

Upgrades to the Eternal Flame at the John F. Kennedy Gravesite are now underway

The Eternal Flame at the JFK gravesite, which was installed in 1967, is now undergoing significant upgrades to make the flame system more modern, energy efficient and easier to maintain.

UPGRADES INCLUDE:

- Installing new gas lines, automated controls, new electrical conduit and cable, and an energy-efficient system
- Relocating gas pressure regulators from inside to outside the vault to provide easier maintenance and access
- Fabricating new burner assemblies that are naturally aspirated to reduce maintenance and utility costs

PLEASE NOTE:

Underground work is currently underway.

From approximately the last week of April through the third week of May, visitors to the site will see white fencing to cordon off the work area. During this time frame, a temporary flame will be installed while the original burner is replaced. This is only the second time a temporary flame has been used at the site. The first time was Nov. 25, 1963, when President Kennedy was laid to rest.

The markers for President Kennedy and his family will be visible during the work; no changes are being made to the gravesites. Once the upgrades are complete, the flame will look as it did previously.

UPGRADES ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETE BY MID-TO-LATE MAY 2013