

# The Benevolent Bulletin Fall 2017



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**Fall Benevolent General Membership Meeting Will be held on  
Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.**

**The meeting will be held at 416 Atlantic Avenue, Freeport, N.Y.**



At the last General Membership meeting held on April 25, 2017-Pictured above, were our new life members, receiving their life membership cards to the association. President Baer and the board presented cards to John Bruscano, Steve Cooke, Fred Florenzie, Anthony Giordano, Timothy Jones, Anthony Sparaco, Stephen Wenk. Not pictured were Arthur Burdette Jr. Robert F. Capozzoli, Donald Smith, Lee Southard, Frank McKenna Jr. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!!!!



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## President's Message

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Our next General Membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 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. See front page, this was the largest group awarded life membership – (12) -Congratulations again, on attaining this achievement!

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.

One of the items that was brought up at the General Membership meeting, was about expanding the vision care benefit. The board was put in contact with a company that administers to other Associations and unions. After months of negotiations and meetings, the board adopted and without major fiscal changes to the current vision care program. As you can read in the enclosed informational letter, the basic program remains the same as a two-year period, ending December 31, 2018.reimbursing members only up to \$300.00 out of pocket expenses for purchase of prescription eye glasses. The vision care form remains the same, (we did remove the s.s.#) and we only cover members only. What has changed is that the new company Vision Screening Inc. will be Administering the program, and they are also offering additional discounts and benefits to the members and their families, if you use one of their in-network providers. Please review the following enclosed information package, and if you have any questions, you may contact us at our e-mail address at [VEFBFFD@aol.com](mailto:VEFBFFD@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.

The other item discussed at the April meeting, was in regards to forms (signature and notarized) needed to borrow medical equipment, after that meeting the board held discussions with company liaisons, attorney, and numerous other members to review what was in the best interest of the Association. The entire board voted unanimously, that it was in the best interest of the Association to keep current policy intact and that if any member needs medical equipment to borrow, rent, or purchase the board will continue to look at each case and assist members if they provide proper documentation.

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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 "DEAD END KIDS TOURNAMENT TEAM" on their winning the 2017 State old fashioned championship. I also want to congratulate the Chiefs, and the department on taking first place in the state parade. 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](http://FREEPORTFD.ORG).

The other major item going on with the Department, is that we are planning to celebrate the Departments 125th anniversary. You can go on the above website and on Facebook page to keep updated. Finally, I just attended the Annual Memorial ceremony of 9/11 at memorial opposite hose 3 on Bay-view Ave. It is a moving, emotional ceremony bringing the families and residents of Freeport together to remember those souls we lost on that day 16 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

ANDRE FLETCHER

TIMOTHY HIGGINS

MICHAEL KIEFER

RICHARD T. MULDOWNEY JR.

DAVID M. WEISS

Hope to see you at the General Membership meeting on **October 24. 2017.**

*Fraternally yours,  
David Baer*



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



*In Memoriam*

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EX CHIEF

**ARTHUR W. LEWIS**

July 22, 2017

*Member of Hose Company No. 3*

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