

### The Royal Order of Constantine the Great & St Helen

#### **INFORMATION DATA SHEET**

Application is for the Rank of Knight / Dame

Surname:	Given Names:	
Military Service (if any):	Years:	Highest Rank held:
Date and Place of Birth:		
National Citizenship:		
Home Address:	Cit	y:
State:	ZIP/Postal Code:	Country:
Home telephone:	E-mail address:	
Business Address:		
		Country:
Telephone:	Cell Phone:	Email:
Type of Business:		
Status: MarriedSingle_	WidowedDivorced	
(Complete below if applicabl Spouse's Name:	e)	
Signature		Date:

# Membership Information

The following information has been prepared for those interested in associating with The Royal Order of Constantine the Great and Saint Helen, one of the oldest Orders of Knighthood in the world. A person requesting admission into the Order as either a member or becoming invested as a Knight or Dame should be aware that he or she is about to become part of an historic Chivalric Institution, and consequently should be prepared to adopt and to practice a Chivalric Code of Honor.

#### Qualifications for Membership or an Investiture

Acceptance into the Order is based upon the assessment of the human values and quality of character of the applicant without distinction or discrimination based on religious, social class, race, political tendencies, physical disability, or sexual orientation.

The following are among the desired qualifications for membership in the Order:

- ♦ To be at least twenty-five years of age,
- ♦ Be a stable person holding dignified and steady employment,
- ♦ Be morally and socially well considered,
- ♦ Practitioners of any learned profession or members of the Armed Forces,
- ♦ Be retired persons, or veterans of military service,
- ♦ Be persons considered socially and professionally as capable, just, honest, compassionate and courageous.
- ♦ To be persons willing and having the economic capacity to pledge periodic contributions to the Order and to successfully meet at least a minimum amount of contribution and to comply with the annual membership economic commitment.

#### Impediments to Membership

- To have delinquent or criminal records,
- To be employed or follow professions or the lifestyles that could be viewed as dishonorable by generally accepted standards.

## Passage and Annual Membership Fees U.S. & Canadian & International (Most European & Asian Nations)

The Order needs freedom of action in a way that the development of its life and humanitarian activities are the result of a prudent and calculated self-governing decision. To achieve this end the Order must be sound financially. The Order receives into its ranks those individuals following the vocational call to serve mankind and bestows upon such persons the status of either a Member or a Knight/Dame of the Order.

### To join our Order:

The Order has set the Passage Fee for U.S & Canadian Membership at one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00 U.S.); while the Passage Fee for International Members (Most European & Asian nations) is Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00 U.S.) Send the <u>completed</u> Membership Application Package, along with a check or Money Order in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100 U.S.) as a non-refundable Processing Fee (this portion of the fee will be deducted from the total Membership Fees). Checks should be made payable to: "The Royal Order of Constantine the Great & St. Helen" and should be sent to the address at the end of this document.

Once Your Application is approved, the balance of the membership fee should be paid within thirty (30) days following the date in which the notice of acceptance has been communicated to the candidate. Upon payment of the pledged Passage Fees, a candidate will be invited to become invested as a Knight or Dame of the Order during a formal official Ceremony. At this ceremony, he or she will be invested into the Order and receive the rank as well as decorations, insignia and "Letters Patent" formalizing their status of Knight or Dame in the Order.

All members of the Order must contribute each calendar year the Annual Membership Fee of \$100 USD (One hundred dollars in U.S. funds) payable during the month of June. These contributions help us to support the charitable projects and activities of the Order.

Any member of the Order who, for whatever reason, chooses not to honor his or her Annual Membership Fee will be considered an Inactive Member and placed on the roster as an inactive member thirty (30) days after the payment is due, with the consequent loss of seniority on the roster of active members. Any inactive member wishing to be reinstated to the roster of active members, shall be required to pay the corresponding Annual Membership Dues accrued during the period of his or her inactive status and/or any other indebtedness to the organization previously incurred. Said member will be reinstated to the roster of active members on the date of receipt of his or her regular payment, and that date will be considered his or her seniority date.

Members of the Order are encouraged to discuss the tax deductible nature of payments to the Order with their individual tax consultants. The Order has been recognized by the United States Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit corporation.

## **Application Instructions**

All fees are subject to annual revision based upon recommendation of the Supreme Grand Council, in accordance with the Constitution of the Order. The membership and passage fees provide for the insignia of rank, formal certificates and regalia of the Knight-Postulant/Dame-Postulant. Portions of this fee are also used to support the Works of the Order within the home Priory or Commandery and the Grand Council. In extraordinary cases of need, payment of additional fees may be waived at the discretion of the Grand Prior General. Advancement to become a Knight or Dame is based upon merit and the individual's activities within the Order. It is contingent upon the recommendation of the Prior and the approval of the Grand Prior General.

Please complete the "Application for Membership" accompanying this packet and submit the following documentation:

- ♦ Curriculum Vitae (Biographical Sketch),
- ♦ One passport size and type photograph,
- ♦ A check or Money Order in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100 U.S.) as a non-refundable processing fee: (this portion of the fee will be deducted from the total amount owed for the Membership or Passage Fees). Checks should be made payable to:

"The Royal Order of Constantine the Great and Saint Helen"

Send completed documents and payment to:

The Grand Prior General
The Royal Order of Constantine the Great and Saint Helen
4425 Thomas Drive, Suite 405-C
Panama City Beach, FL. 32408