

Charles Peterson Memorial — Budget

Cenotaph, Ohlsdorf Cemetery Hamburg · Grabstätten zur Freien Gestaltung (free-design section) · September 2026

1 · MONUMENT — quotation, Steinmetz Ohlsdorf (Mr. Berlin)					
Item	Net (€)	VAT 19% (€)	Gross (€)	USD Conv 09.12.2026	Notes / source
Granite stone — Indian Black, polished, 60 × 90 cm	€1,750				Quoted item. Indian Black chosen over Swedish granite: comparable durability, materially lower cost.
Inscription — 59 letters @ €16 (incl. gold leaf inlay)	€944				€13/letter + €3 gold leaf. Market norm ≈ €22.50/letter for gold-inlaid work.
Foundation	€160				Quoted item.
Installation	€80				Quoted item. Market norm ≈ €200–300.
Subtotal — computed	€2,934	€557.46	€3,491.46	\$ 4,050.79	Mason's own arithmetic: €2,934 net → €3,491.46 gross.
Agreed price — Tier A (incl. mason's contribution)			€3,200	\$3,713	Binding gross figure, agreed in person and confirmed in writing. Mason's contribution ≈ €291.

2 · OPTIONAL ELEMENTS					
Item	Net (€)	VAT 19% (€)	Gross (€)	Gross (\$)	Notes / source
Hand-chiselled ornaments (three Irish mount marks)	€750	€142.50	€892.50	\$ 1,035.48	Quoted net, + 19%. A full day's work for a trained mason. Comparable custom work ≈ €1,000+.
Bronze cast — Peterson 4S, 1:1, tenon-mounted	€600	€114.00	€714.00	\$ 828.38	Quoted net, + 19%. No design fee — pattern pipe supplied. Comparable small castings ≈ €1,500.

3 · CEMETERY					
Grabnutzungsgebühr — plot use fee, 25 years			€4,710	\$ 5,465	Hamburger Friedhöfe schedule. Public-law fee, not VAT-bearing. Applies to all tiers.

VAT rate (included in quotes)	19.0%				German standard rate.
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4 · FUNDING TARGETS BY TIER					
Tier	Monument (€)	Plot fee (€)	Total (€)		What each tier delivers
A — Base monument	€3,200	€4,710	€7,910	\$ 9,178	Granite stone, gold-inlaid inscription in English and Latvian, foundation, installation.
B — with ornaments	€4,093	€4,710	€8,803	\$ 10,213	Tier A plus the three Irish mount marks, hand-chiselled.
C — with ornaments and bronze	€4,807	€4,710	€9,517	\$ 11,042	Tier B plus a 1:1 bronze cast of a Peterson 4S, tenon-mounted to the stone.

5 - MEMORIAL CEREMONY (EST)			€1,500	\$ 1,740	Expenses for public grave-side memorial service.
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6 - LONG-TERM CEMETERY MAINTENANCE (EST)			€2,000	\$ 2,320	Estimated annual donation for plot upkeep and maintenanc: €200 annually for 10 years
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TOTAL EXPENSES INCLUDING LEVEL C MONUMENT			€13,017	\$ 15,102	
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15% Buffer to cover GoFundMe Fees plus Unexpected Expenses				\$ 2,265	Unspent buffer will be applied to additional year(s) of long-term cemetery maintenance.
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GoFundMe Goal				\$ 17,367	
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Blue figures = inputs (quoted or researched). Black = formulas, recalculate automatically. Yellow = to be filled in as pledges arrive.

Monument quotation: Steinmetz Ohlsdorf, Hamburg, September 2026. Second quotation pending from C. Dankert (approx. two weeks).

Note: Otto Ihlenfeld is a subsidiary of C. Dankert, so the two remaining quotations represent two independent sources, not three.

Excluded from items 1-4 above: archival research fee and stationery already incurred and reimbursed; ceremony costs; long-term maintenance.