

St. Bruno Catholic Cemetery Rules and Regulations

- 1. No lot shall be used for any other purpose than as a place of burial for the dead. A maximum of two burials per space is allowed; two vaults (double deep), two cremains or one vault and one cremains'. No one shall be allowed to dig graves (this includes cremains), or disinter bodies of the deceased without first contacting the Cemetery Committee.**
- 2. All burials must be recorded with the State of Illinois in the Illinois Cemetery Oversight Database within 10 days of burial.**
- 3. Proprietors of lots will be entitled to bury in the lots owned by them, all and only those members of their families, or other bodies, as shall be entitled to the rites of Christian burial, according to the discipline and canons of the Catholic Church and such proprietors themselves shall be entitled to be buried in such lots only when entitled to said rites of Christian burial; and the fact that any such proprietor shall not be entitled to said rites of Christian burial, shall, of itself, as to such proprietor, be a revocation of any license or right of burial granted to him, his ancestor, or assignor.**
- 4. Proprietors shall not allow interments to be made in their lots for remuneration.**
- 5. No disinterment shall be allowed without the written permit of the Cemetery Committee. This must be in accord with the laws of the State of Illinois.**
- 6. Enclosures of all kinds around lots or graves are prohibited, whether it is a wall, coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, borders, or enclosures of anything else will not be allowed around a grave or lot and the same will be removed if so erected, planted, or placed. The use or the addition to lot surfaces such as pea gravel, mulch, synthetic protectant or any such ground cover is strictly prohibited.**
- 7. Proprietors shall have the right to erect a tombstone, monument or other sepulchral structure, on their respective lots, all of which shall be properly set in masonry (see attached sheet form specification) and placed on the lot and lined up with other stones in a straight row. No mausoleums will be allowed. Veteran plaques must be placed on the backs of the monuments whenever possible. CORNERSSTONES ARE REQUIRED TO BE SET ON LOTS OR GROUP OF LOTS AFTER PURCHASE OF SAID LOTS.**
- 8. Proprietor of lots shall preserve the landmarks of the same, at their own expense.**
- 9. The cultivation of trees, shrubs, or flowers is not permitted on the lots; however, no tree presently growing within the lot, or border shall be cut down, or destroyed, without consent of the Cemetery Committee. Should any tree, or shrub, situated in any lots by means of roots, branches, or otherwise, become detrimental to the adjacent lot or**

avenues, or inconvenient to passengers, it shall be lawful for the Cemetery Committee to remove said trees or shrubs or such parts thereof as shall be detrimental or inconvenient. Should any inscription, effigy, or other structure, be deemed unfitting or incompatible with the Catholic character of the cemetery it shall be lawful for the committee to prohibit the erection of such monument, or if erected, to remove it at the owner's expense.

10. The grade of all lots shall be determined by the person in charge of the grounds. All graves, after fully settling, will be level with the adjoining surface. No abrupt sides will be allowed. Also, the priest or any committee members shall not be questioned or harassed about ground settling, for there are many factors that must be taken into account (seasonal weather); nonetheless, it will be taken care of in proper time.

11. Floral decoration shall be regulated so that uniform beauty may be maintained, the safety of employees, lot owners and visitors may be secured; and an atmosphere of reverence and respect may be safeguarded. Flower containers in the form of cans, jars, crockery, glass or concrete are absolutely forbidden. Floral arrangements should be placed in vases on the stones or hung from shepherd hooks; these hooks must be placed next to the foundation of monument and be removed from grounds when not in use. No makeshift shepherd hooks, such as old pipe or fence post shall be allowed. Floral decoration mounted on top of the stone (saddles) must be anchored with fishing line and plastic landscape pins only. No wire, metal stakes, posts, nails, spikes, bolts or screws or any other foreign object. Any such improperly anchored floral arrangements will be removed. Grave blankets maybe placed on graves from December 1 to February 1. No floral arrangements shall be placed on the ground during mowing season. Floral arrangements should be removed after a reasonable time. Faded and ragged arrangements will be removed by cemetery workers. Flags should be placed next to the foundation and removed within 2 weeks of national holidays. Cemetery clean-up days do not require previous notice as they are subject to weather. All alcoholic beverage containers, smoking materials, shells or any other item, in the sole and absolute discretion of the management prevent, impede or distract from the beauty, safety and reverent atmosphere of the cemetery shall not be permitted and any such articles shall be removed by the management. The cemetery shall not be liable for these or any prohibited items, or for any memorial decorations, authorized or unauthorized. At no time should personal vehicles park anywhere other than the paved roads to access lots. It is not permitted to drive over any part of the lawn.

12. The Cemetery disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage beyond its reasonable control, and especially damage caused by an act of God, the elements, earthquakes, terrorism, thieves, vandals, malicious mischief makers, unavoidable accidents, or any other cause similar or dissimilar beyond the control of the cemetery management, whether the damage be direct or collateral. The lot owner is responsible for repair of damage in a reasonable time at their expense.

13. No license, right or privilege of burial shall, in any manner, be assignable or transferable, in whole or part, without the written consent of the trustees of said cemetery first endorsed upon the instrument granting such license, right or privilege,

and any assignment or transfer thereof, without such written consent, shall be forfeiture of such license, right or privilege. Within 30 days after the death of the registered owner of a lot, the cemetery trustees should be given the name and address of the owner (heirs), together with satisfactory evidence of ownership. If the registered owner died intestate, an acknowledged statement by someone satisfactory to the cemetery trustees should be given to the trustee, indicating the names and addresses of all the owners heir's and next of kin.

Aside from transfer to legitimate heirs, license, right or privilege of burial may only be resold to the St. Bruno Cemetery at the original cost or given back to the cemetery for resale. If license, right or privilege of burial has not been exercised for a period of one hundred years, ownership reverts back to the St. Bruno Cemetery.

14. The prices of lots are set by the cemetery committee and are subject to change when the cemetery committee deems it necessary. At present prices for actively practicing registered parishioner is \$250.00 per space. Non-registered Catholics and those Catholics from outside the area will be charged \$750.00 per space. These prices are effective July 1, 2014.

15. All workman employed in the construction of vaults, erection of monuments, etc., are subject to the control and direction of the Superintendent or his/her representative from the Cemetery Committee who must be present. Burial in vaults or concrete containers is required. Any workman failing to comply with cemetery rules will not be permitted to work on the grounds.

16. In the event of a breach by the owner or proprietor, his heirs or assignors of any of the above-mentioned conditions or limitation, the license, right or privilege of burial shall revert to the St. Bruno Cemetery, preserving however, all prescription of State law in this regard; and it may reenter and repossess itself of the lot, license or privilege of burial and hold the same as the Cemetery's former estate and the same as if said license, right or privilege of burial had not been made. No waiver of any such breach shall revoke or impair any of the rights of the St. Bruno Cemetery herein contained for any subsequent breach, nor operate as a waiver except as to such particular breach.

17. The words "Owners and Proprietors" are used in the foregoing rules and regulations simply for convenience in designating the persons holding license and are not intended to enlarge said license, or in any manner affect the construction thereof. A license of burial does not transfer ownership or title of the ground.

18. In general, most blocks consist of 20 lots. A lot is defined as space for eight graves. Lots are sold as half lots, fractional lots, and single graves. Flat monuments are required in the new section and a lot is four or less spaces.

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