



The Circle Compass

June 2009

*Be Worthy.
Lead the Way.*

“SQUIRE ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM” RECOGNITION

Nicholas Johnson of Circle 931 in Lancaster, CA and **Collin Thompson** of Circle 2040 in Keller, TX are the two latest Squires to achieve the highest level, the “**Squire of the Body of Christ,**” in the Squire Advancement Program.

Congratulations to Nicholas and Collin, and to their counselors!

Fraternal year-end is a great time to recognize those Squires who have advanced from one level of the *Squire Advancement Program* to a higher level. Order the appropriate advancement level certificates and name badges from the Supreme Council Supply Department in time for your circle’s awards ceremony. Invite proud parents, family and friends to join in recognizing each Squire’s achievements!

SQUIRES TO BECOME KNIGHTS

More than 5,700 Squires have turned 18-years-old this fraternal year and are eligible for Knights of Columbus membership. Some may have already become Knights, but many graduating Squires have not yet joined the Order. Trained as Catholic leaders, these young men who know Columbianism so well are perfect candidates for Knighthood. Be sure every graduating Squire is asked to join his circle’s sponsoring council, another council in his community, or a council at the college or university he will be attending!

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| June 1-30 | Local Circle Officer Elections |
| June 12 | Independence Day (Philippines) |
| June 14 | Flag Day (U.S.) |
| June 21 | Father’s Day |
| June 30 | Applications for Brother Barnabas and Corps d’Elite Awards Due |
| June 30 | Applications for Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) Due |

BROTHER BARNABAS AND CORPS D’ELITE AWARDS

Every circle has a chance to compete for one of the 25 Brother Barnabas awards if they submit one or more of their most successful circle activities using the Brother Barnabas Award applications (#279). A Corps d’Elite Award can be earned by every circle that meets the award requirements, which includes submitting a Corps d’Elite Award application (#278). Applications for both award programs are available at www.kofc.org/squires and in the *Circle Report Forms Booklet* (#401), and are due at the Supreme Council office by June 30. Help your circles get the recognition they deserve by encouraging them to enter each award program for which they are qualified.

RSVP AWARDS

Circles that contribute \$100 and provide moral support to a seminarian can receive an RSVP award and a \$20 rebate. The RSVP award application (#2863) must be submitted to the Supreme Council office by June 30, 2008.

STATE CIRCLE RESOLUTIONS

When a resolution addressing an issue needing Supreme Council attention is approved at a state circle convention, the resolution must also be submitted to the jurisdiction’s state council for approval. If the state circle meets after the state council, the resolution must be held for state council consideration in the following year. If the state council approves the resolution, it will then be forwarded to the supreme secretary’s office for consideration in the following August at the Supreme Council’s Annual Meeting.

OFFICERS AND COUNSELORS NAMES TO BE REMOVED FROM ROSTERS

The names of all 2008-2009 Squire circle officers, and all counselors, including father priors, but NOT including chief counselors, are automatically removed from the circle rosters on June 30 each year. Officers and counselor’s names must be

submitted each year on Form #468 in order to be re-entered on the circle roster. To be re-entered, a counselor must have on file an up-to-date "Youth Leader" application, approved within the last three years.

JUNE CIRCLE OFFICER ELECTIONS

The *Laws and Rules of the Columbian Squires* require that all circle officers, except the Father Prior, be elected annually by ballot at the first meeting of the circle during the month of June.

OFFICERS, CHAIRMEN AND COUNSELORS REPORT (#468)

Notaries should submit Form #468 to the Supreme Council office by August 1, listing the names of circle officers, chairmen and counselors for 2009-2010. Form #468 is available online at www.kofc.org/squires and in the *Circle Report Forms Booklet*. A copy of #468 should be sent to the circle's state squires chairman.

STATE CIRCLE OFFICERS REPORT

Each state circle notary is required to submit to the Supreme Council office a list of the 2009 - 2010 state circle officers as soon as possible after election at their state circle meeting. To assist in reporting this information, state squires chairmen and state circle notaries are receiving with this mailing a State Circle Officers Report form to complete and submit to the Supreme Council office.

YOUTH LEADER APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS

Knights who plan to work with the Squires during the 2009 - 2010 fraternal year as counselors or as state squires committeemen must submit a "Youth Leader" application (#4348 and #4369) or renewal form (#4727) and be approved by the Office of the Supreme Advocate before assuming or continuing in their positions. This applies to Knights who have not been approved or renewed as a "Youth Leader" within the last three years and who have not yet submitted a "Youth Leader" application or renewal form. Approval or renewal is for three years.

CIRCLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Each month *Squires Newsletter* focuses on the good work being done by circles throughout the Order. Chief counselors should use Form #363 to share stories of unique programs, accomplishments, projects and tips to share with other circles. In

addition, Squires should be encouraged to submit "Squires in Action" reports and pictures. If a circle photo is used in Squires Newsletter, the circle will receive a \$25 credit on its circle's supplies and per capita tax account.

Reports should be mailed to: Squires Newsletter, Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326 or submitted on-line at www.kofc.org/squires.

WHERE TO FIND FORMS

Remember, all forms referred to above are available online at www.kofc.org/squires in the "Circle Forms" section, as well as in the *Circle Report Forms Booklet*.

YEAR END CHECKLIST

For new circles:

- For a new circle to be recorded for the 2008 - 2009 fraternal year, new circle development documents must be received and processed by June 30.

For local circles:

- Hold officer elections and submit the "Officers, Chairmen and Counselors Report" (#468) to the Supreme Council office by August 1, with a copy to the state squires chairman.
- Send Corps d'Elite Award application to the Supreme Council office by June 30.
- Send Brother Barnabas Award application to the Supreme Council office by June 30.

For state circles:

- Submit the "State Circle Officer Report" form to the Supreme Council office.
- Send state circle resolutions, photographs, state circle bylaw changes and sample state circle convention agendas or program booklets to the Supreme Council office.
- Retiring state squires committeemen should arrange to turn over necessary Squires records and materials to their successors.