



(Left) The Palmer Tomb in Graceland Cemetery. (Right) Lorado Taft's iconic statue, "Eternal Silence" or "Death" is become the symbol of Graceland Cemetery, sometimes called Chicago's "Valley of the Kings."

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Join the Tour! CHICAGO'S REAL UNDERGROUND

Meet and greet the denizens of Chicago's real underground at a 1 p.m. Oct. 25 tour of Graceland Cemetery, Clark and Montrose.

Sponsored by the Ravenswood-Lake View Historical Association, the two-hour walk will be led by the group's president, Patrick Butler, longtime reporter for the Inside-Booster and News-Star newspapers and author of two books – The Hidden History of Ravenswood and Lake View and The Hidden History of Edgewater and Uptown.

Included will be stops at the grave sites of John Kinzie, Chicago's first white settler, and Lake View pioneer Conrad Sulzer, as well as Lorado Taft's iconic statue of "Death" – appropriately enough marking the resting place of early land promoter and hotel proprietor Dexter Graves.

Other stops will include the graves of Chicago Mayor Carter Harrison, who was assassinated on the last day of the 1893 World's Fair and Alan Pinkerton, an anti-slavery activist and detective who became Abraham



The Goethe monument at Sheridan and Diversey was vandalized during World War I. Read more about life on the "Great War's" home front in our next newsletter.

Lincoln's bodyguard and chief spymaster.

Also planned are stops at Burnham's Island where Chicago's most influential city planner is buried, and the palatial Potter Palmer tomb.

*Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. Annual Meeting
at Sulzer Library, 4455 N. Lincoln*

Flames of Change

*Former Greater Chicago Fire Museum president,
RLVHA Annual Report and election*

"Flames of Change" will be the theme of the Ravenswood/Lake View Historical Association's 7 p.m. Oct. 15 annual meeting at Sulzer Library, 4455 N. Lincoln, as retired Chicago Fire Chief William Kugelman tells how fires shaped the growth of the North Side.

Kugelman, who is also former president of the Greater Chicago Fire Museum, will start with the 1858 blaze that started in a Lake Street brothel, killed 22 people, and led to the creation of a professional fire department trained and paid by the city.

Firemen killed in that disaster and other early fires are buried at a monument in Rosehill Cemetery where memorial services are held every year around the anniversary of the 1871 Chicago Fire, which helped trigger the growth of future North Side communities like Lake View and Edgewater.

Other catastrophes including the 1903 Iroquois Theater fire, the 1946 LaSalle Hotel fire, and the 1958 Our Lady of the Angels fire each led to increasingly stringent safety regulations.

Chief Kugelman is a third-



Retired CFD District Chief Bill Kugelman will take us through more than 150 years of firefighting - and how some historic fires changed the very history of the North Side.

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generation firefighter and past president of Local 2 Chicago Firefighters Union.

Also on the program will be an annual report by RLVHA Present/Executive Director Patrick Butler and the election of the association's officers, directors and advisory board.

This year's official slate includes Butler; Carolyn Bull, vice president; Leah Steele, secretary; and Jack Lydon, treasurer.

Paid up members in good standing may also make nominations from the floor.

The controversial George Pullman is buried nearby under a ton of rails, cross ties, and concrete because the family feared Pullman's angry employees might try

to desecrate his body.

Tickets are \$10 per person. No reservations are required. Just show up at the front gate at 1 p.m.



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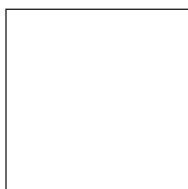
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