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 (Oriental Orthodox, Roman Catholic, 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 Magistry, 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 Companion 3rd Class or Companion 2nd Class.

The passage fee for the rank of Officer is $250.00.
The passage fee for the rank of Knight/Dame Companion 5th Class is $500.00.
The passage fee for the rank of Knight/Dame Companion 4th Class is $1,000.00.
The passage fee for the rank of Knight/Dame Companion 3rd Class is $2.000.00.
The passage fee for the rank of Knight/Dame Companion 2nd Class is $4,000.00.
The passage fee for the rank of Knight/Dame Companion 1st Class 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 Magistry.

The annual membership fee for the rank of Officer is $125.00.
The annual membership fee for the rank of Knight/Dame Companion 5th Class is $250.00.
The annual membership fee for the rank of Knight/Dame Companion 4th Class is $500.00.
The annual membership fee for the rank of Knight/Dame Companion 3rd Class is $1,000.00.
The annual membership fee for the rank of Knight/Dame Companion 2nd Class is $2,000.00.
The annual membership fee for the rank of Knight/Dame Companion 1st Class 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 Magistry 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/Dame Companion 3rd Class 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 (an officer, knight, or dame), will be of loyal and faithful service to the Holy Orthodox Order of Saint George the Great Martyr as an auxiliary 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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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:

Educational Information

Please list the name of the school(s), year(s) attended, and degree(s) earned (school/year/degree):

Secular Charitable Information

If able, please describe at least two recent examples of your involvement in community service or “hands-on” volunteer work for the dying, the sick, the disadvantaged or for the poor.

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:
Name of Diocese:
Website of Diocese:
Diocese Telephone Number:
Name of the Ruling Bishop:
Church Denomination:

Personal Comments

If you would like to leave a comment to the Order or to elaborate on something in the information listed or about other activities and/or interests you may have, please indicate this in the space below.

Commitment to the Order

If applicable, what would you like to see as your personal involvement and/or commitment in the activities of the Order?

Ranks and Passage Fee for Members

It is expected by the Order that those wishing to join at a rank of Knight/Dame Companion 5th Class 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:
Men
Officer: $250.00
Knight Companion 5th Class: $500.00
Knight Companion 4th Class: $1,000.00
Knight Companion 3rd Class: $2,000.00
Knight Companion 2nd Class: $4,000.00
Knight Companion 1st Class: N/A (***rank specially awarded by the Grand Knight***).

Women
Officer: $250.00
Dame Companion 5th Class: $500.00
Dame Companion 4th Class: $1,000.00
Dame Companion 3rd Class: $2,000.00
Dame Companion 2nd Class: $4,000.00
Dame Companion 1st Class: N/A (***rank specially awarded by the Grand Knight***).
Note: *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 Companion 3rd Class or Companion 2nd Class.*

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/Dame Companion 4th Class 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: 327 Franklin Avenue, Unit 3 South, Hartford, CT, USA 06114. 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: *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 4th Class and above) in 12 monthly installments.

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 an auxiliary 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 stive 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.

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Name of Applicant (printed) Applicant's Signature

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Date