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abide by the rules and regulations of Saint Joseph Cemetery.

2. Each monument or headstone shall have an acceptable Catholic symbol thereon.
3. The cemetery authority reserves the right at all times to approve and prescribe the kind, size, design, symbolism, craftsmanship, quality, inscription, and material of memorials.
4. All outside contractors should contact the parish office prior to beginning work within the cemetery. All non-cemetery workers should take care that their materials or supplies do not damage another plot and that roads and walkways are not blocked.
5. Damage done to plots, walks, drives, trees, shrubs, or other property by non-cemetery workers, dealers, contractors, or their agents shall be repaired by the cemetery. Any cost involved in the repairs shall be charged to the dealer or contractor or to his principal.
6. The cemetery authority reserves the right to stop any work within the cemetery when, in its opinion, the work may endanger life or property. Work may also be stopped when, in the opinion of the cemetery authority, workers are not conforming to the rules of the cemetery.



INTRODUCTION

☐ Losses or Damages

The cemetery authority disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control. This includes damage by an act of God, the elements, earthquakes, flood, war, vandalism, malicious mischief, and any unavoidable accidents or any other causes beyond the control of the cemetery authority.

☐ Change of Address

It is the duty of each plot holder to notify the parish office of any change of address. Any notices sent to a plot holder at the last address in the cemetery records should be considered sufficient and proper legal notification.

☐ Care

This section shall apply to those plots where the plot holder has provided care funds. Care is to be understood as care and maintenance of plots necessitated by natural growth and ordinary wear, and the cleaning and maintenance of roadways and walks, provided there are sufficient funds for that purpose. The term “care” shall in no case mean maintenance, repair, or replacement of any memorial placed or erected upon a plot, the planting of flowers, or the performance of special or unusual work in the cemetery, including work caused by improvements of the soil; nor shall it mean the reconstruction of any marker or granite, bronze, or concrete work on any section or plot, or any portion in the cemetery injured or damaged by any cause, direct or indirect, beyond the reasonable control of the cemetery authority.

☐ Memorials and Memorial Work

1. All memorial dealers and any other outside contractors shall

From the time that the sacred body of our crucified Savior was held in the tomb to await the hour of his glorious resurrection, the Church has been most solicitous to surround with an atmosphere of Christian faith and reverence the burial of those who will rise with Christ. In the Mass of Christian Burial and Final Commendation and Farewell at the grave, the Church gives voice to her belief in the Christian doctrines of the resurrection of the body, the communion of saints, and life everlasting; but as further seal and symbol of the faith, she sets apart and blesses the place in which the bodies of her faithful departed await the day of resurrection.

In the very earliest days, the Church found it necessary to make rules and regulations that would protect the sacred places and those laid therein. She could not and would not allow anything within the holy precincts that would desecrate them, lessen their beauty, or bring dishonor on the dead.

To ensure the sacred character of Saint Joseph Cemetery of the Latin rite in accord with the mind and traditional practice of the Church and to establish and maintain good order, the rules and regulations listed herein are in effect.



GENERAL RULES

1. The pastor of Saint Joseph Church has the final say in all matters concerning the cemetery. The rules of Saint Joseph Cemetery comply with the laws of the Catholic Church, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and the State of Pennsylvania.
2. These rules and regulations shall apply to any mausoleum, whether public or private, now in existence or which may

hereafter be erected within the cemetery.

3. The cemetery authority reserves the right to make temporary exception, suspension, or modification to any of these rules when, in its judgment, such action appears advisable.
4. In all matters not covered in these rules, the pastor of Saint Joseph Church has the final decision.
5. The cemetery authority has the right from time to time to make changes to these rules and regulations.



RULES AND REGULATIONS OF SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY

For the mutual protection and benefit of the plot holders of Saint Joseph Cemetery, the pastor of Saint Joseph Church has adopted the following rules and regulations. All plot holders and persons within the cemetery and all plots shall be subject to said rules and any additions to these rules that the pastor of Saint Joseph Church shall adopt.

Definitions

1. The term “cemetery authority” shall mean the person duly appointed to conduct and administer the cemetery.
2. The term “cemetery” as used herein shall mean the property for earth burial and any public mausoleum for crypt entombments.
3. The term “plot holder” shall include the person or persons who have purchased interment rights or who hold the same rights of inheritance or transfer.
4. The term “interment” shall herein mean earth burial in an

4. No one shall pluck any flowers or break any branch or remove anything from another plot.
5. No signs or advertisements of any kind are allowed within the cemetery, except those placed by the cemetery authority.
6. The cemetery authority reserves the right to forbid and prevent assemblages it deems improper.

Improvements

All grading, landscape work, improvements of any kind, and lawn care of plots shall be done by cemetery employees or by persons approved by the cemetery authority. All improvements or alterations of lots in the cemetery shall be under the direction of and subject to the approval of the cemetery authority. If any unauthorized changes are made, the cemetery authority reserves the right to remove, alter, or change such changes at the expense of the plot holder.

Cemetery Hours

The cemetery authority has the right to fix the hours of the cemetery. Normal visiting hours for the cemetery are between 8:00 AM and sunset. No one is permitted in the cemetery after closing, and all violators will be prosecuted.

Outside Workers

No workers other than employees of the cemetery will be permitted to work in the cemetery unless authorized by the cemetery authority. However, plot holders may do reasonable work on their own plots at their own expense.

Animals

Animals are not permitted in the cemetery at any time with the exception of working dogs.

Lawns

Lawns shall not be disturbed for any purpose except under the supervision of the cemetery authority. The planting of trees or bushes is forbidden.

Ornaments and Other Items

Plot holders should use their best judgment in placing any item on their lots. The cemetery authority reserves the right to regulate this method of decorating plots so that the beauty of the cemetery may be maintained. The cemetery is not liable for vases, candles, floral pieces, borders, or other decorations on the lots. The cemetery authority reserves the right to remove or prune any trees or shrubbery previously planted in the cemetery that may mar the beauty of the cemetery or that may encroach on another's lot.

Motor Vehicles

All motor vehicles, including funeral cars, trucks, and motorcycles, must be kept under control at all times. At no time are motor vehicles permitted on the graves. Motor vehicles are permitted, however, in the normal upkeep of the cemetery and for the purpose of interments.

☐ Conduct in the Cemetery

1. Loitering or any boisterous demonstration is not permitted in the cemetery.
2. All trash is to be disposed of properly. No trash is to drop on any other grave or to be thrown over property lines. Dumpsters are provided in the parking lot for trash disposal.
3. Picnicking is not permitted in the cemetery.

underground vault or entombment in a crypt.

5. The term "grave" shall mean a space of ground in the cemetery for the burial of human remains.
6. The term "crypt" shall mean the part of a mausoleum used for the burial of human remains.
7. The term "plot" or "lot" shall include and apply to one or more adjoining graves or to one or more adjoining crypts.
8. The term "deed" shall mean only the grant of privilege of interment and not a conveyance of any ownership or tenancy. It does not convey any ownership or other interest in the graves or crypts.
9. The term "memorial" shall include monuments, tombstones, headstones, grave markers, V.A. markers, and any inscription on crypt fronts.
10. The term "foundation" shall mean the base on which a memorial is erected.
11. The term "vault" shall mean the concrete container into which the casket is placed for burial.

☐ Purpose of the Cemetery

The purpose of the cemetery is to provide for the burial of the faithful according to the rules and discipline of the Catholic Church. Questions regarding the interpretation of the canons of the Catholic Church and its rules regarding burial privileges of a plot holder and members of his or her family should be directed to the pastor of Saint Joseph Church.

Admission to the Cemetery

The cemetery authority reserves the right to refuse admission to the cemetery and to refuse the use of any of the cemetery equipment or facilities at any time to any person as the rules and judgment may dictate.

The body of a deceased person or cremated remains will not be accepted for entombment or interment unless it is encased in a suitable container. All burials in the earth shall be placed in a concrete vault.

The remains of any person who has died of an infectious or contagious disease shall be permitted to be entombed in a public mausoleum only with the express consent of the cemetery authority and provided that there is no prohibition against such entombments by any public-health authority.

Funeral and Interment Arrangements

1. All those wishing to purchase a lot or to make arrangements for a funeral or interment should do so at the parish office during normal business hours.
2. All arrangements made through a funeral director or other agent for the purpose of interment or the purchase of burial privileges are binding on said lot holder.
3. Funerals are not admitted to the cemetery when they are escorted or accompanied by regalia or banners of societies, organizations, or lodges that are banned by ecclesiastical law.
4. Certain lodges and fraternal organizations may be permitted into the cemetery with specific permission.
5. The cemetery authority may accept a request for an interment or opening of a plot for any purpose with proper written authorization from any plot holder of record, unless there are

- To lay out, establish, close, eliminate, or otherwise modify or change the location of roads, walks, or drives

The following rights and privileges are hereby expressly reserved to the cemetery authority to be exercised at any time: easement and right of way over and through all of said cemetery premises for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and operating pipelines, conduits, or drains for sprinklers, drainage, and electric or communication lines or for any purpose deemed admissible by the cemetery authority.

No Easement Granted

No easement or right of interment is granted to any plot holder in any road, drive, or walk within the cemetery, but such road, drive, or walk may be used during regular hours as a means of access to the cemetery as long as the cemetery authority devotes such roads, drives, and walks for that purpose.

Use of the Cemetery

Visitors

Visitors within the cemetery shall use only the roads, drives, and walks, unless it is necessary to walk on the grass to gain access to one's own plot. The cemetery authority expressly disclaims liability for any injuries sustained by anyone violating this rule.

Trespassers

Only the plot holder and his or her relatives or friends shall be permitted on the cemetery plot. Any other person shall be considered a trespasser.

Children

An adult must accompany children at all times.

9. The transfer of a body from Saint Joseph Cemetery to a non-Catholic cemetery is forbidden.

☐ Service Charges and Payments

The cemetery authority has the right to fix a charge and time of payment for each interment or disinterment, and for the performance of any other service rendered by the cemetery authority. Any service performed by an outside contractor at Saint Joseph Cemetery comes under the rules and regulations of the cemetery.

The cemetery authority reserves the right to set the price of each grave. Each grave will be approximately forty-five inches by eight feet and will be able to receive one concrete vault or two cremation. Each lot holder must purchase a set of corner stones. These stones are engraved with the lot holder's last name and will mark the lot holder's lots per deed.

Payment of the cost per lot and the cost of a set of corner stones must be made to Saint Joseph Cemetery. No deed will be issued until payment is made in full. Payment must be made in full before an interment can take place. Opening and closing charges are separate charges made by the cemetery and must be paid at the time of need.

☐ Right to Re-Plot

The following rights and privileges are hereby expressly reserved to the cemetery authority, to be exercised at any time or from any time for the erection of buildings or for any purpose of use connected with or convenient for the care, preservation of, or preparation for the interment of human bodies or other cemetery purpose:

- To resurvey, diminish, re-plot, or alter in shape or size, or otherwise change all or any part of the cemetery

written instructions to the contrary on file at the parish office.

6. The cemetery authority shall not be responsible for any mistakes occurring from the lack of proper instruction as to the size of the casket or as to the particular grave or crypt location. The cemetery authority reserves the right to make equitable charges whenever additional labor costs result from such mistakes.
7. The cemetery authority shall not be responsible for any delay in the interment of a body where a protest is made, or where the rules and regulations have not been complied with, or where said rules shall forbid such interment.

☐ Interment and Disinterment

1. On entering the cemetery, all funerals shall be under the exclusive charge and sole direction of the cemetery authority.
2. A burial permit for each funeral is required by the local government or public authority having jurisdiction of the matter and must be presented to the cemetery authority before interment is completed.
3. A burial order is to be filled out by the funeral director and presented at the time of the funeral. This form contains all necessary information for the cemetery, including the section, range, and lot number of the interment.
4. The cemetery authority shall not be responsible for the accuracy of the data contained in said permit or burial order, or for the identity of the person to be interred.
5. The cemetery authority reserves the right to demand written evidence of eligibility for Catholic burial according to canon law.
6. The casket may not be opened at any time within the cemetery without the express permission and in the presence of the cemetery authority. The cemetery authority reserves the right to refuse permission to anyone to open the casket or to touch the

body without the consent of the legal representative of the deceased or without a court order.

7. Disinterment is generally forbidden and will be permitted only in unusual circumstances and for the most serious reasons.
8. The cemetery authority shall exercise due caution in the disinterment and removal, but they shall assume no responsibility for the damage to any casket or vault incurred in making the disinterment and removal.
9. The cemetery authority has the right to set the hour and the manner in which interment, disinterment, and removal will or will not be permitted. All interments, disinterments, and removals are subject to charges and payable in advance, unless other arrangements are made.
10. All interments and disinterments are subject to the rules and regulations of Saint Joseph Cemetery and to the order and laws of the properly constituted civil authorities, whether local, county, state, or federal.
11. All flowers left at the grave after a burial will be removed within one week. All seasonal decorations, such as Easter and Christmas, must be removed within one month.

☐ Correction of Errors

The cemetery authority reserves the right to correct errors made by it in the sale or descriptions of interment rights or plots, or in interment or disinterment.

☐ Instruction for Plot Holder

1. Persons arranging for interment should contact the parish office as soon as possible. Arrangements can also be made through a funeral director or his or her representative.

2. The cemetery authority reserves the right to specify the terms of purchase of all interment rights in plots and to fix the number of burials per lot.
3. If the purchaser fails to carry out the terms of the purchase agreement, the cemetery authority may declare said agreement canceled and all rights of the purchaser and to the plot forfeited.
4. No trees or bushes are to be planted at any time. Curbing or borders are permitted around the headstone but cannot exceed the corner stones of the plot and may not be more than eighteen inches in front of the headstone. The cemetery authority reserves the right to remove any and all items that do not conform to these guidelines.
5. The cemetery authority reserves the right to remove without notice enclosures or anything that might have become unsightly or dangerous.
6. If the deed to the plot has been lost or misplaced, an affidavit sworn to before a notary public must be presented to the cemetery authority, stating the identity of the person requesting interment and his or her relationship to the original deed owner. It must also establish his or her right to the plot and state that no other party has a right to the plot.
7. In the case of a lost deed, a replacement deed may be issued after the notary's form has been completed. Interment of a non-Catholic spouse in an interfaith marriage may be permitted but must be approved by the pastor.
8. The use of a plot is for the plot holder or the plot holder's relatives for interment only. All said plots come under the rules of Saint Joseph Cemetery and are not for resale or profit. In no case shall the plot holder have any right to sell, transfer, exchange, or in any other manner dispose of said plot or any part therefore without the permission of the pastor of Saint Joseph Church.