



ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY CEMETERY

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*“An Historical Cemetery
Where Peaceful Waters Flow”*

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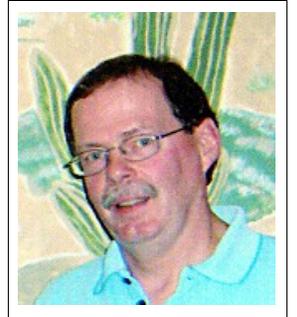
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year has seen many changes in our Board of Directors with three members retiring; John Grady, serving 10 years and George Hillis serving nine years. We thank them for their many volunteer hours and dedication to the cemetery. The Board was fortunate to benefit from their expertise during times of transition and expansion. We wish John and George much success in their future endeavours.



The third member retiring in 2012 was our Chairman Don Deebank. During his 36 years on the Board, he served on every committee as well as being President from 1992 up to his retirement in December. When Don became a member in 1976, things were certainly different here at the Cemetery. There was no administration building or shop, no columbaria for cremated remains and no lovely new sign at our entrance way. Back then, graves were dug by hand or contracted out since the Cemetery didn't own a tractor or backhoe and it was a time when casket burials were pretty much the only option people had.

Don's insight and dedication towards the Cemetery is second to none. He has devoted countless hours dealing with lawyers, financial trustees, accountants, contractors and meetings over the years. His leadership and expertise is clearly evident in the beauty of the Cemetery and all that it has to offer in its services and park-like setting.

He has made himself available, and could be counted on at all hours to the Board of Directors and Rights Holders. Don could also be seen leading and singing at the annual Memorial Services each June and had it not been for his love of the cemetery business, St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery may not have all the conveniences and lovely amenities it has today. Memorial Services up until the late 90's, were held at a local church. Don, having always been open to Rights Holders' suggestions, agreed that the services would be more personal and meaningful if held on the Cemetery grounds. For many years now, the services are held under a large tent to accommodate the many in attendance from near and far.

Don was also instrumental in the purchase of additional undeveloped land to the west of the Cemetery for eventual expansion. At meetings over the years, he would often state that all decisions voted on should be made with the future of the Cemetery and future Boards in mind. Since the Cemetery is not funded by any outside means ie. Government grants etc., Don was extremely particular about the budget and kept a close eye on the Cemetery's investments and how the Rights Holders' money was being spent. He has also stressed the historical importance of the monuments placed in the Cemetery from the Lost Villages as well as all new monuments by ensuring that the foundations be regularly maintained.

His humanity and sensitivity for the bereaved, preservation of local history and dedication of his time and resources towards the Cemetery certainly need to be mentioned and recognized. He has been an active and important “behind the scenes” member of our community. As Acting Chairman, I know I have big shoes to fill and welcome the challenge. This Board and future Boards will carry forward with Don's vision for the Cemetery. *“A personal thank-you Don for agreeing to be available for consultation should we need it. Thanks for making our job easier and for your great sense of humour around the Board table with a joke or two. We wish you a happy, much-deserved retirement”.*

Sincerely, Steve Ostler - Acting Chairman

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Brian Eadie (2013)

**If anyone is interested in joining the Board,
please contact the Administrator for
more information.**

**General enquires may be directed to the
Administrator**

April 1st to October 31st - Monday to Thursday -
9:30 am. - 4:30 pm. and Friday - 9:30 am. - 4 pm.

November 1st to March 31st - Monday to Thursday -
10:30 am. - 3 pm. and Friday - 10:30 am. - 2:30 pm.



ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES

by Bonnie Ross

Burrrr...as I write this column today, the temperature outside is -25C; more like -35C with the windchill factor. The Internet gives us a fast and easy way to find out the most current weather conditions and just about everything else, all at a touch of a button. Getting that information to the internet for the public is another thing entirely. It took 10 years from start to finish to completely overhaul the Cemeteries Act of Ontario, now known as the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*.

The new Act provides more clear and concise rights and obligations for the consumer in making wise choices for their eventual funeral and burial needs. Cemeteries and funeral homes are obligated to comply with these changes made under the Act, as well, a new set of approved by-laws for each individual cemetery stipulates how these changes will affect you as a rights holder and all future rights holders with each cemetery's rules and regulations in mind. St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery has recently filed updated by-laws which set out clearer guidelines and legislation changes. Approved copies of the new By-Laws will be available for pick-up sometime in the spring if you are interested. You may also view the new Act on the internet by simply entering the Act's title noted above.

In this column, I also wish to address a few questions raised by you, the Rights Holders, with respect to operations. One of the questions is why the cemetery is not fully snow-plowed in the winter. As you may know, the ever decreasing demand for casket burials does not justify the expenses needed for this service ie. winter burial equipment, staffing and snow removal all winter long. We do not see this changing in the future. Up until the time the decision to not plow the Ring Road was made several years ago, there were many times when visitors to the cemetery were finding themselves driving off the road and getting stuck in the ditch then requiring a tow truck. Even though the road had been plowed and all safety and practical measures had been taken, these incidents were increasing each year as the number of visitors to the cemetery was increasing

Since we sincerely understand and sympathize with Rights Holders who feel that visiting year round is a necessary element in their grief journey, we continue to keep the gates open year round and plow the entrance, roadways surrounding the Administration building and adjoining parking lot at the back of the building. We appreciate your patience for a day or two following a storm until the cemetery has been plowed out.

Many have since told me that even the drive to the cemetery and being able to park inside the cemetery, either to walk out to the grave or just to sit in their car to reflect and pray, seems helpful and comforting as they are in the general vicinity of their loved one. We sincerely hope that this is a suggestion that will be helpful and comforting to you and your family.

I would also like to address the issue of where items may or may not be permitted on the cemetery grounds. As you can appreciate, the cost of maintaining the cemetery is continually rising. The groundskeeper spends a good part of each day, picking up stray flowers, trash and branches, especially after a strong wind which seems to be the norm here off the river, and cleaning around each columbarium. Our grass cutting crew does a terrific job and is not required to pick up these items, especially when trimming around each monument. Many items left on the grass are glass and ceramic and often break causing a safety issue to workmen and

visitors. For these reasons, we ask for your cooperation in ensuring that all items are off of the grass and are securely fastened to either the monument or base of the monument. Items can also be placed on the foundations of the monuments if there is room, however, since holes cannot be drilled into the foundations, any items left on the foundations must be heavy enough to not blow away or fall over.

Should your flower arrangement sitting atop the monument go astray (otherwise known as a "saddle" arrangement), please write the name of the monument, a phone number and/or the lot number, if you know it, on a piece of masking tape to the underside of the arrangement in order that we may know who it belongs to. Since we do not have storage space for stray flowers and articles, they are, unfortunately, discarded after 30 days. We realize these arrangements can be costly and it is often heartbreaking when they go missing.

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IN MEMORIAM - 2012

by Date of Interment

March	Mark R. Quenneville Dorothy Grady Jean Brown
April	Donald Andrews Aldona Vaicekonis Douglas Bruce Gearing Ceola Mae Burns Mary Chan Doreen Vera Langstaff David Eric Bryan William Arthur Wells Eileen Gallinger Michael James Oxley
May	Kenneth McPhail Elaine McPhail Susan Crooker Iva Wylie (Eamer) Lorraine Joyce Eaman Shirley Constance Davis William Rutley Marjorie Droppo Shirley Joice Treva Lee Donalda Hollister Louise Tait Ida Susan Carnegie Cyril Dumond Ethel Empey Monica Labrosse Julie (Juliette) Dulion Judith Arlene Woods Keith Arnold Hartle Patricia Jean Giles Lewis Elbert Cutler Muriel Jean Symonds George Hickey
June	Barbara Jean Leavitt Mary Sproul Sofia Ostapczuk Jovie Denise Butcher Stirling Moak Stella Bergeron Roger Clement Fernand Viau Irene E. Smith Claude Price Rick Rushford
July	Gordon Edward Winterburn Luella Cross Sylvia McGill-MacDonald Dennis John Elie Joseph Ernest Cholette Leo Paul Papineau

August	Lloyd George Harris Berislava Heiblein Norvan Grant Jack Seber Claire Rose Ruth Williamson Cheryl Ann Merpaw Noella Jalbert Richard Robertson Jessie Rodger Violet Fenton Connie Boivin (McLeod) Judith McGillivray Timothy Gordon Gallinger Verna Mae Tupper Marion Toupin Geraldine Delaney
September	Ronald Labelle Isaac Alexander Wattie Claire MacDougall Marion McNaughton Marvin Wayne Brisbois Eugene Toews Judith Ann Hartle Michael H. Latimer Garnet Crowder Dale Crowder Nellie Hards James Richardson Elva Robena Weagant
October	Isaac Robert Vandeglind Kenneth R. Runions Herman Cote Dorothy Cote William A. McGillivray Marian Netko James Kenneth Somerville Janie Pearl Jeurond Mark Richard Hart Raymond Alan Target Alice Isabella Target Carol McPherson Ronald Preston Eamer
November	Ronald Angus McDonald Therese Bouchier Leo Ernest Nichols Rita Neron Eileen Barker Georgette Wells (Brodeur) Myrtle Elizabeth Ainslie Gloria Jean McIntyre Agnes Clark Arnold Major Jr.
December	Kathleen Locey Alfred Lee

2012 INTERMENT SUMMARY

Caskets	41
Urn Burials	37
Niche Interments	30
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TOTAL	108
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*“Surely He hath borne our griefs,
and carried our sorrows.”*

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES (continued)

Please rest assured that we are doing everything we possibly can to administer and maintain the cemetery as a beautiful and peaceful place of rest for our loved ones.

Since I have only covered a couple of topics in this column, you may contact me during regular office hours and I would be most happy to address any other cares or concerns you may have. I leave you with a portion of one of my favourite prayers -

*“God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.”*

by Reinhold Niebuhr

KINDLY MARK YOUR CALENDERS

**The annual
LOT & NICHE HOLDERS' MEETING
will be held on**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013 @ 7:30 pm.
in the Administration Building.**

All Rights Holders' are welcome to attend. The meeting will be comprised of Committee Reports, motion to appoint our Auditors, passing of the General Operating By-laws and election of the Board of Directors for 2013.

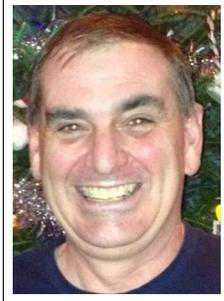
The annual
MEMORIAL SERVICE
will be held on

Sunday, June 23, 2013 @ 2:30 pm
on the cemetery grounds.

Our guest speaker will be
Pastor Oren Cole
of The Salvation Army, Cornwall
(celebrating 125 years
in Cornwall and area)

soloist, Pastor Glenda Cole
and featuring music by the local Salvation Army brass
band.

*Please plan on joining us for a
special time of remembrance.*



**PROMOTION /
MAINTENANCE
COMMITTEE REPORT**

**by Brian Eadie,
Committee Chairman**

I am looking forward to a busy 2013 season for our cemetery.

Currently the Board is working on the design and material selection for our main capital project for 2013, the “Replacement of the Main Gates”.

This project will start in the spring and consist of removing the old iron gates and digging out the old stone wall and foundation. Over the past number of years, the stone work has been repaired many times. It has reached a point where the mortar cannot be repaired anymore and must be replaced. The new gates are being designed to reflect the history and beauty of the Cemetery. I am striving to have the project completed prior to our Memorial Service on June 23rd.

Last year we completed the replacement of 28 old foundations. Our Maintenance Committee and groundskeeper did a beautiful job of the very time-consuming project. The Board has made a pledge to replace 20 of these old foundations each year for the next five years.

We were also able to complete the handicap railing down at the Lakeshore Columbaria area, which has now allowed persons in wheel chairs access to this beautiful area in a safe manner.

Towards the end of this summer we will begin construction of our fourth Lakeshore Columbarium by installing the foundation for same. The actual Columbarium will be installed in the spring of 2014.

As you can see, the Board is taking on more and more projects to enhance the beauty of the Cemetery and, at the same time, we have to maintain and upgrade certain areas that need repair. These projects are all based on the generous donations from Rights Holders and, in that light, I ask you to keep the Cemetery in mind for all your thoughts on charitable donations which are tax deductible.

Please do not forget our Annual Memorial Service which is set for Sunday, June 23rd, 2013 at 2:30 pm. I look forward to seeing you there!

ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY CEMETERY
SERVICES, MEMORIALS AND PROGRAMS

4' x 10' in-ground burial lots for caskets and urns / 3' x 4' in-ground cremation lots for one or two urns

Columbaria niches for one or two urns

Solid bronze vases, emblems and porcelain pictures / Completion inscription service

Winter Vault Committal / Pre-Need Planning Services

Flat bronze or granite markers with or without a vase

Memorial Tree and Bench Programs / Genealogical Research Assistance

Annual Newsletter and Memorial Service

One-time Care & Maintenance fee on lots, niches and foundations

Online Website – www.stlawrencevalleycemetery.ca