



# The Circle Compass

MAY 2009

*Lead the way.*

## SIX SQUIRES REACH TOP LEVEL IN SQUIRE ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

**Kevin A. Davis**, a Squire from **St. Francis X. Cabrini Circle 1512** in Bridgeport, CT and five Squires, **Jimwell S. Sales**, **Alden Keneth C. De Belen**, **Marvin B. Ronquillo**, **Gamaliel Marion M. Sampedro** and **Robert Jay N. Ramos** from **Calumpit St. John the Baptist Circle 4154** in **Luzon, Philippines** have each reached the “Squire of the Body of Christ” level of the Squire Advancement Program. A total of eight Squires have now reached this highest level of Squires leadership development. To reach the level of “Squire of the Body of Christ” each Squire had to first advance through four lower levels, Page, Shieldbearer, Swordsman, and Lancer, completing a total of at least 96 activities, including a major project in support of his parish or other Church organization. Congratulations to each of these outstanding Squires, and their counselors, for achieving the highest Squires achievement level!

## OVER 5,700 SQUIRES TO GRADUATE FROM THE PROGRAM JUNE 30!

Every 18-year old graduating Squire should be asked to become a Knight! Circle rosters indicate

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **May**

- 10 Mothers Day**
- 13-15 March for Life - Canada**
- 18 Victoria Day (Canada)**
- 25 Memorial Day (U.S.)**

#### **June**

- 1-30 Local Circle Officer Elections**
- 14 Flag Day**
- 21 Fathers Day**
- 30 Applications for Corps d'Elite Award and Brother Barnabas Award Due**
- 30 Applications for Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) Due**

which Squires are 18-years old. If every Squire joined the Order, how much greater could the Knights of Columbus be? Let's find out, by assuring that every 18-year-old Squire is asked to become a Knight and is initiated into the Order before June 30!

## CANADIAN SQUIRES/KNIGHTS TO MARCH FOR LIFE MAY 14 SUPREME KNIGHT ANDERSON TO SPEAK

Following the March for Life in Ottawa on May 14, **Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson** and former Member of Parliament **Tom Wappel** will both speak at the **Rose Dinner**. Dinner tickets are \$75. For more information call (613) 729-0379 or 1-800-730-5358.

Doors open for the Rose Dinner at 6 P.M. at the Hampton Inn (200 Coventry Road) with dinner at 7 P.M. Tickets must be ordered in advance.

The **National March for Life** will be held in Ottawa May 13-15. This year marks the terrible tragedy of 40 years of legalized abortion in Canada. This year's theme is “Exodus 2009 – A Future without Abortion.” This annual event begins on Wednesday, May 13th with a Mass at St. Theresa's Parish at 7:30 p.m. followed by a Candlelight Vigil at the Canadian Tribute to Human Rights Monument at dusk.

On May 14th at 10 a.m. there is a Mass at both Notre Dame Cathedral and St. Patrick's Basilica. Marchers will begin gathering at noon on Parliament Hill with the introduction of dignitaries and select speeches. The March begins at 1:30 p.m. The Silent No More Awareness Campaign will make a presentation on the Hill at 2:45 p.m. At 4 p.m. the Eastern Catholic Chaplaincy of Ottawa will lead a closing Prayer Service.

On May 15th, there is a large Youth Conference from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hampton Inn. Call Yoli at 1-800-730-5359 for more information.

Squires and Knights, let the world know, “**We Choose Life!**”

## **STATE CIRCLE CONVENTIONS**

Many jurisdictions will soon be holding their annual state circle conventions. All Squires are encouraged to attend their respective jurisdiction's convention to benefit from the leadership training they can gain from the opportunity to network and share ideas. Counselors can benefit as well! Squires will have the opportunity to consider resolutions, to vote for state circle officers, and perhaps to even run for state circle office themselves!

State squires chairmen should order any convention materials they might need from the Supply Department. Refer to the *Supply Catalog* (#1264) for Squire program materials and to the *Promotional and Gift Catalog* (#1427) for Knights of Columbus gift and award ideas.

## **NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC TEENS**

The National Catholic Youth Conference, (NCYC), held biannually in odd numbered years, is for Catholic teens, such as Squires! This year's NCYC, with the theme, "Christ Reigns," will be held November 19-21 in Kansas City, MO when 20,000 Catholic young people from throughout the U.S. are expected to attend. An especially dynamic video of what a Squire can expect at the NCYC can be viewed at [www.nfcym.org](http://www.nfcym.org), the website of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, which sponsors the conference. Since many attending chaperones, including Squires counselors, are parents, there will be a special "Parent Track" on the agenda at this year's conference. Columbian Squires, as future leaders in the Church and in the Knights of Columbus, and counselors, who may be chaperones, are encouraged to register through their local diocese to attend the NCYC this November.

Because the Columbian Squires/Knights of Columbus is now a collaborating member of the NFCYM, Squires and counselors attending the NCYC are eligible to register at affiliate rates.

## **MAKE SURE YOUR CIRCLE'S EFFORTS ARE RECOGNIZED!**

This is the final call for state and local circles to submit their 2008 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), if they have not already done so. A Fraternal Survey form is enclosed for state and local circles that have not yet submitted their report. Fraternal Survey results will be announced at the meeting of state deputies in New Haven in June.

Reports must be submitted immediately for a circle's figures to be included in the count. Submission of this report is a requirement for your circle to qualify for the Corps d'Elite Award! *These figures are also used to help justify the continued federal tax-exempt status of the Knights of Columbus!*

## **NEW CIRCLE DEVELOPMENT**

Only a few weeks remain for councils and assemblies to submit documents necessary for institution or reinstitution of a circle before fraternal year-end. Be sure the Notice of Intent (#457), Notice of Institution (#460) (instituting circles only), and a minimum of 10 Squire membership documents are submitted well before June 30 to have the new circle placed on active status during this fraternal year. How close will your jurisdiction come to meeting, or beating, its new circle development goal? There's still time to start those new circles!

## **OFFICER ELECTIONS IN JUNE**

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.

Report the names of the new officers, committee chairmen and counselors to the Supreme Council office on the "Officers, Chairman and Counselors Report" (#468). A copy of form #468 should also be sent to the state squires chairman. Train new officers and the committee chairmen in their positions and encourage them to begin planning the upcoming fraternal year's programming calendar, including membership drives, fund-raisers and participation in state circle sponsored activities.

## **CIRCLE RETENTION**

As fraternal year-end approaches, circles should hold a recruitment drive to replace 18-year-old Squires who hopefully become Knights and will leave the program on June 30. If any counselors will be retiring from service, plans should be made to have replacements recruited and trained to assure continuity. Also, be sure per capita tax and supply charges are paid up.

## **DON'T LET YOUR CIRCLE MISS OUT ON DESERVED RECOGNITION!**

Submit Brother Barnabas Award (#279), Corps d'Elite Award (#278) and Refund Support Vocations Program (#2863) applications to the Supreme Council office by June 30.