

To: Jack Marsh, Parade Superintendent
From: Strykersville Fire Company, Inc.
Date: July 13, 2011
Re: Nomination for Grand Marshall Wyo. Co. Fair – 2011

Dear Superintendant Marsh:

It gives the Strykersville Fire Company great honor to nominate **Robert Reisdorf** for the 2011 Grand Marshall of the Wyoming County Fair.

Bob is in his 56th year as a member of the Strykersville Fire Company (joining in August of 1955). He continues to be an active member of our department by attending monthly meetings, along with working our fundraisers and a member of the parade unit. He has held various offices within the company – President (1976-1978), Vice-President (1967-1975), Secretary (1963-1966), Trustee (1979-1981, 1997-2003, 2009—present). Back in the early 1990's our fire police squad was revitalized as some of our "seasoned" veterans were still looking to be active, but were not interested in fighting fires or assisting at rescues, so our department held a fire police school and picked up 10-12 new fire police members. This nominee has held the position of fire police captain since the rejuvenation and can be seen directing traffic at most fires, house calls (EMS) and M.V.A.'s. Bob has served on many committees within our department (chairman of the annual fund drive, co-chaired the food stand for the carnival and tractor pulls, chairman/liaison for dairy fest (3years) and negotiated fire contracts with the towns. On the county level, Bob is currently serving on the awards committee for the Wyoming County Firemen's Association (for numerous years), along with being the chaplain of that organization (since 1998), and a member of the Wyoming County Fire Police Association.

Outside of the fire company, he is very active in his community. Bob is a member of the church choir, lay minister, and a grave digger (still by hand) at St. John Neumann parish. He is a retired Wyoming County 4-H leader for 40 years, served on the livestock committee for the County Fair, chaperone on interstate exchange trip, and currently a member of a Camp Wyomoco sub-committee, sat on the Wyoming County Dairy Fest Committee (now Ag-Palooza) for 8 years. A retired dairy farmer, Bob had served many years as a director for Upstate Milk cooperative-attending many local and national Milk association meetings. Bob enjoyed golfing and bowling for many years, until he had knee replacement, so now he is slowed down a little and enjoys a card game, grandchildren's sporting events, watching the NY Yankees and visiting with friends and family. Bob has just recently celebrated his 60th high school reunion (Arcade Central class of 1951) and his 55th wedding anniversary with his supportive and loving wife Betty. They have 7 children and 15 grandchildren (all children are former 4-H members

along, with many grandchildren-some still members today). Bob mentioned that he has not missed a Wyoming County Fair since 1947 when he joined the band for Arcade Central, then Sheldon/Strykersville Band, then as a 4-H member exhibiting, checking in on his 4-H members exhibiting, and currently a member of the Strykersville Fire Company parade unit.

It again gives the Strykersville Fire Company great honor to nominate Robert Reisdorf for the 2011 Grand Marshall of the Wyoming County Fair. We would like to thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Firematically yours,
Strykersville Fire Company, Inc.