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Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association eNewsletter



Last Sunday Cancelled

The **Last Sunday** open house scheduled for this coming Sunday afternoon, July 26th has been cancelled.

As part of our continuing maintainance of the cemetery grounds, we are having some significant road reconstruction work done. Unfortunately, the road immediately in front of the Hope Abbey entrance is not in a safe condition, therefore the decision to cancel July's **Last Sunday** was made. We'll be back next month. We hope you'll come and visit then.

Women Who Made a Difference

The EMCA is Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote. This is the fourth in a series about some of the women "who made a difference in our community" and who are interred in the historic Masonic cemetery. These entries are compiled by EMCA board member Alex Brokaw.

Janet Maria McCornack Collier

Janet McCornack Collier (1857–1938) was born in Olympia, Washington Territory. Her obituary in the 1938 Eugene Guard stated that, "Although she was a woman of broad interests, undoubtedly her most compelling public interest was in schools and education generally. ... She saw the school system of Eugene go from a schoolhouse on the west end of Skinner's Butte (which she as a girl attended) to its present size."

Janet was in the UO's third graduating class (5 women and 14 men) in 1880 and later was president of the UO Alumni Association. In her early years, she was a school teacher. Later, she was elected to the Eugene School Board as the first woman director, even though she couldn't vote in elections herself! She visited all the classes, evaluated the teachers, and lobbied for funds to build a new high school—all while raising six children. "I don't know if she was especially interested in women's suffrage," said a granddaughter in 1976, "but she lived it."

Her surveyor husband, Charles, was often away, so Mrs. Collier was a household carpenter, craftsperson and nurse all rolled into one. She built shelves, made the children a baseball out of an old shoe, and saw them through typhoid and scarlet fever epidemics. She also found the time for church and neighborhood activities. "It wasn't just her family that she worked for," said her daughter Dorothy in 1976. Son Alfred added, "She wasn't afraid of man or the devil!"

All of her six children were UO graduates. Two of them, Alfred and Andrew, became prominent Klamath Falls businessmen and presented the state with a 142-acre site, just north of Chiloquin, for a park honoring their parents. The Collier Memorial State Park opened in 1948, and Alfred went on to build the Oregon State Logging Museum in the park. Both the McCornack and the Collier families are well represented in the Eugene Masonic Cemetery.

Susan Alexander Campbell

Susan Campbell (1857–1932) was so active in the growth and progress of the University of Oregon that the university named a building after her.

In 1905, at the age of 48, she joined the university as Supervisor of Student Living, eventually becoming acquainted with hundreds of students. In 1908, she resigned from her job and married the UO's fourth president, Prince Lucien Campbell. After her marriage, she was active with the Red Cross, the Murray Warner Museum of Oriental Art (now the Schnitzer Museum of Art), the Lane County Health Association, the YWCA, the Old Age Relief Fund, the student loan/work program, and many more causes.

During the flu pandemic in 1917–18, she helped organize the campus infirmaries and worked ceaselessly throughout the crisis, visiting ill students and providing their parents with updates.

Susan Campbell Hall, the second women's dormitory on campus, was built in 1921, during a period of increasing enrollment of female students. Today the building is home to the Department of Philosophy.

Walter Church, one of Susan's children from a previous marriage and among the first graduates of the UO's School of Architecture and Allied Arts, supervised the construction of the capitol building in Salem.

At her death, it was said that, "Every good cause found a friend in her." She and Prince Lucien Campbell are interred in Hope Abbey Mausoleum.

Signs of the Times

Did a big load of pajamas so I would have enough work clothes for this week.

Remember all those times when you wished the weekend would last forever? Well, Wish Granted. Happy Now?

Is it too early to put up the Christmas Tree? I have run out of things to do.

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Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association

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To restore, rehabilitate, maintain, interpret and operate the historic Eugene Masonic Cemetery and Hope Abbey Mausoleum as a cultural and natural resource for the community.

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