

ASPIRE TO SUCCESS



MBNA's Aspire Awards were created to recognize monument builder companies that have drawn favorable attention to their companies, and in turn, to the industry through their specialized marketing and/or public relations campaigns.

All MBNA members in good standing are invited to submit entries for the **2014 MBNA Aspire to Success Marketing & Public Relations Contest**.

Any publicity you've received during the contest year (November 1, 2013 through November 1, 2014) is eligible. This includes coverage by newspapers, magazines, television, new acquisitions, celebrated anniversaries or testimonial letters.

Up to three (3) winners will be awarded the handsome granite MBNA Aspire Award, a tall, polished trophy that adds elegance and interest to any member's lobby or bookshelf. Honorable mention entries will receive a certificate of merit suitable for framing. All winning entries will be featured in *MBNews*.

ENTRY FORM

Deadline to submit material is November 14, 2014.

2014 MBNA Aspire to Success Marketing and Public Relations Contest

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- Detail your experience. Use a separate piece of paper. It can be one item or event, or multiple events, or a year-long ad campaign.
- Please attach any photographs, clippings, brochures, letters, invitations or company branded materials that relate to your entry. We need original photographs (prints or electronic), but please photocopy your clippings, letters or invitations if you need them returned as we cannot return the material. *Photos can be black and white or color.*

Events should have taken place between November 1, 2013 and November 1, 2014. Deadline for receipt of materials at MBNA Headquarters is November 14, 2014. Materials may be submitted on-line or by postal service.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact MBNA headquarters at (800) 233-4472 or via email at info@monumentbuilders.org.

Dear MBNA 2014 ASPIRE to Success Committee,

WELCOME TO FLACHTEMEIER MONUMENT COMPANY, 140 YEARS AND STILL SERVING.

Flachtemeier Monument Company has had an amazing year and we're excited to share our accomplishments during this reporting period. We began this period still basking in the recognition we had received from our feature article published in the Oct 2013 MBNews. In the months of Nov and Dec of 2013 we received numerous calls from other monument companies inquiring about the various community programs mentioned in our article. We were honored to share our programs and best practices with these other monument companies. We also designed and had produced magnetic car door display panels to help advertise and promote our Company. *(Ref support pages 1 and 2)*

Our Community programs are designed to give something back to the community that has given so much to us throughout our 140 years here in Freeport, IL. During this reporting period our company has been able to increase our Vandalism Watch and Rewards program with the addition of five new area cemeteries. The vandalism watch program consist of a fairly large and clearly lettered sign displayed at the entrance of each Cemetery in our program. The sign promotes our \$500 reward for the report of any vandalism that leads to the arrest and conviction of the vandal(s). Our Company name and phone number are prominently displayed at the bottom of each sign. This program is FREE to the cemetery and has been very well received and is now implemented in well over half our area cemeteries. *(Ref support page 3)*

In January of 2014 we partnered with the United Way of Northern Illinois. In this new partnership we contribute a percentage of a memorial purchase to the United Way for any referrals by the United Way or any one of the many Non-Profit Organizations associated with them. The United Way Director Tiffany Nieman helped promote our new relationship in an article published in our local newspaper by saying; *"Flachtemeier has had a long history in Freeport, which means a lot," said Tiffany Nieman, executive director for United Way of Northwest Illinois. We just want to give back to the community of Freeport that supports us.*" *(Ref support page 4)*

In February of 2014 we proudly partner with the Freeport Chamber of Commerce to co-sponsor various Community Outreach events that went on throughout the year. That same month the Chamber wrote a great article about us featured in their monthly publication, The Communicator in the Member Spotlight section. This partnership has allowed us to educate and provide information about Flachtemeier, our industry, our services and the opportunity to distribute our promotional materials. This partnership has provided our company with greater exposure to our community. The Chamber hosts monthly "After Hours" at area businesses for networking opportunities. They also host a monthly "Rise-n-Shine" morning gathering for Community business leaders to meet together. All of these avenues of community involvement offered by our Chamber have opened many new relationships through networking with area families, businesses and organizations. Our involvement and relationship with our Community Chamber of Commerce has proved to be an invaluable asset to growing success. *(Ref support page 5)*

One of the many new relationships found through our Chamber was a contact with an area Middle Schools. The School contacted us this spring and asked if we could accompany their entire 8th Grade and staff on a field trip to our City Cemetery. We gladly accepted their invitation to be a part of their outing. The school gave us the opportunity to help the students understand the history and value of the thousands of stories found in the Freeport City Cemetery. We found Community forefathers, interesting monuments and the different materials used in memorials, Veteran's markers and a whole range of things outlined on their field trip. We did our best to make sure each teacher, parent and student had fun and left understanding the sacred value and respect due a cemetery. We also made sure everyone received one of our complementary Company ink pens. Following the event we received a thank you letter from the Middle School Staff and students for our participation. It was a lot of fun. *(Ref support page 6)*

Additional area news coverage came with a front page article where Flachtemeier was featured in The Freeport Journal Standard newspaper. This front page story reflected on our recognition in the Oct. 2013 MBNews, our Celebration of 140 years of service in Freeport, our history and involvement with community. This great article brought us a lot of positive exposure and recognition. One of many things that followed the Journal article was our being asked to speak/present at three different area organization's events. We spoke at two luncheons, and gave a one hour presentation on the Past, Present and Future of our industry shared with to the Stephenson County Geological Society. These engagements opened many new relationships and encouraged a few of the cemeteries represented to our presentation to ask us for help with their restoration works. That exposure continues to bring a great return on the time we invested. *(Ref support pages 7and 8)*

In April we had learned that on February 26, 2014 the Honorable Cheri Bustos, Congresswoman from Illinois and the 113th U.S. Congress hailed our Company's name noting our recent partnership with the United Way and Chamber of Commerce as well as our 140 years of business success in Freeport. Afterword, Congresswoman Bustos had presented to us an official Congressional Record from the 113th Congress reading of this event. Knowledge of our Company and our 140 year legacy of providing excellent materials and craftsmanship had reached all the way to Washington D.C.. Receiving this recognition was as we called it, icing on our Birthday Cake. The document presented to us now hangs proudly on display in our customer reception area here at Flachtemeier. *(Ref support page 9)*

April brought even more press coverage when the Freeport Chamber of Commerce featured another article on our company in their monthly Communicator publication's Member Spotlight. This article highlighted our National Recognition, honored our work on the Calvary Cemetery Veteran's Memorial, and provided a great review of our history and relationship in and with our community. This article centered around a great picture of the beautiful Calvary Cemetery Veteran's Memorial that was designed by our company to honor all veterans buried there. Following the installation of this memorial the Calvary Cemetery Veteran's Memorial Committee sent us a letter thanking us for our guidance, involvement, materials and labor we supplied in the creation of their Veteran's memorial. *(Ref support pages 10-13)*

There are many other ways we have been involved with our Community this year. We teamed up with the area Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) and went out to area cemeteries and placing small American flags on each veteran's graves for Memorial Day. Richard Knox, Branch Manager of Flachtemeier is an Army veteran and Retire Navy veteran. He has made himself well known and involved with the American Legion, VFW, The 40 and 8, Patriot Guard and Legion Riders veteran's groups. All of this has opened a renewed relationship with our area's veterans and our Regional Veterans Administration office.

Part of this year's expansion into working with area veterans is our help to area veterans and their families with filing the necessary Veterans Administration paperwork to request their veteran's grave markers, medallions, and a signed Presidential Letter of Appreciation for the Veteran's service to our country provided to the veteran's family. We have obtained all the VA documents, training and materials provided to us by the Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration help educate and inform our veterans and their families on what is available to them because of their Service to our Country. We are able to completely file for, receive and install all the various veterans' memorials offered through the VA. These small efforts on our part have brought many new relationships and some good, positive community exposure for our company. We have added these services to our Pre-Need sales for our veterans, assuring them and their families that this will all be done for them properly at that time of need. Through this small, but important service we have been made a part of many funeral services of area veterans.

This year we also introduced a new partnership with all area churches. In this partnership Flachtemeier will make a contribution back to their Church equal to a certain percentage of any memorial purchase made by one of their parish members. To us, this particular partnership was a good way for us to show our appreciation for the relationship we have enjoyed with our area churches, their parishioners, and as long time member of our community. We have received many blessing from this community and this was just one more ways for us to offer something back.

Other ways we've worked to keep our brand (name) on people's minds using printed-media. This year we have developed and run a series of full color display ads twice a week in our area paper. We also sponsor Salutes to Veterans on Memorial Day, the 4th of July and Veterans Day. As well, we run a full color display ad in a free weekly news publication distributed throughout our entire County. We have a business card size ad on dining placemats at the VFW restaurant and one other area restaurant. We run a small ad in the VFW's monthly newsletter. We have an ad in the Catholic Reader and Lutheran Journal which are distributed throughout four of our surrounding Counties. We also use other one-time ads that will run here and there just to keep our brand (name) out in front of people. We also mail out Condolence letters to every family represented on the Obituary page in the local paper, which has brought many new families through our doors this year.

We have also invested quite a bit of time and effort during this reporting period to an ever-growing market reach called Social Media and the internet. This year we have opened several new promotional pages online which displays our Company, our services, pictures, videos, customer comments and public recommendations on sites like Yelp, Google Plus, Yellow Pages online and Facebook just to name a few. A fair amount of time has been spent building an attractive, strong, informative and interesting Facebook presence. We are using a lot of pictures,

stories, articles and current posts to draw people to our pages on all these sites. Our online following has really exploded throughout 2014.

One of the many things we have included on our Facebook page is over a dozen of the very well produced MBNA two minute videos. We have received some great feedback from these videos. With our online presence we have been able to tie Flachtemeier to a number of our printed advertising with a simple tag that says, "Visit our page to get an exclusive money saving coupon". Now, with a fairly good and growing following online we are able to promote our company, our industry and the importance of memorializing life to a wide group of people at the same time. One other on-line item we use is our email signature. As a part of our signature we have included active banner links to our other online pages like Yelp, Facebook, BBB, Chamber, Yellow Pages and Google. *(Ref support pages 14-18)*

We try to imagine sometimes just how well we are doing with our reach and impact on our Community. Interestingly enough, while attending an event this October (2014) hosted at the Freeport Masonic Temple something was brought to our attention. Our front page article from the Journal Standard was being clearly displayed on a prominent bulletin board in one of the main hall gathering areas there. Just when we begin to think it's all for not, something like this happens to show us otherwise. We're not sure who posted our article there, but it was certainly encouraging and a big boost to our enthusiasm. *(Ref support page 19)*

As we conclude our recap for this reporting period it all seems rather astonishing lined up here when in our day to day life it was just part of the journey. Apart from all this and the Award we're applying for, Flachtemeier Monument Company is positioned to also have one of our better years financially. Seems it somehow all shakes out in the end. It goes without saying that this year has taken a lot of time, energy and focus, but it has all been worth the fantastic year of growth we've experienced both in our Community and the surrounding area. It may come as a surprise to some that Flachtemeier Monument Company is staffed by only one full time Branch Manager and one part time memorial sales assistant. Flachtemeier, as many know, is a part of the Peter Troost Monument Company in Hillside, IL. who provides all of our production and access to some of the greatest talent and wisdom in our industry. *(Ref support page 20)*

Thank you for allowing us the privilege to share our part in Telling the Story.

Sincerely,

Richard Knox, Branch Manager

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By Jane Lethlean
The Journal-Standard
January 29, 2014 4:16PM

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MEMBER spotlight



The Depot - A historic treasure re-purposed

The Freeport Depot was built by the Illinois Central Railroad in 1890. Of railroad Victorian design, the depot provided passenger service for the Illinois Central and later the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. A separate contiguous building housed all freight, luggage and US Mail Requirements for each of the two railroads and the railway express company. The building remained active as a railroad terminal serving the Illinois Central and the Chicago Northwestern railroads until the early 1970s. Amtrak served Freeport for a few years from the depot property until finally all railroad passenger service to Freeport was discontinued. The railroad building deteriorated from lack of maintenance and became a haven for vagrants and a hang-out for kids.

The property, including buildings and approximately eight acres of land was purchased by a company formed for that purpose by Ultrasonic Power Corporation owners Dolores and Robert Schoes in 1984. Freeport Depot, Inc, the newly formed company continues today as landlord for the Ultrasonic Power Corporation. The two buildings which had been separated by a breezeway were joined resulting in one enclosed temperature and humidity controlled building. Following extensive renovation of the depot and the freight/luggage building in early 1985, Ultrasonic Power Corporation fully occupied the space. Renovation architectural work was provided by Barbara McCormick, AIA of Rockford, construction supervision was provided by Dick Edler of Freeport. All electrical equipment and installation

was provided by Morse Electric of Freeport and all plumbing, heating and ventilation was contracted to and provided by Abe's Plumbing and Heating of Lena, Illinois.

Flachtemeier Monument Company receives national recognition

Flachtemeier Monument Company a long time stalwart among Freeport businesses has been recognized by the national media in the monument industry's national October 2013 publication, MBNews.

Monument Builders of North America (MBNA) is a trade association that is over 100 years old. Its members have helped millions of families across the continent and across the globe.

Flachtemeier Monument Company has been operating for nearly 140 years. "I operate the company as if it were my own business, engaging in the community and taking that personal ownership," says Knox. He said he came into the Flachtemeier Monument operation in July of 2010 by accident.

"I had never considered entering the monument industry, but the job description matched up so well with my broader business and marketing background and my skill sets and experiences, I am now very glad I got this opportunity, and cannot imagine doing anything else," Knox said. "I love what I do for a living."

He said bringing joy and fulfillment to the families he serves brings him real satisfaction.

The greatest reward I can receive is the grateful, heartfelt words from a customer after they see our finished work," Knox said. "This leads naturally into the privilege I have to share in the quality, the craftsmanship, and

well-respected reputation my company provides. I have the honor of providing families in my area with the best their money can buy and that this industry has to offer, without breaking their bank." He said creativity remains the key for the monument industry.

"We offer 24-plus colors of granite, well beyond gray, black, and red," Knox said. "Besides a flat or serp top monument, we try to provide something that tells their story and we have made some pretty creative pieces by thinking outside the box." He said Flachtemeier Monument Company provides and solicits a

feedback card with every job they do and every monument they engrave.

"We also send out a thank you letter to each person when the job is completed to see how we are doing," said Knox. "Our work on these monuments will stand up for centuries, and I remember every one that we do and all of the stories behind them. Whether we tell the story in bronze, carvings, etchings, or any other fashion, I am proud of our profession, our work, and our service to our customers."

Learn more about Flachtemeier Monument Company by stopping by the shop at 221 West Galena Av Freeport or call 815.235.2312 or Toll Free: 877.881.7339 or visit them online at www.freeportmonuments.com

Flight Radio Studio Production Company, Inc.

Flight Radio Studio Productions Co. Inc. was created to facilitate an educational learning center focused on helping the youth who are underserved, underprivileged and disenfranchised population. Their program teaches computer literacy, economic literacy, vocational skills and violence prevention. It helps expand social education through recreational and

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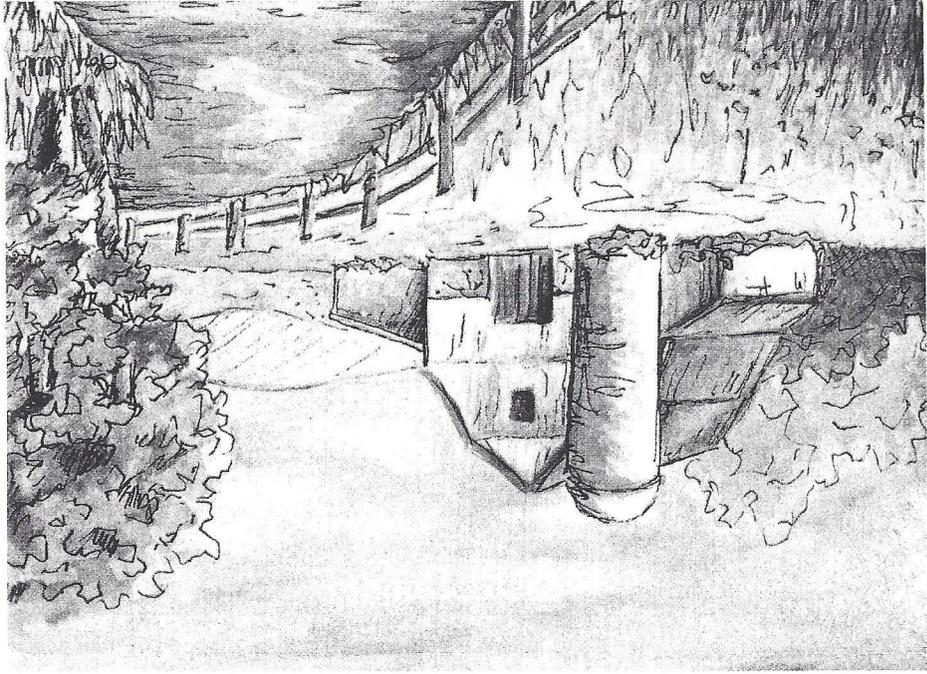
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Rick,

First of all, please excuse my + tremendous tardiness in getting this written. It does not indicate just how much we all appreciated your participation in the cemetery field trip. We were grateful for the gift of your time + expertise; and the extra chaperone another adult provided. You provided a perspective + insights that the rest of us could not! In addition, the place was a nice treat, + helpful to have. I'm writing with one of them now!



Thanks again, + even though your daughter will move on, I'd love to have you come along again next year if you're interested. Thanks again.

Deborah Kerner
JK Creations



Branch Manager Ric Knox kneels next to a monument Tuesday at Flachtemeier Monument Company, which celebrates 140 years in business this year. JANE LETHLEAN/THE JOURNAL-STANDARD

FLACHTEMEIER

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Lisa Troost, president of Peter Troost Monument Company.

monument companies in the country.

"I am proud to be part of a business with a rich history in Freeport," Knox said. "The recognition we received in the trade publication is an honor, which cements my love for what I do."

Knox is humble about his success in helping the company thrive in Freeport. He said he doesn't see his position as a job, but an extension of a calling he had when he once ministered a congregation. To be able to do his job, he must develop a trust with his clients to be able to deliver and create a legacy of loved ones who have died. Survivors often look to him for guidance to deliver that legacy, which lasts for generations.

"I have the best of both worlds," Knox said. "Total strangers come into my life and invite me into their life. My job is to build a lasting tribute that will last for generations. Their legacy lives on, if I do my job right."

Knox said God led him to this new venture. He doesn't see it as a ministry, but an "awesome opportunity to be part of people's sensitivity in life."

"What I do is help people take a step in the closure process," he added.

Knox said the article in the trade magazine humbled him. The recognition wasn't a surprise to

"Rick is definitely an asset to our company, and we are very proud to be part of the history of a company in Freeport," Troost said. "It's always nice to be acknowledged by your own industry."

Knox said often a grief stricken family will enter the doors to the business, not knowing where to begin.

"I don't want survivors to just see what I do as a sales experience," Knox said. "I want to help them build on a legacy. Sometimes I weep with them. Survivors always have a story to tell. I feel people, and I leave that part open. I sense their brokenness. It's just one of those things."

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By Jane Lethlean
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in Freeport to begin the stone-cutting trade. Knox said the company specializes in plain and ornamental stone cutting. The company, which employs Knox and two others, was sold in 2002 to Chicago-based Peter Troost Monument Company, one of the largest

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House of Representatives

CONGRATULATING FLACHTEMEIER MONUMENT COMPANY ON THEIR 140TH ANNIVERSARY (Extensions of Remarks – February 26, 2014)

HON. CHERI BUSTOS
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

Ms. BUSTOS of Illinois, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Flachtemeier Monument Company in Freeport, Illinois, on the occasion of their 140th anniversary.

Flachtemeier Monument was founded in 1874 when Frederick Flachtemeier began his stone carving business in Freeport. Over the next 140 years, Flachtemeier Monument Company has supported grieving families and helped them memorialize their loved ones. Ric Knox, the current branch manager, loves that his job allows him to connect with the community, explaining that "total strangers come into my life and invite me into their life."

In honor of its 140th anniversary, Flachtemeier Monument Company is partnering with the Freeport Chamber of Commerce for a community event later this year. Additionally, the company plans to donate a portion of its sales to United Way of Northwest Illinois whenever a customer mentions one of their affiliated charities.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again congratulate Flachtemeier for reaching this impressive milestone. Ric Knox says of the people he memorializes that "their legacy lives on, if I do my job right." Through Knox and his entire company, Frederick Flachtemeier's legacy has lived on for 140 years and will hopefully continue to thrive and support our community for many more.

Spotlight



show's production team in May, the first season of the show will be filmed in Fall 2015 and Critter Camp was chosen to be featured once the show makes its debut.

Producers of the show say Critter Camp provides an invaluable service in the areas of education and rescue/rehabilitation of animals under very difficult and often nearly impossible circumstances.

Learn more about the exciting goings on at Critter Camp from their Facebook page at Critter Camp Exotic Pet Sanctuary or visit crittercamp.weebly.com

Happy 10th anniversary Randall's and Sentia from all your supporters at the Freeport Area Chamber of Commerce.

THE FLACHTEMEIER MONUMENT COMPANY CELEBRATES 130 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Purchasing a memorial is a unique experience. You are making decisions that will endure for generations. Very often, those decisions must

represent the varied wishes and opinions of family members. The Flachtemeier Monument Company trained professionals can help guide you through the important decisions involved in creating a memorial of everlasting beauty.

Flachtemeier Monument Company has been serving the Freeport community for more than 130 years. Flachtemeier Monuments first opened its doors in 1874, and through the work of an ambitious young teen and the help of his brother, it has grown into a strong, reliable company known for its quality memorial products and attention to detail.

Frederick Flachtemeier was born in Prussia on July 5th, 1851 to Christian and Minnie Flachtemeier. The family immigrated to America in 1867 and after arriving in New York decided to move west, where they eventually settled in Freeport, Ill. Before arriving in America, Frederick started to learn the stone cutting trade at age 12. When Frederick arrived in Freeport, he was 16. He then went to work for Mr. H. Nott,

running out of space. There is plenty of dedication and a real passion for caring, but adequate space is another story. The Randalls and their army of volunteers now care for more than 300 exotic animals and it's become their dream to care for 1000 while providing an educational experience for hundreds upon countless hundreds of interested visitors.

They've received a grant from the Pepsi Refresh Project allowing them to purchase 3 nearby acres of land and they are searching for a caring sponsor or some sort of windfall funding that will cover construction costs for their proposed new building.

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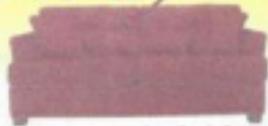


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who taught Frederick not only how to cut stone, but how to operate a business.

In 1874 Frederick opened his first monument business, Freeport Marble and Stone Works, on Galena Street. He was in operation for nine years before deciding in 1884 to go into business with his brother W. H. Flachtemeier. The name of the business changed to Flachtemeier Bros. Monument Works and the brothers started construction on a new business house on Stephenson Street in January of 1885. The company moved into the 40x60 foot, two story high building in 1886.

Flachtemeier Bros. Monument Works specialized in both plain and ornamental stone cutting. The business served Ogle, Jo Daviess, Champaign, Stephenson and parts of other surrounding counties. The company employed ten to 15 men and operated year-round. Flachtemeier Bros. Monument Works quickly became the largest monument company in Northwest Illinois and was easily recognized by its two-story brick building with its glass front display. The quality of craftsmanship made it the premier monument company in the entire area.

After Frederick and W.H. Flachtemeier passed away, the company was left to Frederick's son, Arthur S. Flachtemeier. The company continued to prosper throughout his lifetime

and after Arthur passed away the company was sold to Emil and Willard Brown in 1947. The Browns then passed the business down to their son-in-law and daughter, Brian and Dawn Pruitt in 1984. Throughout the time the Brown and Pruitt families operated the business, Flachtemeier Monument Works continued the family owned tradition and provided quality and reliable service to the Freeport community.

In 2002, the Pruitt family sold Flachtemeier Monuments to the Peter Troost Monument Company. The Troost family has had its own family history in the monument industry, with Lisa Troost currently as its fifth generation president. Peter Troost Monument Co. continues to operate Flachtemeier Monuments maintaining the original family-owned traditions and values.

Throughout the history of Flachtemeier Monuments, each family has had one goal—to provide Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin with reliable, quality service and superior products. Flachtemeier Monuments continues the legacy by paying attention to detail and providing superior craftsmanship to the communities it serves. Just as the Flachtemeier brothers took pride in their quality of craftsmanship in the 1870's, Flachtemeier Monument Company today is still

dedicated today to providing quality service to each of its customers.

Let the professionals at Flachtemeier Monuments answer your memorial products questions. Contact them at 815.235.2312 or toll free at 877.881.7339 or visit their new location on Galena Avenue in downtown Freeport at 221 West Galena Ave.

FREEPORT IS A COMMUNITY THAT CARES

Freeport is home to many community nonprofit, tax-exempt, publicly supported organizations. These foundations are public charities, developing broad support from many unrelated donors with a wide range of charitable interests.

A community foundation has an independent board that is representative of the public interest and maintains a diverse grants program that is not limited in scope. In addition to awarding grants, these foundations often play a leadership role in their communities and serve as a resource for grant information, broker training and technical assistance for local nonprofits. Each of the Freeport area foundations serves the community in specific ways and all work to improve the quality of life throughout the area.

The Freeport Community Foundation

A group of local forward-thinking citizens that wanted to ensure a permanent source of funds for local charitable organizations laid the ground work for the founding of the Freeport Community Foundation in 1975 and in 2002, the Board of Directors updated the structure of the organization from a simple trust to a not-for-profit corporation. The Freeport Community Foundation is one of nearly 800 community foundations in the United States. It is a publicly supported, nonprofit, and



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June 4, 2014

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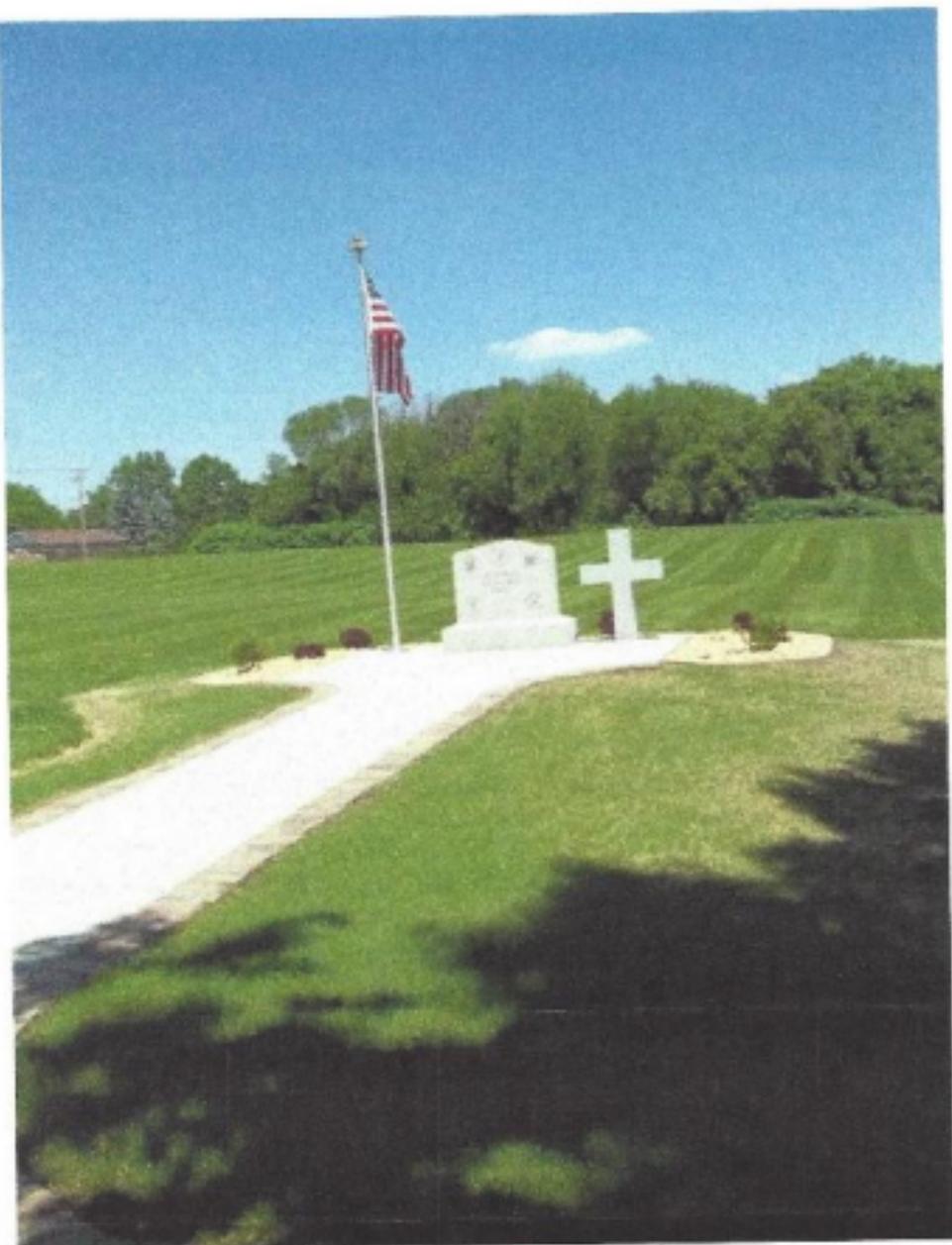
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Committee Members:

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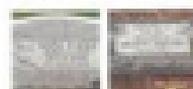


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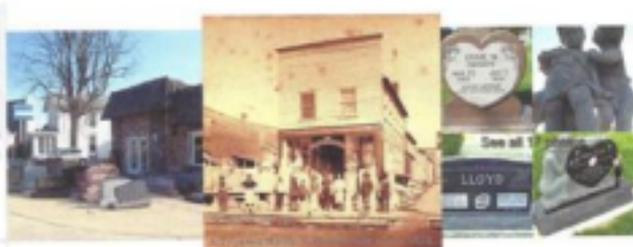
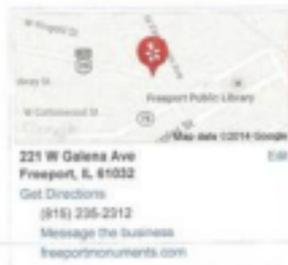
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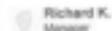
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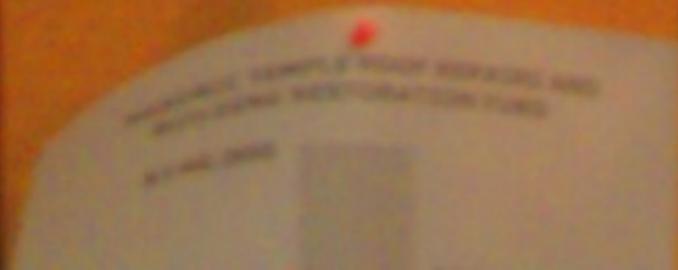
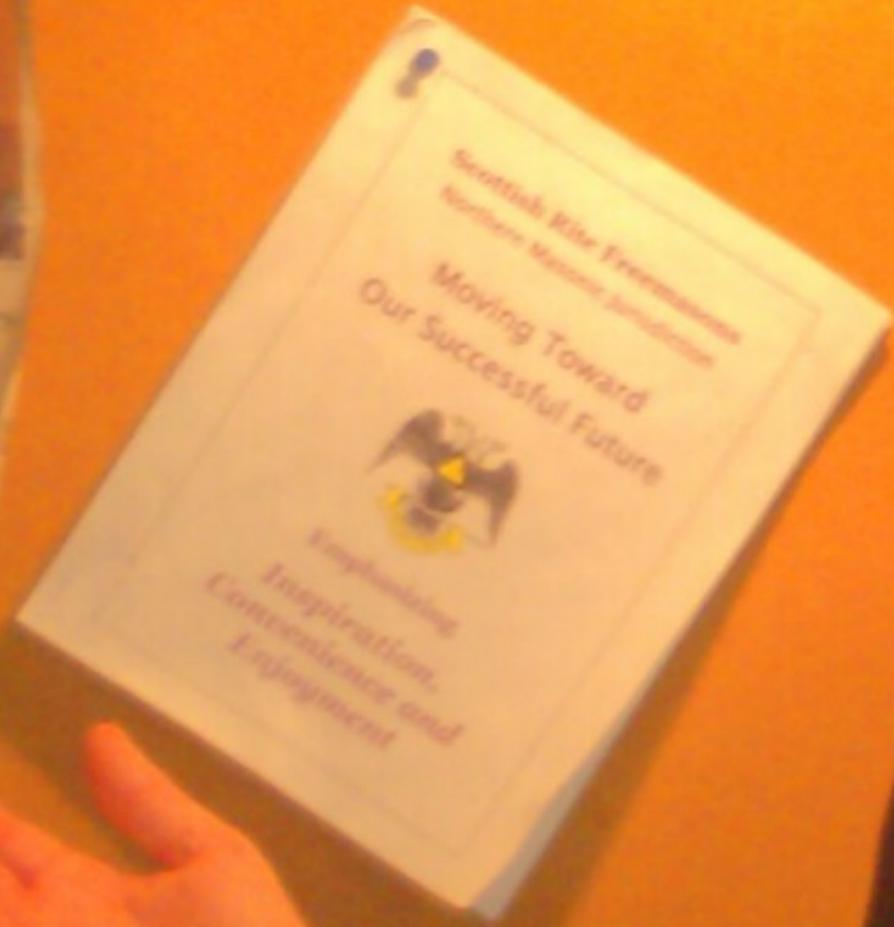
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