

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL

REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE CHURCH CEMETERY

Pursuant to the directive set forth in Canon XVII of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, the Vestry of St. Luke's has, this 11th day of April 1985, adopted the following Regulations concerning "the use of the Parish graveyard":

1. Grave-sites in St. Luke's Church Cemetery may be allocated to such persons as may qualify for burial therein under these Regulations, provided that:
 - A. a determination has been made that space remains available, and
 - B. the burial-privilege fee described below has been paid to the Vestry.The accepted payment of a burial-privilege fee authorizes only the interment of one named person in a specified grave, and no property right to that grave-site is thereby conveyed to the personal representative or any heir at law of the deceased.

2. Persons who may qualify for burial in St. Luke's Church Cemetery are:
 - A. Adults who are currently enrolled communicants of the Parish and are "regular participants in its religious exercises unless hindered by sickness or other sufficient cause."
 - B. Unconfirmed minor children of such communicants.
 - C. The non-communicant spouse of such a communicant provided that the surviving spouse (communicant) shall immediately reserve for himself/herself an adjoining grave-site in the manner described below.
 - D. Other persons whose current or prior association with St. Luke's Church shall, by the vote of a majority of the Vestry, justify their burial in St. Luke's Church Cemetery.

3. Grave-sites in St. Luke's Church Cemetery may be reserved for the eventual interment of persons currently qualifying under these Regulations for such burial, upon the payment of the appropriate burial-privilege fee. The reservation is made for a specific person, is not transferable, and will

be canceled and the fee returned if the person terminates his status as a communicant or becomes otherwise disqualified for burial in St. Luke's Church Cemetery under these Regulations.

4. The Senior Warden and the Registrar are authorized to issue Certificates entitling qualified persons to burial in St. Luke's Church Cemetery. Each Certificate shall incorporate a copy of these Regulations.

5. No burial in the Cemetery may take place until the burial-privilege fee has been paid to the Church Treasurer. The burial-privilege fee for each grave-site is, until further notice, established as ~~\$300~~⁵⁰⁰/00 for each adult communicant and his/her unconfirmed minor children. The burial-privilege fee for each grave-site for non-communicants shall, unless the Vestry shall determine otherwise on an individual case basis, be set at \$1,500.00 for each grave until further notice. The burial-privilege fee for each cremation site is, until further notice, established as ~~\$200~~¹⁵⁰⁰/00 for each adult communicant and his/her unconfirmed minor children. The burial-privilege for each cremation site for non-communicants shall, unless the Vestry shall determine otherwise on an individual basis, be set at ~~\$1400~~¹⁵⁰⁰.00 for each site until further notice.

6. Only one person may be buried in any one grave-site unless permission is given by the Vestry. Should permission be given, the appropriate burial-privilege fee will be changed for the additional interment, *except for*

Active ~~Communicants~~ Communicants who may have cremated remains of no more than four members of their immediate family in one grave-site at the cost of \$500.00.

7. A marker for every grave in which a burial has taken place must be erected within 90 days following the burial, the said marker to be provided at the expense of the deceased's personal representative or surviving relatives.

8. No monument may exceed four feet (4ft.) in height, and the design, color, material of, and wording upon any monument or marker must be approved in advance of its construction and installation by the Vestry.

9. No fencing or other structures in or about any grave-site or group thereof may be constructed.
10. No planting or artificial flowers may be set out in the Cemetery or around any grave. Fresh flowers laid about a grave may be removed at the discretion of the Vestry.
11. The Vestry reserves the right to access through or over any grave-sties for any purpose which, in its sole discretion, it may deem necessary.
12. The Vestry shall be responsible for the grading, seeding, and mowing of the graveyard area and for the general maintenance thereof. It will not provide for cleaning, pointing or resetting of any stone grave-marker or monument.
13. No privilege granted to anyone in accordance with these or any previously issued regulations may be transferred except by specific action of the Vestry.
14. The Vestry initially will reserve 35% of the grave-sites available for cremation and 35% of the grave-sites available for regular burial for future use.
15. The Vestry reserves the right, without prior notice to anyone whose interests may be affected thereby, to amend or modify all or any portion of these Regulations.
16. All graves in the Old Section of the cemetery, Section 1 through 56, shall be dug by hand.

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