

Annual Membership Form

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 in honor or in memory of: _____
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 Please call me to discuss how I might become involved with the Foundation.

Membership Levels
Membership \$25,000 and above
Innovators \$10,000- \$24,999
Advocates \$5,000- \$9,999
Benefactors \$2,500- \$4,999
Sponsors \$1,000- \$2,499
Ambassadors \$500- \$999
Members \$25- \$499

*Oak Ridge Cemetery Foundation is 501(c)3 organization. Please make checks payable to Oak Ridge Cemetery Foundation,
1441 Monument Ave., Springfield, IL 62702*

The Tree Project

The Tree Project is an on-going program of the ORC Foundation bringing attention to the magnificent trees throughout Oak Ridge Cemetery. Each fall at the Annual Tree Tour, volunteer interpreters provide information to visitors walking along a designated route. Some of the trees are old giants, alive before the cemetery was established. Others are younger, planted from special stock donated by Starhill Forest Arboretum.

Trees currently listed on oakridgecemetrytrees.com are available for adoption for a \$75 donation. All donations go toward public education and management of valuable tree resources in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Log onto oakridgecemetrytrees.com for more information or stop by the cemetery office.



2025 Tree Tour
Saturday, October 18, 2025
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Oak Ridge Cemetery
(follow the signs)

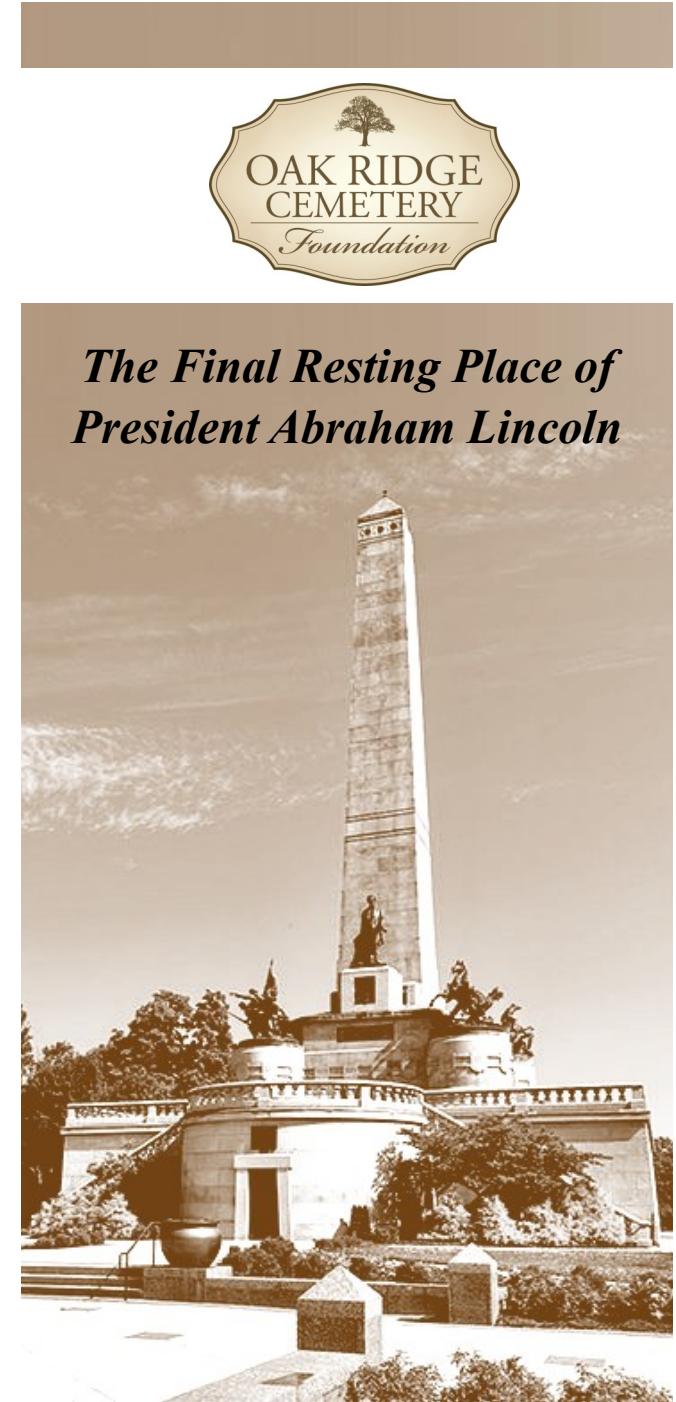
2025 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
Medics First of Springfield
200 N Grand Ave W, Springfield, IL 62702
Program:
*General Ulysses S. Grant and
Daughter Nellie*

More Information
oakridgecemetryfoundation.org
oakridgecemetrytrees.com

Cemetery Gate Hours

April thru August: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
September thru March: 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



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78,000 Stories

The Guide to Oak Ridge Cemetery
oakridgecemeteryfoundation.org

The Foundation has recently “gone live” with the *Guide to Oak Ridge Cemetery*. We call it **78,000 Stories**. The Guide provides the history of cemetery’s establishment, and pictures and descriptions of its buildings and features including the Lincoln Monument and Veterans’ Memorials. A large part of the Guide is devoted to tours of the cemetery. The tours are organized by subjects, so individuals can choose tours of interest. Maps, photographs and descriptions guide tourists through the cemetery to monuments and other sites. We now have many varied tours posted. As time goes by, more tours will be added.

Being online, the Guide provides round-the-clock access from home locations where maps and information can be downloaded and printed, or from Oak Ridge Cemetery where materials can be viewed.

We think the Guide will encourage people to learn about the cemetery and possibly to visit. For thousands of people who visit the Lincoln Monument each year, the Guide will be a handy resource for exploring more of the cemetery.

A fundamental purpose of the Guide is to encourage greater visitation and diversity of use in the cemetery. In recent years, Oak Ridge has been a site for annual tree tours, cemetery walks, midnight marathons, and holiday celebrations. Additionally, a quartet played in the Abbey and a lecture was held in the Mausoleum.

The Wall Street Journal recently published the article “*When Did Cemeteries Become Tourist Attractions and Hot-Date Spots?*” by Matthew Kronsberg. He begins, “It might sound macabre, but some of the country’s best-known cemeteries are actually also havens for nature-lovers, culture-hounds and even after-dark revelers.” The article describes receptions, performances, and concerts at cemeteries across the country. Others have film screenings, art and sculpture programs, and even artist-in-residents.

With such programming, Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn had 500,000 visitors last year. Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta had 150,000 visitors and is constructing a visitor center. Green-Wood, Crown Hill in Indianapolis and Graceland in Chicago are accredited arboreta.

We know that much more is possible at Oak Ridge Cemetery as well.

Dear Members, Sponsors, Donors and Volunteers,

Thank you for your interest and generosity. You made these projects possible.

Sincerely,

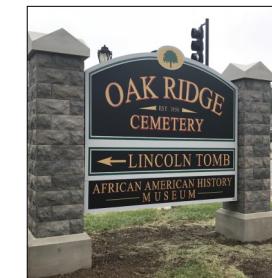
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The mission of the Oak Ridge Cemetery Foundation is to maintain, preserve and enhance all that is in its domain to honor this living memorial

Some Past Foundation Projects



Entrance Gateway at Monument Avenue



Entrance Sign at N. Grand Ave.



Original Cemetery Entrance Reproduction



Entrance Arch from circa 1900



Native Plants in Planters and Planting Beds



Signs and Markers

