

November, 1991

THE MEMORIAL SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

Dear Member:

A Memorial Society is a non-profit, voluntary educational organization for those people who believe that the ceremonies surrounding death should be simple and dignified without excessive expense. We believe that these objectives are best accomplished by **PRE-PLANNING** before the need occurs.

NOT PRE-FINANCING - that's what the Funeral Industry wants - and they only talk about funerals that cost on average \$3000. On October 22, 1991 your President presented our views at a hearing before the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing concerning their proposed regulations governing pre-financing. It seems that the industry is off to the races - **BUT WHERE ARE WE?**

The good news is that the topic for our Annual Meeting (details below) will be: **FUNERALS: PRE-FINANCING OR PRE-PLANNING?**

The bad news is that the Memorial Society of New England has lost Directors through death, illness, and attrition, and your President, after 30 years of involvement, is seeking a replacement. In addition, our current funds are only sufficient to support a volunteer effort.

A MINIMUM OF VOLUNTEER HELP will enable the Society to maintain its records and provide its members with information about cooperating funeral directors. More help is needed, however, for our educational role, providing up-to-date information in a useful format. As an example, Massachusetts funeral directors are required under the new regulations to provide a buyer's guide for pre-need financing. Our Society should stay abreast of the situation and be able to prepare a buyer's guide of its own.

YOU CAN HELP US BY ATTENDING the Annual Meeting of the Memorial Society of New England. It will be held on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5** at the First and Second Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough St., at 6:00 PM. For persons with disabilities a few parking spaces will be available at the First Lutheran Church, opposite First and Second on Berkeley St. We are most grateful to the Rev. Walter Reuning for these. One or two spaces also may be available in the very small lot directly under First and Second. **PLEASE COME!**

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The following persons have agreed to remain in their present positions as we go about seeking new officers and directors. In order for them to continue we require your your approval:

Officers: George S. Richardson, M.D., President
David Sheets, Treasurer
Jean Rodeck, Clerk

Proxy vote (fill in only if you do not plan to attend the annual meeting. Send the completed form to: The Memorial Society of New England, 25 Monmouth St., Brookline, MA 02146.)

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE (NAME OF MEMBER) _____ OR THE CLERK OF THE SOCIETY (IF NO NAME LISTED ABOVE) TO VOTE FOR:

(1) THE SLATE OF OFFICERS AS PROPOSED: Yes _____; No _____

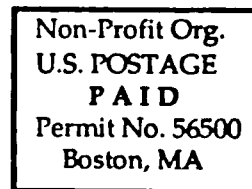
(2) SUCH MATTERS AS MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING:
Yes _____; No _____

Signature of member: _____ Date _____

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUPPORT THE MEMORIAL SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND WITH A VOLUNTARY TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME:

CONTRIBUTION: () \$15; () \$25; () \$50; () Other _____

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