

# **Two Options for Membership**

# Option #1 - Full Membership

Joining our local Council #8902 of the Knights of Columbus can change your life. As a Knight, you have an opportunity to strengthen our parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our portfolio of top-quality insurance products to financially protect your family. Our Council conducts many programs that support our parish and community including:

- Various prayer and Eucharistic adoration programs
- Participating in the Coats for Kids and Food for Families programs
- · Encouraging vocations to the priesthood and religious life

But joining our church council does not mean that you need to sacrifice quality time with your family. In fact, volunteering an hour here or an hour there with your family can make an enormous impact in your life and in the lives of others.

If you're interested in helping those in need in our parish and community, strengthening our parish and familial relationships, growing in your faith, and gaining exclusive access to top-quality insurance protection for you and your family, then joining our parish Knights of Columbus council gives you the way to achieve these goals.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

For full membership contact me.



# Option #2 - On-Line Membership



## Why Online Membership?

This new fraternal program seeks to help the Order maintain sustainable long-term membership growth by providing the opportunity for membership throughout the modern man's life cycle. This streamlined alternative helps acclimate men to the Order. Once a man has joined online, we will then work to incorporate him into a council and get him fully integrated with its activities.

## **What Online Membership Does**

A Faster Way to Join – One of the most common objections to joining the Knights of Columbus is "I don't have time." Through Online Membership, a join process that can take as many as two months now takes five minutes.

A Digital Experience – This initiative provides a new membership experience that is tailored to younger men and busier men who may not yet be ready for council-based membership. This low-pressure, low-commitment and digital experience meets men

where they are, helps to form them as Catholic men, and enables us to bring more men into the fold.

An Amplified Message – The Online Membership initiative is backed by a substantial marketing campaign that will find and work to convert prospective members.

#### **What Online Membership Does Not Do**

The Online Membership

<u>Does not</u> change requirements for membership. Membership in the Knights of Columbus remains open to practical Catholic men.

<u>Does not</u> eliminate degrees. Men who join online are non-degreed members. Once they are ready to convert to a local council, they are required to attend a ceremony that will initiate them to be a knight of the third degree.

<u>Does not</u> eliminate councils. The goal of online membership is to form men for committed, lifelong and council- based membership in the Knights of Columbus. In fact, Online Membership creates a pool of recruits for local councils to engage with.

**Does not** eliminate dues. Online Members are required to pay \$30 annual dues.

Does not create a new class or type of member. Online Members are members of the Knights of Columbus. They are non-degreed members, and they do not belong to local councils, but they are not provisional or partial members.

### **Membership Benefits**

Members who join online will receive the following:

**Welcome Package** – All new members will receive a Welcome Package (contents include membership card, Columbia, welcome letter, and copy of Into the Breach).

Access to Online Membership Portal – All new members will receive full access to the Online Membership portal and all of its faith, values, insurance, and charitable content, as well as Supreme Council and State Council news and events content.

**Membership Communications** – Members will receive weekly emails from the Supreme Council on a variety of topics, including faith formation, public policy developments, charitable opportunities, financial planning, Order-wide news, and membership events.

**Programs & Events** – Members will be eligible to participate in or attend local, regional, and national charitable and fraternal events.

**Columbia Magazine** – Members will receive the print edition of our monthly magazine, as well as any special fraternal publications produced throughout the year.

**Insurance** – Members, their spouses, and their dependent children are eligible to purchase our life insurance, long- term care insurance, disability income insurance, and retirement products.

**Accidental Death Coverage** – Eligible members and their spouses will be automatically enrolled in the Order's accidental death coverage at no cost.

**Annual Financial Review** – Members are entitled to an annual review by one of our field agents.

If you are interested in learning then visit the Knights of Columbus Supreme Website for more information.

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