

## Support the Columbarium Restoration Project

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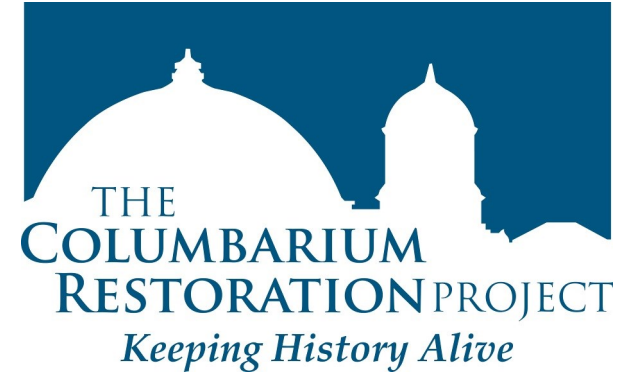
### BOHEMIAN NATIONAL CEMETERY

- ◆ 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 \$650,000 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

## Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery



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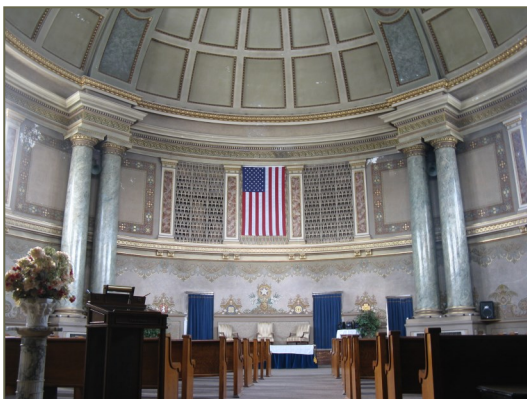
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# THE COLUMBARIUM RESTORATION PROJECT

## 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



- ◆ \$385,000 spent by Friends of BNC through 2021 to repair dome roof, install new copper gutters around its base, replace central hall roof, rebuild parapet walls at bell tower, stabilize decorative balustrade and cornice stones, repair spalls, repoint limestone walls



- ◆ A projected \$375,000 more needed to:
  - Stabilize front entrance stairway cheek walls
  - Stabilize and re-seal front entrance upper level stairway
  - Re-point north limestone façade and repair spalls and broken stones
  - Reset or replace as needed tiles on the tower roof and replace its worn-out copper gutters

## THE FUNDING

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS

All donors receive:

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

Donors contributing \$100 and above receive:

- ◆ Name inscribed on the project's Donor Wall in the columbarium building

Donors contributing \$1000 and above receive:

- ◆ Individual nameplate on the Donor Wall
- ◆ One-year membership in Friends of BNC

Donors contributing \$10,000 and above receive, in addition to the above expressions of thanks:

- ◆ Second edition of *A Dear and Precious Heritage*, Friends' book about BNC
- ◆ personal guided tour highlighting BNC's historic buildings and monuments



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

[www.friendsofbnc.org](http://www.friendsofbnc.org)

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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.