

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

(dated October 2003)

- 1) All interest income or dividends received from the St. Anthony of Padua Cemetery Perpetual Endowment Fund as well as fees received from burial plots, donations, charges, or other gifts are to be made payable to the St. Anthony of Padua Cemetery Checking Account. The St. Anthony of Padua Cemetery Committee then reserves the right to either spend these monies for the maintenance, upkeep, and/or improvements of the above mentioned cemetery grounds and its adjoining property or invest these monies back to the St. Anthony of Padua Cemetery Perpetual Endowment Fund for more income.
- 2) All cemetery plots will cost \$150.00 per burial plot. Lots can be purchased or reserved for the above price through the St. Donatus pastor or a designated member of the St. Anthony of Padua Cemetery Board. The check should be made out to the St. Anthony of Padua Cemetery Checking Account. A person must buy one plot per “burial.” This includes cremation. There is to be only one person buried per plot. There will be no refunds for cemetery plots paid for but unused.
- 3) Funerals and/or burials are to be arranged with a funeral director who is to contact the current pastor of the St. Donatus Church located in Brooten, Minnesota and an appointed member of the St. Anthony of Padua Cemetery Board who will mark the grave.
- 4) The clearing of snow along the pathway to and into the cemetery due for a funeral burial or the placing of a memorial stone shall be at the private individual’s expense.
- 5) Permission to bury any person or place a burial marker must first be obtained from the pastor of St. Donatus Church in Brooten Minnesota and an appointed member of the St. Anthony of Padua Cemetery Board in charge of marking the plot. All burial vault structures with the exception of the memorial stone or burial marker must be placed underground. No surface burial vaults or artificial concrete cast stone or over the surface grave frames are allowed.
- 6) All markers or monuments must be placed in designated areas and in line with the other markers or monuments with an appropriately stable foundation structure. These markers must be of durable, permanent materials such as granite or marble or bronze as in the case of Veteran memorial footstones. All footstones shall be flush with the surface of the ground and a concrete base shall extend 5 inches on all four sides at ground level. The Cemetery Board reserves the right to move or remove any stones, which are not properly placed or fit with the above descriptions.
- 7) All signs, symbols and/or expressions that express irreligious sentiment or speak of paganism are forbidden on grave markers or otherwise. No advertising of any description is permitted within the cemetery. The cemetery reserves the right to remove any and all these items.

- 8) Persons engaged in digging burial plots or erecting monuments are prohibited from leaving any materials or blocking avenues in any area without the Cemetery Board's permission. They must do as little damage as possible to the surrounding grass and shrubs and trees. They must also remove all left over ground debris and restore the ground to its original condition. Failure to do so will result in that person or dealer or contractor fixing the damage or that same person(s) paying for the costs of the repair done by the Cemetery Committee.
- 9) Persons engaged in digging burial plots or erecting monuments must use reasonable means to protect grass and pathways. Failure to do so will be at contractor or private person's expense. Proof insurance as a digger must be provided before digging to ensure safety on the next burial plot.
- 10) Should a monument become unsightly or dilapidated or a danger to other persons, including children, the Cemetery Board reserves the right to remove or reposition in such a way as to be safe for others. In certain cases these costs may be incurred by the private persons.
- 11) All persons visiting this cemetery are to respect all other monuments and refrain from defacing any markers or destroying the fence or picking flowers, trees or shrubs either wild or cultivated on or within cemetery grounds and its adjoining property.
- 12) The Cemetery Board will not be responsible for the destruction of any floral arrangements or designs or baskets placed on or near the monuments.
- 13) The Cemetery Board reserves the right to remove all floral arrangements or designs left on monuments which have become old or unsightly or have not been properly placed on or near either side of the monuments. This will be specifically done during Spring and Fall clean-up.
- 14) All floral arrangements or baskets or personally contributed items must be placed either on top of or near either side of the monuments or markers to ensure easy access to mowing lawn.
- 15) Any driving of any animal or motor vehicles (ie. car, truck, snowmobile, ATV, horse, cattle, or any other animal or vehicle) over grave sites without permission is absolutely prohibited. Any damage to grass or cemetery property or monuments shall be at operator's expense.
- 16) Any throwing away of garbage or rubbish on the drives and pathways or any part of the cemetery is prohibited.
- 17) Owners of various plots may have proper memorial work done on their respective plots subject to the Cemetery Board approval.

18) These Rules and Regulations are subject to change only at the consent of the St. Anthony of Padua Cemetery Board.