

*McMinnville Masonic Cemetery*  
*Managed by the Trustees of Union Lodge #3, McMinnville*  
*EST. 1876*  
503-472-2341

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

(revised 5-2018)

- Cemetery grounds are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walkers are permitted between sunup and sundown. Vehicle traffic of any kind outside of these hours is prohibited.
- The cemetery is not responsible for theft or vandalism of anything placed on graves or other memorial sites.
- 24 Hours advance notice is required before any interment or plot preparation.
- Proof of ownership or family relationship and state mandated authorization to inter is required for interment or inurnment.
- AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2016, only flush mounted, “JUMBO” or “OVERSIZED” headstones are permitted in the cemetery. Headstones should be installed directly in the ground with 1 inch concrete border.
- Only one memorial may be placed on any one interment space unless approved by the Trustees.
- A liner or vault is required for all interments.
- Only 4 cremains of children of the person(s) previously buried are allowed.
- **NO WORK WITHIN THE CEMETERY IS ALLOWED WITHOUT FIRST CONTACTING THE CEMETERY SEXTON.**

## **FLORAL PLACEMENTS**

The Cemetery may remove all floral designs (artificial or natural), flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, or plants of any kind from the Cemetery as soon as, in the judgment of the Cemetery Management, they become unsightly or diseased, or impede maintenance or safety.

Any item placed on or around a grave may be removed at any time for any reason at the discretion of the cemetery Trustees, groundskeepers, or Sexton.

## **PROHIBITED**

The following are prohibited:

- “Lawn Art” or other statuary (other than what is a part of a monument)
- Glass containers (vases , jars, etc.)
- Concrete curbing
- Dogs are not permitted on the grounds of the cemetery or in any building.
- Driving off roads or avenues
- Picking flowers or plants
- Breaking or injuring trees or shrubs
- Defacing any walls or monuments
- Motorcycles (off-road)
- No firearms, or fireworks will be permitted within the cemetery except for a military guard or honor and then only when in the charge of an officer and during a military service.

- Hunting or disturbing fish or fowl or other animal life upon the cemetery property is not allowed.
- Automobiles shall not be driven through the cemetery grounds at a speed greater than (10) miles per hour.
- Only human remains are permitted to be buried within the cemetery grounds. No more than two human remains shall be interred in any one grave, vault, crypt, or niche.
- Only 4 Creains are allowed in any grave.

**THE MORTUARY WILL HANDLE ALL BILLING AND APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION MUST ACCOMPANY THE PAYMENT FROM THE MORTUARY FOR CEMETERY RECORDS.**



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Date: 1-2017  
From: Johnny J. Edwards Trustee / Sexton  
Subject: McMinnville Masonic Cemetery  
Rules / Regulations – Empty Plots / pre – existing burials

It is the intention of this memorandum to provide Rules / Regulations concerning burials in Empty Plots and Pre – Existing burials that were purchased in years past.

This memorandum will help the Trustees / Sexton with deciding who has the right to be buried in plots that have not been used in years past.

Specifically, this memorandum will address the families who have no deed, or legal right for burial in a family plot.

**WHOLE BURIALS**

- I. The person who originally purchased the plot for burial(s) has sole authority to allow who is buried in the plots in which were purchased.
- II. If the plots in question were purchased previously with no specific guidance or permission to allow burials from anyone other than the person(s) who purchased the grave originally then the Trustees of Union # 3 must receive consent from the original purchaser or executor of estate of the original purchaser of the plot before any burials are allowed. All other burials in these graves must be approved by the Trustee's.

**CREMAINS BURIALS**

1. The McMinnville Masonic Cemetery allows only the cremains of the children and grandchildren of the person(s) buried in a single plot to be buried in the same plot / grave.
2. If the original purchaser of the plot is deceased and there is nothing in writing from the original purchaser granting permission for descendants to be buried in said plots or graves, then the person(s) seeking burial rights must locate a living child to gain permission for burial in said graves or plots. Children and Grandchildren are excluded from this.
3. Once a living child is contacted this person(s) must contact the Trustees of Union #3 in a notarized letter giving consent for burial for the specific living person(s) requesting to be buried in said empty graves / plots.

4. If there are no living children of the person(s) buried in the plot / grave, then the burial of the person seeking burial rights will not occur unless the Trustees receive in writing that the person who wants to be buried is a child or grandchild. Then a written account of relationship to the original purchaser of the grave is needed.
5. Only 4 cremains are allowed in a grave / plot.

A Living person(s) seeking burial rights must create a document stating how they are related to the buried person(s).



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McMinnville Oregon  
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