

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Our Lady of the Lakes Cemetery Association

To insure the sacred character of all cemeteries affiliated with Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Congregation, namely, St. Patrick's Cemetery, Adell (Town of Sherman, Sheboygan County), St. Mary's Cemetery, Cascade (Sheboygan County), St. Nicholas Cemetery, Dacada (Town of Belgium, Ozaukee County) and St. Mary's Cemetery, Random Lake (Town of Sherman, Sheboygan County) in accord with the mind and traditional practice of the Catholic Church, and to establish and maintain good order: The following rules and regulations are in effect.

SECTION I General Rules:

Our Lady of the Lakes Cemetery Association is a Religious Corporation organized under the existing laws of the State of Wisconsin and the rules and discipline of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. It reserves the right to refuse the use of any of the associated cemetery's facilities at any time to any person or persons whom the association may deem objectionable to the best interest of the cemetery.

- 1) No interment shall take place without a certificate from Our Lady of the Lakes Cemetery Association showing ownership of a gravesite or gravesites. No interment (except cremains) shall be without a vault. A Staking Fee of \$75.00 is charged for each interment.
- 2) The cost per gravesite to a registered parishioner and members of the immediate family shall be \$500, which price includes perpetual care but does not include the cost of opening and closing the gravesite at the time of burial. The cost of an additional above-grade cremains burial rite is \$500 each.
- 3) The cost per gravesite to a non-registered individual and members of the immediate family shall be \$1,000, which price includes perpetual care but does not include the cost of opening and closing the gravesite at the time of burial. The cost of an additional above-grade cremains burial rite is \$1,000 each.
- 4) No trees, shrubs or bushes are allowed to be planted on the cemetery gravesite.
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 - A. Suitable annual flowers may be planted in a cultivated bed on the gravesite of monuments extending no farther than twelve inches from and not wider than the monument. The owners must do cultivation and weeding. If flowerbeds become unsightly, the association has the right to remove them. No plantings are permitted at grave markers (foot of grave).
 - B. Artificial flowers are permitted, but must be mounted to the monument or staked immediately next to the monument. Containers and flowers which become unsightly will be removed and discarded without notice.
 - C. Winter wreaths, styrofoam crosses and winter flowers may be placed starting November 15 and must be removed by March 15.
 - D. Flags placed next to the base of markers on graves of Veterans and Lodge Members are permitted but will be removed as flags become unsightly.
 - E. Flowers and baskets left at gravesites after a funeral will be removed a week after burial.
- 6) The Association is not responsible for theft or damage to anything placed on graves or lots, including monuments.
- 7) The grade of all lots and gravesites shall be in conformity with the grade established by each individual cemetery making up the membership of Our Lady of the Lakes Cemetery Association.
- 8) No foundations or monuments shall be placed on any gravesite until a Permit for Installing Foundations, along with the \$25.00 fee, is filed with Our Lady of the Lakes Cemetery Association. Foundations for the monument or marker must be set in line at the head of the grave. The sexton, for ease of placing the foundations, will stake

out the site. However, this does not in any way alleviate the contractor's responsibility for proper placement of the foundation. A blank "Permit for Installing Foundations", along with these Rules and Regulations, will be given to the purchaser of the gravesite(s) at the time they receive their completed Cemetery Certificate.

- 9) Monuments must prominently display a Christian sign or emblem. Only one monument on each gravesite will be allowed. The foundation for monuments must be solid stone or concrete, and be of a depth and size, deemed proper by the sexton. Where there is no stone or monument a decent metal cross should be put up bearing the family name. Wooden crosses are prohibited. Cornerstones of lots shall be set flush with the surface of the lot.
- 10) Descent of Titles: A certificate for a gravesite does not convey ownership, but only the right of exclusive use of gravesites for burial purposes: It does not grant any privileges further than herein specified. While any person is buried in a gravesite, the gravesite shall be inalienable, without the consent of Our Lady of the Lakes Cemetery Association. On the death of the owner, ownership of the gravesite shall descend according to WI Statute 157.10. No human remains may be buried in a gravesite, except by the consent of all legal heirs (as stated in WI Statute 157.10) of the cemetery gravesite. When owners of a gravesite are desirous of selling the same, the option of purchase (at the original purchase price) shall first be tendered to Our Lady of the Lakes Cemetery Association, nor can the gravesite be transferred without the permission of Our Lady of the Lakes Cemetery Association. The Laws of the State of Wisconsin govern the descent of title to cemetery lots and gravesites as well as other matters pertaining to assignments, conveyances, devises, trust deeds and inalienability. (Updated 2023-24 Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 157)
- 11) Cremains: A full size gravesite must be purchased for the burial of cremains. Cremains of two related individuals may be buried in one gravesite or one traditional burial and one cremains burial are allowed on one gravesite. All opening and closing of a cremains gravesite is done by Our Lady of the Lakes Cemetery Association. The fee for opening and closing of the gravesite for a cremains burial is \$200. No cremation burials are done in the winter. Maximum of four above-grade cremains burial rites per lot. A fee of \$200 is charged for reconfiguration of existing cremains within a gravesite.
- 12) Baby Burials: One gravesite may be used for two baby burials providing vault does not exceed 18 inches by 36 inches. One above ground headstone is permitted.
- 13) In the event of a dispute on affairs concerning any of the four cemeteries governed by this document, Our Lady of the Lakes Cemetery Association will decide the matter. Everything possible will be done to keep St. Patrick's Cemetery, Adell (Town of Sherman, Sheboygan County), St. Mary's Cemetery, Cascade (Sheboygan County), St. Nicholas Cemetery, Dacada (Town of Belgium, Ozaukee County) and St. Mary's Cemetery, Random Lake (Town of Sherman, Sheboygan County) in good order. But all work will be in vain if the holders of gravesite lots do not assist by strictly adhering to the above regulations.
- 14) If a variance to the rules and regulations is requested, in the interest of swift expedition of the matter, in lieu of calling a meeting it is permissible to poll association members by means of telephone or email using the following procedure:
 - A) Sexton receives request from gravesite owner or his/her representative
 - B) Message is referred to secretary of Our Lady of the Lakes Cemetery Association
 - C) Secretary is to contact each Association Member
 - D) Association Member votes are calculated
 - E) Secretary notifies, in writing, the gravesite owner or his/her representative and the sexton of the Association decision

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