



COUNCIL RULES

Adopted October 2021

These rules supplement the By-Laws approved by the Supreme Advocate following the final motion approved by members on **October 28, 2021**.

ARTICLE I

Notwithstanding the provisions of By-Laws Article I, the following Initiation Fee and Membership Dues provisions apply:

Section 1:

- Priests, Permanent Deacons and Full-Time College Students are exempted from the Initiation Fee.
- The Initiation Fee (\$15) applies only to prospective members who are not or never were members of the Knights of Columbus.
- Members who transfer into the council or former Knights who are reinstated or readmitted to the Order are exempted from the Initiation Fee.
- The Initiation Fee is not discounted for applicants under age 26.
- The Initiation Fee is payable in full before the applicant attends an Admission Degree.
- The Initiation Fee includes the cost of a council name badge intended to be displayed at Knights and Church activities.

Section 2:

- Priests, Permanent Deacons and Full-Time College Students are exempted from membership dues.
- Dues for new members shall be prorated for new members in the amount of \$12 for each full quarter-year remaining until the end of the Columbian Year (June 30).
- A member who transfers from another council who has paid annual dues to that council is not required to pay dues to St. Joseph Council.
- A member who transfers from another council who has not paid annual dues to that council is required to pay the annual dues amount (\$48) to St. Joseph Council.
- Dues for former Knights who are accepted for readmission or reinstatement shall be prorated in the amount of \$12 for each full quarter-year remaining until the end of the Columbian Year. Such a member must pay a \$7.50 Reinstatement Fee in addition to the prorated dues.
- Members who transfer from another council and former Knights who are accepted for readmission or reinstatement are also required to pay for a council name badge. (The Financial Secretary will determine the current amount for that badge.)
- Annual dues are billed in December and payable on January 1.
- The Annual Dues amount for an Honorary Member is \$15.
- Any member subject to regular annual dues (\$48) and who pays those dues before January 15 (when the Financial Secretary must send additional dues statements and retention efforts begin) is entitled to an \$8 discount (\$40 net).

Council Advocate October 28, 2021