



Cemetery Association Grave & Columbarium Policies

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CEMETERY POLICIES

Please Note: The St. George Cemetery Association Board expressly reserves the right, at any time, and at its sole discretion and without prior notice to any Owners of Interment Rights, their heirs, or visitors to adopt new Rules and Regulations or to amend, modify, or repeal any section, paragraph, or sentences of these Rules and Regulations. For an up-to-date copy of the cemetery rules please see the St. George Parish office or the Cemetery Board President.

General Policies:

Section 1- The St. George Cemetery shall be controlled by the Cemetery Association.

Section 2- At a minimum, the use of a concrete grave liner is recommended for casket burial. Cremains must be inurned in what the Catholic church defines as a “Worthy Vessel” prior to being placed in a columbarium niche or for in-ground burial.

Section 3- Graves must have a permanent grave marker installed within one (1) year of the date of burial. Monuments may be either upright, bevel or flat and placed at the head of the grave. Any additional monuments or markers must be flat so as to assist with cemetery mowing. Monuments must be at least 4 inches thick and placed on approved concrete foundations. Foundations can be either precast or poured in place and a minimum of four (4) inches thick (depending on monument size) and will extend a minimum of three (3) inches on all sides of the monument base, flush with the ground depending on surface grade. Foundation slabs shall be placed atop compacted crushed rock footings comprised of 1/2 inch to 1 inch material and 14 inches in depth, or piers of suitable design to ensure long-term monument stability.

Section 4- Markers used in conjunction with a headstone, such as a veteran’s marker, shall be placed at the foot of the grave and flush with the ground. Monuments memorializing remains of the deceased added atop an existing grave shall be placed toward the head of the grave at the base of the headstone and flush with the ground. In addition to the footstone, there shall be no more than one (1) added memorial monument per grave. Single footstones and flat memorial monuments shall have a maximum dimension of 12 inches wide, 24 inches long, and no less than four (4) inches thick.

Section 5- All grave plots shall be 4 ½ feet wide x 11 feet long (changed from 4 feet to 4 ½ feet in March of 1992).

Section 6- Parishioners shall be charged a sum of \$300.00 per grave site. Infants of parishioners may be buried at no cost in a special infant’s section. The policy for all grave spaces shall be first come, first served, in a continuous row. All grave sites must be paid for at time of purchase. Special reasons for reserving additional grave sites will be considered.

Section 7- A parishioner is a person who is presently and has been a tithing member of the parish for six (6) months.

Section 8- Non-parishioners shall be charged a sum of \$1,000.00 per grave site.

Section 9- The Cemetery Association will consider the burial of two caskets stacked in one plot. Parishioners will be charged \$300.00 for the first person, and charged \$100.00 for the second person for a total of \$400.00. Non-parishioners will be charged \$1,000.00 for the first person, and charged \$500.00 for the second person for a total of \$1,500.00.

Section 10- Cremated ashes must be inurned in what the Catholic church deems a worthy vessel prior to permanent placement in a columbarium niche or in the ground. A maximum of one (1) inurned cremains may be placed atop an existing single-casket grave. A flush, flat marker is the only type of monument permitted on graves already affixed with a headstone. Internment of cremated remains are not permitted atop double casket (stacked) graves. A total of two (2) cremated remains may be placed within a standard grave plot where there is no casket interned. Cost for individual burial rights beyond those accompanying initial plot purchase shall be \$100.00 for parishioners and \$500.00 for non-parishioners.

Section 11- Cemetery plots can be transferred or deeded only with the consent and permission of the Cemetery Association of St. George Parish. Purchased plots cannot be resold – only transferred upon consent of the Cemetery Association. Internment of remains atop an occupied grave must be explicitly granted by the person or persons holding rights to the plot. Purchased plots no longer needed or wanted will be sold back to the parish for the original selling price.

Section 12- Graves are to be opened, closed and excess dirt removed by the grave digger. The grave digger is to be paid by the funeral home but is to be approved by the board. The cemetery board is not responsible for any extra charges by the grave digger if while digging the grave they hit rock and must chip. This charge is billed to the family.

Section 13- No one shall be permitted to plant shrubs, flowers, trees, etc. in the cemetery or upon the graves, nor will any mounds be permitted on the graves. There shall not be any enclosure of any kind placed around the burial plot.

Section 14- The placement of decorative material such as flowers, statues, steppingstones, solar lights, etc. is prohibited on a grave once such material is cleared from the grave following burial. This is to assist with grounds maintenance. **Decorative items MUST BE ON THE MONUMENT ITSELF. NOTHING IS PERMITTED IN THE SOD AROUND THE BASE OF THE MONUMENT.** An exception is PERMITTED one week before and one week after Memorial Day and the period from November 1 through March 1. The Cemetery Association or its designees will have the authority to remove any items that do not comply with the dates and items mentioned above.

Section 15- The Cemetery Association shall inspect the grounds of the cemetery and exert efforts to keep them and the entrance in a respectable condition.

Section 16- The Cemetery Association is to keep the St. George plot boards up to date.

Section 17- The Emerson Bryan addition shall not be used until needed.

Columbarium Policies:

Section 1- Only the cremains of humans will be allowed inurned in the columbarium.

Section 2- Each niche will hold the cremated remains of two people depending on the size of the urns or containers. The fee includes opening and closing the niche and engraving the first time. All niche's must be paid for at time of purchase.

Section 3- Parishioners shall be charged the following:

Row #	1 person in a niche	2 people in a same niche
1	\$1,100.00	\$1,500.00
2	\$1,000.00	\$1,400.00
3	\$900.00	\$1,300.00
4	\$800.00	\$1,200.00

Section 4- Non-Parishioners can be inurned in the columbarium for an additional \$1,000.00 to the prices listed above.

Section 5- Urns or containers containing the cremains must fit inside the niche itself and must be approved by the cemetery board.

Section 6- Nothing of either permanent or temporary nature will be affixed to or on the niche faceplate including the columbarium itself except for the Small Veteran Bronze Medallion and a wreath for the Wreath for Hero's Program in December.

Section 7- Inscriptions on all the columbarium niche faceplates will consist of first name, middle initial, last name, (maiden name if female), date of birth and date of death. All fonts must be Roman Modified. All inscriptions must be approved by the cemetery board. No extra artwork or engraving will be allowed. The cemetery will pay to get the faceplate of the niche engraved the first time, but any additional lettering or final date of death will be paid for by the family.

Section 8- Niches cannot be resold only transferred with approval of the cemetery board. Cremains remain property of the family or the estate of the deceased. If cremains from the person listed on the cemetery contract have been inurned in their niche and the heirs wish to remove all the cremains, rights to the niche will revert back to the cemetery board with no compensation due to the owner's estate. The family will then have to pay a fee of \$1,000.00 to have the niche reopened and replacement of the door.

Section 9- If a family has already purchased a niche with the engraving done already and they change their mind and want to do something else beside the columbarium, then the family must pay to replace the faceplate of the niche and any additional engraving cost will be payable by the person who the niche is being transferred to.