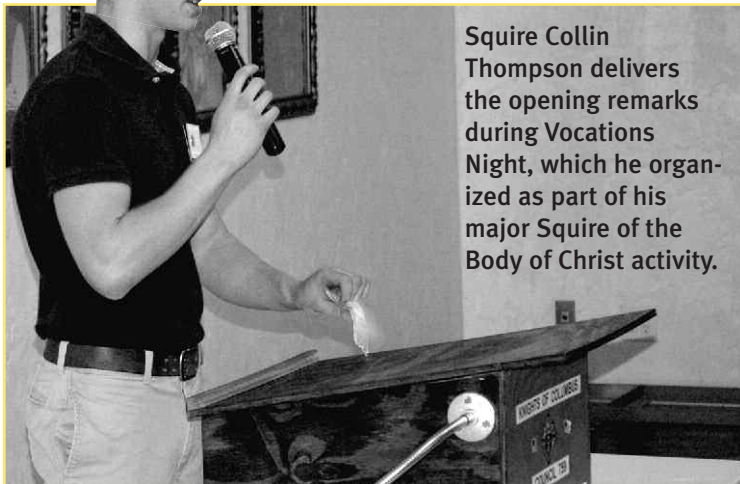


Eight Squires Attain Highest Level of Achievement

The Squire Advancement program was instituted about three years ago. The Squire of the Body of Christ level, the highest level attainable, creates a prestigious new honor that only the most dedicated Squires attain. In order to do so, a Squire must advance through five levels of achievement and complete at least a total of 96 activities, including a major service activity on behalf of his parish or another Church institution.

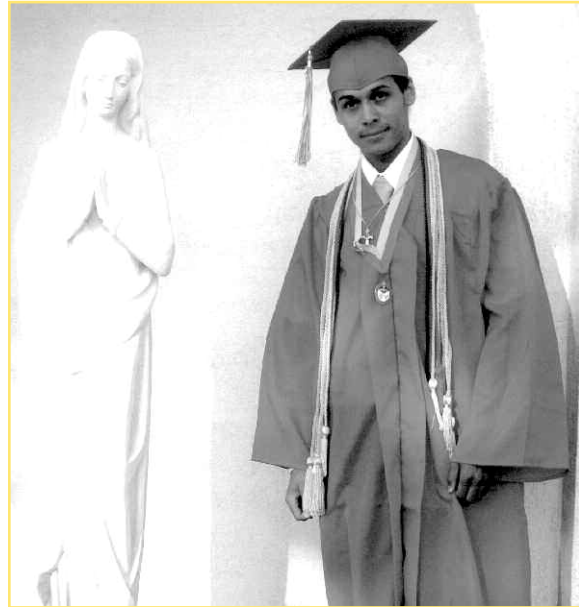
Since its inception, 10 Squires — including the following eight — have managed this major achievement, and are to be commended for their efforts:



Squire Collin Thompson delivers the opening remarks during Vocations Night, which he organized as part of his major Squire of the Body of Christ activity.

In Keller, Texas, Squire Collin Thompson of Msgr. Robert M. Nolan Circle 2040 created a Vocations Night for the members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Thompson expanded the scope of the presentation beyond just religious vocations, however, to married and single vocations within the Church. Following a dinner, invited speakers gave presentations on the priesthood, religious life for men and women, being married with children, being married without children, and single life.

Farther west in Lancaster, Calif., Nicholas Johnson of Squires of the Sacred Heart Circle 931, in addition to helping organize and lead his parish's car washes, chaperoning youth dances and pitching in at the annual K of C Lenten fish fry, fulfilled his major achievement requirement by collecting, preparing and serving food to the poor at the local St. Vincent de Paul. Johnson has since become a Second Degree Knight and,



Squire Nicholas Johnson, shown here on Graduation Day from Paraclete Catholic High School.



Squire Kevin A. Davis.

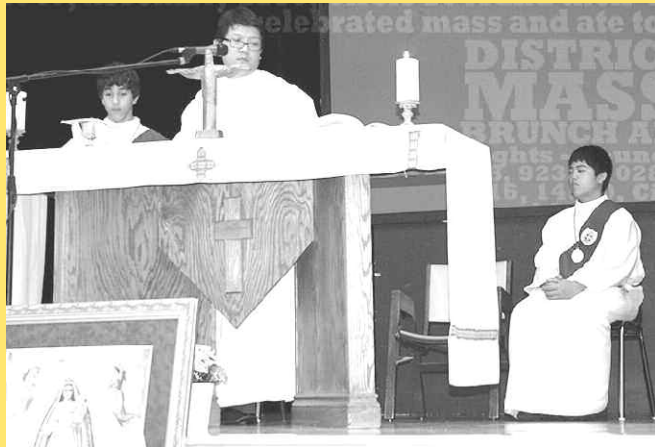
despite having begun his freshman year at California State University, Stanislaus, in Turlock, Calif., is staying connected to Circle 931 as one of its counselors.

On the other side of the country in Bridgeport, Conn., Squire Kevin A. Davis of St. Francis X Cabrini Circle 1512 has ensured through his "Youth in Charge" program that St. Andrew Church will have proper coverage of greeter and usher services at the family Liturgy every weekend. Davis helped schedule all the ushers, and also made sure collections during Mass were handled properly.

Five Squires from the Philippines region of Calumpit, Bulacan in Luzon jurisdiction, have recently attained Squire of the Body of Christ as well. Three of those Squires — Robert Jay N. Ramos, Gamaliel Marion M. Sampedro and Marvin B. Ronquillo — hail from Gat. Blas F. Ople Circle 4863, while the other two — Alden Keneth C. De Belen and Jimwell S. Sales — are Squires in Calumpit St. John the Baptist Circle 4154.

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SQUIRES IN ACTION



Knights and Squires from District 43 in Ontario held a district-wide Mass and Brunch in April. Knights from the district and Squires from St. Patrick's Circle 2041, Brampton, including Squire Altar Servers Jacobe (far left) and Nereo (far right), helped Father Sherwin Holandez (center) celebrate Mass.

Michael Cox, Notary Squire in Our Lady of the Rosary Circle 1206, in Deer Park, N.Y., attended the Presidential Inauguration from Jan. 17 to 21, 2009. Cox represented Deer Park's Robert Frost Middle School at the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference in Washington, D.C. Cox and other middle school students from across the nation took part in this five-day program.

While in Washington, Cox toured the city, met with congressional staff members and heard speeches from former Vice President Al Gore and former Secretary of State Gen. Colin Powell. Cox witnessed the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama with the millions of people standing beside the Washington Monument looking up at the Jumbotron screens. "The excitement of the crowd is something I will never forget," said Cox.

As a member of the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference, Cox received a variety of mementos, including buttons, pins, books, coins, backpack and a scarf — all commemorating this historic day. Cox says that this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will provide lasting memories for years to come.



Brian Anderson and Colin Prezzama of St. Dominic Savio Circle 5078 in Parrish, Fla., place a U.S. flag on a veteran's grave before Memorial Day. Squires placed flags on all the graves in the "Field of Honor" at Palms-Robarts Cemetery.



Squires of San Miguel Arkanghel Circle 4931 in San Miguel, Mindanao, and their parents and sisters register their attendance at the circle's Christmas gathering held on the Church and convent property. During the celebration, the Squires observed the holiday and held a "For Unto Us a Child is Born" program. Also, Squires were recognized for their achievements in the Squires Advancement Program, and counselors and parents were honored for their involvement.

Send Us Your Squires News

Use the "Squires Newsletter/Major Activity Report" (#363) located in the *Circle Report Forms Booklet* (#401), or use the online form at www.kofc.org/squires. Be sure to include the circle name and number, a description of the event, the number of hours given on the project, funds raised and/or donated, number of participants and other specifics. Also, list the project chairman's name with a phone number and/or e-mail address. Please include a photo, especially an "action" shot.

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Corps d'Elite Award Winners

For the 2008-2009 fraternal year, we are proud to recognize the following 56 circles from 22 jurisdictions who have qualified for the Corps d'Elite Award, the highest honor a circle can obtain. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in all areas of circle operations, including programming, recruitment and circle administration. Award winners are listed below. All of these circles are to be commended for their hard work and dedication. (Asterisks denote circles that have won at least two years in a row.)

CALIFORNIA

- 1174 Norwalk
- 4974 Oceanside*
- 5001 Laguna Niguel*

COLORADO

- 2798 Colorado Springs*

FLORIDA

- 3877 Miami*
- 5078 Parrish*

GEORGIA

- 5092 Flowery Branch*

ILLINOIS

- 4682 O'Fallon*

LOUISIANA

- 4114 Simmesport

LUZON

- 1320 Brixton Hills, QC*
- 1704 Batangas
- 2450 Cavite
- 2504 Baguio City
- 3066 San Antonio Cavite*
- 3655 Valenzuela*
- 3702 Bulacan*
- 3767 Meycauayan, Bulacan*
- 4055 Isabela*
- 4056 Metro Manila*
- 4154 Calumpit Bulacan*

- 4206 Malabon, Metro Manila*

- 4625 San Jose Del Monte City

- 4863 Calumpit*

- 5230 Longos Pulilan

MICHIGAN

- 758 Dearborn Heights

MISSISSIPPI

- 81 Vicksburg

MISSOURI

- 4893 Chesterfield*

MINDANAO

- 3584 Surigao Del Sur

- 4931 San Miguel, Surigao*

- 4948 Santo Nino, Pagadian City

NEBRASKA

- 4892 Bellevue*

NEVADA

- 4992 Henderson*

NEW JERSEY

- 5169 Paterson

NEW YORK

- 546 Bay Shore*
- 2156 Brooklyn
- 2541 Wantagh

- 4411 Astoria*

NORTH CAROLINA

- 4426 Fayetteville

- 4457 Charlotte

- 4713 Mocksville*

ONTARIO

- 1385 McGregor*

- 2041 Brampton*

- 4742 Oshawa

- 5219 Trenton

PENNSYLVANIA

- 5102 Mechanicsburg

RHODE ISLAND

- 5211 Coventry

TEXAS

- 2040 Keller

- 4039 Alice*

- 4089 Humble*

- 4748 Plano

- 5141 Pearsall*

VERMONT

- 4590 Milton*

VIRGINIA

- 3009 Manassas*

- 3992 Fairfax Station*

- 5069 Richmond*

- 5207 Fredericksburg

Questions or comments should be directed to: Columbian Squires, Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 1

Semiannual Circle Audit Report (#247) Due

Sept. 7

Labor Day (U.S. and Canada)

Plan ahead

Prepare for the "Light Up for Christ" program, which symbolically starts the Christmas season for circles and their sponsoring councils throughout the Order on Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. local time.

Order the "Light Up for Christ" poster (#2757) now from the Supreme Council Supply Department. The poster has been designed as a public invitation to attend your ceremony and includes space for personalization and adding additional information.

If your circle has not previously participated in this program, it's time to join this great tradition of spreading the joyful tidings of the Christmas season.

Sept. 11

World Day of Prayer for Peace

Oct. 1-31

Respect Life Month