

# **THE BENEVOLENT BULLETIN - SPRING 2023**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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### **Benevolent Board of Trustees Elections**

The elections for the five offices of your Association will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 8:00 P.M. The elections will be held IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM MEETING, @ 416 ATLANTIC AVE. Freeport, New York ZOOM INFORMATION WILL BE EMAILED PRIOR TO MEETING. A Nominating Committee of three members has been appointed and any member who wishes to serve on the Board of Trustees should be guided by the following sections of our by-laws:

#### **Article 4 Section 12**

The president shall appoint three (3) members of the association to serve as the nominating committee at the January meeting of the board of trustees. All candidates shall submit to the nominating committee a signed, written letter of intent specifying the office sought and certifying as the qualifications of the candidate for the office pursuant to section 8 of article 5 not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting in order to appear on the written or printed ballot. Nominations shall not be made from the floor during the annual meeting. The nominating committee shall report its recommendations at the board of trustees meeting on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wednesday in April and also at the annual meeting of the association on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday in April.

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#### **Article 5 Section 8**

No person shall be eligible for any office of the association unless and until he shall have been a member thereof in good standing for five (5) consecutive years, except the office of administrative clerk or administrative bookkeeper. Those members who seek office must submit a letter which is postmarked by twelve midnight of March 24, 2023, addressed to the Nominating Committee 416 Atlantic Ave. Freeport, N.Y. 11520

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## President's Message

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Sending prayers to you and your families, and hope all are doing well.

Our next General Membership meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 25, 2022 at 8:00 P.M. VIA IN PERSON AND ZOOM, DETAILS FOR SIGNING IN WILL BE EMAILED TO THE MEMBERSHIP WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING PRIOR TO THE MEETING.** As in the past, we will be serving dinner starting at 7 p.m. The election of the Executive Board will be held on that evening, as well as the honoring of Life Membership to the following members:

**DAVID BENTLEY, JAMES BUTLER, WALTER BREIHOFF, PHILLIP FLOOD, MARTIN FLYNN, FRED JONES, RONALD MURRAY SR., KEVIN NOLL, ROBERT NOTHEIS, ARTHUR RHOADES, TIMOTHY J. SEAMAN, MICHAEL WOODWARD.**

**Congratulations to these members on attaining this achievement!**

As you might be aware of, in November of 2021 President Tim Jones had to resign, due to health reasons. The bylaws of the association have elevated me to President, and with approval of the Board, I appointed EX OFFICIO Dave Baer to replace me as Vice President. Also, Eric Robinson was appointed to the position of administrative clerk.

We also, as previously mentioned, a few years ago we started a program with a new administrator for our vision care program to increase the vision care benefits to our members (NOW UP TO \$400.00 out of pocket expenses every 2-year cycle) and **offer discounts to their families**, as of this date, and when the new cycle started on 01/01/21 we have had approximately 43 members use our vision care program, with reimbursement to those members close to \$14,000. One more item in regards to the vision care program, since we started this program in 1993 over 703 members were reimbursed an amount close to \$115,500. We will continue to work with and assist our members that are sick or that are in need, in any way possible. **I also wish to inform the members, that the board adopted a resolution to increase the guidelines for death disability effective January 1, 2020 up to \$10,000 for assistance for members families in paying funeral cost to our members. I Would like to stress that the death disability is not an automatic insurance payout (by law we are not allowed to do this) but it is a way to assist the families of our members pay portion of what the New York State Comptroller classifies the "ULTIMATE DISABILITY"**

We have completed most of the renovations this past year, New Roof and

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windows in the office. The only remaining item is computer upgrade for zoom meetings, which should be completed by April. With our current fiscal investment status, we still will have about \$600,000 to use for the benefits and their families. The board remains steadfast on providing as many benefits that can be provided to members and their families.

Trustee Nicholson again reminds everyone to keep us updated if you have any change in information IE. Address, phone e-mail, etc. You may contact us at our e-mail address at [VEFBAFFD@aol.com](mailto:VEFBAFFD@aol.com), OR THE NEW EMAIL WILL BE FREEPORTFIREBENEV@GMAIL.COM

Check out our website, **FREEPORTFIREBENEV.COM** for any application forms you may need, or updated news via links associated with the fire service. We have received many positive reviews about the new website and we are working with our administrator to keep our members spread across the country updated and informed of latest of what is happening with the Benevolent and the Freeport Fire Department, so if you have not logged onto the website please do so and let us know what you think.

Also, trustee Nicholson has informed me, that we have 477 members living across the country, belonging to this Association.

I also want to inform the membership that the Freeport Fire Department, has a newly formed motorized tournament team- "THE FREEPORT RED DEVILS". We wish the team well in the upcoming season.

Hope to see you at the General Membership meeting on **April 26th. 2022.**

Fraternally yours,

*Albert Nicolino*

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President

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*LET US REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS  
WHO HAVE ANSWERED THEIR LAST ALARM*



***In Memoriam***

***FF Jeffrey C. (Peachy) Keene Sr.  
January 27<sup>th</sup> 2023  
Member Hose Co. #1***