



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OF  
THE MOST MERITORIOUS ORDER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## **THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ORDER**

The Most Meritorious Order of the Holy Spirit by way of the Holy Orthodox Order of Saint George the Great Martyr establishes its goals and objectives: to organize, promote, aid, and engage in charitable, humanitarian, educational, religious, medical, and chivalric activities, particularly by:

- (a.) aiding the poor, the sick, the dying, the needy, the aged, the infirm, the maimed, the mentally ill, the imprisoned, and the socially disadvantaged;
- (b.) assisting in the maintenance of holy places including, but not limited to, buildings, monasteries, seminaries, shrines, churches, and cathedrals of the Orthodox Faith; and,
- (c.) establishing and promoting the works of hospitals, medical centers, orphanages, schools, and other bona fide Orthodox institutions and/or organizations.

## **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS**

is a baptized and/or confirmed Christian;

is a member of a trinitarian denomination (Oriental Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, Lutheran etc.);

is NOT a member of a Masonic fraternity and/or organization;

is living according to Christian principles;

is a member in good standing of their local parish community;

is of sound mind and judgment;

is known to live honorably;

is prepared to observe the rules and regulations of the Order of Saint George the Great Martyr;

is willing to make a solemn pledge of allegiance to the Order and to its mission at a formal ceremony of investiture; and,

is no less than 18 years of age upon applying for membership.

## **PASSAGE FEE**

Each applicant is required to pay a one time passage fee for membership into the Order of the Holy Spirit. The passage fee varies depending upon the rank of entrance which the individual chooses.

The Passage Fee goes towards the following: the annual philanthropic appeal of the Order, the administrative expenses of the Order's Grand Magistracy and towards feeding the homeless.

The passage fee for the rank of Cadet is \$250.00.

The passage fee for the rank of Knight/Dame is \$500.00.

The passage fee for the rank of Knight/Dame Companion is \$1,000.00.

The passage fee for the rank of Knight/Dame Commander is \$2,000.00.

The passage fee for the rank of Knight/Dame Grand Cross is \$4,000.00.

The passage fee for the rank of Knight/Dame Grand Collar is N/A.

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

One year following admission into the Order, lay members are required to pay an annual membership due. Membership dues are assessed according to the rank of the individual. These dues help cover the administrative expenses of the Order's Grand Magistracy.

The annual membership fee for the rank of Cadet is \$125.00.

The annual membership fee for the rank of Knight/Dame is \$250.00.

The annual membership fee for the rank of Knight Companion/Dame Companion is \$500.00.

The annual membership fee for the rank of Knight Commander/Dame Commander is \$1,000.00.

The annual membership fee for the rank of Knight Grand Cross/Dame Grand Cross is \$2,000.00.

If a member is promoted to a higher rank within the Order, that member can continue to pay the original annual membership due assessed at the time of their entrance into the Order or opt to pay the new fee that corresponds to their new rank. Equally, members promoted to a higher rank within the Order do not pay for any additional passage fee, but only for the medals attached to their new rank.

## **FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

It is expected that members participate in all charitable fundraising activities of the Grand Magistracy of the Order, their Grand Priory, and of their local Commandery.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *It is the intention of the Order to be as accessible and affordable as possible for those wishing to join. It is not the desire of the Order to be just for an elite group of individuals.*

*With keeping the above in mind, the Order will permit passage fees and annual membership dues to be paid either in full or in two installments. Additional financial arrangements are to be given to those who join at the rank of Knight Companion/Dame Companion or higher. If you yourself are having financial difficulty and would like to join the Order, further arrangements can be made on a case-by-case basis.*

## **OATH OF FIDELITY**

"I, (name), do solemnly promise and declare that I will bear true allegiance and witness to Christ and to His Holy Gospel; that I, in my capacity as a (cadet, knight, or dame), will be of loyal and faithful service to the Holy Orthodox Order of Saint George the Great Martyr as a companion member; and, to respect and observe its constitution, mission, bylaws, regulations, and customs; that I shall conduct my whole life in accordance with Christian moral and religious principles, that I may always be worthy of the honor that is to be bestowed upon me and of the dignity with which I shall be vested; that I shall never engage in any actions that could disparage the image and dignity of the Order of which I am to become a lifetime member; and, that I shall respond to the initiatives and needs of the Order by assisting in its charitable works towards the greater benefit of the Holy Orthodox Church.

Should I, in the future, ever break and/or seriously violate the preceding promises that I have solemnly made, I understand that I will be subject to the rules and/or policy concerning dismissal from the Order, this in accordance with its legitimately constituted authority.”

### **PERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, & CHARITABLE INFORMATION**

I, the undersigned declare that the information provided below is complete and accurate to the best of my ability and knowledge. I further authorize the Order to verify the information contained herein. I understand that the Order will not contact any given references without my prior consent. In accordance with Common Law, my signature constitutes a legal and binding application agreement.

The Grand Knight is the final authority for granting membership into the Most Meritorious Order of the Holy Spirit. All applicants for membership need to accept the Order’s chivalric, charitable, and humanitarian nature; and, if so admitted, pledges to abide by all statutes of the Order and support the goals of the Order, both in principle and financially.

Members are to always conduct themselves in an exemplary manner, both in their private and public life as befitting this honor. The applicant further understands that it is expected of them to pay the annual membership fee and make additional contributions to support both the Order and its charitable works.

Members are expected to participate as much as possible in the social and charitable life of the Order, i.e., charity dinners, charity galas, religious services (held in the name of the Order), investitures, and meetings.

Those applying for membership into the Order cannot have any pending criminal charges or investigations against them nor have been convicted of a serious crime or misdemeanor, exclusive of minor infractions.

Please attach to this application a letter of recommendation from your parish pastor indicating that you are a member in good standing of your parish. If you are applying for membership from outside of the United States of America, please also include attached to this application a copy of either your Driver’s License (ID Card), Passport, or Birth Certificate proving your identity.

I, the undersigned, do hereby request petition to join the Most Meritorious Order of the Holy Spirit as a companion member to the Holy Orthodox Order of Saint George the Great Martyr and understand fully the requirements asked of me; that I, in my power, will do everything to uphold the dignity of the Order and support its charitable works; and, that I will always conduct myself as a person of honor. I further agree to strive for the chivalric virtues of courage, valor, mercy, and fairness. I also will strive to protect the weak and poor, to be faithful to the Gospel of Christ, and to champion good against evil.

**First, Middle, and Last Name (surname)**

Full Legal Name:
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**Home Address**

Street Number of House/Apartment complex:
Unit Number:
Name of Street:
City:
Province/State:
Country:
Zip Code:

**Personal Contact Information**

Telephone Number:
Cell Phone Number:
Fax Number (if applicable):
Email Address:
Place of Birth:
Date of Birth (day/month/year):

**Titles of Nobility**

Please list any legitimate titles of nobility and of the country they are/were held. Example of titles: Prince/Princess, Duke/Duchess, Marquess/Marchioness, Count/Countess, Viscount/Viscountess, Baron/Baroness, Lord/Lady (if applicable):
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### **Marital and Family Information**

Marital Status:
Spouses Full Legal Name:
Name and Birth Date of Children:
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### **Professional Information**

Name of Company/Institution:
Occupation (Title/Position):
Street Number of Company/Institution:
Suite Number:
Street:
City:
Province/State:
Country:
Zip Code:
Business Telephone Number (if applicable):
Business Fax Number (if applicable):
Business Email Address (if applicable):

### **Personal Interests and Hobbies**

Please list below activities and/or interests that you have outside of your professional career:



**Christian Charitable Information**

If able, please describe at least two recent examples of service you provided to your local parish community or to a Christian-related organization(s).


**Membership in Christian or Secular Organizations**

Are you a member of any other Christian or secular organizations? If so, please list the name of the organization and describe the level of your involvement.


**Parish/Diocese/Church Denomination**

Name of Parish:

Website of Parish (if applicable):

Parish Telephone Number (if applicable):

Name of Parish Priest/Pastor:






**Ranks and Passage Fee for Members**

It is expected by the Order that those wishing to join at a rank of Knight/Dame or higher will commit more effort, time, and money to the advancement of the Order and to its charitable purpose than those of a lower rank.
Please place an “X” on the line next to your chosen rank:
<b>Men</b>
Cadet: \$250.00
Knight: \$500.00
Knight Companion: \$1,000.00
Knight Commander: \$2,000.00
Knight Grand Cross: \$4,000.00
Knight Grand Collar: N/A ( <i>rank specially awarded by the Grand Knight</i> ).
<b>Women</b>
Cadet: \$250.00
Dame: \$500.00
Dame Companion: \$1,000.00
Dame Commander: \$2,000.00
Dame Grand Cross: \$4,000.00
Dame Grand Collar: N/A ( <i>rank specially awarded by the Grand Knight</i> ).
<b>Note:</b> <i>As mentioned earlier in this application, the Passage Fee goes towards the following: the annual philanthropic appeal of the Order, the administrative expenses of the Order’s Grand Magistracy and towards feeding the homeless.</i>

**Options of Payment for the Passage Fee**

Please indicate below your admitting rank, its corresponding passage fee, your payment preference, and your preferred payment method.
Admitting Rank:
Passage Fee: \$
Payment in full:
Payment in two installments:
Further financial flexibility needed:

Order's PayPal: \_\_\_\_\_; Check: \_\_\_\_\_; Money Order: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** Full payment for the passage fee needs to be made within one year of the date of application. Failure to pay the passage fee in its entirety may result in the termination of membership, in which case no reimbursement or compensation for any monies, gifts or services rendered to the Order will be given or returned. Financial flexibility is generally reserved for those wishing to join the Order at the rank of Knight Companion/Dame Companion and higher.

Please include the full amount or the first installment payment with the completed application. Payment can be made through PayPal (on the Order's website), check, or money order in USD payable to: "The Holy Orthodox Order of Saint George the Great Martyr" and mailed to the following address: 270 Deer Run Trail Manchester, CT, USA 06042. Kindly indicate "Membership fee" in the memo section of your check or PayPal.

To make a payment through PayPal, visit the Order's website: [www.orderofsaintgeorge.org](http://www.orderofsaintgeorge.org)

**Note:** If further financial flexibility is needed, please explain below, and provide the amount of each payment.


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## Yearly Dues

Annual membership dues do not begin until one year after entry into the Order of Saint George the Great Martyr. Like the passage fee, annual membership dues can be paid either in full, in two installments, or on a case-by-case basis (for those of Knight/Dame Companion and above) in 12 monthly installments.

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Name of Applicant (printed)

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Applicant's Signature

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Date