

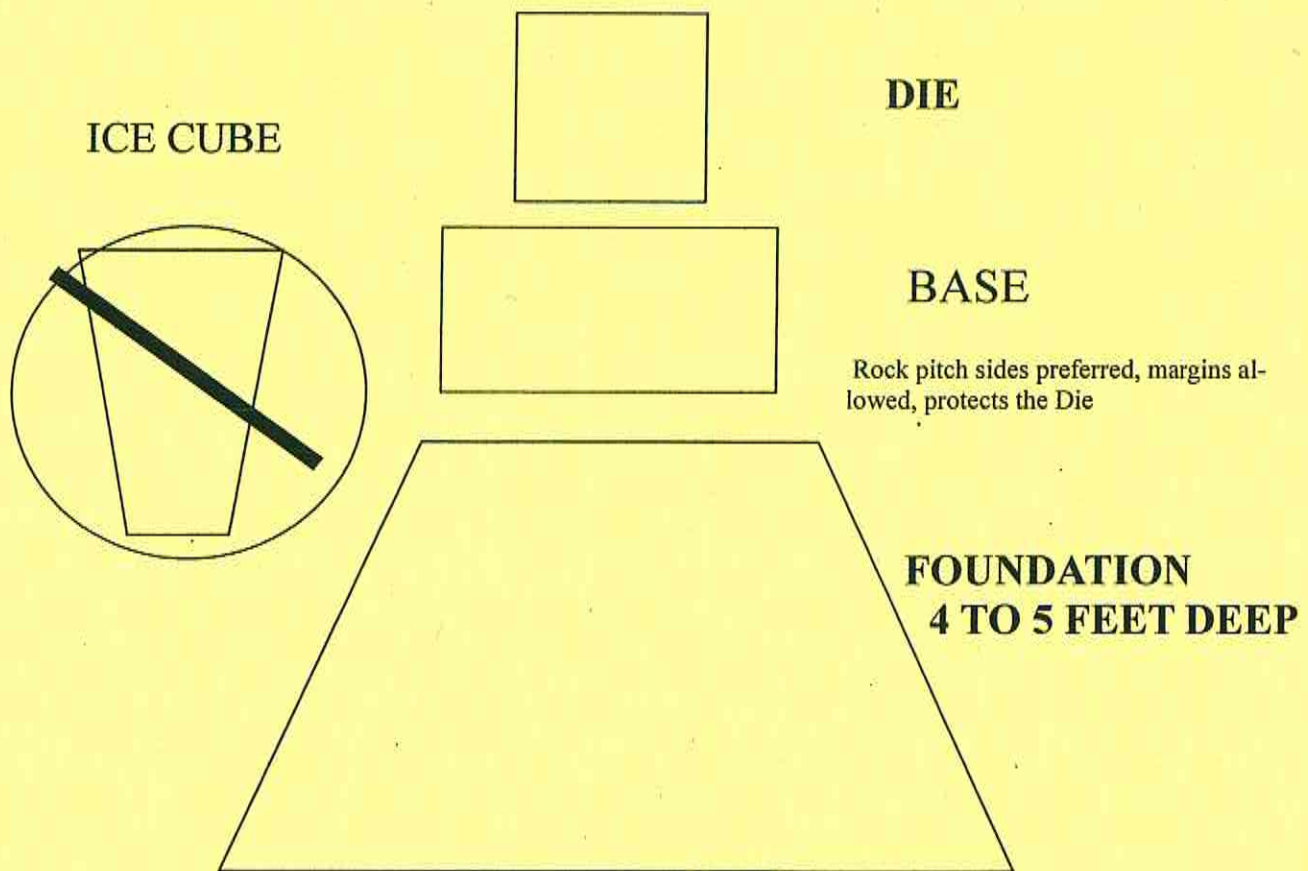
# Monuments—What I have learned in 27 years at Green Mount Cemetery—Patrick Healy

## 1. Foundation, Foundation, Foundation

- A. Size - 2 inch border— 4 inches bigger in length and width.
- B. Depth—4 to 5 ft deep
- C. Shape—must be wider at bottom NOT AN ICE CUBE SHAPE
- D. Materials—Concrete from Commercial Truck - 3, 000 lb strength
- E. Final Grade—be aware of slopes and ease of mowing

## 2. Setting— use nonrusting spacers (nylon tabs, pennies, lead) between each joint Add silicone or setting compound. Dabs of epoxy can also be added.

\* Always use wood or nylon thick spacers when setting one piece of granite unto Another piece of granite. NOTE: Granite City Tool sells all of your granite needs.



## **Design**

1. Always get a laser copy of the design with measurements, Inscriptions, Sizes and type of granite and who the dealer and manufacturer are. This will aid in problem solving if any and future reference. Are the names on the correct Side? Anything that may be offensive?
2. Be aware of Coloring, Painting, and Gold leaf. It does Not last.
3. Know your finishes—steel, polish, rock pitch, flamed, stipple, shell
4. Advise the lot owner to take time and look around at other monuments for what they want.

## **Maintenance**

1. Keep all grass and dirt off monuments—use leaf blower After each mowing
2. Keep flush markers trimmed properly
3. Always be inspecting—look for issues. Water is your ENEMY

## **Cleaning**

Before cleaning inspect for issues, it is granite or marble or what ? Does it look brittle? Any other problem?

1. Water, Water, Water
  2. Pressure Wash—2,500 psi - turbo nozzles work well - NOT ON MARBLE
  3. Apply cleaning solution—use a pesticide sprayer  
Note: work from the bottom up—less streaking.
  4. Allow to work—10 minutes DO NOT LET DRY
  5. Inspect, and repeat if necessary
- \*Best time to clean is in a light mist! Or early morning, **Not In the hot sun!**

## **Repair**

1. Do your research on what type of adhesive to use. Exactly on the type of Stone you are working on.
2. Granite City Tool has the proper epoxies that you need.
3. Talk to other cemeterians, preservationists and Association for Grave Stone Studies