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Rienzi Cemetery and Chapel Mausoleum

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FROM THE COUNSELOR ...

Greetings from the Office,

Another holiday season has passed us by and we are anticipating the happenings of a new year.

I am working on a wrap-up of my second year here at Rienzi and obviously found out every year brings new issues and challenges.

I know, for one, we are hoping to avoid a destructive snowfall like the one we survived in December 2012. The tree damage was terrible here on the grounds. I probably should not have said that because now for sure we will have a wet heavy snow soon.

The leaf removal was really interesting as it naturally would be on 50 acres of trees. They did not fall until late in the season and it

was either windy or raining (or both) most of the Fall. The leaf chipper died which is addressed in another article in this newsletter.

One thing that is not different here, though, is the natural beauty Rienzi glows constantly. I like to keep a collection of photos of Rienzi from all seasons. Last winter I tried many times to take some snowy scenic shots but to no avail. They always looked grey and dreary. Not so on Christmas Eve 2013. You can see one of the shots I was able to capture just to the right of this article. The sun was actually shining for me that day.

The ad I ran in the December 26th FDL Reporter said we want to thank the families we serve, the

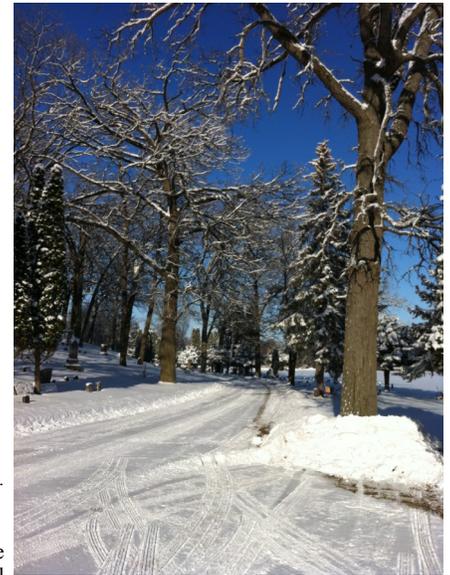
volunteers we cherish and the visitors we welcome.

All very important contributors to the working team here at Rienzi. I know there are other cemeteries in the FDL Community. I truly appreciate the families who choose Rienzi. On any given day I can call any number of people who say yes to whatever it is I want/need done. Rienzi would not be the same without the people who visit sometimes on a daily basis to exercise or just relax.

As always, if there is anything you need just call!

Until next time, Happy New Year!

Rae Nell



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TALES FROM THE BUSINESS CRYPT

On Saturday, September 21st, we rolled out the red carpet for visitors and guests to learn about the former Fond du Lac business owners and entrepreneurs who are buried here at Rienzi.

A special thanks to all who attended and to all of the volunteers who helped that day. It takes a lot of time and energy to put together an event like that.

A huge Thank You to members of the FDL Community Theatre who endured the cold to add a special something to each display.

Watch for the dates for our 2014 events.



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CLEAN-UP DATES

October 1st ... Please remove all flowers, flower boxes and decorations. Winter wreaths may be placed at this time.

April 15th ... Please remove all winter decorations. Spring and summer decorations may be placed at this time.

GENERAL:

- Items, which become weathered or unsightly, will be removed at the discretion of Rienzi. You will be consulted before removal of any items of significant value. Please do not bring glass vases, bottles or breakable items.
- Animals are permitted in the cemetery and must be in your control.
You must be responsible for picking up after them.
- All items must be on top of the stone and/or on the foundation – nothing can be placed in the cutting lanes. The cemetery reserves the right to remove any items in these cutting lanes.

PLANTINGS IN CEMETERY:

- All trees and shrubs must be approved by Rienzi prior to planting.
- For ease of mowing and weed cutting, plantings on either end of the headstone are the preferred placement and must not extend more than 5” in front the headstone and/or monument
- The lot owner must tend all plantings.
- Shepherd hooks and VA flag holders should be placed on either end of the headstone and/or monument.

The cemetery is not responsible for theft or damage to anything placed on the graves or lots

HISTORY FIND AT RIENZI

When the Civil War broke out *Norman S. Gilson* enlisted as a private of Company D Twelfth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg with the third brigade of the fourth division, Sixteenth Army Corps.

As a member of the staff of General Davidson he was later assigned to duty as judge advocate of the Natchez district. This is a position he retained to carry out representation of the US government for the trial of the court martial of Capt. Frederick Speed who was charged with criminal carelessness in overloading the steamer Sultana with paroled prisoners whereby eleven hundred of them lost their lives. He was honorably discharged on June 12, 1866. President Johnson vetted him Colonel of the United States volunteers for “Meritorious Service.”

After graduating from law school in 1866-67 he came to Fond du Lac where he was elected city attorney in 1874 and served as district attorney in 1877-78. In 1880 the democratic party nominated him for judge of the fourth judicial circuit and he was elected. He was twice re-elected to that position.

Norman S. Gilson was a circuit court judge for 18 years and a member of the Wisconsin State tax commission for 12 years appointed by Governor Scofield upon its organization in 1899. Gilson is located in Section K, Lot 5 at Rienzi.



Judge N. S. Gilson Monument



EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE

Friday evening, January 3rd, Rienzi held their annual Evening of Remembrance. Invitations are sent out to all families who lost loved ones in 2013.

Pre and post music was provided by Britany Becker, presiding was Pastor Michael Weigand and vocals were provided by the WLA Traveling Choir.

Over 50 people gathered to enjoy a short program/service, the music and the reading of the names of those people who we buried at Rienzi in 2013.



GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Rienzi Grounds Crew wrapped up a very busy year in early December. Unfortunately, because of the wet windy weather we did not get the leaves as cleaned up on the grounds as we wanted, but sometimes mother nature has other ideas

We are already looking forward to the spring season. I am frequently asked what Rienzi could use so I compiled a list of wants/needs. Each one of these items would assist us in keeping Rienzi Cemetery the beautiful scenic place that it is. They also could save us money in the long run.

We could use: a **Gator**, an **air compressor**, **used/new cement mixer** (\$100-\$400), **weed eaters** (\$200-\$250), **chain saw** (\$400.00), **portable generator** (\$400-\$500), **lawn tractor** (\$14,000) and a **leaf chipper vac** (\$3500-\$4000).

The last item is actually the most important. The one we had, died this Fall. We will have to find some efficient method of leaf removal before Fall of 2014.



*Grounds Superintendent
Norm Waldschmidt*

MONUMENT SALES

Rienzi offers a full-service monument business for property owners at Rienzi. We work with Blast Craft Service, Inc. out of Slinger WI. Blast Craft's goal is to deliver more than their customers expect. When it comes to the supply of granite memorials they strive to see how much value they can pack into every interaction between their company and Rienzi. They believe that customer care is the all important factor that separates them from their competition.



New arrival from Blast Craft

Keep in mind when you purchase a monument from

Blast Craft through Rienzi the profits are

re-invested in the long term maintenance of Rienzi Cemetery!

*Rienzi Cemetery and
All-Faiths Chapel
Mausoleum*

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*Make your final resting
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Fond du Lac history
... at Rienzi!*

*Rienzi Cemetery
and
All-Faiths Chapel Mausoleum
is a non-sectarian,
non-profit
501 (c) (13).*

*It belongs to the individual property
owners and their families.*

*Dates to Remember
Rienzi Cemetery is sponsoring bingo
at the
Fond du Lac Senior Center the
1st Tuesday of odd months in 2014*

*Great Lakes Pet Expo, West Allis
Saturday, February 1, 2014*

*Monday, May 26, 2013 ... Memorial Day Program
2 p.m.*

FAQ

Who is on the Board of Trustees at Rienzi?

Answer: The executive committee consists of Ed Barnes, President; David Dobogai, Vice-President; Paul Rosenfeldt, Secretary; Bill Mauthe, Treasurer; Board Members; Dan Dobogai, Gina Frank, Anne Kallas, Clark Koechel, Lance McClellan, Gary Miller, Mike Olig, Karl Pennau, Gary Sadoff and Robert Wegele Jr.



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able in the Chapel. They
are designed with the
mailing address already
printed on the front.*

*The inside of the flap is
equipped for easy designa-
tion of who or what the
donation is for.*