

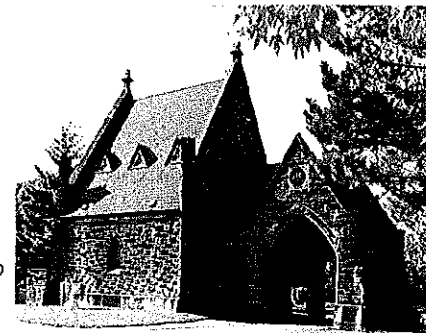
Riverside Cemetery Office  
AD 1896

# THE TRADITION

## SUMMER 2011

### RIVERSIDE CEMETERY AND FOUNDATION

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY IS A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION OF LOT OWNERS  
WHOSE REVENUES FROM SALES & SERVICES ARE USED TO MAINTAIN AND  
ENHANCE OUR GROUNDS.



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### BREWERS AND NOTABLES TOUR

Our popular annual Brewers and Notables Tour is scheduled for Saturday, August 13th. This event is led by Metro Parks Outdoor Education Division's Historical Interpreter, Doug Kusak, and Riverside's former General Manager, Bill Halley. We begin with an orientation about Riverside's founding and character in the Chapel at 9:00 am. This is followed by a walking tour through some of our most historical areas where you will learn about six of our eight brewing families and many of the most notable persons resting eternally here.

Reservations, while not required, are appreciated to assist us in our planning. You can email the office at [riverside\\_cemetery@att.net](mailto:riverside_cemetery@att.net) or call 216-351-4800.

### NEW JAZZ FESTIVAL

We are planning a jazz festival for later in this summer or early fall. This is to honor some jazz greats that are buried here at Riverside, including Robert Lockwood, Roberto O'Casio, and Robert "Skeets" Ross. The concert will be outside at our "Centennial Circle" just down the street from our Chapel. Bring your own chairs or blankets and a picnic lunch and enjoy the music. Additionally, we are planning on having a horse-drawn carriage available for taking guests on a short tour around the cemetery. (small fee for this activity may apply). The final details will be available in the next edition of The Tradition.

### CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

On Thursday, May 12 we hosted the annual Memorial Service for those people who donated their bodies to Case Western Reserve Medical School. It is a privilege for us to host this beautiful service for those who "gave in death for those in life". Their grave is located in Section 19, Lot 1.

### RIVERSIDE CEMETERY FOUNDATION

The Riverside Cemetery Foundation, 501(c)(3), was established in 1992. Initially, it was intended as a resource for interested persons and Foundations to offer funding for the total restoration of our treasured, Nationally Registered Chapel. Since that project's very successful completion in 1998, the continued thoughtful support of our Foundation by our many families and friends has provided much needed assistance in addressing other ongoing, special needs within our 1876 Cleveland Landmark cemetery. We have also been able to sponsor some community and educational program services as well.

We currently have to address some long overdue and badly needed roadway resurfacing, primarily in some of the oldest and most historic areas of our beautiful park. The significant cost required for such a project (at least \$50,000) is well outside our general operating budget needs, so we have designated a special account within our Foundation for this critical restoration. In conjunction with this action, we are requesting that those who are interested and able to help us, consider a memorial or personal gift to this roadway fund. The extent to which we can accomplish our objectives in this task will depend upon the level of support we are fortunate in receiving from our valued families and friends.

Contributions payable to the Riverside Cemetery Foundation should be sent to the office address. All gifts will be appropriately receipted and gratefully acknowledged in our Newsletter.

*"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle"*

Father James Keller (1900-1977)

"Typical Private Cemetery?"

General Manager's Comments

Recently, there have been several ads in the Cleveland Plain Dealer comparing prices of a "Typical Private Cemetery" to those at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery (OWRNC). While it is true that there are no costs associated with the OWRNC, the prices listed are in no means accurate as far as prices at Riverside Cemetery are concerned. We are definitely **NOT** your "Typical Private Cemetery". The ad stated that you would pay "\$11,345.00" for comparable services at a "Typical Private Cemetery" versus \$0.00 at OWRNC. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that for comparable accommodations and services at Riverside Cemetery, you would pay \$1,890, not \$11,345 as the ad suggested. The breakdown is as follows:

First Grave (double deep)	\$475.00
Opening/closing	\$515.00
Concrete Grave Liner	Purchased at Funeral Home
Second Grave (top of double deep)	\$ -0-
Second Opening/Closing	\$700.00
Second Concrete Grave Liner	Purchased at Funeral Home
Military Marker	No charge, except for Foundation -\$200

You pay: \$1,890.00  
Even if you add in the Funeral Home charge for a Concrete Grave Liner (1 each) at an average cost of \$1,000, then the total cost for cemetery needs, is \$3,890.00, but again, the vault or grave liner is purchased from your local Funeral Director.

So, as you can see, Riverside Cemetery is far from "Typical". Also, these costs are the same whether or not a person is a Veteran. The only difference is they would not be provided a headstone from the government, and would have to purchase one separately, the cost of which starts around \$495. We also have many more options for grave purchases and memorials (and costs can be more), but this is comparing apples-to-apples to what is provided at a National Cemetery. For any information, please contact us in the office.

QUESTION???

Once a headstone or monument is delivered to the cemetery, to whom does it belong? (See answer in next column)

Spring is in full swing and, hopefully, Summer is right behind it. We have had a terrible Winter and Spring as far as weather is concerned. We seemed to have snow from December through March and rain and wind all of April and into May. We lost 4 trees from the high winds and everything is so wet that we haven't been able to do all the work that needs to be done. We are making every effort to get caught up and make Riverside the beautiful cemetery that it has always been known for.

Flags will be placed on our veterans' graves again this year by a joint effort of Boy Scout Troop #98, Cub Scout Pack #98, and the Fred A. Bloetscher VFW Post #868. The only way they know if a burial was for a veteran is if that fact is reflected on the headstone. If not, we are sorry that a flag does not get placed, but simply contact us in the office and we will make certain that a flag gets placed on your veteran's grave.

We had a nice turnout again for our Second Easter Sunrise Service. The weather wasn't perfect, and we couldn't witness any sun rising, but we celebrated the true Son rising and shared a beautiful worship experience. Please plan on attending next year, and we are always open to your suggestions.

Again you will notice a change in the format of this edition of The Tradition. We are tinkering with different layouts to see what will work best. Please remember to send us your e-mail so we can add you to our e-mail distribution list. Also, let us know if you want to continue receiving The Tradition in one fashion or another. If not, we will discontinue mailing you future editions.

Remember that we have a nice selection of silk flower bouquets available on our website ([www.riversidecemeterycleveland.org](http://www.riversidecemeterycleveland.org)) and in our office. The cost is \$27 including the holder, tax, and placement. All decorations (please limit to 3 per grave) will be removed on October 15 as part of our semi-annual clean-offs. This does not include upright crosses or shepherd's hooks - they can remain year round although the items on them will be removed on clean-off days.

Memorial bricks in our Memorial Urn Garden Patio are always available for purchase. The cost is \$100 and can be engraved with up to 3 lines and 11 characters per line. These can be purchased for any reason - the person does not have to be buried in the Urn Garden or even in our cemetery.

ANSWER

Cemetery memorials, i.e. headstones, double markers, and monuments, always remain the property of the person or family who purchased it. Many are covered for any needed resotraton by one's homeowners' policy under "cemetery memorials".

### *Message from the Foremen*

We are trying to keep up with the weather, but we haven't been winning that battle. You can help us by following a few simple rules. PLEASE:

- ✓ Do not drive or park on the grass anywhere.
- ✓ Limit your decorations to 3 items per grave. (Excess decorations will be removed)
- ✓ NO glass, porcelain, stones, rocks, marbles, or fences at any time.
- ✓ Be aware that Styrofoam decorations often get blown away.
- ✓ If your Section allows plantings, please keep them within the bounds of your lot.
- ✓ Be considerate of others.

We planted more flowers this year and despite the bad weather, many have bloomed and are adding to the beauty of the cemetery. We are constantly trying to beautify the grounds and with your help we can continue to keep Riverside looking as nice as possible. Have a great summer!

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Question: What options are available for cremated remains?

Answer: We have many options available from burial in our Urn Garden, to burial on top of an existing grave, to inurnment in our Columbaria, to Memorial benches, personal estate columbaria, cremation boulders, and other personal options.

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### **POEM OF LIFE**

*Life is but a stopping place,*

*A pause in what's to be,*

*A resting place along the road,  
to sweet eternity.*

*We all have different journeys,*

*Different paths along the way,*

*We all were meant to learn some things,  
but never meant to stay...*

*Our destination is a place,*

*Far greater than we know,*

*For some the journey's quicker,*

*For some the journey's slow.*

*And when the journey finally ends,*

*We'll claim a great reward,*

*And find an everlasting peace,*

*Together with the Lord.*

### **The Administration Building History**

Every year, many visitors admire and ask about our beautiful 19<sup>th</sup> Century red brownstone Administrative Building. It is now approximately 115 years old; was created a Cleveland Landmark in 1977; and became a part of the National Register of Historic Buildings and places in 1987. Its massive, castle-like Romanesque design has become a very recognizable architectural sentinel greeting our many thousands of visitors annually.

Our original office was a small, wooden cottage-style structure built in late 1875. As our need for larger quarters became increasingly apparent, the subject of a new office building was formally introduced at a Trustee meeting on 12/9/1895. Following approval, the architectural sketches of Charles W. Hopkinson were accepted on 5/4/1896 and the present site was chosen. Red brownstone was chosen over granite because of the prohibitive cost of the granite. The red colored brownstone came from the Long Meadow Mass. Quarry. The sum of the accepted bids for the project was \$17,360. The construction began shortly after 6/30/1896 with all the major outside structural work probably completed by year-end and finishing touches being done during early 1897.

The interior first floor contains a two-story high great room with an inlaid oak wood ceiling above walls of 1 ½" thick yellow roman bricks. There is a single story high inner working office with originally plastered walls, but now paneled with an acoustical drop ceiling. There is an attic over the Great Room, a meeting room over the office area, and a record storage room under the open, circular, corner tower. There is also a full basement and three fireplaces. Initial lighting was apparently done with gas fixtures and eventually replaced by electricity. Three entrances off the triple-sided porch have now been reduced to one on the west facing.

The offices were opened by spring of 1897 and the first Trustee meeting in the new Administration Building was held on Monday, June 28, 1897. Among the sixteen trustees present at that meeting were such prominent persons as Trustee Vice-President Samuel Sessions (Lamson & Sessions), Frederick Pelton (Cleveland Mayor 1871-1873), Leonard Schlather (Brewery owner) and Robert Wallace (Executive with American Shipbuilding and a Masonic leader). Trustee meetings have been held here since.

## *A DEMOLAY TRIBUTE TO MOTHERHOOD*

After being a very active member and officer of DeMolay during his teen years, our former General Manager, William R. Halley served as an adult advisor for his home Chapter for over 30 years. Twenty-two of those years were as the Chapter Advisor where he worked directly with the top elected officers who changed semi-annually. During his years of service, he earned many recognitions including the Order's highest adult honor, the Legion of Honor.

DeMolay is an international leadership and character building fraternal organization sponsored by Masonry for boys 12-21 years. Among their several public presentations is one for honoring mothers. The DeMolay Tribute To Motherhood was written over 60 years ago by one of their own local members, the now late Rev. E. Robert Shauble. When presented, usually at open officer installations or on special occasions where women are present, an active member circles the room reciting the beautiful words of the following poem from memory while single roses are given to each mother as they're standing for recognition. Mr. Halley had the privilege of giving this Tribute on many occasions, and he wanted to share it with all of our mothers, living and at rest, as a tribute for Mother's Day.

### *"DeMolay Tribute to Motherhood"*

GOD THOUGHT TO GIVE THE SWEETEST THING  
IN HIS ALMIGHTY POWER,  
TO EARTH. - AND DEEPLY WONDERING  
WHAT IT SHOULD BE - ONE HOUR.

IN FONDEST JOY AND LOVE OF HEART  
OUTWEIGHING EVERY OTHER,  
HE MOVED THE GATES OF HEAVEN APART  
AND GAVE TO EARTH A MOTHER!

WHY,

FOR SAVE IN "HEAVEN"  
THERE'S NOT A NAME SO SWEET,  
SO HALLOWED, DEEP  
FROM THE HEART IT LEAPS.

IT SPRINGS, SOFTLY HOVERS ON THE LIPS,  
AND SINGS OF LOVE AND HAPPINESS AND JOY.  
THERE'S NEVER A HEARTBEAT OUT OF TIME  
NEVER A NATURE OUT OF RHYME,

WITH MOTHER.

THE MOTHER SENDING FORTH HER CHILD  
TO MEET WITH CARES AND STRIFE,  
BREATHES THROUGH HER TEARS, HER HOPE, HER FEARS,  
FOR THAT LOVED ONE'S FUTURE LIFE.

NO COLD "ADIEU!" OR "FAREWELL" LIVES  
BENEATH HER CHOKING SIGHS,  
BUT THE DEEPEST STORY OF ANGUISH GIVES  
"GOD BLESS THEE, SON. GOOD BYE!"

SO, YOU SEE,

THERE ARE MANY, MANY REASONS  
WHY WE LOVE YOU MOTHER DEAR,  
THOUGH TONIGHT WE'RE NOT REPEATING  
ALL WE'VE TOLD YOU THROUGH THE YEAR.

BUT OUR EVER-LOVING WISHES  
AND OUR THOUGHTS SO FOND AND TRUE  
WILL BE IN OUR HEARTS FOR ALWAYS  
JUST BECAUSE DEARS, YOU ARE YOU.

FOR THERE'S A WELL-WORN PATH  
AND IT LEADS STRAIGHT THROUGH  
THE LANES OF OUR HEARTS,  
TILL IT COMES - TO YOU!

AND THE VINES OF LOVE  
AND THE FLOWERS OF CHEER  
GROW THERE ALL SEASONS  
OF THE YEAR.

BUT ON THIS NIGHT  
THEY BLOOM ANEW,  
WITH THE BEST OF WISHES  
ALL FOR YOU.

SO, COUNT YOUR GARDEN BY THE FLOWERS  
AND NEVER BY THE LEAVES THAT FALL,  
COUNT YOUR DAYS BY GOLDEN HOURS  
AND DON'T REMEMBER CLOUDS AT ALL.

COUNT YOUR NIGHTS BY STARS, NOT SHADOWS.<sup>o</sup>  
COUNT YOUR LIFE WITH SMILES, NOT TEARS.  
AND, TONIGHT WHEN YOU WE HONOR  
COUNT YOUR AGE BY FRIENDS, NOT YEARS.

FOR GOD HAS NOT PROMISED SKIES ALWAYS BLUE,  
OR FLOWER-STREWN PATHWAYS ALL OUR LIVES THROUGH.  
NOR HAS GOD PROMISED SUN WITHOUT RAIN,  
JOY WITHOUT SORROW, OR PEACE WITHOUT PAIN.

BUT GOD HAS PROMISED STRENGTH FOR THE DAY,  
REST FOR THE LABORER, LIGHT ON THE WAY,  
GRACE FOR YOUR TRIALS, AND HELP FROM ABOVE,  
HIS UNFAILING SYMPATHY, HIS UNDYING LOVE.

SO, MOTHERS,

JUST FOR YOURSELVES WERE THESE THOUGHTS TONIGHT,  
FOR YOU, AND YOU ONLY DEARS,  
THE HOPES THAT ARE KNOWN IN OUR HEARTS ALONE,  
AND THE LOVE THAT WE'RE SENDING HERE.

AND JUST FOR YOURSELVES IS THIS ONE LOVING WISH-  
THAT ALL THAT IS FINE AND TRUE  
MAY BELSS YOU AS TRULY AS WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED  
BY THE GIFT OF YOUR LOVE AND BY YOU!