

# Memorial Society

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Newsletter

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## 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

