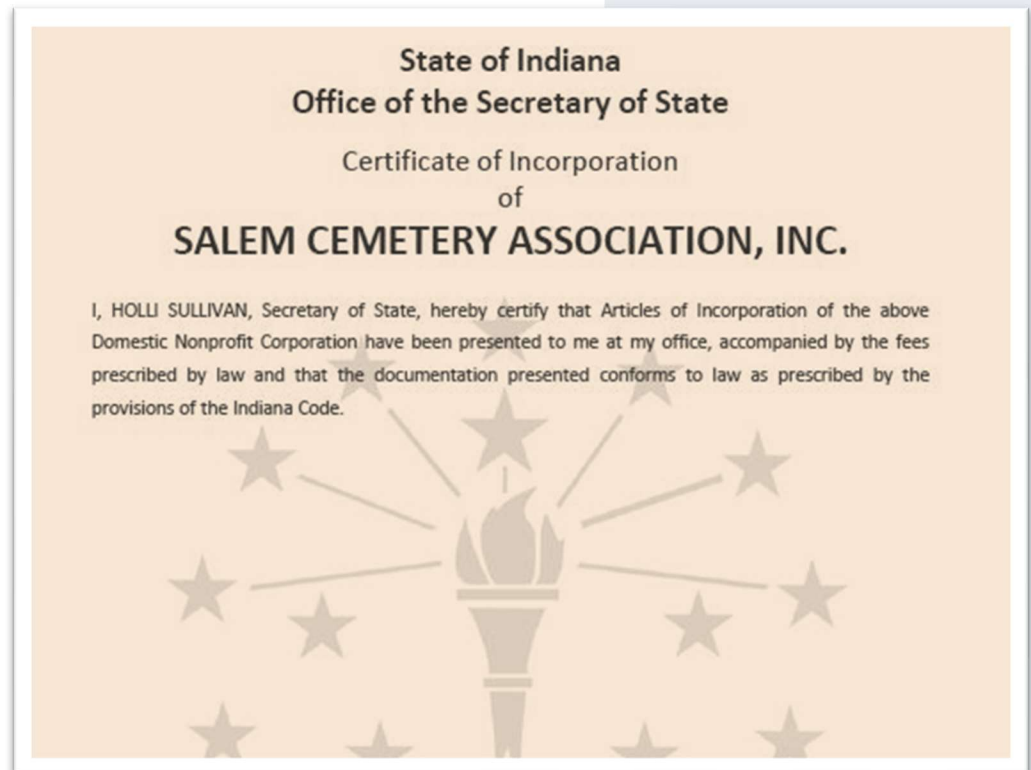


Salem News

Salem Cemetery Association



A Busy Year!

Season's Greetings to everyone! It has been a busy year for us and we are thankful to wind down the Cemetery business for another year, and take a break with our families. We hope you also are able to recharge with some quiet and joyful family time this season.

This year we applied for and were granted a new Indiana corporation status. The prior corporation had expired many years ago. Now that we are again an active Indiana corporation, we are able to apply for grants for historic cemeteries, in the hopes of boosting our maintenance funds for many years to come. We currently rely on donations and plot sales for income which totaled a little over \$8200 this year. Our annual expenses were approximately \$5200 mainly for legal, government fees, and site maintenance. We are ending the year with a little over \$32,000 in the bank. Please remember the Salem Cemetery in your annual gifting plan this year!

WHAT'S NEW

FUNDRAISER 2022!

Let's all pitch in to grow our perpetual maintenance funds!

SALEM HISTORY

Robert Brower shares a story

TRUSTEE NEWS

We have a new member!

Salem History

By Robert J. Brower II

All, this has been a year of joy, blessings and a few bumps. Overall, I am grateful for the privilege to be your President, and the person that has done the mowing with my young Amish helpers, Benjamin and Daniel this past season. As I am reminded by a funeral director from Saint Mary's, Ohio of the peace and tranquility of our cemetery, I am also thankful for that same peace and tranquility that floods my soul when I am there.

I would like to share an experience of mine that I had in the early spring of this year. Here is the background that causes the story to be relevant to me. When my boys were young, we would walk the woods of Sycamore State Park near Brookville and Trotwood, Ohio. On the walks I would take a walking stick that we found there. Both John and Rob enjoyed the walks and the stories that I would tell about "Terrible the Bear".

Fast forward to this spring, first my youngest son John, is interred here.

As I began to mow one day, I look down and found a walking stick right in front of my mower. I picked it up and brought it home, as I wanted to sand it, and refinish it. I took it to the local hardware store for advice on refinishing and sealing the cracks. The hardware store employee gave me direction on the best way to refinish it. He then asked me, "Do you know what type of wood that is", I said, "No", he then said, "It is sycamore". I couldn't hold back the tears, as I knew that John was thinking about me and wanted me to know that, without a shadow of a doubt.

I have learned never to underestimate the way our Lord God Almighty reveals himself to us. Stay tuned for another miraculous story in a future edition!

Blessings...

Go Fund Me



Scan me!

We have started a Go Fund Me website and have a **goal of \$5000** for growing our maintenance fund! Scan the QR code above with your cell phone, and you will be taken straight to the Salem Cemetery Go Fund Me page. You can also type in the internet link to reach the Fund web page:

<https://gofund.me/8f5a618c>

Donations are automatically recorded and deposited into the Salem bank account. Donations can be anonymous, and you can leave comments!

If you prefer not to use the Internet, you can mail a donation directly to the Trustee Treasurer at the following address:

**Salem Cemetery Association
1000 South Market Street
Troy, OH 45773**

New Trustee

A new Trustee has joined our group! Jonathan Starr brings his professional expertise in accounting to our organization, and was instrumental in our efforts to apply for new EIN, non-profit status, and filing for annual taxes (Yes, even non-profits must file).

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