

Good Evening

4/27/74
Doyle 2 50 to ann.
parts.

After the invocation by Father
Sypulski } everyone remain standing
Darlak }

Let us toast those 17 men who
on April 10th 1924 started
Doyle Pol. Horse Co. #2.

Ladies & Gentlemen we have quite a
lengthy program and it's best
that we get started early, especially
since I received a threatening letter
today. It was hand written, so I
took it to our Police chief Ben
Kotzenwski who in turn gave it to
hand writing expert. From it we
learned that it written by Joe Lok
Can you imagine our Pres. writing PM
that if this program isn't over 9:05
at 9:30 PM he's going to shoot thru this kid.

To welcome you here tonight here is
our chief Mike Lisowski.

Citation from County Ep. Regan

Thank you Mike. If its all right
with you Mike I'll ask the people
out there that question.

Mike here would like to know
how many people knew that the
difference between a sewing machine
and a female stealer is that the
sewing machine has only 1 bobbin?

~~I was surprise when my office
secretary told me that I was to act
as M.C. at this affair. I'm glad
that its only an act. I was
surprise because frankly I dont have a
Sec., infact I dont even have an office.~~

I have two announcements to make.
First I want to acknowledge a telegram.

It simply says "Congratulation on your
50th anniversary" and its signed R.W.

No not him - Richard Nixon

It's from Raymond Nowak, Post
chief of Doyle Vol. Fire Co #2

The second ^{announcement} deals with the creepy crawlies,
and were all aware of that.

The message reads

"Eat more Beans, America needs the
gas"

The foresight & fortitude of those 17 dedicated men saw Doyle 2 grow from a bldg. put up by themselves out of old box car lumber and a 2 wheel hand drawn cart and a converted coal truck to a modern brick bldg. and a brand new fire engine delivered just 1 month ago and a utility wagon which is equipped to handle any emergency. This of course is thru the courtesy of the taxpayers of the Doyle Fire District and may I add we have at present 65 men on the active list and a waiting list.

You all know why we're here. It's all written in the book. The history of Doyle #2. I won't bore you with items that are written in that book; but there are a few choice items that were left out simply because we didn't want to have that evidence in print. we'll get into that later.

Mr. Stephen Rogowski, who was to have been here today, called me earlier and extends his greetings and salutations to all. Being 80 yrs old, a health problem came up a few days ago and it's impossible for him to attend this affair. But he wants everyone to know that it's been a privilege to have been associated with Doyle #1. Mr. Rogowski is the only living man of those 17 men who started our fire Co. He was the president of the Clinton Gardens & Tappan Association when he told Pete Kojm to "Go out & organize a fire Company".

So Pete went out got 16 more men
and started Doyle Rose Co. #2

Simple as that? No.

There were many set backs, heart aches,
disappointments. Indeed a couple men
dropped out before they even got the 2
wheel cart. But then someone else
would join up and that the way it was
until today. So far there have been

279 men pass thru the doors of Doyle #2
Each man is a better man because
they have the feeling of pride knowing
that they did some small service to
their community.

Doyle #2 answered thousands of calls since that first day. Calls such as
Dogs on the roof of a house,
Cats in the bird cage, fires, floods,
heart attacks, dizzy spells,
car accidents, downed wires, holocausts,
head aches, tipsy husbands, menstrual pain
and even false alarms.

Incidentally if any of you fire chiefs
have a problem with false alarms, or
any commissioners have problems raising
revenue to operate your district, a
simple system would ~~eliminate~~ ^{eliminate} false
alarms and raise revenue at the same
time.

Install coin operated fire alarm boxes.

We have with us today the Kojm boys,
Jerry, Fred, Dan, Lew, sons of the
man who organized us - (Gen. #0
JOINED 1943 - H.S. School
" NAVY + STILL 3142 bits on loan of above)

Mrs. Ceil Bryski, a daughter of
Mr. Kojm, ~~is~~ president of the
Auxiliary which her mother helped
organize is also here with her
husband Stanley.

At this time may I present Mrs.
Ceil Bryski, the President of the
Ladies Aux. to say a few words to us.

Thank you Mrs. Bryski & would you
please relay our sincerest thanks
to the auxiliary.

#0 Leonard while still in H.S. School was
authorized to loan the class room to answer
alarms & then return to the class room
(over)

this was during the world war 2
years when manpower was scarce
He then joined the Navy, made a
career out of it, attained the
rank of Captain; is still in the
Navy and on the leave of absence
Rolls of Ogle # 2 " & I would
consider him as a 25 yr member
even though he spent 31 yrs in the
Navy.

Our President
Mr. Joe Lo

May I add too that he does not have
his sneakers on yet.

I remember a story of a fire that is
known in only a small circle of
people.

He had a chicken coop fire on
Cayuga Rd. near a mink farm; when
the fire was under control, Fred Kojan
spotted, what to him looked like a mink
& he gave chase, he wanted to catch it
& return it to its owner.

Oh! He caught it all right, but the
mink turned out to be a skunk.

Many things could not be written into
that history as was mentioned previously.

Like the time during World War 2
when we held farewell parties for our
men who went into the service.

One time there was a farewell Party
& we got a fire call, we went, put out the
fire & returned to quarters, the party
did not resume at the fire house,
it moved to Galamb's Tavern.

The guys were having a great time
dancing with rain coats, boots, helmets,
in fact the whole back room joined
the party, that did not last very
~~long~~ long, cause when the chief walked
in, we were all put on report.

At another party one respected member
of the Town Board, perennated the people
playing his saxophone on the street
corner, in ~~the~~ heavy rain. People were
going to 6 o'clock mass on Sunday morning.

Ray was a good saxophone player, there
is proof of that, one man enjoyed his
music so much, he danced on the roof
of his car and saved it in

Things to remember.

Remember the time we had field days when a sudden rain & wind storm hit us everything blew away but the beer tent?

or remember the time at one of those field days when the power went off, we pulled the fire truck out and used the spot lights, the following day we had a cell forage fire and the engine stopped, we checked the plugs, fuel pump, carburetor & the wiring, we couldn't find the trouble till someone looked into the gas tank.

or remember that one dance we ran & made 38k.

or remember the hay barn fire we had, one man stuck his head into a hole in the roof, got overcome by smoke, rolled off into a pile of manure.

or remember the time one man missed
the fire truck and hitch hiked to a
mutual aid on Broadway.

And now it's time for our Supervisor Dan Weber to come up here & say a few words, but before he does I want to tell you of an incident when I was asked to speak before the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce, this was while I was still fire chief, I confided to Mr. Weber how nervous I was. I was so damn scared I was shaking.

He told me it was normal. But to assure me he said, "Joe when you get up to the podium or spectrum, grab the mike & tell the lighting man you have to have more lite on the spectrum or podium."

After Mr. Weber ^{introduced} ~~introduced~~ me I very bravely got up to the mike, grabbed it and said, "How about a little more light on my rectum." Ladies & Gentlemen Our Supervisor Dan Weber.

Thank you Mr. Heber. For a minute
there I thought you would take
me for up on that streak.

Skipped

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There were good times & there were bad times, of course we ~~by~~ ^{only} remember the good times, because who wants to be morbid & remember the bad times. Whenever things went wrong it only inspired us to overcome them with more vigor.

A case in mind is when our treasury was so low - that when we wanted to attend a parade or field day those who went, all skipped in a dollar apiece - it paid off too - cause ~~we'd~~ ^{we'd} go out and win a prize for parading.

Sometimes we'd attend a Field day on a Friday nite, 2 on Saturday & 2 on Sunday & may I say this to the wires who gave up their weekends suffered most, but then again they were & still are very understanding.

Shyires!



Shyires!

They have to be - especially those of the men who served on the fire prevention committee. They meet 3 or 4 times during the month, go out & put on Fire Prevention programs all year round. Proof of their hard labors are the fact that they brought in First place trophies from the Western, Southwestern association and came in third competing against cities like Syracuse & Albany. In fact Doyle #2 is the #1 Fire Co. in fire prevention.

Volunteer

Will the following people please
stand up
Mr. Chester Kociogowski - Sec. of Bd. of fire Comm.
" Ed Tokarz Treasurer
Joe Gajewski Commissioner
Ted Klosko "
Henry Kagnowski "
Ed Nowelski "
Leonard Andzyski Chairman of the Bd.

These are the people who are
intermediaries of the taxpayers & firemen.
They catch hell from the taxpayers for
spending too much money & also
catch hell from the fire chiefs for
not ~~buying~~ ^{buying} what they need.

Certificate to Dick Molecki
ring from Mike
stag party to be held at a later date.

Thank you Mr. Andryjowski & Dick
welcome to the club. Can you imagine
a man puts 25 yrs. into an
organization & they call a rookie
cause he's the youngest 25 yr.
member we have.

We have in our midst my adopted brother, brother Freddy where are you?

We have Joe Koronowski, Steve Rogewicz, George Kaczmarek, Phil Swiatkowski, John Malek, Adam Kocul, Adam served as chef, he was the mechanic, & if I read the minutes correctly, he was our first fire policeman.

Mrs. Kocul was an organizer of auxiliary.

Mr. Steve Basinski is here.

One year he made some wine. So much of it in fact that there was very little room in his basement. His wife threatened to smash all the gallons. He got rid of it real fast. He offered a gallon of wine to any man on the baseball team who hit a homer. The offer ~~saved~~^{served} a dual purpose. Mrs. Basinski got rid of the wine & Doyle 2 won the baseball championships.

Perhaps the reason for that championship was the fact that Whitey Kowicki who organized the baseball team was the manager that year. That was good combination Whitey & the wine.

And now a name that's been made famous by a radio program known as "Father Justin hour".

Mr. Alan Justin our representative in Albany is making his own name famous by introducing legislation concerning the Volunteer Fireman & benefiting his constituents

If I may be so bold to say that if the Democrats & republicans are political parties I must say that Mr. Justin is a good politician because the definition of a good politician is one who can get into ~~the~~ public's eye without irritating it.

Thank you Mr. Justin.

Introduce guests - widows

Mrs. Skithowski - whose husband was not quite 21 yrs old to be a full fledged fireman, so he was the "Torch Boy".
He was also the company Sec. for 25 yrs.

Mrs. Kalowski - whose husband "Gus" helped organize Doyle 2, & was chief for many years & served also on Bd. of fire commissioners.

Mrs. Tokasz my mother. Dad helped get Doyle 2 started also he was charter member, one of the 17, Frank my dad was the treasurer for 25 yrs. Little did he know that 50 yrs later the name Tokasz would still be associated with Doyle #2.

Some of you may think I'm bragging
about it. You're right. The Toloz
family served Doyle #2 for
three generations.

May I give special thanks
to Walter Falkiewicz - Ed Tokasz
Ray Majchyszki - Joe Maciejewski
John Buzzy - Walter Wajda - Ed Kowalski
& our Rookie 25 yr member Dick
Maledki for helping in the research
of all the history of Doyle #2.

In 1949 there were ~~25~~ 25 yr
members today we have 9

Terry Bernacki is here, he served
as an ass't chief - and I don't
believe any one else took as many
pictures of our affair as Terry did

Jim Takac - thru the training
he Rec'd while a member of Dyle
2 saved the life of a Penna man
by applying heart massage & mouth
to mouth resuscitation - for this
he was honored at a Convention
in Canada - by the Empire State
First Aid & Rescue Assoc.

Town Board

Don Holicki - Ken Myers
Tom Johnson Ray Wasilewski - Police
Chief Ben Kostyszewski

Doyle 1 Chief Richard Rolich
Pres. John Cieply 1st asst Ben Kankiewicz
2nd asst Stan Szymbek 3rd Jim
Wannstetter - First aid Capt
Ray Wassner

So Line Chief Bud Stradman
Pres. Jack Stobkowski

Sloan Chief Joe Wojtazek
Pres. Carl Russo

Bellevue Chief Bud Long
Pres. Art Andzjevski

Rescue ^{ass't} Chief ~~Don Dyer~~ Ted OKon
Pres. - Gert Skuitzer

Pine Hill Chief Norm Miller
President Jim Tammello
Judy

Winchester Chief Don Cordner
Pres. Tom Freedman

Y. Crest - Chief Paul Tachok
Pres.

Forks - Chief Bob Gernann
Pres. Al Soettel

Cleveland Hill Chief Ray Noble
Pres. Jim Novak

Marty Pick Pres. of ex-members
Norm Walewinski Pres of Anti Council

Some of the people who were
at the party, may have been
inadvertently omitted -

all clathier are first 7 is
instructor

Alfred Wnek - County Legislator & ^{the way} Supt.

Honorary members - Casey

Handy ditto -

Mr & Mrs Leminski from the
Buzka funeral home

John Budzinski & Tom
Cegielski from the Park Lane
Bowling Alley.

The Kwa Redinski Boys -

Karl Kubiak - Commissioner
from the City of Buffalo & his wife

Thank you all for coming.
You've been wonderful

Mr. Fox will now close this
affair - with some final
instructions -

at this point the speeches ended
and the party began.

But before we get into that - everyone
who attended this affair - was greeted
by hostesses who pinned flowers on
the ladies & Gent's that came in -
Each couple rec'd 6 glasses as a souvenir
plus each person got a fancy key chain -
depicting Dayle #2's 50th anniversary
There were at least 80? pictures 8x10
displayed of old trucks - pictures in the
late 20's & early 30's - it was a
very impressive display -

The people at the head table all rec'd also an ash tray - plus all the active members rec'd these ash trays -

According to all comments Rec'd the party was a huge success - there were 33 tables set up - each one got a bottle of any thing they wanted - be it whiskey - scotch - Rhine wine - anything, and when it was m.t. you got another bottle when you returned the m.t. - at last count (Sunday 4/20/74) there were 108 Bottles given out - 1

The party at the Mary Gold Manor Breckenridge @ 2³⁰ P.M. & it continued @ the Fire house till 5³⁰ P.M. Any bottles that had any whiskey left in them were picked up & taken to the Fire house - Apparently there was enough to keep the party going till 5³⁰ P.M. In fact when I walked in @ 100 P.M. there were 2 Btles left.

As a rough figure, our Bill @ the Manor is somewhere around \$3800⁰⁰ - this does not include the \$600⁰⁰ music Bill from David Cheskin's Orchestra (David Cheskin himself died about a week prior to the party.)

Our honorary chaplain Fr. John Suplicki - Pastor of Our Lady of ~~the~~ Zestechowa Church did not show up so our go company chaplain John Dardak did the invocation + Benediction.

We had hired a ^{photo}grapher - George Kacan to take pictures - all tables had a picture taken of the people at them - He must have taken about 75 to 80 shots that night - Copies of these photos will be available @ \$2.50 each.

The people sitting at the head table - all active men - their wives or girl friends were invited free.

of charge - all others had to
pay \$30⁰⁰ a couple