

Support the Columbarium Restoration Project

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BOHEMIAN NATIONAL CEMETERY

- ◆ Founded in 1877 by Chicago Bohemian Freethinker organizations
- ◆ Nonprofit cemetery owned and operated by the Bohemian National Cemetery Association, comprised of delegate organizations
- ◆ Open to all nationalities on a nonsectarian basis
- ◆ More than 115,000 remains at rest in mausoleums, graves and columbaria throughout its 124 acres
- ◆ On the National Register of Historic Places since 2006 for its significant architecture, landscape design, art, and ethnic heritage

FRIENDS OF BOHEMIAN NATIONAL CEMETERY

- ◆ Established in 2004 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, charitable organization to promote the historical significance, enhance the beauty, and preserve the artistic heritage of Chicago's Bohemian National Cemetery
- ◆ Raised more than \$400,000 to restore and preserve the cemetery's buildings, grounds, monuments, records, history, and family stories
- ◆ Previous projects at the columbarium building included rebuilding green-corner sections of the roof; restoring stained glass windows in the Ceremony Hall; testing methods to clean and restore interior decorative wall painting; replacing the terrace, stairs and handrails at the main entrance

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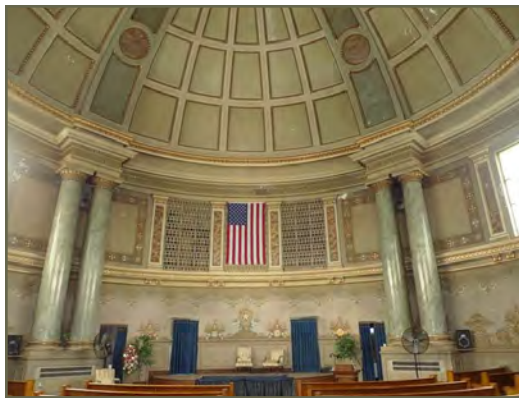
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THE COLUMBARIUM RESTORATION PROJECT

THE BUILDING

- ◆ Architectural gem of Bohemian National Cemetery, built 1913-1919 in the Renaissance Revival style with a Tuscan portico entrance, bell tower, cupola-capped dome encircled by a balustrade, and roof of clay-red Ludowici French tile
- ◆ Three parallel columbarium halls on the main floor lined with more than 1500 superbly crafted, glass-fronted niches for cremated remains, and an additional 800 niches with marble or bronze fronts
- ◆ Ceremony Hall, an elegant rotunda almost 60 feet across, featuring nine stained glass windows and a domed ceiling rising 53 feet above the floor ~ used by people of all faiths (or no faith) for memorial services, funerals, concerts, lectures and meetings



- ◆ Interior decorated by Moravian artist John Mallin with symbols of Bohemian fraternal and patriotic organizations and classical and floral details

THE PROJECT

- ◆ Restore the building exterior to stop the water infiltration currently threatening its structural integrity, its unique interior wall art, and the family-created decorative niche displays
- ◆ \$136,000 spent by Friends of BNC on project by end of 2017, including repairs to the dome roof and installation of new copper gutters at its base



- ◆ A projected \$750,000 more needed to:
 - repair and reset decorative stone elements including cornices, balustrades, and coping
 - replace lintels above stained glass windows
 - restore limestone cladding on exterior walls
 - install larger gutters and scupper boxes above the rear flat roof
 - reset or replace as needed tiles on the tower roof and replace its worn-out copper gutters



THE FUNDING

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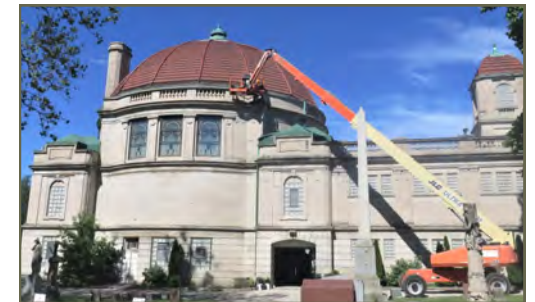
- ◆ Recognition in *Heritage Happenings*, the quarterly newsletter of Friends of BNC

Donors contributing \$1000 and above:

- ◆ Names inscribed on the project's Donor Wall next to the Ceremony Hall

Optional gifts for significant donors include:

- ◆ Private tours with gatehouse reception
- ◆ Family history research
- ◆ Copy of *A Dear and Precious Heritage*, Friends' book about the cemetery



For more information about the Columbarium Restoration Project and how you can donate:

www.friendsofbnc.org

or

Chuck Michalek at restoration@friendsofbnc.org

Thank you for helping us protect and restore the columbarium building. Its preservation represents an important part of keeping alive our heritage for generations to come.