This morning I would like to share some exciting news that would benefit the state's firefighters and EMS personnel. I would like to talk about the swift water rescue training facility, which recently opened at the state preparedness center in Oriskany. This week we will complete our second technical level water rescue training class. This is a nine million dollar training facility that is the first of its kind in this country, because it's full time just for first responders. There is one in Colorado, but they share it with the Olympic training team. So firefighters can deal with water and cops and EMS personnel can deal with fast moving water coming in, dealing with overflowing rivers. In town we have a little town set up or two or three buildings. We have the ability to have a car float. We have this lego man so we change how the river flows so everybody gets a different experience every time they do it. Tomorrow ABC news is going to come and do a feature on it. So we're hoping we can get as many firefighters trained as possible over the next couple of

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years. I encourage you and your fire companies
to find an opportunity to train at this first of
a kind in the nation training facility. I think
you will be as impressed with this facility as I
am.

The next thing I would like to talk about
is our fire academy in Montaur Falls. We are now
in our 48th year of operation. We recently have
begun to replace the main academy roof. By the
time we replace the roof we'll have something
else to do. Replace the pavilion roof, and we'll
be wrapping up a multi year effort to replace the
windows. We continue to upgrade the academy's
training equipment and will help with the
assistance of the firefighters' grant program.
These upgrades help improve the fire training
experience and benefit the state's firefighters.

OFPC recently announced they will receive
$437,000.00 in grant funds to upgrade the
flammable liquid response training equipment.
These funds will allow OFPC to purchase two
trailer mounted flammable liquid fire trainers to
replace the outdated equipment we use today.

Fueled by propane, the new trailers will simulate
a liquid fire onboard tanker. The new trailers will allow OFPC to increase its capacity to provide flammable liquid response training to more firefighters throughout the state.

I would also like to mention the application period is now open for fiscal year '18, '19 for the recruitment and retention grant program, which I'm getting the gist of something that you might be something -- This program will focus on the leadership training support and recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel across the state. Our program is designed to compliment rather than compete with FASNY's "Is there a fire in you" recruitment effort. This is another example and testament of our ongoing working relationship with FASNY in the support of the New York fire service. Please submit your applications by September 14, 2018. Our grant's team will know that this issue is a priority, and it will shorten the review time so that you can get rewards and applications as quickly as possible.
I assure you Skip put that paragraph in.

In closing, I look forward to a continued working partnership to raise awareness about the critical importance volunteering plays in the state's role in the fire service. I also welcome your thoughts and ideas so we can improve on what we can do; and if that's the case, I want you to get ahold of Skip and be frank with him and candid and tell him what you need. If you need to have a conversation with me and want to up that level, I am always available for a candid and truthful conversation. I'm not going to sit there and tell you I am going to do something when I can't.

And again, have a great convention, and thank you for having me.

(Appause.)

MR. FARRELL: The President of the Volunteer Fire Police Association of the State of New York, Frank Guarino.

MR. GUARINO: Good morning, everybody.
AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. GUARINO: My First Vice President, Ken Askew. Mr. Ken Pienkowski, it's been a pleasure working with you. You've done a great job for FASNY. I look forward to working with you after this, because I'm sure you're not going anywhere.

On behalf of the Volunteer Fire Police Association, I give you this achievement award for your excellence for the FASNY association. Please take this, hang this in your firehouse. It's been a pleasure.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. GUARINO: Steve Klein, you have big shoes to fill, and I know you will.

MR. KLEIN: I'll do my best.

MR. GUARINO: John, good luck. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Next we have representing Onondaga County, Director of Emergency Management, Dan Wears.

MR. WEARS: Good morning.
AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. WEARS: On behalf of County Executive Joann Mahoney and our Director of Fire, Joe Rinefierd, I would like to welcome you all to Onondaga County, and thank you for coming. It's been said multiple times this morning already that there are a number of challenges that we face in the fire service across the state, and I would also say nationally as well and locally. Whether it's a decrease in the volunteers, increase in training requirements, we all share those similar challenges. And these conventions like this are a great opportunity to meet, learn from each other, learn from where we've had a challenge in meeting those goals and continue that discussion so we can all work to improve our local fire departments.

So again, welcome to Onondaga County.

Thank you for coming, and we hope you enjoy your convention.

(Applause.)
MR. FARRELL: Past President, Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association, Steve Heefner.

(No response.)

MR. FARRELL: Thank you.

Executive Committee member of the National Volunteer Fire Council, one of our own, an outstanding leader, Brian McQueen.

(Applause.)

MR. MCQUEEN: Good morning, everybody.

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. MCQUEEN: Now you know that I had a full knee replacement, so really my orthopedic doctor didn't think it would be a good idea for me to fly to Dallas this week and be with the NVFC Executive meeting, so yup, you're stuck with me.

So how many of you here today, by a show of hands, are members of the NVFC, the National Volunteer Fire Council.

(Audience complies.)

MR. MCQUEEN: We have 80,000 members,
80,000 volunteer firefighters in New York State; and as of this past week, the office staff from the NVFC told me that we only have 466 members from New York state. I can't encourage you enough how important it is for you to be on board and be a member of the National Volunteer Fire Council. You know, whether it's through your application through FASNY, the cost is only $15.00. Let me share some of the things that we do through the NVFC and how it impacts you. Through our advocacy group on Monday, July 6, 2018, the National Cancer Registry was signed into the law. We, the volunteers of this nation, will have a place on the development of this registry through the NVFC. We, the volunteers. Yes, members here in New York state will have a voice on that registry. The NVFC and Safer grants were funded for three hundred and fifty million dollars this year, which is a five million dollar increase over last year. The volunteer responder incentive program, VERPA,
passed the Senate earlier this year as part of a larger tax bill. The version that passed the Senate will allow volunteers to receive up to $600.00 per year in recruitment and retention incentives, without being subject to income tax report or withholding. Our health and safety initiatives are very important and are crucial to us. Our serve strong program for healthy firefighters. Our share the load program dealing with mental health issues and the increase in PTSD in fire and emergency services. And a new report on both career and volunteer firefighters titled the Lavender Ribbon Report on firefighter cancer was introduced yesterday morning in Dallas as a joint effort between the National Volunteer

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Fire Council and the volunteer combination officer's section of the IAFC. As one of the co-authors of this report, I can truthfully say that if used properly in every one of our fire stations across the United States of America, firefighters will be more cognizant of the issues that they face with the cancer issue. Please,
don't let this report sit on your fire chief's
desk. We sent this information in the link to
our social media experts at ABC to have that
publicized throughout and through our web, so
hopefully that will be up shortly.

Recruitment and retention, the National
Volunteer Fire Council has the Make Me a
Firefighter campaign, and you can do that by
going to MakeMeaFirefighter.org.

Scholarships. We offer two scholarships
from Columbia Southern University. Each one will
cover $13,500.00 for an online degree. Deadline
is September 15th. So if you want to apply and
you're not a member of the NVFC, now is the time
to join.

Our Globe gear giveaway. You can win your
department sets of Globe turnout gear provided by

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Globe Dupont Solutions and the NVFC.

John Cellars. You heard a lot about John
Cellars this week. The NVFC has developed an
everest partnership with John Cellars and their
celebration of our heroes. You'll hear more about that throughout the week here, and especially at our scholarship raffle on Saturday evening.

And in training, this past June we held our fourth annual training summit in North Carolina. There were 124 attendees from 28 states. We want you to stay tuned for the 2019 summit. We do offer $500.00 scholarships to attend the summit.

Our virtual classroom continues to grow daily with many leadership, administrative, and boots on the ground fire ground classes.

The National Volunteer Fire Council is working with the IAFC and other fire service organizations to provide free hazmat training for volunteer and remote emergency responders activities involving the transportation of crude oil, ethanol, and flammable liquids.

I thank you for this time to share this great organization with you. I encourage you if you're not a member to please, for $15.00, make yourself a member of this great organization.

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NVFC works with fantastic state associations like you have here today in front of you, and we hope through your joining and your involvement in the NVFC this can continue.

President Pienkowski, thank you for this invitation and the best to you.

(Applause.)

MR. FARRELL: Next, representing the County Executive of Onondaga County, Joann Mahoney.

She is not here.

At this time, past Chief and current President of Liverpool Fire Department, Peter Vassallo. Is Peter here?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: He was here earlier.

MR. FARRELL: Next I have Michael Monds, Fire Chief for the City of Syracuse Fire Department.

MR. MONDS: Good morning, everybody.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. MONDS: I would like to welcome everybody, and on behalf of the City of Syracuse and Mayor Ben Walsh and our Syracuse Fire

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Department, it's always great to be amongst firefighters, especially at a convention like this where there is so many issues to tackle to improve the fire service. So I would like to give you guys a round of applause for continually trying to make the fire service better. Right now our fire department is hosting the youth training day at our training facility, and I think it's a great day for the youth. Our fire explorers throughout the state and our junior firefighters, I think they are the future of our fire service, and we've been working in our department to try to get more youth involved in being firefighters. I went over this morning, and I met some of the young firefighters get off the bus this morning and some of our staff and the volunteers who are making that day possible, and I'm talking to my deputy Chief of training, do we have another way we can recruit some of these firefighters and take some of our fire entrance exams over the next few years, because we have many firefighters who have been a part of FASNY, and they've been in the volunteer service, and when they come and join our department, they

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are really, really great firefighters. So I have been in communication with Dan Wears and Joe Rinefierd, and we've been trying to figure out a way to get more involved with our training facility to make things better for the fire service as whole in our area. So I just want to thank everybody for coming today and coming to our area, and I hope you enjoy the conference.

Have a good day, and have a good weekend.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. FARRELL: Chief, I would just like to take this opportunity to say thank you for allowing us to use your facility and work together to try to bring the youth into service.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. FARRELL: Mr. President, that is all the guests we have.

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Brothers and sisters, I have the distinct honor of introducing our keynote speaker for today. I will have to deviate a little bit from the script here. I was given a note. This is how he wanted me to
introduce him. "Here's Bobby. He went to a bunch of fires and learned some stuff."

(Laughter.)

(Applause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Now everybody laughed, but I have to tell you seriously. When you say what you see is what you get, that is Bobby Halton. He is a firefighter's firefighter. He may carry the title of Chief in several departments that you're going to hear, but he is a firefighter's firefighter.

Chief Bobby Halton is a native New Yorker whose family has deep roots in the fire service and law enforcement communities. He began his career in the Albuquerque Fire Department in New Mexico, retiring in 2004 as Chief of Operations. He then became Chief of the Coppell Fire Department in Texas and currently serves as Assistant Chief of Training for the Limestone Volunteer Fire Department in Oklahoma.

In addition to his operational experience,
Chief Halton is editor in chief of Fire Engineering Magazine and the editorial director for Fire Rescue magazine, Fire Apparatus.

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Chief Halton is active with the National Fallen Firefighters Life Safety Initiatives Program, the Firefighter Cancer Support Network, which is near and dear to FASNY's heart, the Fire Smoke Coalition, the Florian Program for

magazine, and the Firefighter Nation website. He has been the education director of the Fire Department Instructors' Conference, FDIC, since 2005. Bobby is a graduate of the University of New Mexico and a proud member of the International Association of Firefighters and the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He has served on several NFPA technical committees. He has worked as a subject matter expert in NIOHS firefighter line of duty death investigations, worked with the US Department of State Diplomatic Security Antiterrorism Assistance Program and is seated on the National Advisory Board of the Congressional Fire Service Institute.

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substance abuse treatment and mental health  
issues, and the advocate for Fire-Based EMS.  
Chief Bobby Halton is a respected and sought  
after speaker throughout the national and  
international fire service, and we are truly  

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grateful that he is here today.  
Chief Halton.  
(Applause.)  
MR. HALTON: I want to make a quick comment  
before I begin. It was impressive to see that  
collection of clergy that you had up here this  
 morning. That was amazing, and I was reminded of  
a story, an incident actually. My wife is a  
member of one of these ladies reading groups  
where a bunch of the gals get together, and I  
think Oprah or somebody tells them to read  
something, and they do. After the Shades of Grey  
thing I was nowhere. Just kidding.  
(Laughter.)  
MR. HALTON: Like I said, anyway, they're  
all together a few days ago, and one of the
ladies said, you know, my son is a Baptist minister and every time he walks in the room the ladies say, oh, good morning, minister. The other lady says, oh, you know, my son is a Catholic priest, and every time he walks in the room the ladies all say, oh, good morning, father. And another lady says, oh, well my son is a monsignor, and he walks in the room they say, oh, your holiness. My wife finally couldn't take it any longer, she stood up and said, well my son is six foot three, a United States Naval Aviator and a Lieutenant Commander, and when he walks in the room, woman say, oh my God.

(Laughter.)

(Applause.)

MR. HALTON: So all you guys sitting down there in our Japanese Admiral costumes, good luck.

(Laughter.)

You know I was having a conversation with Jimmy Burns this morning, and we were watching everybody having coffee, and that video struck me
from our conversation that it just continued what Jimmy and I were saying. It's about community.

It's about community. You heard that one young man say, I was having trouble finding friends.

Boy, that's a word that gets thrown around a lot today, isn't it? Friends. Friends on Facebook.

I've got 10,000 friends on Facebook. My wife claims I have two in real life, and the dog really doesn't like me.

(Laughter.)

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MR. HALTON: Jimmy and I were looking and a young firefighter -- I'm not sure where he was from -- bumped into an older firefighter -- not sure where he was from -- and they really didn't know each other, but they were here. That's community. That's what's missing. The second thing was the fact that they're here. As we talk about recruitment and retention, we do not have a problem recruiting and retention in the American volunteer fire service. I would not have another man or woman join today if they weren't of the
caliber that are in this organization and in this
room today. We don't want numbers. We want
quality, and that's what that young man meant.
He probably has 10,000 friends on Facebook, but
the ones on that volunteer fire company, those 8
or 10, he can count on. So it's interesting.
It's undeniable though lately firefighters,
especially volunteer firefighters, men and women
like us, increasingly feel woefully out of place
in most civilian and social settings often made
to feel out of step as if we should apologize for
our opinions, our beliefs, or our dearly held
values. Some folks say that our morals are

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vintage in character, that volunteers are dead,
that we were born too late, we belong to another
generation. Others are much less diplomatic.
You know, we never feel out of place or
uncomfortable in rooms like this or among our
fellow cops and war fighters where words like
duty, honor, country, and God need no
explanation, need no apologies, and where it's
okay to disagree, at least most of the time for
most of us. Occasionally one of us feels compelled, perhaps entitled, to shame another one of us or call another one of us out or question why we're volunteering, especially the two hatters. The reason we're having some of these tough conversations in parts of the service is difficult, it's complicated, but it is explainable. Most of us in this room can count how many times we were asked or we asked others why, why did you want to be a volunteer firefighter. The most authentic answer for most of the time for us was simply just because I like people. We all know this answer to be honest, unequivocal truth. We just like to help people.

The problem is it's not true. We don't like to help people. Volunteer firefighters don't like to help people. We must help people. We are compelled to help people. We can't help ourselves, like the swallow, like salmon swimming upstream, like politicians lying to us. It's an unstoppable force of nature. We accept that

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we're obligated to help people. To say that it exists within all of us a sense of obligation is to say that some aspects of our morality are universal, but that universality does not mean that we all lift that burden together or that we all share a universal world view. Nothing could be further from the truth. Scholars, philosophers, great thinkers, over time had no problems spousing their thoughts and obligation. They have understood and believe that certain persons are motivated by it. We know that the volunteer firefighter is, but that sense of obligation, volunteerism, is now being misunderstood and confused. We see it online. We read it in the papers, and we see it elsewhere. Vilified, especially in hindsight when things didn't go as well as they should have as a way of being which is antiquated, sometimes called regressive and ignorant, this is understandable given the current assault on the achievements of western society. This driven to -- the growing influence of the post modernist
people who are an intolerant minority who believe
in subjective reality and collectivism and
promote secularism, which would have gone over
really well in this morning presentation.
Strikingly for the first time in our western
culture and here in the United States we're
experiencing a movement of postmodernism, which
is competent of its moral and intellectual
superiority to all who came before them, and
these intolerant people do not tolerant
dissension. Some of those attitudes are creeping
into the volunteer fire service. Our beloved
fire service as a western cultural identity is
under the same assault, under the same ridicule,
under the same attack. From this lofty perch on
the track you see our traditions volunteering,
our proven and then in tactical profiles, our
cultural ones, historical legend, our relentless
innovation, creativity, our sense of obligation
to our neighbors; and by default, corrupt and

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deficient. Our intolerant detractors
increasingly. The confused polite people who lack skin in the game have no concept of our sense of obligation to our sacred covenant with our fellow citizens. They confuse it with our social contract with our subscribed customers, neither malicious or evil. The polite critics are convinced that they're doing good, protecting us from our vintage selves, enlightening us, informing us, saving us from our outdated morals. They ever have a well intention, wrong. They're confusing our scared covenant with our social contract. We can blame it on one of the most famous opening lines of all literature. It was Jean-Jacques Rousseau, the man who by the way corrupted the entire French Revolution and destroyed that dream. At the beginning of his book, the Social Contract, he says, man is born free yet everywhere he is in chains. In fact the opposite is true. Rousseau was wrong and the postmodernist is wrong. We're not in chains. True firefighters are grateful for the opportunity to volunteer, to give back freely, to be part of something greater, something unique,

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something special. We see it in that young man's face on the video. True firefighters embrace this obligation, embrace this chance to be part of a community. They use it to honor the social contract between the customers that we have and that we serve, and they also use it to honor that sacred covenant. All the while they understand it doesn't interfere with that obligation to honor that covenant when called upon to do so, like the first Jews and the first Americans, the volunteer firefighters have first a covenant, a sacred obligation; and second, a social contract or a fiduciary obligation. A fiduciary obligation is different. A scared covenant is different. There's a difference between a taxpaying customer and a social provider and a threaten citizen and a fellow citizen and a sacred covenant. It's a little -- theory from Rabbi Jonathan Sacs, which kind of explains why so many are confused about the volunteer fire service today and our sacred sense of obligation. In biblical Israel, the people came to Samuel and said, appoint us a king. Now Samuel got really upset. Samuel was a prophet. He was talking to
God. So he got really ticked off and went to God and started complaining to God. If you read Samuel chapter one, they start talking back about the Jewish people as if they were bad kids. They keep going back and forth, and God got really pissed off, and he goes, well, he's gone. So he got really pissed off about it. So finally God settles down and says, spell out what having a king will mean, and if they're willing to pay the price, give them a king, which is what happened. In the days of the Prophet Samuel precisely a social contract laid out exactly in the lines of the Leviathan by Thomas Hobbes, people are willing to give up certain of their rights. Give a loaner to a king, a government, whatever it takes to insure protection of the world externally and the world of law internally. One Samuel chapter eight is the first recorded incidence of a social contract. Like the first Jews, America's volunteer firefighters entered first into a sacred covenant. The social contract like in one Samuel chapter eight came second, and those two things are certainly
confused. In a contract you make an exchange.

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You dial the plumber, you bill the plumber, you
make an exchange. A covenant isn't like that.
It's more like a marriage. A covenant is sacred,
respecting the dignity and integrity of others in
a bond of mutual trust and loyalty. A covenant
isn't about me. A covenant isn't about interest.
It's about identity. It's what those young
people are looking for. Thomas Paine pointed it
out. They're different. The first society
contracts, covenants. Covenants are about our
desires. The latter government, that's about
a -- neither side are bad or wrong. It all has
to do with misunderstanding when we're respecting
the social contract and when we're honoring our
sacred covenant. It was John Stuart Mill who
wrote, one of the worst offenses against freedom
is to stigmatize those who hold the contrary
opinion as bad or immoral men. Firefighters have
to be completely aware at all times between the
difference of our sacred covenant and our social
contract. One, to protect us from our weakness
and our faulty; and the other one to raise up our

internal souls. The firefighters have contracts

with governments, take prescribed pay, show up at

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certain hours, do specific tasks, but we have a

sacred covenant with one another. As volunteers

we have first a sacred covenant with our fellow

citizens and especially our brother and sister

firefighters, and covenants are sacred, because

they involve sacrifice, real sacrifice, real

blood and treasure sacrifices. You know back in

the 1920's a german teenager named Viktor Frankl

was writing a paper on psychology. It was so

good that it caught the attention of one Sigmund

Freud. Viktor would go off and become a

psychiatrist, and he worked with adult women who

had suicide ideation. In the 30's Viktor

recognized the rising threat of the national

socialist, the early postmodernist, and he

said -- to his wife and to immigrate to the

United States to be safe and free, but at the

last moment he recognized his obligation to his
aging parents, and he stayed behind in Germany.

The entire Frankl family would end up in concentration camps. Viktor would be in three, including Auschwitz. All of the Frankls except Viktor and his sister would die in those inhumane death camps. Viktor suffered incredible indignities. He was beaten. He was starved. He was stripped of everything he had worked a lifetime for. All he loved was taken from, including his precious wife. Everything he had was taken, except his sense of purpose, except his sense of identity, except his sense of obligation to his fellow prisoners. Viktor recognized those tyrannical socialist could strip him of everything you could see, of everything physical and earthly, but not of his morality, not of his sense of obligation. Viktor volunteered to support his fellow prisoners. Viktor volunteered to counsel his fellow prisoners. Viktor volunteered to treat his fellow prisoners, and he did this at tremendous risk. It made him a target for the Nazis, for
the socialists. He knew that the national
socialists wanted him, his faith, and his fellow
prisoners, their community, dead and discounted.
Volunteering defied those masters. After his
liberation Viktor would write one of the most
important perennial books of all time, "Man's
Search For Meaning." Every volunteer firefighter
needs to read this book. It's a short book. In

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that perennial book he tells us that life is
meaningless without obligation. Having
obligation is what makes life meaningful. In our
voice of obligation the American volunteer
firefighters are not doing anything unusual.
We're not special in our own eyes, nor do we seek
that recognition from others, but that
notwithstanding, we are for the most attainable
degree possible among the most honored and
respected of all our fellow citizens. Not for
what we do, not for our skill and expertise, but
rather the fact that we have freely chosen to be
among those few dating back to ancient Greece who
have taken an oath, who made a covenant, who
accepted obligation, who have pledged as the
Ancient Athenians did to fight for the ideals and
sacred things of our city, to obey and revere our
cities laws and to do our best to insight a life
respect in others. Pledging this freely to God
and one another firefighters make living our
obligation and committing to our obligation and
seeking an endless and to honor our obligation,
our number one purpose in life. That takes
coloracter, vintage moral character. That demands

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accepting consequence. That demands in facing
randomness, understanding complexity, and above
all, honoring humanity. It was March, 2004, a
Huntington Manor two hat, Brian Windsor, was
responding to a call on Hickory Place and Fourth
Avenue in Huntington Station, Long Island. On
this day in March, 2004, he had seven years as a
volunteer. He had also just come off probation
with the FDNY. Huntington Manor received a
dispatch at 14:58 for a mattress fire, 2054.
Units arrive on scene, reports a working fire on
a third story residential. The first crew arrives, reports heavy conditions on the floor, fire venting out of the A exposure. Crews on engine nine stretching to the front door. Brian arrives on the truck and stretches a second line, advancing in behind engine nine. Engine nine had a long hallway to advance. He had to make a 180, so it took a little while to reach the scene of the fire. Brian and the crew from Ladder Six stood back in the hallway until engine nine had reached the scene of the fire. As the fire started darkening down they started to search for extension. He reached the second floor, and

Brian encountered a heavy smoke condition. He had to search the floor. As he was searching, he made inspection holes along the way. He was met up by a second firefighter, and they completed the search of the second floor. The second line went up, and that's now on the second floor. Brian went up to the second floor, and he found no fire there. Communication told him that there
was heavy fire now being reported on the third
floor with heavy smoke conditions. Brian locates
the stairs to the third floor. He goes to the
third floor, makes his way up where he finds
heavy fire and heavy smoke conditions. They
continue to look for active fire and knock it
down. At this time they had two lines in place
on the third floor. Brian's -- starts going off.
So he goes outside, he changes his cylinder. He
hears that other officers and other firefighters
are starting to have low air, so he goes back up,
and he relieves the firefighter on the third
floor. At this time there is an increase of heat
and smoke, traumatically. The amount of heat and
smoke was so much that the men and women were
operating their hand lines just to cool down the
environment around them. There is no progress in
sight, he decides to go defensive. Everybody
starts backing out. Brian starts making a search
of the area to make sure that no one was left
behind. The lines were shut down. The lines
were backed out. As Brian is searching making
sure everybody has left the third floor, suddenly
in this out roaring the fire flashes over. Brian
is caught off. The fire completely engulfs him,
the hallway, and that stairs. Brian knew he was
burning alive. His first instinct, grab his
radio and call a mayday. He never did. The fire
was too intense. Every move he made was
excruciating. He was burning. He was hot. He
was tired. Every time he moved he could feel the
fire impinging through his gear. He made a move
for the exposure of one window, despite the
incredible pain, opened and jumped out the window
to escape. As he struggled to get to the window
the floor below him gives way and drops him on
fire between the beams. He was in pain. He is
terrified. He knows he is going to die when
suddenly two other volunteer firefighters
starting pulling on him from below trying to

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aerial ladder. Brian Windsor was airlifted to Stony Brook Medical Center and then transferred to Cornell due to the severity of his burns. He spent 18 days in the intensive burn unit. In the hospital for many, many, many days after, with second and third degree burns to his face, his back, his neck, his arm, his stomach. Brian would need skin grafts to come back on his arm, his stomach, his face, his back. Many, many, many painful surgeries, but seven months later Brian Windsor was back at Huntington Manor as a volunteer. Brian Windsor was back at the FDNY, and eight months after that, that proud volunteer responded to my mother, at my mother's home, on Long Island. Today that proud volunteer is a lieutenant with Huntington Manor and a lieutenant on the FDNY. He continues to honor his obligation. Brian Windsor, Viktor Frankl, you are persons of vintage moral character who accept the risks, who celebrate volunteers, who understand honor and obligation to their fellow citizens as the fundamental keystone of humanity.

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That character and consequence. That honor and dedication is what this merry band of volunteers gather here today to represent, all of you, the best in the American fire service, her volunteers, men and women that recognize that accepting obligation doesn't fall equally. As a matter of fact, it doesn't fall at all. It's sought after. It's fought for. It's competed after, and I don't want you to ruin your standards to get more recruits, I want you to raise your standards to get the very best, those who find meaning in covenants, not in contracts, in people, not in systems, in human creation, not in human endeavor.

(Applause.)

MR. HALTON: Fine tools, advanced equipment, the latest gear, all of that helps us meet out mission, but that self-imposed obligation to our covenant, that critical intersection of life and death, that's a matter of character, vintage moral character, like Brian, like Viktor. Each of us must honor that covenant each and every moment of each and every
day. We expect nothing less of one another, and that's the highest standard you can lead. As such, it is critically necessary that we come together and celebrate this covenant, as you have done for a 146 years, and 146 years from now we will be here. We cannot allow those intolerant people with no skin in the game who misunderstand covenants and contracts, who misunderstand callings and careers to confused obligation with opportunity to get between us and our mission, to get between us and one another. Those intolerant people have been deluded by academia, the so called experts, the postmodernists. You see that these academics there's no difference between academia in the real world. Hey, in the real world there is. Our American fire service operates forward in the real world not in a laboratory or classroom, not in some elaborate of elitist construct of how the world should work, we operate forward in the real world with real problems and real time against real threats, and those real threats require that we're morally rounded and spiritually prepared for if the time should come where we have to place mission over
self and honor our ancient obligations, we will
not hesitate. Viktor and Brian, they were not
fulfilling a contract. Viktor and Brian were not
in some quid pro quo exchange. They were leaving
it up to principal. They were respecting a
covenant. They were respecting an obligation.
They were volunteering. Like Viktor and Brian,
we can never accept defeat. We must always
improvise, adapt and fight; and when necessary,
honor that obligation with our last defying
breath. And it is right, and it is necessary
that we do so. Quite honestly, I don't give a
damn if it's PC in among social settings, and we
don't care if we make the so called progressive
people uncomfortable. Maybe we were born a
generation or two too late. I really don't care.
As such we refuse to apologize for our beliefs,
our values, or our volunteerism, our vintage
moral character. Quite frankly, I would prefer
they just say thank you and go on their way, and
let us judge ourselves, allow us to protect our
community, allow us to respond to our
neighbors --
MR. HALTON: (Continuing) -- allow us to
honor our God. Regardless of the intolerance, we
continue to enthusiastically embrace our drive to
conform to our ancestral ancient and classical
notions of justice and honor. We thoroughly
reject postmodernist thinking. We are proud of
our vintage and moral character. We accept, we
embrace, and we celebrate that we have a covenant
that volunteers must defend American citizens,
her towns, her villages, her visitors, her
guests, her principals, her vision, and her
honor. You're damn right that duty, honor, and
country don't need any explanations in this room.
We're volunteer firefighters, and we're
unapologetically patriotic, we're
unapologetically religious, and we are
unapologetically vintage in character. In this
house we fly one flag. We are America's
volunteer firefighters, and this house is the New
York contingent. God Bless you, and God bless
MR. D'ALESSANDRO: And now you all know why we brought Bobby to New York.

(MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Wow. (Applause.))

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: I've had the privilege of watching him speak three times now, the first time two years ago at FDIC and then this past year at FDIC. Brought tears to my eyes, blood to a boil, energy. He's just a fantastic human being. So Bobby, if you could come up here for a minute.

MR. HALTON: I apologize. I'm sweating like Mike Tyson.

MR. QUINN: It is my obligation to present to you as our keynote speaker in recognition of your dedication and value commitment to the fire service and your outstanding presentation given here today to the Firemen's Association of the State of New York on August, 2018. Thank you.
20         (Applause.)
21         MR. PIENKOWSKI:  Bob, thank you. On behalf
22               of the Firemen's Association of the State of New
23               York it gives me an honor to present to you with
24               the Firemen's Association challenge coin for this
25               year, and it's building a healthier, stronger,

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and safer volunteer fire service in the State of
New York. Thank you for being here. It was
greatly appreciated.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI:  I know you all have a busy
schedule, would the Sergeant-at-Arms or the
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms please come forward
and escort our guests that are left here off the
dais, please.

As we begin our business session, we're
running a little late. We're going to have to
make some alterations.

Association members are reminded that if
you are making a motion or a second, please
proceed to one of the microphones in the aisle
and state your name for the record.

For our first order of business I will entertain a motion to adopt the convention agenda as printed in the official program of the 146th Annual Convention. And as I just said, we're going to make some modifications and move some of the things until tomorrow, but we will stick to the agenda.

MR. SCHMIDT: David Schmidt so moves.

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MR. PIENKOWSKI: Do we have a second?

MR. RINALDI: Tom Rinaldi seconds.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Motion by Dave Schmidt, second by Tom Rinaldi.

On a question?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Hearing none.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried.

The minutes of the 2017 annual meeting have
been posted on the FASNY website.

Secretary D'Alessandro, are there any
additions or corrections to the 2017 annual
minutes?

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. President, there are
no additions or corrections.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: I will entertain a motion
to adopt the minutes of the 2017 annual meeting.

MR. TASE: Mr. President, make a motion to
accept them as supplied.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Motion by Ed Tase.

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MR. RINALDI: Second by Tom Rinaldi.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Second by Tom Rinaldi.

On a question?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Hearing none.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried.
Mr. Secretary, is there any unfinished business that has been carried over from the 2017 annual meeting?

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. President, there is no unfinished business to be carried from the 2017 annual meeting.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Is there any new business to come forth of the annual meeting?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Hearing none, we are going to take the annual address message for the President and move it to tomorrow morning. Yes, I am prepared. I have it here if anybody likes to read it. It's quite lengthy, but due to time,

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we'll take care of that tomorrow.

I would call secretary John D'Alessandro for the Annual Report of the Secretary of FASNY.

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. President, the Secretary's Annual Report has been published in the committee book, which is available at the registration table.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Secretary
I now call on Thomas Krawczyk for the Annual Report of the Treasurer of FASNY.

MR. KRAWCZYK: My report is also in the committee book. Please pick one up and take one back with you. Take one back to your home company.

Thank you, Mr. President.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Treasurer Krawczyk.

I now call upon our Chief Administrative Officer, Chief David Quinn, for the Annual Report for FASNY.

MR. QUINN: Good morning, everyone.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. QUINN: The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, the 12 month fiscal period ending June 30, 2018 under Section 519 of the not for profit corporation law. 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 the State of New York for the 12 month fiscal period ending June 30, 2018. One, the access and liabilities including trust funds listed separately of the corporation at the end of said fiscal period are as follows:

Assets, total, $39,176,959.00.
Liabilities, total, $1,524,798.00.
Trust funds, not applicable.

The principal changes in the assets and liabilities, including trust funds, of the corporation during said fiscal period were as follows: Assets decreased due to the timing of the two percent foreign fire tax program receipts.

Three, the revenue or receipts of the corporation, both unrestricted and restricted to

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restricted to a particular purpose is not applicable.

Four, the expenses or disbursements of the corporation, for both general and restricted purposes, during said financial period were as follows: Expenses for general purposes, $15,943,245.00. Expenses for restricted purposes are not applicable.

Concerning the membership of the corporation: The number of members as of June 30, 2018 is 44,098. The number of members decreased by 590 during the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The names and places of the residences 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 Avenue, Albany, New York."

This report has been prepared pursuant to Section 519 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, dated August 9, 2018, and it's signed by

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President Ken Pienkowski and Treasurer Tom Krawczyk.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, CAO Quinn.

I now call upon FASNY Foundation Treasurer, Thomas Krawczyk for the foundation Annual 519 Report.

MR. KRAWCZYK: This is the Annual 519 report as prepared by our auditors pursuant to the Section 519 of the not-for-profit corporation law for the dates June 30, 2018.

"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 12 month fiscal period ending June 30, 2018. Assets and liabilities including trust funds of the corporation of the said period are as follows: The assets total $140,814,090.00. Liabilities, none; and trust funds, none.

Principal changes in assets and liabilities including trust funds of the corporation during the said fiscal period were as follows: The foundation investment portfolio increased with the favorable stock market performance and

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expenses increased during the period with
additional grand expenditures for capital

Revenues and receipts of the corporation,
both restricted and unrestricted, to particular
purposes during the said period amounted to
$10,659,481.00. Revenues restricted to
particular purposes is N/A. The expenses and
disbursements of the corporations for both
general and restricted purposes during the said
period was $6,597,435.00.

The number of members as of June 30th is
one. Number of members increased by zero during
this period of time. The names and places of
residences 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., at the office at 107
Washington Avenue in Albany, New York." And it's
signed by the President, Steve Klein and myself
as Treasurer.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Treasurer
Krawczyk.

I now call upon the Chairman of the
reorganizational committee, Timothy Hannigan, for a report.

MR. HANNIGAN: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. HANNIGAN: President Pienkowski, Vice President Klein, Vice President Farrell, Directors, Trustees, and fellow members of FASNY.

Thank you for the opportunity to address you this morning. My name is Tim Hannigan. I'm a volunteer firefighter with the Elsmere Fire District in Albany County. My father and I now serve as general counsel to this great organization.

If you recall, a few years ago my good friend, Joe Finnegan, made a proposal at a past convention regarding possible reorganization of FASNY. Not necessarily a reorganization, but a reevaluation of how we're conducting our business, how we're structured, and how we can better engage our fellow 40,000 members of FASNY.

That thought, that suggestion, came through this body last year and was reviewed again by a
committee of Bob McConville, Laurie Hance, Steve
Klein, John Farrell, Ken Pienkowski, John

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2 D'Alessandro, and myself regarding what proposals
3 that the membership last year liked, tweaks they
4 thought that we could make and suggestions as to
5 how we can better improve our engagement on
6 activation of our membership base. With that, we
7 decided on five proposals. We provided those to
8 Secretary D'Alessandro, and they have been posted
9 in accordance with our current bylaws.
10               I want to run through the proposals briefly
11               with you, and Director Tase will come forth
12               momentarily to make a motion in regard to each
13               proposition.
14               The first item that we discussed was
15               amending the current way the petitions are
16               required in order to run for office in FASNY. We
17               wanted to incentivize our perspective officers of
18               FASNY to reach more members of FASNY, communicate
19               the good things that FASNY does across the state
20               through multiple fire companies, multiple
21               regions, talk with as many members as they can.
And in that vain, what the committee determined was that 200 signatures of members and 10 fire service organizational endorsements would be a positive step in that direction for communicating to our members, and the fire service generally, about all the good things that FASNY does and all the things that FASNY has available to the volunteer fire service in New York State.

The second component of our committee proposal is in regard to the implementation of electronic voting. By last count, we had about 174 members present in the room right now, and like I said, we have about 40,000 plus members statewide. As a young working professional for myself, I can tell you if I wasn't working here, I wouldn't be able to be here. We have that younger voice, and we have the older voices that deserve to be heard with respect to the matters before this body, the election of the trustees, the election of the directors; and the committee wanted to bring that motion forward as well to
allow electronic voting so all of our members can participate in the process that we will participate in here momentarily.

With respect to items three, four, and five, they're essentially the same resolution, but they apply at different levels. First would be for officers of FASNY. Second for directors, third for trustees. I will remind you of the quote, it's famous, and can attribute to pretty much anybody, because you don't really know a man until you've walked a mile in his shoes. And that identifies the volunteer fire service. I don't think we truly know what it is to be a volunteer firefighter until you've left your family in the middle of the night, or gotten back from a call right before you need to go into work, or left work early to go to a call, trained on your own time. In that regard, the committee proposed that we set as a minimum requirement five years of service as a volunteer firefighter in order to serve as a director, trustee, or officer of FASNY.
So with that, that concludes the committee's report. I thank many past committee members that I see here today, as well as the committee that I mentioned previously that served on this review, and Mr. Finnegan for his initial comments that started this thing many years ago.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Tim.

I've been coming to these conventions for a long time, and I have never heard a speaker like we heard this morning. Really dynamic. He really put it all out there, and I think it was a great choice as our keynote speaker, and thank you guys for bringing him on board.

I now call on Ed Tase, Chairman of the By-laws Committee, for reading the proposed change to the By-laws.

MR. TASE: Thank you, Steve.

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.
MR. TASE: As chairman of the By-Laws Committee, on May the 3rd of 2018, I received proposals for By-Laws changes from the secretary of the association, John D'Alessandro. Those changes were supplied to the committee for review, and after reviewing the committee, we found that there is no conflicts in regard to Article Eight, Section 1.1, of our current by-laws.

With that being said, today's motion number one, would be motion to amend Article Two, Section 6.3 of the By-Laws of the Firemen's Association of the State New York as posted on the association's website, to require candidates for elected officers, directors, trustees be required to get 200 signatures and membership numbers of regular members of the corporation and the endorsement of 10 fire service organization members of this association.

Mr. President, I so move for the adoption of motion number one.

MR. KLEIN: You've heard the reading of
motion number one; is there a second?

MR. PETTINGELL: Mr. Vice President, Fred Pettingell, President of Hudson Valley, seconds the motion.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Fred. We have a motion and a second.

Anything on discussion?

(No response.)

MR. KLEIN: Seeing nothing on discussion, I'm going to call for a standing vote. All those in favor of the proposed amendment, please stand.

Bear with us while we count.

(Whereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms did a count of those in favor.)

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MR. KLEIN: Mr. Sergeant-at-Arms, have you completed your count?

MR. FARRELL: Yes.

MR. KLEIN: Folks, you can be seated.

All those opposed, please stand.

(Whereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms did a count of those in opposition.)
MR. KLEIN: Have you completed your count, Don?

MR. FARRELL: Not yet -- Okay.

Mr. President.

MR. KLEIN: You can be seated, folks.

MR. FARRELL: Seventy-five in favor, fifty-six against.

MR. KLEIN: The motion is not carried.

For the record, it requires a two thirds vote of the members present.

MR. TASE: Motion number two, motion to amend Article Two, Section 6.5 and 6.51, of the By-Laws of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York as posted in the association website to implement electronic voting.

MR. KLEIN: You've heard the reading of proposal number two; is there a second?

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MR. NORWOOD: Michael Norwood -- Corners, seconds the motion.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you.

Anything on a question?

MR. ALBERT: Jerry Albert, Suffolk County.
It's not about -- it's the way it's written, a question on; what's a meeting, a member's meeting? Is it the annual meeting? There's a confusion there. And why is it 16/5 says proxy before it, what does that mean? Is it the annual meeting that they want this at or meeting on Long Island?

MR. HANNIGAN: We can meet on Long Island if you want, that works for me.

Your first question was in regard to the annual meeting, but yes, that is the meeting.

With respect to the term proxy, that is the only term that is available to us in the not-for-profit corporation law that would permit us to implement electronic voting. So the law as you might imagine is somewhat behind modern day.

Proxy voting is similar to what you do, if any of you hold stocks or anything, you obtain that proxy ballot, and you submit it. It's that same mechanism, but for purposes of the way FASNY would implement it here it would be by electronic
ballot.

MR. ALBERT: It was just confusing when it said members' meeting. It didn't say at the convention or general meeting.

MR. HANNIGAN: Yes, it is.

MR. ALBERT: That's kinda of any meeting, any meeting of members.

MR. HANNIGAN: If there was a special meeting called to membership, that would be available there, but for all intents and purposes, we're talking about the annual meeting for this one. Thank you for your question, sir.

MR. KLEIN: Any other questions?

(No response.)

MR. KLEIN: Any other questions?

(No response.)

MR. KLEIN: All in favor, please stand.

(Whereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms did a count of those in favor.)

MR. KLEIN: Okay, folks. Please be seated.

Those opposed to the motion, please rise.

(Audience complied.)

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MR. KLEIN: Okay, you don't have to count.

The motion is defeated.

MR. TASE: Motion number three, motion to amend Article Three, Section Three, of the By-laws of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York as posted on the association's website to require the candidates for the position of director must have served a minimum of five years as a volunteer firefighter in the State of New York.

MR. KLEIN: We have a motion. Harold?

MR. WOLLABER: Yes, sir, I will second the motion. Harold Wollaber, past President of Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association.

MR. KLEIN: Thanks, Harold.

Are there any questions on the motion?

(No response.)

MR. KLEIN: All those in favor, please rise.

(Audience complied.)

MR. KLEIN: Okay, we don't have to count this either. Thank you very much.

Motion passed.

MR. TASE: Motion number four, motion to
amend Article Four, Section Three, of the By-laws of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York as posted in the association's website to require the candidate for the position of a trustee of FASNY's Firemen's Home must have served a minimum of five years as a volunteer firefighter in the State of New York.

Mr. President, I move for the motion.

MR. KLEIN: Yes, sir.

MR. SCHOTT: Robin Schott, Hutchinson Hose Company, beautiful downtown Williamsville, New York, seconds the motion.

(Laughter.)

MR. KLEIN: Thanks, Robin.

Are there any questions on the motion?

(No response.)

MR. KLEIN: All those in favor, please rise.

(Audience complies.)

MR. KLEIN: You may sit down. Motion carried. Thank you.

MR. TASE: One more, please.

Motion number five, motion to amend Article Five, Section Three and Section 3.1 of the...
By-Laws of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York as posted on the association's website to require the officers of the corporation must have served a minimum of five years of service as a volunteer firefighter in the State of New York.

Mr. President, I move for the adoption of five.

MR. KLEIN: You've heard the reading. Tony?

MR. DEMARCO: Anthony DeMarco, Caledonia Fire Department, seconds the motion.

MR. KLEIN: I have a motion and a second. Anything on a question?

(No response.)

MR. KLEIN: Please rise one more time. (Audience complies.)

MR. KLEIN: Okay, we don't have to count again. Motion carried.

Before I step away from the podium, I just want to make one comment. Two hundred people is one half of one percent of the membership. It's
not hard to get 200 people to sign the petition.

I think that was the one motion that was not

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1 carried that I think is a grave mistake, but
2 that's just a political point, and we will talk
3 on it. I plan as President to reconvene the
4 committee to continue working to make the by-laws
5 more friendly to more of our members. One half
6 of one percent.
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8 Thank you.
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10 MR. TASE: Mr. President, that concludes
11 the report of the by-laws committee.
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13 MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Chairman Tase
14 and Secretary D'Alessandro and attorney Tim
15 Hannigan.
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17 The officer and committee reports are
18 printed in the convention ad book, which is
19 available at the Office of the Secretary and at
20 the registration desk.
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22 The chair will entertain a motion to accept
23 the printed reports as they appear in the
24 convention ad book, which are available in the
Office of the Secretary and at the registration desk.

I'll entertain a motion.

MR. DE VITTORIO: Mr. President, Mike De Vittorio, Port Chester Fire Department,

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Westchester County, makes that motion.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Chief.

Second?

MR. BUTTS: Wayne Butts.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Motion by Chief De Vittorio. Second by Wayne Butts.

On a question?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Hearing none.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried. Thank you.

Vice President Farrell?

MR. FARRELL: Thank you, Mr. President.

Remember the two percent tax forum this
afternoon at 1:00 p.m., also here in the
convention center. Your credentials will be
scanned, and your certificates will be made
available this evening and the remainder of the
convention. Certificates will be located in the
ballroom foyer.

This afternoon the "Michael D. Whelan Walk"

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for the fight against cancer will take place at
4:00 p.m. here at the convention center.
You may register onsite or save time and
register at the Ways and Means checkout in the
Cotillion Room. Individual entries are a
donation of $15.00.

All donations and proceeds from this event
will go to the Firefighters Cancer Support
Network in the memory of Secretary Michael D.
Whelan.

This afternoon at 12:30 -- in a few
minutes -- in the ballroom begins our first of
three educational sessions here at the convention
center. Please make certain that you are
registered for your educational sessions. If you
have still not registered, you may still do so at
the registration desk. Tomorrows sessions begin
at 12:30 p.m. right here in this room.

Please be aware that your badge will be
scanned at all sessions. Your badge must be
scanned to receive a certificate. And again, the
certificates will be available in this room
during the "Scholarship Fun Night."

Please take the time to visit and give a

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and contributors. After the convention is over, the model, Auto X Tool Kit B, which is on display, will be donated to FASNY for future training. Turtle Plastics has information available on the table at the ballroom entrance.

For those that have purchased tickets, the First Annual Grub and Pub Crawl will take place tonight in Armory Square. Transportation will be available at 7:00 p.m. at the ballroom parking lot entrance. This event is sold out.

The FASNY Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting of the membership will be held tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. right here in the convention center. Our second session tomorrow begins at 9:00 a.m.

The Gerard J. Buckenmeyer FASNY Volunteer Scholarship Fund raffle will be Saturday here in the convention center. Games, music, complimentary desserts, ice cream sundaes, and wine tasting. There will be a cash bar available. The excitement begins at 6:00 p.m.
Winners of the prizes will be announced later in the evening. This is an extremely important event for FASNY.

We have a special event during the Scholarship Night for your enjoyment. Josh Cellars will be hosting a wine tasting event. The first 100 attendees who sample three sips of wine will receive a complimentary glass of wine. You will have a choice of Cabernet, Rose, or Chardonnay. The wine tasting event opens at 7:00 p.m. The founder of Josh Cellars will be in attendance during the event. Please make every effort to attend and show your appreciation to Josh Cellars, one of our largest sponsors.

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those that have brought in baskets on raffle items to bring them next door as soon as you can.

At this time we have a total of 70 raffle items, and we thank everybody for their appreciation in that area.

At this time I would like to move forward by recessing the annual meeting until 9:00 a.m.,
tomorrow morning.

Thank you very much.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned to
August 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.)

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I, JAMIE J. WOODARD, a Court Reporter and Notary Public, for and within the State of New York, do hereby certify:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of January, 2019.

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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE 146TH ANNUAL
CONVENTION OF THE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK, HELD FROM THE 10TH DAY OF
AUGUST THROUGH THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2018, AT
HOLIDAY INN, 441 ELECTRONICS PARKWAY, VILLAGE OF
LIVERPOOL, NEW YORK.

August 11, 2018

BEFORE: Kenneth M. Pienkowski, President

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MR. PIENKOWSKI: Good morning.

The exits are located to your right, my right, your left. If there is an alarm, it will be announced from the dais. Directions will be given from the podium to exit the ballroom in an orderly fashion.

At this time, I would like to ask that you please silence your cell phones; and please, there will be absolutely no food or drinks allowed in the meeting room during this second general session. During the session, everyone must be seated. If anybody is going to make a motion, second a motion, or make a comment, you must use the microphone, please. Yesterday some people did not use the microphone, and we did not pick up the recording what you had to say. Thank you.

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Thomas With, and remain standing for the invocation by Chaplain Wayne F. Jagow.
Thank you.

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

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MR. PIENKOWSKI: Call upon FASNY Chaplain Reverend Wayne Jagow, please, for the invocation.

(Invocation by Reverend Wayne F. Jagow.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Mr. Sergeant-at-Arms, do we gave a quorum?

MR. WITH: Yes, we do, Mr. President.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Tom.

I hereby call the second session of the 2018 annual meeting to order. Welcome. Good morning. Yesterday was a great day. We took care of some business. We had the two percent forum, which I understand we have some new questions circulating from our attorney this morning; and also we had a great presenter for training. Last night was a great walk in honor of past secretary Michael Whelan, who left us too early due to that nasty disease of cancer. FASNY remembers Michael every year doing the walk. All
proceeds from that walk go to the Firefighter
Cancer Network. We tried to change it up a
little bit and put a little fun along the walk,
and all the money that was collected for that
also goes to the Firefighter Cancer Network. I'm
here to tell you that I was stationed at the dunk

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tank, and there's some people in here that better
stick to their professional jobs and not want to
go out and become a ballplayer. Some people
couldn't hit it.

(Laughter.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: We're going to have a good
day this morning. We have a speaker. We're
going to have the introduction of officers that's
going to lead the association for the two years,
but this morning it gives me great honor and
great pleasure of introduce the president of the
Ladies Auxiliary of the Firemen's Association of
the State of New York, Dianne Werner. Dianne,
please.

(Applause.)

MS. WERNER: Thank you, Ken. Good morning,
AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MS. WERNER: It is a real honor to be here today, and I truly have enjoyed my association with FASNY this passed two years as I served as president of LAFASNY, and I do believe that our two organizations have worked well together, and we have shared a great respect for one another,

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and I do believe this will continue with Jean and Dianna.

President Pienkowski, congratulations to you on your two successful terms. You've done a great job, and I also would like to extend my best wishes to Steven who is the president, and to John as well.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you very much.

MS. WERNER: I hope you guys have a great year, and I hope you enjoy the rest of the convention and for a very successful upcoming year.

I would like to introduce my First Vice
President Jean Christiansen, who technically is
the president now, but it's just the timing.
Jean?

(Applause.)

MS. CHRISTENSEN: Good morning. I just
want to say congratulations, Ken. I enjoyed
working with you, and I'm not going far. Steve,
I am looking forward to two amazing years with
you. We have a history, for those that don't
know. Steve was a trustee with my dad at the
Firemen's Home, so it's very special that I get
to serve as president with him. I'm around if
anyone ever has any questions or anything, I will
be there, and enjoy the rest of the convention.

(Applause.)

MS. WERNER: And Second Vice President
Diana Balling, technically First Vice President.

(Applause.)

MS. BALLING: Good morning. And again,
Ken, it's been great the last two years. I look
forward to working with Steve; and John we will
be doing it together in another couple of years.
MS. BALLING: No, no, no. I'm Ulster County, he's Green County. We're neighbors. I also belong to Green County -- so that's what I meant, so don't go the other way.

(Ms. Balling: Laughter.)

MS. BALLING: Ken, I would like to present to you our 2018 convention journal.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you.

MS. BALLING: You're very welcome.

(Applause.)

MS. WERNER: And just one last thing, FASNY of course is always very supportive to the

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volunteer firefighters in the state, and especially to our youth, and it is my pleasure on behalf of LAFASNY to present FASNY with a check for $500.00 for the Gerard Buckenmeyer Scholarship Fund.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you very much, Dianne and LAFASNY, for this donation. I have a
witness. I turn it over to our CAO, so I am no
longer responsible for losing a check. Dianne,
congratulations on your tenure, and I want to
publicly apologize to LAFASNY that we could get
over to your opening session or to your meeting
yesterday. We had a Board meeting on Thursday.
I was hoping to get over quickly, but by the time
our Board got over with, you were enjoying lunch.

MS. WERNER: That's all right.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: And then yesterday we had
opening session, but I apologize, and wish you
all the luck, Jean, Diana. It's always been a
pleasure working with the girls. I know we both
had things we carried over from when Bob was
president with the multipurpose building and the
125th Anniversary that we could not pick a

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project to work on together, because there was so
much going on, our plates were full for both of
us. It was an honor working with you at the same
timeframe.

MS. WERNER: Thank you, Ken.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you. You may be
excused. I know you have a lot of stuff.

(Applause.)

MR. KLEIN: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. KLEIN: Before we start, my voice may sound a little rusty today because I inhaled some rusty water yesterday. I would like to publicly thank the president of the Board of Trustees, Dave Schmidt, for co-dunking with me and Pat Perry. We raised about $190.00 just in the dunking tank, so thank you all.

(Applause.)

MR. KLEIN: We will be doing it next year, but we will be picking different dunkees. It won't be Laurie Hance, because the water is too deep, so she's out of it.

(Laughter.)

MR. KLEIN: Sorry. Okay. It gives me great pleasure to introduce for the purposes of a report, your president, Ken Pienkowski.

(Applause.)
MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Vice President Klein. For those of you that were here yesterday you know that this was supposed to have been read yesterday, but due to time constraints, we moved it to today.

On behalf of the officers, directors, and trustees, I would like to welcome you to the 146th annual meeting of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. It seems that another year in our esteemed history has gone by in the blink of an eye, but it was a year of great accomplishments. Yes, much still needs to be accomplished, and we can only do this by working together and communicating amongst ourselves. If you see something or have an idea, please say something. If you have a question, please ask it. Communication is a major component in today's society, whether it be by computer, cellphone, or by the tried-and-true method of having a personal conversation with someone. In addition, social media is rapidly becoming an effective way of getting information to our first
responders. This past year has been both busy
and enjoyable as I represented FASNY across our
great state communicating with FASNY members and
first responders. Unfortunately, throughout my
travels it was apparent that most emergency
service organizations are experiencing the same
critical dilemma, the declining rate of
volunteers. This was a topic of discussion
between the fire service organizations at the
recent State Chiefs' conference. Declining
personnel forces a volunteer fire department to
do a lot more with less. Overwhelmingly,
volunteers are dedicated and committed to serve,
but as we ask them to push their limits further
and further, burnout will eventually take its
toll. The old adage that many hands light your
glow is especially true in the volunteer fire
service and EMS. If you have a successful
recruitment program, please share it with FASNY
and other departments, because the mission to
protect the residents of New York falls on all of
us. I urge you to participate in the FASNY
Annual Recruit New York Open House weekend. This

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event has proven to be very successful for many
departments, but you must have a plan to achieve
success. On a positive note, all the statewide
organizations agree that something needs to be
done to address the key problems we face and that
something needs to be done now. Toward this
goal, incoming President Klein will be hosting a
summit for all state organizations to discuss
recruitment and other issues facing New York's
volunteer and EMS services. As state leaders we
realize that finding solutions to these statewide
problems is not going to be easy, but we readily
accept this challenge. In addition, the
leadership of the state organizations need to
hear it from you about your issues. Not every
group has the same organizational issues. If you
don't come forward and participate in dialogue,
it becomes increasingly difficult to assist you.
As many of you are aware, FASNY's mission
statement directs us to maintain, support, and
protect the public they serve through education,
legislation, communications, recruitment, and
retention, recognize, and community service to
promote a haven to the FASNY Firemen's Home for
our volunteer firefighters. That mission statement says a lot, and FASNY works very diligently in pursuing this mandate.

In October of 2017, the presumption cancer legislation was signed into law by Governor Andrew Cuomo. This was a great accomplishment for the volunteer fire service as we all worked very hard in convincing our elected officials to support his legislation. We fought for this protection for many years, and we were successful only because we worked together. This law takes effect January 1, 2019. We understand there are some questions surrounding it, but by continuing our practice of working together, we will develop answers. In the end, this law will be a significant protection and deserved benefit for our current and future volunteer firefighters.

Although our desire is that no firefighter should ever have to file a claim, under this law we all know unfortunately this will not be the case. While many of our brothers and sisters will fall pray to this terrible disease, we can all rest a little better knowing that they will have some
financial peace of mind. Congratulations to all

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who helped move this legislation across the

finish line.

For the past two years, my theme for

presidency has been building a healthier,

stronger, and safer volunteer fire service. We

have made some great strides during this time,

but much needs to be done to advance our goal. A

healthier and safer environment for volunteer

firefighters goes far beyond having presumption

cancer coverage. It requires individual

responsibility and commitment to eat healthier,

stay in top condition, and take the necessary

precautions to protect ourselves and the people

around us. FASNY will continue to commit its

assistance to assist our members and all

emergency service personnel to achieve these

goals.

As an organization, we continue to fight

for requirement of sprinklers in residential

buildings. On a positive note, there is a strong
indication that Albany County will be adopting a proposal of this nature. This would be a huge benefit to homeowners and first responders. Let us all hope that the Albany County legislator does the right thing and that their action paves the way for other municipalities to follow suit.

Training, both hands-on and classrooms, is offered by different fire service organizations across the state. This training is offered to benefit you, the first responders. FASNY will continue to work hard to offer intuitive and relevant training classes, and I urge you and your departments to take advantage of them. Training makes us more capable and efficient firefighters. This, in turn, enables us to better protect the public we serve.

I would like to thank the many organizations and fire departments that extended an invitation to FASNY officers to join them for their annual dinners, inspections, about individual, and service recognition events.

I also thank you for the support I received
from FASNY communication and legislative partners. They do a lot of work behind the scenes that contribute to FASNY’s reputation as a premiere membership organization. Dan Klores Communications, DKC, does all the press releases and media outreach for FASNY, and they make us shine on a regular basis. Thank you Rob Leonard and staff. Albany Strategic Advisors, ASA, represents FASNY in the legislative and government arenas. They also work with the State Fire Chiefs and the Association of Fire Districts. Thank you Paul Zuber and your team for your work. While it often takes time to score a legislative victory, the team at ASA and FASNY never gives up. As I mentioned earlier, communication and the flow of information is critical for us to represent our members to the best of our ability. ABC Creative maintains our websites and Facebook pages, produces our monthly e-blasts, and is responsible for laying out our association magazine, The Volunteer Firefighter.

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Thank you to Travis Board and your dedicated team.

Last year I reported there would be changes in the landscape at the FASNY Firemen's Home. This past May the new multipurpose building was dedicated, and it's being used for many of your sectional, county, or fire department days for the residents of the Firemen's Home. This facility is a major improvement over the old pavilions and provide many more opportunities for everyone to enjoy. Recently we began work on the phase two projects I described last year, the construction of a portico over the main entrance and the ambulance entrance and the pavilion outside the dining room has begun with an expected completion date of November 23rd. Unfortunately, with the construction of any project there will be inconveniences. If you go to the home to visit or for a meeting, we apologize for inconvenience during this period. We all owe a round of thanks to the capital projects committee for their hard work that will
As I stand here in front of the FASNY membership this morning, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the outstanding team of people I had the pleasure of working with for the past year. I was very blessed. I am proud to say the leadership of FASNY is a great team, working together to achieve great things. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Vice Presidents Klein and Farrell, the FASNY officers, Board of Directors, committee members, and the Board of Trustees of the FASNY Firemen's Home for all the support and dedication they give to FASNY membership. Hard work and long hours melt away when you know you are doing it for great members and the boots on the ground firefighters.

I also owe a depth of gratitude to past president Bob McConville as he leaves the FASNY board after serving as a director, second vice president, first vice president, president, and
the past two years on the board as past
president. Bob, you had a vision and were a
great leader and a true friend.

Also to David Blair for his 10 years as
trustee to the FASNY Firemen's Home. Thank you
for your time, your dedication, and commitment to
FASNY and the home residents.

This past year two very dedicated
individuals with many years of service announced
their retirement. Attorney Ed Cooke retired as a
FASNY attorney on May 1, 2018. Ed, thank you
very much for your years of legal counsel to
FASNY. Truthful, I missed your phone calls the
past three months, and I hope you remember that I

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was the one that gave you those good laughs. Ed,
best of luck in your retirement and good health.
Reverend Wayne Jagow, a good friend to
everyone announced that he will be retiring as a
FASNY Chaplain on August 12, 2018, after serving
for 28 years. Reverend Jagow was always
available to have discussions with everyone and
anyone or needed a good talk. Reverend Jagow,
thank for your service; and more importantly,
your friendship. Enjoy retirement, and we all
know, you're still around. Good health to you
and your family. Thank you.

My sincere and deepest appreciation goes
out to FASNY CAO Dave Quinn and the great FASNY
office staff for everything that you do on a
daily basis for the FASNY membership and the
FASNY officers. The FASNY office staff are
exceptionally talented.

To FASNY COA, Chief, all I have to say is a
big thank you. You were of great assistance to
me as President, and you know you are the person
that keeps us all going in the right direction.

Your dedication to FASNY is greatly appreciated.

Finally I thank my lovely wife, Barb, for

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her dedication and commitment to FASNY and for
being my travelling companion as we covered many
areas in New York state. I would not have been
able to do this, to do things I did if it wasn't
for her full support and understanding. They say
behind every good man is a strong, supportive, and loving wife. There is no better example of that than my partner, Barb.

(Applause.)

MR PIENKOWSKI: Many thanks goes to my son Jamie and his family and my daughter Jenn for their support and understanding. I love them all.

To incoming President Steve Klein, I wish you well and turn the leadership of this great organization over to you to begin the 79th chapter of FASNY’s legacy.

In closing, the final chapter as your 78th president of FASNY, I would like to say thank you. Stay safe, and God bless you all, your families, and our great nation. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Ken. That was truly a great speech. You were a fantastic president,

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report, I call on FASNY member Barbara Pienkowski.

MRS. PIENKOWSKI: I make a motion to accept the President's annual report.

MR. KLEIN: For the purpose of a second, Brian McQueen.

MR. MCQUEEN: On behalf of Marty Kotar, who is unable to be here today, a good friend of Kenny, I second that.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Brian.

You heard the motion to accept. Anything on discussion?

(No response.)

MR. KLEIN: All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. KLEIN: Does anybody oppose?

(No response.)

MR. KLEIN: Thank you.

MR. QUINN: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. QUINN: You know when I set the agenda

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with you I had not realized what I had done. Not
only do I have to follow speaking after Bobby
Halton yesterday, now I have to follow speaking
after you.

(Laughter.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Nobody to blame but
yourself.

MR. QUINN: So it's my privilege this
morning, we have a guest speaker this morning to
talk about some of the things we've been talking
about yesterday and today, which of course, is
the cancer bill, cancer law. We have a gentleman
here with us who has been helping us. We started
this process, I guess back in January, when we
first met at the New York State Association of
Counties, who brought someone to us who had
helped the state firefighters migrate through
their cancer law and their cancer bill,
shepherding them through that process, and it is
a very vast undertaking. A lot of questions. A
lot of unanswered questions and trying to get
things through administratively through the
Department of Financial Service and other
regulatory agencies, OFPC, through their

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regulations; and this gentleman, we could not
have done it without him and our partners. We've
been working closely with NISAC, with the
Association of Counties, our partners, Tom
Rinaldi and his crew at the Fire District
Association, Jerry DeLuca and the New York State
Chiefs, and other municipalities from the New
York State conference and theirs and others so,
it's my pleasure this morning to introduce to you
John Hanson, who is a senior consultant with
Willis Towers Watson for a special presentation
on the cancer law.

Willis Towers Watson is a leading global
advisory brokering and solutions company that
helps clients around the world turn risk into a
path for growth. With roots dating to 1828,
Willis Towers Watson has over 40,000 employees
serving more than 140 countries. John Hanson is
a senior consultant with Willis Towers Watson and
has worked in law and insurance industries for
over 30 years with his focus on public policy.

John lives in Atlanta, Georgia with his
wife, Simone, a novelist, and their three sons.

Please give a big, warm welcome to John
MR. HANSON: Good morning, everyone.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. HANSON: I have to tell you, the comments this morning resonate with me. As Dave mentioned, a great deal of my work is focused on public policy, but specially in first responder issues, which includes firefighter cancer, which we will talk about today, but also PTSD. I spent time earlier this week meeting with a group of folks who are very interested in addressing that issue as well. And the reason I mentioned that is these are issues that draw everyone of us together. If you think of some of the divisiveness that squirrels around us in the media, in the capital, just about everywhere. These sorts of programs in many ways give us an opportunity to truly draw together, to be stakeholders in the success of a program that is designed, that will impact the lives of 110,000 people. So you think about in your career -- and
you guys do a lot of very good things, no doubt about it -- but in your career, and in my career,

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I never hesitate to remind myself that this work impacts a lot of people and a lot of families in a very positive way. And today when we go through the program, you'll have questions. The good news is these questions are starting to truly draw good answers to them, though the elements of it, which you'll feel in some way, you'll see immediately as confusing, partly because it's insurance, and no one should be an insurance expert, but also because you have a number of organizations that are working in the best interest of the volunteer firefighters in the state of New York to be certain that this program is a success, which includes not only FASNY, the Fire Districts, the Fire Chiefs, and the five municipal associations, which covers every town, city, county, and the state are all drawn together in this program to provide the coverage that will be a success in the state of New York. And not only that, like FASNY, this
program is a national leading program. And in my travels earlier this week with some national folks, who work in public policy, they're very attuned to FASNY's role in the creation of this program; and in so many ways, it points to or demonstrates in the future, an approach to providing benefits to folks like you, to the volunteer firefighters of the State of New York, and the volunteer firefighters frankly across the nation. So whether you know it or not, and I know you all have questions, you bare the torch of the success of this program, and there is no question about that.

All right, we're going to get started. I have one more comment I will make, I've been travelling -- I think too much -- David will tell me I travel too much, but -- I've been travelling a great deal across the state over the course of the last two months presenting, and I presented to a lot of big groups, a lot of districts and fire companies, fire departments, that come
together to listen. And I've presented to smaller groups as well; and last week I was in two spots. I was in Batavia. I had very good inspired conversation, and then I presented later, just outside of Ithaca. And in that conversation a fellow came up to me. He had a number of questions. He came up to me afterward

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and asked me a few questions specific to his cancer. So this is a firefighter who was diagnosed with cancer, recovered, and then is now actively serving within the force with one of the departments around Batavia; and he brought his wife to the presentation as well and asked me some specific questions about eligibility. And it turns out he's recovered from cancer, so he's covered under the program, and he made it very clear, and this was after a very spirited discussion, he made it very clear, as a cancer survivor, that this program is exactly the program that he would have required while he was recovering from his cancer. So it's one thing for me to stand here and discuss insurance
aspects with you and the program. It's another thing all together to see an absolute application to someone who was diagnosed with cancer who has served faithfully in the New York Volunteer Fire Service for two decades. And I have to tell you, after answering a lot of questions and pacing back and forth, it occurred to me after that conversation that this was exactly the reason we're doing this. It didn't need to be a big meeting. It didn't need to be a meeting where you have too many questions in the room. It didn't need to be some sort of broad media discussion. It needed to be a discussion with one person and his spouse to be certain, for me to understand that this program allows us -- and then the Reverend's comments earlier today -- to protect those that protect us. And if you think of 146 years, FASNY's legacy is truly, clearly, centrally a part of this program. And the very good work that FASNY does is represented in the application of the best work of the New York
State volunteer firefighters. And I'll remind you at the end of the discussion that we are in this together, but here's the good news, I have never met in my travels a more decisive group of people. So as we discuss this program, you'll have questions about it, and in the midway the program will ask you to use your best judgment in certain determinations, and we'll get to that, but I'll remind you that you are trained to make very decisive decisions in very difficult situations. And I have to tell you, so I work in the insurance consulting industry, not nearly what you do, but I have to tell you, I have all the faith in the world that in these situations as we move through this, move to success of this program, it's your decisiveness, it's your training that at the end of the day makes this program a success. And as stakeholders in that, I want you to remind yourselves that we can get it done together. Okay? So is everybody ready?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yes.

MR. HANSON: Here's the program logo. So
again, this program is a partnership between
FASNY, the Fire Districts, the Fire Chiefs, and
with sponsorship with five associations,
municipal associations in the State of New York.
So it's a lot of entities that have joined
together to create that program. That's your
logo. So as you look at material and somehow
it's confusing and you're getting materials from
five to ten different sources, and I hear that a
lot, that's your logo.
All right. Let's move on. So a little bit
of background information here. And again, we
won't spend a lot of time on it, but I addressed
part of this in my opening comment, what were the

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reasons or motivations to create this sort of
program, and in many ways, there are clearly --
and you'll see at the bottom of the comment about
some financial issues, or some balancing of costs
against the benefits -- but in so many ways the
program itself is designed to move beyond
traditional methods of providing benefits for
volunteer firefighters, and that tradition method
is either using a cost systems or a very minimal
benefits program. So the idea here was to gather
a better understanding of the benefit systems
throughout the state to determine what specific
benefits would fit best to help supplement those
benefits that are already in place. They're not
designed to replace them or upend programs, but
rather it's designed to supplement. So as you
look at it, remember that that's truly the
process here. It's designed to provide you
additional benefits that you require when you're
diagnosed with cancer. And we'll walk through
those.

We're going to cut talks in three different
segments, so bear with me here. The first
segment we're going to talk about is eligibility.

How do we determine whether a volunteer
firefighter is eligible for the program? So
there's a requirement of certain elements that
we'll talk to that must be demonstrated in some
fashion to be certain that that firefighter is
correctly added to the roster and covered under the program.

The second piece we're going to talk about are the benefits themselves, and there are three parts to the benefits, and I promise we won't dig into a lot of insurances, but we'll walk very briskly through what the benefit program is or what those benefits are when a firefighter is diagnosed with cancer. And then finally, we'll talk a little about how the product itself continues, because it's one thing to provide a benefit for a firefighter when active, it's another thing to allow that firefighter to have access to those benefits when he or she retires, because cancer isn't necessarily a one day sort of thing where you fight a fire and you're diagnosed the next day. As everyone knows, cancer has a certain timeframe to it, so it stands to reason that you would build a certain

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continuation element in the program itself.

Okay?
So let's move to eligibility first, and as the law specifically states, an eligible firefighter must have five years of interior firefighting experience as evidenced by mask fit tests, five years of mask fit tests. That's the first piece. The second piece, is that firefighter must have had a physical upon entry to the fire service with no demonstration of cancer. And that's really it. So you're looking at firefighters who are active firefighters who have had at least five years of mask fit records. And I recognize that recordkeeping isn't consistent across the state, and I also recognize that we have folks in this room who were interior firefighters 20 years ago who now are doing other duties at the fire station or within that department, but nevertheless will be eligible for the program, and I'll talk about that in a second. Okay. But that's it, right? So as you think about your roster, the determining of the folks who are on that roster, you have really those three elements; and one quick note here,

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OFPC has done a fantastic job of providing additional regulations and a certification for the program. So they are very much attuned to the need to define some of these moving parts. Specifically their point in those OFPC regulations states that this program is designed to cover active firefighters, but most important is it hinges on and provides further definition on this issue of interior firefighting. There are a lot of folks, again as I mentioned, who fought interior fires five, ten years ago. Here's the guideline. Once eligible, always eligible. So if an active firefighter who 20 years ago fought five years of interior firefighting, has a mask fit test, and maybe or maybe they didn't do that mask fit test 20 years ago, and I get that question a lot. If once that's satisfied, and if that firefighter satisfied that eligibility 20 years ago, that firefighter is eligible for the program provided that firefighter is active in the department.

Let's talk about the term active. In the OFPC regs it has some language about faithfully serving, and in many ways, it points to the need...
for a requirement when you make a determination
as to whether that firefighter active. In many
ways it requires your discretion, your judgment
that that firefighter is active in your
department. So the program is not designed to
cover retirees. It's not designed to cover folks
who frankly are not active in your department,
but as you think of your roster, one aspect of it
is you need to make that determination as to who
is an active firefighter. You'll know the
interior firefighting element of it. That's the
easy one, and that's the objection one that
allows you to measure five years or five mask fit
tests over five years, but the one that requires
your judgment is to be absolutely certain you're
making a very good decisive decision as to who is
an active firefighter and eligible for the
program. That's the piece. Right? So all the
things you'll talk about and all the questions
that you'll have, this one, this question of
active firefighters is the central question; and
that requires your judgment. So that's
eligibility. That's the first piece.

Here's the second piece. We're going to
talk about the benefits. Okay. So GML205CC --

Thank you, Terry -- Terry reminds me to be
accurate in my description -- that specific law
mandates the creation of a benefit program with
three elements to it. The first element -- and
before we begin, they all trigger specifically on
a diagnosis of cancer, and those cancers are
specifically listed in 205 CC. It only triggers
on cancer, and it only triggers on cancer
diagnosed after January 1, 2019, the first day of
coverage. Said another way, it is not designed,
nor will it cover cancers that are diagnosed
prior to 1/1/2019. Three parts. First part,
you're diagnosed with cancer, and your diagnosis
is either severe or less severe. In the law it
provides specific guidance as to how to determine
what is severe and what is less severe, but it's
your diagnosis. You're diagnosed with cancer,
and let's assume for conversation, it's a severe
form of cancer, the first benefit would provide
you a lump sum benefit of $25,000.00. That
benefit is designed to provide you with the means
to cover co-pays, co-deductibles, co-insurance.

Those are the expenses that you have as part of

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your treatment and part of your recovery. You have other expenses as well that that $25,000.00 will help you balance again. Why is that important? This program is designed to provide you the comfort and the ability to focus on your recovery after diagnosis. So it's very important that you receive a benefit within days after your diagnosis. So this lump sum benefit pays once the insurer has the paperwork, has the claim form, pays within five to seven days assuming they have everything. So this first piece is that immediate benefit, because you'll have immediate needs after your diagnosed. Assume again that your cancer is less severe, you will receive a benefit of $6,250.00, or 25 percent of the $25,000.00 for a less severe form of cancer; and finally, under that benefit, under that program, you essentially have -- and think of it as a bank of dollars -- under the lump sum
program, the lump sum benefit, you have a bank of $50,000.00. Assume you're diagnosed first for a severe form of cancer, and as we discussed, that provides a benefit of $25,000.00. You recover, you're back in service, five years in the future you're diagnosed with a second cancer that's severe, you would receive a second benefit of $25,000.00 to provide you the same support that you needed on your first diagnosis. Why is that important? It is important, because cancers recur, and in so many ways the need for assurance that in the event of recurrence you have the means to go back to the program to access the same benefits. It's built in to do that. Very important. But once that's paid, $50,000.00 -- remember, that's your bank -- then that benefit is exhausted. And it may pay a number of different ways where you have a severe diagnosis that's $25,000.00, and then you have a less severe that's $6,250.00. So then you still have a bank leftover in the event you're diagnosed further, a third, fourth, fifth time provided
that $50,000.00 is not exhausted. That's the first benefit. Here's the second one.

Assume your cancer diagnosis and your treatment is severe, and it will not allow you to go back to work to perform the duties as a volunteer firefighter, and let's assume that's six months, that's probably the eligibility

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period or the waiting period, so in six months you have not returned to work, you have not recovered from your cancer, the second benefit begins, and that is the income protection benefit. That benefit is designed because you are not returning to work, and in your job beyond the fire service you may not be able to return to that job, but this benefit is to provide you an additional benefit in the event -- you may be receiving benefits elsewhere, and you may return to work, but you'll simply not be able to return to work as a firefighter -- so this benefit protections your income. The benefit is $1,500.00 monthly and will pay up to 36 months or
three years. Why is three years important? The first two years are recovery, that's your recovery period; and then the third year, in the event that your cancer is severe and you're not returning to work, you have an extra year to begin to file within the federal government for social security disability insurance, SSDI. That's an actual program, but that's to provide you, in addition to your other benefits, with an additional disability benefit through the federal government. So two years to recover, a third to begin filing in the event that you're not going to return to work; and then finally -- that's the disability benefit, that's the second benefit -- and then finally, there is a death benefit. In the event that you pass away from cancer, your beneficiaries would receive $50,000.00 upon your death. So it's a basic benefit, but it's designed like the other benefits to offset costs. There are always costs involved with a funeral, with transition, with family needs, and that death benefit is designed to provide to your

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loved ones in the event that you pass away.

That's the third benefit. First benefit is lump
sum when you're first diagnosed. The second
benefit is an income protection, or disability
benefit, if you're severely disabled and you
cannot return to work as a firefighter. And then
finally, the third benefit, when you pass away,
if you pass away from a diagnosis of cancer, we
provide your loved ones with $50,000.00. When
you think of this, think of this as one program.
This is one benefit program for a number of
reasons, but as you leave today and you think of

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this conversation that we've had, I want you to
think of it in terms of a timeline, that has
specific designs beneath it. It isn't just about
selling insurance or here's one more thing maybe
you want to buy. It isn't that sort of thing.
The design beneath this program is chronological.
It works over time. And if you think about it --
and again, David, John, and others spend an
enormous amount of time making sense as to when
and what do you need, with input from the fire
service to be certain that the benefits
addressed, the specific needs of a firefighter
when diagnosed with cancer. So when you think of
these three benefits, it pays over time. Your
diagnosed, you continue to be disabled, and God
forbid you pass away. So as you think about it
and you try to make sense and others come to you
and ask for guidance as to what the benefits are
and how do they work, I want you to remind them
of that metaphor or that example of time. And I
find that those presentations in places like
Batavia that when you speak of it in terms of a
timeline it starts to make sense, it starts to
click. So this isn't about selling insurance.

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This is about providing a structured program that
addresses your needs when diagnosed with cancer.
That's our second piece. That's the benefit
program.

And then finally, talking about
continuation. So the law, GML205CC, specifically
states and mandates that when a firefighter
leaves the service the entity providing coverage at that time is mandated to continue two of the three benefits under the program, the lump sum benefit and the life insurance benefit. So when you retire or you stop service as a volunteer, the entity under which you were working, or with which you were working at the time, has the responsibility of continuing that coverage for five years. In this program, we built in an additional feature, which is not mandated by 205CC, but is required as we determined under the program to allow a firefighter to take the coverage after five years and just take that coverage and provided the firefighter pays for it. So the law does not specifically mandate that, but we determined as a group it was a need to allow a firefighter to take that coverage beyond five years. There is no additional cost for it. It actually works a very simple way where if you choose to continue that coverage,
you simply pay the premium to the insurance company. The fire service is no longer involved in it, but the good news is the rates, the costs to continue that coverage beyond the five years, is the same costs as if it would be under the program. So when you make that decision to continue that benefit, you're taking advantage of that same pricing that allows for affordability when you were within the program and active within the service. And as you see the material that will be begin to come out here in two weeks or so and the communication strategies that will not only communicate the program and announce it and then talk about costs and those sorts of things, they will begin to highlight these unique features of the program. But I will tell you that this most unique feature of this program, of this program, is this is a program that's designed by firefighters for firefighters.

So we have gone through a lot of these

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slides. And again, as you look at these, I added these slides, and you'll have access to them if
you need them, and I'll leave cards, and you can
call me. I'm actually going to be sitting in a
room around the corner for part of the day today
to answer any specific questions you have, but
this program itself, together with -- and if you
don't have them, I would ask David or John to
direct you to them, is that we have an exhausted
work to create an FAQ, and I know we're running
about eight, nine pages now, but we have had a
number of meetings, together with Tom and Jerry
DeLuca, to take the program from the start, from
the initial part of the program, walk all the way
through it, answer all of the unique questions
that will come about in an FAQ. So all of those
questions that you might feel are different or
off the mark in some way, shape, or form are
captured well within those FAQs. Together with
these basic slides will just give you a good
understanding.
So at this point, that's a basic
understanding of the eligibility, of the
benefits, and how the benefits continue.

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So we have a little bit of time for questions -- Do we? All right. We'll do questions after.

With that said, I want to thank you all for the opportunity to sit with you today to talk. I never hesitate to remind you that it is my privilege to sit with you. And in so many ways you think of the comments that we discussed in the opening, and even the comments today and Ken's comments as well, you think of the good work that you do every day. And sometimes I recognize it seems thankless, and there were conversations about budgets, and specifically about attraction and retention of volunteer firefighters. I can absolutely assure you that this program, communicated correctly, will assist in that very measure that is at the top of the agenda in all of your conversations, because one thing that is very critical in the state of New York is that the volunteer fire service needs not only to grow, but to thrive. And to use the word thrive is to denote not only a willingness to put one's live in danger for the property and for others, but in many ways, it's a kinship, it's a
brotherhood, it's a joining together of a partnership at the state level to do the right thing.

And with that said, thank you for your time. As I said, I will be available, and I'm always available for any questions you might have.

So thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. QUINN: John, don't go away. We want to thank you this morning for introducing that. As I said earlier, there's lots of questions. Everything that John went over, there's probably 6 to 12 questions that could be under each topic that I'm sure many of you have, which is why we have him here today. He'll be in Onondaga F and G behind the corridor here for a good part of the rest of the morning and the afternoon. So please ask questions, ask questions.

John, we have some of our exhibitors here who are going to be offering programs as well that I know some of you use. Feel free to ask them questions. We're all kind of waiting for DFS to get that final stretch done and get that
program signed for the entire state. So I know all the carriers are waiting for that so. John, you certainly helped us meet the challenges that we're facing with this and shepherding us through that, and for that, we have a challenge coin for you, as Ken mentioned in his speech, which has the saying on it of building a healthier, stronger, and safer volunteer fire service, which is very appropriate to give to you, and that's exactly what you're doing for us. (Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, John, and I encourage anybody in the audience that does have questions or concerns to go sit with John, and hopefully get your answers.

Our first item under the unfinished agenda items is the introduction of candidates for elected office.

At this time I would like to call upon Secretary John D'Alessandro to come to podium, please.
MR. D'ALESSANDRO: I would like to ask the following individuals to come to the dais: Chris Klein, George Stacey, Brian McQueen, Steve Jamie J. Woodard - (631) 345-2386

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Goodman, Jim Cayey, Paul Ryan, past President
Robert McConville, Bruck Mack, and David Blair.
Chris Klein, could you please approach the podium for the purposes of making an introduction.

MR. KLEIN: Good morning, President Pienkowski, Vice President Farrell, Directors,
Trustees, FASNY committee members, and my fellow firefighters. My name, for those of you who don't know me, is Christopher Klein. I am a firefighter with the Oceanside Fire Department,
but more importantly, I am the grandson of your candidate for President of FASNY, Ex-Chief Steven Klein.

When I was asked to introduce my grandfather here today, I was both excited and honored. His last two introductions were done by my father, Chief of the Oceanside Fire Department, Kevin Klein. He was supposed to give
21 this speech, but I got the job for two reasons.
22 The first being I'm a third generation of Kleins
to join the fire department, the other being that
24 my family and I are expecting our newest addition
to our family within the next four days, and with

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2 the proximity of the due date, my father would
3 possibly not be able to make the convention.
4 On a different note, it is almost
5 impossible to list my grandfather's
6 accomplishments in one simple speech, but I will
7 most certainly try. Steven joined the Oceanside
8 Fire Department in 1965; and even after 53 years,
9 he remains as active and committed as ever.
10 After serving as lieutenant and captain of
11 Oceanside Hose Company Number One, he was elected
12 as third assistant chief, rising to the ranks of
13 becoming Chief of the Department in 1984. After
14 serving as chief and while still being one of the
15 most active members in our company, he began
16 serving the fire service in a different capacity.
17 Some of these include being both president of the
Nassau County Firemen's Association, trustee of
the FASNY Firemen's Home, and Vice President of
FASNY. During his two five year terms as
trustedee, he also served for a number of years as
secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Besides his firematic accomplishments and
goals, my grandfather has an even more important
job, and that is being a grandfather, a job in

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which he excels and goes above and beyond what
most grandparents do on a consistent basis.

It is my pleasure to present to you your
candidate for President of the Firemen's
Association of the State of New York and my
grandfather, First Vice President Steven E.
Klein.

(Appause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: President Pienkowski,
there are no other candidates for the position of
President for the seat now held by yourself.

George Stacey, would you please approach
the podium for the purposes of making an
introduction.
MR. STACEY: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. STACEY: Reverend Clergy, officers, members, guests, it is an honor and privilege to me to be here this morning to introduce a lifelong friend, John P. Farrell, Jr., for the position of First Vice President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

John has been a volunteer firefighter since 1971. In 1974 to 1975 he was captain of the

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Citizen's Hose Rescue squad in Catskill, New York. In 1977, John joined the West Athens Lime Street Fire Company. He served as President, Assistant Chief for four years, and then served as Chief for five years. John has been an active fire commissioner since 1993 and is currently serving as Chairman. On a county level, in 1995 through 2001, John served as a member of the Green County Fire Advisory Board. In 1991, John served as president of the Green County Fire Chiefs' Association. In 1992, he served as Green
County Volunteer Firemen's Association President.

In 1999, John served as President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association and is currently serving as Chairman of the Steering Committee. He is a member of the Royal Order of Blue Vests, the Royal Order of Red Vests. John currently sits on the revolving loan committee for the New York State Fire Coordinators. He serves on the FASNY Real Estate Holding Company as secretary of the board for 10 years. In 2001 to 2014, he served as trustee of the Firemen's Home and later as president. John was elected Second Vice President of this great organization in August of 2016. John continues to work on many committees within FASNY.

On the home front, since 2002 to present, John is employed as director of Green County Emergency Services, which entails emergency procedure functions, fire coordinator functions, communications, director functions, 911 director functions, code compliance technicians. John served on the zoning board of appeals for 12
years as Chairman for 10 of those years. He is a past town councilman for the Town of Athens, serving two terms.

I think that John has the leadership skills, communication skills, people skills, problem solving skills, that it takes to serve as your First Vice President; therefore, I introduce John P. Farrell, Jr., First Vice President.

I thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully, George S. Stacey.

(Appause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. President, there are no other candidates for the position of First Vice President for the seat now held by Steven Klein.

Brian McQueen, please approach the podium for the purposes of making an introduction.

MR. MCQUEEN: Thank you, John. President Pienkowski, Vice President Klein, Vice President Farrell, FASNY officers, LAFASNY officers, Reverend clergy, delegates, members, and
distinguished guests. It gives me great pleasure
to introduce Edward Tase, Jr., for the position
of Second Vice President of the Firemen's
Association of the State of New York. At the
April 2, 2017 meeting of the Western New York
Volunteer Firemen's Association, the membership
unanimously voted to place Ed's name in the
nomination for this prestigious position of
Second Vice President of the greatest
organization in the United States of America, the
Firemen's Association of the State of New York.
Ed's diligent work as director with FASNY has
provided him with a great foundation to lead
FASNY. Ed began his fire service career in July,
1971 with the Frontier Volunteer Fire Company as
a junior firefighter. On his 18th birthday, Ed
became an active firefighter for Frontier. He
joined FASNY as a member in August, 1975, and

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became a member of the Western New York Volunteer
Firemen's Association in July of 1976.
Throughout the years, Ed has been very active
with the fire service in Niagara County and the
Frontier Volunteer Fire Company. While at Frontier, he has held the positions of financial secretary, trustee; and for 11 years, was the recording secretary. Additionally, his involvement didn't stop at the executive level, but also has been an integral part of various other committees. Ed is presently a life member of the Frontier Volunteer Fire Department. As a member of the Niagara County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Ed has held the office of financial secretary, and also worked his way up to being elected president in 1998. In addition to his elected offices, Ed also served on numerous Niagara County Volunteer Firemen's Association Committees, as well as serving on the Niagara County Fire Advisory Board for 15 years. Ed also served on various committees of the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, including Chairman of their legislative committee and currently serves as their Vice Chairman.

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In September of 1998, Ed was appointed to
serve on the membership committee of FASNY and was appointed Chairman in 2002. Ed is very proud to have been able to work with the late Mike Whelan to create the status of full company membership. Ed held this position of Chairman of the membership committee until 2010 when he was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of FASNY. As a member of the Board, he is very proud to have served on the following committees: Conventions, resolutions, liaison to the legislative committee, vice chairman of the membership service committee, and chairman of the by-laws committee. Since the reorganization of the media communications committee, Ed is the print projects manager for the media communications committee. Ed also serves on the FASNY foundation board as its vice president.

    Ed and his wife, who I call a saint, Linda, live in Lockport, New York. They've been married 38 years. They are the proud parents of two married daughters and enjoy three grandchildren. Ed is employed by -- Department Stores as a senior loss prevention agent.

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In closing, let me say, the quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves. If you know Ed, you know he continues to set a high standard in leadership throughout the fire service in New York state.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to present Edward Tase, Jr., for the office of Second Vice President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

(Appause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Thank you, Brian.

Mr. President, there are no other candidates for the position of Second Vice President for the seat now held by John P. Farrell, Jr.

Jim Cayey, please approach the podium for the purpose of making an introduction.

MR. CAYEY: Good morning, everyone.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. CAYEY: President Pienkowski, Vice Presidents Klein and Farrell, Reverend Clergy, officers, members, and friends of FASNY. I am pleased to represent the Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association today to nominate
our candidate, Mrs. Laurie Hance, from Hannawa Falls Fire Department for her reelection as candidate as a director of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. Laurie has been a member of the Hannawa Falls Department for 28 years. She has been a special assistant chief for several years and served as treasurer for over 15 years and currently serves in that position. She has also been a number one responder as an EMT. She has received numerous awards from her fire department, including the 1998 outstanding service award, 1999 Chief's award, 2005 Chief's award, 2009 EMS award, and 2010 Firemen of the Year. She also serves as treasurer of the St. Lawrence County Chiefs' Association and treasurer of Northern New York. Laurie resides in Canton, New York, and has been married to Wayne for 30 years. They have two children and two grandchildren. Laurie is a life member of the Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association and serving on numerous committees and has been a treasurer for that association for the past 15 years. She is also a
member of the steering committee of the Northern

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New York Volunteer Firemen's Association and is
secretary of that committee. She is a member of
the New York State Fire Police Association,
secretary of that association of the fire police
of St. Lawrence County. Laurie is also a member
of FASNY and serves on numerous committees
including the budget and finance, by-law's, fire
service achievement award, member services,
strategic planning, and she is also liaison for
the youth in the fire service, and the public
relations committee. As you can see, she is a
busy girl working for you and FASNY. She shows a
lot of dedication to the fire service.

Laurie has worked for the town of
Pierrepont for 28 years. She's employed as the
Administrative Assistant to the Pierrepont County
Court and the town supervisor. Her public
service has all been within the county
government. Laurie is certified with the New
York Office of Court Administration and the New
York State Department of Criminal Justice. She's
a member of the St. Lawrence County Municipal
Clerk's Association and the St. Lawrence County
Magistrate's Association, as well as the New York

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State County Clerks Association.

It is our sincerest belief that Laurie will
represent with distinction not only the Northern
New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, but
also the volunteer fire service of New York will
benefit from her experience.

Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure
to place the nomination for the name of office
Mrs. Laurie Hance for the reelection to the
position she now holds a director for the
Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

Thank you. Jim Cayey.

(Applause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Thank you, Jim.

Mr. President, there are no other
candidates for the position of director for the
seat now currently held by Laurie Hance.

Steven Goodman, would you please approach
the podium for the purpose of making an
introduction.

MR. GOODMAN: Reverend Clergy, President
Pienkowski, Vice Presidents Klein and Farrell,
executive members of the board, members of the
Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, members

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of FASNY, my most respected friends. Six years
ago I stood here for the first time, and I told
you that those of you who know me know I'm a man
of few words. I lied. I can't give you few
words to describe how proud that I am and honored
to nominate Mike Krummenacker to the position of
Director of the Firemen's Association of the
State of New York. Mike is an active member of
the Hicksville Fire Department protecting Hook
and Ladder Company One since 1972. He's served
the company as department secretary. He served
as lieutenant and captain of the company. He
served on many of the committees in the
department. He's been chairman of so many
committees, it's too many to name. He's been
vice president and president of the Hicksville
Fire Department Volunteer Exempts. He's currently a trustee of that association for over 30 years. Mike was elected fire commissioner for the district and has held that position for 10 years. He has been active in so many associations that serve the volunteer fire service that on some level it may be too numerous to mention. He has been secretary, treasurer,

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and two time president of the Long Island Association of Firematic Benevolent Associations, a member of the Long Island Fire Districts' Law and Legislative Committee for over 36 years. He's current financial secretary for South Shore Volunteer Fire Department Association of Long Island. He has risen through the ranks in the Nassau County Firemen's Association. He served me as one of my best vice presidents, and is now president of the Long Island group, the Nassau County Firemen's Association.

He is a retired Nassau County Fire Marshal.

He was fire inspector. He was liaison to the
Nassau County Office of Emergency Management.

He's been president of the Fire Marshal Benevolent Association Nassau County for eight years and also president of New York State Fraternal Order police lodge 128 for eight years.

Aside from what Mike does in the fire service, he is very active in his church community. He is a member of the Nights of Columbus, where he has served the Joseph Barry Council, number 2520, as a member of their Board of Directors. He is parish trustee and a member of the finance

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community and an usher for St. Ignatius de Loyola Church in Hicksville, New York. Mike's wife, Fran, is an angel, strong supporter of Mike. I guess an inspiration for his journey. I'm not sure if she just wants him out of the house or not.

(Laughter.)

MR. GOODMAN: We will take it that she is a supporter. Mike's education, his experience, his knowledge, his certifications, his dedication and commitment to the volunteer fire service will be
an unbelievable asset and benefit to FASNY and
the FASNY family.

I take great honor and great pride in
nominating and introducing you to a very dear
friend, Michael Krummenacker, for the position of
Director of the Firemen's Association of the
State of New York.

(Appause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Thanks, Steve. Okay,
Mike, before I say this, trustee or director?

(Laughter.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Do you want to sit in
the middle?

Mr. President, there are no other candidates for the position of director
for the seat that was formally held by Robert H. Ottaviano currently held by Michael Krummenacker.
Past president Robert McConville, please
approach the podium for the purposes of an
introduction.
MR. MCCONVILLE: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. MCCONVILLE: It is my honor to speak on behalf of our good friend, Gerry Owenburg. This is a formal setting, normally if anybody asks me about Gerry Owenburg, I would tell them he's a great leader. He will do a great job as a home trustee. He has done a great job as a home trustee, and he will continue to do a great job as a home trustee, but we're a little more formal today, so I will move on, but that's how I feel about Gerry Owenburg.

(Laughter.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: Gerry is currently completing his five year as a FASNY Home trustee. He was elected to this position replacing Ted Jamie J. Woodard - (631) 345-2386

Rosko of North Sea, who passed away while in office. Gerry took on this new endeavor and has become a dedicated and hardworking member of the Board. He has served on numerous committees, including administrative committee, activities committee, budget, public relations, and
environmental committees. Gerry is also the
nominated candidate to become Vice President of
the Board of Trustees on Sunday at their
reorganization meeting.

Back home, Gerry is involved in many
firematic activities. He is past president of
Suffolk County Volunteers, board member and
former treasurer of the Suffolk County Burn
Center, board member of the Cancer
Support Network Association, past chief of the
West Babylon Fire Department, and treasurer of
the West Babylon Benevolent Association.

He is supported by his wife of 48 years,
Ellen, their three children, and seven
grandchildren.

We, in Suffolk County, are confident,
without a doubt, that Gerry will continue to
represent the volunteer fire service and continue

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to represent the members of the home and continue
to make the FASNY Firemen's Home a home away from
home. No one will do that any better than Gerry
Owenburg.

In closing, we thank you for your continued support of Gerry; and as always, God bless Gerry, God bless you all, and God bless America.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. D’ALESSANDRO: Thank you, past President McConville. Mr. President, there are no other candidates for the position of Firemen's Home trustee for the seat that is currently held by Gerry Owenburg.

Paul O'Brien, please approach the podium for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. O'BRIEN: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. O'BRIEN: President Ken, Steve, John, esteemed clergy, officers and fellow members, guests of FASNY. I speak to you this morning to once again introduce Mike Di Vittorio at this time for a second term of the Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Home. My remarks this morning will be brief, to the point.
Mike has served on the Board for the last five years, being an active participant as a ferocious advocate for the members of the home and their wellbeing making that his chief mission as a member of the Board of Trustees. He has brought knowledge and experience in property management to the Board in a constructive way and adds to the Board's diverse know how and wisdom.

We appreciate all the endorsements we received across the state, and we know Mike is eager to serve the members at the home and the members of the association for another five years. We are certainly looking forward to the next five years of Mike's activity. In addition to his membership at the Board of Trustees, Mike is a 32 member of Reliance Engine and Hose Company Number One and is currently holding the rank of Chief of the Portchester Fire Department.

Mike is also past president of the Westchester County Firemen's Association, the Southern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, and serves on the FASNY recruitment and retention committee, as well as the 2017 reorganization committee.

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Thank you for your consideration in reelecting Mike as trustee.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Thank you, Paul.

Mr. President, there are no other candidates for the position of Firemen's Home Trustee for the seat that is currently held by Mike Di Vittorio.

Bruce Mack, could you please approach the podium for the purposes of making an introduction.

MR. MACK: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. MACK: President Pienkowski, Vice Presidents Klein and Farrell, our Board of Directors, President Schmidt, Vice President Butts, Trustees of the Firemen's Home, Reverend Clergy, members, delegates, friends, and guests of this association.

It is my honor to come before you today to introduce a candidate for the position of trustee of the Firemen's Home, Tony DeMarco.

Tony began his career in the fire service
in 1976 by joining the Caledonia Fire Department. Once a member there, he worked diligently to become an educated firefighter and leader of the organization. Tony has held every administrative office and line office in the organization, including several terms as President and Fire Chief. Tony has also been active in the Caledonia Ambulance Squad as a member and Director of the board.

Tony's enthusiasm for the fire service took him next to the county associations for Livingston County. As a member of both the Firemen's and Chiefs' associations, Tony has chaired and served on many committees for both organizations.

Tony became active in the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association and has served on and chaired several committees and held the offices of Vice President and President, which led to his joining this association, the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, and he has served on the two percent tax committee.
Tony is not only active in the fire service, but he has a passion for helping people. He is also a member of the Caledonia Mumford Lions Club, serving as a director, vice president, and president of the organization, in addition to chairing many committees. He is also very active in his church, the St. Columbia Church.

Tony has worked at Beam Mack Truck Sales and Service for the past 25 years as the parts manager. And although he is in the auto industry, he is a terrible go-kart driver.

(Laughter.)

MR. MACK: Tony is married to his wife, Kathy, for the last 40 years; and the DeMarcos have three children and seven grandchildren.

In closing, Tony's drive and dedication and his experiences will make him a great trustee candidate for the Firemen's Home.

Thank you.

(Applause.)
MR. D’ALESSANDRO: Thank you, Bruce. Mr. President, there no other candidates for the position of Firemen's Home Trustee for the seat that is currently held by David Wolf.

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David Blair, please approach the podium for the purposes of making an introduction.

MR. BLAIR: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. BLAIR: FASNY Presidents, Board of Directors, trustees, members of the dais, members of FASNY. I've been extended the honor of introducing Onondaga County's candidate for the position of trustee of the Firemen's Home for the class of 2018. Marty J. Thomas began his career in 1971 with the Memphis Fire Department, where he has served his department as lieutenant, captain, and assistant chief. He also served as president of the Memphis Fire Department; and most recently as the president of the Warners-Memphis Fire Company. Marty is currently a member of the Onondaga County Volunteer Firefighters Underwater Rescue team, where he
continues to serve as a rescue diver since 1973. He is also past president of this underwater team. He served as a first aid and CPR instructor and currently is an active EMT with the Jordan Fire Department. He has also served in several sectional organizations, including

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Central New York Firemen's Association, Northern Central New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, where he was president, director, and is a current life member, and OCVFA as their current Sergeant-at-Arms. Since 1980, Marty has been a member of Onondaga County Volunteer Firemen's Association. Marty has served on many OCVFA committees and has held several offices, including secretary, vice president, and president. Marty graduated from the Jordan-Elbridge Central School District and Auburn Community College. He is employed by Crucible Industries, and has been for the last 44 years. Marty has followed the path of his parents, Herb and Pat
Thomas, who were both very involved with the fire service throughout the state and at many levels. Herb Thomas was the secretary of the board of trustees during his term as a trustee.

Marty and his wife, April, live in Warners, New York, and are the proud parents of three married children and four wonderful grandchildren.

Mr. President, on behalf of the members and officers of the Onondaga County Volunteer Firemen's Association, I'd like to put forth the name of Martin J. Thomas for the position of trustee for the FASNY Firemen's Home.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Thank you, Dave. Mr. President, there are no other candidates for the position of Firemen's Home trustee for the seat that is currently held by David Blair.

Just as a note, the installation will be tomorrow for the officers, we'll have the
election and then the installation.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, John. Thank you to the people that did the introductions.

You may be excused from the dais.

Secretary D'Alessandro, is there any other unfinished agenda items?

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: There are no unfinished agenda items, Mr. President.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, sir.

Is there any unfinished business for our opening session of the convention to come from

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the floor?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Hearing none, I'll turn this part of the program back over to First Vice President, soon to be President, Steven Klein.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Ken.

A president is only as good as the people behind him. I want to thank you all for endorsing and supporting the slate that was just read off. They're all good friends of mine or
soon to be good friends of mine.

(Laughter.)

MR. KLEIN: And hopefully stay good friends of mine, and I'm sure that with their support,

I'll have a very successful term. And I congratulate all of you on being nominated or elected or whatever to your first or second term,

and good luck on your endeavors supporting our association.

Now's it's time for a commercial break.

Please remember that the educational sessions will begin here at 12:30. Please make certain you are registered for this session. If you're not, it's not too late. We are always happy to take your donation. The second session will begin at 2:30, and the final session at 4:00. Please be aware that your badge will be scanned at both sessions. You must be scanned to receive a certificate. Certificates will be available in the ballroom foyer and at the scholarship fun night. The Seventh Annual Gerard J. Buckenmeyer FASNY Volunteer Scholarship Fund
raffle will be tonight right here in the
collection. Games, music, wine tasting,
complimentary desserts, and make your own
sundaes. There will be a cash bar.

Once again, I remind you to join the
scholarship night. Josh Cellars will be hosting
a wine tasting event. The first 100 attendees
who have three samples of wine will receive one
complimentary glass of wine. So if you drink
three little sips, you get a big sip. This is
sounding better all the time.

(Mlaughter.)

MR. KLEIN: You will have your choice of
Cabernet, Rose, or chardonnay. So basically
Cabernet is it, but --

(Mlaughter.)

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MR. KLEIN: The wine tasting event opens at
7:00. The founder of Josh Cellars, Joseph Carr,
will be in attendance. I urge you to attend and
meet this fellow. He's quite a guy. I actually
had the opportunity. I'm like an honorary member
of his wine club or whatever, but anyway, he will
be here, and he's a very, very admirable guy,
easy to get along with, and he's going to make a
very nice donation to FASNY as one of our
sponsors. I urge you to be there.

Okay. Let's move forward.

Winners of the prizes will be announced
later in the evening. This is an important event
for FASNY. You don't have to be present, but you
should be present, because if you're not, your
phone is going to ring around 11:30 or 12:00
telling you you won a prize. So if you don't
want to be woken up, you might as well be there
and pick it up in person.

Tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. in the
ballroom center the Chaplains' Committee will be
conducting an interfaith service prior to the
closing session.

Please take the time to visit and give a

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quick thank you to our sponsors and the
contributors located both in the Cotillion Room
and in the foyer. Their contributions to FASNY
help make this convention and events during the
year a success. During your visit, beginning at
2:00 p.m., you can enjoy a special reception
sponsored by Cool Insurance Agency, Visual
Technologies, First Net/AT&T, Syracuse Visitors
Bureau, and Provident Insurance. Also, the
display outside for Turtle Plastics will be still
available until 2:00 p.m.

And finally, candles from the memorial
service need to be picked up. Fourteen counties
still have not picked up their candles. And you
can do that in Onondaga E, which is right out
here around the corner.

That takes care of all of my announcements.
I hereby recess the Annual Meeting until
9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned to
August 12, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK  )
     ) SS.:
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK  )

I, JAMIE J. WOODARD, a Court Reporter and Notary Public, for and within the State of New York, do hereby certify:

THAT the above and foregoing contains a true and correct transcription of the proceedings held on August 11, 2018 at the Firemen's Association of the State of New York Annual Convention, Village of Liverpool, New York, and were reported by me.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or by marriage and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of January, 2019.

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CONVENTION OF THE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK, HELD FROM THE 10TH DAY OF
AUGUST THROUGH THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2018, AT
HOLIDAY INN, 441 ELECTRONICS PARKWAY, VILLAGE OF
LIVERPOOL, NEW YORK.

August 12, 2018

BEFORE: Kenneth M. Pienkowski, President

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Ridge, New York 11961
MR. PIENKOWSKI: Do we have everybody in, Chief?

MR. FARRELL: Yes, sir.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: And welcome to the closing session of the 146th Annual Convention of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

The exits are located to your right and to your left. If there is an alarm, it will be announced from the dais. Follow directions from the podium and exit the convention center in an orderly fashion.

At this time I would like to ask you to please silence your cellphones. There will be no food or drink allowed in the meeting room during the morning session and the awards' ceremony.

Thank you.

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sergeant-at-Arms Donny Farrell and remain standing for the invocation by Chaplain Wayne F.
MR. PIENKOWSKI: Call upon FASNY Chaplain Reverend Wayne Jagow, please, for the invocation.

Invocation by Reverend Wayne F. Jagow.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Mr. Sergeant-at-Arms, do we have a quorum?

MR. FARRELL: Yes, sir.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you.

It gives me great honor and pride this morning to introduce Joseph Carr, founder of Josh Cellars. After 20 years in the industry, first as a sommelier and then as an industry executive, Joseph Carr followed a dream to own his own winery. In 2007, he launched Josh Cellars Wines. Sourced from across many great California wine growing regions, every vintage represents a labor of love, a commitment to quality, and a very personal promise to make great wine, in honor of his dad, Josh, who was a soldier in the U.S. Army.
and a volunteer firefighter.

Josh Cellars is a generous supporter of the National Volunteer Fire Council and Operation Gratitude and recently sponsored a Father's Day sales event in Grand Central Station to benefit the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. Last night, Josh Cellars supported FASNY again with a complimentary wine tasting at the scholarship night.

It is now my great honor to introduce Josh Cellars' founder, Joseph Carr.

(Appause.)

MR. CARR: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. CARR: I'm going to give him a check here in a second, but I want to tell you just a brief story. It was an honor and privilege to meet many of you last night, but I see some new faces in the audience. My father didn't own a winery. My father was a lumberjack from upstate New York, a little town called Berlin; and my grandfather was a volunteer fireman, as was my
father and my uncles and my cousins and my neighbors. And in 1962, a propane gas truck came
down the mountain and blew up, and it burned down
half the town and volunteer firemen came out of
the lumber yards, and they came off the farms and
they fought that fire alongside my grandfather
and my father. I lived across the street from a
firehouse. As a little boy, the treat was to go

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over there and help clean the trucks. These
things that we're doing with you folks is not
just some marketing plan, it's a very personal,
very personal commitment, and I want to thank you
for your commitment, because you're the guys,
you're the men and women that work full time
jobs, and then when you're done with your full
time job you go and you train so you're able and
ready to protect your neighbors and your friends.
And then you help somebody paint their house or
put on their roof. That was the culture and the
kind of community that I grew up in. So when I
started Josh Cellars with my wife we worked in
our garage. That's where we began. We shared a
laptop computer, and I flew to California to make
wine and came back, and we worked together on our
company, and when the opportunity arose to get
involved in the communities with wine and
supporting organizations such as yourself, it was
really a great honor and privilege. Now it gives
us the chance to not just be involved in our
communities, but communities throughout New York
state and the nation. Like I said, I know what
it's like to be in a firehouse. I know what it's

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like to see the bravery and the courage of people
in the room. As I said last night, I remember
what it was like to be a seven year old boy
dressed in his pajamas being carried outside a
house when the sawmill next door was on fire.
It's something I'll never forget.

So it's an honor and privilege to be here.

That being said, I'd like to give you a check.

So on behalf of Josh Cellars, the Deutsch
family, we would like to give you this check for

$17,492.09.
(Applause.)

MR. CARR: Thank you very much.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Joe, on behalf of the
Firemen's Association of the State of New York
and its entire membership, we would like to thank
you for all you do to support the volunteer fire
service in the United States.

Thank you very much. It's greatly
appreciated.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: What a great presentation,
huh? I would just like to thank First Vice
President Klein and Gina for going down to Grand

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Central Station and being there when this was
happening and have the representation of FASNY at
that event.

The first order of business is the report
of the resolutions committee. I would like to
introduce Chairman John D'Alessandro.

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Thank you,
Mr. President. I would like to have the rest of
the committee come up; Director Pfersick, Director Tase, Trustee Butts, and Dave Schmidt please.

Okay. The way we're going to do it, I'm going to call for each resolution individually. The reader of the motion is the maker -- The reader of the resolution will be the maker of the motion to adopt. Then we will need a second from the floor. We will vote. There are 18 resolutions.

Resolution Number One, "WHEREAS, the 146th Annual Convention of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York is being held in the Town of Salina, New York,

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

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number One.

Do I have a second?
MR. SCHMIDT: David Schmidt, Niagara County, seconds proposition one.

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

Resolution Number Two, "WHEREAS, the 146th Annual Convention of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York is being held at the Holiday Inn, in the Town of Salina, New York, AND WHEREAS, this venue has accommodated the needs of the attendees of this gathering, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the thanks of the Association be extended to the owners and employees of the Liverpool Holiday Inn."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number Two.

Do I have a second?

MR. SCOTT: I second that motion. Rob

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Scott, East Dunkirk, Chautauqua County.

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Thank you.

All in favor?
AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. BUTTS: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. BUTTS: Resolution Number Three,

"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 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

fiscal year commencing October 1, 2018 and ending

September 30, 2019 in the sum of nine million,
nine hundred ninety-five thousand, and thirteen
dollars ($9,995,013.00),

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that there

be appropriated the sum of nine million, nine

hundred ninety-five thousand, and thirteen
dollars ($9,995,013.00) for the purpose of

operating the Firemen's Home at Hudson, New York,
for the period commencing October 1, 2018 and
ending September 30, 2019."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of
Resolution Number Three.

MR. PIENKOWSKI:  You heard Resolution
Number Three; do I have a second?

MR. SCHMIDT:  David Schmidt, President of
the Board of Trustees, second.

MR. PIENKOWSKI:  I have a second.

On a question?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI:  Hearing none.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS:  Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI:  Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI:  So carried.

MR. BUTTS:  Resolution Number Four,
"WHEREAS, David J. Blair has been, and
continues to be, a friend and outspoken advocate
for the members of the Firemen's Home,
AND WHEREAS, he served for 10 years as a
dedicated member of the Firemen's Home Board of

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Trustees,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York offer their heartfelt appreciation to Trustee David J. Blair, who has served the members of the Firemen's Home and this organization to the best of his ability,

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Association and Board of Directors commends him for his service and that the membership affords him a rising vote of thanks."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number Four.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: You heard the reading of Resolution Number Four; do I have a second?

MR. CARON: Mr. President, Mike Caron, Onondaga County, Volunteer Firemen's Association and FASNY director, I second that motion.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: On a question?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)
MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried.

(Applause.)

MR. BUTTS: Resolution Number Five,

"WHEREAS, David J. Wolf has been, and continues to be, a friend and outspoken advocate for the members of the Firemen's Home,

AND WHEREAS, he served for 10 years as a dedicated member of the Firemen's Home Board of Trustees,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York offer their heartfelt appreciation to Trustee David J. Wolf, who has served the members of the Firemen's Home and this organization to the best of his ability,

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Association and Board of Directors commends him for his service and that the membership affords him a rising vote of thanks."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number Five.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: You heard the reading of Resolution Number Five; do I have a second?
from St. Lawrence County, seconds that.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: We have a second.

On a question?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Hearing none.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried.

(Applause.)

MR. BUTTS: Resolution Number Six, "BE IT

RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the

Firemen's Association of the State of New York

extend their sincere condolences to the family of

David W. Schultz, a member of the Rochester Fire

Department Protector, past President of Monroe

County Volunteer Firemen's Association, and a

resident of the Firemen's Home,

"And be it further resolved that the
officers, directors, trustees, and members offer
their thanks and services to past member of the
FASNY Firemen's Home Board of Trustees."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of

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Resolution Number Six.

MR. MCCONVILLE: You've heard the reading
of Resolution Number Six; do I have a second?

MR. WAY: Alan Way, First Vice President of
Monroe County Firemen's Association and Home
Trustee, seconds the motion.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: We have a second.

On a question?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Hearing none; all in
favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried.

MR. BUTTS: Resolution Number Seven,
"WHEREAS, the Firemen's Home has provided a "home
away from home" for thousands of firefighters who
gave dedicated and committed service to the citizens of New York,

AND WHEREAS, the staff of the Firemen's Home exhibits extreme dedication and professionalism on a daily basis.

AND WHEREAS, the staff of the Firemen's Home provides unparalleled care for the residents of the Home,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York offer their heartfelt appreciation to the staff of the Firemen's Home for all they do for the residents of the Firemen's Home and the Association."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number Seven.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: You heard the reading of Resolution Number Seven; is there a second?

MR. OWENBURG: Gerry Owenburg, Trustee, Suffolk, I am proud and honored to pass this as second.
MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you.

On a question?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Hearing none; all in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried.

Resolution Number Eight, "WHEREAS, the officers and committee people and the staff of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York exhibit dedication, commitment, and professionalism on a daily basis,

NOW WHEREAS, the officers, committee people, and staff of the association is a primary reason that the Firemen's Association of the State of New York is regarded one of the premier volunteer firefighter organizations in the country,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firemen's Association
of the State of New York offer their heartfelt appreciation to the officers, committee people, and the staff of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York for all they do on a daily basis."

Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of Resolution Number Eight.

MR. KLEIN: You heard the reading of Resolution Number Eight; is there a second?

MR. PERRY: Mr. Chairman, Eugene Perry, Patchogue Fire Department, FASNY Director,

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seconds the motion.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you.

Motion and second.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. KLEIN: Anybody opposed?

(No response.)

MR. KLEIN: The motion is carried.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Resolution Number Nine, "WHEREAS, Robert N. McConville has given more
than four decades of service to the volunteer
fire service and the Firemen's Association of the
State of New York,

AND WHEREAS, his dedicated service has
strengthened the foundation of the fire service
for generations of firefighters and for those
that are yet to come,

AND WHEREAS, he has greatly advanced the
accomplishments and reputation of the Firemen's
Association of the State of New York, FASNY, as
its director and as its 77th president and as
part president,

AND WHEREAS, his tenure on the FASNY Board
of Directors will end at the conclusion of the

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the
officers and members of the Firemen's Association
of the State of New York offer their heartfelt
appreciation to Robert N. McConville,

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the
association of the Board of Directors welcomes
his continued participation, advice, and
Mr. Chairman, I so move for the adoption of Resolution Number Nine.

MR. KLEIN: You heard the reading of Resolution Number Nine; is there a second?

MR. PERRY: Mr. Chairman, Eugene Perry, Suffolk County, FASNY director, proudly seconds that motion.

MR. KLEIN: I have a motion and a second.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. KLEIN: Is anybody opposed?

(No response.)

MR. KLEIN: Motion carried. Thank you, Bob.

(Applause.)

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MR. KLEIN: Resolution Number Ten, "WHEREAS, Kenneth Wienkowskii has given decades of service to the volunteer fire service, making it a safer and more respected profession, AND WHEREAS, his calm and reason of
leadership has greatly advanced the
accomplishments and reputation of the Firemen's
Association of the State of New York as its 78th
president,

AND WHEREAS, under his leadership the
Firemen's Association has secured important
protections for firefighters, including
presumptive cancer coverage,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and
members of the Firemen's Association of the State
of New York offer their heartfelt appreciation to
Kenneth Pienkowski, President of FASNY, who has
served this organization to the best of his
ability and is leaving office at the conclusion
of the convention,

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the
association and Board of Directors welcomes his
participation, advice, and counsel as he
continues his service as FASNY past President and

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that the membership afford him a raising vote of
thanks."

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

MR. FARRELL: You have heard Resolution Number 10; do I have a second?

MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman, Ken Holmes, Oneida County, Director of FASNY, proudly seconds this motion.

Thank you, Ken.

MR. FARRELL: Thank you.

All those in favor say aye.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. FARRELL: Any opposed?

(No response.)

MR. FARRELL: So carried.

(Applause.)

MR. KLEIN: Resolution Number 11, "WHEREAS, Thomas J. Cuff has given a lifetime of service to the volunteer fire service both as an advocate for his brother and sister firefighters and the general public,

AND WHEREAS, he worked tirelessly to ensure that smoke detectors became required in homes.

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AND WHEREAS, he was a national leader to change building codes so that hotels were required to have safer exit routes,

AND WHEREAS, he spent more than three decades helping families of deceased firefighters obtain the state and national benefits they deserve,

AND WHEREAS, he was awarded the 2017 FASNY Fire Service Achievement Award,

AND WHEREAS, Thomas J. Cuff served as President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York from 2008 to 2010 with grace, compassion, and reverence for the volunteer fire service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York honor the memory of past President Cuff and offer our heartfelt condolences to his family on his passing."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption Resolution Number 11.

MR. FARRELL: You have heard the motion of Resolution Number 11; do I have a second?

MR. KRUMMENACKER: Michael Krummenacker,
President of Nassau County Firemen's Association and Director of FASNY, seconds the motion.

MR. FARRELL: Thank you, Mike.

All those in favor say aye.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. FARRELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. FARRELL: So carried.

MS. PFERSICK: "WHEREAS, Edward M. Cook has served as Counsel to the Firemen's Association of the State of New York from May 15, 1987 to March 23, 2018,

AND WHEREAS, he provided reasons and judicial service and advice to protect the interest of the association and the volunteer firefighters across the State of New York,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York offer their sincere thanks to attorney Edward M. Cook and wish him a healthy and happy retirement."

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

MR. FARRELL: You have heard Resolution
Number 12; do I have a second?

MR. PETTIGEL: Fred Pettigel, President of Hudson County, proudly seconds the resolution.

MR. FARRELL: Thank you, Fred.

All those in favor say aye.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. FARRELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. FARRELL: So carried.

MS. PFERSICK: "WHEREAS, Michael Quinn has been and continues to be an outspoken advocate for the volunteer emergency medical services community,

AND WHEREAS, he has served on the New York State Emergency Medical Service Council for 29 years,

AND WHEREAS, he has represented the Firemen's Association of the State of New York and been a member of FASNY's EMS committee for 30 years,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firemen's Association

of State of New York offer this heartfelt appreciation to Michael Quinn, who has served

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AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the association and Board of Directors commend him for his continued service and that the membership afford him a rising vote of thanks."

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

MR. FARRELL: You have heard the motion on Resolution Number 13; do I have a second?

MR. GALVIN: Mr. President, Vincent Galvin, past president of Dutchess and Hudson Valley, proudly seconds that nomination.

MR. FARRELL: Thank you, Vin.

All those in favor say aye.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. FARRELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. FARRELL: So carried.

(Applause.)

MR. TASE: Good morning, ladies and
For Resolution Number 14, I ask Reverend Wayne Jagow to join me at the podium, please. If the presidents would also join behind Wayne.

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We've got Wayne on a spot. It's not usual to get Wayne on the spot.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am proud to read Resolution Number 14. Resolution Number 14, "WHEREAS, Wayne F. Jagow has served as Chaplain of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York for almost three decades,

AND WHEREAS, he has provided wise and reasoned counsel to generations of leadership of this association,

AND WHEREAS, he has been a spiritual and moral foundation of this association through good times and the bad,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Firemen's Association of the State of New York Board of Directors has unanimously voted to bestow upon Wayne Jagow the title of Chaplain
Emeritus,

AND FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the chapel at
the FASNY Firemen's Home be hereby known as the
Reverend Wayne F. Jagow Chapel,

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the
officers and members of the Firemen's Association
of the State of New York offer their sincere

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thanks to Wayne F. Jagow and wish him a healthy
and happy retirement."

I so move the adoption of Resolution Number
14.

MR. FARRELL: You have heard Resolution
Number 14; do I have a second?

MR. MACK: Bruce Mack, Niagara County, past
President of Western, is honored to make a second
for Resolution Number 14.

MR. FARRELL: All those in favor say aye.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. FARRELL: And I'm not even going for --

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Reverend Jagow, it gives

me great honor and a pleasure to present you with
your pocket badge, FASNY Wayne Jagow, Chaplain Emeritus.

Congratulations. Thank you.

(Appplause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you for everything you've done for the Firemen's Association of the State of New York for 30 years. We will never forget you, my friend. We're very proud.

REVEREND JAGOW: Thank you. God bless you

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(all.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: He speaks less for once.

(Laughter.)

(Applause.)

MR. TASE: Thank you for bearing with us on that one. We appreciate it.

Resolution Number 15, "WHEREAS, Davey Jean Beska had given a lifetime of service to the volunteer fire service,

AND WHEREAS, Davey Jean Beska served as president of the Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, was the charter
president of the ladies auxiliary of the Putman County Volunteer Firemen's Association, and served as chairman and vice president of the ladies auxiliary of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association,

AND WHEREAS, she has served as the president of the ladies auxiliary of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York from 1980 to 1981,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York honor the memory of past president Davey Jean Beska and offer their heartfelt condolences to her family on her passing."

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

MR. FARRELL: You have heard the Resolution of Number 15; do I have a second?

MS. DICHIAN: Mr. Chairman, Victoria Dichian, Rensselaer County and past president of Hudson Valley Ladies Auxiliary and Chaplain for

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LAFASNY, I am very proud to second that Resolution Number 15.

MR. FARRELL: Thank you, Vickie.

All those in favor say aye.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. FARRELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. FARRELL: So carried.

MR. KLEIN: Resolution Number 16, "WHEREAS, Gregory S. Turell has given a lifetime of service to the volunteer fire service,

AND WHEREAS, Gregory S. Turell served as president of the Eastern Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and as a past Chief of the Malverne Fire Department,

AND WHEREAS, he served as a FASNY director and was a long member of the EMS committee,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York honor the memory of past FASNY Director Gregory S. Turell and offer their
heartfelt condolences to his family on his passing."

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

MR. FARRELL: You heard the motion of Resolution Number 16; do I have a second?

MR. KRUMMENACKER: Michael Krummenacker, President Nassau County Firemen's Association and director of FASNY, is honored to make the second.

MR. FARRELL: Thank you, Mike.

All those in favor say aye.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. FARRELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. FARRELL: So carried.

MR. TASE: Resolution Number 17, "WHEREAS, past and recent events across the nation have highlighted a danger and threats to personal safety faced by our brothers and sisters in the volunteer fire service, career fire service, law enforcement community,

AND WHEREAS, individuals in these
professions in this state and throughout the
nation are routinely called upon to serve and
protect their fellow citizens by responding to
horrific events acting heroically to serve the
lives of others,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the
officers and members of the Firemen's Association
of the State New York that they declare their
support and solidarity with the men and women who
serve and who have served in the volunteer fire
service, career fire service, and the law
enforcement community,

AND THEREFORE, for their distinction,
service, and dedicated efforts earning their
highest respect and deepest gratitude for the
efforts to serve their fellow citizens, often
while putting their own personal safety in
jeopardy."

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Resolution Number 17.

MR. FARRELL: You heard the motion of
Resolution Number 17; do I have a second?

MR. SCOTT: I second that motion. Rob Scott, East Dunkirk Fire Department, Chautauqua County.

MR. FARRELL: All those in favor say aye.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. FARRELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. FARRELL: So carried.

MR. D’ALESSANDRO: Resolution Number 18, "BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York extend their sincere condolences to families of Ronald W. Hinkle Loch Sheldrake Fire Department; David E. Carr, Brasher-Winthrop Fire Department; Robert A. Fitch, East Herkimer Fire Department; David L. Jahnes, Nyack Fire Department; Michael R. Davidson, Fire Department of the City of New York; M. Kent Stillwagon, Greenlawn Fire Department; Mark A. Graziano, City of Hudson Fire Department; Michael F. Cherubini, Hague Fire Department; and Zachary J. Fazeksa,

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New Hyde Fire Department, on their passing.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend our eternal respect and gratitude to our brothers who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting their communities."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number 18.

MR. FARRELL: You have heard the motion on Resolution Number 18; do I have a second?

MR. RIVERA: Chan Rivera, past president of Hudson Valley, Ulster County, seconds it.

MR. FARRELL: Thank you, Chan.

All those in favor say aye.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. FARRELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. FARRELL: So carried.

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. President, that concludes the report of the resolutions committee.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: For the report of our Sergeant-at-Arms, Sergeant-at-Arms Farrell,

please.

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SERGEANT FARRELL: Good morning, Mr. President.

Among the duties that are given to the Sergeant-at-Arms at the annual convention is counting the number of people in attendance for each session.

For Friday, the Memorial Service: 247.
The Opening Session for the 146th Annual Convention: 176.
Youth in the Fire Service: 47.

Friday afternoon training session: 105

Taxable Education Tips, 54.
The Two Percent Tax Forum: 193.

For Saturday, August 11th, second session:

176.

And the training seminars in the afternoon:
Lost in the Fog of Fire Ground: 114.

See something, Say something: 117.
And issues facing the fire service: 98.
And this morning's final session of the 146th Annual Convention: 167 people in attendance.

On behalf of Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Thomas With and myself, we would like to thank
President Pienkowski for allowing us to serve
FASNY and the Board during the past year, and
we're looking forward to serving FASNY and the
Board in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you.

On behalf of the officers and the Board of
Directors and the membership present for the
146th Annual Convention, Sergeant-at-Arms Farrell
and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms With, thank you.
Thank you for everything you have done for the
past couple of days. Two busy gentlemen there,
making sure everything works perfectly. It's
greatly appreciated.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Would Gerry Owenburg, Bob
Sutton, and Dave Petro come to the dais, please.
I would like to introduce Dave Petro,
Regional Director for Provident Insurance Agency
for a presentation.

Dave, welcome.

MR. PETRO: Thank you.
Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

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MR. PETRO: It is again an honor and a privilege to be here for my second year here at this conference. We are your provider for your accidental death and dismemberment policy that all the membership has with FASNY, and we are proud and honored to provide to you. At Provident we believe one of the best ways to prevent claims, prevent injuries in the fire service is through training and education. So with that, it is again my honor and privilege on behalf of all of us at Provident we will be donating $5,000.00 to your scholarship fund again this.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Dave, on behalf of the membership of the Firemen's Association, thank you very much. FASNY will be able to move forward and continue giving away 25 $1,500.00
scholarships to a graduating senior. This is greatly appreciated. Thank you Barry and his staff.

MR. PETRO: Thank you.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Over 100 witnesses, I am

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presenting that check to the CAO so.

(Laughter.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: I would like to introduce Gerry Owenburg and Bob Sutton from the Firefighter Cancer Support Network for a check presentation.

As in the past years, the Firemen's Association of the State of New York works very closely with the Firefighter Cancer Support Network, and annually we make a presentation to them for everything they do for the benefit of the firefighters across New York state, and it gives me great honor that the Board of Directors voted to continue that donation of $2,500.00 again this year. So Vice President Klein and Vice President Farrell and our CAO make a presentation to Gerry and Bob.
MR. OWENBURG: It's been a journey on this fight, to fight this deadly disease. We need everybody in their hometowns to be vigilant on this and be a pest. Get after those young guys; and the older guys that don't help you, be a pest, don't be a friend. Tell them to clean their gear. The fight is not over. We have to fight every day. I thank the Board for this donation to keep this fight going.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you for everything you do.

MR. SUTTON: Mr. President, on behalf of the Firefighters Cancer Support Network, I would like to read this plaque presented to FASNY President Kenneth Pienkowski. In recognition of your ongoing support for the Firefighters Cancer Support Network of New York in helping us with our mission statement and assisting firefighters and EMS personnel with cancer 2016 to 2018. Sir, it's an honor to have worked with you, and we greatly appreciate all the help you and your
board and the FASNY membership in general have done for our association. Thank you.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you very much.

For your information, Bob Sutton was also the Fire Educator of the Year this year for FASNY.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Anybody else in the room who wishes to make a donation to the FASNY Gerard J. Buckenmeyer Scholarship Fund please come up to the dais.

Past President McConville.

MR. MCCONVILLE: Good morning. On behalf of the FASNY past presidents, we would like to donate $1,500.00 to the scholarship for FASNY.

You're doing a great job.

And thank you, Brian McQueen.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, past President McConville and the rest of the past presidents.
for your generous donation.

MR. MCCONVILLE: You got it.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Director Mike Krummenacker.

MR. KRUMMENACKER: On behalf of the officers and members of the Nassau County Firemen's Association, make a presentation of a check for $250.00 towards the scholarship fund.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Mr. Chan Rivera.

MR. RIVERA: Thank you. On behalf of the

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Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association we would like to give you a check for $500.00 to the scholarship fund.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thanks very much, Chan.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Chief Bruce Mack, Niagara County.

MR. MACK: On behalf of the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association past
presidents' club, we would like to make this
donation of $150.00 to the scholarship fund.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you.

Marty Thomas, Onondaga County.

MR. THOMAS: On behalf of the Onondaga
County Volunteer Firemen's Association we would
like to make a donation of $500.00 to the

scholarship fund.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: On behalf of the complete
FASNY membership, we would like to thank
everybody that made donations and supported the

scholarship fund last night. It goes to a great

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cause, as I said. We will continue giving away

25 scholarships to graduating seniors coming this

June.

Our next order of business is the election

of unopposed candidates for the office; and I

would like to introduce our secretary, John

D'Alessandro.
MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Thank you, Mr. President.

For the 2018/2019 year, there were nine offices open for election. There was only one candidate for each office. Those offices are: FASNY President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, two seats on the Board of Directors, and four seats on the Firemen's Home Board of Trustees.

As we've done in past years, we have a process established in the by-laws that governs the election of unopposed candidates, which we are going to go through right now.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Secretary D'Alessandro.

I request a motion directing the Secretary to cast a single affirmative ballot for Martin Jamie J. Woodard - (631) 345-2386

Thomas for a five year term as a Firemen's Home Trustee to take effect following the adjournment of the 146th Annual Meeting.

MR. BLAIR: Motion by Trustee Dave Blair,
Onondaga County.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Dave.

Do I have a second?

MR. CARON: Mike Caron, FASNY Director and past President of Onondaga County Volunteer Firemen's Association, proudly seconds that motion, Mr. President.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: We have a motion and a second.

On the motion, all in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Motion is passed.

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. President, pursuant to the association's by-laws, I hereby cast one ballot for Martin Thomas.

Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: I request a motion directing the Secretary to cast a single affirmative ballot for Anthony DeMarco for a five
year term as a Firemen's Home Trustee to take

effect following the adjournment of the 146th

Annual Meeting.

MR. MACK: Bruce Mack, past President of

Western, makes the motion.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: We have a motion. Is

there a second?

MR. WOLLEBER: Harold Wolleber, past

President of Western, seconds the motion.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: We have a motion and a

second.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried.

(Appraise.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. President, pursuant
to the association's by-laws, I hereby cast one

ballot for Anthony DeMarco.

Congratulations.

(Appraise.)

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MR. PIENKOWSKI: I request a motion directing the Secretary to cast a single affirmative ballot for Michael J. De Vittorio for a five year term as a Firemen's Home Trustee to take effect following the adjournment of the 146th Annual Meeting.

MR. OTTAVINO: Robert Ottavino, past President of Nassau County, past FASNY Director, is honored to make the motion to cast one ballot for my friend Michael J. De Vittorio.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you. We have a motion. Is there a second?

MR. BATTA: Juan Batta, Second Vice President, Southern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, proudly seconds that motion.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: We have a motion and a second.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried.

(Applause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. President, pursuant
to the association's by-laws, I hereby cast one ballot for Michael J. De Vittorio.

Congratulations, Michael.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: I request a motion directing the Secretary to cast a single affirmative ballot for Gerard Owenburg for a five year term as a Firemen's Home Trustee to take effect following the adjournment of the 146th Annual Meeting.

Do I have a motion?

MR. PERRY: Mr. President, Eugene Perry, past President of Suffolk County, makes the motion.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: We have a motion. Is there a second?

MR. CINCOTTA: Peter Cincotta, past President of Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association, proud Trustee of the Firemen's Home, gladly seconds that motion.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: We have a motion and a second.

On the motion, all in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.
MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried.

(Applause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. President, pursuant to the association's by-laws, I hereby cast one ballot for Gerard Owenburg.

Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: I request a motion directing the Secretary to cast a single affirmative ballot for Michael K. Krummenacker for the position of Director of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York for a five year term effective immediately following the adjournment of the 146th Annual Meeting.

MR. DAROCHA: Jose DaRocha, member of the Nassau County Firemen's Association and Director for FASNY, makes the motion.

MR. ZENLENSKI: Edward T. Zenlenski, member of Nassau, past Board of Directors, seconds it.
MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you.

We have a motion and a second.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried.

(Applause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. President, pursuant to the association's by-laws, I hereby cast one ballot for Michael K. Krummenacker.

Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: I request a motion directing the Secretary to cast a single affirmative ballot for Laurie M. Hance for the position of Director of the Firemen's Association of the State of New Year for a five year term effective immediately following the adjournment of the 146th Annual Meeting. Jim Cayey.

MR. CAHEY: Mr. President, Jim Cayey, past President of Northern New York Firemen's
Association, past Director, proudly nominates or seconds that motion.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Jim.

Wayne?

MR. HANCE: Past President of Northern,

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seconds the motion for her being a director and her husband.

(Laughter.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: There's a motion and a second.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried.

(Apprause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. President, pursuant to the association's by-laws, I hereby cast one ballot for Laurie M. Hance.

Congratulations, Laurie.

(Appaure.)
MR. PIENKOWSKI: I request a motion

directing the Secretary to cast a single

affirmative ballot for Edward Tase, Jr., for the

position of Second Vice President of the

Firemen's Association of the State of New York

for a two year term effective immediately

following the adjournment of the 146th Annual

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MR. PILECKI: Mr. President, Andy Pilecki,
past President of Western New York Firemen's
Association do hereby ask Secretary D'Alessandro
to cast one ballot for Edward Tase, Jr., for the
office of Second Vice President of this great
organization.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Andy.

We have a motion. Is there a second?

MR. MACK: Bruce Mack, past President of
Western, seconds the motion.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Chief.

We have a motion and a second.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.
MR. PIENKOWSKI:  Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI:  So carried.

(Applause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO:  Mr. President, pursuant to the association's by-laws, I hereby cast one ballot for Edward Tase, Jr.

Congratulations, Ed.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI:  I request a motion

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directing the Secretary to cast a single affirmative ballot for John P. Farrell, Jr., for the position of First Vice President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York for a two year term effective immediately following the adjournment of the 146th Annual Meeting.

On the motion.

MS. SCHRADER:  Past Chief, past President of the West Athens Lime Street Fire Company Number One, makes the motion that the Secretary
cast one ballot for John P. Farrell, Jr., a good friend and past President, past Chief, past Commissioner of the West Athens Lime Street Fire Company.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you.

We have a motion. Is there a second?

MS. GASHON: Mr. President, Victoria Gashon, Treasurer and Chaplain of West Athens Lime Street Fire Company, I proudly second that motion.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: We have a motion and a second.

All in favor?

Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried.

(Applause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. President, pursuant to the association's by-laws, I hereby cast one ballot for John P. Farrell, Jr.

Congratulations, John.
MR. PIENKOWSKI: I request a motion directing the Secretary to cast a single affirmative ballot for Steven E. Klein for the position of President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York for a two year term to take effect immediately following the adjournment of the 146th Annual Meeting.

Do I have a motion?

MR. KLEIN: Mr. President, Christopher Klein, Nassau County, grandson, I hereby make a motion that the Secretary cast one affirmative ballot for Steven Klein.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Chris.

Do we have a second?

MR. BETTES: Mr. President, Chief Robert Bettes, Oceanside Fire Department, Nassau County, proudly seconds the nomination of President Steven Klein.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Chief.

(Applause.)
MR. PIENKOWSKI: We have a motion and a second for Steven E. Klein for President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried.

(Applause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. President, pursuant to the association's by-laws, I am proud and honored to cast one ballot on behalf of the membership of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York for Steven E. Klein as our 79th President.

Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Congratulations to all the newly elected officers that's going to lead the Firemen's Association of the State of New York ahead.

At this time we will doing our
installation. I would like to call upon our
attorney, Timothy Hannigan for the installation
of officers.

Will all of the newly elected FASNY
Presidents, Directors, Trustees, please come to
the dais and be seated. You will be asked to
stand during the installation with a family
member or your friend. Once you have been
installed, please remain seated on the dais.

Marty Thomas, Tony DeMarco, Michael De
Vittorio, Gerry Owenburg, Michael Krummenacker,
Laurie Hance, Edward Tase, JP Farrell, Steven E.
Klein.

MR. HANNIGAN: Martin Thomas, you're up
first.

(Whereupon, the Oath of Office was
administered to Martin Thomas by Attorney Timothy
Hannigan).

MR. HANNIGAN: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

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MR. HANNIGAN: Mr. DeMarco.
(Whereupon, the Oath of Office was administered to Anthony DeMarco by Attorney Timothy Hannigan.)

MR. HANNIGAN: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. HANNIGAN: Mr. De Vittorio.

(Whereupon, the Oath of Office was administered to Michael J. De Vittorio by Attorney Timothy Hannigan).

MR. HANNIGAN: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. HANNIGAN: Mr. Owenburg.

(Whereupon, the Oath of Office was administered to Gerard Owenburg by Attorney Timothy Hannigan).

MR. HANNIGAN: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. HANNIGAN: Mr. Krummenacker.

(Whereupon, the Oath of Office was administered to Michael K. Krummenacker by Attorney Timothy Hannigan).

MR. HANNIGAN: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

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MR. HANNIGAN: Laurie Hance.

(Whereupon, the Oath of Office was administered to Laurie Hance by Attorney Timothy Hannigan).

MR. HANNIGAN: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. HANNIGAN: Lockport's own, Edward Tase, Jr. I was baptized in Lockport so.

(Whereupon, the Oath of Office was administered to Edward J. Tase, Jr., by Attorney Timothy Hannigan).

MR. HANNIGAN: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. HANNIGAN: Mr. John Farrell.

(Whereupon, the Oath of Office was administered to John P. Farrell, Jr., by Attorney Timothy Hannigan).

MR. HANNIGAN: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. HANNIGAN: Steven Klein.

(Whereupon, the Oath of Office was administered to Steven E. Klein by Attorney Timothy Hannigan).

MR. HANNIGAN: Congratulations.
MR. PIENKOWSKI: My shoulders feel so much better.

MR. KLEIN: The best kind of president is a past president.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Congratulations to everybody that was installed and will lead FASNY in a motion.

Now some remarks from our elected and installed candidates.

First we will hear from Trustee Martin Thomas.

MR. THOMAS: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. THOMAS: FASNY Presidents, Board of Directors, Trustees, FASNY members, family, friends, guests. Last October, I was honored to be endorsed by Onondaga County Volunteer Firemen's Association for the nomination of trustee of the Firemen's Home. I wish to thank my fellow OCVFA members, past President Mike Caron, the steering committee, and the Chairman Rick Nemeyer for your confidence in me to serve
as a trustee.

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Thanks to my own fire department as well as Central and Northern Central for your support and letters of endorsement, Dave Blair for presenting my nomination speech, and all the members of FASNY for electing me to this position today.

I want to thank my fellow board members for your guidance and friendship, especially a big thanks to outgoing trustee David Blair. You have been truly a great friend and mentor.

I would also like to thank my personal secretary and travelling companion, my wife, April, for her love and encouragement. She's awesome with the details, and she does all the typing about a hundred times faster than I do.

Thank you, dear. I thank my family for their love and support, especially my grandchildren for their enthusiasm. Finally, I would like to thank my parents, Burt and Pat Thomas, for leading by example and installing in me a deep appreciation of the fire service. My dad set a high standard as a trustee, and it is my privilege to follow in
his footsteps.

I stand before you ready to meet the challenges that come with being a trustee, and I

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will do my very best to be a good steward for our Firemen's Home, the best facility in the nation for our retired brothers and sisters of the volunteer fire service in the State of New York.

Again, I thank you the members of FASNY for electing me to the Board of Trustees for the Firemen's Home.

(Appause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you Marty.

Trustee elect, Tony DeMarco.

MR. DEMARCO: I had a long speech, but then I decided to keep it short and sweet like myself.

To outgoing President Pienkowski, incoming President Klein, Vice President Farrell, incoming Vice President Ed Tase, President Schmidt, Trustees, Board members, Chaplain Jagow, officers, members, friends, and guests. I would like to thank past President Bruce Mack from the
Western New York City Firemen's Association for
introducing me and Harold Wolleber for seconding
the nomination. I would like to thank Caledonia
Fire Department, Livingston County Firemen's
Association, Western New York Firemen's
Association for their endorsement and support. A

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special thanks to Dave Wolf for his 10 years as
trustee and all the guidance that he gave me and
pushing me, the envelope open for me and helping
me get this position.

I would like to say a few words. I walked
through the halls of the Home, of the new Home
here a few months ago for the first time in the
new Home. I was wondering to myself, is this a
resort or is this an actual home. A great job
the Board and trustees did building this facility
for our brothers and sisters. I would like to
let them know that I am going to give them all
the help and support that I can give them, and I
would like to give a special thanks to my best
friend, wife of 40 years, for all her support and
endorsements, my wife, Kathy. I love you.
Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Congratulations, Tony.

Board of Trustee elected for his second five year term, Michael Di Vittorio.

MR. DI VITTORIO: Thank you, Mr. President.

And if you'll excuse, with your permission, I would like to digress from my written remarks for

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one second.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: You have the mic. You're in control.

MR. DI VITTORIO: Mr. Hannigan, President Elect Klein, in the words of my last mother who barely stood five foot one at her best day and my younger sister who was barely five foot, she put her on top of a box, be very careful when you pick on Laurie, great things come in small packages.

(Laughter.)

MR. KLEIN: They don't get bad, they get even.
MR. DI VITTORIO: Believe me, they do.

Mr. President, Vice Presidents, President Elect Klein, President Elect Tase, Reverend Clergy, Reverend Jagow, officers of FASNY, Trustees of FASNY, ladies and gentlemen, my fellow members of FASNY, I would like to start my remarks I would like to thank past Trustee Paul O'Brien for the wonderful introduction and for the support he has given me that have made my way to this point. Paul, still trying to figure out which of the meetings are the four meetings of the year that I have to attend. At some point, somebody will tell me which are the four.

I am going to keep my remarks this morning brief, and I would like to thank you, my fellow members, for having the confidence in my ability to reelect me to a second term on the Board of Trustees. I'd also like to thank all of you for trusting me with a small portion of the responsibility for caring for our most valuable asset, our members of the Home, the finest group of guys and gals you'd ever want to meet. And in
the words of Port Chester's most famous son, Ed Sullivan, some of who are here with us today, so thank you guys, all of you.

I look forward to continuing to represent the best interest of our members at the Home and the best of our general membership in the years to come. I would like to thank everyone who signed my nominating petitions, all those members and organizations that sent their endorsements, and the officers and members of the Southern New York, the Hudson Valley, and Western County Volunteer Firemen's Associations, and especially their steering committees for all their support.

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I would also like to send a big thanks to the past President of the Board of Trustees Jim Farrell for all his support as the Westchester County Volunteer Firemen's Association chair, another team member of it's only four meetings a year club.

(Laughter.)

MR. DI VITTORIO: So let's have a great day
today. I'll stop it here. Let's all work together to keep the FASNY Firemen's Home what it's always been, the greatest facility of its kind in the nation, our home away from home.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Chief, I have an answer to that when are the four meetings a year going to come, after your second five year term.

(Laughter.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Firemen's Home Trustee for a second five year term, Gerry Owenburg.

MR. OWENBURG: I would like to thank FASNY and all the members for having this opportunity.

I started this journey unfortunately by losing a close friend, Teddy Rosko. I hope I did the first five years to honor him, and I promise I'll do the second five years the same. I am looking forward to doing this term, taking care of the brothers and sisters at the Home. Five years ago I made the promise to you to keep the Home the best there is. I hoped I lived up to it, the
UNKNOWN AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes, you did.

MR. OWENBURG: Eddie, I thank you, the staff. They're the best. They make the place what it is. Those of you who know me, when I get to the Home I walk the halls. It's an amazing place. Talking to the members and the staff.

It's the best part of the whole thing. The staff is great. Any time you travel upstate always stop at the Home. I urge anyone that travels to stop at the Home, talk to the brothers and sisters. They're amazing people with a great history of the fire service, great history happening around us.

County days, tell everybody. Go to their County days. Go up and talk to these people. All the residents love the visitors, parades, and

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of course, the food the drinks. On your way home -- If you've never been to the Home, what have you been doing? Make this a year to start
visiting the Home. If you're passing the Home on your way home, stop there. The Home is now 125 years old. We ask all in the fire family to keep our brothers and sisters safe.

I would like to thank the trustees, the past trustees and the trustees I will be working for now. I sound like the Luke Gehrig here. They became more than trustees, friends and family, and their families became friends of mine, and I thank you all for that.

I would like to thank past President Robert McConville for introducing me and all the mentoring that you have done. Thank you very much, Bob. Thank you Suffolk County Vollies for putting me on this journey. Unspoken heroes, LAFASNY, they work behind the scenes, and they do so much for the Home, and they ask for no recognition. The things they do are amazing for our brothers and sisters, and they ask for no rewards, but thank you very much for what you do.

And last I thank my wife and family for

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their support. They let me on this journey, and
I thank you all. Thank you very much.

(Appplause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Gerry.

Board of Director Elect Michael Krummenacker.

MR. KRUMMENACKER: Thank you. Just before I read my prepared statement, yesterday was the nomination process, for those of you that weren't here yesterday, and after that was over I was approached be a group of fellow firefighters, members from my department, and I said, oh, they must be coming to congratulate me. So they're coming up to me, Mike, can we ask you a few questions? I said, oh, sure, sure, sure. They said, when did you get appointed to Board? I said, well, I was appointed to a vacancy in December. They said, yeah, yeah, okay. You get there in December, first thing that happens is longtime legal counsel Ed Cook announces his retirement. They hire, not one, but two attorneys to watch over you then, and they said the real kicker was the longtime spiritual leader and Chaplain Reverend Jagow announces his

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retirement. What are you going to do after that?

(Laughter.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: And the President leaves.

MR. KRUMMENACKER: Yeah, and the President leaves too.

Just want to state, to the executive officers, Presidents, Vice Presidents, Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, Reverend Clergy, past officers, Ladies Auxiliary, members, delegates, and guests, I am very proud, honored, and humbled to accept the position of your Director of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. First, my wife, Fran, for all her support and endurance during the course of my excursion through the volunteer fire service. And we're working that same question that comes up time after time over time, how many meetings do you have this week? And I would go through the list. She goes, no, no, I just want to know do I have to feed you, or they are going to feed you?

(Laughter.)

MR. KRUMMENACKER: To the officers, Board of Directors, and members of Nassau County
Firemen's Association, thank you for your nomination, support, and endorsement, help, and guidance in attaining the position of FASNY Director. Your trust is sincerely appreciated.

Thank you also to the other counties, sectionals, and associations for your support. My fire company, Protection Hook and Ladder Company Number One, to the officers and members, I could not say enough. Your help and support exceeds my expectations. To the Hicksville Fire Department District Board of Fire Commissioners, Chiefs', officers, and company members of the department, ladies auxiliary, the Junior firefighters, and the exempt members, your aide assistance has not gone unnoticed, and I extend my sincere thank you for that and what you have done to help and support me.

Throughout my career and involvement in volunteer fire service for over 45 years, I never had the vision that I would one day attain this position and stand here before you as a Director for FASNY. I make this commitment to you that I will work for the benefit of the New York State
Volunteer Fire Service. I will be a diligent

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force working within the structure of FASNY to help advance the causes of the volunteer fire service. Let it be known that there is no other association that does more for the volunteer firefighters in State of New York than FASNY. My commitment is true.

In closing, I thank you all for this opportunity to work for you. Thank you for your support, confidence, and most importantly, your friendship.

Thank you for you this opportunity. God bless, and God bless America.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Mike.

Board of Director elect for her second five year term, Laurie Hance.

MS. HANCE: President Pienkowski, Klein, Farrell, Board of Directors, Trustees of the Firemen's Home, clergy, fellow brothers and sisters, and invited guests. Five years ago I
ventured into a leadership role with FASNY
running for a five year term as Director upon the
retirement of James Cayey. I was fully confident
that this endeavor should not be taken lightly

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and required great commitment. I can earnestly
state that my role as Director of FASNY has been
the most challenging, but also the most rewarding
thing that I have undertaken in the volunteer
fire service. It remains as one of the top life
experiences that have been of major importance to
me and impacted me forever. I have gained true
and strong bonds with fellow directors, officers,
and appointed leaders of this great family known
as FASNY, and I look forward to the opportunity
of continuing this path for my next term of
office.

One does expect that challenges and
differences when in a leadership role.
Differences and a wide range of attitudes always
come in play at times when trying to ensure that
you are doing what you feel is best for the
members.
Leadership in FASNY seemingly has given us the ability to have a variety of opinions, but still be able to maintain one self. The main objective for us is that we are all in these rooms to do whatever is best for this association.

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I extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the leaders that I have served during my term, Presidents Burns, McConville, Pienkowski, all Board of Directors and Trustees. You all have shaped and influenced how I served as Director, and I truly thank you for your support and guidance.

I cannot omit the Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association officers and members, along with Joseph Finnegan, James Cayey, Bill Grant, and many others. It was with your full support that I was able to achieve this accomplishment. I wish to extend sincere appreciation to all of you.

Last of all, I need to say thank to the
main supporters of me, which is my children and
my husband, Wayne. You have been there for me
for all the challenges and never quivered -- I
love you, and thank you with all my heart.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Wayne, you need some
brownie points after this morning.

(Laughter.)

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before you today to proudly accept the office of
Second Vice President of the Firemen's
Association of the State of New York. I accept
this position with great pride and honor to be
elected to serve you. I want to say thank you to
my home base fire department, the Frontier
Volunteer Fire Company, Oneida County Volunteer
Firemen's Association, the Western New York
Volunteer Firemen's Association, for all and all
other sectionals who have supported me through
this journey. I truly appreciate all the support

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throughout the years, this path that led me to
this office I am now being elected to. I will to
the best my ability serve as your Second Vice
President of FASNY.

Also thank you to Brian McQueen for my
introduction to this office. Also, it goes
without saying, that the love and support of
family is what enables us to achieve our highest
goals in life, and that includes the fire
service. It started with my parents who were
very active in the fire service who brought me to many FASNY conventions through the years who were very active as we went through the line.

To my very supportive wife, Linda, 38 years of love and support every step of the way and who also kept me straight and narrow.

(Laughter.)

MR. TASE: Thank you to my wonderful daughters, Amanda and Kristin, to their husbands, and my three wonderful, precious grandchildren. My girls have grown up attending all of these conventions and helped me all tremendously over the years.

To the FASNY family and friends who have

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supported me, continue to support me in everything I do, you must like me.

(Laughter.)

MR. TASE: I want to say thank you to all of you.

In conclusion, as I move forward as your Second Vice President, I cannot stress enough that I will continue to be your voice for all of
you who are part of the FASNY membership. I am here to serve each and every one of you. Please, if you any questions, concerns, or suggestions, don't ever hesitate to contact us.

Thank you. God bless you and God bless American and the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Acceptance speech from First Vice President John P. Farrell, Jr.

MR. FARRELL: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. FARRELL: Reverend Clergy, President Klein, Vice President Tase, Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, delegates, and most of all, the membership of the Firemen's Association of

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friend and mentor, George Stacey, thank you for
the warm introduction on Saturday morning. It
truly means a lot to me. These past two years
under the leadership of President Pienkowski I've
learned so much of the operation of this
organization. I want to congratulate President
Ken on his accomplishments these two years.
Under your leadership the multipurpose facility
was completed, and most of all, a 125th
anniversary celebration at the Firemen's Home was
a resounding success, but most of all, thank you
for your guidance and for your encouragement as
we work together as a team for the betterment of
this great association; and I wish you and your
wife, Barbara, the best in the future.

I want to take this opportunity as well to
say thank you to the sectional associations for
their support and encouragement. A special
thanks to the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's

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Association for their support, and many thanks to
my own company, West Athens Lime Street, Green
County Firemen's Association, Fire Police, and
Fire Chiefs for the many years of support, but of course to a special lady in my life, Marilyn, thank you for your support, encouragement, and most of all being my travelling partner over the years. I can still remember back in 1971 when I first got into the fire service, and I left you at the rescue squad building for several hours, I knew you were the lady. Thank you so much. And today I just want to take a little bit also to say my daughter Michelle is here, came up from Washington D.C., her husband, Brian, and of course, what keeps us all going is our children, Sierra, Kelen, and Shaylyn, and I think they are right there. (Applause.) MR. FARRELL: Over the last two years under President Ken is one thing family comes first, and that's what it's all about, so thank you, Michelle. President Klein, I know your number one goal during your administration is recruitment.
and retention, and I agree that this topic is affecting all the fire districts throughout the state of New York, and I'm looking forward to working with you, the officers, the committees, and membership of this great association as well, along with our united concerns state organizations to find ways to address this issue.

It is extremely necessary that we find initiatives for the fire districts in this time of need.

In closing, I accept the position of First Vice President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, and I pledge to you that I will perform my duties of this office to the best of my ability.

Thank you so much.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Now the acceptance speech from your President, Steven Klein.

(Applause.)

MR. KLEIN: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. KLEIN: A president can only do a job if he has a great team behind him, and I want to
thank you, the members, for electing the team
that is sitting behind me and next to me now,
because I am just -- Well, I will read my speech.
Never mind.

(Laughter.)

MR. KLEIN: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. KLEIN: I would like to start with a
quote -- Don't take this personally. It's a
quote -- "I am not a politician, no professional
man, no lawyer, judge, or anything like the
others have been. I am a common everyday mail
carrier." That quote is from the acceptance
speech of President John Mahaney, who was sworn
in as president of this association at the 1918
convention, and that convention was held in
Lockport. So today, a hundred years later,
you've got a letter carrier standing up here, and
a Vice President from Lockport, and the kid. You
get the kid too. That's a bonus.

(Laughter.)

MR. KLEIN: We've come a long way in a
hundred years. Although in this day and age
being a letter carrier is probably a little more
respected than being a politician or a judge or a
lawyer. Okay. It was tough, but I got it out.

(Laughter.)

MR. KLEIN: All kidding aside, as I take
office as your president, there are many people I
have to thank, and I will start with the officers
and members of the Oceanside Fire Department,
particularly those members from Terrace Hose
Company Number Three and Ocean Fire Hose Company
Number One, the two companies that I have had the
pleasure to serve in during my fire service
career. The Board of Fire Commissioners and the
chiefs have also supported me through the years.
To all the firefighters in Nassau County and the
Southern New York Firemen's Association, many of
whom I have debated on a lot of issues, thank you
for your friendship and support. I have had the
good fortune to serve as a trustee of the
Firemen's Home for a period of 10 years, still
the most rewarding 10 year period of my life.
The people I met and privilege to work with and
for became wonderful friends and teachers. Thank
you to all the trustees for your dedication for the members of the Home. To the past presidents

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I have worked with, thank you for your advice and support. Past President McConville and Virginia and Pienkowski and Barbara, thanks so much for your patience with me and my somewhat crazy schedule for accepting my posse as part of your entourage. Bob and Ken, your outstanding leadership have moved our association to a level never before reached by FASNY. Our relationship with our fire service partners and with state government has never been better.

Finally, my family, some of whom are still here. Thank you for your understanding and support when I miss an event. Yesterday was my daughter's birthday. Thank you.

To my son, Kevin, and grandson, Chris, who did my introduction, thank you for being here.

In closing, it was during President Mahaney's term that the officer of the State Fire Marshal was created and the creation of the fire service museum was first proposed. I would also
like to mention that past President Buckenmeyer and President Burns were both letter carriers and employees of the postal service. Very big shoes to fill indeed. I promise you I will do my best.

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to fill them.

God bless you all, and God bless America.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Members of FASNY, your elected Presidents, Directors, and Trustees for the Firemen's Association of the State of New York for the next two and five years.

Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Please remain seated or stand in place while we prepare for the Annual FASNY Heroes Award Ceremony sponsored by VFIS, where we honor the firefighter of the year and the EMS provider of the year.

Thank you. We will take a couple of minutes to change the hall around and for the
procession to line up.

(Whereupon, there was a brief recess.)

MR. PILECKI: Good morning, everyone. I would like to take a moment to welcome everybody to the 2018 Firefighter and EMS Provider of the Year Awards. President Pienkowski, Vice President Klein, Vice President Farrell, Second Vice President Elect Tase, our FASNY officers, our LAFASNY officers, our Reverend Clergy that are present here, all our delegates, members, and distinguished guests. Welcome, everyone, and a very good morning to all of you once again.

It is truly an honor to stand here before you this morning as the Chairman of the Firefighter of the Year Award Committee and to present the combined awards for the 2018 EMS Provider of the Year and the 2018 Firefighter of the Year. I would like to take a moment and ask our Sergeant-at-Arms in the back to assemble our FASNY officers, our committee members, and our special awardees this morning.

And now I am going to ask the Color Guard
from the Brookhaven Fire Department to lead the
2018 Firefighter of the Year and the 2018 EMS
Provider of the Year into the main hall. This
morning our recipients are being escorted by
President Pienkowski, our Vice Presidents Klein
and Farrell; Joseph Giorgi, our Regional Vice
President from VFIS; and members of our
committees.

Welcome, and let us begin.

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(Whereupon, bag pipes were played and the
recipients entered the convention hall.)

MR. PILECKI: Color Guard, post the colors,
please.

Please be seated. At this time it gives me
great pleasure to turn this portion of the
program over to member of the EMS committee,
Mr. David Van Slyke, for the presentation of the
2018 EMS Provider of the Year award. Dave.

MR. VAN SLYKE: Thank you. Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. VAN SLYKE: President Pienkowski, Vice
President Klein, Vice President Farrell, FASNY Directors, LAFASNY Officers, Reverend Clergy, delegate members, and guests, welcome to the EMS Provider of the Year portion of the heroes program. The EMS committee, consisting of Chairwoman Meryl Montrose of Suffolk County, Michael Quinn from Dutchess County, Scott McRobbie of St. Lawrence County, David Simmons from Delaware County, Royer Pfersick from Monroe County, Wendi Walker of Niagara County; and myself, David Van Slyke, from Onondaga County, and I have to mention our liaison, Second Vice Jamie J. Woodard - (631) 345-2386

President John Farrell, from Green County. Thank you for all your efforts in the last year. The EMS committee accepted nominations until March 15, 2018, then they were graded by the committee for selection. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure and honor to introduce this year's FASNY EMS Providers of the Year, Ian King EMT-CC and Shane Sharkey EMT-B, of the Southampton Volunteer Ambulance Corp.
MR. VAN SLYKE: At this time I will ask Ian
and Shane to remain standing as I read an excerpt
of the nomination provided by Tom Nanos, First
Assistant Chief of the Southampton Volunteer
Ambulance Corp.

"At approximately 0248 hours on June 18,
2017, the Town of Southampton Police dispatch
received a call concerning a motor vehicle
accident in the vicinity of 400 Noyac Road,
Southampton, New York. The Southampton Volunteer
Ambulance Corp (SVA), along with Southampton Town
Police, and the North Sea Fire Department, was
activated. At approximately 0251 hours, the

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Southampton Volunteer Ambulance unit 7-14-80
arrived with King and Sharkey aboard, arrived on
the scene and notified dispatch that the vehicle
was on fire with an occupant trapped within.
Without hesitation or regard for their personal
safety, without personal protective equipment or
a hose line to protect them from the flames, King
and Sharkey descended a small embankment, traversed a dense thicket of vines, and proceeded towards the burning vehicle.

The vehicle appeared to have rolled several times and came to rest on the passenger side of the vehicle. The engine compartment was well involved with fire. An arriving firefighter deployed a small fire extinguisher in an attempt to aid King and Sharkey by pushing the fire away from the passenger compartment. King and Sharkey entered the heavily damaged cab of the vehicle and made contact with the occupant. While inside the cab, King and Sharkey deployed a small fire extinguisher to drive back the flames and facilitate patient extraction, as the fire had gained intensity and advanced to the vehicle's firewall and threatened all within.

Working as a team, King and Sharkey managed to pull the victim from the vehicle and deliver him to a safe location, carrying him through the thicket and up the embankment to the shoulder of the roadway. They immediately began assessment.
and treatment of the patient.

Moving the victim required great physical
effort as the brush was dense and their path
uphill, along with the patient weighing 190 to
200 lbs., was altered and unable to assist in his
own rescue. This was no small task.

Approximately six minutes later, the flames
from the vehicle reached 12 to 25 feet in height
and were extending to the overhanging cedar
trees. King and Sharkey had to retreat with
their patient to the opposite shoulder of the
roadway as the fire gained intensity and
threatened their location. The responding
Southampton Volunteer Ambulance Corp and crew
arrived to assist with treatment and transport of
the patient to the Southampton Hospital. Due to
dense fog conditions, the Suffolk County Police
Department Aviation was unable to respond.

The actions of Southampton Volunteer

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Ambulance Corp EMT-CC King and EMT-B Sharkey
directly resulted in saving the life of the
vehicle occupant at great personal risk, reflecting great credit upon themselves."

I now call upon President Pienkowski to present the Medal of Valor to Ian King and Shane Sharkey.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Congratulations. On behalf of the membership of the Firemen's Association for what you did, it was greatly appreciated by all. You can wear this medal all times, and wear it proudly.

Congratulations.

MR. VAN SLYKE: Thank you.

I now call upon Vice President Klein to present the uniform bar to Ian King and Shane Sharkey, please.

MR. KLEIN: We give you this bar to wear on your uniform. I see it's not your first. I wish you good health, and good luck in the future. Keep doing what you're doing, because you're a testament to us all. Thank you so much.

Chief, congratulations. Keep up the great

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work. Giving credit to the fire service and EMS service. Too often we get a lot of bad publicity, and we like to have good publicity, and we thank you for what you've done.

(Applause.)

MR. VAN SLYKE: I now call upon Vice President Farrell to present a gift from the association to Ian King and Shane Sharkey.

MR. FARRELL: Congratulations to both of you. Job well done. This is from the officers and members of FASNY, just a small gift.

MR. KING: Thank you.

MR. SHARKEY: Thank you.

MR. FARRELL: Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. VAN SLYKE: Ladies and gentlemen, I again present to you the 2018 EMS Providers of the Year for the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

(Applause.)

MR. VAN SLYKE: I now call upon President Pienkowski and Mr. Joseph Giorgi, Jr., Regional Vice President of VFIS, to present the department flag to Chief Shane Sharkey.

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MR. PIENKOWSKI: Display it proudly.

MR. VAN SLYKE: And now for the flag presented by President Pienkowski to Ian King.

(Applause.)

MR. VAN SLYKE: At this time I call upon Ian King and Shane Sharkey to say a few words.

MR. SHARKEY: Just first I just want to thank everybody for being here and thank FASNY for the award. It's an honor. It wasn't really expected, but it's nice to be able to represent everybody working EMS and to be here today.

(Applause.)

MR. KING: I just want to start off thanking everybody. It's a great honor. It actually means a lot putting in the work and time throughout the year just to keep our certifications and stuff like that, but I also want to apologize because Tom Hance wasn't able to make it. It had something come up, and that's why I accepted the department flag.

(Applause.)

MR. VAN SLYKE: Once again, I would like to congratulate our 2018 Providers of the Year on a great job.
MR. VAN SLYKE: At this time I would like to turn the program over to Andrew Pilecki for the Firefighter of the Year presentation. Thank you very much.

MR. PILECKI: Dave, once again, thank you for a great representation, and I would personally like to congratulate both Ian and Shane for an outstanding job as being named the 2018 EMS Providers of the Year.

And now we are going to continue on with the Firefighter of Year presentation. This year's FASNY appointed the following committee members to this committee: Our co-Chairman is Mr. Tom Pasquel from Ossining, New York, located in Westchester County. Our Secretary is Mr. James Darcey of East Merrick, New York; and that's located in Nassau County. Mr. Peter Holmes of Rome, New York, in Oneida County; our Assistant Secretary is Mr. Lawrence Hall, Jr., of West Carthage; and that's located in Jefferson County; William Murray of Bay Shore, New York;
and that's in Suffolk County; Delbe Spath, also in our committee, of Wallkill, New York; and

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that's located in Ulster County. Robert Sutton of Islandia, also located in Suffolk County; and
I'm Andy Pilecki of Pendleton, New York; and
that's located in Niagara County. Also our liaison from the Board of Directors is Mr. Eugene Perry of Patchogue, New York; and once again,
that's in Suffolk County.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce the 2018 Firefighter of the Year,
Firefighter Peter DiPinto, Sr., of the Brookhaven Fire Department. Peter, please stand up.

(Appause.)

MR. PILECKI: You may be seated, but Peter, you're not done. Please stand up.

At this time, I am going to take a moment to read the letter that was submitted from the Brookhaven Fire Department, the Chief of the department, Chief Giuseppe Loiacono.

"It was the night of October 10, 2017 at
Firefighter Peter DiPinto, Sr., of the Brookhaven Fire Department, and his wife, were just settling into bed. Suddenly there was a loud noise that Firefighter DiPinto immediately recognized, the sound of a motor vehicle accident, and that was in the vicinity of Montauk Highway and Arthur Avenue. Peter, living right around the corner, jumped out of bed in his pajamas and t-shirt, threw on his sneakers, and grabbed a flashlight. As he ran to the door, his wife, Laura, said that she was going with him. Both of them jumped in their car and raced around the corner, and the first thing they noticed when they arrived they saw a vehicle by the railroad crossing whose front end was very smashed in. Firefighter DiPinto stopped his car just behind that railroad crossing and told his wife, Laura, to move that vehicle so that they would not block any responding emergency vehicles. Then Firefighter DiPinto ran to that first car, and that driver was just exiting that vehicle, and he asked if she was hurt. That lady kept on saying
that she was hit by another car, and it was her
fault. That lady, that victim, was more
concerned about that other driver. Firefighter
DiPinto said, what other car; and at that,
Firefighter DiPinto’s wife, Laura, said, look,
there was a car down those railroad tracks. She
saw the headlights on that vehicle. Firefighter

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DiPinto turned and saw that vehicle sitting
perpendicular across those tracks with the
driver’s side facing towards Bellport.
Firefighter DiPinto ran down those tracks to the
car, and upon arriving to it, could see with his
flashlight that it had sustained a tremendous,
tremendous amount of damage, and that vehicle was
hit on the driver's side door. He also noticed
that the driver's airbag curtain and the steering
wheel airbag was also deployed. Firefighter
DiPinto banged on that window. Are you okay?
Are you okay? The lady in that vehicle, with a
very low voice, said she didn't know what had
happened, and she kept on saying that she thinks
that she was hit by another vehicle. Firefighter DiPinto said, honey, you were hit by another vehicle, and you're on the railroad tracks, and we have to get out. Suddenly, the sound of the Arthur Avenue railroad crossing bells and gates were activated. He could also remember hearing the sounds of the train horn blaring coming at them. Once again, without any regard for his own safety, he had nothing more than the flashlight in his hands and wearing pajamas, t-shirt, and sneakers, Firefighter DiPinto ran around that vehicle to the passenger side, and the only thing that was going through his mind was he was hoping that that victim was not pinned under that steering wheel. Firefighter DiPinto opened that door, but the sound of the train's horn was blaring in the still of the night. As he opened the front door the first thing Firefighter DiPinto saw, he saw a child's car seat in the back of that SUV. He screamed to that lady, to that victim, is anyone else in that vehicle? The woman was still dazed, and apparently in shock,
and said, what? Firefighter DiPinto, now can see
the train's bright light come speeding towards
that vehicle that he was in. He again screamed
to that lady in that vehicle, is there anyone
else in that car? Then the woman responded, no,
he was at home with her husband. The train was
still coming closer and closer to them.
Firefighter DiPinto reached in and saw that that
victim had undone her safety belt. He screamed
to her, we have to go now, and she tried to move
from her seat, but she was having much
difficulty. Firefighter DiPinto looked up and

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saw the bright light of the train and the horn
blasting. He realized it was now or never. He
grabbed that lady's right wrist, leaned into that
car, grabbed her left arm, and pulled as hard as
he could. They almost fell backwards, but now
she was out of that vehicle and on to the tracks.
That train was almost upon them. Firefighter
DiPinto, holding that victim's arm and almost
dragging her to the signal hut that was nearby
those tracks. He knew he had to get them some
kind of shelter knowing that that train was just
about to collide with that vehicle. Firefighter
DiPinto was afraid of flying debris. They ran
about 10 to 12 steps and then heard a tremendous
noise as that train totally, totally destroyed
that vehicle. The car was a ball of metal on the
south side of the tracks. The smoke was all
around them from that train locking up its brakes
and hitting that vehicle. All of a sudden
Firefighter DiPinto saw his wife. She was
screaming down those tracks. She thought that he
was killed. Then a vehicle from Montauk Highway
had stopped. Firefighter DiPinto yelled to him
to call 911. That passerby had already dialed

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911. He saw what was going on. Firefighter
DiPinto and his wife, Laura, then took the two
victims into their own vehicle just to keep them
safe. Both of those victims were dazed and
possibly going into shock. And then emergency
vehicles and the emergency responders arrived.
The Suffolk County Police then arrived with the
Brookhaven Chief, First Assistant Chief, and
Second Assistant Chief, and also responding was
the MTA Police. According to what the MTA Police
could figure, it was approximately five to seven
seconds after Firefighter DiPinto pulled that
victim out of the vehicle and that train collided
and destroyed that car.

Everybody has to recall that this entire
rescue happened without the aid of any emergency
equipment or other firefighters at that scene.
Firefighter DiPinto believes that this was divine
intervention, and he is so happy that that victim
is still alive and she is able to live with her
family."

For courage, bravery, heroism, above and
beyond the call of duty, it is my honor to
nominate Firefighter Peter DiPinto, Sr., for the

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award of Firefighter of the Year.

Ladies and gentlemen, our awardee,

Firefighter Peter DiPinto, Sr.

(Applause.)
MR. PILECKI: And now you may be seated once again. At this time, I am going to call Mr. Joseph Giorgi, Jr. He is a Regional Vice President of VFIS, and I am going to ask him to present the association flag with President Pienkowski to Firefighter Peter DiPinto. Just as a side note, Mr. Giorgi is no stranger to the fire service. He's been involved in the fire service for 40 years, been responsible for representing VFIS in seven states, and he was also a Commissioner in New Jersey. So once again, President Pienkowski, Mr. Giorgi, please step forward.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. PILECKI: Ladies and gentlemen, and now we have come to highlight of this ceremony, and probably the highlight of this entire convention. Firefighter Peter DiPinto, Sr., are you ready?

MR. DIPINTO: Yes, sir.

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MR. PILECKI: President Pienkowski, I am going to ask you to step forward and place the
prestigious Medal of Valor to Firefighter Peter DiPinto, Sr. Now you have to remember all of you this morning are going to be part of history in the making. It is not every day that all of us can witness the Medal of Valor being bestowed upon an individual. So not only is it an honor for our recipient, but it's an honor for each and every one of you here today to take part in this ceremony. President Pienkowski.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Congratulations. Devine intervention wasn't the word for it. You put your safety and your concerns above and beyond to save the lives of two ladies. Very proud. All your training and everything kicked in. You stopped. You thought. You did what you had to do, and you accomplished it. Congratulations.

MR. DIPINTO: Thank you.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: It gives me great pleasure to present you with the Medal of Valor.

(Applause.)

MR. PILECKI: You may be seated.

President Elect Klein is now going to go

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ahead and present the awards bar to our recipient.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Andy. It never ceases to amaze me that most of the people that are up here on the stage would rather be in a much different environment than to face the cameras and talk into the microphone. We all get uncomfortable. We'd rather be someplace else doing something else. So I can see by the front of your uniform, Pete, that is not the first award that you have won. You have had a pretty good career apparently, but I want you to take this bar and wear it with pride, and hopefully in a prominent spot on your uniform, as a token of our appreciation for what you did. I don't know, I've been in a lot of hazardous places over my career, but five seconds away from being on the front of a Long Island Railroad, probably a good thing it was late that day.

(Laughter.)

MR. KLEIN: Keep up the good work.

(Applause.)

MR. PILECKI: Vice President Farrell, now it's your turn to award a gift from our
association. Vice President Farrell.

MR. FARRELL: Congratulations on a job well done. Listening to the reading, seconds. It's unbelievable.

MR. DIPINTO: Thank you, sir.

MR. FARRELL: And on behalf of the association, I would like to present also a small gift from the officers and members of the Firemen's Association.

MR. DIPINTO: Thank you, sir.

MR. FARRELL: Congratulations again.

(Applause.)

MR. PILECKI: Ladies and gentlemen, once again, Firefighter Peter DiPinto, Sr.

(Applause.)

MR. DIPINTO: President Pienkowski, Vice Presidents Klein and Farrell, Board of Directors, Trustees, honored guests. I would just like to take a few seconds to thank everyone for this prestigious award. I still believe it was divine intervention. I was guided to do the job that I was trained and succeeded. I am so happy that the young lady is alive and has the rest of her life to spend with her family. I also would like
to thank my wife who was with me at that time. She's the one who yelled to me that the car was on the tracks, which as I was busy talking to the other lady. I'd also like to thank both of my sons who I am extremely proud of, my older son, Peter DiPinto, Jr. He was 30 already, and he's 31 again. And my youngest son, Daniel DiPinto, both Chiefs of the Brookhaven Fire Department. I am extremely proud of their service and their commitment to our community. I would like to thank my family for attending. This is an honor, as I said, a very prestigious award. Every day any one of us in this room, any one of us in the state, could be called to do what we do every day. It's our job. We never know when we're going to be called upon to do something, and that's why training is so important, and as been mentioned, my training kicked in and whatever that was, it helped me to succeed in doing that rescue.

So again, I would like to thank FASNY for
the time and the hundreds of hours that they put
in for making this convention such a success, in
addition to the awards' committee for spending

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many hundreds of hours pouring through these
applications for this award. I'm sure all of the
other ladies and gentlemen who were nominated for
this have done such remarkable things also.

So again, I would like to thank everybody
for their time and dedication and their
commitment. The volunteer service is something
special that we don't see much anymore today.
Volunteerism is something that is unique and is
necessary, and I believe everybody should
volunteer to do something in their lives, because
without volunteerism, there wouldn't be many good
things going on.

So thank you again very much for your time,
and I appreciate from FASNY everything that I
have done.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. PILECKI: Please be seated once again.
Ladies and gentlemen, throughout this morning during this presentation you have heard the name of Laura DiPinto, Peter's wife, who was also, besides being married to him, was on that rescue with Peter. A couple of hours ago our committee

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awarded or presented a crochet to Laura DiPinto on behalf of FASNY for your involvement in that rescue and also for lending Peter DiPinto, your husband, to the volunteer fire service. Laura, please stand up.

(Appause.)

MR. PILECKI: And now I am going to ask President Pienkowski and Joseph Giorgi to please step forward and the assistant Chiefs of the Brookhaven Fire Department; Assistant Chief Peter DiPinto, Jr., and Assistant Chief Dan DiPinto. I don't know if you realize the correlation.

(Laughter.)

MR. PILECKI: And I thank you for having them as Assistant Chiefs, this way I did not have to go ahead and figure out how to pronounce last
names. So we were able to use the same names through the whole program.

President Pienkowski, the floor is yours.

(Appplause.)

MR. DIPINTO: Good afternoon. My name is Pete DiPinto, Jr., First Assistant Chief of Brookhaven Fire Department, alongside my brother, Dan DiPinto, Second Assistant Chief of the fire department. As you know now, we're the sons of Pete DiPinto, Sr. On behalf of the entire DiPinto family and the Brookhaven Fire Department, I want to express our appreciation for your recognition of our father, Peter DiPinto, Sr., for his decisive actions, courage, and 34 years of service as a volunteer member of the Brookhaven Fire Department. Growing up in our household, it was very common to see our dad in the fire department uniform, as well as him leaving the house in the middle of the night answering the call of service. So it's not surprising to us to learn that he once again answered the call that night and rescued the
woman trapped in her car on the railroad tracks, 
put himself in danger as he struggled to release 
her while a Long Island Railroad train was 
bearing down on him, staying with the trapped 
woman and thankfully successfully rescuing her 
moments before the train struck. Pete DiPinto, 
Sr., then just went home and completed his 
night's sleep after the call of duty, as only a 
volunteer firefighter would consider routine 
service. His anonymity did not last long

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following the heroic rescue. Our father's life 
of dedication to the fire department inspired my 
brother and myself to follow his footsteps. 
Dad, you've always been a hero, long before 
this publicized event gave you and all the 
volunteer firefighters the grateful recognition 
you deserve. 
I would like to thank FASNY, FASNY's 
nominating committee, for nominating our father, 
Peter DiPinto, Sr., for Firemen of the Year. 
Thank you.
(Applause.)

MR. PILECKI: Ladies and gentlemen, once again, I would like to congratulate our winners on a great job.

I do have to announce that both the EMS and the Firefighter of the Year applications will be submitted to the Eastern Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs' for their consideration in both awarded categories, and that's going to be on that national level.

We are also going to 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. So when you do go ahead and visit the Home, check out the two or the three names from this year will be listed on that board.

In addition, all the other departments and individuals that submitted applications or nominated individuals or teams for this year's award, each and every one of them, or their departments, will receive a certificate of merit.
on behalf of the Firemen's Association of the
State of New York.

And now we're drawing to the close of this
year's ceremony, but I do have to acknowledge and
thank several individuals before we conclude this
morning's program. First of all, the Brookhaven
Fire Department and their Color Guard for sending
their individuals, their Color Guard, and their
members, down to represent their department this
morning.

Also, we had great, great assistance from
the 2018 general convention team that hosted this
convention in this facility this year.

Our bagpiper, who led us in this morning,
Patrick Perry. Thank you once again, Pat.

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Also finally, Joseph Giorgi, Jr., we would
not able to award these individuals this morning
if it were not be for him or his company for
sponsoring this program this year. Joe, thank
you, and you do deserve a round of applause.

(Applause.)
MR. PILECKI: President Pienkowski, finally

I would like to thank you for reappointing our

committee this year. It was a great pleasure to

work with the individuals on the Firefighter of

the Year committee and also all the individuals

on the EMS committee. You guys do one hell of a

job. Thank you.

And if I did miss anybody, I do apologize.

I'll be in the hallway at the end so you can yell

at me.

(Laughter.)

MR. PILECKI: Just a reminder that

submissions for next year's awards, the deadline

is always the 15th of March. So if any incident

does arise, occur in your town, village, or

department, in the calendar year of 2018, please,

please, go on the website, download the form,

submit that individual, or that team, for

consideration for the 2019 heroes award.

At this time I would ask our committee

members to please escort our recipients from our

convention hall.
Ladies and gentlemen, President Pienkowski,

this concludes the 2018 Firefighter of the Year

Awards ceremony.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: What a great ceremony put

on both by the EMS committee and the Firefighter

of the Year committee for three very deserving

individuals.

The Board of Trustees Reorganizational

meeting will be in Ballroom West immediately

following the adjournment of the convention.

The FASNY Board of Directors

Reorganizational meeting will be in Onondaga F &

G immediately following the adjournment of the

convention, and when called to order by President

Klein.

I ask for a motion declaring the 146th

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the State of New York adjourned.

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MR. CARON: Mike Caron makes that motion.
MR. RIVERA: Second by Chan Rivera.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: We look forward to seeing everyone once again right here in Syracuse next August. As always, stay safe.

I have a motion and a second.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Hearing none. Motion carried.

For those of you that are driving, please travel safely.

Thank you for being here.

(Applause.)

(Whereupon, the meeting was concluded.)
CERTIFICATION

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I, JAMIE J. WOODARD, a Court Reporter and Notary Public, for and within the State of New York, do hereby certify:

THAT the above and foregoing contains a true and correct transcription of the proceedings held on August 12, 2018 at the Firemen's Association of the State of New York Annual Convention, Village of Liverpool, New York, and were reported by me.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or by marriage and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of January, 2019.

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JAMIE J. WOODARD