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Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association eNewsletter



Last Sunday



April 25th, 1 to 4 PM

We will again host the traditional open house event that we call the Last Sunday Open House. It's an opportunity to visit inside the beautifully restored 1914 Hope Abbey Mausoleum.

There will be two cemetery board members on hand to answer questions you might have about the historic building, as well as the cemetery itself. We'll require the normal Covid-19 safety precautions such as wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing. The lavatory, unfortunately, will NOT be open for the public.

There are no scheduled indoor *Music To Die For* concerts yet, but we have news of an outdoor concert. It will be held on the Public Square on the Sunday before Memorial Day, May 30th. Please see article below.

Eugene Masonic Cemetery Memorial Day Weekend Highlights

The Eugene Masonic Cemetery and Hope Abbey Mausoleum will be open on Sunday, May 30, and on



Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 11:30--5:00, Our Board of Directors will be serving as hosts in Hope Abbey to answer questions.

Taps will be played each day at Noon, after which a guided tour will be offered. The favorite History Hunt is our "cemetery version" of a scavenger hunt. It's a fun family activity, and there are prizes for all who participate!

To cap off Sunday's activities, an all brass concert will be held in the Public Square at 4:00 p.m. A similar concert was held last summer to the delight of all who attended. Covid-19 safety precautions will be in place.

Many more details of the Memorial Day weekend events will be in next month's issue of this eNewsletter.

Monument Restoration Pros



They are back! If you have been enjoying the cemetery on a recent sunny day, you've probably seen Dave Pinyeard and Bernadette Neiderer from Historic Preservation Northwest hard at work, repairing broken and toppled grave markers. Out of the over 2,500 tombstones in the cemetery, they have identified 155 historic grave markers and monuments in need of repair. In part, through the generosity of donors, the EMCA has been able to contract with them for repair of 54 of these. Only 101 to go!

If you would like to contribute to this effort, you may send a check to EMCA, PO Box 5934, Eugene, OR 97405. Please make a notation that it's for Monument Restoration. You may also make a donation either through PayPal, or by clicking the "Donate" button below. Thank you!

REMEMBER THAT THE MASONIC CEMETERY

- Is privately owned, but opens its grounds to the public, subject to COVID-19 safeguards.
- Is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is not subsidized by the city of Eugene.
- Is eligible for the Oregon Cultural Trust match.
- Has a website, eugenemasoniccemetery.org with lots of information about the cemetery.
- Has free informational brochures available at the Garden Cottage, including a walking tour.
- Has burial and cremains space for sale. Contact Sally Dietrich at (541) 684-0949 or by email clicking [here](#).
- Uses PayPal for on-line donations. Please [click](#) here to donate.

Mission Statement

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.

The cemetery is operated for the public benefit,
but it is private property.
(A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization)



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