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Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association eNewsletter



"Last Sunday" Open House



We'll be hosting our monthly open House today, Sunday, April 27, in Hope Abbey Mausoleum. The doors will be open for visitors from 1 to 4 PM, and there will be two knowledgeable board members present to answer questions about the mausoleum and the cemetery grounds.

We'd love to have you visit the beautiful interior of the 1913 mausoleum as it is today after years of restoration; the stunning walls of marble, the shiny terrazzo floors and the 80+ replica stained glass windows by local artist John Rose that bathe the interior with a warm golden glow.

The next short article below tells a bit of what you'll find if you take a stroll through the grounds after visiting Hope Abbey. Be sure to pick up a free copy of the Walking Guide brochure.

Please park on city streets because there is no general parking on the cemetery grounds. Hope Abbey is the large concrete structure at the end of E 26th.

Cemetery Arboretum/Landscape Update

By Diego Llewellyn-Jones, Site Manager

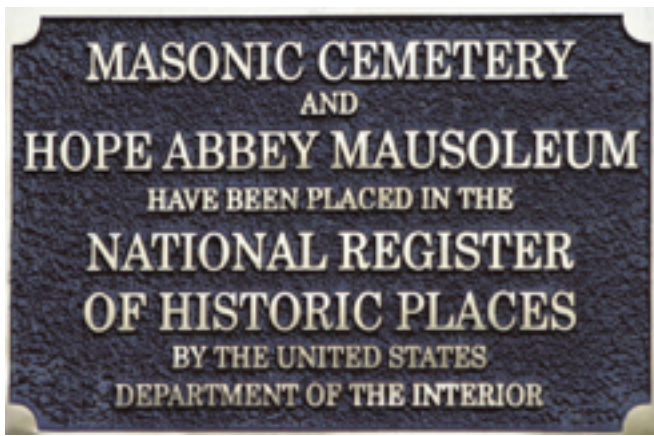
Hey, Diego, is anything happening in the cemetery? It's spring!



It feels like all I see is grass. As I mow, the smell of daisy fills the air. I look up and see the madrones are flowering, and the lilacs, too. I saw the first columbine very recently and nearby a patch of bleeding hearts. Harder to find, there are tulips and strawberries. Other flowers blooming are false Solomon's-seal, tall and western meadow rue, and the larkspurs. Over on the north side the candy flower is still out, and the star of Bethlehem is starting to show along with the fringe cups.

—Full of Life—

The History and Character of Eugene's Masonic Cemetery
Something worth reading one month at a time.



Last year we began a serial presentation of the Eugene Masonic Cemetery's publication *Full of Life*, a short book on the history and background of the cemetery. A link to this month's chapter appears below.

A little known fact is that the North East corner of the cemetery was the site of a clay pit, the contents of which were molded and fired into construction bricks. Where were they used you ask? This chapter tells all.

Click on the title below to access this month's chapter.
Chapter Seven: [The Old Clay Pit](#)

Because of the size of the print in the original book, it's suggested that you read these chapters on a laptop or large computer screen.

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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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