

# Rutherford Cemetery Association

Established 1851

## NEWSLETTER

Keeping Our Members Informed

February 2014



### *Mission Statement*

Our Mission is to serve the community as an active burial ground and to honor the past generations buried there. We will perform this work as an all-volunteer, non-profit organization to ensure this remains a beautiful historic site where we will remember our very humble beginnings in 1850 and where it will always be known as a peaceful place where family and friends may gather in remembrance.

The governing Board of the Rutherford Cemetery shall seek individual and community support and involvement as well as charitable donations to preserve this historic site. It shall express reverence and gratitude for our forebears so that all who come to visit will know that those who have gone were indeed buried with dignity and honor and remembered with affection.

2014  
Important Dates:  
(see inside for more details)

**75TH ANNUAL  
MEETING**  
Tuesday April 8  
7pm

**CLEAN UP DAY**  
Saturday May 3  
9am  
Backup Sat. May 17

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
Monday, May 26  
7am sharp!

**ONGOING  
MAINTENANCE:**  
6pm  
June 11     July 9  
August 13     September 10  
October 8

*Rutherford Cemetery Association  
is a nonprofit cemetery association  
governed by a board of trustees*

### **General Information**

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# A message from our President, Tim Kruse

Dear Members:

Our history is being written by each and every one of you who believes in the importance of neighbors helping neighbors. Thank you for sharing your financial resources and supporting our efforts to make Rutherford Cemetery a proud center of our community. We extend our gratitude to you.



The 2013 Clean Up day did not eventuate because of the bad weather last Spring but hopefully this year will be better so we can gather to give the grounds a good sprucing up. Some members mentioned it was apparent that many urns have been abandoned and in an effort to ensure our cemetery grounds appear "cared for and looked after", it was decided that any unused urns or other holders would be removed from the grounds if they remained empty by early July. These unused urns were eventually removed, although there are still a few remaining as they have been cemented into the ground. It will take some effort and tools to remove these, but eventually we hope to have all empty urns taken away. Thank you to all of you who are able to place and care for flowering pots on gravesites as it does make such a difference to the overall appearance.

I would like to see a new Committee set up for ongoing maintenance of the grounds. This would involve things that need to be done more than once a year at the Annual Clean Up day; things like the upkeep of rock weeding, fresh mulch, etc. to continue the beautification of the grounds and columbarium. Currently the Grounds Committee consists of Bruce Ramsden and Ron Johnson, but the Association can't expect these two individuals to do everything themselves. The Board has had some discussion as to a solution, and it was thought an open-invitation be extended to everyone for the second Wednesday of each month at 6pm at the cemetery starting June 11 and going through October 8. Whoever is able to turn up and lend a hand would be great. Let's see what we can achieve by working together as a team.

For the first time ever, we experienced some vandalism at the cemetery in October 2013 around Halloween. On a visit to the cemetery, it was noticed someone had removed all the screws attaching the walls and roof of the shed. Just after this we experienced some very windy weather, and before the Grounds Committee could return with tools to secure the shed, the wind had been so fierce it simply blew the shed to pieces. Sadly, nothing was salvageable from the wreckage. A police report was filed and it is believed that someone had intended to steal the shed. The Board is very disturbed by this event, especially as the shed had been donated to the Association by Khal Slayhi.

It's always nice to know people are visiting the cemetery to care for gravesites, however trash has started to accumulate and as there is no formal collection or disposal method, the Board is considering options to overcome the unsightly piles of trash. Ron Johnson is looking into the cost of putting a small dumpster on the grounds and he will share cost estimates at the next Board meeting.

We are gradually getting closer to realizing Rutherford Cemetery's dream of a new fence! We are so grateful for every dollar contributed to the campaign so far, and our efforts will continue until the funds are complete. This monumental effort is succeeding because of the financial investment of good people, like you, who believe in and support Rutherford Cemetery Association's commitment to keeping this a beautiful historic site and a peaceful place where family and friends may gather in remembrance. You can be assured that all donations, whether specifically for the Fence Fund, Tree Fund, or to the general upkeep of the grounds, will be spent prudently and wisely to help make the Rutherford Cemetery a proud center of the community.

I have felt very honored to lead the Board this past year and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Annual Meeting in April.

*Tim Kruse*

Tim Kruse, President

Our sympathies to the families of these Association members who passed away in 2013 through to February 2014

Name	Date
Robert George Joslin	Jan. 24, 2014
Dennis P. Hurley	Sept 5, 2013
Kenneth G. Smith	March 10, 2013
John Robert Larson	Feb. 28, 2013
Nancy Ann Chavie Swanson	Jan. 1, 2013



## Annual Meeting Tentative Agenda

- Welcome
- President's Report
- Minutes from Last Annual Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Grounds Committee Report
- Lot Sales Report
- Elections \*:
  - Vice President
  - Treasurer
  - 2 x Trustees
- Social Time

\* Elections: If anyone has an interest in any of the upcoming Board positions, please contact a Board member or email to [RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com](mailto:RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com)

## ANNUAL MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 7PM

Members of the Rutherford Cemetery Association, friends and the public are invited to the annual meeting of the Rutherford Cemetery Association. The meeting will be held next door to the cemetery at the Stillwater Evangelical Free Church. Pot luck snacks will be served after the meeting.

### Meeting location:

Stillwater Evangelical Free Church, 7671 Manning Ave N, Stillwater, MN 55082

## CLEAN-UP DAY: MAY 3, 9AM

The 2014 Annual Clean Up day is set for **Saturday May 3** with a **backup date of May 17** depending on weather.



**We gather at 9 am.** There is always something for everyone, so please come along and join your fellow members in giving the area a good sprucing up. We will have several tools and supplies available, but buckets, rakes, shovels and gloves will no doubt come in handy.

If you have questions or want to check the date due to weather, please contact **Ron Johnson, 651-430-2669** or e-mail for further details.



## MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM: MAY 26, 7AM



*Rutherford*



**Monday, May 26, 2014**

Program commences at **7am sharp**

Refreshments will be available on the Cemetery ground. Everyone is welcome.



## ONGOING MAINTENANCE

**6pm**

**June 11    July 9    August 13    September 10    October 8**

The upkeep of the grounds takes more than gathering once a year on clean up day, so we would like to extend an open invitation to everyone for the second Wednesday of each month at 6pm at the cemetery starting June 11 and going through October 8. Let's see what we can achieve by working together. Things to be done on these evenings would be rock weeding, fresh mulch where needed, pick up litter etc.

## Need Information?

If you are interested in a cemetery lot or just want some information, your source would be Ron Johnson.

Ron is in charge of Lot Sales and has been involved with Rutherford Cemetery for many years.



## Monuments

As I'm sure everyone is aware, the Association Rules and Regulations state that a headstone or marker must be placed within twelve months of burial. Information has been included on our web site for monument suppliers we've used in the past. These companies are familiar with the styles found within Rutherford Cemetery and can advise you of a variety of options. Or contact Ron Johnson directly and he can give you further information.



Kathy, our Secretary, can help with a variety of enquiries or direct them to the right person.

## Is your information current?

Please let us know if you have a change of address, phone or email. If you're not sure that we have your correct email on file just send an email to [RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com](mailto:RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com)

Please note: any newsletters returned that have no forwarding address will be removed from the mailing list. If you know of members who have had changes, please ask them to contact the secretary, or perhaps you could make the contact in order to keep our records accurate. Updates can be sent to the above email or by phone to the secretary, Kathy Henke, 651-247-9176.

Remember to add these email addresses to your email contacts to ensure delivery.

### Helpful numbers

#### MELGARD MONUMENT

Office Telephone: (715) 425-5656  
[www.melgardmonument.com](http://www.melgardmonument.com)  
email: [melgards@pressenter.com](mailto:melgards@pressenter.com)  
[korey@melgardmonument.com](mailto:korey@melgardmonument.com)  
Melgard Monument Company  
PO Box 47, River Falls, WI 54022



Bradshaw Celebration of Life Center  
Stillwater Ph 651.439.5511  
[info@bradshawfuneral.com](mailto:info@bradshawfuneral.com)  
[www.bradshawfuneral.com](http://www.bradshawfuneral.com)



Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell  
Funeral Home  
Richard & Sharon Purcell  
Saint Paul Ph: 651-646-2844  
Shoreview Ph: 651-482-7606  
[www.meaningfulfunerals.net](http://www.meaningfulfunerals.net)

#### SINCE 1864 **SIMONET** FUNERAL HOME

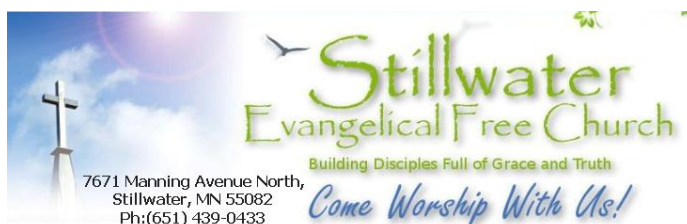
Simonet Funeral Home  
Stillwater Ph 651.439.7770  
[staff@simonetfuneralhome.com](mailto:staff@simonetfuneralhome.com)  
[www.simonetfuneralhome.com](http://www.simonetfuneralhome.com)

#### Wildlife Control Now



Wildlife Control Now. "Moles, Gophers & More!"  
Phone: 651-705-6585 e: [help@wildcontrol.com](mailto:help@wildcontrol.com)  
Steve Speltz: ph: 651.705.6585 / 651.689.3079  
[Steve@wildcontrol.com](mailto:Steve@wildcontrol.com) [Wildlifecontrolnow.com](http://Wildlifecontrolnow.com)

*A sincere thank you to our friends and neighbors at the Stillwater Evangelical Free Church for allowing us the use of their meeting rooms.*



# \$3,342+ in Donations for 2013



Iona Holsten	Stillwater MN	Donated new US and POW flags for cemetery grounds
Bruce & Judy Goldstrand	Stillwater MN	donation
Scott & Kum Cha Kruse	Leesburg VA	in memory of Scott's Mother, Linda DeValois
Elizabeth Welke	Stillwater MN	Fence Fund: in memory of Skip (Harold) Welke
Scott & Kum Cha Kruse	Leesburg VA	in memory of Scott's Mother, Linda DeValois
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Nick & Ann Mastrodicasa	Aguanga CA	donation
Tom and Ginny Lange	Shoreview MN	donation: Fence Fund
Khal & Clara Slayhi	Stillwater MN	donation: Fence Fund
Jim & Marlene McKeown	White Bear Lake MN	donation
Maxine Enfield	Stillwater MN	donation
Ruth Guse	Stillwater MN	donation: tree fund
Bruce & Barb Ramsden	Stillwater MN	donation: tree fund [Colorado Spruce]
June McComas	Merrifield MN	in memory of Ramsden family
Linda Foth	Little Canada MN	donation
Fred E. & Ruth Kruger	Spoooner WI	donation
Mr. and Mrs. Larry & Janet Gifford	Ft. Ripley MN	donation
Michael & Leslie Dorendorf	Stillwater MN	donation
Florence Emme	Lakeland FL	donation
Jeff & Susan Olson	Green Valley AZ	in memory of Royal & Jeanette Masterman
Joe & Micki Joslin and Bob Joslin	Vadnais Heights MN	donation: website maintenance
Dick & Beryl Schoonover	Phoenix AZ	donation
Paul Roth	White Bear Lake MN	in memory of Bernice Roth
John Rutherford	Roseville MN	donation
John C. Jentink	Austin MN	in memory of wife Alta J. Jentink
Robert & Janet Meisterling	Stillwater MN	donation
Betty Welke	Stillwater MN	in memory of Skip Welke
Vernon Chizek	Roseville MN	donation
Audrey L. Gimmestad	Stillwater MN	donation
Jim & Marlene McKeown	White Bear Lake MN	donation
Lois Vietor	Hugo MN	donation
Kathy Henke	Stillwater MN	donation: Newsletter printing, envelopes & postage

For your convenience, enclosed is a return-addressed envelope should you wish to send a donation.  
(2840 Brewers Lane, Stillwater, MN 55082)

## Burial Lot Rates

Current Rates have not changed since August 2011  
(Prices may vary at any time)



*There are no additional fees for burials or cremations on weekends*

Full Burial .....	\$ 575
Cremation .....	\$ 575
2 <sup>nd</sup> interment .....	\$ 250
Columbarium (includes first interment) ....	\$1,500
2nd Internment in a single niche .....	\$ 250

<b>Opening/Closing Charges:</b> .....	<b>Summer</b> .....	<b>Winter</b>
Full Burial .....	\$575	\$725
Cremation .....	\$375	\$400
Cremation with vault .....	\$575	\$575

## A REMINDER.....

Flowers and plants may not be planted on grave sites and no artificial plants, styrofoam crosses, etc. are permitted. It is important that everyone is aware of the governing rules of the Rutherford Cemetery Association. You'll find a copy of the current Rules & Regulations in this Newsletter as well as on the website.

**April 7, 2013:  
Rutherford Cemetery Association is represented at the  
Stillwater Historic Courthouse "Backyard Event"**

The Stillwater Historic Courthouse held a Backyard Event covering the Civil War where several individuals and organizations came with displays and artifacts from this era. Rutherford Cemetery was proudly represented and Iona Holsten and Ron Johnson manned the display. We received a lot of interest and it is still surprising to come across local residents who aren't aware of Rutherford Cemetery. So it is always worthwhile to be involved in these community events to enlighten people about our lovely historical cemetery.



It was at this event where we met Ken Martens who lives in Houlton and is involved in many community events in the St. Croix Valley area and also affiliated with the Washington County Historical Society (WCHS), and Washington County Historic Courthouse Monument Preservation Committee. Ken had some very interesting stories about the early days of Rutherford Cemetery and the Rutherford family and he joined us at the last Annual Meeting and gave a short presentation.

Thank you Iona and Ron for your support at this event.

*But what can I do .....*

Not everyone has an email address, and several I'm sure have not provided an email address to the Secretary, so when you receive the email reminder for the Clean-Up Day, Memorial Day, Annual Meeting etc., you can contact your friends who are not on the email to remind them about the event. These events are not only for members, but are open to the entire community. Let's try and get the word out there! Thanks for your support.

A separate card listing these important dates is included in the Newsletter for you to place on your fridge or somewhere handy to help you remember the dates.



## **BOARD POSITIONS to be filled in April 2015:**

We have 2 Board positions to be filled in April 2015. Both are important roles and we would like to hear from anyone with an interest in either of these. Below is an overview of each role. Please contact any Board member or send an email to [RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com](mailto:RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com) if you have any interest. We would be most grateful to hear from you.

### **Lot Sales Person:**

Ron Johnson announced at the 2013 Annual Meeting that he will be retiring from this position in April 2015. This is a crucial role for the cemetery and because it often requires week-day work, it's thought perhaps a retired person might be best suited. However, the Board is open to suggestions, and another option would be to have this a 2-person role so they can work together to cover these week-day obligations, i.e. burials, supervising grave digging, meet with prospective lot buyers, etc. The By-Laws of the Association define the role as follows:

#### ***Lot Salesman***

- Shall keep accurate record of all past and present burial sites
- Shall keep accurate map of cemetery and records that pertain to it
- Meet with perspective buyers as needed
- After purchase, locate and record on map. Make a deed and mail to client. Get payment to treasurer
- When contacted by funeral home of a death, locate grave space and mark it for the burial
- Contact gravedigger and make arrangements for the grave opening if it is a regular burial. If cremation, arrange for someone to do the opening
- On day of burial for cremation, lay out green carpet over the opening. Wait at cemetery until family leaves and urn is turned over to the cemetery. Cover opening and place flowers on grave

The Lot Salesman also works closely with the Vice President who is the chairperson on the Ground & Improvement Committee, and therefore has involvement in the following:

- Shall make survey of desired improvement for Annual Clean-up Day(s)
- See that materials, such as sod, seed, and other materials and equipment are on hand to execute a desired project
- Make certain grave sites are sodded within reasonable length of time after burials
- Supervise any landscaping
- Supervise any removal of trees
- Supervise any erection or markers of monuments

### **Secretary:**

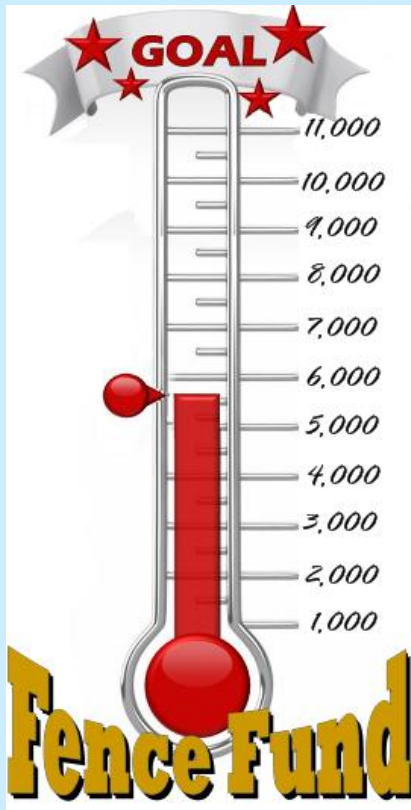
Kathy Henke announced at the Fall 2013 Board Meeting that she will not stand for re-election at the end of her term in April 2015. She will continue with the Newsletter if desired, but the Board will need a replacement for the position of Secretary. Again, if any member has an interest please contact a Board Member or email to [RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com](mailto:RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com).

The Association By-Laws define this role as:

The Secretary shall:

- Keep a correct record of all meetings and all board meetings of the Association
- Mail notice of Annual meeting to all members
- Keep record of all burial and cremation permits
- Perform all other duties pertaining to this office

# Fence Fund: *We're half way*



The Board kicked off the fund with \$5,000, and additional donations have come in from those listed below. Thank you all.

- Tom and Ginny Lange
- Khal & Clara Slayhi
- Elizabeth Welke
- Elizabeth Welke (*again*)
- Kathy Henke



Some points regarding the new fence:

- The center gate and sign will always remain
- Driveway gates will not be replaced (this will save about a \$1,000)
- The new fence will go along the front of the cemetery only, will be 4-feet high and will cover approx. 247 feet
- The posts will be concreted in
- Most likely, the new fence will be an aluminum style fence with powder coating and will be a much heavier and sturdier fence
- Estimated cost is in the vicinity of \$11,000 (approx. \$40 per foot)
- The current fence is a safety issue as well as it's becoming an eyesore

## Tree Fund

Several members have indicated they would like to plant a tree in memory of a loved one. Others would like to donate specifically to a fund to replace aging and damaged trees. So at the last Annual Meeting, Leslie Dorendorf put together a plan with an extensive list of recommended trees. Leslie also put together a suggested procedure around this fund.

### **Suggested Procedures for tree donation:**

- ☼ Make a donation of any amount to the tree fund
- ☼ Can be a memorial to someone
- ☼ Volunteers will plant as needed to replace or add new
- ☼ Buy a tree & plant it yourself following the procedure to plant properly & water as needed. (The Grounds Committee will purchase the tree and must approve the location and variety before any planting is done)
- ☼ A plaque will be provided with the name of the person donating a specific tree and/or the name of the person the tree is in memorial of

We currently have \$900 in the tree fund (the Board gave it a helping hand at the last Annual Meeting by contributing \$500). Other donations to this fund have come from:

- Ruth Guse
- Bruce & Barb Ramsden
- Maxine Enfield
- Leslie Dorendorf



**Thank You**



Note: all prices are estimates only and are subject to change at time of purchase

**Large Shade Trees: Maple Varieties**

Cost: between \$110-130

Red Maple

Sugar Maple

Norway Maple

Freeman (red & silver) Maple



**Large Shade Trees: Oak Varieties**

Cost: between \$140-150

Northern Red

Pin

Bur

White



**Large Shade Trees: Linden** Cost: \$110-120

American

Littleleaf



**Large Shade Trees: Birch** Cost: \$110-130

Whitespire



**Evergreens:**

Cost: 3' - \$50

5'-6' - \$150-200

6' - \$120

White Pine

Colorado Spruce

Black Hills Spruce

Norway Spruce



**Ornamental Trees: smaller varieties**

Cost is between \$80 and \$90

Apple Serviceberry

Pagoda Dogwood

Hawthorn

Japanese Tree Lilac



**Crabapples: Flowering** Cost varies

Many Varieties

# By-Laws of the Rutherford Cemetery Association

## ARTICLE I

**Section 1:** The name of the association shall be Rutherford Cemetery Association.

**Section 2:** The purposes are:

- a. To procure and hold or sell lots exclusively for the purposes of a public cemetery.
- b. To manage all real or personal property, necessary or proper for the establishment, embellishment, care, and management of a cemetery.
- c. To sell and convey cemetery lots in the manner provided by law, and convey real and personal property lawfully acquired by the Association, but not needed for cemetery purposes.
- d. Upon adoption of these by-laws a permanent care fund will be established.

**Section 3:** The Board of Directors of said Association shall consist of President, Vice-president, Lot Sales Person, Secretary, Treasurer, and seven (7) Trustees.

**Section 4:** Members of said Association shall consist of lot owners and their respective families.

**Section 5:** All members present at Annual meetings are eligible to vote for elections and by-laws.

**Section 6:** The Annual meeting of said Association is to be held in April. Time, place, and purpose of meeting is to be distributed to all members in a timely manner.

**Section 7:** Election:

- a. Quorum. Nine (9) members shall be required for a quorum at the annual meeting of members of said Association.
- b. Vote required. A plurality vote shall be required to carry an election. A simple majority of votes cast shall be required to carry a motion.
- c. Election shall be by ballot when there is more than one nominee for office.
- d. Term of office shall be three (3) years.
- e. Officers shall be elected at the Annual meeting.
- f. The President and Vice-President shall not be eligible for re-election immediately following a three (3) year term. The outgoing President shall automatically become the seventh (7) Trustee for a three (3) year term.
- g. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election immediately following a three (3) year term.
- h. Trustee election. At each Annual meeting there shall be two (2) Trustees elected.
- i. No Trustee, President, or Vice-President, after serving for a period of three (3) years by election, or who has served or filled out one and one-half (1½) years or more of an unexpired term, shall be re-elected to the same office until one (1) year has elapsed.

**Section 8:** Vacancies, which may occur by resignation or other causes, shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

**Section 9:** Power to change By-Laws: The By-Laws, or any part of them may be changed by amendment or repeal, and adoption of new Articles at any Annual meeting thereof, providing notice of such amendment, repeal, or adoption had been stated in the published notice of Annual meeting in the RCA Newsletter.

## ARTICLE II

**Section 1:** The President shall:

- a. Preside at all meetings of members and at all meetings of the Board of Directors.
- b. Appoint all committees and be a member ex-officio of all committees.
- c. Call all special meetings.
- d. Prepare an agenda for each meeting.
- e. Perform all other duties pertaining to this office.

**Section 2:** The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the president in the absence of the president.

- a. Vice-President is chairperson of the Grounds and Improvement committee and shall appoint at least two (2) members to serve on the committee.

**Section 3:** The Secretary shall:

- a. Keep a correct record of all meetings and all board meetings of the Association.
- b. Prepare all notices of annual or special meetings for distribution as appropriate.
- c. Mail notice of Annual meeting to all members.
- d. Keep record of all burial and cremation permits.
- e. Perform all other duties pertaining to this office.

**Section 4:** Treasurer shall:

- a. Receive all money of said Association.
- b. Keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures.
- c. Pay all bills approved by the Board of Directors
- d. Shall preserve and file all papers relating to the financial affairs of said Association.
- e. Make a full report of amount and location and status of Permanent Care Fund, receipts and expenditures of Operating Fund for current year, and where and how it is kept.
- f. Have record open for inspection at all times.
- g. Perform any other duties in the interest of said Association which belong to this office.

**Section 5:** Board of Directors

- a. Meet at President's call to meetings.
- b. Meet at least two (2) weeks before the Annual meeting.
- c. Act as nominating committee and prepare a slate of nominees for all vacancies occurring at Annual meetings.
- d. Secure an outside-accredited accountant to audit the Treasurer's books the terminating year of the Treasurer's term of office, prior to Board meeting.
- e. Authorize investment of Permanent Care Fund.
- f. Authorize and secure gravediggers, and establish the cost of grave-digging each year.
- g. Designate the bank location of Operating Fund.
- h. Preserve and protect the Permanent Care Fund in its perpetuity.
- i. Quorum of the Board shall be six (6).
- j. Appoint Lot Salesman.

**Section 6:** Ground & Improvement Committee: Shall consist of at least three (3) members including the Vice-President.

- a. Shall make survey of desired improvement for Annual Clean-up Day(s).
- b. See that materials, such as sod, seed, and other materials and equipment are on hand to execute a desired project.
- c. Make certain grave sites are sodded within reasonable length of time after burials.
- d. Supervise any landscaping.
- e. Supervise any removal of trees.
- f. Supervise any erection or markers of monuments.

**Section 7:** Lot Salesman

- a. Shall keep accurate record of all past and present burial sites.
- b. Shall keep accurate map of cemetery and records that pertain to it.
- c. Meet with perspective buyers as needed.
- d. After purchase, locate and record on map. Make a deed and mail to client. Get payment to treasurer.
- e. When contacted by funeral home of a death, locate grave space and mark it for the burial.
- f. Contact gravedigger and make arrangements for the grave opening if it is a regular burial. If cremation, arrange for someone to do the opening.
- g. On day of burial for cremation, lay out green carpet over the opening. Wait at cemetery until family leaves and urn is turned over to the cemetery. Cover opening and place flowers on grave.

## Rules of the Rutherford Cemetery Association

1. All graves must be ground level.
2. All headstones must be level with the ground.
3. Monuments are no longer allowed on the old cemetery area. A family marker or monument, if used in the new cemetery area, is to be placed on the east end of the family lot with a ground level footing of light material extending a minimum of four inches beyond the marker on all sides.
4. A head stone or marker must be placed within twelve months after burial. A lot must be paid in full before a head stone or marker is placed.
5. All headstone bases shall be predrilled to accommodate urn stands. All urn stands must be placed in predrilled holes or adjacent to the head stone.
6. In case of vandalism, damage caused by the elements, common enemy, thieves, malicious mischief makers, explosions, invasion, insurrections, riots, etc. in Rutherford Cemetery, lot owners or their descendant shall be responsible for any damage incurred. If a lot owner is deceased and there are not direct descendants, Rutherford Cemetery Association will attempt to repair the damage.
7. Casket burial vaults shall be required in Rutherford Cemetery. They must be made of cement or a material approved by the cemetery association.
8. Two overburials of cremains in approved caskets or three urns will be allowed on an existing grave. No more than two cremain caskets or three urns will be allowed per burial lot. The top of said container(s) shall be no less than 18 inches from ground surface.
9. Burial prices: refer to Lot Salesman for current rates
10. Rutherford Cemetery will assess a \$15.00 transfer fee if a person sells (or gives) a lot to another person.
11. Twenty five percent (25%) of this amount is designated to the permanent care fund.
12. No artificial flowers nor flowers or plants are to be planted on the graves. The cemetery grounds committee reserves the right to remove any tree, shrub, vine, plant, flower, or any other object which may become unsightly, dangerous, or not in keeping with the landscape design of the cemetery. This also includes the placing of vases or other containers for flowers at ground level.
13. Annual salaries to be paid are:
  - Lot Salesperson       \$200.00
  - Treasurer             \$200.00
  - Secretary             \$200.00
14. A fall meeting of the Board shall be held at the discretion of the President.
15. Definitions:
  - A family marker or monument is a stone designating a family lot of four contiguous lots.
  - A monument is a stone no greater than 26 inches high from the top of the cement base (which is to be at ground level) that can be used either as a family lot marker or a headstone.
  - A marker is a stone of three feet wide and no greater than 26 inches high from the top of the cement base (which is to be at ground level) that can be used either as a family lot marker or headstone.
  - A headstone is flush with the ground and will designate an individual lot but may contain multiple names.

### **A reminder to all members regarding grave markers or monuments.**

- **Any marker or monument must have prior approval from the Ground and Improvement Committee before proceeding.**
- **Any marker or monument must comply with the current specifications as laid down by the current Board.**

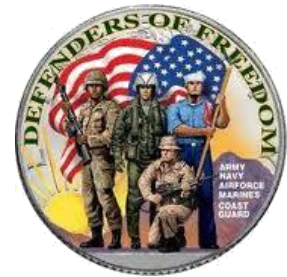
**Contact Ron Johnson if you have questions.**

## Honoring our Veterans

We are honored that Rutherford Cemetery is the resting place for veterans dating from the Civil War and we want to make sure all veterans are acknowledged. Please let us know if you have any updated information.

Email [RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com](mailto:RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com) or call Kathy Henke 651-247-9176

CIVIL WAR	
Joseph N. Fairbanks	Civil War: Co. D. 28 ME.INF. metal Veteran's star
Watson W. Hall	Civil War: Co. E. 113 ILL. INF
John M. Keene	Civil War: Co. C. 16th Maine Volunteers
Stephen W. Powell	Civil War: GAR MN 24th INF 1861-1865 GAR
Thomas Peach Ramsden Jr	Civil War: Co. B. 11 Minn. INF
William Rutherford Sr.	Civil War: CO K 13th Reg MN Vol.
SPANISH AMERICAN WAR	
Joseph N. Masterman	Spanish-American War Captain.
William Henry Rutherford Jr	Spanish-American War - CO K 13th MN INF
WORLD WAR I	
Albert Ernest Beecroft	WWI MN PFC Signal Corps
Charles (Chas) J. Ramsden	WWI US American Legion Star at marker
Lyle S. Rutherford	WWI US Army
Frank L. Seifert	WWI Minnesota Sgt 161 Depot Brigade
WORLD WAR II	
Ronald Martin Benson	WWII US Army
James Elmore Brosious Jr.	WWII US Army
William A. Brosious	WWII US Army & Korean War US Army
Dale V. Carlson	WWII US Navy Merchant Marine
Shirley Chizek	WWII US Navy - PHM 2
Robert C. Collins	WWII
Richard Allen Gimmetad	WWII US Navy
Robert A. Grund	WWII US Navy
Reinhold Bud Ludwig Guse	WWII US Army - Europe
William Guse	WWII US Army Tech 4
Robert Manseau "Bob" Jordan	WWII US Navy
Fred E. Krueger	WWII US Navy, Seabee
Warren J. Marshall	WWII US Navy
Royal James Masterman	WWII US Navy - Veteran star
Raymond H. Michaletz Sr.	WWII Seabee
David LeRoy Peterson	WWII US Navy Vet AVCAD
Clinton John Schilling	WWII US Army PFC
Charles A. Schoonover	WWII USNR Minnesota SF 2
Ronald S. Stone	WWII Navy Seal
George D. Stone	WWII US Coast Guard
Arthur Dale Van Duren	WWII US Army Air Corps
KOREAN WAR	
William A. Brosious - repeated	WWII US Army & Korean War US Army
Roland Henry Krueger	Korean War US Army
Ron Maley	Korean War Veteran
Donald Speltz	Korean War Veteran
Bob Wilfer	Korean War US Army
VIETNAM WAR	
Barrett Lorne Colombo	Vietnam War US Army Cpt - from 1968-1972
Raymond A. Michaletz Jr.	Vietnam War US Army
Harold 'Skip' Welke	Vietnam War US Navy
VETERAN	
Gerald Lee Haire	Veteran: US Navy 1958-1961
Robert George Joslin	Veteran: US Naval Air Corp. 1950-1953
CURRENT MEMBERS	
Darrell Benson	Current member: Veteran
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Jodi Dahler	Current member: US Air Force
David Francis	Current member: Navy Captain
Ron Johnson	Current member: US Navy
Avis Kotoski	Current member: US Coast Guard Veteran
Edward Kotoski, Jr.	Current member: US Coast Guard Veteran
Lange, Thomas, Dr.	Current member: US Navy Vietnam 1968-1975
Bruce Ramsden	Current member: USAF 1959-1963 A1C
Paul Roth	Current member: USMC



### Veteran markers

We have been informed by Veteran Services that they no longer hand out the metal memorial flag holders without a copy of the discharge papers.

As Veteran burials occur, we will request the family to provide discharge papers in order for us to obtain a flag holder, but if the family doesn't provide the documents, it will be their responsibility to get one for the grave site if they so wish.

**And remember,** if you are considering pre-planning a funeral, and are a veteran, include an appropriate emblem in the headstone or niche. Ron can provide more information.

## In Closing....

Each of us has an opportunity to serve our association, to create a cemetery that helps to heal our losses, to celebrate life and to preserve our heritage.

If you are interested in taking a more active part in the Rutherford Cemetery Association, please contact any one of the board members listed below or email us at: [RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com](mailto:RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com)

*Remember that all donations, whatever the amount, whatever the service you might be able to provide, is crucial to the upkeep of the cemetery and we are truly grateful to everyone who is able to contribute in any way. Donations are tax deductible.*

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