

**DECEMBER 15, 2025**



# **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

**Greetings Members and Visitors,**

**It is my pleasure to remind you that your benevolent trustees continue to serve our membership, and improve any and all assistance that we can provide.**

**It is our duty and responsibility to be fiscally responsible as well as help our members whenever possible.**

**We have successfully implemented the Dental and Vision Assistance Program. Please see your benevolent trustee for specific details.**

**This past year, we mourned the passing of ex-chief and longtime benevolent trustee William “Skip” Grace. Skippy was a beloved member of the Valley Stream Fire Department and Benevolent Association families. We extended our sincere sympathies to his friends, family and everyone who loved and respected him.**

**We hope you can join us at our Annual Social on Sunday, February 22 , 2026 at the Coral House in Baldwin. Last year experienced a huge turnout and many compliments as we moved the time up to 11:30 and included many more breakfast and brunch options.**

**I hope our members can join us in 2026 at Our annual meeting, to be held on Friday, May 15th, at the Valley Stream American Legion. This is the best opportunity to meet the organizations officers and ask pertinent questions regarding your association. Last year after our meeting, we added open pit barbecuing, which was very well received!**

**Our website is constantly being updated. Please visit us here often at [Valleystreamfirebenev.com](http://Valleystreamfirebenev.com)**

**Have a happy, healthy and safe new year**

**Respectfully;  
Edwin A. Fare, President**

