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Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association eNewsletter



"Last Sunday" Open House Sunday, October 27th



We'll be hosting our monthly "Last Sunday" Open House on Sunday, October 27th, 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.

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

November Voting

November 5th is the deadline for you to vote on a myriad of items, not the least of which is for the next President of the United States. The ballot you'll receive as a registered voter will have measures and candidates that will affect city, county, state and national issues.

Voting is one of the basic ways of participating in our democracy and you should have received your ballot in the mail already. If you have questions about your voting status, you can check that online at: [Voting Information](#)

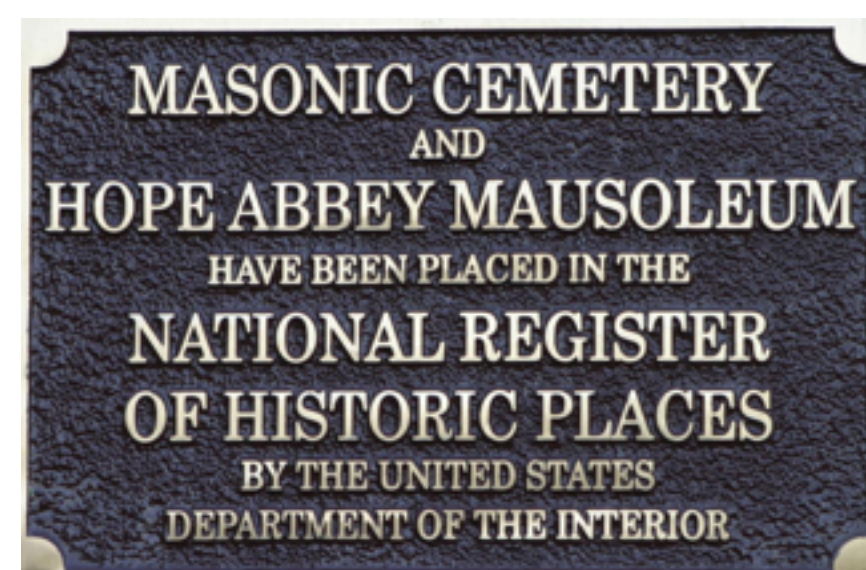
You'll also find information there about the voting process, which in Oregon is easy because ballots are mailed to your postal address. They may be returned via a postage prepaid envelope included with the ballot, or you may hand deliver them to one of designated drop boxes.

Please vote by November 5th

Full of Life

The History and Character of Eugene's Masonic Cemetery

Something worth reading one month at a time



The Eugene Masonic Cemetery was incorporated in 1859, two years before the Confederates fired on Fort Sumter in South Carolina, which marked the beginning of the Civil War. The cemetery has survived all these years and its history reflects many of the facets of the United States since the Civil War. It even is the last resting place of several Confederate soldiers.

As time passed, Masonic Lodge #11 operated and maintained grounds, and the classic and historic 1913 Hope Abbey Mausoleum. But with minimal resources, it began to fall to the forces of time and the capriciousness of man and nature. In the early 1990s, acknowledging their inability to properly maintain the property, the ownership was turned over to a newly formed organization: The Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association (EMCA), a non-profit 501(c)(3) entity. The Mission Statement lays out its purpose:

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 board of directors and staff have been very successful in fulfilling that task, but that's another story.

After we began the job of restoration and searching through the history of the cemetery, the volunteer board of directors decided that a comprehensive summary of the cemetery was in order. As a result, a book was published called *Full of Life, The History and Character of Eugene's Masonic Cemetery*. We've sold many copies since the late 1990s, but as supplies diminished, we decided to place it on the EMCA's website, available to all.

The chapters are broken down into separate subjects, and the intent of this article is to provide you with monthly links to chapters from *Full of Life, The History and Character of Eugene's Masonic Cemetery*. These links will take you to chapters in the order they appear in the book. This month there will be two chapters, including a short introduction to the book. These links are best read on a desktop computer or a laptop because of the small print in the book.

Click on the chapter titles below for access.

Chapter One: INTRODUCTION

Chapter Two: MOVERS AND SHAKERS

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Mission Statement

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



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