

**CONSTITUTION of the SOCIETY OF ST. JOSEPH
of the
PARISH OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
Verona, New York 13478**

ARTICLE I - Name

September 1989

The name of this organization shall be The Society of St. Joseph.

ARTICLE II - Purposes

The purposes of the Society shall be:

- to promote the spiritual welfare of the members of the Society and of the Parish;
- to foster the social life of all the members of the Parish ;
- to perform such special works as may be requested by the pastor ;

ARTICLE III - Members

The members of the Society shall be all men of the Parish who:

- are at least eighteen years of age;
- are Catholics in good standing;
- inscribe their names in the Register of Members.

ARTICLE IV - The Officers of the Society shall be, the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Standing Committees.

ARTICLE V - Committees

The Standing Committees shall be Membership, Activities, Program, Community Affairs and Benevolence.

Special Committees shall be appointed by the President when needed.

ARTICLE VI - Government

The Government of the Society shall be vested in the Board consisting of the Officers and the Pastor. The Board shall supervise the activities of the Society and authorize all expenditures over \$25.00. In important matters the Board will not want to act without the consent of the Pastor.

ARTICLE VII - Elections and Appointments

The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually by a majority of ballots at the regular meeting in the month of June and shall take office at the regular meeting in the month of September. Elected Officers shall hold office for one year, and may not be candidates for the same offices the following year. Candidates for offices shall be selected from among the members by a Nominating Committee consisting of a Chairman and two members appointed by the President at the regular meeting in April. This Committee shall be present the Candidates at the regular meeting in May. The Chairman of the Standing and Special Committees shall be appointed by the President. In the event that an elected Officer other than the President cannot continue in office, a successor shall be appointed by the President. In the event that the President cannot continue in office, the Vice President shall become the President and appoint a new Vice-President.

ARTICLE VIII - Meetings

The regular meetings of the society shall usually be held on the first Thursday of each month, September through June at 08:15 PM in the Parish Hall. The Board shall meet as necessary after each regular meeting of the Society. Special meetings of the Society or the Board and regular meetings on days other than those prescribed by the Constitution may be called by the President. Meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Amended ARTICLE VIII - Meetings

The regular meetings of the society shall be usually be held on the first Thursday of each month, September through June at a time to be decided upon at the first meeting in September. The Board shall meet as necessary after each regular meeting of the Society. Special meetings of the Society or the Board and regular meetings on days other than those prescribed by the Constitution may be called by the President. Meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII - Meetings was amended at the regular meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2011 in accordance with Article IX of the By-Laws. See Revised Text for listed above Amended ARTICLE VIII, above.

ARTICLE IX - Finances

Each member shall be asked to contribute two dollars annually during September or the months following, but inability or failure to do so shall not exclude anyone

from membership.

ARTICLE X - Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution shall require a three-fourths vote of members present and voting at a regular meeting. Notice of the proposed Amendment must be submitted to the members at the previous regular meeting.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I - Duties of the Officers

The President shall :

- preside at all meetings of the Society and Board;
- appoint the Chairmen of the Standing and Special Committees;
- direct the other elected and appointed officers in carrying out the duties of their offices;

The Vice-President shall :

- preside at meetings of the Society and Board in the absence of the President;
- be Chairman of the membership committee;
- assist the President with such duties as he may delegate.

The Secretary shall :

- keep a record of the proceedings at all meetings of the Society and the Board ;
- conduct the correspondence of the Society ;
- maintain an accurate register of members and their attendance at meetings ;

The Treasurer shall :

- receive all contributions and other money of the Society and deposit it in the authorized bank ;
- pay all authorized disbursements and keep a voucher for each ;
- keep an accurate record of all money received and disbursed ;
- present a financial report at all Society and Board meetings ;

The Chairman of the Standing Committees shall :

- appoint members and direct the work of the committees ;

- present a report of the activities of the Committees at meetings of the Society and Board ;

ARTICLE II - Membership Committee

- recruit new members from among the men of the Parish ;
- contact new families moving into the Parish, supplying them with information about Parish life and activities.

This committee shall consist of the Chairman, who is the Vice President, and two members.

ARTICLE III - Activities Committee

This committee shall :

- plan and recommend to the Board and Society activities other than those conducted by other Committees ;
- direct those activities approved by the board and Society.

This committee shall consist of a Chairman and two members.

ARTICLE IV - Program Committee :

The program Committee shall provide interesting and beneficial programs for the regular meetings of the Society.

This committee shall consist of a Chairman and two members.

ARTICLE V - Community Affairs Committee :

The Community affairs Committee shall ;

- keep the member informed of public matters affecting the Parish, the Church and the community.
- recommend and direct efforts of the Society in promoting the welfare of the Parish, the Church and the community.

This committee shall consist of a Chairman and two members.

ARTICLE VI - Benevolence Committee:

The Benevolence Committee shall :

- occasionally visit sick or confined members of the Society or Parish ;
- notify the Pastor and President of any members of the Parish or community who are in need ;
- render any assistance authorized by the Pastor or Board in the Name of the Society ;
- request an Announced Mass for the soul of any deceased member or

deceased relative of a member in the 1st degree of consanguinity ;
This committee shall consist of a Chairman and two members.

ARTICLE VII - Quorum

One-fourth of the members of the Society shall constitute a Quorum of the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII - Order of Business

The following shall be the usual order of business at meetings :

- Call to Order
- Prayer
- Attendance
- Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting
- Correspondence
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment
- Prayer
- Program
- Refreshments

ARTICLE IX - Amendments

Amendments to these By-Laws shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular meeting. Notice of a proposed Amendment must be submitted to the members at the previous regular meeting.

Committees

- Membership -
- Programs -
- Activities -
- Community Affairs -
- Benevolence -

Amendment to Article VIII Meetings

ARTICLE VIII - Meetings

The regular meetings of the society shall usually be held on the first Thursday of each month, September through June in the Parish Hall. The time of the meeting for the next year will be determined at the September meeting each year. The Board shall meet as necessary after each regular meeting of the Society. Special meetings of the Society or the Board and regular meetings on days other than those prescribed by the Constitution may be called by the President. Meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.