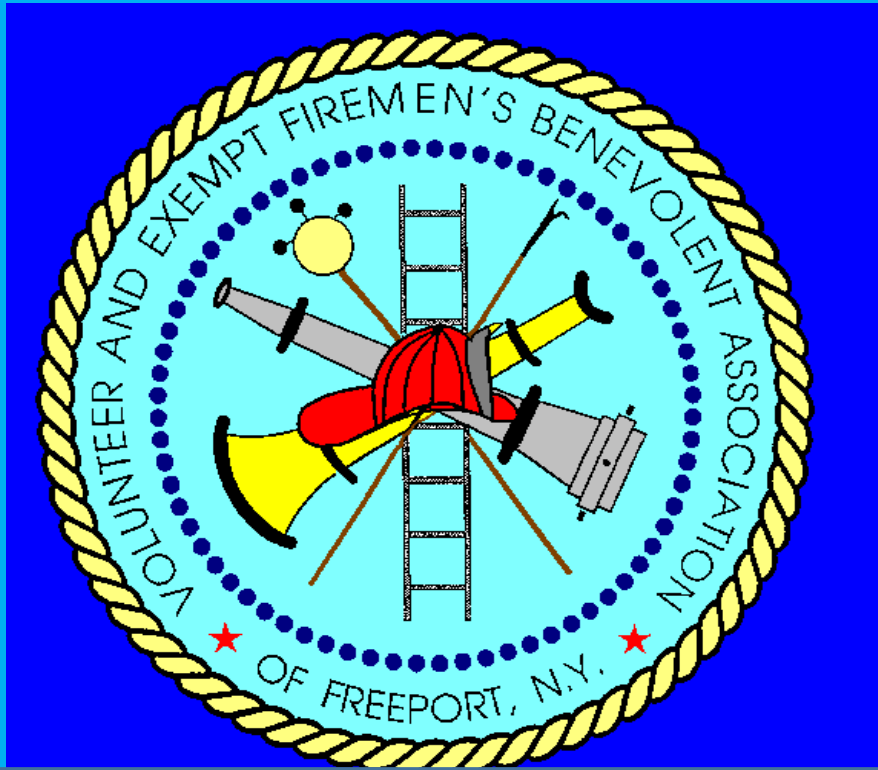


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DUE TO COVID 19 PANDEMIC, THE ANNUAL MEETING WAS POSTPONED FOUR TIMES FROM THE SPRING TO THE FALL OF 2020.

DUE TO NEW YORK GOVERNOR CUOMOS EXECUTIVE ORDER DATED MARCH 7,2020 THE OPEN MEETING LAW WITH IN PERSON ATTENDENCE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED, THEREFORE UNDER THESE GUIDELINES

Fall Benevolent Annual General Membership Election Meeting

To be held on

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting will be held via teleconference call.

Further details on calling in,to attend meeting, will be sent via e-mail to membership, around October 20th 2020.

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President's Message

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Our next ANNUAL Membership meeting will be held **VIA ZOOM** on **Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 8:00 P.M. (DETAILS WILL BE EMAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING)** This was postponed NUMEROUS TIMES from the spring of 2020 due to Covid 19 virus and N.Y.S. GUIDELINES AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS FROM GOV. CUOMO. DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, ALL OF OUR LIVES HAVE BEEN CHANGED ON A DAILY BASIS. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, I WANT TO LET YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES KNOW, THAT EVERYONE IS IN OUR PRAYERS, AS WE GET THROUGH THIS.

Since the last General Membership meeting held in April, was postponed numerous times- the following actions were taken. the election of the Executive Board was postponed on that evening, as well as the presentation of Life Member Cards, to **DOROTHY J. CAIN, CHARLES P CAPPOZOLA, GARY ELDER, ANTHONY FIORE, KENNETH J. JACKSON, STANLEY KISTELA, CHARLES P. MCENEANEY, MICHAEL SMITH. - WE SENT OUT THOSE CARDS TO THE MEMBERS. Congratulations on attaining this achievement!** As far as the elections go, the following were nominated, as per bylaws- to the following positions. **David Baer - President, - Timothy Jones Vice President, Albie Nicolino-Trustee, Michael Smith-Treasurer, and Thomas Raynor - Secretary. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK, KEVIN NOLL WHO STEPPED DOWN AS VICE PRESIDENT ON 4/28/ 2020. Kevin served on this Board for the past 25 years, and we thank him for his service to the Board, and to the membership.**

It is a great honor, to be President and work with the Board and company liaisons, and the entire membership to continue moving forward to provide the membership with all the benefits we can provide under our charter. As of 1/1/19 our new cycle of vision care program started, providing up to \$400.00 every 2 years, out of pocket reimbursement to our membership on purchase of Prescription eyeglasses. As of this date we assisted over 60 members with disbursements of over \$22,000.

We have, at this time also assisted over 55 members and their families with assistance based on Disability, indigency, medical equipment, and Death Disability. THIS INCLUDES SEVERAL CASES OF ASSISTENCE DUE TO THE PANDEMIC. As I stated in the last few months, we will try to assist the membership whenever possible, if you feel that you may need assistance from the association, please do not hesitate to contact us. You may contact us at our e-mail address at VEFBAFFD@aol.com or at our website **FREEPORTFIREBENEV.COM** for any application forms you may need. It also should be noted that the last fiscal year we assisted the membership with more benefits paid out, than monies we received from the state. We were able to do this, by tapping into our investments. Speaking of investments, due to the stock market related to Covid -19 We lost monies after gaining 32% percent last fiscal year, BUT WITH CONSTANT MONITORING OF OUR INVESTMENTS, WE ARE ABOUT WHERE WE WERE, IN JANUARY PRE COVID 19. Also, the Board would like you to go to the members section on the website and update your current information, Name, Address, and E- MAIL ADDRESS- This is important to keep our files up to date, as of this date, Trustee Nicolino informed me the Association has approximately 480 members throughout the country .

I wanted at this time to keep our out of town membership of what is happening in the Freeport Fire Department.

I want to congratulate the Chiefs Office for the way they have handled everything related to the pandemic, as everyone of us have adapted, so has the Freeport Fire Department, the whole normal of operations has changed, From on how we have meetings, Training, Cancelling of Installation, parades, convention etc. to cleaning, sanitizing, social distancing. But we always strong and we will get through this together. For those of you that want to keep in touch of the comings and goings of the Department, you may go to the Department website @ FREEPORTFD.ORG. I also wanted to Congratulate the members of Hose Company #3 on celebrating their 125th anniversary of dedicated service to the residents of Freeport.

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Finally, I just attended the Annual Memorial ceremony of 9/11 at memorial opposite hose 3 on Bayview Ave. THANKFULLY THIS CEREMONY WAS ALLOWED TO HAPPEN, WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING, MASK, AND FOLLOWING SAFETY GUIDELINES. It still is a moving, emotional ceremony bringing the families and residents of Freeport together to remember those souls we lost on that day 19 years ago., And as we gather to prove that **we shall never forget**. Please remember these five members of the Department that gave their lives on 9/11, And to all of the people that were lost since that terrible day.

**ANDRE FLETCHER, TIMOTHY HIGGINS, MICHAEL KIEFER,
RICHARD T. MULDOWNY JR. DAVID M. WEISS and to KEITH YOUNG
WHO PASSED AWAY RELATED TO 9/11 CANCER.**

Hope to see you VIA TELECONFERENCE at the General Membership meeting on **October 27. 2020.**

Fraternally yours,

David Baer

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