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Mr. Philip Wagner, Executive Secretary (continued)  
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beneficiaries to receive ordinary death benefits. Subsequently, the member died and upon his death, the aforesaid beneficiaries filed a claim for death benefits. No other claim has been filed on behalf of the estate.

It appears from a sworn statement made by both of the aforesaid beneficiaries that Mr. Natale was their mother's cousin and had lived two doors away from them during their childhood. Their father was separated from their mother when they were infants and they state that Mr. Natale acted as a father to them for all of their lives. Mr. Natale never married and had no children; his closest relatives at the time of his death were seven cousins, one of whom is the mother of the named beneficiaries.

After each of the claimants married and had families of his own, Mr. Natale bought presents and clothes for the children. He did gardening work around their homes, purchased musical instruments for one of their children and was purchasing \$50.00 savings bonds through City payroll deductions in his own name and the name of James Verderamo's son, Robert, which were earmarked for Robert's education. Mr. James Verderamo exhibited three of these bonds which had been issued pursuant to this deduction in the name of Robert Verderamo or Louis Natale. At the time of Mr. Natale's death, this bond deduction was still in effect and the balance remaining on hand was turned over to Robert. Mr. Natale was helping Mr. Michael Verderamo buy a home and was giving him \$12.50 every two weeks towards the payment thereof. In addition, Mr. Natale had named James and Michael Verderamo as beneficiaries of a life insurance policy which he had with Monumental Insurance Company, and he had named James Verderamo as beneficiary of the Christmas Club savings account which he had in the Municipal Employees Credit Union.

Section 6 (8) of the Pension Ordinance provides for the payment of ordinary death benefits as follows: