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ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION Friday, May 4, 1945 MALVERNE FIRE HEADQUARTERS* BROADWAY, MALVERNE

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JULY 6th MEETING — POINT LOOKOUT
SEPTEMBER 7th MEETING — ALBERTSON

HONOR ROLL

*Franklin D. Roosevelt
Torrens Ahearn, Massapequa
Newton Applegate, Oceanside
Harold H. Baer, New Hyde Park
Vincent Braun, Hicksville
Howard Cornwell, Mineola
Arthur Craft, Inwood
William T. Cridland, Roosevelt
John Dilg, Jr., Hewlett
Alex Doubkowski, Albertson
Warren DuBois, Bellerose Terrace
Charles Fredericks, Valley Stream
Erwin Hahn, Stewart Manor
Charles Hinchberger, Wantagh
F. Gillen, North Merrick
S. Graffagnino, North Merrick
Carl Jablonski, New Hyde Park
John Kretzer, Floral Park
Herman Lorbeck, Franklin Square
Frederick Maser, Albertson
Michael Masone, Island Park
John P. Mathews, Hempstead
Arthur McEwan, Stewart Manor
James McNaught, Oceanside
Valentine Meixner, Lynbrook
Edwin Murphy, Floral Park Center
Charles Naumann, —
Ellsworth Ogden, Lynbrook
Hugh Quinn, Franklin Square
Charles F. Ridky, Jr., North Bellmore
William Scheihing, Lynbrook
George W. Tooker, Uniondale
John J. Walsh, Bellerose Terrace
Charles H. Ward, Oceanside
Robert Whalen, Malverne

*Died in Service.

WE MOURN

With the Entire Nation

the Loss of Our Great President

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

A foe of all evil, a champion of human rights, a great leader, a volunteer fireman —he will live in our sorrowing hearts as long as memory will serve us.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING of

THE FIRE CHIEFS COUNCIL

held at

WOODMERE FIRE HEADQUARTERS

on

Friday, March 2, 1945.

Council was called to order at 8:40 P. M. by President Taff, immediately thereafter our Chaplain started the evening's affairs with a prayer, after which the Council rendered the pledge of allegiance to the flag, led by Chief Michael Zerucha.

Roll call showed all officers and Directors present with the exception of Directors Ross, Kober, Lister, Horner and Raynor. It appeared that approximately 150 members were in attendance. Our Chairman then called upon Chief Harry Ike for a few words. Chief Ike extended a very

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cordial welcome to the Council and then introduced a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners who reiterated the comments of welcome.

Motion was duly made and carried that the minutes of the January 5th meeting at Williston Park, and the minutes of the Special meeting of February 2nd, be approved as printed in the Signal.

An acknowledgment was read by the secretary from Mrs. Howard E. Pearsall and family with reference to the passing away of our late Comrade, ex-Chief Howard E. Pearsall.

Secretary then read copies of letters forwarded to Messrs. Cole, Foley and Abrams with reference to resolution adopted at our special meeting. Bill of A. L. Marvin for \$3.25 for postage, etc., and bills dated January 30 and February 28 amounting to \$13.92 and \$27.93 were presented by Mr. Snedeker for printing of meeting notices for two meetings, and were duly approved by the body on motion.

Law Committee — Chairman Trigg reported that about 30 bills affecting firemen have been introduced, however only about 5 of them were of any real importance, 3 of these are program bills and have been discussed at previous meetings. No report on proposal to submit change on Section 205 and Workmen's Compensation received up to this date. No reports received of any bills having been passed. Considerable discussion arose with reference to extension of time for funds of Fire District to be invested; the date on this subject is July 1, 1946. Chief Trigg stated that he would try and have a complete report of all bills for our next meeting. Report accepted with thanks.

Reception Committee—Chief Bittorf introduced Chief Fire Fighter Stahl of the Lido Naval Training Base who spoke briefly on Naval Fire Fighting Techniques, Schools, etc., he said he would have to be brief on account of the time necessary for our principal speaker.

Entertainment—Chairman Ennis—No report.

Executive Council of Firemanic Associations—Chief Seaman made a very detailed report of the meeting held on February

23rd. The outstanding matters were the report of the Committee on Openings and Candidates with reference to expiration date of a member of the Executive Committee of the State Firemen's organization, also on the progress made by the Vocational Training Committee.

Topic Committee—Marshal Clough read a most interesting paper on Aircraft Fires, Rescues, etc. It certainly is a timely topic for our County. As usual it will be distributed to the members for their future benefit.

Membership Committee — Chairman Nimmich reported 1 Department and 4 Chiefs delinquent. With reference to the pending matter with the Massapequa Department, Chief Nimmich intends to attend their meeting in April.

Audit Committee—Chief Zier reported they are getting ready for the Annual Report.

Home Committee — Chairman Terrell expects to visit the Home the second Saturday in April.

County Fire Commission—Chairman Terrell spoke on the matter of delinquent Inspector's reports, and asked that the Chiefs take the matter back to their respective Departments.

By-Law Committee—Chief Trigg reported that the Committee's work was almost over and hoped that the new By-Law Book would be ready for the next meeting of the Council.

Standards Committee — Chief Seaman reported that there was a lot of work to be done on this subject and that the Committee was active.

At this point Marshal Clough introduced Lieutenant Walter E. Klotzback of the New York City Police Department Emergency Service Division. Lieutenant Klotzback proceeded to go over his 20 years of rescue work, stating that the Division had a nucleus of men from the Riot Battalion to

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start with; he outlined the work that was done along the 580 miles of waterfront covered by the 26 trucks under his Division. He elaborated on the use of life nets; barricading of people attempting to jump from various heights, etc. The subject was extremely interesting and Rev. Pennell spoke in appreciation of the way the various subjects were presented.

Motion was made and carried that we write to Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine and advise him how much we appreciated the lecture delivered by Lieutenant Klotzback.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Secretary reported none.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made, seconded and carried that the Council forward \$10.00 to the Executive Council of Firemanic Associations as our share of current expenses.

Motion was also carried that the Council give its representatives to the Executive Council a vote of confidence with reference to the opening in the State Executive Committee.

President Taff made the following appointments to the Nominating Committee:

Chairman, Kenneth L. Lewis, of Freeport; William Hilms, of Lynbrook; Howard J. Faber, of Bellerose Terrace; W. Harry Lister, of Rockville Centre; Thomas J. Taylor, of Garden City; William J. Kirk, Jr., of Inwood.

Financial secretary reported \$28.00 collected since last meeting bringing the total up to \$572.00

Treasurer Diem reported balance of \$359.40, with all bills paid.

Good and Welfare: Chief Pleva of Albertson invited the Council to have its May meeting at his Headquarters. Secretary advised that invitation was also received from Franklin Square to meet in May. The matter was left to the two Chiefs to discuss and agree. Chief Terrell

said that Chief Scully will be glad to have the Council meeting in July as heretofore. Motion was made to give the Woodmere Fire Department a rising vote of thanks for the evening's hospitality.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

S. WALTER VAN NOSTRAND,
Secretary.

SPECIAL

All Officers and Chairmen of Committees will please make their Annual Reports. Officers are requested to bring their badges to the meeting.

Please send promptly, names and addresses of your newly-elected chiefs.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

held at

HEMPSTEAD

Friday, April 6, 1945.

Meeting called to order at 8:40 P. M. by President Taff.

Salute to the Colors led by Chief Zerucha, Sergeant-at-Arms, while the Council was at attention our Chaplain, the Rev. Arthur J. Pennell, offered a prayer.

Roll call showed all officers present except Directors Richard Raynor, and Francis Kober, excused.

Secretary read the minutes of the regular meeting of March 2nd at Woodmere for information.

Communication was read from the family of Howard E. Pearsall, with reference to our expression of sympathy.

Bill of January 9th for \$10.00 was read, for floral piece for funeral of our late Comrade Pearsall, and ordered paid, to Lenker Greenhouses.

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Secretary reported that he had ordered and received a four drawer file cabinet with lock for the Council's various papers, etc. The additional amount of \$5.00 that was paid for the cabinet was approved by motion.

Law Committee—Chief Trigg reported that there were 76 fire bills introduced and that he had copies of them all for anyone that was interested. He spoke mostly on the 3 program bills, and said that he would have a detailed report for the annual meeting. He also stated that the volunteer firemen had improved living conditions throughout our State, generally speaking.

Reception Committee—Chief Bittorf—No report.

Entertainment Committee—Chief Ennis—Progress.

Executive Council of Firemanic Associations—Chief Seaman reported that at the meeting of March 30th, the sum of \$10.00 was received from the Chiefs Council for its share of current expenses. He also reported that 3 of the County organizations had given a vote of confidence to its delegates with reference to the Executive Committee opening and that it was voted to hold a Special Meeting immediately after the County Association has met to attempt to endorse someone for the position in question.

Roswell D. Miller was endorsed by the Executive Committee.

Topic Committee—Chief Clough spoke at length with reference to possibilities for future papers, several of which were used at the Memphis Fire Department Instructors Conference. Motion was made and carried that a paper entitled "Selecting a Chief" be reproduced and sent to all Chiefs and also Department Secretaries. At 9:25 P. M. His Honor W. Harry Lister arrived and was appropriately welcomed to the Council. The Council also extended congratulations to the new Mayor.

Membership Committee—Chief Nimmich was excused and sent word that he would have a full report for the Annual Meeting.

Audit Committee — Chief Zier reported likewise.

Speakers Committee — Chief Loonam asked for the reactions as to having a demonstration of communications, etc., at some future meeting.

Home Committee—Chief Terrell said he would be making another trip to the Home shortly and would take up anything to the Home that he was given.

By-Law Committee—Chief Trigg reported that his committee was all ready and waiting for the services of a typist and hoped to have the complete job done shortly.

Standards Committee—Chief Seaman reported progress.

Nominating Committee—Chief Lewis reported for the Committee by stating they had met and presented the following slate:

President, Mario Pollini, of Malverne; 1st Vice-President, Harry Borley, of Hicksville; 2nd Vice-President, Addison Marvin, of Stewart Manor; Secretary, S. Walter Van Nostrand, of Roosevelt; Treasurer, Ellsworth Ogden, of Lynbrook; Financial Secretary, Henry J. Bittorf, of Rockville Centre; Sergeant-at-Arms, Michael Zerucha, of Franklin Square; Chaplain, Rev. Arthur J. Pennell, D. D., of Roosevelt; Directors (3 years): Howard E. Taff, of Bellerose; Francis Kober, of Merrick; Andrew J. Loeffler, of Valley Stream.

Motion made and seconded that the Report be received with thanks and that the recommendations be published in the next issue of the Signal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Secretary reported that all of the material in his possession has been put in the new filing cabinet.

Chief Pollini reported that Malverne would like to have the May meeting of the Council. This was left in the hands of Chief Zerucha to see if Franklin Square could cancel the arrangements that they had made for the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clough reported that Wilbur Seaman, Jr., had discussed with him the possibilities of having 4 evening sessions in September at Hofstra College similar to the one that is held in Memphis each year. Motion made and carried that we recommend the going ahead with the plan.

Secretary reported that he had heard that Chief Harold Hermanssen was ill and sent a get well card to him.

Financial Secretary reported that he had collected \$22.00 since last meeting; the year's total being \$594.00. Report accepted with a vote of thanks.

Treasurer Diem reported balance on hand of \$313.39 with all bills paid. Report accepted.

Good and Welfare: It was reported that Chief Weber of Uniondale had lost his wife through death. The Secretary was instructed to forward a letter of regret, which was done immediately after the meeting.

There being no further business the Council adjourned at 10:25 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

S. WALTER VAN NOSTRAND,
Secretary.

Help your President by getting to the meeting so it can be promptly started at 8:00 o'clock—Curfew, Remember!

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

Howard E. Taff	President
Mario Pollini	1st Vice President
Harry Borley	2nd Vice President
S. Walter VanNostrand	Secretary
Addison Marvin	Financial Secretary
Conrad E. Diem	Treasurer
Michael Zerucha	Sergeant-at-Arms
Rev. A. J. Pennell, D.D.	Chaplain

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1 Year—Peter N. Ross, Francis Kober, A. J. Loeffler.
 2 Years—Harry Lister, Oscar L. Combs, Richard Raynor.
 3 Years—W. Everett Horner, Max A. Campbell, Wilbur R. Seaman.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Law—George B. Trigg, chairman; B. J. Loonam, Oscar L. Combs, Kenneth L. Lewis, Raymond Kinsey.

Reception—Henry J. Bittorf, chairman; John Murphy.

Entertainment—Arthur Ennis, chairman; Philip Eckert, Joseph Weber.

Executive Council—Wilbur R. Seaman, chairman; W. Harry Lister, Bernard J. Loonam, Raymond Abrams.

Topic—George W. Clough, chairman; Addison Marvin, Edwin Donald.

Membership—Charles B. Nimmich, chairman; Edward Pollini, Francis Kober.

Auditing—Calvin V. Zier, chairman; Joseph Manz, Arnold McMonigle.

Speakers—Bernard J. Loonam, chairman; Alfred Scherer, Frederick L. Mattfield.

Home—Oscar L. Terrell, chairman; August Schneider.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Phillip Fisher	1926-27
*Harry Bullock	1927-28
George B. Trigg	1928-29
Edward Degnan	1929-30
Robert Story	1930-31
George Maier	1931-32
Wilbur R. Seaman	1932-34
Ray Abrams	1934-35
B. J. Loonam	1935-36
W. Harry Lister	1936-37
W. Everett Horner	1937-38
*Robert J. Murray	1938-39
George W. Clough	1939-40
Oscar L. Terrell	1940-41
William Kirk, Jr.	1941-42
Peter N. Ross	1942-43
Richard Raynor	1943-44
Alfred Scherer	

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

- Rev. Arthur J. Pennell, D.D.
 *Townsend Ackley William H. Thompson
 *Deceased

MEMBERS

CHIEF

Albertson	Chester Pleva
Baldwin	Harold Hancox
Bellmore	Edward Merritt
Bellerose Terrace	Howard J. Faber
East Meadow	Vincent Moskowski
East Rockaway	Rudolph Schaak
Elmont	Raymond Carroll
Farmingdale	Joseph Posillico
Floral Park	Joseph A. Odermatt
Floral Park Center	Walter Sauer
Franklin Sq.-Munson	Michael Zerucha
Freeport	Joseph J. Manz
Garden City	Thomas Taylor
Garden City Park	Dan Columbo
Great Neck (Alerts)	Edward Reed
Great Neck (Vigilants)	Frank Gilliar
Hempstead	Raymond E. Kinsey
Hewlett	Vincent Provenzano
Hicksville	George Engel
Inwood	Robert J. Moloney
Island Park	Richard Coffey
Jericho	Mainard L. Chittenden
Lakeview	Wilson Porrier
Lawrence-Cedarhurst	Thomas Cullen
Long Beach	George Maier
Lynbrook	William F. Hilms
Malverne	William Scully
Massapequa	Edmund Pollini
Merrick	Joseph Cleary
Mineola	Charles Klaus
New Hyde Park	James Conrad
North Bellmore	Charles F. Ridky, Jr.
North Massapequa	Joseph Maranta
North Merrick	Charles Shefer
Oceanside	Oscar L. Combs
Point Lookout	Joseph J. Scully
Rockville Centre	Henry J. Bittorf
Roosevelt	S. Walter Van Nostrand
Seaford	Harold Van Nostrand
South Floral Park	C. Knudsen
South Hempstead	George Kletty
Stewart Manor	Harry Doerr
Uniondale	Joseph Weber
Valley Stream	Karl Jones
Wantagh	Thomas Benz
West Hempstead	George Clay, Jr.
Williston Park	Lester W. Bernhardt
Woodmere	Harry Ike