



Knights of Columbus

St. Joseph Council #10627

59 Main Street

High Bridge, NJ 08829

Welcome Prospective Member

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Knight of Columbus in St. Joseph Council. To join our Council, you must complete a membership application. The application is available at www.kofc10627.org. Select the "Join St. Joseph Council" tab from the "About the Knights" dropdown list. It can be completed digitally (preferred) or filled out manually. Your digital application can be emailed to the council Membership Committee at kofc10627membership@gmail.com or you can complete a paper version of the application and present it to the council.

NEW MEMBERS:

To become a Knight, you must first attend an **Exemplification of Charity-Unity-Fraternity Ceremony**. They are scheduled intermittently throughout the year and are even available for you to complete online with your family present. You should make every attempt to be attend as soon as one is scheduled. Often, an Exemplification Ceremony is conducted on a weekday evening or a Sunday afternoon, and attended by prospective members from one or more Councils. **(A jacket and tie are required for candidates at all Exemplifications.)** The Knight who asked you to become a Knight (your "Proposer") or the Membership Director will contact you about the date and time. **You are encouraged to invite your family members and friends to the Exemplification Ceremony to provide them with richer understanding of who we are, what we stand for and what we are called to be.**

Dues & Fees: Before or when you attend the Exemplification, you must pay the remaining current year Council dues—\$12 for each full quarter remaining until the end of the year plus the Council's \$15 Initiation Fee. (The initiation fee includes the cost of a Council Name Badge.) Example – if you attend the Exemplification in June, pay two quarter's dues for July through December @\$12 = \$24 plus \$15 Initiation Fee. Total = \$39. **Priests, Deacons. Seminarians and full-time college students are exempted from council dues and initiation fees.**

Once you complete the Exemplification, you may attend Council meetings and other functions.

DUES & FEES FOR TRANSFERRING KNIGHTS OR FORMER KNIGHTS:

- If you are **transferring** from another Council and **you have paid your dues** for the current year in that Council (you should have a current year membership card), no payment of dues or initiation fee is necessary. (The Supreme Council will adjust the dues payments for members transferring between the two councils. If you've overpaid for the current year, you will be reimbursed.)
- If you are **transferring** from another Council and **you have not paid your dues** for the current year, you must pay the \$48 annual dues to St. Joseph Council.
- If you are a **former** Knight and are reapplying for membership, you must pay prorated dues to St. Joseph Council—\$12 for each full quarter remaining until the end of the year as well as a \$7.50 Reinstatement Fee (required by the Supreme Council).
- All transferring Knights or former Knights are also required to pay for a Council Name Badge. (The Financial Secretary will inform you about the current cost of that badge.)

OTHER INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:

- If you decide **not to become a Knight**, we will respect your decision.
- If you decide to join our Council, please complete and submit your application ASAP.
- If you decide to join our Council, your initial dues and initiation fee payments should be via check payable to K of C Council 10627 and presented to the Membership Director or to the Council Financial Secretary.
- Once you join our Council, the Financial Secretary will send a bill to you in December for the annual dues (\$48). You will have an opportunity for an \$8 discount if you pay the dues **before** January 15. Annual dues can be paid via check or via PayPal.
- Once you become a Knight, your membership and Knights of Columbus dues obligations will remain in effect unless you notify the council **in writing or via E-mail** that you intend to resign (withdraw) from the Knights of Columbus (or you are suspended because you fail to pay dues).
- Regular Membership Meetings begin at 7:30 PM on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the St. Joseph Parish Upper Room. **Plan to attend often!** We look forward to having you in our council.