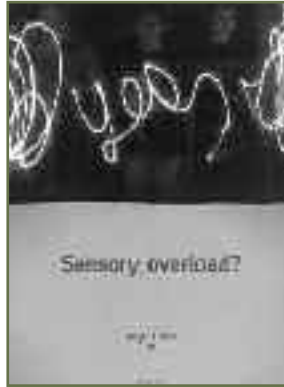


## Heat Up Your Summertime Recruitment

Summer is here and the temperatures are on the rise. Heat up your circle's recruitment efforts during these summer celebration days by inviting Catholic men ages 10-18 to become new members. When conducting recruitment drives, use these free materials:

- ❖ "Believe in Fun" flyer (#4556) that provides an overview of the Squires.
- ❖ "Sensory Overload" poster (#4560) that includes a space to list a local contact. Place the posters, with the pastor's permission, in church vestibules and parish halls. Also, hang these posters in schools and other places where prospective members can see them.
- ❖ Present the "Columbian Squires Investiture Certificate" (#1481) to all new Squires.
- ❖ Also use the *How to Succeed at Membership Recruitment Reference Guide* (#4038) and the Open House poster (#1929) in your efforts.

Your circle's summer social and athletic activities offer an opportunity to show prospective members that the Squires program not only serves the Church and the community, and develops leadership skills, but that it



#4560



#4038

can also be a lot of fun!

Invite prospects to events like pool parties, cookouts, day trips, beach outings and sporting events to show that being a Squire isn't all work and no play. Emphasize the fun aspects of your circle, but also invite prospects to your service and spiritual programs so they have a complete idea of what a circle does.

Potential members can be almost anyone — relatives, neighbors, altar boys, classmates, the sons of Knights and parishioners. Always be on the lookout for prospective members and be ready to tell them about your own experiences as a Squire.

Here are some things to remember when talking to prospects about joining the Squires:

- ❑ Most prospects are not members of a Squires circle because no one ever asked them to join. Ask them!
- ❑ Be enthusiastic about the Squires, your counselors and your circle.
- ❑ Tell the prospect why you joined and what you like about being a member.
- ❑ Talk about some of the programs and activities your circle has conducted or planned.

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## Squires Aid Youth Shelter Program

Squires from St. Timothy Circle 5001 in Laguna Niguel, Calif., handled all the computer logistics for the 25th annual Community Service Program (CSP) held to raise funds to meet the \$100,000 goal to support the service's Youth Shelter Program and the Assessment and Treatment Services (ATSC) Family Counseling Services.

The project was headed up by Squires Sam O'Brien, John Atkinson, Mark Loftus and Phillip Doyle. The event included auctions (both "live" and silent) that the boys supported through their logistical work.

"We are required to perform community service hours as part of our Catholic school obligations," said

### Circle 5001



### In the Spotlight

Chief Squire Loftus. "But, we do this event not because we have to, but because we want to. In addition to supporting a worthwhile cause for kids our age ... this event is always a lot of

fun. Our St. Timothy's Squire mission is that 'we are committed to serve God through service to all.' Supporting CSP reflects our character."

The CSP Youth Shelter Program, located in Laguna Beach, started offering services to homeless, runaway and at-risk youths in 1979. In 2006, the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter



*From left to right Sam O'Brien, John Atkinson, Mark Loftus and Phillip Doyle are shown with CSP Director of Development Carol Carlson.*

opened with 12 additional beds, bringing the total number of beds available to these troubled youths to 18. Since

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- ❑ Explain qualifications for membership.
- ❑ When recruiting, make eye contact, present a good image of yourself, and try to wear a hat/shirt/etc. with the Squires eblem if possible.
- ❑ Give each potential member some of the Squires informational materials listed in the Supply Catalog. Consider preparing and distributing flyers that specifically describe your circle's activities.
- ❑ Have an Application for Membership (#280) with you at all times so you are always prepared to sign up an interested prospect.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tues., June 30**  
 Brother Barnabas Award (#279)  
 Application due  
 Corps d'Elite Award (#278)  
 Application due  
 RSVP Application (#2863) due

**Sat. Aug. 1**  
 Circle Officers, Chairmen and Counselors Report (#468) due

**Tues., Aug. 4,**  
 84th anniversary of the Columbian Squires program

**Aug. 8-16**  
 Knights of Columbus Family Week

**Tues., Sept. 1**  
 Circle Status and Audit Report (#247) due

# Local 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 in June. The names of the new officers, committee chairmen and counselors should be reported to the Supreme Council office on the "Officers, Chairmen and Counselors Report" (#468). A copy should be sent to the circle's state squires chairman.

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that time, thousands of children between the ages of 11 to 17 have stayed in the shelters. The youth shelters offer a short term intervention residential program with the goal of family reunification. Children at risk of homelessness, institutionalization, incarceration, or hospitalization are given emergency shelter; meals; 24-hour supervision; individual, group and family counseling; prevention education; and life-skills development activities; as well as other care services.

Circle 5001 (sponsored by St. Timothy Council 12834) "adopted" CSP several years ago. The Squires continue to support CSP's efforts through projects such as providing

backpacks to residents in the program. These backpacks are filled with items such as toiletries and a CD created by the Squires featuring optimistic and inspirational personal comments. Along with the backpacks, the circle members have also helped with yard work, hanging Christmas lights, and performing other chores as needed. Last year the circle held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and collected toiletries, stuffed animals, etc. for children in the program from parishioners.

In 2007, the circle received the Brother Barnabas Award in recognition of its work on behalf of CSP.

*Thank you to the California State Council Web site for additional information used in this article.*

## TOP JURISDICTION CIRCLES

Top jurisdiction recruiting circles are shown here by jurisdiction, number, location and number of new members from July 1, 2008 - April 30, 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	3039	Benquet	43	NY	2541	Wantagh	18	
AL	4481	Adamsville	8	2442	Cuyapo	43		2259	Ronkonkoma	16	
AZ	5000	Phoenix	5	4863	Calumpit	41	NC	4466	Charlotte	5	
BC	5269	Vancouver	6	4358	Paranaque	39	OH	5033	West Chester	11	
CA	931	Lancaster	16	1030	Concepcion	32	OK	5275	Broken Arrow	6	
	4332	Valley Ctr.	14	MB	5263	Winnipeg	4	ON	5217	Toronto	18
CO	1042	Brighton	10	MD	4423	Eldersburg	7(tie)		5038	Toronto	13
CT	1545	Cheshire	2		4914	Bryantown	7(tie)	PA	5102	Mechanicsburg	7
DE	5248	Smyrna	3	MI	758	Dearborn Hts	6	QC	4921	Ste Rose De Lima	3
FL	3877	Miami	20	MO	4893	Chesterfield	4	RI	5211	Coventry	2
GA	4976	Roswell	8	MS	81	Vicksburg	1	TN	2655	Knoxville	13(tie)
GU	4856	Mangilao	8	MXSO	4852	Ciudad del Carmen	2		5075	Jackson	13(tie)
IA	4930	Sioux City	7	MZ	1875	Tacurong	22	TX	3611	San Antonio	21
IL	4284	Lisle	30		4896	Talakag Bukidnon	18		5107	Zapata	15
IN	5205	Lebanon	4		4144	Zamboanga City	16		2040	Keller	13
KS	4217	Conway Spgs	10		3055	Pigcawayan	15	VT	4398	Richford	3
KY	4884	Hawesville	6		3946	Mu Panabo	14	VA	5188	Virginia Beach	11(tie)
LA	4114	Simmesport	10	NE	4667	Grand Island	9		5207	Fredericksburg	11(tie)
LP	5230	Longos Pulilan	329	NF	1803	St. Johns	4	VP	4734	Jagna Bohol	75
	3408	Sariaya	100	NH	3847	Epping	3(tie)		701	Bacolod City	41
	2190	Isabela	62		4273	Plaistow	3(tie)		4322	Tagbilaran, Bohol	15
	3767	Meycauayan	58		4897	Londonderry	3(tie)		4838	Bacolod	15
	2504	Baguio	57	NJ	5070	N. Arlington	12	WA	2353	Everett	10
	4613	Calapan	57	NL	1803	St. John's	4	WV	535	Clarksburg	4
	3655	Valenzuela	49	NV	4992	Henderson	1				

# SQUIRES IN ACTION



Recently, thirty-three young Wii bowlers participated in the First Annual Wii Bowling Night at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. The event was sponsored by the **Father Daniel Mahoney**

**Columbian Squires Circle 5250** in **Harrisburg, Pa.** The event helped raise funds for the circle's programs. The young bowlers, girls and boys alike, competed against each other in an open competition for First, Second, and Third Place Trophies. All contestants bowled two games with their Wii remotes and the top 12 bowlers then bowled one more game for the trophies. It was a fun-filled evening for all involved including many adults in the audience who had never experienced Wii bowling. The Squires hope to hold this fundraiser again next year.

Squires of **St. Rita's/Monsignor John T. Peyton Circle 5273** in **Brooklyn, N.Y.**, asked members of their church to bring baby items (diapers, powder, oil, new clothing, etc.) to Mass during the Advent season. The Squires received the gifts at the offertory of the Mass and placed them before the altar. On the Saturday after Christmas, the Squires brought three car loads full of donations to the Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa's Sisters), who run a home for unwed mothers and their babies at Our Lady of Victory Parish in Bedford Stuyvesant, and delivered the gifts. The Sisters spoke with the Squires about their work, about Mother Teresa, about respect for all human life, born and unborn, and about the important role of the priest in today's Church and society. They encouraged the young men to seriously consider God's call to become a priest.



Squire **Kenlevi D. Villar** of **San Miguel Arkanghel Circle 4931** in **San Miguel, Mindanao**, is shown receiving a

blessing from Chaplain Fr. Roberto P. Deligero as other members of Circle 4931 and their relatives wait for their opportunity for a blessing. This was held after a successful orientation and seminar for new youth Mass lectors. The Squires and other youth were encouraged to show their support and help "build up the Church."



In December, Squires from **Pope John Paul II Circle 4976** in **Roswell, Ga.**, purchased a portrait of St. Paul to mark the observance of the year of St. Paul. The portrait was presented to Msgr. Hugh Marren, pictured above, by Chief Squire Tom Boyle during a Christmas breakfast with Santa, organized by sponsoring Council 10632.

**Gomburza Circle 1320** in **Brixtin, Quezon City, Luzon**, hosted a community Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship competition. The circle also assisted a Knight with severe back injuries by helping to transport him to and from therapy sessions.



Squires from **Blessed Trinity Circle 5146** in **Greer, S.C.**, served a pizza lunch to more than 200 people at a local soup kitchen. The Squires raised the funds to pay for the pizza, soda and chips.

Members of **Blake Ryan Oubre Circle 4676** in **Vacherie, La.**, have an ongoing program of fundraisers and activities to recognize veterans in their community.



## National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

The 2009 National Catholic Youth Conference will be held Nov. 19-21 in Kansas City. Squires are encouraged to attend this faith-filled event with thousands of other Catholic youths from throughout the United States. The conference is a great opportunity to better connect with your faith, hear outstanding speakers and musicians, and meet other youths with similar devotion to our faith and the desire to serve others. If your circle is interested in attending this event start planning your fundraising efforts now and contact your designated diocesan NCYC group leader for more details on how to register. For more information on the conference, to view a NCYC video, and to see a listing of diocesan contacts go to [www.nfcym.org](http://www.nfcym.org).

## Squire Advancement Program

After achieving the level of "Lancer," your final step in the Squire Advancement Program is the "Squire of the Body of Christ" level. To qualify for this top-level you need to be a Squire in good standing for at least two years, and complete 16 "Squire of the Body of Christ" achievements. In achieving this level you will have reached the highest level of advancement that you can achieve as a Squire and it will be one of the most memorable accomplishments of your life. Here's a sample of just a few of the "Squire of the Body of Christ" level achievements to choose from:

- ◆ Study the section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the Sacrament of Marriage and discuss it with your parents, pastor, father prior or counselor.
- ◆ Visit and tour a hospital for veterans, a military service academy or a military base open to visitors.

- ◆ Attend another circle's meeting.

For a complete list of achievements, and other criteria for recording and earning the "Squire of the Body of Christ" level, see the Squire Advancement Program Achievement Level Requirements booklet (#4661). Certificates and name badges for Squires who attain this highest level of achievement must be ordered individually from the Department of Fraternal Services after the Squire has met all requirements for this prestigious level. The Squire's name must be submitted along with the order, so the certificate, with the Supreme Knight's signature, and the name badge, which will be specially engraved with the Squire's name, can be ordered and sent to the circle for presentation at the awards ceremony set up in the Squire's honor.

## Report Activities with the Form #363

Circles can inform the Supreme Council office about their activities by using the "Squires Newsletter/Major Activity Report" (#363) located in the *Circle Report Forms Booklet* (#401) and online at [www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms) under "Circle Forms." This handy form includes spaces to list vital information about the circle and the activity, including the circle name, number and location, the number of volunteer hours

spent on the project, funds raised and/or donated, and other specifics on the project. Be sure to include the project chairman's name in the appropriate section along with a phone number to call for more information. This will allow Supreme Council staff to contact circles for more information on projects to be included in *Squires Newsletter* or other publications.