

St. Philip's Catholic Cemetery -- Falun

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS – November 2018

1. The Church of St. Philip's, Falun, MN is part of the Diocese of Crookston and is a religious organization, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota. The cemetery is owned by St. Philip's Church and operated by the St. Philip's Cemetery Committee in accordance with the rules and disciplines of the Catholic Church, the statutes of the Diocese of Crookston and the laws of the State of Minnesota. St. Philip's Cemetery Committee is the agent of the parish for the administration of the business of St. Philip's Cemetery. It reserves the right to refuse the use of the cemetery's facilities at any time, to any person whom the cemetery committee may deem objectionable to the best interests of the cemetery.
2. St. Philip's Cemetery is, first of all, intended for the burial of Catholics who are entitled to Christian burial according to the rules and disciplines of the Roman Catholic Church. This does not exclude the burial of non-Catholic family members of the parish. Any question of the burial of a non-Catholic member of the of the Holder of Burial Rights or nonmembers shall be directed to the local pastor or cemetery committee.
3. A gravesite for an individual interment may be reserved for a perpetual care payment of **\$100** to parish members. *Persons who are not members shall be charged **\$150** per gravesite (and interment). The reservation of a gravesite includes such general care of the cemetery property as fencing and road maintenance, cutting of the grass, filling of sunken graves, and the planting of trees and flowers in special areas of the cemetery.
4. The title to the land used for St. Philip's Cemetery remains vested in the parish within the Diocese of Crookston. Burial Rights alone are purchased for each plot along with the right to place markers on that gravesite according to rule and regulations of the cemetery. The funds charged or collected, if any, for the reservation of a gravesite will be used by the cemetery board for the perpetual upkeep of the cemetery as stated above.
5. The perpetual care assumed by the board shall in NO WAY include the repair of normal weathering of stone monuments or markers, or the repair of markers that are damaged (including chipping and cracking) caused by vandalism or inclement weather. The cemetery board will make reasonable efforts to keep monuments and markers level and above ground. Final responsibility for markers and monuments rests with Holder of Burial Rights or their family. Initial cement work for a marker or monument shall entirely be the responsibility of the Holder of Burial Rights or their family.
6. A gravesite for a stillborn child will be given at no cost. Two infants may be buried in the same gravesite. The reservation of an infant gravesite includes such general care of the cemetery property as fencing and road maintenance, cutting of the grass, filling of sunken graves, and the planting of trees and flowers in special areas of the cemetery.

7. No burial rights shall be sold in common or joint ownership. Title to a lot shall stand in one name only. Upon the death of the holder of burial rights, their immediate heirs shall decide in whose name the title of burial rights shall stand.
8. The holder of burial rights shall notify the cemetery committee of any change of address. Notice sent to the last address on file in the parish office shall be sufficient and proper legal notification.
9. The instrument of conveyance of burial rights, and these rules and regulations and care agreement shall constitute the sole agreement between St. Philip's cemetery and the holder of the burial rights. The statement of any individual, unless confirmed in writing by the parish or cemetery committee, shall in no way bind the committee.
10. The cemetery committee shall have the right to correct any error whatsoever made in the interment, disinterment, or removal of a body. It shall have the right either to cancel burial rights, or substitute for the same in another lot of equal value or refund the money advance for the purchase of burial rights.
11. In the event the perpetual care payment for a reserved gravesite has been fully paid and the purchaser or his or her survivor desires to relinquish the space, the entire perpetual care payment may be refunded.
12. All interments and removals are subject to Church law, the rules and regulations of the Diocese of Crookston, statutes of the State of Minnesota and rules and regulations adopted by St. Philip's Cemetery.
13. All funerals upon entering the cemetery shall be under the exclusive charge of the Cemetery Committee and/or the Cemetery Caretaker.
14. Cremains may be buried at the cemetery. Only two (2) burials of cremains are allowed per grave plot. No interment of two or more bodies shall be made in one grave except in the case of parents and child or two infants buried in one grave site. If two burials or cremains are placed in one grave site, the normal interment fee and perpetual care fees will be required for each burial. All burials, including cremains, must use a Minnesota State approved vault.
15. No workman other than employees of St. Philip's Cemetery will be permitted to work in the cemetery without first securing permission from the Cemetery Committee or Cemetery Caretaker.
16. Arrangements for the reservation of a gravesite and the payment of perpetual care must be made with the Cemetery Committee or Sexton.

17. Memorials for deceased persons not buried in the cemetery are not allowed within the cemetery.
18. Cremated remains may be buried in any lot of the cemetery. Not more than two cremains may be buried in one standard size lot. No more than two footstones are allowed on one gravesite. No more than one upright monument is allowed on each gravesite. Each cremains interment is subject to the perpetual care payment of \$100.00 per burial.
19. Upon securing permission of the Cemetery Committee, the cremains of a single individual may be buried above an existing burial. If an upright stone is already in place on the gravesite, another may not be erected, but a second footstone may be placed on the gravesite.
20. Pet burials are **not permitted** in St. Philip's Cemetery.
21. No markers of any kind may be placed on gravesites without prior arrangements and approval of the Cemetery Committee or Caretaker.
22. Footstone markers shall be of flat type and shall be set on a cement pad that is minimally 3 ½" thick with at least a 5" cement border. All pads for headstones shall also have a 5" border and be minimally 3 ½" thick. This may be pre-cast or cast on location. No gravel or any type of decorative rock shall be used around grave markers.
23. Grave markers shall be Catholic in design and character. Symbols inconsistent with the Catholic faith are expressly forbidden.
24. All grave markers shall be placed or installed under the supervisions of the Cemetery Committee or Caretaker.
25. Grave decorations may be placed on gravesites. They may be placed no sooner than one week before Memorial Day and shall be removed no later than after the 2nd week in September to allow for fall cleanup. Decorations remaining after the 2nd week in September will be removed or destroyed by cemetery personnel.
26. The placing of boxes, shells, toys, metal ornaments, vases, glass, wood or iron cases and similar articles on plots is discouraged for reasons of safety and maintenance of the uniform beauty of the cemetery. If so placed, the cemetery board shall have the right to have them removed. Vases permanently attached to monuments or gravestones are permitted.

27. The cemetery committee shall have the right to remove without notice all plantings, emblems, floral designs, frame baskets, and any and all other objects as soon as they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental or diseased, or in the way of mowing.
28. Special cases may arise where the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The cemetery committee shall reserve the right to make exceptions, suspensions, or modifications of any of these rules and regulations, without notice, whenever it appears to be necessary, and such temporary exceptions shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of these rules and regulations.
29. Other than the Memorial Day period, all flowers and decorations must be in vases mounted on the grave marker or in other ways attached to the headstone. All this is so that the cemetery may easily be mowed and maintained in an orderly manner.
30. The St. Philip's Cemetery Committee expressly reserves the right to adopt additional rules and regulations to amend, alter, or repeal any rule, regulation, article, section, paragraph, or sentence of these general rules and regulations at any time, and without notice.
31. Cemetery personnel are not responsible for decorations placed on gravesites.
32. Artificial wreaths may be placed on gravesites during the Christmas season (December 1st to January 30th) if erected on a secure stand or easel.
33. No planting of trees, shrubs, bushes and flowers are permitted within the cemetery by anyone other than the Cemetery Committee or Cemetery Caretaker.
34. It is permissible to place cut flowers on a gravesite provided they are placed in an approved cemetery ground vase. Fresh flowers placed on graves will be removed when wilted.
35. Potted or boxed plants placed on gravesites must be stable enough for outdoor use and must be placed on the grave marker or in an approved cemetery vase or stand. They shall not be placed in or on the ground and when wilted will be removed and destroyed by cemetery personnel.

Adopted: November 2018

Current Cemetery Committee: Darield Moser, Larry Petrowski, Wilfred Moser and Fr. John Kleinwachter. **Sexton:** Darield Moser. **Caretaker:** Wilfred Moser.