

HOLD THE DATE

Professional Embalmers Association of Ireland
General Meeting and Educational Event

*Organ and
Tissue Donation
from Multiple Perspectives*



FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER

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Every embalmer has a responsibility to be informed and open to the growing need for organ and tissue donation.

In the U.S. and now expanding into the E.U., embalmers and funeral directors have a growing and profound impact on a family's decision to donate the organs of a relative. You also have the clear obligation to serve the funeral wants and needs of families with efficiency and care.

The procurement process however places your noble task at cross purposes with your greater responsibility to suitably prepare a body for public viewing.

*Typically one organ donor
saves the lives of eight people
and one tissue donor
improves the quality of life
for up to fifty people.*



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This seminar will detail: the social responsibility of the embalmer; organ donation in the United States; use and application of organs, bones and tissue; procurement techniques; restoration by the embalmer following procurement; reconstruction and restoration issues; best and worst practices; scheduling and timing issues; and ethical concerns.

Using a combination of discussion, graphic slides and audience participation George Kelder will help you understand and convey the importance of organ donation and detail the procurement process, embalming and technical skills necessary to ensure that donor families receive the memorialization they ask for.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

In 2013, George R. Kelder Jr., CFSP presented a brief summary of this seminar to the PEA at the College University of Cork. We are pleased to have him return and address us with his full ninety-minute presentation.



Many of you know George as a familiar speaker and active participant in our organization. After serving 26 years as its assistant executive director, he is now the chief executive officer and executive director of the New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association, Inc., one of the leading groups in the U.S. for funeral related legislation, regulation and advocacy. George is a licensed funeral director/embalmer, and a graduate from New York's American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service and Saint John's University, where he received a Bachelor in Science degree in Funeral Service Education.

George visits Ireland twice a year to visit family and friends in Limerick, Clare and Kerry.