

Donate to Culture of Life Fund

Knights of Columbus councils throughout the Order have been assessed \$3.00 per member in support of the Culture of Life Fund, after its creation at the 2008 Supreme Council meeting.

When the Squires of Msgr. Robert M. Nolan Circle 2040 in Keller, Texas, were made aware of this assessment by Knights in their sponsoring council, they were curious why circles weren't assessed as well.

"Our sponsoring Knights of Columbus council, Council 759, has told us about the Culture of Life Fund and we were surprised that as members of the Knights of Columbus organization, we were not assessed the \$3.00 per member to support the fund," Chief Squire Collin Thompson of Circle 2040 wrote in a letter to



Squires from Msgr. Robert M. Nolan Circle 2040 in Keller, Texas, pictured in front of a statue of St. Michael in front the council hall, recently donated \$165 to support the Culture of Life Fund.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "At our December meeting, we presented a motion to voluntarily assess our own membership a Culture of Life Fund fee of \$3.00 per member, and the motion passed," continued Thompson. Enclosed with his letter was a check for \$165.00 to support

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Squires Join National Catholic Youth Federation

The Columbian Squires and Knights of Columbus joined the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) as a collaborating member during the NFCYM's Annual Meeting in Rhode Island in January.

The NFCYM, based in Washington, D.C., is composed of 179 affiliated dioceses – 96 percent of all of the Catholic dioceses in the United States – and 61 national youth serving organizations referred to as "collaborating members."

The NFCYM's mission is "to serve those who serve the young Catholic Church." By becoming a collaborating member, the Squires and Knights can help in better serving young people in the Catholic Church.

As a professional organization of affiliated dioceses and collaborating members, the NFCYM provides leadership, resources, services, and conferences for the education and formation of diocesan leaders, youth ministers and young people.

Among other services it offers, the NFCYM organizes two major confer-

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Circle Helps 'Set the Table' for Less Fortunate Families

In these unstable economic times, even something as basic as putting food on the table can become an extreme hardship for some families. Difficult decisions on how and where money is spent can be the difference between a nutritious meal or paying the rent.

Knights of Columbus councils and Squires circles are encouraged to run a Help Set the Table food drive in their community. **St. Cornelius Circle 5062 in Chadds Ford, Pa.**, was a step ahead on this initiative, running it three times during 2008 with much success.

The Squires organized the drive to occur before Masses in April, November and December to correspond with Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, respectively. The food was collected from parishioners at St.



Cornelius and delivered to Holy Saviour Food Bank for distribution to those in need.

In total, Squires collected five pickup truck loads of food, in addition to \$2,500 in monetary

donations.

Twelve Squires were involved with the campaign and provided more than 40 hours of service to assure its success.

To start the process, the Squires contacted their pastor to obtain permission to hold the drives. They also decided to whom the donations would be given.

Squires then set out to advertise



Kevin Manning, Chief Squire of Circle 5062, accepts a certificate of appreciation from Ken Neary, on behalf of Holy Saviour Council 13710, to commend the Squires for their successful food drive.

the drives.

"The drives are advertised in the Sunday bulletin, announcements at

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ences, the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) held in odd numbered years, for young people, and the National Conference for Catholic Youth Ministry (NCCYM), held in even numbered years, for adults who work with youth.

The next NCYC, under the theme, "Christ Reigns," will be in November 2009 in Kansas City, Mo., when about 20,000 Catholic young people from across America are expected to attend. Columbian Squires are encouraged to register through their local diocese to attend the NCYC this November. A video of what a young person can expect at the NCYC can be viewed at the NFCYM web site at www.nfcym.org.

The next NCCYM, for an expected 2,000 adult youth workers, will be held in December 2010 in New Orleans under the theme "March with the Saints." The conference will feature speakers, workshops, an exhibit area, prayer and worship.

Becoming a collaborating member builds upon past involvement of the Squires and Knights with the NFCYM and should help to build an even closer relationship between the two organizations, and their individual members, in the future. Squires and counselors attending the NCYC or the NCCYM are eligible to register at affiliate rates. For more, visit www.kofc.org/squires.

Attend State Circle Conventions

If your jurisdiction holds a state circle convention, encourage every Squire and counselor to take part. Check with your state Squires chairman for convention dates and location. Squires can run for a state offi-

cer position and further develop their leadership skills. The state convention is an opportunity to learn from and share with other Squires and counselors. Make plans to attend your state convention today.

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the fund.

"All life is precious and we believe in making a difference and helping to promote the importance of life and family," said pro-life chairman Michael Shipman. "We not only contribute money, we also pray the rosary outside local abortion clinics in Fort Worth together with the Knights and Bishop Kevin Vann."

"Our Circle raises money for a lot of good causes and we couldn't think of a better one than the Culture of Life Fund when we heard about it," said circle activities chairman Anthony Frunzi.

Aside from annual dues, all circle funds are earned through fundraising and donations. The Squires are very active in their community with activi-

ties and events such as selling drinks during Lenten fish fries, auctioning off Squire work hours, serving at after-Mass pancake breakfasts, cutting and splitting firewood, collecting food and money for the homeless, and helping provide 86 meals to those in need around Thanksgiving.

The circle also donates \$500 per year in support of seminarian Derek Histen, \$400 per year for two scholarships to a sister parish in Honduras and \$200 this year to support Catholic radio in north Texas.

"We have a very active group here in Keller and we are very proud of them," said Chief Counselor Allan Thompson.

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school and CCD, and by pastor Msgr. Parlante from the pulpit," said Joe Price, Chief Counselor and Grand Knight of St. Peters Council 12319.

The Squires were presented with

a certificate of appreciation from Holy Saviour Council 13710 in recognition of their efforts.

"I am very proud of all the work they do," said Price.

TOP JURISDICTION CIRCLES

Top jurisdiction recruiting circles are shown here by jurisdiction, number, location and number of new members from July 1, 2008 - Feb. 28, 2009. Jurisdictions with no membership gains or no circles are omitted. Large jurisdictions are represented in a ratio of one entry per every 40 circles.

AB	4759	St. Albert	1	2442	Cuyapo	43	NY	2541	Wantagh	18	
AL	4481	Adamsville	8	4358	Paranaque	39		4714	Monroe	11	
AZ	5000	Phoenix	5	1030	Concepcion	32	NC	4466	Charlotte	3	
BC	2937	Port Coquitlam	5	4216	Pangasinan	30(tie)	OH	5033	West Chester	6	
CA	931	Lancaster	12	4617	Natividad	30(tie)	ON	5217	Toronto	12	
	4332	Valley Ctr.	11	MB	5057	St. Agathe	1		4328	Alliston	11
CO	2798	Colorado Springs	6	MD	4423	Eldersburg	7(tie)	PA	5102	Mechanicsburg	7
CT	4853	East Haven	1		4914	Bryantown	7(tie)	QC	4921	Ste Rose De Lima	3
FL	3877	Miami	20	MI	758	Dearborn Hts	2	RI	5211	Coventry	2
GA	4976	Roswell	8	MO	4893	Chesterfield	2	TN	2655	Knoxville	13(tie)
IA	4930	Sioux City	7	MS	81	Vicksburg	1		5075	Jackson	13(tie)
IL	4284	Lisle	29	MXSO	4852	Ciudad del Carmen	2	TX	3611	San Antonio	21
IN	5205	Lebanon	4	MZ	1875	Tacurong	22		5107	Zapata	15
KS	4217	Conway Spgs	10		4896	Talakag Bukidnon	18		2040	Keller	13(tie)
KY	4884	Hawesville	6		3055	Pigcawayan	15		2722	Spring	13(tie)
LA	4114	Simmesport	6		3946	Mu Panabo	14	VT	4398	Richford	3
LP	5230	Longos Pulilan	328		2130	Iligan	12	VA	5188	Virginia Beach	11
	3408	Sariaya	100	NE	4667	Grand Island	9	VP	701	Bacolod City	41
	2190	Isabela	62	NF	1803	St. Johns	4		4734	Jagna Bohol	75
	3767	Meycauayan	58	NH	3847	Epping	3(tie)		3726	IloIlo	14
	2504	Baguio	57		4897	Londonderry	3(tie)		5160	Talisay	13
	4613	Calapan	57	NJ	2264	Toms River	9		4662	Tacloban City	11
	3655	Valenzuela	49	NL	1803	St. John's	4	WA	3545	Stanwood	3
	3039	Benquet	43	NV	4992	Henderson	1				

SQUIRES IN ACTION

Squires of **St. Padre Pio Circle 4992** in Henderson, Nev., held a DVD and CD drive to send to our troops who are serving in foreign countries. This event took place at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Henderson, Nev., in November. Thanks to an always-giving parish, the Squires got 142 CDs and 45 DVDs. This was considered very good for their first collection.



Through the joint efforts of Holy Name of Jesus Council 14081 and the **Father Daniel Mahoney Circle 5250** in Harrisburg, PA, a project for the Holy Name of Jesus Parish School was recently completed. Dr. Ann Marie Licata, principal at Holy Name of Jesus School, had asked the Knights and Squires if the barricades used daily at the school could be reconditioned. The Knights and Squires took that request one step further by building 30 new barricades. The bright yellow barricades were completed during the Christmas holiday in four work sessions involving several Knights and Squires. With the help of donated wood, paint, and a large indoor work area, this winter project was a labor of love and service to the church school. Fr. Mark Speitel, a member of Council 14081 and Parochial Vicar at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, was thrilled at the completed project. He said, "The barricades look great! We really needed them. What a great project for the Squires." He thanked them for their service to the church and to the school, and for helping keep children safe.

San Sebastian Circle 1673, in Batangas, Luzon, sponsored and initiated a March for Life and Living Rosary Rally in the observance of the International Day of the Unborn Child. Participated in by at least 200 youths, the event featured a pro-life speaker, testimonial of a youth who nearly had an abortion, a living rosary and releasing of balloons in the shape of a rosary. The march rally was assisted by the Philippine National Police and a church radio group.

Blessed Trinity Circle 5146 in Greer, S.C., collected several bags of clothing during its winter drive. The clothes were donated to Catholic Charities for distribution prior to Christmas.



Maria Cristina Circle 2130 in Iligan City, Mindanao, sponsored a swimming activity that brought their Squires together with Squires from two other circles, Circle 3369 and Circle 2539. The event, held at Bukana Beach Resort in Fuentes, was organized in only two weeks. Highlights of the day included the celebration of a 7 a.m. Mass, a dance contest, singing, volleyball and lunch.

Liceo de Pulilan College Council 14466 in Bulacan, Luzon, and **Liceo de Pulilan Circle 5230** distributed Christmas gifts, clothing, food and books to needy members of the community.



At a special investiture of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, seven young Catholic men were invested into **St. Theresa Circle 3058** in Sugar Land, Texas at St. Theresa Church. Pictured in the front row with state and local counselors and Knights are, from left to right, beginning second from the left, are Brian Magloyoan, Jacob Hickman, Nicholas Archibong, David Davalos, Jeremy Davalos, Victor Ortiz and Victor Davalos.

Squires and Knights from **Texas District 117** cooked hamburgers and French fries for athletes and volunteers at the Special Olympics-Texas Equestrian Event at the Brazos County Exposition Center. The Squires helped prepare dinner and dessert for more than 150 attendees.



Remember Squires Month

Each April, the history and success of the Squires program is honored during Squires Month. Circles are reminded to sponsor newsworthy activities and charitable events to increase public awareness. Also, remember to dedicate these activities to Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, and Brother Barnabas McDonald, founder of the Squires. Use whatever means are at your disposal to provide the people in your community with an opportunity to learn about the Squires so they'll have a better understanding of who the Squires are and what they do. Don't forget to let us know about your events.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri., May 1
Labor Day (Phil., Mex., Dom. Rep.)

Tues., May 5
Puebla's Battle (Mex.)

Sunday, May 10
Mother's Day

Mon., May 18
Victoria Day (Can.)

Sun., May 24
Feast of the Ascension

Mon., May 25
Memorial Day (U.S.)

Sun., May 31
Pentecost

Fri., June 12
Independence Day (Phil.)

Sun., June 14
Flag Day

Sun., June 21
Father's Day (U.S.)

Tues., June 30
Brother Barnabas Award Application Due; Corps d'Elite Award Application Due; RSVP Application (#2863) due.

Ideas for Achieving Lancer Level

The fourth level in the Squire Advancement Program (SAP) is Lancer. To reach the level of Lancer, a Squire must be an active member of his circle for at least one year and accomplish 16 Lancer achievements, four in each category (home and family, Squires and Knights, community and country, and Church).

There are two required activities needed. First, a Squire must receive, or have received, the Sacrament of Confirmation. Second, the Squire must give a persuasive one minute speech at a circle meeting about an activity he would like the circle to consider holding.

Some other activities include:
 Create a family history by interviewing your siblings, parents

and grandparents using a video or audio recorder;

Write a short story, play, poem or lyrics for a song;

With your parents, create a budget for yourself or/and your family based on monthly income;

Pray the Rosary with your parents daily for a week;

Participate in a circle service program at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter;

Be commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister, if allowed by the diocese and pastor;

Hold a fundraiser for people with disabilities;

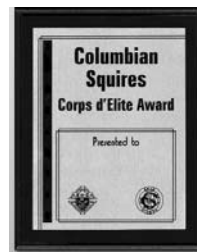
Attend a religious or civic event in which a Fourth Degree honor guard participates.

Earn Recognition for Being an Active Circle

Circles throughout the Order are active with many organizations and causes that support the Catholic values and ideals that are at the heart of the Squires program. Circles promote togetherness, charity and fun because this shapes Squires into strong leaders and future Knights.

To recognize the achievements of active circles and their Squires, the Supreme Council honors circles with Corps d'Elite and Brother Barnabas Awards annually.

All circles can earn the Corps d'Elite Award by: submitting the Officers and Counselors Report (#468);



paying dues on time; having a net gain of at least two Squires; and conducting and reporting at least four major activities in each program area – spiritual, service, circle and membership – during the '08-'09 fraternal year.

For the Brother Barnabas Award, please submit your circle's best, most creative or most successful program for possible recognition as one of the 25 top programs of the fraternal year. For more information or forms, please visit kofc.org/squires.

Entries for both awards are due on or before June 30, 2009.