

Perspective 2010

Annual Newsletter of the Memorial Society of Kitchener-Waterloo and Area

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Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 7th, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m.

Rockway Centre
1405 King St. East, Kitchener

All Members and Guests are Welcome!

Presenter: Allan Grosse

Topic: Green Burial

Allan Grosse was born and raised on a family farm in Wellington County, the youngest of eight siblings. After graduating from UWO with a BA in philosophy and sociology, he did a M. Div at Emmanuel College in Toronto. Allan served for five years as a United Church minister - first on Newfoundland's east coast, then in Perth County in Ontario. He then attended Althouse College for teacher training, becoming an English specialist. He taught in Perth County high schools for twenty-five years, with a three year leave-of-absence to teach for the United Church in a remote part of Kenya, East Africa.

Retiring early in 1990, Allan and his wife, Lloy, ran a successful bed and breakfast near Stratford for fifteen years. He has been an active volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, and currently volunteers as gardener and scrap metal recycler for the New Hamburg MCC Thrift Centre. He has served for many years on various non-profit boards. His current passion for the environment has led him to install a PV solar system and a geothermal system for heating and cooling at their home in Wilmot Township. His interest in green burial is dosely linked to his lifelong commitment to thrift, and to his concern for environmental sustainability.

Other Business: Election of Directors for the Board
Challenge to suggested changes in Prepayment Regulations
Coffee and Refreshments

☞ *There are vacancies on the board. Members are encouraged to volunteer for election!*

A brief board meeting will follow in order to select board positions.

Memorial Society members are encouraged to seriously consider taking advantage of our agreement (printed on page 2 in this newsletter) with the Further-Franklin Funeral Home Limited, in Wellesley. As always, we encourage preplanning, in consultation with a funeral director, but for various reasons, we do not recommend prepaying. Feel free to contact us for details.

Futher-Franklin
Funeral Home Ltd.

June 25, 2009

KW Memorial Society
55 Northfield Dr E
Suite 303
Waterloo, ON N2K 3T6

Dear Members.

We appreciate the opportunity to be able to provide this letter, regarding Goods and Services to your organization as it pertains to basic cremation services.

Fee for these services shall be \$1,318.25. This cost includes our services, the Eternite 100 cremation container, cremation fee, coroners fee, death registration and GST.

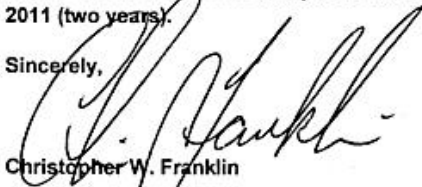
We will also provide, if needed, the final arrangement conference in the family home, assist in the composition of a death announcement (cost of notice additional), unlimited Funeral Directors Statements of Death, 10% discount on cremation urns, 5 % GST discount when members prepay or transfer to the Futher-Franklin Funeral Home. We will also provide our Aftercare Kit which includes the Canada Pension Applications, Health Card return envelope, Card of Thanks brochure and Estate Guide to each member.

We are also able to provide Memorial Service organization and attendance at the location of the member's choice. These costs would be additional.

Please note that the Province of Ontario will be adding 8% PST to the cost of funeral services effective July 1, 2010. Goods and Services prepaid before this date will avoid the PST. After July 1, 2010, the Futher Franklin Funeral Home will discount the 8% PST when members prepay or transfer to our home.

We trust that these terms and prices will be satisfactory to the membership and will stay in effect till July 1, 2011 (two years).

Sincerely,



Christopher W. Franklin

Futher-Franklin Funeral Home

FUNERAL AND CREMATION ALTERNATIVES

Resomation

Resomation is a water/alkali based alternative to burial and cremation. The body, in a disposable container, is placed in a stainless steel chamber where an alkali solution decomposes the body quickly. Resomation takes about the same time as cremation but uses less energy, produces significantly less carbon dioxide, and avoids putting mercury and other contaminants into the air. After resomation bone remains are left behind in the form of white ash, about the same amount of remains as cremation.

Promession

Promession is a Swedish alternative to burial and cremation. The body is frozen in liquid nitrogen making the body very brittle. Once vibrated the body turns into organic powder. In a vacuum the water is evaporated away: the powder is now one third the original body weight. A metal detector is used to remove surgical pins, dental amalgams, etc. The remains are then placed in a starch coffin and buried in a shallow grave. Inside of a year the remains have composed to loam soil.

Solar Cremation

In India where the tradition is to cremate bodies on a funeral pyre there is a problem with the scarcity and expense of the wood for fuelling the funeral pyres. Solar ovens for cremation have been developed and used successfully. These ovens mean that the energy source does not add to the carbon foot print. Burning the body still releases toxins into the atmosphere.



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Membership: Join or Update

Enclosed is a cheque for \$ _____ (\$20.00/person) for lifetime membership.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Email _____ Birth Year _____

Please update my address (as above).

Please discontinue mailing this newsletter. (Newsletters may be viewed at www.kwmemsoc.ca)

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Board of Directors

President: *vacancy*
Secretary/Treasurer: Margaret Barker

Directors: John Barker
Nina Furniss
Allan Grose
John Wine

Financial Statement at December 31, 2009

Income \$ 936.43
Expenses \$ 900.75
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2009 \$ 2,244.54



“Statements checked and found to be in order.” Nina Furniss, April 13, 2010



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Thank You for your Donation

Enclosed is a cheque for \$ _____ as a donation.

Name _____ Telephone _____

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My name may be published on the List of Donators in next year’s newsletter.

I am interested in sitting on the Board of Directors. Please contact me.