

# ST. JOHN'S HISTORIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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## ANNUAL MEETING

**O**n Sunday, March 10, at 12 noon, the Association holds its Annual Meeting, at St. John's Episcopal Church. There will be election of Board members and a brief summary of the past year's efforts and of plans for the future. Please attend if you can.

## PROJECT GRANTS: 2

**T**he Association received two small foundation grants last fall, which will be matched from Association savings, to reimburse the Church Vestry for restoration of two old tombs in the Cemetery: one of Marcus Zills, who donated of the bell in St. John's steeple in the 1850s; and the other of Morgan Springer, a prominent contractor in Thibodaux in the 1840s and partner of James Frost, builder of the church. The work has awaited less rainy weather and should commence soon, undertaken by a trained restoration mason of New Orleans. It will include on-site training for local masons.

Two additional grants have been applied for, one exclusively for tomb restoration and mason training, another, larger request, not only for tombs but for fence repair, tree work, a landscape plan including Cemetery entrance features, historic signage, and drainage improvements.

## WORK DAY MARCH 23

**V**olunteers are needed to help in the Cemetery on Saturday, March 23, beginning around 9 AM. We will plant some bulbs along the outer fence, clean up, and stack bricks that have fallen off of tombs, so that they can be reused when restoration is done. A local nursery has promised to donate 50 calladium bulbs, and we are searching for more.

## CEMETERY SCAPE LOOKING NORTH

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## A CHERUB'S WATCH

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