



Report to the Lausanne committee

The Organization of Cemeteries

This report is based on laws that are in effect in the state of Illinois. It is believed that most states have similar legislation with some variations.

In Illinois six or more persons may organize a cemetery association.

These six or more must present to the Secretary of State a petition setting forth that they desire to organize a cemetery association in accordance to the law enacted by the State General Assembly. The Secretary of State will issue a certificate of organization.

This certificate must be recorded in the recorder's office of the county in which the cemetery is to be located.

The Association must then elect a board of Trustees made up of at least six but not more than ten members. Those elected shall then proceed to elect a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The secretary does not have to be one of the trustees.

The cemetery association, when organized, shall have the right to acquire the necessary amount of land for the use of the association by purchase or gift.

The association may divide and lay out into lots, any real estate it may acquire, which is of suitable size for burial lots. They shall have the right to sell to any person or persons a lot or lots in the cemetery for burial purposes only.

No association shall make or enforce any rule prohibiting the erection of any monument or headstone on any such lot or lots, as may be prescribed or provided by the United States or the State of Illinois for a soldier, sailor or marine having served in the army, navy of the United States or the state of Illinois.

The Treasurer shall from time to time loan any money which said association may have and which is not needed for the immediate use of the association, taking proper security. The loan must have the approval of the board of trustees.

An annual report must be prepared and filed with the state comptroller.

The property, both real and personal, of any association organized under this act, shall be forever exempt from taxation.

The association may acquire additional land as needed which adjoins or abuts the association cemetery by condemnation proceedings, provided, however that no such land sought to be condemned shall be or lie within the corporate limits of any city or village.

There are a multitude of regulations regarding the details of perpetual care, procedure for condemnation of property, and the regulation and management of cemetery associations. Each state differs in these regulations.

What seems apparent from my research is that any congregation can organize its own cemetery association, or associate with other groups of like mind and form an association. The costs can be defrayed by the purchase of plots or donations.

Randhill Park Cemetery

Rand Road (U.S. 12) at Rt. 53, P.O. Box 549
Palatine, Illinois 60078
312/255.3520

Vineyard Congregation
770 No. Arlington Heights Road
Long Grove, IL 60047

Gentlemen:

This memorandum of Understanding will confirm our agreement to reserve a special area in Randhill Park Cemetery for sale to the members and families of your congregation exclusively. This reservation is made to you on the following basis:

1. It will be the obligation of Vineyard Congregation, its officers and members to promote Randhill Park Cemetery. All sales will be made by trained Randhill Park Cemetery counselors.
2. Vineyard Congregation is to receive 10% revenue on all net sales (lot price less care fund deposit) made to members and to families of members of Vineyard Congregation in the congregation section. An accounting of such revenue is to be made semi-annually in June and December of each year. The congregation shall be entitled to revenue when the sale is fully paid.
3. Spaces and lot prices in this reserved area shall not exceed the price charged at such time in any other equal section of Randhill Park Cemetery. The present price schedule is \$475 per space for interior lots; \$525 per space for boulevard lots and \$575 per space for lakeside lots. (We offer a 10% deduction for 4 spaces or more.)
4. No guarantee of Vineyard Congregation to purchase any lots is required hereunder, subject only to the proviso that in the event within a period of 24 months, the sale of spaces in the special area reserved to the congregation do not amount to \$30,000 said area may be reduced to include only lots sold plus 10% of the number of lots sold available for future sale.

With the sale of \$30,000 in said area within the 24-month period, an additional 20% of the number of lots sold will be set aside and reserved for exclusive sale to Vineyard Congregation members and their families for their future use, subject to all the terms of this agreement.

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5. 15% of the purchase price of all sales will be deposited in an Endowment Care Trust Fund with the Smith Barney, Harris Upham and Co. or other selected corporate depository. This fund is assurance to all lot owners of future general care in accordance with the rules and regulations provided for Shalom Memorial Park and that said owners will be free from annual care charges.
6. The special Vineyard Congregation area will be landscaped in conformity with the general plan of landscaping of Randhill Park Cemetery to preserve its gardenlike appearance and will be kept in conformity with the rules and regulations covering Randhill Park Cemetery.
7. Vineyard Congregation and its officers agree, in consideration of such revenues, to recommend Randhill Park Cemetery through direct mail, periodic announcements, bulletins, publications, etc. to its membership. Mailings shall be mutually approved and all costs for mailings, special gatherings, and other special undertakings shall be borne by Randhill Park Cemetery. Vineyard Congregation also agrees to permit representatives of Randhill Park Cemetery to address the congregation at special gatherings. They will be generally cooperative toward the achievement of the common purpose.

This memorandum of understanding contains all of the agreements of the parties.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 1987.

RANDHILL PARK CEMETERY
Division of Randhill Park Cemetery
Association, Inc.

Attest: _____ by _____
Asst. Secretary Executive Director

The above memorandum of understanding is hereby
accepted the ____ day of _____, 1987.

By: _____ BY: _____
President