



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 available at www.kofc10627.org. Select the “**Join St. Joseph Council**” tab from the “**About the Knights**” dropdown list. Your application can be filled out manually or completed digitally (preferred). A digital application results in more legible entries and is easier to process. Applications can E-mailed to the council Membership Committee at kofc10627membership@gmail.com. A manually completed application can be presented to the council. (Instructions for completing and submitting the application are on the application.)

New Members:

To become a Knight, you must first attend an “**Admission Degree**” ceremony. Degrees are scheduled intermittently throughout the year and you should make every attempt to be available as soon as one is scheduled. Typically, a Degree is conducted on a weekday evening or a Sunday afternoon, and attended by prospective members from one or more Councils. Members of our Council will accompany you to the Admission Degree. (***A jacket and tie are required for attendance at all degrees.***) The Knight who asked you to join us (your “Proposer”) or the Membership Director will contact you about the date and time for an Admission Degree. **Please try to attend an Admission Degree soon!**

- ***Dues & Fees:*** Before or when you attend the Admission Degree, a new member must pay the Council’s \$15 Initiation Fee (the fee includes the cost of a Knights name badge) plus the remaining current year Council dues—\$12 per quarter for each full quarter remaining until the end of the year. (Example – if you complete your Admission Degree in June, pay \$15 Initiation Fee plus 2 quarter’s dues for July through December @\$12= \$24 Total = \$39.) (*Priests, Deacons and full-time college students are exempted from dues and initiation fees.*) The Membership Director or Financial Secretary will advise you of the amount you should pay before the Admission Degree.

Once you complete your Admission Degree, you may attend Council meetings and other functions.

Dues & Fees for Transferring Knights or Former Knights:

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

Other information for Prospective Members:

- If you decide to join the Knights, please complete and submit your application ASAP.
- If you decide ***not to become a Knight***, we will respect your decision. In that case, we ask that you notify your Proposer.
- If you do join the Knights, our Financial Secretary will send a bill to you in December for the annual dues (\$48) and a statement giving you an opportunity for an \$8 discount if you pay the dues before January 15 when the Financial Secretary must send another dues notice to you. (***Please do not ignore dues notices!***)
- Once you are a Knight, your membership and Knights of Columbus dues obligation 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).
- Council meetings begin at 7:30 PM on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Meetings are held in St. Joseph’s Upper Room. ***Plan to attend often! We look forward to having you in our council.***