



ST PATRICK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION † RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Binding Date: These regulations are binding as of 1 March 2014 and will remain in effect until otherwise rescinded by The Corporation.
2. Changes: The Corporation reserves the right to change these regulations from time to time as it sees fit.
3. Scope:
 - a. These regulations govern the activities of three cemeteries owned or operated by St Patrick's Church Corporation Collinsville, Connecticut, "The Corporation":
 - i. Calvary Cemetery, Collins Road Terminus, Collinsville, Connecticut
 - ii. St Patrick's Cemetery, Route 4, Burlington, Connecticut, in the vicinity of the Burlington Public Library
 - iii. St Patrick's Cemetery, Huckleberry Hill, Collinsville, Connecticut
 - b. The Corporation reserves the right to change the regulations from time to time without notice in order to fulfill its mission and fiduciary obligations
4. The purpose of these rules and regulations is:
 - a. To provide an eternal resting place for those interred and inurned.
 - b. To provide a cemetery which mourners and visitors can quietly enjoy.
 - c. To provide an environment that minimizes operating costs.
 - d. To provide sufficient revenues in perpetuity to maintain and operate the cemetery without running a deficit.
5. Burial Rights:
 - a. The Corporation shall issue a Certificate of Burial Rights to indicate rights of burial in the lot designated subject to the civil laws and to those Rules and Regulations that The Corporation has enacted now or anytime hereafter. Burial rights shall be subject, also, to the laws, usages and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church relating to sepulture and to the rites and ceremonies observed at funerals and committals.

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- b. The transfer of burial rights by The Corporation to a certificate holder does in no way constitute the execution or delivery of a deed or a conveyance of any title or interest in said land. Title thereto and possession thereof shall remain in The Corporation. Nothing contained herein shall constitute expressly or implicitly a granting of any rights or privileges other than the privilege of burial in said lot. This privilege shall not extend to any deceased person excluded by the discipline of The Hartford Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, either the "Archdiocese of Hartford" or "The Archdiocese". Further, these burial rights are received and held on the condition and with the agreement that no removal shall occur from any grave without written consent of the Archbishop of Hartford or his duly authorized representative, and in conjunction with all Connecticut laws.
- c. Each lot shall be indivisible and upon the decease of the purchaser all burial rights shall belong to such person as the purchaser shall have designated in a last will and testament duly admitted to probate, or in an Assignment of Burial or Entombment Rights on file with The Corporation. Any such recorded Assignment will take precedence over any antecedent or subsequent conflicting testamentary transfer. Any such Assignment will be irrevocable until and unless the Purchaser and the Assignee consent in writing to the revocation and the revocation is recorded with The Corporation. In the event that the holder of this Certificate, whether the original purchaser or a transferee, dies without bequeathing his rights under this certificate and without executed a specific Assignment of Burial or Entombment Rights, the ownership of this Certificate and of all unused rights of burial shall be automatically be vested in the first of the following:
 - i. spouse if living
 - ii. oldest living child
 - iii. oldest living grandchild
 - iv. father
 - v. mother
 - vi. oldest living brother or sister
 - vii. nearest relation as determined by The Corporation
- d. A Certificate of Burial Rights should be presented when application is made for a burial. However, in lieu of this Certificate The Corporation may accept a statement indemnifying and holding The Corporation harmless from any action that might arise as a result of said burial. The statement must be signed by either

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- the funeral director or a member of the family requesting the burial provide that such signatory is financially responsible for such indemnity.
- e. The privilege of burial is not transferable without the written approval of The Corporation, except by inheritance or by the proper execution of an Assignment of Burial Rights as provided by the Rules of the Corporation.
 - f. The price of primary certificate of burial allows only for the burial of no more than two people per grave. The Corporation allows solely at its discretion three or more sets of remains in a grave provided that the third and all subsequent sets of remains are inurned. The Corporation reserves the right to charge additional fees for the burial rights and related services for the third and all subsequent burials.
6. Graves will be opened only with the approval of the Cemetery Manager and in accord with the Rules of The Corporation.
 7. Since the cemetery is consecrated by the Church as a place of burial a strict observance of due proprieties is required.
 8. If and while any indebtedness to The Corporation remains unpaid, interment may not be permitted, and the erecting of any memorial work will not be allowed. Moreover, if the indebtedness on a lot or grave is not paid in accordance with the terms of the financing agreement, The Corporation has the right to rescind the Certificate of Burial Rights.
 9. Endowed Care:
 - a. The term "Endowed care" shall not be construed as meaning maintenance, repair, or replacement of any grave- stones or monumental structures or memorials placed or erected upon the lots; nor the planting of flowers or ornamental plants; nor the maintenance or doing of any special or unusual work in the cemetery or in a mausoleum; nor does it mean the reconstruction of any marble, granite, bronze or concrete work on any lot or grave, or any portion or portions thereof in the cemetery, or buildings or structures therein caused by the elements and act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or by order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral , other than as herein provided.
 - b. Endowed care is obligatory for all lots and arrangements for endowed care of those lots not so endowed must be made at the time of the interment or before memorial work is permitted on any lot.
 - c. When lots are under endowed care any and all delinquent charges must be paid. There will be no care charges for the current year for those lots put under endowed care on a full payment basis prior to July 1.
 - d. The rates for the endowed care may be reviewed from time to time as The Corporation sees fit.

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10. Perpetual Memorial Care:

- a. The term "Perpetual Memorial Care" shall not be construed as meaning the planting of flower or ornamental plants; nor the maintenance or doing of any special or unusual work in the cemetery or in a mausoleum; nor does it mean the reconstruction of any non-memorial marble, granite, bronze or concrete work on any lot or grave or any portions thereof in the cemetery or buildings or structures therein caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or by order of military or civil authority , whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.
- b. Perpetual Memorial Care is obligatory for all markers, monuments, and statues. Arrangements for Perpetual Memorial Care of those lots not so endowed must be made at the time of the interment or before memorial work is permitted on any lot.
- c. Any changes to memorials must receive written approval of The Corporation, to include but not limited to changes and additions to engravings, deletions, or striking of engravings, as well as changes to or replacement of the memorial itself. The party initiating such work shall pay all costs associated with making the changes or replacements to include but not limited to material handling, storage, removal and foundation work.

11. Interment and Entombments:

- a. All interments shall be made in impermeable outside containers that meet cemetery specifications. All disinterment of bodies buried in the cemeteries of The Corporation must be managed by licensed embalmer or funeral director, except in cases where the outside container is intact and reburial is to be within the same cemetery or another cemetery operated by The Corporation in the same town.
- b. All entombments shall be made in crypt liners that meet the specifications of The Corporation. In its sole judgment, The Corporation reserves the exclusive right to use or require alternate crypt liners if necessary.

12. Decorations, Plants, Flowers, Benches and Landscaping

- a. Artificial decorations are strictly forbidden. Potted plants dug into the soil will be immediately removed. Cut flowers are permitted if placed in appropriate conservative containers laid directly atop the grass near the head of the grave. All containers shall become the property of The Corporation and maybe removed by the management at any time.
- b. It is forbidden to disturb turf, trees or shrubbery without permission of the cemetery management. The Corporation reserves the right to assess fees to Grantees for any expenses incurred because of violation of this rule.

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- c. The planting of any trees or shrubs by anyone is prohibited. Any plantings existing upon the implementation of these regulations shall become the property of the Corporation which reserves the right to either remove or use elsewhere at any time and without notice.
- d. The placing of any and all mulch by anyone is prohibited, as such any trees, shrubs, or plant life installed by lot owners become the property of The Corporation which reserves the right to either remove or place elsewhere at any time and without notice.
- e. The planting of annual flowers, while not recommended, is permitted on lots when confined to the ten-inch area directly in front of the memorial not to exceed the length of the memorial base. When burials are both front of and to the rear of a memorial, the planting of annual flowers is permitted in front and rear of the monument within the ten-inch area not to exceed the length of the memorial base; No other plantings is permissible, especially perennial flowers.
- f. Plantings of any type other than annual flowers are prohibited.
- g. The Corporation reserves the right to remove any time and without notice any plantings, flowers, wreaths, or other vegetation that is in its opinion dead, dying, or unsightly.
- h. No new shrubbery is permitted on individual lots or graves. Existing shrubs shall be removed at such time as they become overgrown or as The Corporation sees fit.
- i. Winter decorations are prohibited with the sole exception of natural pine wreaths laid in front of the memorial on the grass, hung from the front of a monument, or laid against the front of the monument. Wreaths installed by lot owners become the property of The Corporation which reserves the right to remove them at any time and without notice.
- j. Any and all man-made or manufactured products such as but not limited to concrete products and articles such as glass jars, water cans, votive lights, and bric-a-brac of any description are forbidden and will be removed without notice.
- k. Stacking, storing, or otherwise placing natural stones, cultured stones, sticks, bricks, or anything not expressly permitted by these rules and regulations is prohibited.
- l. Statuary is always prohibited regardless of its dimensions.
- m. All planting and decorating of lots is done at the individual's risk. The Corporation is not responsible for damage or theft as the cemeteries shall remain unguarded.
- n. Planting urns are not permitted in the cemetery.
- o. Existing benches now in the cemetery will be permitted to remain, as long as their condition warrants. Removals will occur at The Corporation's discretion. New benches are prohibited.

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- p. Only the American flag is permitted on the grave of a military veteran. A bronze military flag holder provided by a veteran organization will be permitted on the grave of a military veteran.
13. Memorial: The size and design of all memorial work must meet cemetery specifications which are listed below. Lot or graves owners should not sign final contracts with dealers before seeking specific cemetery approval for their particular memorial in writing from the Corporation.
- a. Monuments (upright memorials) shall be of granite. No marble, slate, brownstone, or other stone less durable than granite will be allowed.
 - b. Monument dimensions to be 3'6" in total maximum height including the 6" base, maximum 7' length and maximum 14" width. In any case the length of the base of any monument may be no wider than half the base on all four sides.
 - c. Flush markers shall be of granite or bronze, 2 feet by 1 foot minimum and 2'6" long x 1'2" wide for a single plot and 3'6" long x 1'2" wide maximum in size for two plots and of the flush type. Children's markers must also be of granite or bronze and are not to exceed the 2 foot by 1 foot dimension.
 - d. All memorials (except flat makers) shall be set on foundations built of concrete.
 - e. No memorial may be placed on a grave or lot until such grave or lot has been fully paid for.
 - f. No lot owner shall erect or cause to be erected or place on any lot in the Cemetery, any memorial not approved by The Corporation.
 - g. Crosses or other temporary makers of wood, iron cement or any like material, are not permitted.
 - h. Only one central or family memorial shall be allowed on any lot, the location to be determined by The Corporation.
 - i. Single plots with one interment may have a flat flush marker; single plots with more than one interment, such as cremations, shall have no more than two (2) flat flush makers.
 - j. If new memorials or markers are needed to duplicate existing ones for any reason, they must comply with these Regulations unless The Corporation grants permission under extenuating circumstances.
 - k. Slant face memorials and benches are not permitted, unless specifically approved by The Corporation. If approved, they must have a base.
 - l. No trucking or other work will be permitted when The Corporation decides that such work may cause damage to the ground.
 - m. While a funeral or interment is being conducted nearby, all work must cease.
 - n. Monument dealers must abide by all rules of The Corporation.
 - o. The Corporation will exercise all reasonable care to protect memorials from damage. However, it disclaims responsibility for damage or injury to hereto.

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- p. When any memorial work has been in place, it shall not be removed without permission of The Corporation. Monument dealers are to notify The Corporation before making a removal. However, The Corporation or its agents may remove any monument work placed in violation of these rules.
14. The Corporation reserves expressly the exclusive right to perform utility and other infrastructure work on lots and graves adjacent to roadways or in the direct path of utilities or access thereto.
 15. The Corporation reasonably compensates its employees and vendors; no one is therefore, to pay gratuities for special work.
 16. All requests or complaints are to be submitted to the cemetery office.
 17. Receipts will be issued for all payments.
 18. Other than furnishing and installing decorations permitted by these rules and regulations, no person other than those authorized by the cemetery manager shall perform any work in or on the cemetery grounds.
 19. The Corporation shall have the right to renovate old sections of the cemetery in order that they may be properly maintained in accord with current standards. This will enable The Corporation to make better use of the limited revenue that is available from such sections. This renovation will include the right to remove unnecessary roads, paths, and curbs wherever that is reasonable. All raised markers may be lowered at the sole discretion of The Corporation. Any products or items placed or installed in contravention of these rules and regulations maybe removed at the discretion of The Corporation.
 20. The Corporation shall have the right, but is under no legal obligation, to maintain security if in its discretion it deems it necessary. Regardless of whether security is used, The Corporation disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and especially from damage caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots or by the order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral. The Corporation, also, reserves the right to limit access to the cemetery should it, in its sole judgment, consider it appropriate.
 21. The Corporation shall be in no way liable for any delay in the internment or inurnment of human remains, or for any delay in the fulfillment of any of its contracts or legal obligations, including but not limited to maintenance, care, memorial work or construction, which may be from causes beyond its reasonable control and especially from delays caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots or by the order of any military or civil authority.

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22. Subject to final approval by the Secretary of The Corporation at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Finance Council, the cemetery manager is authorized to amend or append items to these Rules & Regulations as reasonably necessitated by operational requirements and each Certificate Holder agrees to be bound by such reasonable amendments or additions.
23. These Rules and Regulations are intended to supplement or clarify any rules and regulations heretofore adopted. Any conflict between these Rules and Regulations and those previously adopted shall be resolved in favor of the above adopted Rules and Regulations. However, these Rules and Regulations in no way void any existing rules and regulations with which they are not in conflict.
24. These Rules and Regulations are subject to reasonable interpretation and enforcement by The Corporation. Such interpretations and enforcement shall be final and binding upon all Certificate Holders and anyone on the cemetery property
25. Adopted this eleventh day of November 2013.

Other Points to Note

26. Potted Plants and flower boxes on both monument and non-monument lots are allowed only during the ten (10) day period following Palm and Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, and Father's Day and Memorial Day. Potted plants dug into the soil or placed in cemetery cut flower vases will be immediately removed.
27. Parking or driving on the grass is prohibited. Maximum speed limit is 10 miles per hour.
28. All rubbish must be removed after a visit
29. Visitors should be reminded to leash and clean up after their pets.

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