

St. Agnes Parish
Cemetery
Regulations

St. Agnes Parish
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Cemetery Rules & Regulations
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ARTICLE I – Management

1. The Cemetery Committee shall consist of the following:
a Chairperson, a Co-Chairperson, the Pastor and the
secretary/treasurer. Replacement of members will be
added as needed.

Cemetery Committee:

Rev. Bruce McCarty, Manager
Bobby Buckman, Chairperson
Kathy Humphrey, Secretary/Treasurer
Sonya Gough
Mike Clark
Philip Clements

2. As a Parochial Cemetery, the Pastor is “ex-officio” the Manager,
with full authority to determine the right of burial and the rules and
regulations of the Cemetery. He may delegate any or all of this
authority to any or all of the Committee.
3. Meetings to be scheduled as needed by the Manager, Cemetery Committee
Chairman or any Committee Member.
4. All provisions of Church and Civil Law are the obligation of the
Committee.
5. Any emergency not foreseen by these regulations shall be decided by
the Pastor.

ARTICLE II – Burial Rights

1. Registered parishioners of St. Agnes Parish are eligible to obtain grave space in St. Agnes Cemetery. Former parishioners and/or non-Parishioners may be able to obtain spaces with the permission of the Pastor and the consideration of the Committee Chairperson.
2. The holder of the burial rights has the right to use the area for an interment of human bodies or parts thereof (no animals), in accordance with the statutes and disciplines of the Catholic Church and the Rules and Regulations of St. Agnes Cemetery. Any person who obtains burial rights agrees to abide by the Current rules and regulations of St. Agnes Cemetery. The holder of the burial rights also has monument rights. Rules and Regulations regarding cremains are as follows:
 - a. In an empty grave plot (non-casketed grave site) no more than four (4) cremains are allowed per and each cremains must be in its own burial urn. All names can be inscribed on one “standing” monument if authorized, as is a regular casketed grave. Cremains interments are required to have a permanent marking, such as the standing monument or a flat plaque/monument as described in paragraph 2b.
 - b. One (1) cremains is allowed to be interred as/in addition to a casketed burial plot if so desired. If a cremains is interred in a casketed burial site, either a flat plaque/monument is required or the inscription may be added to the existing stone. The flat plaque/monument must be of limited size (12” X 24” max.) and project no more than 1” (inch) above ground level, and must be located as close as possible to the head or foot of the grave, maintaining alignment not detrimental to mowing equipment.
 - c. All cremains must be placed in a cremains urn and interred, not scattered.
 - d. Cremains interment is regulated by Cemetery Rules and Regulations and must also comply with all Church and State regulations regarding burials. No cremains may be interred without “prior” approval and coordination with the Cemetery Chairman and/or Cemetery Manager.
 - e. Cremains interment into an existing burial must have absolute burial rites respective to the existing burial site, to avoid infringement of the original intent of the party that first obtained burial rites. The same intent applies to all plots, whether transferred, resold, etc.
 - f. All casketed graves are required to have a permanent marking, as described within these regulations. (See page 5)
3. As evidence of having obtained a burial plot, the Manager shall issue a Certificate of Burial Rights for the grave or graves obtained. By virtue of this certification, care shall be provided for the burial area. Such care shall include the cutting, trimming of grass, and weed control, as the Manager shall deem suitable for continuance. It shall not include maintenance of vases and memorial, in accordance with applicable Rules & Regulations of the Cemetery.

- a. No lot owner may sell his/her lot or any portion thereof privately without authorization of Cemetery Committee. When feasible and formally approved, the Cemetery Committee will repurchase any lot or portion thereof at half of the current purchase price.
- b. *The Cemetery will not recognize transfers of ownership, unless inherited, or duly notified and approved by the Cemetery Committee. Designation changes to inherited plots, must be provided to the Cemetery Manager in writing, for approval. The change must include written concurrence and signature(s), of any immediate, remaining family members holding mutual interest in said plot(s).*

ARTICLE III – Interments

1. The Manager and/or Cemetery Committee or their assigns must be notified in a reasonable length of time before any interment is to take place. Primarily, the Funeral Director or his Representative, knowledgeable with the St. Agnes Cemetery Plot Map, will mark the position of said grave site. If needed, the Cemetery Chairman or a member of the Cemetery Committee may indicate the position of said grave site.
2. Interments shall be permitted on any day of the year unless directed otherwise by the Pastor.
3. All interments shall be under the immediate charge and sole direction of the Cemetery Committee.

ARTICLE IV – Maintenance

1. No work of any kind may be done on Cemetery property without the approval of the Cemetery Committee. This includes especially setting of markers, monuments, or tombstones. The Cemetery Committee shall retain exclusive control of all facilities and features within the Cemetery grounds, both as to maintenance, replacement, continuation, and/or removal.
2. No planting (other than sowing grass) shall be permitted on any grave or any part of the Cemetery property.
3. Cut flowers, in proper containers, may be placed on the monument at any time.
4. Artificial wreaths and arrangements are permitted only if mounted on headstones or in vases attached to the headstone and do not interfere with mowing.
5. No heavy power equipment, i.e., trucks, tractors, cars, trailers, etc. are permitted on Cemetery property, without prior approval, or when the ground is wet and soggy. The Cemetery Committee shall retain the right of

ingress and egress over the burial area involved, and right to use such area, temporarily, for any activity necessary for the proper function of the Cemetery, as such.

6. Wooden, cast-iron, concrete, marble , composite, or synthetic chairs, settees, posts, benches, crosses, fences, trellises, arbors, woodchips and stones are not permitted. Ornamentation not allowed will be subject to removal by the Cemetery maintenance crew. The Cemetery has no responsibility to return such items to its owner.
7. Plot lessees and visitors are requested to assist Cemetery in maintaining beauty of lawns by refraining from placing on lots any obstacles that will hinder proper lawn mowing.
8. One Shepherd's hook is permitted per plot and must hold no more than two hanging plants and located directly behind the monument. The Shepherd's hook must be made of metal, iron, or steel and be of sufficient size to hold the hanging plants upright. The hook must be placed in a manner that does not interfere with cemetery maintenance. Cemetery personnel may move/remove Shepherd's hooks that interfere with maintenance, or become damaged or unsightly. When possible the lot owner will be notified for need of removal.
9. Vigil lights, properly aligned, will be permitted, one on each grave, and must be placed behind and adjacent to the monument.
10. "Grandfather Clause" – The grandfather clause does not apply once an object or ornament is moved or replaced due to deterioration or damage. The grandfather clause applies to a one-time only case and subject to the approval of the Pastor and Cemetery Committee.

ARTICLE V

1. All visitors to the Cemetery shall conduct themselves in a manner showing respect. This includes limited use of cellular phones. Persons in a cemetery shall avoid unbecoming conduct, such as:
 - a. Loud or boisterous talking, shouting, etc.
 - b. Loitering
 - c. Lunching or refreshments
 - d. Peddling or soliciting sales
 - e. Bringing or allowing a pet there other than service animals

- f. Bringing a firearm there, except by law enforcement officers or by a military escort participating in a burial service or attending a memorial service.
- g. Littering cemetery grounds
- h. Driving reckless or too fast

ARTICLE VI – Installation of Markers

1. Memorial markers and monuments shall exhibit nothing offensive to Catholic teaching nor good taste.
2. The style, size, material and shape of the monument shall be in keeping with the Rules & Regulations of the Cemetery. Dimensions of single monuments shall not exceed 4 feet width, or wider than the plot, nor exceed 4 feet in height. Solid granite monuments, the same size as the plot, may be allowed if first approved by the Pastor and Cemetery Committee. These same rules also apply to above ground burial vaults. Variations of monuments as described herein must be approved by the Pastor and Cemetery Committee.
3. Foundations for monuments and markers must be in keeping with proper engineering codes and principles. Headstones must be located at the head end of the grave, maintaining alignment not detrimental to mowing equipment, and with the identifying inscription (names, date of birth/death, spouse, etc.) viewable when standing at the foot of the grave. Additional inscription(s) may be added to the back of the headstone as desired, such as names of children, etc.

(Cemetery committee must be notified before any work is done!)
4. The care of, or replacement of, damaged markers or monuments is the responsibility of the next of kin for the cost of repair or replacement of same as deemed necessary by the Cemetery Committee. If a headstone or marker falls into disrepair and becomes dangerous, or detrimental to the public or adjacent lot owners, it may be removed by order of the Pastor or Cemetery Chairperson after giving 30 days written notice to the owner.
5. Military/Veteran markers and/or plaques
 - a. Military plaques made of bronze, marble, or granite may be placed at the foot of a veteran's grave, or if there is no monument, may be substituted as a headstone as long as it meets the specifications noted in 5 (b), below.

- b. Said plaques must be substantially mounted to a suitable veteran's foundation and not project more than 1" (inch) above ground level.
- c. Only small ceremonial U.S. flags are allowed and must be placed in a manner that does not interfere with cemetery maintenance. No permanent flag holder can be placed in cemetery. Any unserviceable flag will be removed.

ARTICLE VII – Price Schedule

1. Prices for grave spaces (or sites) are as follows:
 - a. Standard grave – 4' X 10' - \$150.00 for Registered members of St. Agnes
 - b. Standard grave – 4' X 10' - \$300 for Non-Parishioners
2. Opening and closing of graves – handled through undertaker
3. Any variances from this price schedule will be left up to the discretion of the Pastor/Cemetery Committee.

ARTICLE VIII – Report

1. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee will report annually all funeral masses held at St. Agnes, together with all the receipts and expenditures, to be submitted to the Diocese each year. This report is to be reviewed and signed by the Pastor.
2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep records of the locations of lot holders, names of deceased, dates of birth and death, along with the name and address of the next of kin, and other pertinent statistical information. Said records must be properly cross-indexed so as to facilitate numerical location of graves and alphabetical listing of lot holders and deceased.
3. When requesting one or more graves, they must be paid in full within 180 days. If full payment of grave or graves is not paid within 180 days, burial rights will be forfeited and the grave or graves will revert back to the parish.

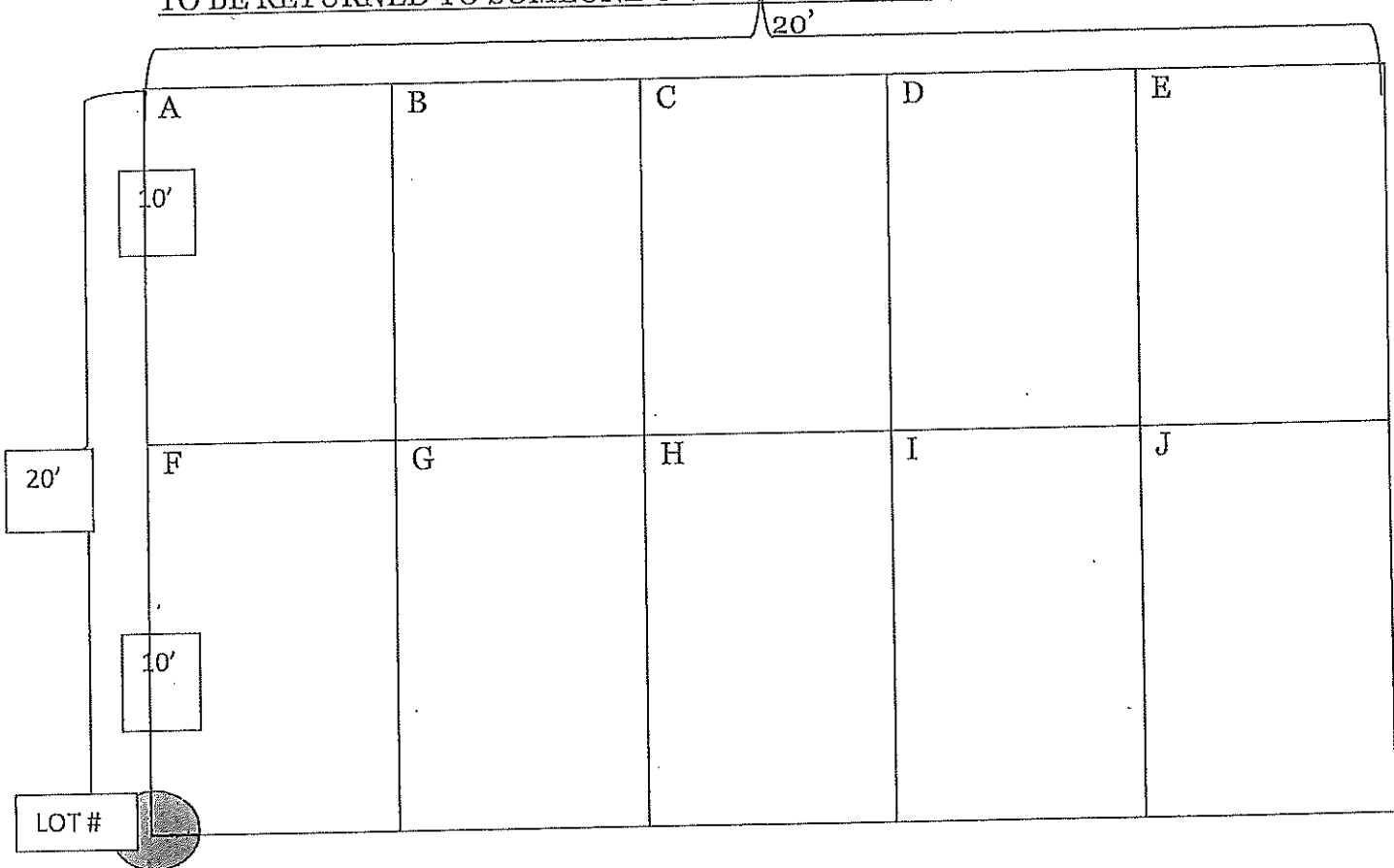
ARTICLE IX - Chart of Cemetery

1. The Pastor will direct the establishment and maintenance of a Master Chart, which will clearly identify the location of each lot in the Cemetery.
2. The Master Chart is to be kept at the Parish Center Office and is to be maintained by the Manager (Secretary).

ARTICLE X – Division of Lots

Each 10-grave Lot shall be divided and numbered and lettered according to the accompanying chart. __

TO BE RETURNED TO SOMEONE ON THE COMMITTEE



If you or your family have leased a grave (or graves, or have someone buried in our cemetery without a present day marker) please identify on this sheet and return to a Cemetery Committee member.

Thanks for your help and cooperation!

Amendments to: February 12, 2024 Revised Edition of St. Agnes Parish Cemetery Rules & Regulations

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Subject: Cremains Interment (Reference Page 2, Article II, Burial Rights, in the above Regulations)

Amendment: Cremains interment into a plot will be issued a "Certificate of Burial Rights" just as is required for a casketed burial, to enhance Cemetery management, administrative & documentation procedures.

Any empty plot(s) already held by any person(s) may be used for one casketed burial plus one cremains burial, or for up to 4 cremains burials without a casketed burial, as done in past practice.

Amendment: Anytime a cremains burial is added to a casketed burial, a Right of Burial Certificate must be obtained prior to interment. A \$100 fee will be assessed for this Right of Burial for Parishioners, or \$150 for non-Parishioners. (Article VII – Price Schedule, Page 6 of the Cemetery Regulations will be updated at the next Revision to reflect this change.)

Amendment: Any time a cremains is added to any plot already containing any type of burial, a Right of Burial Certificate must be obtained and the \$100 Parishioner fee or \$150 for non-Parishioner will apply.

(Current Regulations allow for up to 4 cremains in an empty grave plot. This Regulation remains in effect, with the exception of the need for Burial Rights to be obtained for each cremains. The \$150 price for a grave plot for Parishioners remains the same, for the first cremains, and \$300 for non-Parishioners. The next cremains burials in that plot must obtain their own separate Burial Right at \$100 each for Parishioners or \$150 for non-Parishioners).

As described in Article VII – Price Schedule, Page 6 of the Cemetery Regulations, "Any variance from this price schedule will be left up to the discretion of the Pastor/Cemetery Committee."