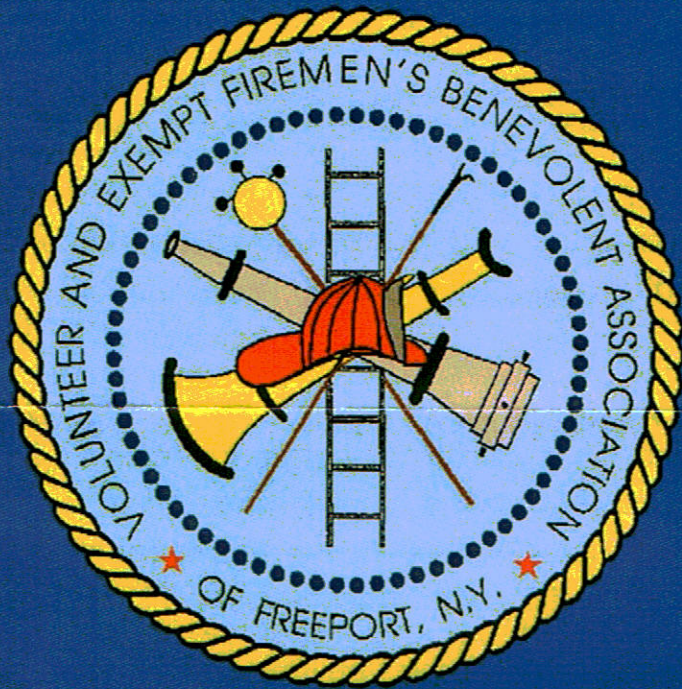


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Fall Benevolent General Membership Meeting
will be held on

Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 8:00 PM

The meeting will be held at
416 Atlantic Avenue, Freeport, NY



2012 Life Members with Board Members

From L to R: Donald McIntosh (Life Member), Donald Smith, Leonard F. Partiss Jr. (Life Member), Leon R. Tucholski (Life Member), Robert G. Terry (Life Member), Kevin Muldowney, Timothy Jones.

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President's Message

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Our next General Membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, at 8:00 P.M. Following the meeting, refreshments will be served.

I am pleased to be able to serve a second term as President of the Benevolent Association and thank you all for your support. Just as it has been in the past, this Board is committed to helping those members in need in any way possible. If you need assistance, please feel free to call one of the Board members or the Benevolent office at 516-771-5475.

It is with great honor as President to advise you that the Benevolent Association will be celebrating 50 years of existence in 2013. I am also happy to report that even with these hard economic times, the Association is still able to help our members.

Included in this newsletter, is the continuing series from our attorney Don Lohr regarding the publication by the New York State Bar Association in cooperation with the New York City Department for the Aging on the subject of benefits for elder New Yorkers.

In addition, please visit our website at **FREEPORTFIREBENEV.COM** for current updates, a new link for photos and the names of sick and deceased members.

Also enclosed please find new eyeglass form for the period of January 2013 through December 2014.

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family doing well and we look forward to seeing you at the General Membership meeting on October 23rd.

Fraternally yours,

Donald Smith

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The following is a reprint, in part, of a pamphlet published by the New York State Bar Association in cooperation with the New York City Department for the Aging on the subject for elder New Yorkers.

13. SENIOR CITIZEN HOMEOWNERS EXEMPTION (SCHE)--

Up to 50% reduction in taxes for qualified property owners.

Age: 65 or older. If spouse or siblings are co-owners, one must be at least 65 years of age. If other persons are co-owners, all must be 65 years of age. Property must be used exclusively as legal residence.

Resources: No limit.

Income: Income limits vary by locality. In NYC-Up to \$24,000 - 50% exemption; \$24,001 to \$32,400 - 45%-5% exemption. Income is determined after deduction for unreimbursed medical and prescription drug expenses (at local governmental option).

Applicant must have held title to property for at least 12 consecutive months. The property must be used exclusively for residential purposes and have no more than three units.

Apply: to your local assessment office, available from New York State Office for Aging (800) 342-9871.

Note: The period in which to apply is limited. Please clarify with your assessor. In general, the ability to apply ends in March for the current year. Applications must be made in person. Bring deed to property, proof of income, birth and residency

14. REAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT (IT-214) Provides tax credit or cash payment for part of rent or property taxes paid during previous year.

Age: Any age.

Resources: No limit.

Income: \$18,000 or less. (Filing a tax return for the preceding year is not a requirement.)

Homeowner's current market value of real property must be \$85,000 or less. Renter's average monthly rent must be \$450 or less, not including heat, gas, electricity, etc.

Apply: by submitting Form IT-214 with tax return, or, if no return, anytime during the year. For assistance from New York State Department of Taxation and Finance call (800) 225-5829.

15. REDUCED FARE- Substantial savings for various public and private transit services.

Age: 65 or younger individual with qualifying disability.

Resources: No limit. *Income:* No limit.

Apply: by contacting the New York State Office for Aging (800) 342-9871 for information concerning appropriate agencies in your community. For information about the reduced fare MetroCard, go to the internet website at:

<http://www.mta.info/nyct/fare/rfindex.htm>

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*Let us remember our departed members
who have answered their last alarm*



In Memoriam

OWEN MULLIGAN

March 1, 2012

Member of Patriot Hose Company No. 4

RICHARD SPINOCIA

May 21, 2012

Member of Vigilant Hose Company No. 2

THOMAS HOLDENER

June 10, 2012

Member of Emergency Rescue Company No. 9