

St. Stanislaus Polish National Catholic Cathedral Cemetery Regulations

(Approved at St. Stanislaus Annual Parish Meeting – March 5, 2006)

A. Membership

In order to be buried in St. Stanislaus Cathedral cemetery one must be a member in good standing of the Parish, with all financial obligations up to date. Those individuals less than 18 years of age are considered a member of a family unit. Those individuals 18 years of age and older do require individual membership. (Exception: a college, university or qualified institution full time student is considered part of a family unit to age 23).

Members of other P.N.C.C. Parishes, who are verified members in good standing of their respective parish, are also considered in good standing for burial in the Parish cemetery.

B. Exceptions

Exceptions to the conditions for membership, for example those in nursing homes, must request the exemption in writing showing financial hardship. These cases are reviewed by the Parish Committee on an individual basis.

C. Cremation Ashes

Spreading of cremation ashes on cemetery grounds is strictly forbidden. Ashes are to be interred in existing gravesites or mausoleums.

D. Clergy Representations

A member of the Polish National Catholic Clergy must be present at the committal service at the Parish cemetery. Clergy of other denominations are permitted after consulting the pastor.

E. Flowerbeds, Shrubbery and Decorations

1. The length of the flowerbed is not to exceed the length of the monument base or ground level marker. The width is not to exceed twelve (12) inches.
2. Flowers and seasonal care of flowers are the responsibility of the family or family representative. Cut-floral arrangements should be removed after one week.
3. Hanging wreaths, flowers, pictures or any other object from the side of mausoleums, corporate or private, is not permitted.
4. During the non-growing season, (i.e. from November 1 to March 31), artificial flowers and wreaths are permitted only at the head of the grave. These items must be removed each year before April 1. Cemetery officials are not responsible for any items discarded after this date.
5. The following decorations are permitted: Veterans emblems with flag holder, emblems of faith and societies, and enclosed vigil candles. All such items must be placed within the confines of the flowerbeds and meet safety standards. Floral vases and planters are permitted only at the head of the grave.
6. The following items are not permitted: ornamental fencing, plastic edging, bricks, bark nuggets, glass trinkets, statues, stone dividers, or similar items. Flowerbeds, veterans and memorial emblems/flags and other approved items are never allowed at the foot of the grave. Between April 1 and October 31, artificial flowers and decorations are not authorized.
7. No shrubbery is permitted at any grave or private mausoleum. All existing shrubbery and oversized plants will be removed.

F. All Souls Day

During the evening observance of All Souls' Day in November, no gravesite is to be left unattended when candles of any type are burning.

G. Water. Water is available throughout the cemetery from May 1 to All Souls' Day in November. It is important to make sure the water is completely turned off after each use.

H. Trash. Please do not litter. Please use trash receptacles provided throughout the cemetery for your convenience. Please take all recyclables, such as plastic and glass containers and metal objects to your residence.

I. Unused Graves. Graves that are not needed may only be sold back to the Parish. The refundable amount will be the original cost of the grave. Graves may also be donated to the Parish. All transactions are final and irrevocable.

J. Public Safety

1. Our primary concern is the safety of family members, friends, contractors and the employees of the cemetery.
2. Bicycles, off-road motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and jogging are not permitted.
3. Please keep a safe distance from corporate equipment.
4. Private power equipment, such as lawnmowers, hedge trimmers and weed-whackers are not permitted.
5. Smoking and open fires are not permitted anywhere in the cemetery or surrounding wooded areas.

K. Parking

1. Adequate parking is available on Cemetery Street and Kane Street. Parking is not permitted inside the cemetery gates.
2. Senior citizens and physically-challenged parking within the gates require authorization from the Cemetery Coordinator or caretaker.

L. Monuments. Foundations are required for all monuments. Monuments must be centered on the lot. All monuments require prior approval from the Parish Committee and the Cemetery Coordinator and must adhere to size limitations, which are determined by the number of graves.

The Parish is not responsible for acts of vandalism, acts of nature or maintenance of monuments.

Family representatives are requested to keep monument lettering up to date.

Single Gravesite

Pillow (slant) Monument: Only a pillow monument is authorized.

Not to exceed 24" L x 12" D x 18" H

A base is not allowed for a pillow monument

Pillow monument requires a ground level concrete foundation

Double Gravesite

Monument tablet not to exceed 36" L

Monument base not to exceed 44" (12" to 15" D)

Monument tablet and base not to exceed 32" H

Triple or Larger Gravesite

Monument tablet not to exceed 54" L

Monument base not to exceed 62" L (12" to 15" D)

Monument tablet and base not to exceed 32" H

M. Monument Foundations & Cornerstones. The Parish Committee reserves the right to install or contract out all foundations and cornerstones. Parishioners or family representatives are not authorized to install or contract out the installation of any foundation, cornerstone, or marker.

N. Inclement Weather. In case of inclement weather, a decision for the committal service will be made by the Parish Committee Chairman and the Cemetery Coordinator. The safety of family and friends is the primary concern of the Parish Committee. If it is determined that it is unsafe to have the committal service at graveside, the committal service will be in the Bishop Hodur Mausoleum.

O. Terms of Interment

1. Ground Interment

- (a) Approved casket
- (b) Approved vault (only one (1) per grave permitted)

2. Ground Cremation Interment

- (a) Approved urn
- (b) Urn must include name, day, month and year of birth and death
- (c) Interment of only an urn in a grave is limited to two (2) per grave.

3. Combined Vault and Cremation Ground Interment

- (a) One vault with a maximum of two (2) urns interred on top.

4. Mausoleum Casket Interment

- (a) Approved casket
- (b) Approved casket liner
- (c) Approved plaque must include name and year of birth and death
- (d) Interment of an urn in a compartment, in lieu of a casket, is authorized with a maximum of two (2) urns per compartment. The initial opening is pre-paid. There is an additional charge for the second opening.

5. Mausoleum Cremation Interment

- (a) Urn limitation is 10" x 10" x 10"
- (b) Urn must include name, day, month and year of birth and death
- (c) Approved plaque must include name and year of birth and death

6. Private Existing Mausoleum Interment

- (a) No future private mausoleums are authorized.
- (b) Casket or urn interment is permitted
- (c) Approved casket with liner
- (d) Not to exceed two (2) urns per compartment.
- (e) All costs of interment are the responsibility of the family or authorized representative
- (f) Families must make provisions for paying for the future care and maintenance of their mausoleum. These documents must be on file with the Parish Office.

Contact the parish office and/or parish committee if there are any questions or if you are in doubt as to the interpretations of the above rules and regulations.