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SUNRISE HIGHWAY, FREEPORT, N. Y.

MARCH 1st MEETING — FARMINGDALE
MAY 3rd MEETING — HICKSVILLE

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

‡ Honorably Discharged

*Died in Service.

SEASONS GREETINGS

To wish you and yours all the Joys
of the Holiday Season and a very
Happy NEW YEAR is the wish of your
Officers and Directors.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING of

THE FIRE CHIEFS COUNCIL

held at

FRANKLIN SQUARE-MUNSON
HEADQUARTERS

on

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 1945

Council called to order at 9:00 P. M. by
President Mario Pollini. Sergeant-at-Arms
Chief Micheal Zerucha led the assemblage
in the pledge to the Flag. Following the
pledge our Chaplain Arthur Pennell offered
a prayer for the continuance of the splen-
did work being done by our Council. The
first roll was called. All Officers and
Directors present except Lister, Horn and
Kober, Vice-President Marvin and Finan-
cial-Secretary Bittorf being excused. 125
members were present at the meeting.

Motion made, seconded and carried the
minutes of our regular meeting of Sep-
tember 7th at Albertson be approved as
printed in "The Signal." Minutes of the
Board of Directors meeting held October
5th were read for the information of the
body.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Invoice of Frank Snedeker amounting to
\$23.98 for four page "Signal" was approved
as well as payment of dues to the Fire-
men's Association, State of New York
in the amount of \$6.00.

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OF NASSAU COUNTY, Inc.**

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The following communications were read: From Rockville Centre Fire Department October 11th regarding injection of politics in speech of Chief Swanson of Jamestown at Hofstra Institute; South Shore Volunteer Fire Department Assn Nov. 2nd praising Hofstra Institute; Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Department October 5th, same; East Rockaway Fire Department October 8th, same; Freeport Fire Department October 31st, same.

Deputy Chief Carl Karlson welcomed the meeting to Franklin Square.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law—Chief Trigg outlined details of proposed meeting to be held November 8th at Mineola and suggested that any matters be written to him before that date for presentation and consideration. He also reported at great length on the matter of false alarms as stated in letter of July 15th submitted by the 7th Battalion Chief's Association.

Reception—Chief Smith. No guests to introduce.

Entertainment—Chairman Ennis reported as having checked several places for the proposed dinner of the Council. The dinner ranging between \$1.60 and \$2.25.

Executive Council of Firemanic Association—Chief Seaman spoke on the Victory Parade, Standardization, Vocational Training School and cited two Departments that have recently asked for the standards with reference to uniforms.

Victory Parade—Chief Abrams reported that 2974 firemen were in the Armed Services. Two percent having been lost. Sixty-six Departments participated in the parade. Between 3800 and 40000 men in line, all nine Battalion District Chairmen were present. Expected that a full financial report would be available for the next meeting.

Topic—Chief Clough read a paper titled "Diagramming Fire Hazards" and reported that the paper was prepared by Chief Marvin who could not attend the meeting.

Membership—Chairman Nimmick attended meeting at Massapequa Fire Department. He also introduced Chief Mongrief of the Bellerose Fire Department. Past President Al Schrerer spoke that he was trying to get the Bethpage Fire Department to join the Council.

Home—Chairman Terrell said that he has never seen the home or its grounds in such fine shape.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Secretary reported matter of false alarms of the 7th Battalion District. Motion made, seconded and carried that reply be forwarded as drafted by the Law Committee. Motion made to take the matter up at Hudson Law meeting. Marshal Clough and Chief Oscar Combs spoke on the subject after which the motion was withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS

Reply to letter of Rockville Centre Department read and order filed. Chief McGinn spoke of getting more data on fire reports as it would help the Department of Assessors.

Secretary read a detailed report of the Hofstra Institute, same was ordered filed.

Chief Yongen spoke about membership in the New York State Chiefs Association. He said he thought it would be helpful in getting Legislation passed if our membership was larger. Chief Scherer spoke of the possibility of getting back to the old system of giving some funds to the Department that acts as our host for meetings. Marshal Clough outlined the details given by Commander Burke at the Westchester Chiefs Emergency Plan meeting. The high spots were that Commander Burke highly recommends the fixed impinging jet nozzle type of fog, using a three position nozzle. Also spoke on subject of fog foam for gasoline fires, oxygen generating type of mask.

Discussion followed on suggestion of Chairman Ennis on a Dinner, Entertainment, etc. It sounded to the Secretary that the Council wanted "A social evening with the Ladies." Motion was made to leave it in the hands of the Entertainment Committee.

Financial Secretary reported having received \$4.00 since last meeting.

Treasurer Ogden reported balance in bank September 1st \$572.08 and balance November 1st \$917.13.

Motion made to send Chairman of Law Committee to Hudson meeting and reimburse him for his expenses not exceeding \$25.00.

It was reported that Chief Bob Maloney was home from the hospital.

Chief Loonan introduced Mr. Wm. Frech, Secretary of the County Civil Service Commission, who gave a most interesting talk on rights and other matters important to volunteer firemen in various branches of Civil Service.

Motion made to invite Dr. Unger to the January meeting.

A vote of thanks was given to the Franklin Square-Munson Fire Department for the evenings hospitality. Deputy Chief

Peter Zarada responded by inviting all members to partake of refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
S. WALTER VAN NOSTRAND,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Held at
HEMPSTEAD
Friday, December 7, 1945

Meeting called to order at 8:55 P. M. by President Mario A. Pollini. President Pollini brought to the attention of all that four years ago our flag took a terrible shellacking at Pearl Harbor, but now the tide has been completely turned and Old Glory looks better than ever, brighter than ever. With these few remarks the assemblage was brought to their feet in the pledge of allegiance to our Flag led by Sergeant-at-Arms Chief Zerucha. Minutes of the regular meeting of November 2nd at Franklin Square-Munson were read for information of the group. Minutes were then read of the Board of Directors meeting of October 5th and a motion put and carried, approved as printed in the Signal.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

Postal card was read from Chief LeRoy Smith, card coming from Las Vega, Nev. and mentioned something about his having a horse. Mentioned nothing about his feelings. Christmas card was read from S/Sgt. Edwin J. Murphy, from Karlsruhe, Germany. Card of sympathy acknowledgement from the Seaman family. Excuse read from Geo. W. Clough. Motion made to file communications. Bill of November 27th from Duryeas Flower Shop for flowers for Mrs. Seaman amounting to \$7.50 was ordered paid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Entertainment—Chief Ennis reported that he had made further inquiries on future plans. Motion made to go ahead with the Victory Dinner, sometime in March if possible, individuals to pay \$1.25 per head. Ex-servicemen members and wife or lady friend to be admitted gratis, balance to be paid by the Chiefs Council, and details to be left in the hands of the Committee. Motion carried.

Executive Council of Firemanic Association—Chief Trigg reported on the meeting of November 30th, the outstanding matter being the bill of \$50.00 that is due from the Union Stop Fire Extinguisher Co. He also mentioned that there was over \$200.00 in the Church Memorial Fund and that a report in detail would be rendered by the Rev. A. J. Pennell. He also mentioned that a new Committee had been appointed and known as the Emergency

Power and Alarm Committee, with Chief S. Wallter Van Nostrand as Chairman, B. J. Loonan as Vice-Chairman, Peter E. Lynch and Geo. B. Trigg as members of the Committee.

Topic—Chief Marvin no report.

Speakers—Chief Loonan mentioned that he could arrange to have a moving picture of Telephone Company war activities if thought interesting, picture to take about one hour or run all. Matter left to Committee to arrange.

Membership—Chairman Nimmich reported that he had contacted the Chief of Bellerose Fire Department. He is reasonably certain that he will come in and bring a group of Ex Chiefs with him.

Audit—No report.

Home—Chief Terrell, no report. The first time he had missed one of the Hudson meetings. President Pollini reported that he had about 300 books he would like to have taken off his hands.

Reception—No report.

Law—Chief and Chairman Trigg outlined briefly the items of importance and stated that a full and complete report would be rendered at the January meeting so all members could hear same.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Secretary reported an Educational Fund Committee was to be appointed.

NEW BUSINESS

Under this heading President Pollini appointed Marshal Geo. W. Clough as Chairman, Addison Marvin as Vice-Chairman, with Messrs Trigg, Lister and Pollini as the Educational Fund Committee of the Council.

A discussion followed on the case of a Lynbrook fireman whose drivers license was suspended due to an accident with the Departments Emergency truck. This matter is to be followed up and reported to the Council at a later date. Motion

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carried to send a check of \$10.00 to Jos. Martin of Hempstead Fire Department for the services rendered to the Board of Directors for the past years use of the meeting room. Motion passed to forward a resolution of sympathy to Past President Wilbur Seaman on account of the death of Mrs. Seaman. Mayor W. Harry Lister reported as a member of the Special Committee appointed by President Foley of the State Association to look into the State Volunteer Firemen's Training Program. Financial Secretary reported \$22.00 collected since last meeting with \$120.00 still out.

Treasurers Report—Balance as of November 1st, \$917.13, as of December 1st, \$887.15, motion made, seconded and carried that both reports be accepted.

GOOD AND WELFARE

President Pollini wished the Board of

Directors and the membership of the entire Council a very happy, merry Christmas since it is our first peace time Christmas in quite some time; he also hoped that the coming year would bring health and happiness to all. Secretary reported that he had checked the addressograph plate mailing list with the records of the Financial Secretary and found that there were about 70 people receiving monthly issues of the Signal that were not entitled to same and that he had removed these names from the mailing list. President Pollini complimented Secretary Van Nostrand on doing an excellent job in that respect.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:20 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

S. WALTER VAN NOSTRAND,
Secretary.

Fire Chiefs Council of Nassau County, Inc. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Adopted, August, 1934

Amended, September, 1936; January, 1939; March, 1940; May, 1941 and January, 1945

ARTICLE 1. Name. This organization shall be known as "Fire Chiefs Council of Nassau County, Inc."

ARTICLE 2. Object. The object of the organization shall be to promote the science of fire prevention and fire fighting and the saving of life and property in connection therewith, by cooperation between the Fire Departments in Nassau County, Long Island, New York State, and such other similar work as may be deemed advisable by the Council.

ARTICLE 3. Membership. The membership shall be of two classes. First, any duly organized Fire Department in Nassau County, New York, represented by the Chief and Deputy Chiefs, and, second: Ex-Chiefs from any department in the first class, including any Ex-Chief who has previously represented his department in this Council, who may upon payment of his individual dues, continue his membership, or any Ex-Chief having completed his term of office as Chief in any department in the first class; Chief of each department in the first class, may nominate one (1) Ex-Chief of any department, each year.

ARTICLE 4. Officers. Section 1. The officers shall be: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

Sec. 2. A Board of Directors consisting of nine members to be elected, three each year, for a term of three years each.

Sec. 3. The President may appoint a Chaplain, who need not be a member of the Council.

Sec. 4. The President may appoint the members of the standing committees.

ARTICLE 5. Election of Officers. Section 1. Election shall be by ballot at the annual meeting each year in May. Only members of the first class shall be entitled to vote for the election of officers, except any Ex-Chief may act as proxy for the Chief or a Deputy Chief. Each department shall be restricted to three votes.

Sec. 2. Proxy. The first line officer present at any meeting may appoint any Ex-Chief of his Department to act as proxy for his Department; or a written proxy by the Chief on the Department letterhead shall be accepted.

ARTICLE 6. Meetings. Section 1. The regular business meetings of the Council shall be held on the first Friday of the months of May, July, September, November, January and March. The annual meeting shall be held in May.

Sec. 2. The meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held each month, or at the call of the President, and the President shall call a meeting upon the written request of three members of the Board. A special meeting of the Council may be called by the President as he may desire and must be called by the President or Vice-President upon written request of five active Chiefs, representing the membership of the first class.

Sec. 2(a). Any members of the Board of Directors, being absent from three (3) successive meetings of the Board, if not excused, for good and sufficient reason, shall automatically be dropped from the Board, and his successor shall be elected at the next regular meeting of the Association for the balance of any unexpired term.

ARTICLE 7. Amendments. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, provided however, the proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and read for consideration, and if a majority of the members present at the meeting, when the amendment is proposed shall vote in favor of submitting it for adoption, then the secretary must send a notice of the proposal to all members at least ten (10) days, but not more than twenty (20) days, prior to the date of the meeting at which it will be voted upon.

BY - LAWS

ARTICLE 1. Duties of Officers. Section 1. The President or senior officer present, shall preside at all meetings, appoint committees and call special meetings, and shall see that all laws and regulations are strictly enforced. The President shall be ex-officio a member of all committees.

Sec. 2. The Vice-President shall act in the absence or inability of the President.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the minutes and members present; attend to necessary correspondence and send out notice of all meetings when instructed by the President and be at all times prepared to turn over to the Council, all records in proper form.

Sec. 3(a). The Financial Secretary shall receive all funds and pay over to the treasurer all monies so received.

He shall also keep a record of the names and addresses of all members.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Council and shall receive all monies paid to the Financial Secretary and give a receipt for the same. The Treasurer shall also pay all bills out of the funds of the Council when approved and shall keep accurate records of all monies received and expended.

Sec. 5. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to consider any questions affecting the welfare of the Council and to make recommendations as they think best, to the Council. In cases of emergencies, they shall have power to act for the welfare of the Council. Such actions shall be binding on the Council.

Sec. 6. Any officer, including members of the Board of Directors shall forfeit his

office if he neglects to attend three consecutive meetings without proper excuse and his office shall be filled by vote of the Council at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE 2. Dues and Assessments. Section 1. The dues shall be Two Dollars (\$2.00) a year for each Chief or Deputy Chief in each department. Any Ex-Chief may continue his membership upon paying annual dues of Two Dollars (\$2.00). Any member more than one year in arrears shall be dropped from membership.

Sec. 2. Any Ex-Chief, having previously been a member in the second class, and having been dropped for non-payment of dues, may apply for reinstatement by making application and paying one year's arrears in dues.

Sec. 3. Such reinstatement shall only be made once, and thereafter the payment of all arrears for dues will make a former member eligible for reinstatement. Such reinstatement shall be retroactive to the date the member was dropped and he shall, immediately upon reinstatement, pay the current year's dues.

ARTICLE 3. Place of Meetings. Meetings shall be held by invitation at the headquarters, or other designated place, of the several departments represented in the Council.

ARTICLE 4. Quorum. The Chief or deputies, as delegates, from not less than ten departments shall constitute a quorum, for the transaction of business, if two Council officers be present.

All members shall be entitled to vote except for the election of officers, (or on a roll call vote) when each department shall be restricted to but three votes.

ARTICLE 5. Amendments. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, or at a meeting called for the purpose only after previous written notice shall have been given to all members.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following shall be the Order of Business for all Regular and Special meetings:

1. Call to order.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Pledge of allegiance.
4. Welcome from host Chief.
5. Reading of minutes.
6. Roll call.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Reports of officers.
9. Unfinished business.
10. New business.
11. Adjournment.

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

Mario Pollini	President
Harry Borley	1st Vice President
Addison L. Marvin	2nd Vice President
S. Walter VanNostrand	Secretary
Henry J. Bittorf	Financial Secretary
Ellsworth B. Ogden	Treasurer
Michael Zerucha	Sergeant-at-Arms
Rev. A. J. Pennell, D.D.	Chaplain

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1 Year—W. Harry Lister, Oscar L. Combs
Kenneth Lewis
2 Years—W. Everett Horner, Max A. Campbell, Wilbur R. Seaman.
3 Years—Howard E. Taff, Francis Kober, Andrew J. Loeffler.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Law**—George B. Trigg, chairman; B. J. Loonam, Raymond E. Kinsey, Edward Smith, Lewis Vogeney, Geo. Maier.
Reception—LeRoy Smith, chairman; Peter J. Mueller.
Entertainment—Arthur Ennis, chairman; Philip Eckert.
Executive Council—Wilbur R. Seaman, chairman; S. Walter Van Nostrand, W. Harry Lister, Howard E. Taff.
Topic—George W. Clough, chairman; Addison L. Marvin.
Membership—Charles B. Nimmich, chairman; Walter H. Sauer, William H. Bickel, Harry Ike, Edmund Pollini, George J. Engel.
Auditing—Calvin V. Zier, chairman; Joseph Manz, Arnold McMonigle.
Speakers—Bernard J. Loonam, chairman; Thomas J. Taylor, Alfred C. Scherer.
Home—Oscar L. Terrell, chairman; Robert Loudon, August H. 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
George W. Clough	1938-39
Oscar L. Terrell	1939-40
William Kirk, Jr.	1940-41
Peter N. Ross	1941-42
Richard Raynor	1942-43
Alfred Scherer	1943-44
Howard E. Taff	1944-45

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

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

MEMBERS

CHIEF

Albertson	John Gachwind
Baldwin	Albert H. Busch
Bellmore	Peter J. Muller
Bellerose Terrace	Howard J. Faber
East Meadow	Vincent Moskowsky
East Rockaway	Rudolph F. Schaak
Elmont	Alfred Morsch
Farmingdale	Charles Lindros
Floral Park	Albert C. Heuer
Floral Park Center	Dan Hugel
Franklin-Sq-Munson	Ernest Rudloff, Jr.
Freeport	Arnold Yongen
Garden City	Walter Barnes
Garden City Park	Dan Columbo
Hempstead	Charles Stevens
Hewlett	Everett Coburn
Hicksville	John Leckie
Inwood	Robert J. Moloney
Island Park	Otto Albanese
Jericho	Mainard L. Chittenden
Lakeview	Wilson Porrier
Lawrence-Cedarhurst	Gordon Cummings
Long Beach	George Maier
Lynbrook	Frank Woods
Malverne	William J. Scully
Manhasset-Lakeville	Chester Chicosky
Massapequa	Frank Evento
Merrick	Louis Vogeney
Mineola	Charles Klaus
New Hyde Park	Stanley Moculeski
North Bellmore	William Lange
North Massapequa	Joseph Maranta
North Merrick	Thomas Cummiskey
Oceanside	Russell David
Point Lookout	Joseph J. Scully
Rockville Centre	Frank A. Rauch
Roosevelt	S. Walter Van Nostrand
Seaford	Harold A. Van Nostrand
South Floral Park	C. Knudsen
South Hempstead	Thomas Sico
Stewart Manor	Harry Doerr
Uniondale	Joseph Mollo
Valley Stream	W. Ton. Ward
Wantagh	Thomas Lenz
West Hempstead	George H. Clay, Jr.
Williston Park	Lester W. Bernhardt
Woodmere	Harry Ike