

**CEMETERY BY-LAWS**

**Burial Rights**

Those eligible for burial rights include active or former members, their spouses, and their dependent children.

**Annual Dues**

Active members, desiring burial rights, are required to pay cemetery dues of a minimum of **twenty dollars** per family. This includes all members in immediate family, including non-member spouses, and children under the age of eighteen. Every member over eighteen years of age shall be required to pay the minimum cemetery dues as an individual. No additional charge for gravesites shall be made to members of St. Paul's whose dues are current.

Non-member spouses may retain their burial rights by purchasing a perpetual care plan soon after the death of the member spouse, if they are not already enrolled in the plan.

**Perpetual Care**

Perpetual care may be purchased for a one-time fee of **three hundred dollars**, current price subject to adjustment if dues are current.

This plan is available to current active members.

The perpetual care plan will cover all active member and non-member spouses and their children under the age of eighteen.

In the event membership is terminated, original investment may be applied towards purchase of gravesite (at current price.) If gravesite is not purchased, perpetual care fee is retained.

In the event that a terminated membership is resumed the perpetual care plan may be reinstated at the current rate less the original fee paid.

**Securing Grave Sites** Former members, members who are delinquent in paying cemetery dues, and surviving non-member spouses and non-member dependent children, may purchase grave sites at the rate of ***four hundred dollars***, (subject to adjustment) per site. Infant graves may be purchased by former members for one hundred fifty dollars and shall be placed in the established baby row.

Should a former member, members who are delinquent in paying cemetery dues, surviving non-member spouses and non-member dependent children who wish to scatter their ashes over the graves of loved ones in the cemetery in lieu of obtaining gravesites may do so at the rate of \$200.00. A flat marker shall be placed within the plot where the ashes are scattered within 365 days.

Members with cemetery dues in good standing or who are under the perpetual care plan may reserve gravesites with approval from the cemetery caretaker.

For reserved gravesites, a permanent marker must be installed within 360 days or rights to site will be forfeited.

In the row section (see definition below) graves or grave sites for no more than two persons are reserved side by side. The established rotation of grave placement shall be maintained.

## **Cemetery Layout And Definition**

Main drive is the primary road on which one enters the cemetery.

Center drive is the next roadway east of the Main drive.

The Old Cemetery is considered the original cemetery and is deemed to be west of the main road and gate.

Row Section is the area of the New Cemetery between the Main drive and Center drive.

Family plots is the area which lies east of Center drive in which grave sites for entire families may be reserved as applied for in rotation.

Baby row is the section already established for burial of young children.

**Delinquent Dues**

If cemetery dues have not been paid for up to ten consecutive years by a family in which a death occurs, the unpaid balance shall be paid, or payment guaranteed by the funeral director before grave rights are granted.

If cemetery dues have not been paid for more than ten consecutive years, the full cost of **four hundred dollars** will be required or guaranteed by the funeral director. This policy shall apply to both new and reserved gravesites.

**Gravesite Placement  
And Related Matters**

The cemetery advisory board shall determine grave placement and related matters. In the event of any disagreement in such matters, the congregation council in accordance with these regulations shall make the final decision.

All monuments shall be placed under the supervision of the caretaker on a base extending at least two inches beyond the perimeter of the base of the headstone.

Grave reservations in the Family Plot section shall be designated by corner stone placed under the direction of the caretaker.

Wreaths and decorations shall be placed as near as possible to the headstone, preferably fastened to the headstone or fit in containers on the marker. This is especially true during the mowing season. When faded or damaged, they shall be removed by the family. Failing to do so, the caretaker shall dispose of such decorations when they impair the beauty of the cemetery, and shall have the right to dispose of all loose decorations.