

# Memorial Society

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Newsletter

Fall 1993

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING MEMORIAL SOCIETY

You are cordially invited to the Annual Meeting of the Memorial Society.

It will be held on:

Saturday, October 16th, 1993  
At the Museum of Our National Heritage  
33 Marrett Road (Route 2A)  
Lexington, MA 02173

The following is the schedule:

2 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. - Business Meeting  
2:15 p.m. - ~~Panel Discussion followed by refreshments~~  
and the opportunity to tour museum

TOPIC: "Everything You've Wanted to Know About Funerals But Were Afraid to Ask"

All participants are not confirmed, but we hope to have representatives from the Mass. Funeral Directors Association, the New England Institute, The Licensing Bureau, and a participant from the Memorial Society.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, BEN ADLER

It is a distinct pleasure to greet the members of The Memorial Society through this annual newsletter.

This past year has seen change and growth in our organization. With a "new look", our Board has productively met quarterly and has hosted representatives from the Mass. Funeral Directors Association and the New England Institute (the school which prepares future funeral directors). At our last annual meeting, the members ratified the by-law changes, and the Board has worked diligently to prepare a new brochure which we hope will invite new memberships.

The history of the Memorial Society's past 30 plus years is forged in solid commitment and fulfillment; the future is forecast in the same commitment and exciting anticipation. Ours is an educational organization, not a

cremation society, where our simple purpose is to keep our members well educated on their choices, the current laws, and to help individuals and families through a difficult time. Unfortunately, because of financial constraints, there is never money available for help with funeral costs.

The Officers and Board of the Society are all unpaid volunteers who have committed their time and efforts to being responsive to our members. Because there is no official office space and no paid staff, it has not remained possible for the Society to be the repository of members' funeral plans. We encourage members to leave these documents with a next of kin, their clergy, attorney or anyplace, but not in a will. Our future will be as strong as the links in the chain of volunteers....your time, your effort, your concern and your skill is needed. Please consider this a personal invitation, for as little time as

you may have, to answer phones, to respond to questions, to mail out information, to be on a speakers' bureau, to join our Board for quarterly meetings. The opportunities for volunteers are endless and will be proportionate to the creativity of you....the members. Call our number at (617) 859-7990 and leave a message that you would like to help, and someone will get back to you.

The Officers and Board of the Memorial Society have, with regret, accepted the resignations of two long-time officers, whose time and efforts over many years have

provided strength, continuity and stability. The thanks of a grateful Memorial Society is extended to Jean Rodeck, former clerk, and David Sheets, past treasurer, who will be missed.

I look forward to seeing each of you and greeting all of you at our annual meeting. We have responded to requests for a change, and will be meeting in the suburbs on a weekend day in a beautiful facility. Tours will be available before and after the meeting, to witness a piece of American History at the Museum of our National Heritage....please, plan to join us.

**NOTE FROM THE CLERK**

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many members who have written or called us in the past year and have mentioned their appreciation for the work of the Society. We enclose with this newsletter a copy of the new brochure that we developed last year. Please pass it on to someone you think might benefit from Membership in the Society. Or if you would like several sent out, just call our number at (617) 859-7990 and leave names and addresses on the tape--one will be sent. I hope to be able to greet many of you at our Annual Meeting on October 16th at 2 p.m. Please plan on attending. - Susan C. Twist

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS		
<i>President</i>	-	Benjamin Adler
<i>Vice President</i>	-	Thomas Leavitt
<i>Vice President</i>	-	John G. Van Dusen
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	Byron E. Blanchard
<i>Clerk</i>	-	Susan C. Twist
<i>Board Members</i>		
Freda Carnes		
Harry Jacobs		
George S. Richardson		
Robert Wolf		
(Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting)		

I hereby authorize the Clerk of the Society 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Please change my address on your records:

I would also like to support The Memorial Society with a voluntary, tax deductible contribution and enclose it herewith. Thank you very much for your support.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_