

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practical Catholic men in union with the Holy See, who are at least 18 years old. A practical Catholic is one who lives up to the Commandments of God and the precepts of the Church.

Online eMembership is available at
<https://www.kofc.org/apps/newjoin/en/registration/index.html>

Members who join online (“eMembers”) are members of the Knights of Columbus who have not yet taken a First Degree or been admitted to a local council. eMembership dues are currently \$30.00 per year across all jurisdictions. Dues are paid online to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, and they cover both the member’s state and supreme membership fees. If a member transfers to a local council, the dues are pro-rated to that council. Debit cards and credit cards are accepted as forms of payment by the Supreme Council. As a member, like all members of the Knights of Columbus, you will have the right to purchase insurance on yourself, your spouse, and any dependent children. You will receive *Columbia* magazine, the free accidental death benefit (age restrictions apply) and are eligible for participation in the family fraternal benefit. You may also attend select local and state council events which are promoted by your state division.

Council-based membership is the best way to experience the Knights of Columbus. Prospective members can join local councils just as they always have. eMembers can transition to local council membership. Transferring involves completing a membership form (Form #100) and going through the council admissions process. This includes meeting with council leaders and taking the First Degree ceremonial.

The candidate takes part in initiation degrees that explain the Knights of Columbus’ four principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. A candidate is considered a "Knight" after taking his First Degree, but he is encouraged to advance through the Second and Third Degrees and on to the Fourth Degree, whose members promote the virtue of patriotism by serving in honor guards, color corps and promoting respect for country and the flag.