



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.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Any Christian person may apply for membership into the Most Meritorious Order of the Holy Spirit so long as such an individual meets the following criteria:

- (a.) is a baptized and/or confirmed Christian;
- (b.) is a member of a Trinitarian denomination (Roman Catholic, Oriental Orthodox, Episcopalian, Lutheran etc.);
- (c.) is **NOT** a member of a Masonic fraternity and/or organization;
- (d.) is living according to Christian principles;
- (e.) is a member in good standing of their local parish community;
- (f.) is of sound mind and judgment;
- (g.) is known to live honorably;
- (h.) is prepared to observe the rules and regulations of the Order of Saint George the Great Martyr;
- (i.) is willing to make a solemn pledge to support the Order and its mission at a formal ceremony of investiture; and,
- (j.) is no less than 18 years of age upon applying for membership.

PASSAGE FEES, ANNUAL DUES, & FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Passage Fee

Each applicant is required to pay a onetime 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, the applicant's insignia, and the applicant's brevet (certificate of membership). The passage fee does not include the Church mantle (ceremonial robes), mantle case or other accessories for those joining as a Knight

Commander/Dame Commander or Knight Grand Cross/Dame Grand Cross.

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. (*rank specially awarded by the Grand Knight*).

Annual Membership Dues

One year following admission into the Order of the Holy Spirit, members are required to pay an annual membership due. Membership dues are assessed according to the rank of the individual. These fees 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/Dame Companion is \$500.00.

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

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

The annual membership fee for the rank of Knight/Dame Grand Collar is N/A. (*rank specially awarded by the Grand Knight*).

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 the 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.

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.**

First, Middle, and Last Name (surname)

Full Legal Name:

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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Women
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>).
Note: <i>As mentioned earlier in this application, the Passage Fee goes towards the following: the annual philanthropic appeal of the Order, the administrative costs of the Order, the applicant's insignia, and the applicant's brevet (certificate of membership). The passage fee does not include the Church mantle (ceremonial robes), mantle case or other accessories for those joining as a Commander or Grand Cross.</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: <i>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/Dame Companion 4th Class and higher.</i>
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
Note: <i>If further financial flexibility is needed, please explain below, and provide the amount of each payment.</i>

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.

Name of Applicant (printed)

Applicant's Signature

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Date