



## December 2024

The Board of Officers and I wish to extend to you our best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year!

## 2025 – Dates to Remember:

**Remember this is the only notification of these dates that you will receive. In the event of a special meeting, notifications will be mailed. Please check the website ([www.wantaghfdexempts.com](http://www.wantaghfdexempts.com)) and your email for any last-minute changes.**

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| January 15, 2025 | - | General Membership Meeting                          |
| March 19, 2025   | - | Nominations and Elections of Officers               |
| April 23, 2025   | - | Charter Night – Swearing in of Officers and Meeting |
| Sept. 17, 2025   | - | General Membership Meeting                          |

**\*Please note:**

*Meetings will be “in person” at Wantagh FD HQ but we will also be live streaming thru GoTo Meeting. The link will be posted on our website prior to the date.*

***Watch the website and your email for meeting info/changes.***

**Regarding Charter Night-** Charter Night Dinner, Swearing in of Officers, will be Wednesday April 23, 2025 (6:00pm) at the Unqua Yacht Club - **MEMBERS ONLY THIS YEAR**

**Dues:**

**Dues for the 2025 year are to be paid by March 1, 2025.** Your notice is enclosed. Please be advised, that should you desire to do so, you can prepay future dues in advance.

**Please immediately notify the secretary of any changes to your contact information, i.e.: address, phone number and email address so that accurate records can be maintained.** To ensure your information is correct, please send an email to our e-mail address, which is [Exempts@Wantaghfd.com](mailto:Exempts@Wantaghfd.com) .

Of course, should you have any questions or need information, send an email or call us directly at **516-785-0180, extension 1146**, and we will respond as soon as possible.

**WEB Page:**

The website will be going live in January of 2025. Be sure to keep an eye out for emails regarding this. These may come from the organization hosting our new website (Glue Up). You will be able access meeting minutes, view by-laws, download forms to change beneficiary, and request for new certificates, etc.

**Needy or Indigent Members:**

We would once again like to remind the membership that we try to stay abreast of the well-being of the membership. If you are in need, indigent or have knowledge of a member that is, please contact us for an application for assistance. Please follow the instructions as shown on the application and remember to submit all required documentation to comply with New York State Audit procedures. Remember we can only act in a timely manner when the proper information is received.

**Passing of Members:**

It is with deep regret that during 2024 we lost the following members:

Steve Tellis 12/23  
George Haab 12/23  
Joseph Vitale 01/24  
Ira Robinson 02/24  
Anthony Cuomo 04/24  
Roger Price 06/24

Mel Davidson 07/24  
Don Snyder 08/24  
Tim O'Brien 09/24  
Pete Kemp 09/24  
Gordon Madden Jr. 11/24

***May they rest in peace and may their loved ones find comfort.***

**Presidents Note:**

*As President, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Officers and Trustees for their unwavering dedication to our organization and its members. Their efforts ensure we are well-positioned to serve our membership effectively.*

*Our organization continues to thrive, with membership now at 365. The Board remains steadfast in working on your behalf to ensure compliance with New York State regulations governing benevolent associations, as outlined in our charter. Beyond attending monthly Trustees and General Membership Meetings, our Officers participate in various events and meetings throughout Nassau, Suffolk, and Albany to stay informed about the latest laws and policies affecting our members.*

*On behalf of myself, the Board of Officers, and Trustees, we extend our warmest wishes to you and your families for a joyful and healthy holiday season and a prosperous New Year!*

Respectfully,

John Gillen

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