

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

69th Annual Ontario Convention



"Moving Forward Together to Serve our Lord"



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Opening Prayer

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Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi **Official Prayer of the Columbian Squires**

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in dying that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.



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Hospitality Suite Hours

Friday:	3:00 PM – 6:55 PM	Regent Room - Upper Level
	9:30 PM – 11:00 PM	Regent Room - Upper Level
Saturday:	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Regent Room Lounge
	9:30 PM – 11:00 PM	Regent Room Lounge

Friday, June 2, 2023

3:00 PM – 6:55 PM	Registration	Front Lobby - Coat Check
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Pizza dinner	Regent Room - Upper Level
8:15 PM – 9:30 PM	Opening Ceremonies	Regent Room - Lower Level
9:30 PM - 10:30 PM	Area Chairman Meeting	Salizburg Room
9:30 PM – 11:00 PM	Free Time	
11:00 PM	Curfew	

Saturday, June 3, 2023

7:45 AM – 8:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Regent Room - Upper Level
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Breakfast	Regent Room - Upper Level
9:00 AM – 9:35 AM	Investiture – ladies may attend	Regent Room - Lower Level
10:00 AM – 12:00 AM	Ladies' Program	Salon A
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	1st Business Meeting	Regent Room - Lower Level
12:10 PM - 12:30 PM	Provincial Board Candidates Meeting	Salizburg Room
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Free time	

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Saturday, June 3, 2023

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	Lunch	Regent Room - Upper Level
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Public Speaking Workshop	Regent Room - Lower Level
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Squires Got Talent (times are approximate)	Regent Room - Lower Level
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Break	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Mass	Salon A
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Knights of Columbus Exemplification	Salon A
6:00 PM – 9:30 PM	Banquet and Keynote Speaker	Regent Room - Upper Level
9:30 PM – 11:00 PM	Free Time	
11:00 PM	Curfew	

Sunday, June 4, 2023

7:45 AM – 8:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Regent Room - Upper Level
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Breakfast (please check out of hotel rooms)	Regent Room - Upper Level
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Election – ladies may attend	Regent Room - Lower Level
NOON	Departure	
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Provincial Board Elect Meeting	Salizburg Room

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DIGNITARY ADDRESS





Ottawa, April 2, 2023

Dear Mr. Manoj,

On the occasion of the gathering of the Squires of Ontario for their Annual Convention, I am pleased to communicate the pastoral solicitude of our Holy Father Pope Francis for all the members of your Organization, founded by the Knights of Columbus to foster among young Catholic men those qualities that would enable them to grow in Christian virtue, and eventually take their rightful place within both Church and society.

In his Message in preparation for World Youth Day taking place this year in Lisbon, Pope Francis encourages young people to move beyond barriers that separate people one from another and which lead to isolation and alienation. As inspiration for that movement forward and upward, the Pope recommends that we imitate the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who, as Scripture tells us, arose and went with haste to be of assistance to her kinswoman Elizabeth. She had received the joyful message of the Archangel Gabriel, that she would be the Mother of the Savior. But she did not allow this experience to keep her from being of service to others.

Throughout the Bible we hear of individuals called by God, individuals who received a special gift. But it is not a call nor a gift to be kept to oneself. It is meant to be shared. With every call and every gift there is a mission. I hope that as you gather together for your Convention, each one of you will come to appreciate all the more, the gifts that God has given you, and receive the courage and strength to share those gifts generously. Many of you are already doing this in your local parishes and communities. May the good work you are carrying out help to overcome barriers so as to truly encounter others and share with them your faith in Christ Jesus.

In the name of our Holy Father Pope Francis, I extend prayerful greetings and in his name I am pleased to convey the Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of peace and joy in the Lord.

+ Ivan Jurkovič
Apostolic Nuncio

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March 2023

Worthy Provincial Chief Squire of the Columbian Squires of Ontario Tom Manoj and Dear Squires,

I am pleased to greet you on the occasion of 69th Annual Columbian Squires Convention in Ontario. As State Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus, I began my ministry on 1 July 2022, so this is my first official address to you; therefore, I wish to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself to you.

I was ordained to the Order of Bishops in 2015 and have served as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of London since then. I was born and raised in Poland, and I am the second of five children. All four of my beautiful sisters are married and I am blessed to have 12 nephews and nieces and five great-nephews and nieces. My parents are still alive and live and work on the farm where I grew up.

I have a strong interest in sports, particularly soccer, volleyball, and skiing. As a seminarian and priest, I played and coached as much soccer as possible. I have a deep appreciation for architecture and music. As a little boy, I remember that, besides being an altar server, I belonged to the scouts and enjoyed many of the activities that they offered us.

I am happy that you are a part of the Columbian Squires. I know that in your circles, you have fun and you share the Catholic faith, in the company of friends, by helping people in need in social, family, athletic, cultural and spiritual activities.

The Convention is a great time to meet new friends, and an opportunity for spiritual growth. There will be many engaging activities where by which you can learn more about the charism of the Knights of Columbus, the founder Blessed Michael McGivney, and how God prepares you to become great leaders and disciples of Jesus.

As we continue to rejoice in this Easter season, we read in the Gospel of Luke about two disciples who, after Jesus' resurrection, walked on the road to Emmaus and met Jesus, but at first, they did not recognize him. They were very confused, sad, and could not make sense of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. Only when Jesus joined them and answered all their questions did they recognize him as they shared a meal together. Right after this wonderful experience, they returned to their communities to share what happened to them and how they recognized Jesus at the breaking of the bread. I pray that you will be blessed with a similar experience at this convention and when you return home, may you share that joy with your family, parish communities and friends.

May God, through the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney, continue to bless you, your families and all your activities.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.

Most. Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.
Ontario Knights of Columbus State Chaplain



Rev. Fr. Michel Quenneville – Provincial Father Prior

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Dear Squires, Brother Knights and Family members,

Mottos are powerful statements indeed! They summarize the principles and ideals of a group and gives them a common purpose. For example, the RCMP's motto is "*Uphold the Right*", the Olympic Games' is "*Faster, Higher, Stronger*", FC Barcelona's is "*All Together We Are Strong*", and the Society of Jesus' (the Jesuit Order) is "*For the Greater Glory of God*". This year, your Provincial Board has come up with the following motto: ***Moving Forward Together to Serve our Lord!*** This is a powerful statement which relates not only to the ideals of the Columbian Squires but also as our call as Catholic Christian men.

Moving forward together reminds us of the ideal of brotherhood and fraternity. We all need to be surrounded by others who will build us up, who will help us grow and become fully the men God is calling us to be. We are tremendously blessed if we have friends who we can call 'brothers', who walk together with us toward a common goal and with whom we are united in purpose. As Columbian Squires, fraternity – being together, united – is an essential element of who you are!

There is a second part to the motto, which completes it and gives it purpose: we are *together to serve our Lord!* Whenever we move forward together, we need a common direction and a goal. As Columbian Squires, but also as Catholic men, we are called to move together following after our Lord Jesus Christ and serving Him. How do we serve Him? The Gospel of Matthew gives us a hint: "*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me*" (Matthew 25:40). Whenever we give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, clothes to those who need it, visit the sick, (etc), that is when we serve Jesus Christ! When we serve the needy ones in our community, we do it to Jesus Himself.

Making this our own life's motto, ***moving forward together to serve our Lord***, puts us on a path for success from a Christian point of view. May the Lord Jesus continue to bless each and every one of you in your endeavours, both in your Circle and within your community. I pray that moving forward together, you may all discover the joy of serving the Lord Jesus Christ! Jesus alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Michel Quenneville

Provincial Father Prior

Esto Dignus, Be Worthy!



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June 3, 2023

Tom Manoj
Provincial Chief Squire
Columbian Squires of Ontario
Via email



Worthy Ontario Provincial Chief Squire Tom,

It is my pleasure to convey greetings and the best wishes of the Knights of Columbus of Ontario on the occasion of the 69th Annual Convention of the Columbian Squires of Ontario. It is with great pride and admiration that we acknowledge the hard work, dedication, and commitment of the Columbian Squires in advancing the principles of our Order.

The Columbian Squires has always been the youth arm of the Knights of Columbus, and we are extremely proud of the many accomplishments of our young brothers over the years. As an organization, you have made significant contributions to your parishes and communities, promoting social, family, athletic, cultural, civic, and spiritual activities among the youth of our province. Your commitment to service has made a positive impact on the lives of many, and we are honoured to have you as part of our family.

As you gather for your 69th Annual Convention, we recognize the challenges you have faced and overcome during the past year, and we are inspired by your resilience and determination. We are confident that the future of the Columbian Squires is bright, and we look forward to seeing the great things that you will continue to achieve. Your dedication to our shared principles is a testament to your character and your commitment to making the world a better place. *Esto Dignus!*

Sincerely,

Marcel Lemmen
Ontario State Deputy
Knights of Columbus



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Welcome to the 69th Annual Squires Convention!!!!!!!

I hope this weekend you make new friends and also take the time to share with the other Squires from across the province some of the great things your Circle accomplished in your local and parish communities this past year.

This year, the Provincial Board chose the theme “**Moving forward together to serve the Lord**” at their annual Changeover Meeting. This theme reminds us, as Knights and Squires, the importance of recognizing that all we do for the less fortunate in our local communities is answering the call of Jesus. In **Matthew 25:31-40** Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, take your inheritance, the Kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

In today's secular society, we are all told to look after ourselves and make sure we are happy with life's pleasures. Your decisions as a Circle or your own personal acts of kindness to the less fortunate shows the local community that you care about those in need. Without speaking, your actions show them that you are there to do the works needed to serve the Lord.

Being your State Squires Liaison for the Board, has given me the opportunity to watch closely as the Provincial Board members fulfilled their mandate you gave them last year when you elected them to serve the Squire members of Ontario. Bi-weekly Zoom meetings and other live meetings throughout the year allowed them to meet and get to know each other better and work as a united team. I thank them for their efforts as these elected positions are very time consuming and they also take time out of their other personal commitments. I would like to thank all the Counsellors that give countless hours of their time and energy away from their families because they believe in you and the program. As Squires, you are the future of the Knights of Columbus. You bring experience and youth.

For the survival of your Circle and the Squire program please go home and recruit a new member. The learning opportunities you have had are life changing and working with the less fortunate really shows you how blessed you are.

Esto Dignus – Be Worthy

Joe Bodnar

State Squires Advisor



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“MOVING TOGETHER TO SERVE OUR LORD”.

It is my privilege and honour to declare open the 69th Annual Ontario Columbian Squires Convention and welcome each of you from all over the province. On behalf of the Squires Provincial Board, we are glad to have our convention here in Waterloo, Ontario this year. This is our full 3 day event since 2019.

Thank you to all those who've travelled here from near and far, we are on full swing for the convention this year as we had some restrictions from last year due to the pandemic. I am glad to have the hospitality suite back and as well with the ladies program. We can celebrate, learn and grow with one another through our time together this weekend. This serves to remind us all just how important our work is. Bro. Barnabas' vision for the program was 'Character Building' which gives you the opportunity to learn leadership skills, while we learn and grow into our faith, act on our faith through the service programs and events, grow our membership and most import is to have fun.

This weekend, we have many events, games, snacks, and activities planned and this is a great opportunity to meet other squires from all the circles in Ontario and make friends. You will hear what other Circles are doing, develop leadership skills, and take part in the annual business meeting of the Ontario State Squire Circle and elect new state officers.

In our Circles, young men are encouraged to talk about life, faith, and all other programs and events that gave them success this year. Our Knights of Columbus counsellors mentor the group and offer these young men sound advice. To these Knights, we owe a debt of gratitude for their service and dedication that the put into this squire program. Squires from every circle serve our communities with great projects such as feeding the poor, helping the elderly, sponsoring a seminarian and help around their local church just to name a few.

This year our Provincial Board Squires Team focused on faith, membership and developing service programs through our compass. Membership is the life blood of the Circle, without new members the circle cannot grow and eventually folds the Charter. The Board created a video for new members (Investiture), added new material and videos on Google classroom. Also the Board visited circles from Trenton (Membership) thru Windsor area (Spiritual Retreat) to help make them grow spiritual and grow in numbers.

Let's take great pride in our 4 pillars of our order – Spiritual; Circle, Service & Membership, as all our activities as a group revolve around our pillars.

Sincerely
State Squire Director Enzo Caterina and Squire Mom Karen



Tom Manoj – Provincial Chief Squire

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Brother Squires, Councillors, Worthy Knights, Ladies, and Honoured Guests,

I welcome you all to our 69th Annual Convention. In past years, we have done online conventions due to Covid-19 protocols and an in-person one-day convention. I am happy to inform you all that through your prayers, this year will be a 3-day in-person convention. I know many of you have missed these weekend-long conventions, so we, the provincial board, have put much effort into this convention to be one to remember.

This year there have been many challenges that we had to face to make this year a successful one. Through hard work and determination, we were able to push past these difficulties and move forward, bringing many of the Squires to new heights and creating a new future for the Ontario Columbian Squires. The future of this program depends on our hard work on membership. We all know how fun the Squires program can be, so let us share this information and allow others to experience the enjoyment of being a part of the Squires.

To the Squires who want to experience something like no other program, I encourage you to join the Provincial board. The provincial board enables you to grow as a Catholic leader and a team player. You get to work and be a part of a team, be engaged within a larger community, and grow as a person. Many of you have the calling to be a provincial board member, so I implore you to follow through with it and join us to make the Ontario Columbian Squires a better program for everyone.

I hope you all enjoy the long-awaited 3-day in-person convention and the activities the provincial board has planned and worked hard on. I hope the best for all the circles for the next fraternal year and that you all strive to make this program the best it can be. This program would not be possible without the collective efforts of everyone. As this is my final year in the program, I would like to leave you all with a quote to encourage you all to continue to work hard:

“Without work, it is impossible to have fun.”
Saint Thomas Aquinas

Tom Manoj
Ontario Provincial Chief Squire
Columbian Squires Ontario Provincial Board

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Narciso Rodrigues – State Squires Advisor

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Today's gathering is all about YOU – The Squire.

You should be proud that you are a Columbian Squire. We are the only Catholic Organization that teaches you to be a leader. Our primary goal is leadership training. This is where you get to plan, execute, manage programs and events. Make time to talk to your friends, neighbours, and classmates about your involvement with the Squires and how the program has helped you grow. I would like to ask each one of you to invite at least one new person to join your circle.

Kids are experiencing so much isolation these days and they have fewer opportunities to grow in their faith. It is uplifting when we all can come together at the Columbian Squires Convention for fellowship, worship and collaboration. As you gather, my goal is that you may be encouraged to continue to live out God's plan for your life.

Investing in today's youth is necessary in growing the future leaders for the Knights of Columbus and our Church.

One way of allowing kids a chance to grow is to give them opportunities. Teaching young Squires to grow in their relationship with the Lord prepares them to serve Christ in all they do, which in turn allows the Columbian Squires Organization to flourish.

The Provincial Board has worked very hard to provide you with an exciting weekend packed with entertainment, meetings and of course much anticipated free time for you to get to know fellow Squires from across the province.

We welcome back all Squires who are returning – and a special welcome to those who are joining us for the first time. We look forward to another exciting year of wonderful achievements.

Prepare yourself to be challenged and inspired.

Best Wishes,

Narciso Rodrigues
Immediate Past State Squires Director



PROVINCIAL BOARD





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2022-Present Tom Manoj	1995-1996 Gregory Furyk
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2020-2021 Nigel Santamaria	1991-1993 Derek Renaud
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2015-2016 Alister Vaz	1987-1988 Sean Mangin
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2013-2014 Joshua Bornais	1985-1986 Darryl Quimbly
2012-2013 Michael Ralphs	1983-1985 Yvon Roy
2010-2012 Martin Dekold	1981-1983 Paul Takala
2009-2010 Joseph Murphy	1979-1981 Denis Lachaine
2008-2009 Dwayne Santos	1978-1979 Allan Frost
2007-2008 Dylan Robertson	1977-1978 Brent Bonvarlez
2005-2007 Eric Boyles	1976-1977 Danny Shrubsole
2004-2005 Danny McKellar	1975-1976 Tom Foster
2003-2004 Michael Hart	1975-1976 Jim Ardito
2002-2003 Michael Laicini	1974-1975 Paul Pearson
2000-2002 Tim Martins	1973-1974 Paul Falzone
1999-2000 Eric Sauve	1972-1973 Mike Berube
1998-1999 Rob Furyk	1971-1972 Steve Shine
1997-1998 Dion Drewlo	1970-1971 Peter Gignac
1996-1997 Paul Hong	1969-1970 Marty Graf



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2000-2003 Rev. Brian Bevan

1997-2000 Rev. Alain Guevremont

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1980-1982 Mr. Phil Zakoore, PSD

1972-1978 Mr. Louis Gouin



Overview of Activities

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Spiritual Reflections

Throughout the year, Provincial Spiritual Chairman Kyle D'Costa has been creating spiritual reflections that are sent to all Chief Counselors and Chief Squires on a weekly basis.

Changeover

On July 8th, 2022, the board was able to hold its annual changeover meeting during which the new officers were installed and plans were made for the rest of the fraternal year.

Investiture Video

On August 6th, 2022, during a weekend outing, the provincial board filmed and assembled a video to streamline the investiture ceremony for new squires. It has been used multiple times since then and has proven successful.



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District Deputy's Meeting

On December 2nd, 2022, the board had the privilege to attend the district deputy's meeting to represent all Ontario Squires. They were able to make connections with different Knights.

Windsor Trip

From March 10th-13th, 2023, the board stayed at the Holy Family Retreat House for a spiritual retreat. With the local circles, the board cleaned up the property of fallen branches, carried out team building activities, and had multiple adoration sessions.

Knights of Columbus Convention

On April 28th, 2023, the board was able to attend the Knights of Columbus convention where they represented all Ontario Squires and sold raffle tickets as a fundraiser. This was also used to plan for the Squires convention and future events.



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Ontario Circles

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St. Francis of Assisi – Circle 1002 (Etobicoke)

John Brazil – Circle 1385 (McGregor)

St. Patrick's – Circle 2041 (Brampton)

Alex Chevrier – Circle 3064 (Essex)

St. Kateri – Circle 3232 (Acton)

The Good Shepherd – Circle 3331 (Woodslee)

Fr. Henri Masse – Circle 3453 (Comber)

St. Paul the Apostle – Circle 4328 (Alliston)

SK Leonard T. Smith – Circle 4742 (Oshawa)

Gerald Emmett Cardinal Carter – Circle 4827 (Mississauga)

St. Michael the Archangel – Circle 5038 (Scarborough)

Constable John Atkinson – Circle 5147 (Kingsville)

St. Domenic Savio – Circle 5217 (Rexdale)

Fr. Justin Hanley – 5219 (Trenton)

St. Mark's – Circle 5486 (Stouffville)

St. Patrick's – Circle 5498 (Markham)

St. John Berchman's – Circle 5570 (Mississauga)

Fr. Charles Faleiro – Circle 5676 (Port Perry)

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Proposed Resolutions

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Resolutions #1-4 **Congratulatory**

Submitted by: Ontario Provincial Board

1. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Leader of our Church:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Ontario Squires and their families pledge uncompromising support to our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and assure him of our eternal support and prayers;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: We thank our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for his humility, understanding and promotion of love and charity to those who are outcast, lonely and in need.

2. In Support of our Bishops, Priests and Deacons who Serve us in all Jurisdictions:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Ontario Squires and their families offer our prayers and support to our Provincial Father Prior, as well as all Priests and Father Priors of all Circles for their spiritual leadership, devoted work and their dedication to the growth of the Church and the Squires;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: We thank all our Bishops, Priests, and Deacons for their spiritual guidance and pastoral service.

3. With Humble and Respectful Gratitude to the Knights of Columbus

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Ontario Squires and their families offer our prayers and thanksgiving to the Knights of Columbus, especially our Counsellors, for their devoted, honourable and outstanding support and guidance;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we thank the Knights of Columbus Supreme Board of Directors, Ontario State Board and State Squires Director for their leadership and support of the Columbian Squires in the Province of Ontario.

4. In Support for the Cause for Canonization of Blessed Michael J. McGivney:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Ontario Squires and their families pray for and promote the cause for the canonization of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, and continue to seek his intercession.



Proposed Resolutions

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Resolution #5 **Amendment to By-Laws – Circle Dues**

Submitted by: Ontario Provincial Board

WHEREAS: Article II, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Provincial Circle of the Ontario Columbian Squires presently states as follows:

Each circle in Ontario must forward to the Provincial Bursar Squire an annual tax, which shall depend on the time of payment as follows:

<i>Time of Payment</i>	<i>Tax Amount</i>
<i>Prior to January 1st</i>	<i>\$65.00</i>
<i>January 1st – May 15th</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>
<i>After May 15th</i>	<i>\$85.00</i>

AND WHEREAS: The tax amounts payable by each Circle in Ontario have not been amended in over ten (10) years;

AND WHEREAS: The Consumer Price Index of the Bank of Canada indicates that the goods and services costing \$65.00 in 2010 would cost about \$85.00 in 2022, representing a thirty percent (30%) increase;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that Article II, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Provincial Circle of the Ontario Columbian Squires be amended to read as follows:

Each circle in Ontario must forward to the Provincial Bursar Squire an annual tax, which shall depend on the time of payment as follows:

<i>Time of Payment</i>	<i>Tax Amount</i>
<i>Prior to January 1st</i>	<i>\$85.00</i>
<i>January 1st – May 15th</i>	<i>\$95.00</i>
<i>After May 15th</i>	<i>\$105.00</i>



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Resolution #6 **Amendment to Constitution and By-Laws – Rules for the Election of Provincial Board Officers**

Submitted by: Ontario Provincial Board

WHEREAS: Article IX of the Constitution of the Provincial Circle of the Ontario Columbian Squires presently states as follows:

1. *Elections to the Provincial Board, held annually at a general meeting of the Provincial Circle, shall:*
 - A. *Be conducted by means of a secret ballot.*
 - B. *Use a “Drop Down” format, which has the following characteristics:*
 - a) *if any one (1) candidate gathers a simple majority of votes then that candidate will be deemed elected,*
 - b) *if no candidate gathers a simple majority of the votes, and there are three (3) or more candidates being voted on, then the candidate with the least number of votes must drop off the ballot,*
 - c) *any unsuccessful candidate may seek, without re-nomination, any remaining election position,*
 - d) *take place as the last order of business on the Agenda of the last day of Convention,*
 - e) *the Chairman of the Elections shall be provided with the written consent of each and every nominee to office to accept the post before time,*
 - f) *have Area Chairmen act as scrutineers throughout.*
2. *Campaign promotional material shall not be permitted until after the close of the first business session of the Convention at the discretion of the Area Chairmen.*
3. *Candidacy for any position on the Provincial Board is open to all members of the Provincial Body who are present during Convention and will not surpass the age of eighteen (18) before the coming July 1.*

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Resolution #6 **Amendment to Constitution and By-Laws – Rules for the Election of Provincial Board Officers**

Submitted by: Ontario Provincial Board

AND WHEREAS: Article V, Section 9 of the By-Laws of the Provincial Circle of the Ontario Columbian Squires presently states as follows:

“The Provincial Board and affiliates shall not in any way, shape or form, endorse any candidates running for the Provincial Board. No campaign material shall be printed on or mailed in Provincial Board material.”;

AND WHEREAS: It is the desire of the Provincial Board to amend the rules for the election of Provincial Board Officers to provide clarity to those seeking election and ensure the prescribed process is conducted in a fair and fraternal manner;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that Article IX, Sections 1-3 of the Constitution of the Provincial Circle of the Ontario Columbian Squires be deleted in their entirety and the following be inserted as Article IX, Section 1:

“The election of Provincial Board Officers shall be conducted in accordance with the Standing Rules Governing the Election of Provincial Board Officers for the jurisdiction of Ontario (Appendix I attached).”

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Article V, Section 9 of the By- Laws of the Provincial Circle of the Ontario Columbian Squires be deleted in its entirety.



**Proposed Appendix I of Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution
of the Provincial Circle of the Ontario Columbian Squires**

**PROPOSED STANDING RULES GOVERNING THE
ELECTION OF PROVINCIAL BOARD OFFICERS
FOR THE JURISDICTION OF ONTARIO**

Article I

General Provisions

1. The intent of this document is to provide the policies and procedures regarding the election of Provincial Board Officers in the jurisdiction of Ontario.
2. The State Squires Director, appointed by and representing the State Deputy, has the authority to amend the rules contained in this document for the remainder of the fraternal year for the benefit of the Provincial Body. Such action may only be taken if it is made in writing and notification is provided to each Circle in Ontario.
3. The election of Provincial Board Officers shall be conducted annually at a general meeting of the Provincial Circle held at the Provincial Convention.
4. The voting will be carried out first for the position of Provincial Chief Squire, followed by Provincial Deputy Chief Squire, Provincial Notary, Provincial Bursar, Provincial Marshal, and Provincial Sentry.

Article II

Campaigning

1. All expenses incurred are the responsibility of the candidate, not to exceed \$100.00.
2. All individuals are expected to exercise good judgement in all activities involving the election of Provincial Board Officers in keeping with the spirit and intent of fraternity within the laws and regulations of the Ontario Columbian Squires.
3. The Provincial Board and affiliates shall not endorse any candidates in any way, shape or form, and candidates shall not request endorsement from such individuals.
4. It is the responsibility of each candidate and the Chief Counsellor of their Circle to ensure that anyone advocating his candidacy also complies with these standing rules. As Catholic gentlemen, it is expected that the consequences of all involved will assure a fair and fraternal process that will further strengthen the Provincial Body.

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Article III

Campaign Advertising

1. All advertising and campaigning must be done in a positive manner.
2. One electronic communication of campaign material will be sent by the State Squires Director to the registered delegates of the Provincial Convention. Candidates wishing to send out a communication must send it to the State Squires Director no later than May 1st of each year. The format will be as prescribed by the State Squires Director; no variations are permitted. No material can be sent after the deadline. The electronic communication will be sent to the delegates on or before May 15th of each year.
3. Candidates are forbidden to send to Circles or members any flyers, resumes, or mass electronic communications, including phone calls, announcing, or supporting their candidacy.
4. Campaign promotional material shall not be permitted at the Provincial Convention until after the close of the first business session of the Provincial Convention, at the sole discretion of the State Squires Director.
5. No advertisements or campaign materials are permitted to be posted or distributed in the hotel where the Provincial Convention is held, except for the designated hospitality suite, only with prior permission of the State Squires Director.
6. Candidates may not damage or remove the campaign materials of another candidate.
7. Candidates must use their personal email address when engaged in activities related to their campaign or candidacy. No candidate shall use the email address provided by the Provincial Board for campaign purposes.
8. No campaign material shall be printed on Provincial Board material.

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**Proposed Appendix I of Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution
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Article IV

Candidate Qualifications

1. Candidacy for any position on the Provincial Board is open to all members of the Provincial Body who are present during Provincial Convention and will not surpass the age of eighteen (18) before the coming July 1 st .
2. Candidates for any position on the Provincial Board must also have served at least one (1) full term of office in any position on a circle executive.
3. Candidates for the position of Provincial Chief Squire must have also served or are completing in the current year one (1) full term of office in any position on the Provincial Board.

Article V

Nomination Process

1. Candidates wishing to run for the Provincial Board may file their nomination papers with the State Squires Director no earlier than March 1 st of each year.
2. Nominations will not be accepted after 12:00 p.m. (noon) on May 1 st of each year, except under extreme circumstances at the discretion of the State Squires Director.
3. A completed nomination must be on the prescribed form and include at a minimum the name, circle number, and signature of a member of the Columbian Squires who is nominating the candidate and another member who is supporting the nomination of the candidate. The form must also include signed approval of the candidate's parents and Chief Counsellor or designate for the candidate to undertake the responsibilities of the Provincial Board, and the signed consent of the candidate to accept the office to which he is being nominated.

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Article VI

Election Process

1. The election of Provincial Board Officers will be conducted by the Immediate Past Provincial Chief Squire, or other member of the Provincial Board who is not seeking election to any office designated by the State Squires Director, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Provincial Circle of the Ontario Columbian Squires.
2. During the first business session of the Provincial Convention, the names of the candidates who were nominated using the prescribed form, along with the names and circle numbers of the members who nominated and seconded the nomination of the candidate, will be announced by the Immediate Past Provincial Chief Squire or designate. No other nominations will be accepted during the business session.
3. During the final business session of the Provincial Convention, candidates will be given a maximum of 5 minutes to address the delegates. Candidates will be asked to speak in random order by a draw of names. If a candidate needs to make a speech for a subsequent office, he will be allotted 2 minutes for any subsequent speech.
4. Voting will be conducted at the final business session of the Provincial Convention. Proxy voting is not permitted.
5. Voting will take place by secret ballot. Delegates will write the name of the candidate they wish to vote for on their ballot provided.
6. Prior to the voting at least three tellers shall be appointed to count the ballots and report the results to the Immediate Past Provincial Chief Squire or designate. These tellers shall be appointed by the State Squires Director.

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**Proposed Appendix I of Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution
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Article VII

Declaration of Election

1. Should there be only one nominee for an office at the final business session of the Provincial Convention, that person will be declared elected by acclamation.
2. Should there be more than one nominee for an office at the final business session of the Provincial Convention, election to that position will be accomplished by a candidate gaining a simple majority of 50% plus 1 vote of the eligible ballots cast.
3. If no candidate achieves a simple majority of 50% plus 1 vote of the eligible ballots cast on any ballot, then, in addition to the candidate who received the least number of votes being dropped, all those candidates who receive 10% or less of the votes cast will be dropped from the subsequent ballot.
4. Any unsuccessful candidate may seek, without re-nomination, any remaining position to be elected.

Article VIII

Filling of Vacant Offices

1. If a Provincial Board Office resigns from office, passes away during his term, or is removed from office in accordance with the Constitution of the Provincial Circle of the Ontario Columbian Squires, the State Squires Director may appoint a member of the Columbian Squires to complete the remainder of his term of office.
2. When an office is not filled during the election of Provincial Board Officers held at the Provincial Convention, the State Squires Director may appoint a member of the Columbian Squires to assume the office for the term of office.

Article IX

Violations

1. If a candidate violates any of these rules, a formal complaint must be filed in writing to the State Squires Director for investigation.
2. A violation review team consisting of three individuals selected by the State Squires Director will review and investigate the complaint, including its validity.
3. If found guilty of violating these rules, the candidate's name will be removed from the ballot for all positions in the entire election



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