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In Memoriam

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MAY 23RD, 2019

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MAY 12TH, 2019

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Let Us Remember Our Departed Members Who Have Answered Their Last Alarm



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Fall Benevolent General Membership Meeting
Will be held on
Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 8:00 P.M.
The meeting will be held at
416 Atlantic Avenue, Freeport, N.Y.

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President's Message

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Our next General Membership meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 8:00 P.M. Light refreshments, coffee and dessert will be served after the meeting.**

At the last General Membership meeting held in April, the election of the Executive Board was held on that evening, as well as the presentation of Life Member Cards, to **GARY BERNHARD, STEVEN FROEHLING, ROBERT HINDLEY, PAUL HASHAGEN, DAVID SEAMAN** -See following page for photos-Congratulations again, on attaining this achievement! And before the meeting we had a BBQ in our back yard, this was well received by the membership attending, we had over 75 members in attendance. As far as the elections go, the following were nominated and elected to the following positions. **David Baer – President, Kevin Noll-Vice President, Timothy Jones-Trustee, Michael Smith- Treasurer, and Thomas Raynor – Secretary.**

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 35 members with disbursements of over \$12,000.

We have, at this time also assisted over 35 members and their families with assistance based on Disability, indigency, medical equipment, and Death Disability. 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. 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 Jones 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, and the Department on taking first place in the state parade in Ridge, and the 2nd Battalion Parade in Point Lookout 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.

Finally, I just attended the Annual Memorial ceremony of 9/11 at memorial opposite hose 3 on Bayview Ave. It is a moving, emotional ceremony bringing the families and residents of Freeport together to remember those souls we lost on that day 18 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. MULDOWNEY JR. DAVID M. WEISS and to KEITH YOUNG WHO PASSED LAST YEAR RELATED TO 9/11 CANCER.

Hope to see you at the General Membership meeting on **October 22. 2019.**

Fraternally yours,

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BELOW ARE PHOTOS OF THE LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BBQ- AND THE AWARDING OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARDS

