



## The Order of St. George

### Postulant Petition for Membership

Dear Postulant,

Thank you for considering our invitation to join The Order of St. George. Before proceeding to the Petition, please take a moment to read the following information.

#### **HISTORY**

The Grand Priory of Canada and the Americas of The Order of St. George was first established in 2003 in Niagara Falls, Ontario and continues a tradition that dates back to the 14th century. King Károly Róbert of Hungary (1288-1342), also known as Charles Robert, Duke of Anjou, founded the Fraternal Society of Knighthood of St George as the first monarchical, chivalric and secular order of its kind. While the exact date is lost to history, there is evidence that the Society was in existence in 1326 on St. George's Day, now celebrated annually on April 23rd. Indeed, the story of Saint George as a legend of Christian martyrdom informs the chivalric ideals that underpin our Order. Today our Members are drawn from all walks of life and reflect the great diversity of our society. What joins us is our common cause of helping people in need.

#### **CHIVALRY**

In a modern context, Chivalry is expressed in the deliberate pursuit of a positive and proactive lifestyle of integrity, honour, courage, loyalty, compassion, self-discipline, courtesy and service. The ideals of Chivalry are represented in the symbols and pageantry of The Order, and in The Vows of Knighthood reaffirmed at each Investiture.

#### **MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORDER**

Membership is by invitation only. An invitation is extended in recognition of an individual's contributions to society, and as such, Dames and Knights of The Order of St. George are distinguished by their commitment to Service.

Cost for membership includes a one-time \$750 Fee of Passage, which covers the cost of the Investiture Ceremony as well as the new member's personal regalia, scroll and vestments. Annual membership dues are levied on January 30th and cover both the administrative costs of The Order as well as our Non-Charitable "good works".

#### **WHAT IS EXPECTED OF MEMBERS?**

In addition to paying annual dues, members are encouraged to support The Order's charitable campaigns, either financially or through volunteer efforts. These campaigns are primarily initiated at the Priory level, are fully in keeping with our Statement of Purpose, and are administered through our Foundation. Donations made to these campaigns are eligible for a charitable tax receipt. All members are encouraged whenever possible to attend future Investiture Ceremonies to honour the accomplishments of our new Postulants.



## **INVESTITURE**

Men and women whose Postulant Petitions have been approved by the Grand Prior are formally welcomed as Knights (KStG) and Dames (DStG) respectively during the elaborate and meaningful Investiture Ceremony, usually held annually in one of the Priory locations. While public, the ceremony is conducted with significant pageantry in a consecrated place and follows the ancient tradition of being CLOAKED with the Knight's Fighting Habit, DUBBED on the shoulders with the Sword of Justice, SPURRED with the Spur of Faith and presented with the Consecrated Insignia of The Order of St. George.

## **THE VOW OF KNIGHTHOOD**

To solemnly and sincerely swear by Almighty God, or affirm by my word, and by our Patron St. George, that I will loyally and conscientiously serve The Order of St. George to the best of my abilities and that I will demonstrate the Chivalric Virtues of Faith, Service and Honour in all that I undertake to do.

## **INSIGNIA OF THE ORDER**

The Order's investiture of Knighthood is recognized by its distinctive Insignia of a cross fleury bearing an oval panel depicting Saint George slaying a dragon, the whole suspended from a crown adorned with the Grant of Arms of The Order. In formal attire, it is worn around the neck on a blood red ribbon. Dames may choose to wear the Insignia attached to the blood red ribbon fashioned into a bow and worn on the left shoulder.

## **PETITION PROCESS:**

1. Prepare a short written biography that outlines your professional and personal achievements, including community and volunteer service. This biography will be published in the Investiture Order of Service. The biography must not be more than 200 words (as measured by a word processing software such as Pages or Word) in length.
2. Continue below filling in the petition and once completed please email your petition to:
3. Successful Postulants will be notified personally by letter from the Grand Prior. At this point, the one-time \$750 Fee of Passage becomes payable. Annual dues of \$150 become payable commencing the year after you have been Invested.



## POSTULANT PETITION

**COMPUTER TIP:** *If you have partially completed the form and wish to finish it later, you can close the document, but be sure to click "Yes" when the pop-up message asks you "Do you want to save changes before closing?"*

I hereby petition The Order of St. George for admission and set out the following information to support my application.

Name

Address

Email

Telephone

Cell Phone

Birthdate

Gender

Languauge

Profession

Professional Credentials/Post-Nominals

Military Service - Branch of Service

Military Rank Attained

Military Post-Nominals - Decorations, Medals

Membership and Rank in other Orders of Chivalry

Honorary or Nobility Titles

Biography: Your brief written biography, maximum 200 words, will be published in the Investiture Order of Service. The biography serves to introduce you to the membership of the Order and is more than just a summary of your professional accomplishments. Please include any volunteer or other experience that helps us to get to know you!

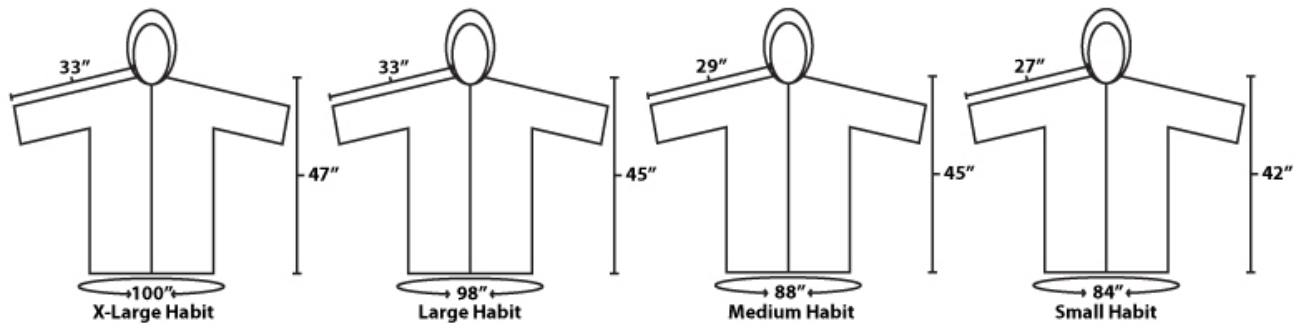
a. Do you agree that you will fulfill your Oath by assisting in the Veterans and Civilian Programs the Order of St George has chosen, and will outline in the future, with financial assistance and/or time donated to the positive outcome of our Mission Statement?

yes                      no

b. Are you willing to volunteer help to your Prior with benefit fund raising dinners for these causes and any community assistance and outreach that is needed, and to offer ideas and assistance to benefit the fulfillment of those goals?

yes                      no

c. Do you have special skills (bookkeeping, accounting, event planning, media, photography etc) that you are able to volunteer in support of Order of St George projects and programs? Please specify.



Jacket Size, required for sizing Fighting Habit

S      M      L      XL

Dames only: Please indicate your preference of Order insignia:

Insignia with bow      Insignia as Neck Order

Please provide the following information about your Sponsor:

Sponsor's Name

Sponsor's email address

Postulant Photograph: When forwarding completed application, please attach a head and shoulders photo (in digital format such as JPG, TIFF or PDF, etc.)

Postulant Pledge: I pledge to defend and support the interests of the Order and my fellow members for the duration of my life.

Signature of Petitioner (enter your full name here as your digital signature)



#### Payment of Fee of Passage and Annual Dues:

When your petition for membership is accepted you will receive notice by email. At this point, your one-time \$750.00 Fee of Passage becomes payable. Payment may be made by cheque payable to The Order of St. George and mailed to:

Chevalier Gordon C Kelley KGCStG  
Apt. # 276, 15100 West Cleveland Ave.  
New Berlin, Wisconsin 53151

Annual Dues of \$150.00 become payable commencing the year after your petition was accepted and the \$750.00 was paid.

**NOTE:** If your petition was accepted and the \$750.00 was paid, but for some reason you were not able to attend the Investiture, you will be designated as a member "Awaiting Dubbing" and Annual Dues will become payable commencing the following year.

#### **STEP 3 – EMAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR REVIEW / APPROVAL**

Please email your completed Petition for Membership, along with your digital head and shoulders photo to:

Full processing of your application could take up to a few weeks. You will be contacted by email as soon as that process is complete. We thank you for your patience.

**COMPUTER TIP:** *Before emailing your completed application, you may wish to printout a copy for your reference, or you can access the copy you sent at any time in your email program's "Sent Items" folder.*

***In the Spirit of St. George***

**SPONSOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Please state in one or two sentences your reasons for recommending this Postulant:

Sponsor's Signature - Enter full name as your signature

**PRIOR'S ENDORSEMENT:** I have reviewed this Petition and have determined:

I endorse this Petition for approval by the Grand Prior

I am unable to endorse this Petition and am returning it to the Sponsor

Prior's Signature - Enter full name as your signature

**GRAND PRIOR'S APPROVAL:**

**APPROVED**

**NOT APPROVED**

Grand Prior's Signature - Enter full name as your signature