

ORDER OF BUSINESS  
MINUTES OF SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1991

The Seventy-second Annual Convention of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association was called to order at 12:15 p.m. at Dover Downs, Dover, DE on Thursday, October 1, 1992 by President George A. Diamond. Reverend David Paul delivered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by Past President, Roland Neeman (Felton).

President Diamond welcomed President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Frances Deneumoustier, who introduced the officers and submitted her report for the year.

Convention Chairman/Past President Frank King (Hartly) welcomed everyone to Kent County, offered his assistance during the Convention, thanked the staff of Dover Downs for their cooperation and a special thanks to all the Chairpersons of the Convention for all their hard work in making the Convention a successful one. He announced that there were over 50 exhibitors this year, which is a record number.

President Diamond made the following Convention Committee appointments:

CREDENTIALS:

Robert Romig (Five Points)  
Jack Northam (Laurel)  
James L. Cabbage, Jr. (Clayton)

SARGEANT-AT-ARMS

James L. Cabbage, Jr. (Clayton)  
John E. Bare, Sr. (Frankford)  
Robert Sweetman (Aetna)

FLOWERS/TELEGRAMS

William Walton, Sr. (~~Cranston Heights~~ <sup>ELSMERE</sup>)  
Lynn Rogers (Milton)  
Walter Lamon (Clayton)  
Edwin Barlow (Holloway Terrace)

VISITATION DELEGATION TO  
LADIES AUXILIARY

Morris King (Hartly)  
Arthur Guessford (Odessa)  
J. Allen Metheny (Hartly)

1st Vice President Elmer Steele (Laurel) and 2nd Vice President Harry E. Warner (Talleville) thanked Frank King, the Executive Committee and the seven companies for organizing and sponsoring Convention '92. They also extended congratulations for an outstanding Past Presidents dinner.

Robert Romig (Director) moved, John Mitchell (Elsmere) seconded to dispense

with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as in printed form. Motion carried.

Steve Austin (Aetna) presented the following interim report of visiting delegations: Earl Moser, Past President, Pennsylvania State Firemens Association; Jack Finley, President, Virginia State Firemens Association; Robert Cosgrove, Past President, Nassau County Firemens Association, NY; Ken Abramson, President, New Jersey Fire Chiefs Association; and William H. Crystal, Fire Marshal, Delaware County, PA Firemens Association.

#### READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Jon B. Cottrell (Townsend) Assistant Secretary, read the following correspondence:

1. Memo from Frank King, Chairman, D.V.F.A. Pension Advisory Committee, to Secretary William R. Carrow informing the Association that the Advisory Committee unanimously passed a motion recommending to the Association that due to its cost prohibitive nature, that the monthly pension benefit not be increased at this time.
2. Letter from Herbert L. Semans, Sr., Secretary, Magnolia Volunteer Fire Co. to Secretary William R. Carrow informing the Association that their company, at its regular meeting on September 8, 1992, voted to have their delegates cast a "no" vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws and a letter sent to the DVFA explaining why.
3. Letter from Sophie Dear, Secretary, Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association supporting J. Allen Metheny for the office of 2nd Vice President.
4. Letter from Thomas J. Mitten, Secretary, New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association supporting the candidacy of DVFA Director Stephen P. Austin for re-election in 1992.

5. Letter from Daniel R. Kiley, President, Talleyville Fire Co., placing the name of Harry E. Warner, Jr. in nomination for the office of 1st Vice President of the DVFA.
6. Letters from W. Jack Northam, Treasurer, Laurel Fire Dept. and President, Sussex County Firemen's Association, placing the name of Elmer Steele in nomination for the office of President of the DVFA; and a letter from Alice M. Bruce, Assistant Secretary, Sussex County Firemen's Association supporting Elmer Steele for same.
7. A thank you note from Reverend James Doughten for a beautiful dish garden from the DVFA.

Robert Romig (Director) moved, Raymond Krett (Goodwill) seconded that the correspondence be received and brought up under the proper order of business. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

James L. Cabbage, Jr. (Clayton) presented the following interim report:

New Castle County - 21  
Kent County - 18  
Sussex County - 20

David Foraker (Mill Creek) moved, William Lowe (Lewes) seconded that the Interim Report be a temporary report and remain open until Saturday morning to allow others to register. Motion carried.

James L. Cabbage, Jr. (Clayton) moved, William H. Stevenson, Sr. (Lewes) seconded that the Credentials Report be used as the roll call for all Officers, Directors, Past Presidents, Delegates, Alternates and Trustee of Mutual Relief. Motion carried.

#### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Secretary, William R. Carrow (Clayton) read the following for the Association's action:

"PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT TO DVFA CONSTITUTION ARTICLE III, SECTION 2:

Each member Volunteer Company or Department shall pay to the Treasurer on/or before the first day of June of each year, the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200) as annual dues, Five Hundred (\$500.00) of which to be forwarded to the Host Company Association to cover expenses of the Annual Convention. Associate members may belong to the Association but are not required to pay annual dues."

"PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT TO DVFA BY-LAWS SECTION 13, SUB-SECTION 3:

Change the wording enclosed in parenthesis to read: (Annual Dues \$1,200; \$700 - Administrative; \$500 - Convention)."

Harold B. Barber (Bethany Beach) moved, Raymond Krett (Goodwill) seconded that changes to the Constitution and By-Laws, as read, be adopted. Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

George A. Diamond  
1991-92

(Insert)

**REPORT OF 1st VICE PRESIDENT**

Elmer Steele  
1991-92

(Insert)

**REPORT OF 2nd VICE PRESIDENT**

Harry E. Warner  
1991-92

(Insert)

**REPORT OF SECRETARY**

WILLIAM R. CARROW  
1991-92

(Insert)

**REPORT OF TREASURER**

J. Allen Metheny  
1991-92

(Insert)

Robert Romig (Director) moved, Richard Ennis (Citizens Hose) seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

~~RESISTANCE SECRETARY~~

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

William C. Kelly (Claymont), Chairman, reported that a new proposal had been formulated. He recommended that it be sent to each President and each Fire Chief in the State and that a special meeting be held in the near future to discuss this proposal.

**FINANCE AND AUDITING**

George Pyott (Cheswold), Chairman, reported that the books have been audited by a C.P.A. and found to be in order. It was necessary to transfer over \$10,000 from the Savings Account into the Checking Account. Even with the increase in dues, this will not match any increase in spending. He advised everyone to watch their spending!  
(see ATTACHMENT "A")

**PERMANENT MEMORIAL**

Charles O. Smith (Felton), Chairman, reported that wreathes had been placed

at the monument. He also wished to thank the City of Dover for placing mums around the monument.

#### PAST PRESIDENTS

Past President Robert Sweetman (Aetna), Chairman, reported they are working on a couple of programs, one of which is the reimbursement of officers.

#### ARCHIVES

Robert Romig (Five Points), Chairman, thanked the Convention Committee for the ribbons for the Hall of Fame members. (see ATTACHMENT "B")

#### RESOLUTIONS

Raymond Krett (Goodwill) reported that Resolutions have been prepared and/or are in the process of being prepared for submission at the luncheon and again on Saturday.

#### NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Nomination of President: Jack Northam (Laurel) placed the name of Eimer Steele in nomination for President for the ensuing year, seconded by Jeff Hill (Laurel).

Nomination of 1st Vice President: Daniel Kiley (Talleyville) placed the name of Harry E. Warner in nomination for 1st Vice President for the ensuing year, seconded by Joseph Vattilana (Talleyville).

Nomination of 2nd Vice President: Robert Quillen (Hartly) placed the name of J. Allen Metheny in nomination for 2nd Vice President for the ensuing year, seconded by Donald Knight (Magnolia).

Nomination of Secretary: James L. Cubbage, Jr. (Clayton) placed the name of William R. Carrow in nomination for Secretary for the ensuing year, seconded by Kenneth Virdin (Clayton).

Nomination of Treasurer: Edwin M. Anderson, III (Claymont) placed the name of Charles Emerson in nomination for Treasurer for the ensuing year, seconded by Robert Romig (Five Points).

Nomination of Director (New Castle County): Robert Sweetman (Aetna) placed the name of Stephen Austin in nomination for Director, New Castle County, for a period of three years, seconded by Robert Romig (Five Points).

Joseph Vattilana (Talleville) moved, Robert Romig (Five Points) seconded that nominations for the officers be closed. Motion carried.

*RECOGNITION* [REDACTED] OF ASSOCIATIONS

**NATIONAL FIRE COUNCIL**

J. Allen Metheny

[REDACTED]

**STATE FIRE POLICE**

Harry Leslie

[REDACTED]

**STATE AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION**

Cathy Morris

[REDACTED]

**STATE FIRE CHIEFS**

Raymond Blanchette

[REDACTED]

**STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION**

C. Bryan Bennett

[REDACTED]

**STATE FIRE SCHOOL**

Louis J. Amabili

[REDACTED]

**STATE FIRE MARSHALL**

Daniel Kiley

[REDACTED]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Stephen Austin (Aetna) reported on the possibility of obtaining group life insurance. He has received two bids. Officers met and decided that due to the administrative problems associated with the record keeping, it is recommended that the DVFA not administer a life insurance plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Strecker (Elsmere) recommended that seminars be held on the Pension Program. He also mentioned that there is a need to develop some basic training for young members.

George Pyott (Cheswold), Edwin Anglin (Little Creek) seconded that the proposed budget, as presented by the Auditing and Finance Committee, for Fiscal Year 1993, be formally adopted and approved. Motion carried.

Past President Richard Ennis (Citizens Hose) expressed sincere thanks for all the work that was undertaken in order to present the new license plates to the Past Presidents at the Annual Dinner on September 30. He then made a motion, seconded by William Lowe (Lewes) that a letter of thanks be sent to Michael Shahan, Director of the Division Motor Vehicles, for their efforts in preparing these license plates. Motion carried.

William C. Kelly (Claymont) moved, Joseph Vattilana (Talleyville) seconded that the new proposal adopted by the Health and Safety Committee be sent to each President and each Fire Chief in the State and that a special meeting be held in the near future to discuss this proposal. Motion carried.

J. Allen Metheny (Hartly) moved, John L. Mitchell, Sr. (Elsmere) seconded that the Association go on record opposing the TIA (Temporary Interim Amendment) on NFPA 1500 relative to staffing. Motion carried.

Harry Warner (Talleyville) reported that Past President Richard Mitchell (Rehoboth Beach) suffered a heart attack on Wednesday, September 30, 1992. He

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will give an update of his progress as soon as possible. He reported that Mr. Mitchell's license plate was hand-delivered and this seemed to brighten his spirits.

There being no further business, Joseph Vattilana (Talleville) moved, Robert Romig (Five Points) seconded to recess the Convention until Saturday morning. Motion carried. Reverend David Paul delivered the Benediction.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1992**

Following the Memorial Service at the Dover Middle School Auditorium, cocktails and lunch were served at Dover Downs for officers, delegates, alternates and guests. Master of Ceremonies was John L. Smith, Senior Instructor (Retired), Delaware State Fire School. The Star Spangled Banner was sung by Amy Franklin; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, George A. Diamond and the Invocation was delivered by Rev. David G. Paul, Chaplain. Convention Chairman, Frank King extended greetings and publicly thanked the Convention Chairpersons and their staffs and the staff of Dover Downs for all their help and hard work in making this a successful convention.

John Smith then introduced Dover Mayor, Aaron Knopf, who praised the volunteer firefighters for giving an inordinate amount of time to fighting fires and saving lives. He thanked Senator John Still for his assistance when he first became Mayor and stated that it was a privilege and honor to have the firemen in Dover. Governor Michael N. Castle was then introduced and stressed that he was a big supporter of fire prevention in Delaware and a big supporter of the work of the fire service. He cannot thank the firemen enough; Delaware is very fortunate to have individuals who are willing to volunteer their time to serving others. It is this spirit of volunteerism that makes Delaware strong. He also thanked the legislators for their assistance in passing legislation for the fire service and

thanked the firemen for protecting the citizens of the State of Delaware. He then appointed President George Diamond to the State Fire Prevention Commission and thanked him for his extraordinary work with the fire service.

C. Bryan Bennett, Chairman, Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission, presented outgoing Commission member and Past President Edwin Barlow with a plaque for his outstanding work on the Commission. He then presented Ira Huffman, President, Kent County Firemens Association, with a plaque for his courage and perseverance in performing his duties while experiencing severe health problems. Ira received a standing ovation.

Raymond Krett (Goodwill) asked Richard and Bruce Ennis and Bruce's family to come forward as he read a Resolution honoring Bruce for his 34 years of outstanding and dedicated service by appointing him President Emeritus. Brother and Past President Richard Ennis bestowed this honor to him and President George Diamond pinned the President Emeritus pin on him.

The following guests were then introduced: Officers and Directors of the DVFA; the following Past Presidents, with special tribute being given to E. Reynolds Bradley, William T. Lowe, Morris W. King, M. Frank King, Robert G. Sweetman, Paul Neeman, Roland Neeman, William J. Himes, Jr., Raymond J. McCall, Jr., Clarence A. Schwatka, Edwin S. Barlow, A.I. Guessford, Thomas V. Baker, Sr., John E. Bare, Sr., John V. Ryan, Jr., William J. Paskey, Jr., Arthur L. Jones, Ralph T. Hynson, Lawrence Mergenthaler, Granville T. White, William G. Walton, Richard E. Ennis, William R. Carrow. He then introduced State Fire Prevention Commission members, Louis Amabili, Director, Delaware State Fire School and staff; Daniel Kiley, Director, Delaware State Fire Marshall and staff; former State Fire Marshall J. Benjamin Roy, Nick Brown from Senator Roth's office, Kevin Smith from Senator Biden's office, Susan Edwards from Congressman Carper's office; Attorney General, Charles Oberly; State Treasurer, Janet Rzewnicki; Patrick McCann of the

Insurance Commissioner's office; the staff of Division of Emergency Planning and Operations; the following Sentators: John Still, James Vaughn, Ruth Ann Minner, Nancy Cook, William Torbert, Patricia Blevins and William Venables; the following Representatives: Tina Fallon, Charles West, Gerald Buckworth, Benjamin Ewing, Robert Quillen, Bruce Ennis, George Carey, Donald Clark, Biff Lee; McDonald Coker from Legislative Council; Dover City Council members; Paramedics, Keith Dutton and Charles Nabb; 911, Leroy Dear; New Castle County President, Phil Cloutier; Kent County Levy Court members; and Dover Air Force Base Fire Marshal and Fire Chief.

The following out-of-state delegations were recognized: Maryland State Firemens Convention, who presented the Centennial Year Book of the State of Maryland to President George Diamond, after which they were presented with a Resolution of Congratulations for their 100 years of service; Virginia State Firemens Association President, Nassau County NY Firemen's Assoc.; Past President of Pennsylvania State Firemens Association; Delaware County, PA Firemens Association; Director of the International Association of Fire Chiefs; Director of International Association of Arson Investigators.

#### AWARDS PRESENTATION

##### SCHOLARSHIP

Presented by: George L. Kerr, Jr. and Kenneth McMahon

\$1,000 Scholarships to: James W. King (Georgetown)  
William R. Dempsey, III (Clayton)  
Diane Jefferson (Milton)

\$ 800 Scholarships to: Debra L. Handlin (Claymont)  
Laura Marshall (Five Points)  
Patrick K. O'Grady, Jr. (Volunteer Hose)

Chris Jones Memorial  
Scholarship to: David J. Kempista (Holloway Terrace)

A check in the amount of \$1,500 was presented from the Volunteer Firemens Insurance.

HEROIC FIREMEN OF THE YEAR

Presented by: Raymond Blanchette

To: Carroll Jester (Houston)  
William Walton, Jr. (Cranston Heights)  
Gary R. Walls (Blades)  
Terry Lind (Georgetown)  
Keith Stockman (Elsmere)  
John Bolin, II (Elsmere)

FIRE POLICEMAN OF THE YEAR

Presented by: Harry W. Leslie, Jr.

To: Dale Calloway (Milton)

AMBULANCE ATTENDANT OF THE YEAR

Presented by: Catherine B. Morris

To: Janet Massey (Blades)  
David Ruff (Blades)

Cathy then presented President George Diamond with an up-to-date Ambulance Attendant Award plaque, which is to be hung at the Delaware Fire School.

FIREMAN OF THE YEAR

Presented by: Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey

To: William R. (Ace) Carrow (Clayton)

HALL OF FAME

Presented by: Robert Romig

To: Walter Gable (Leipsic)  
Alfred and Caddie Joseph (Lewes)  
Hal Blades (Harrington)  
G. Edward Wyatt (Lewes)  
Ken McMahon (Christiana)  
Willis Hitchens (Christiana)  
Mike Donahue (Wilmington Manor)  
Joe Press (Delaware City)  
Tom Clayton (Goodwill)  
Past President Edwin S. Barlow (Holloway Terrace)  
President Emeritus Bruce C. Ennis (Citizens Hose)

LENGTH OF SERVICE

Presented by: Raymond M. Krett, Jr.

Christiana Fire Company	James T. Moore, Sr.
Harrington Volunteer Fire Company	Paul Neeman
Houston Volunteer Fire Company	David N. Vinyard
Millville Volunteer Fire Company	William J. Quillen

Mill Creek Fire Company

Edwin Brown  
William DiVirgilio  
Arnold Gianden  
Belford McQuirk  
Walter Mergenthaler, Sr.  
Joseph Mullins, Sr.  
Donald Schnechenburger  
Meridith Williams, Sr.  
William F. Wright, Sr.  
William J. Himes  
G. J. Stewart  
Walter Moore  
James Havelow

Seaford Volunteer Fire Department  
Felton

**CIVILIAN RECOGNITION**  
**Presented by: Kennard Pyle**

To: Gary Guseman  
David Knowles  
Jerry Marvel

There being no further business, the luncheon adjourned with Amy Franklin singing "God Bless America" and the Benediction delivered by Rev. David G. Paul.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1992**

President, George Diamond called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. on Saturday, October 3, 1992 at Dover Downs. The invocation was delivered by Rev. David G. Paul and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Past President, Raymond McCall (Christiana).

A contingent of ladies from the Ladies Auxiliary was escorted to the podium, at which time Past President, Joanne Sweetman thanked President Diamond for a successful convention, thanked the Association for the license plates and congratulated incoming President Elmer Steele and conveyed best wishes for the ensuing year.

Steve Austin (Aetna) introduced Executive Director of the Congressional Fire Service Institute, John McNichol. He complimented Senators Biden and Roth and Congressman Carper for their extraordinary support of the Congressional Fire Service Institute and Caucus. He noted that he was very impressed that the Pledge

of Allegiance was recited and that everyone stood when the Ladies delegation entered the room. He stated that the DVFA had overshadowed the International Association of Firefighters, the National Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Fire Protection Assoc. by its support in fundraising efforts. It is extraordinary that a state the size of Delaware is so supportive. Delaware is unmatched. He then gave a report on the status of legislation in Congress which affects the fire service.

Steve Austin (Aetna) presented the following final report of the Out-of-State Coordinating Committee: Maryland State Firemens Assoc., Firemens Assoc. of the State of Pennsylvania, Virginia State Firemens Assoc., Nassau County New York Firemens Assoc., Delaware County Fire Marshal's Assoc., New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Assoc., International Assoc. of Fire Chiefs, International Assoc. of Arson Investigators, Pennsylvania Assoc. of Arson Investigators, Congressional Fire Service Institute, Delmarva Volunteer Firemens Assoc., International Assoc. of Firefighters. He then thanked the officers and member companies for their support at the following out-of-state events: FDIC Cincinnati, OH; Maryland 100th Anniversary Celebration, Frederick, MD; Congressional F/S Institute Dinner, Washington, D.C.; Maryland State Firemens Assoc. Convention, Ocean City, MD; Delmarva Convention, Chincoteague, VA; South Carolina Convention, Myrtle Beach, SC; Virginia State Firemens Convention, Staunton, VA; Pennsylvania State Firemens Convention, Gettysburg, PA; Keystone State Fire Chiefs Meeting, Bristol, PA; New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Meeting, Delray, NJ; Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemens Assoc. Convention, Halfway, MD; Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service, National Fire Academy. He reiterated that no DVFA money was used for any of the above.

James L. Cabbage (Clayton) presented the final report of the Credentials Committee: 11 DVFA officers, 26 Past Presidents, 4 President Emeritus and all 60

companies were in attendance. Joseph Vattilana (Talleyville) moved, Jack Northam (Laurel) seconded to accept the final report of the Credentials Committee. Motion carried.

Walter A. Lamon (Clayton) presented the following final report of the Flowers/Telegrams Committee: flowers were sent to three members in the hospital and two members at home. He thanked William Walton, <sup>SR.</sup> ~~(Clayton Heights)~~ <sup>ESMERE</sup> for his assistance.

Raymond Krett (Goodwill) presented the final report of the Resolutions Committee: 52 were presented to exhibitors (which was a record number); Mill Creek and Townsend for their years of service; 3 civilians for heroic action; 17 members for over 50 years service; President Emeritus to Bruce C. Ennis, Mutual Relief for 60 years service; Claymont Volunteer Fire Co. for winning first place in the Eastern Regional Extrication Competition in PA; recognizing Al Lane upon his retirement; and thanking the seven host companies for an outstanding convention. To date, there have been 86 resolutions issued.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bob Schaefer (Rehoboth) inquired about the status of the 800 mhz. Harry Warner (Talleyville) replied that it has been a up-and-down situation; bids have been received and the contract must be signed within 30 days. If the contract is not signed, it will be "down the drain".

Steve Austin (Aetna) gave the following report of the Hurricane Andrew Relief Fund: He has received several checks; would like to have all checks in by October 30 made payable to the DVFA to the attention of Allen Metheny. The money will be forwarded to both Louisiana and Florida; in Florida, it will go directly to firefighters who have lost homes and in Louisiana it will go needy fire companies who have received heavy damage.

John L. Mitchell, Sr. (Elsmere) reported that the update on legislation affecting the fire service since 1986 will be mailed to the companies within the next few weeks.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

John L. Mitchell (Reimb. for Legis. Exp.)	\$ 1,213.04
Captiol Office (State CISD sup.)	88.80
Kevin Wilson (Exp. CISD Conf.)	819.54
Sussex CISD Fund (Training Tape)	125.00
New Castle CISD Fd. (Pager Exp. & M)	600.43
Kent County CISD Fund (Reimb. for Sup)	7.90
Odessa Fire Co. (Recp. CFSI Sta)	380.00
Del. State Fire School (Printing)	108.00
Champion Trophies (Plaques)	232.00
VISA-Credit	1,046.72
Del. State Fire School (Printing)	96.00
Kohut Electric (Repairs)	210.00
M & M Trophies (Badges)	73.08
Records-Gebhart (In-bond Coverage)	295.00
Ron Marvel (Fire Prevention Postage)	60.76
Charles Price (Postage - Sunshine)	29.00
Del. State Fire School (Printing)	12.00
Commercial Emblem (Caps & Emblems)	712.00
VISA-Credit	806.86
Chesapeake Publishing (Fire Prev.Material)	2,370.00
Champion Advertising (DVFA Lapel Pin)	1,214.20
Champion Trophies (Fireman of Year)	153.00
Lawrence Mergenthaler (Gift - So.Car.Pres.)	40.00
Walt Lemon (Reimb. for Gas)	52.00
Div. of Motor Vehicles (40 Past Pres. plates)	400.00
VISA-Credit	553.02
Raymond F. Book & Co. (Annual Audit)	1,395.00
Floral Occasions (Rev. Doughten)	26.00
Shane Quality Press (Fire Prev. Inv.)	118.00
John Mitchell (Exp. Legis. Liaison)	847.16
M & M Trophies (Civilian Recognition Awards)	76.02
Robert Romig (Exp. Hall of Fame)	55.63
Daniel J. Glah (Hall of Fame)	36.00
Joseph Vattilana (State Fire Prev.)	10.90
McDonald Coker (Fire Laws)	1,386.22
Janice Yerkes (Convention Secretary)	300.00
Del. Tech. & Comm. College (Scholarships)	4,600.00
Wilmington College (Scholarship)	1,000.00
Penn State (Scholarship)	800.00

**TOTAL**..... \$ 22,349.28  
(HARTY)

Morris King moved, Joseph Vattilana (Talleville) seconded that the bills presented by the Treasurer be approved. Motion carried.



Ira Huffman (Harrington) moved, Morris King seconded that the Secretary cast the ballot for all unopposed offices and that the Treasurer cast the ballot for the Secretary. Motion carried.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**BY: C. Bryan Bennett**

**Chairman, State Fire Prevention Commission**

- President.....Elmer Steele (Laurel)
- 1st Vice President.....Harry E. Warner (Talleyville)
- 2nd Vice President.....J. Allen Metheny (Hartly)
- Secretary.....William R. Carrow (Clayton)
- Treasurer.....Charles Emerson (Claymont)
- Director, New Castle County.....Steve Austin (Aetna)

President Elmer Steele remarked that it was an honor and a privilege to accept the office as President of the DVFA. He then called upon immediate Past President George Diamond and Mrs. Diamond, at which time he presented him with a lamp. Mrs. Diamond pinned the Past President's pin on her husband. Members from the Laurel Volunteer Fire Co. and their Ladies Auxiliary then presented President Steele with several gifts.

Past President George Diamond presented the following report to the Association, after which he offered his support to President Steele and turned the gavel over to him:

(see ATTACHMENT C)

Past President George Diamond thanked the members of the Magnolia Fire Co. and their Ladies Auxiliary for all the support he received this past year.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Harry E. Warner (Talleyville) reported that Past President Richard Mitchell (RENOBOTH BEANS) was resting comfortably but would like to see more improvement.

J. Allen Metheny (Hartly) thanked everyone for the confidence given him and the support of the Kent County Association and the Hartly Volunteer Fire Co. As incoming 2nd Vice President, he made the following recommendations for consideration by President Steele and other officers during the coming year:

1. A study committee be established to review, and report at next year's Convention, the feasibility of the DVFA hosting the Annual Convention or Conference, as was discussed a few years ago. This should include the costs, the financing, locations, duration, timing, etc.
2. Need to take a hard look at the dues structure. The annual cash balance at the end of the fiscal year is on the decline. The \$100 per company dues increase approved at this Convention is not going to cover the increased costs of doing the business that needs to be done and to do the business that the Association approved at the Convention and at the Executive Committee meetings. He urged that this issue be studied and a report be prepared within the near future, but not later than next year's Convention.
3. Look into the possibility of the Association studying the funding possibilities of establishing a DVFA Newsletter to be printed and distributed periodically. He suggested that it be published and distributed at no cost to the Association; he believes there are ways this can be accomplished.

APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Secretary.....Jon Cottrell (Townsend)

DVFA Chaplain.....Rev. David Paul (FREDERICA)

Asstant Chaplains.....Walt Lamon (Clayton)

Robbie Sweetman (Aetna)

DVFA Lobbyist.....John Mitchell (Elsmere)  
SR.

National Volunteer Fire Council.....E. James Monihan (Lewes)  
 J. Allen Metheny (Hartly)

Out-of-State Coordinator.....Steve Austin (Aetna)

Public Information Officer.....Barry Beck (Accessions)

Executive Committee Meetings:.....December 13, 1992  
 March 14, 1993  
 June 13, 1993

Jack Northam (Laurel) reported that Convention '93 will be hosted by Bridgeville, Seaford, Blades, Laurel and Delmar. Tentative dates are September 22-25, 1993.

2nd Vice President J. Allen Metheny was presented with gifts from the Hartly Ladies Auxiliary and his family. He then reported on the visit to the Ladies Auxiliary at their luncheon on October 2. He stressed that one important issue is there needs to be more communication with member companies and the auxiliaries.

There being no further business, the Convention adjourned at 10:55. Reverend David G. Paul delivered the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice S. Yerkes*

Janice S. Yerkes  
 Convention Secretary

ATTACHMENT "A"

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**ASSISTANT SECRETARY**  
JON B. COTTRELL  
TOWNSEND

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ATTACHMENT "A"

October 1, 1992

OFFICERS, DELEGATES, ALTERNATES, AND GUESTS OF THE 72ND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Attached is the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 1993 of the D.V.F.A. We attempted to honor all requests that were received.

The Finance and Auditing Committee would like to thank Mr. J. Allen Metheny, D.V.F.A. Treasurer, Mr. Elmer Steele, 1st Vice President, Mr. Harry E. Warner, 2nd Vice President and Mr. Charles L. Emerson for their assistance in the preparation of the 1993 Budget.

The Committee respectfully requests your support in the adoption of the Proposed Budget.

Respectfully submitted

*George J. Pyott, Jr.*  
George J. Pyott, Jr. Chairman  
Norman Tate  
William McCracken

DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 1993

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ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED BUDGET
PREPAID REVENUE	
FY 93 DUES	\$60,000.00
FY 93 LEGISLATIVE ASSESSMENT	\$6,000.00
TOTAL PREPAID REVENUE	\$66,000.00

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ATTACHMENT "B"

Officers, members and guests:

It gives me great pleasure once again to be able to induct the following members into the Fire Service Hall of Fame for 1992:

1991 Firepoliceman of the Year - Walt Gable - Liepsic

1991 Ambulance Attendants of Year - Alfred and Caddie Joseph - Lewes  
Hal Blades - Harrington

1991 DVFA Fireman of the Year - G. Edward Wyatt - Lewes

1991 DSFCA Heroic Firemen of Year - Ken McMahon - Christiana

Willis Hitchens - Christian

Mike Donahue - Wilmington Manor

Joe Press - Delaware City

Tom Clayton - Goodwill-New Castle

President Emeritus - Bruce C. Ennis - Citizens Hose Co.

Past President DVFA - Edwin S. Barlow

I would like to thank President Diamond for appointing me to this committee and thank all the members who assisted in making the committee function. I look forward to another successful year serving on this committee

Respectfully submitted,



Robert C. Romig

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As a member of Magnolia Delaware Volunteer Fire Company, Officers, members, and Ladies Auxillary, please accept my appreciation and thanks for your support during the past year. If I didn't have the support serving as your 67th President of Delaware Volunteer Fire Association, this might not have been a reality. Special thanks to past President Donald Knight and his officers and members for furnishing me with the automobile for the year in my travels through out the State as President.

The 92' Convention Committee has done a very good job and it has been a bit of hard work and time consuming.

I would like to thank the Vice President Committee and that they will continue to work on the project of getting everything set up so that the officers do not have to use their own money during their term in office.

I have had the opportunity to travel up and down the State also Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania to represent the State Association which has been a rewarding experience.

Since being installed as President, I have attended 200 or more functions and have traveled 18,210 miles. I can say I have done the best of my ability to fill the Office as President, and thank each and everyone for the courtesy and support you gave me. I am proud to serve as your President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Thank you,  
George Diamond  
President, D.V.F.A.