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Benevolent Board of Trustees Elections

The elections for the five offices of your association will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 8:00 P.M. The elections will be held at 416 Atlantic Avenue, Freeport, New York. 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 fourth (4) Monday in April and also at the annual meeting of the association on the fourth (4) Tuesday in April.

-and-

Article 5 Section 8

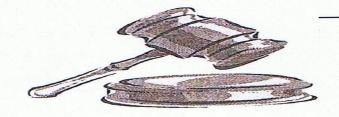
No person shall be eligible for any office of the association unless and until he shall have been a member thereof in good standing for five (5) consecutive years, except the office of administrative clerk or administrative bookkeeper.

Those members who seek office must submit a letter which is postmarked by twelve midnight of March 26,2011.

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President's Message by David Baer Dear Brothers & Sisters,



Our next General Membership will be held on Tuesday April 26,2011 at 8:00 P.M. The election of the Executive Board will be held on that evening, as well as the presentation of the Life Member Cards to the following members: Arthur Boulukas, John E. Boyd Jr., James Jacobs, John R. Kilkenny, Anthony R. Spinoccia, Arthur K. Stebner Sr. Congratulations gentlemen on attaining this achievement. Also the membership will be voting the adoption of the enclosed Bylaw Amendment as submitted by the bylaw committee. As we normally do prior to our April meeting, food will be served beginning at 7:00 p.m. I hope to see a nice turnout of the membership on that evening as we honor our life members and also elect your Board of Officers. I hope everyone received thier 2011 Planner, the board and I worked hard to give you a nice little gift. We have recieved great reviews on this Planner last year, from numerous members, and we were glad to see that you liked it so much. As mentioned above this annual meeting is also the election meeting for your Board Officers for the 2011-2012 year. I wish to inform the mebership at this time that I will not be seeking re-election for another term as President. I have proudly served as your President for the past five years, and I have served on this Board of Trustees since 1994. As I informed the membership previously when I was elected Asst. Chief of the Freeport Fire Department in 2009, that some time in the future, I would retire from office for this Association, so that I could concentrate on my duties as a Chief in the Freeport Fire Department, that time has come now. I have been informed by our present treasurer, Don Smith, that he intends to run as President of this Association. I know that I am leaving the Association in excellent hands, and even though I am leaving office, I will continue to work and assist the Officers and members of this Association as much as possible. My experience these past years have been very satisfying and very rewarding. In reflecting these past years, I am proud of what the board has accomplished since I became an officer. We have Increased Benefits to the membership, such as the vision care program, which started out at \$ 25.00 out of pocket reimbursement to now being \$ 200.00 - over the past years since we started this benefit. we have assisted over 360 members and reimbursed over \$63,000.00 - that amount includes \$14,746 TO ASSIST 75 MEMBERS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS. We Increased the Death Disability Benefit from \$ 4,000 to now a sum of up to \$ 8,000 to assist family members in the paying of funeral expenses of deceased members. last year we provided assistence with medical equipment, financial assistence, death disability, and vision care in the amount of \$109,901.71 to aproxm. 64 members and since 1994 we have assisted over 600 members with benefits close to a little over \$1,000,000. continued on next page;

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What is truly amazing is that with sound long term investments and being fiscally conservative over these past years we also purchased and paid off a office building, updated computer systems and received lower TWO PERCENT CHECKS from the state comptroller, this Association is still vallued at about a little under a million dollars. Also we as a board have kept the membership updated with Newsletters, a website, and with e- mails. We also each year at the end of the year ,were able to provide the membership with gifts such as calanders,pens,decals,pins etc., and provided Gravemarkers to the families of our deceased members -all of which came out of dues monies. As you will notice I stated 'we were able to accomplish all this these past year's'

I want to thank the "WE" all the past and present Board members that I have worked with-Don Parks, Don McIntosh, past Presidents- Vinnie Segreto, Miguel Bermudez, present Board Members- Vice President-Kevin Noll, Trustee-Bob Terry, Treasurer-Don Smith, and Secretary Tim Jones. Most importantly I wish to thank the one constant person who provided all the advice to me and the past and present board members, and who helped to shape what this association is as the "model Benevolent Association in New York State" that person is our Attorney Don Lohr- Don, thank you on behalf of not only myself but the entire board and membership, for all your help,assistence,advice and friendship. And finally I wish to thank the entire membership and say that it was with great pleasure and gratitude that year after year that you allowed me to be able to serve you all. And I look foward to be of any assistence that I can be in the future I would like to also remind everyone about our website at FREEPORTFIREBENEV.COM, this website makes it easy for the membership to update address changes, you also may download any of our applications, also you may download our latest newsletters, see our favorite links and see what is going on in your Association. The membership roster of the Association is in excess of four hundred fifty active and exempt firefighters. It is Bob Terry's job to keep the addresses up to date; he asks that you promptly notify him of any change of address. This will ensure that you will continue to receive the mailings and benefits of the Association.

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Fraternally Yours,

David Baer

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LET US REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS UND HAVE ARSUMERED THEIR FIRAL ALARM.

In Memorium

Robert C. McLoughlin who died on November 8,2010

Member of Emergency Rescue Company #9

In Memorium
Hon. Captain
George "J.B." Blossom
who died on
December 15,2010

Member of Eveready Hose
Company #1

In Memorium
Ex Captain
William J. Martin
who died on
January 17,2011

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Company #1