How Loved Ones Are Remembered During the Holidays

On December 17, 2011, Melvin Mason and Jeff and Diane Nesmeyer visited several cemeteries in Baltimore City to see the decorations adorning the burial sites. Melvin has made this trip for several years and refers to it as his annual “Cemetery Crawl”. We visited St. Stanislaus, Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart, and Oak Lawn. These photographs represent some of the more elaborate decorations we found.

Photographs by Diane Nesmeyer

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President’s Message

Happy New Year!

With this, my penultimate message, I would like to remind the members that we are looking to grow and expand our impact on the state of neglected, abused, and otherwise abandoned burial sites.

The Coalition is in need of a resource that is readily available but not imminently forthcoming. This being you. As the current President and Vice President are stepping down, a new set will have to be elected. The Coalition has many talented and driven members that could step in and guide the Coalition towards its goals and aspirations. We need both hands-on, get dirty field workers clearing grounds and resetting stones; we need legislative-minded promoters of what we see needed in our local and state governments.

Not that I want to grind this into the ground, I only have this last chance to try to motivate more members to become active in the Coalition. We have started initiatives that are gaining momentum in the state such as the Stewardship Manual. We have consulted with several groups to help them with guidance on their own rescue work and on intervention in acts of destruction of burial grounds.

We have momentum, we have enthusiasm. We need more commitment.

More of the interested groups around Maryland are coming to light. These groups are taking up the challenge and are speaking out for the burial grounds and working on projects to preserve those sites that are in danger of disappearing. The Coalition is positioned to be the preeminent organization among them only if we continue to work towards our goals and continue to get out in front of the problems and opportunities to make a difference.

Our Annual Meeting is rapidly approaching and the committee is making great progress in preparing for what will prove to be another great meeting. We are in imminent need of officer candidates and Periwinkle nominations. Give the committee a hand with the planning and presentations if you can.

Take a moment and search YouTube for Lost Maryland’s videos on the Oella cemetery. It could give you a different perspective on what the Coalition could and should be doing as well as being in the forefront.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zm8Y5f1kGT4&feature=related&list=UL

[Editors’ Note: This link is to part 1. There are at least 7 different videos for Oella Cemetery.]

I wish to thank the Executive Committee and the Outreach Committee for their unending efforts and support of the Coalition’s work.

I hope to see you at the January meeting and again in May.

Melvin

Editors’ Corner

It was a very good November and December for us. We actually found free time to walk around in a few cemeteries. In early November we visited seven cemeteries in Frederick and Carroll Counties. I took over 500 pictures and found some excellent examples of symbols to add to my collection.

In December, Jeff and I joined Melvin Mason for his annual Cemetery Crawl. We visited four cemeteries in Baltimore City. We found some wonderful grave decorations, see page 1 of this issue of the Courier for some fine examples. Do you decorate your friends’ and families’ graves at the holidays? What do you place at the graves? What motivates you to remember the deceased in this manner? If you want to share we will be happy to include your stories in a future issue of the Courier.

Unfortunately, our Outreach endeavors were put on the back burner while we took time to pursue our own cemetery interests.

Now that the holidays are over we are wondering what happened to 2011? The year passed quickly and now the Coalition is already planning the next Annual Meeting. Weren’t we just planning the 2011 meeting? Information about the upcoming Annual Meeting can be found beginning on page 7.

The next Board Meeting is/was scheduled for January 15th. Unfortunately, this issue will not be in your hands before the meeting. We hope you had an opportunity to attend as Board Meetings are open to all members.
We would like to thank Amanda Becker, Eileen McGuckian, Kristin Kraske, Ann Horvath, Mimi Ashcraft, and Ed Taylor for their contributions to this issue.

Diane and Jeff Nesmeyer

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
October 23, 2011
East Columbia Library, Columbia, MD

In attendance:
Officers: President Melvin Mason, Vice President Jeff Nesmeyer, Secretary Eileen McGuckian
Directors: Barbara Kraske, Gerhardt Kraske, Kristin Kraske, Brenda McNeal, Robert Mosko, Edward W. Taylor, Jr. Directors Excused: Jac Knust, James Lanier, Thomas Mason, Paul Miller, Candy Warden, Sandra Wright
Members and Guests: Amanda Becker, Leonard Becraft, Mel Collins, Dennis Green, Lloyd Hysan, Diane Nesmeyer, Stephanie and Les Town, Pat and Sarah Warner.

President Melvin Mason called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m., noting presence of a quorum.

Guest Speakers: Diane Nesmeyer showed photos and spoke about the recent group visit to St. Peter’s Cemetery, on Moreland Avenue in Baltimore City. The 23-acre cemetery dates to 1851, when a burial ground was established for Irish members of the parish. Diane learned about St. Peter’s through Mary Jordan’s post on the Maryland Cemeteries message board on Ancestry.com. Owned by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, which provides $20,000 annually for maintenance, the cemetery has shared the property for a decade with Jonah House food bank, which has a 99 year lease. The Church is closed. Two donkeys, a llama, and two goats serve as “gardeners” to keep some acreage cleared, while other areas remain overgrown. Robert Mosko observed that access is not restricted, clearing and maintenance are occurring, the roadways are walkable, and no damage is being done.

Stephanie Town updated the board on St. Vincent’s Cemetery, on 5.5 acres in Clifton Park, in Baltimore City. Friends of St. Vincent’s is conducting some documentation, organizing as a nonprofit to be eligible for grants, and working with a MD Dept of Public Safety warden who is interested in helping to clean up the cemetery. There are about 4 clusters of gravestones and monuments dating to 1854.

President’s Report: Melvin Mason observed that Coalition outreach is going very well. He would like a legislative liaison and reminded attendees of the election to be held in May.

Secretary’s Report: The Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the meeting of May 1, 2011, and accepted notes of the meeting of July 31, 2011.

Treasurer’s Report: Although deposits have been made, confusion still exists about checks submitted by CPMBS members and by Amanda for sales at various events. Jac Knust’s request to change from Quarterly to Semi-Annual reporting on MD Sales & Use Taxes was unanimously agreed to by the Board. The Board requested full, quarterly Treasurer’s Reports in proper CPMBS format from now on.

Standing Committee Reports:
Membership: Kristen Kraske reported that membership numbers seem to be down, but acknowledged that her data is out of date. Diane would like to continue welcoming new members in the Courier.

Outreach Committee: The Board discussed member Jacki Hedberg’s letter objecting to advice CPMBS gave to citizens concerned about Anchor of Hope Cemetery. The group was glad that a member voiced her opinion and asked President Mason to respond. Diane Nesmeyer requested and received authorization to spend up to $1,300 to reprint copies of the handbook. Melvin mentioned road trips that are scheduled. Amanda Becker described 3 recent events and expressed need to re-evaluate events for next year; how much money and time can we spend, and where is the Coalition willing to go?

Publicity Committee: Jeff Nesmeyer noted that we need more flyers and handouts, also blue brochures for libraries to post. He and Diane will cre-
ate something to send to the libraries with the stewardship handbooks.

**Nominating Committee:** Two Board positions expire in May 2012, and the offices of President and Vice President also need to be filled at that time. Nominations are due to Candy Warden and James Lanier in January.

**Awards Committee:** Two nominations have been received thus far. The Committee is working to streamline the nomination form.

**Coalition Courier Committee:** The next deadline is December 15.

**2012 Annual Meeting Committee:** Gary Kraske showed photos of Christ Episcopal Church, on Oakland Mills Road in Columbia. All agreed that this would be a good venue for the May 5, 2012, annual meeting, and that a silent auction should be held again.

**Unfinished Business:** The Board discussed proposed changes to our By-Laws in Membership categories and Meetings. In general, the Board agreed to create a category of Honorary Membership and to add Benefactor to the list of options. For the next meeting, Eileen will revise sections of Article II (membership) and Article III (meetings) to reflect this discussion.

**New Business:** Eileen related her and other testimony at the County Council public hearing on the Howard County Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board. She asked whether the Coalition should offer a person to serve as representative on the rejuvenated Howard County board; after discussion, the group determined that, as a state-wide organization, it did not wish to start the precedent of serving on local boards.

Melvin proposed a Vice President for Legislation, an individual who would be attentive to such issues. Jeff opined that the duties of this new Officer must be listed and must conform to our Articles of Incorporation. Melvin and Jeff will draft a job description for the next meeting.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. The next Quarterly meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 15, 2012, at the same location.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen McGuckian, Secretary

**New Members**
Welcome to new members:
Andrea Pieta      Crisfield
Nancy Shackleford Baltimore

**News from the Counties**
**Allegany County**
Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization
Photos: Pictures are the front and back of one of the hundreds of monuments erected by the Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization since 1983. The CHCO based in Cumberland, Allegany County, is a charter member of the Coalition.

The monument unveiled by the CHCO during a ceremony on all Souls Day, November 2nd, was to Confederate Soldier Thomas M. Healey who died in 1892. There was a small black granite monument placed on his grave, however the CHCO wanted to erect a monument to inform of his great service to the Confederate States of America. During the War Between the States Healey was a private and served in Co. F, 7th Virginia Cavalry. After the war he became an attorney and a medical doctor. The grave is located in SS Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Cemetery, Fayette Street, Cumberland. The black iron cross was donated by the Battle of Sharpsburg Camp #1582, Sons of Confederate Veterans. The cross is known as the Confederate Cross of Honor. After the unveiling ceremony a reception
was held blocks away from the cemetery at the headquarters of the CHCO.

For photos and more information on the hundreds of monuments erected and restored by the CHCO visit their website at www.chco-online.org.

By Ed Taylor, Jr.

[Pictures scanned and article typed courtesy of Diane Nesmeyer]

Carroll County News

Mimi Ashcraft has submitted the following information to the Association for Gravestone Studies and agrees that we can also submit it to CPMBS for the Coalition Courier:

“An interesting project has just been finished by the Carroll County Genealogical Society - a CD which covers over 71,000 names of people buried in Carroll’s cemeteries. The names (plus dates of birth, death, age, location in each cemetery including row and stone number, and a “comments” field) are listed in alphabetical order. The CD also contains an alphabetical list of more than 260 Carroll County cemeteries, their locations, and the earliest recorded dates of birth and death as well as the most recent. Another file contains the surnames grouped by Soundex code so researchers can see alternate spellings. Given names are listed in order of popularity and frequency of occurrence. There are maps showing the location of each cemetery and sketches of most of the churches associated with cemeteries, plus short histories of those churches. If the cemeteries are large, there are maps of their layouts which make it easy to fine individual gravestones. We’ve also included several photo essays. One gives an overview of Carroll County’s cemeteries showing common styles of headstones from the late 1700s through the 19th century; another covers the symbolism typical of this area of central Maryland; another covers the known carvers from the county. We also included the commonly-seen verses in English, and a sampling of verses from German headstones (Germans were the dominant immigrant group in this area). We think our CD is very comprehensive and perhaps is unique for an entire county. All the files are in PDF format and can be read using Adobe Reader 9 or X. Searching is quite fast. We also included a spreadsheet with the alphabetical listing of burials in a current Excel format.”

By Mimi Ashcraft

This CD includes the information in the society's nine books, all the additional cemeteries that have since been discovered and all the corrections that have been submitted. The price is $35.00 and ordering instructions are available at the web site: http://www.carr.org/ccgs/

Reprinted with Mimi Ashcraft’s approval and the approval of the AGS. Article appeared in the AGS e-newsletter for December 2011.

Holy Trinity Cemetery Annual Visitation and New Book

The Annual Visitation at Holy Trinity Cemetery in Eldersburg continues. This is the site of a 1771 Chapel of Ease. This year the event was held on Sunday, October 30th and was the first time in this event’s 21 year history to be held when the cemetery was partially snow covered.

Jared Grace, age 14, portrayed an ancestor who died at the age of 19 and is buried at the cemetery. Approximately 35 of the “Friends of Old Trinity Cemetery” enjoyed his performance and the entire program, including the presentation of a new book about the cemetery.

This book is filled with beautiful pictures, history of the cemetery, information about the people buried there and descriptions of special events. It has been created to help provide the finances necessary to maintain the cemetery and is available for a $50.00 contribution. Ordering information may be obtained by contacting Ann Horvath at: horvath-map@aol.com

By Ann Horvath

Tombstones found in strange place

Seven tombstones were found in Carroll County this past summer when a trench was being dug behind a barn. It appeared that most of them had been placed carefully in an earlier trench. Some were broken, but they were generally in good condition and all belonged to members of the Penn family. The earliest one was for a child that died in 1836. This tombstone was done by the black stone carver,
Boss Hammond. This man, who did many beautiful tombstones in the area and has become known because of the research done by Mary Ann Ashcraft as tombstones were being copied in Carroll County.

The information about finding the tombstones was put in the Carrolltonian, the newsletter published by the Carroll County Genealogical Society and almost immediately, a descendant stepped forward. Davis Streaker remembered the Penn log home that was on the other side of Ridge Road and he remembered his mother telling him about the cemetery. The cemetery probably was lost when the road was paved or realigned.

Davis Streaker and his wife, Martha are working on getting the tombstones repaired and are hoping to find a local cemetery willing to accept them. Members of the Carroll County Genealogical Society are also trying to help find an appropriate site and may help provide some financial support for this endeavor.

By Ann Horvath

**Vandalism a problem at St. Johns Cemetery in Westminster**

A November 1, 2011 article in the Carroll County Times notes the increasing vandalism in this cemetery in the heart of Westminster. The newspaper reported that at least 50 tombstones had been knocked over in the past year and descendants were concerned about the desecration of the monuments.

St, John’s Roman Catholic Church has spent approximately $2,000 per year over the past few years to repair damages, but usually these expenses are passed on to families. The current church budget has not allowed for these expenses this year.

The newspaper reports that the incidents mostly happen during the evening hours and the police routinely take down the names of people found loitering in the cemetery. However, catching someone in the act is very difficult.

By Ann Horvath

**Symbolism Mystery in Carroll County**

Photograph by Terri and Dave Coopersmith

In late November Ann Horvath sent a photograph and asked if I knew the meaning of the symbol at the top of the stone pictured above. It was hard to see the symbol and I zoomed in and out trying to see the artwork carved on the stone. I contacted Richard Waterhouse, Director of the Cahoon Museum of American Art in Cotuit, MA. Richard writes a monthly newsletter, “Waterhouse Symbolism Newsletter”, in which he states that “the mission of Waterhouse Symbolism is to research and document symbols locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.”

There have been numerous ideas discussed and a full report will follow in the Spring issue of the Courier. For now we are printing the picture of the marker and asking if anyone has any ideas of the meaning of the symbol to e-mail me at de_nesmeyer@yahoo.com. Richard has likewise included the picture in his newsletter No. 67, January 1, 2012 asking for opinions and if anyone has seen other instances of this symbol.

By Diane Nesmeyer

**Chesapeake Bay Region**

Bay Journal

<http://www.bayjournal.com/article.cfm?article=3180> Water grave awaits cemeteries near shorelines as sea level rises

Past is Prologue

By Dr. Kent Mountford

Unknown date of original publication online
Dr. Mountford opens his article stating that, “people have been dying around the Chesapeake Region for at least 10,000 years and archaeologists may not be able to work with the burial sites in this region much longer. As “nature chooses to excavate human remains on its own terms” nothing will be left for the archaeologists to uncover. Barren, James, and Hooper Islands have lost graves to the eroding land. Sites in Virginia and along the York River are washing away as well. A small cemetery was washed away near the Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s Bishop Head facility in Crocheron. Students of the facility have been finding coffin handles and dentures.

Rising sea levels are a problem as well as the settling of the land since the last ice age. This settling has been worsened by the use of well water on crops and in development in the area around the Bay. The erosion being experienced is aggravated by storms where the waves attack the shoreline and higher tides send the waves further inland where they normally would not go.

Dr. Mountford indicated that people trying to fight the erosion and save their community history are doomed if the, “shoreline trends established over thousands of years continue their course.”

Dr. Mountford is not a fan of cemeteries. He has seen his share of abandonment and misuse of burial grounds and is even aware of a burial ground that was left undisturbed but surrounded on all sides by highway. He believes there is another alternative to burials and offers some solutions.

Dr. Mountford discussed cremation as an alternative to burials. There are individuals who have had the idea of incorporating cremated remains into geometric concrete units or reef balls. [See http://www.eternalreefs.com/ for more information on this concept of green burials.] He also discussed other stories involving the scattering of ashes, including firing the remains from his 185-point cannon into the Chesapeake Bay.

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer
Howard County News

Howard County considers elimination of Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board

On October 17, 2011, a dozen speakers presented testimony to the Howard County Council in opposition to a proposal to eliminate the Howard County Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board. While all agreed that the Board, created in 1993 in response to a horrendous situation at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Ellicott City, had not met in some years, speaker after speaker cited work that the group had accomplished and more that needed to be done.

Eileen McGuckian testified for CMPBS, commending Howard County for its leadership in cemetery protection and serving as a model for other jurisdictions, suggesting that the Council “…value your Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board as the legal and moral milestone that it is. Instead of eliminating a valuable resource, renew your commitment by revitalizing this volunteer Board and allowing it to explore how to improve the quality of life in Howard County into the future… Some day I hope to report to you that a Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board operates in every county in Maryland.”

In the three months following the hearing, the County Executive appears to have backed off from the original proposal to eliminate the advisory board. However, as of this posting, no real action has been taken to provide further protection for Howard County cemeteries.

By Eileen McGuckian

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
THE 21st ANNUAL CPMBS MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2012  9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
HISTORIC CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OAKLAND MILLS ROAD,
COLUMBIA, HOWARD COUNTY

Christ Episcopal Church, includes the Old Brick Church (consecrated in 1811), extensive burial grounds, and plenty of parking and meeting space in and around the new church building. See the following for more information about the Church:
http://www.hmdb.org(marker.asp?marker=3183
http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/about/old-brick/
Our program will include:
- Session on current Maryland law: What protections do Maryland cemeteries have, and how can we do better?
- Silent auction
- Periwinkle Awards
- Election of CPMBS Officers and Directors
- Short business meeting, including reports from outgoing President Melvin Mason and Coalition Committees
- Open Forum – questions and group discussion
- Cemetery workshop

Donations (and promises for same) are now being accepted for the silent auction. Popular with meeting attendees are cemetery-related items, art work and books, tours of historic sites and cemeteries, and imaginative ideas. Contact: Eileen McGuckian phileen3@verizon.net or Amanda Becker at acedgehill@hotmail.com

Final plans for the 2012 Annual meeting will be included in the Spring issue of The Courier, in a separate registration mailing, and on the website. The Board and Annual Meeting Committee of CPMBS look forward to seeing you in Columbia on May 5.

Eileen McGuckian
Annual Meeting Committee

SILENT AUCTION
‘Tis the season for holiday gifts, fa la la la la la la la
Don’t like what you have – don’t have a tiff, fa la la la la la la
Re gift them to CPMBS’s Annual Silent Auction – share new and like new items for a great cause,
Don’t fret and receive a big thank you,
Share your unwanted presents from the in-laws.
Contact Amanda Becker acedgehill@hotmail.com with your ideas and item donations.
By Amanda Becker

Outreach Committee
Robert Mosko and his children Desi (age 13), Evan (age 11), and Destin (age 9) manned the Coalition’s tent at the Olde Princess Anne Days in October. Amanda Becker’s report can be found on page 9.

During the summer I found a post on the Maryland Cemeteries message board at Ancestry.com regarding St. Peters Cemetery in Baltimore. The person was looking for help to clear a section of the cemetery where her relatives are buried. I responded to her post and the Outreach Committee planned to meet her at St. Peters to discuss the responsibilities involved with her request for help. The person was unable to attend our meeting and subsequently changed her post on the message board taking out all references for help in clearing a section of the cemetery. Melvin and Thomas Mason and Jeff and Diane Nesmeyer visited the cemetery as planned in October. We met members Stephanie and Les Town as well. See the Board Meeting Minutes beginning on page 3 for more information. No further action is required in this matter.

Overgrown area of St. Peters Cemetery
Les Town standing next to cemetery Marker, St. Vincent Cemetery

The gardeners at St. Peters Cemetery
The same day we attended the St. Vincent’s Cemetery meeting and visited the cemetery site to see the cement boundary markers that were recently installed.

In November Melvin Mason and Jeff and Diane Nesmeyer met with several descendants of the Davis/Morsell family including members Pat and Sarah Warner. We toured the Bush Creek Quaker Cemetery in Monrovia, Frederick County. Mr. Warner followed up the meeting with the following, “We feel the cemetery needs protecting and preserving since it is not only a cemetery that dates to the eighteenth century and is in an isolated location, but was an important stop on the Underground Railroad during the time of slavery.” The Outreach Committee is in the process of preparing a letter to the descendants with suggestions for protecting and preserving this site.

By Diane Nesmeyer

Visitors to Bush Creek Quaker Cemetery in Monrovia, Frederick County.

By Amanda Becker

Adding new entries to the Geographic Name Information System

The Geographic Name Information System of the USGS includes cemeteries as one of its feature classes. What I did not know until now is that you can add new entries for features that are not previously listed. If you are aware of a cemetery that does not appear in the database you can contact the USGS and request the cemetery be added. The following information was copied from the FAQ page http://gnis.usgs.gov/domestic/faqs.htm:

7. Can I add new entries for manmade and administrative features, such as churches, cemeteries, schools, shopping centers, etc.?

Suggested corrections and additions to the data are accepted from any source for review, and upon validation, will be committed to the database.

For manmade and administrative features, submit the official name of the feature, its precise location...
in geographic coordinates, State, county, and a bibliographic reference to gnis_manager@usgs.gov. The bibliographic reference is the written source such as a map, pamphlet, other document, Web site, sign, etc. in which the name is published. If a precise location is not available or submitted, the geographical coordinates will be entered as “unknown.”

Note that this procedure does not apply to natural features.

The USGS Geographic Names Project maintains an active and extensive program to add features not in the database, primarily through partnerships with Federal, State, and local agencies, and with other organizations having relevant data.

The GNIS Web-based data maintenance application allows authorized users to enter and edit feature data directly. Batch files of data also are accepted in most standard formats. Government agencies at all levels are encouraged to join the program. Other organizations and individuals will be considered on a case basis.

See the Geospatial One-Stop, Geographic Names Community for additional information concerning GNIS Web services and the data maintenance program or contact GNIS Manager.

If you want to search features here is the link:
http://gnis.usgs.gov/pls/gnispublic/?p=154:1:3898666466476496. When I am interested in locating cemeteries in a particular county I enter the county name, search for cemeteries, and the database returns a list of the cemeteries that are in the database for that county.

By Diane Nesmeyer

Cemetery Videos Found on YouTube

I was researching St. Peters Cemetery in Baltimore when I came upon these videos that include photographs by Paula A. Ibey (http://artofpi.com/bio) and presented by Beautiful Decay. All cemeteries are located in Maryland.

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_IVnDzMegq8 St. Peters Cemetery in Baltimore
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3a0lho27cc St. John’s Episcopal Cemetery in Laurel
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uksKDIOaI VQ St. Mary’s Cemetery in Waldorf
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAZz9Odx92I A Potters Field(?) in Upper Marlboro
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-fW1KXIOPk St. Pauls Cemetery in Baltimore
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lun1BAp9Q7w Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick

By Diane Nesmeyer

Symbols for Spring

[Editor’s Note: We needed filler so I decided to include some pictures taken at Mountain View Cemetery in Carroll County. The top photo is of dogwood blooms (love undiminished by adversity) and the bottom photo is of daffodils (rebirth and resurrection). Normally, I would save these symbols for the spring edition. Since we have been experiencing spring-like weather most of the season I thought it appropriate to include these symbols in this issue.]
The Coalition Courier is published quarterly by the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc., P. O. Box 1533, Ellicott City, Maryland 21041, (410) 772-8602. Members of the Coalition receive the Courier as part of their membership which runs from June 1 through May 31st of each year. Individual memberships are $10.00, household memberships are $15, student memberships (grade 12 and under) are $5, and organizational memberships are $20.00 per year. Dues should be mailed to the Membership Chairperson at the address listed above.

The President, Board of Directors, and the Courier editors encourage all members to submit articles to the Courier. They further invite members to write to the Courier with questions or comments about any topic that pertains to burial sites. The topics can include preservation, protection, restoration and maintenance, historical and cultural significance, and documentation. They are also looking for questions or comments you may have about the Coalition. The questions, answers, and comments will be printed in future editions of the Courier. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about your Coalition and to have questions answered that you may have regarding burial sites.

All articles, questions, items of interest may be sent directly to the Coalition at the address listed above or e-mailed to the editors at their address listed below.

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Coalition’s Objectives

The Coalition, through its members in each county, hope to reach out to all areas of the state to:

- Facilitate the exchange of information among individuals and organizations concerned about the protection of Maryland burial sites.
- Increase public awareness of the historic and cultural significance of burial sites and the serious threats to them.
- Draft and gain passage of new laws to more effectively deal with criminal acts against burial sites and to establish effective and uniform procedures for the protection and preservation of burial sites regardless of their age, cultural affiliation or condition.
- Organize support for stronger laws in Maryland to protect burial sites—Native American burials as well as traditional cemeteries.
- Raise funds for statewide public education programs, focused on burial site protection, and to provide information and guidance to any government agency, group, organization or individual interested in preserving human burial sites.

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The Annual Meeting is held during the board meeting in April of each year. Election of new officers and Board members takes place as well as presentation of the annual reports, adoption of the budget for the coming year, and presentation of the Periwinkle Awards.

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