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A friend to all who knew him

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Her dedication will long be remembered

MAYORS OF NASHUA

1. Joseph Baldwin	1853-1854	27. Thomas Sands	1894
2. Freeman S. Rogers	1855-1856	28. Joseph W. Howard	1895-1896
3. Thomas W. Gillis	1857	29. Jason E. Tolles	1897-1900
4. Albin Beard	1858-1859	30. Milton A. Taylor	1901-1902
5. Aaron W. Sawyer	1860	31. Jeremiah J. Doyle	1903-1904
6. George Bowers	1861	32. Andros B. Jones	1905-1906
7. Hiram T. Morrill	1862-1863	33. Albert Shedd	1907-1910
8. Edward Spalding	1864	34. William H. Barry	1911-1914
9. Virgil C. Gilman	1865	35. James B. Crowley	1915-1919
10. Gilman Scripture	1866-1867	36. Henri A. Burque	1920-1923
11. George Bowers	1868	37. Eaton D. Sargent	1924-1927
12. Jotham D. Otterson	1869-1870	38. William F. Sullivan	1928-1933
13. Dana Sargent	1871	39. Alvin A. Lucier	1934-1937
14. Seth D. Chandler	1872	40. Frank A. McMaster(2)	1938-1939
15. Frank A. McKean	1873-1874	41. Eugene A. Lemay	1939-1945
16. George H. Whitney	1875	42. Oswald S. Maynard	1946-1949
17. Charles Williams	1876-1877	43. Hugh Gregg	1950
18. William H. Cook	1878	44. Claude E. Nichols	1951
19. Charles Holman	1879-1880	45. Lester H. Burnham	1952-1957
20. Benjamin Fletcher, Jr	1881-1882	46. Mario J. Vagge	1958-1965
21. Alfred M. Norton	1883-1884	47. Dennis J. Sullivan	1966-1977
22. John A. Spalding	1885	48. Donald C. Davidson	1977
23. James H. Tolles	1886-1888	49. Maurice L. Arel	1977-1984
24. Charles H. Burke	1889-1890	50. Thomas J. Leonard	1984
25. William H. Beasom	1891-1892	51. James W. Donchess	1984-
26. Williams Hall	1893		



MAYOR JAMES W. DONCHESS

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1990 INAUGURAL ADDRESS

I just want to congratulate all of our new office holders for their election to city office, and give special thanks to Tom Kelley and Beth Brackett, the new presidents of the Board of Aldermen and the School Board.

Over the New Year's weekend, as I was looking ahead to today's inauguration, I was thinking how many changes have occurred over the past ten years.

Then the American hostages were being held in Tehran. Now we watch with awe as the wonderful events unfold in Eastern Europe in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Romania and in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

We have also witnessed many changes here in New Hampshire.

I attended the city inauguration in 1980 in the middle of a four-year aldermanic term. Also participating in that ceremony were current aldermen Tom Kelley, Tom Magee, Carl Andrade, Vic DuVarney, Jerry Arcaro and Don Dyer.

But whether you are here today participating in your 9th inaugural ceremony, as Tom Kelley is, or if this is your first, you take up your duties in a difficult time for local government in New Hampshire. Local government is now even a greater challenge than it was in 1980.

This past decade has seen more and more responsibilities placed on the shoulders of local government. In 1980, 78 percent of our municipal expenditures were paid for with local revenues; now the figure is 94 percent. In 1990 we will receive less under state revenue sharing than we did in 1980.

And yet our obligation to pay state welfare costs has increased many-fold -- we just sent a check for \$7.9 million to Hillsborough County, most of it to pay for state mandated programs and costs.

We also have more school children, more streets, more fires, and the need for more police than 10 years ago.

The phenomenon of pushing costs onto New Hampshire localities is now exacerbated by a sluggish regional economy.

Here in Nashua we have some bright spots to look forward to: the transfer of additional jobs to Sanders/Lockheed announced recently, and the planned doubling of the workforce at the FAA center over the next five years.

But all of us know families who have had one of the breadwinners laid off in the last six months, we all know how depressed the real estate market is, and we are all aware that economic prognostications for New England over the next several years are mixed at best.

To meet the challenges of the 1990's, therefore, we will need all the intelligence and energy the community can muster. I believe that the men and women here today are up to the task, and that today's inauguration suggests a great beginning to the new decade.

On the School Board we will have the benefit of both experience and new ideas. We will need both to deliver the best education possible to our kids, to make room for all of the additional children we have every year in our elementary grades, to reduce the number of high school dropouts, and to teach -- convince -- every single one of our children to say no to drugs.

On the Board of Aldermen we will also see both continuity and change, as three new members take their seats beside our returning veterans.

I have enjoyed working with the Board of Aldermen in the five years I have served as Mayor. I believe that our relations have deepened and matured and that we have accomplished a lot together.

We have built and opened a sewerage treatment plant which removes millions of pounds of pollution from the Merrimack River every year; we have helped turn deteriorating mill buildings into new housing, and we have made real progress toward a second downtown river crossing. We have opened kindergarten and new schools. We have automated our vehicle registration system and have developed a mail-in registration system -- the only one in New Hampshire. And Nashua's taxes remain the lowest of any city in New Hampshire.

Yet there is much that remains to be done. Our hopes may be larger than our budget, but we dare not stand still or stand pat. Fiscal parameters constrain us, but they must not paralyze us. We will have to plan better, prioritize more carefully, and work harder to stretch what resources we have. But if we do these things--and we can--there is no reason why Nashua cannot continue to prosper and lead New Hampshire into the 90's.

Economic tides rise and fall, but good government can always make a difference for a community. I think good government is what Nashua has, and I intend that it continue. And I look forward to working with all of you to see that it does.

As the new decade begins, we will continue to wage the critical struggle against drugs and crime. Two years ago we held our last municipal inauguration ceremony in the aftermath of drug-related murders in our French Hill neighborhood. This incident shocked Nashua and our public officials. It shocked me.