

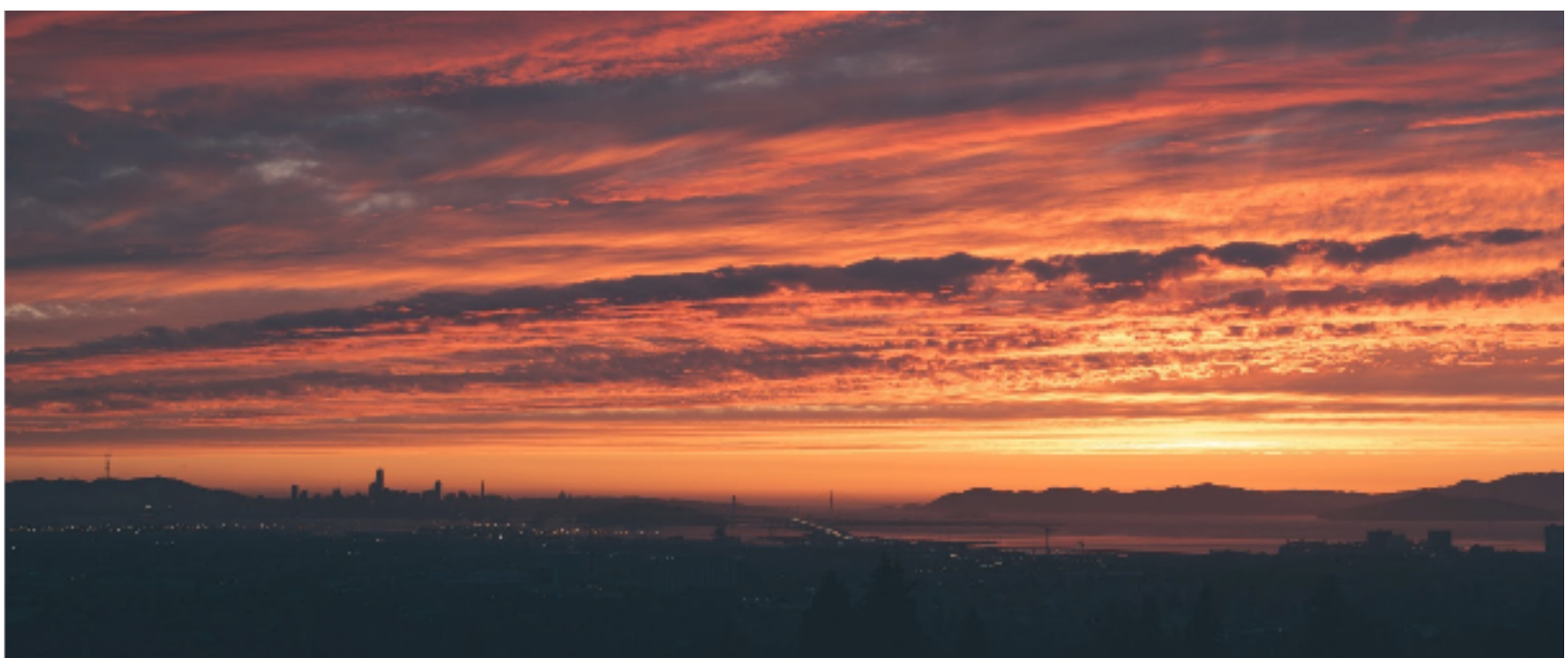


*Columbian Squires of Ontario*

# THE SQUIRES COMPASS

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2019, JANUARY 2020

## “Called by Christ – We Lead In Faith”



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# Provincial Board News

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## **“One New Member, Per Current Member, Per Circle”**

Membership is one of the most important pillars of the Columbian Squires and, unfortunately, this pillar is commonly overlooked. Most people believe that new members will just join on their own and membership will take care of itself. In reality, nothing could be farther from the truth. Membership must be taken seriously and active recruitment of new members must take place year round. In general, this pillar has been lacking in the last number of years and so I have issued an important challenge to each circle to take on: *one new member for each existing member of your circle.*

In order to better highlight membership across the province, we have instituted two new awards for the convention banquet. The first is *Top Recruiter* which recognizes the Squire who recruits the most new Squires in the fraternal year. This will be determined by the prosper section on the membership document (bottom left corner). The *second award* recognizes the circle that invests into their circle the most new Squires in the fraternal year.

**SAVE THE DATE: COLUMBIAN SQUIRES 66<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ONTARIO PROVINCIAL CONVENTION  
JUNE 5-7, 2020 at Burlington Holiday Inn**

During the month of October, many activities took place. On October 5, 2019, the Provincial Board was in the Windsor/Essex Area and was able to attend a regional soccer game with the local circles hosted by Kingsville Circle 5147. Following the soccer game, everyone attended mass together at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Essex and concluded with pizza in the parish hall. This was a great day of fellowship and brotherhood. Thank you to those who attended and hosted the event! Thank you also to those who attended the Grand Knight and Chief Counsellor Seminar on October 18-20, 2019. The Provincial Board will be representing the Ontario Squires at the Christmas District Deputies Meeting on November 29, 2019. The Provincial Board also has conference calls at least twice a month.

This newsletter is for months of where many new beginnings take place: the beginning of autumn, the beginning of winter, the Christmas season, and the new year. Each of these new seasons and new times in our lives allows us to grow with new experiences and gives us many opportunities to evaluate our personal and circle goals and our personal prayer lives and if needed, start fresh and begin anew. If at any point you wish to contact me for any reason, I am always willing, either by email or phone. On behalf of the Provincial Board, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Esto Dignus – Be Worthy,

**Matthew Ducharme**  
**Ontario Provincial Chief Squire**



# The Service Pillar

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**This pillar employs all to play a role in their community and bring the Word of God to those in need, both inside and outside of the Church.**

**Matthew Dekold**  
Provincial Service Chairman

## **NOVEMBER** PARISH BREAKFAST

Before the mass, the Squires would meet up and prepare the hall with tables and chairs. The Squires would go to mass to represent the squires. During the mass, some volunteers will be preparing and cooking the food. After the mass, the Squires and some parishioners will go to the hall and just meet and talk with the parishioners while eating a meal. After the meal, the Squires will clean up all the tables to give back to the community and the parish for what they have done for the Squires.

## **DECEMBER** HELPING AT SUNDAY MASS

The Squires will go to mass and help out the parish by reading and altar serving at the church. The squires will wear their squires shirts to show that they are apart of the Columbian Squires. The Squires could pick a sunday of each month and make it a monthly event if they have enough dedication and commitment.

## **JANUARY** SNOW SHOVELLING

The Squires will meet somewhere at a certain time and ask people if they need their driveways cleared. The Squires will start by doing to parish seniors driveways then go ask others if they need it. If there is enough commitment to this event, the Squires could do this event every time there is a major snowfall. After they clear people's driveways, they could go get warmed back up with hot chocolate.



# The Circle Pillar

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**This pillar focuses on unity within the circle. Events in this pillar are designed to encourage fraternity, brotherhood, and most of all, be fun.**

**Kurtis Dale**  
Provincial Circle Chairman

## **NOVEMBER**

### **VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT**

This is a great and easy way to bring your circle together. Have fun and grow in brotherhood. Have Squires sign up for bringing in consoles, games, TVs and snacks. You may want to think about asking another local circle to join your circle to meet new friends from other circles around you. Share the fun with those around you, especially those you don't know well!

## **DECEMBER**

### **GIFT EXCHANGE**

This is a great idea for having fun and getting to know your members of your circle. Buy a random \$10 gift, wrap it and draw numbers. Each person picks a gift. You bring a gift and leave with a gift. Another idea is, everyone can purchase a toy gift that can be opened and brought to the local toy drive for donations. This would be a great donation for the community to receive.

## **JANUARY**

### **SNOW SHOVELLING FOR SENIORS**

Advertise in your Church bulletin that the Squires will come and shovel your driveway or walkway for one specific day in January, if they are unable to do so themselves. Have a list of seniors and addresses that have requested help. Divide into groups with your counsellors and get out there and shovel snow for the afternoon without expecting anything in return.



# The Membership Pillar

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**This pillar places importance on recruiting new Squires to maintain the life of the circle. It is vital to recruit young members to replace the old.**

**Nathan Nambiar**  
Provincial Membership Chairman

## **NOVEMBER**

### **CIRCLE HIKE DAY**

November 17th, 2019 marks the National Take a Hike Day, and is the perfect reason for your circle to explore nature. Spend a day at a local escarpment or national park hiking, and invite friends of Squire to partake in the fun as well. Along the way, your circle can organize some fun, meditative activities in nature, which can be followed by a delicious picnic lunch! Squires can also use this time to say a rosary, or another prayer, as a circle. Spend a couple of hours exploring the beauty of your city and making bonds with those in your circle by participating in this fall event.

## **DECEMBER**

### **CHRISTMAS CARD POTLUCK**

This Christmas season, spend time with your fellow circle members by organizing a “Christmas Card Potluck.” This event offers the opportunity to bond as a circle and members should also be encouraged to bring a friend. During this event, Squires can spend time pursuing their passion for arts and crafts by creating unique Christmas cards, whilst also partaking in a hearty potluck. One simple idea for these cards includes collecting paint stirrers and using them to create Christmas trees which can be glued to the front of the card. These cards can then be distributed to parishioners or to the seniors at a local retirement home, bringing joy to people during the Christmas season.

## **JANUARY**

### **VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT**

What better way to kick off the New Year than with a Squires Video Game Tournament? Invite those in your parish to come out and have some fun playing their favorite video games. Take some time to talk to those that attend about the Squires program, the different aspects of the program, and how they can join. Some ideas for games include, but are not limited to, Super Smash Bros, NBA 2K19, Fortnite, and much more. This event offers the opportunity for potential Squires to learn more about the program, whilst enjoying a fun and relaxing environment.



# The Spiritual Pillar

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**This pillar is the core of the Squires, and it is through this that we deepen our relationship with Christ, represented by the letter “C” in our logo.**

**Paul Jezierski**  
Provincial Spiritual Chairman

## **NOVEMBER**

### **PRAY FOR DEPARTED SOULS**

The 2nd of November is All Souls Day and is a time to go to cemeteries and pray for your departed loved ones. Organize a day for your circle to visit a local cemetery or one where Squires' relatives are buried, and prepare several prayers beforehand. To add, your circle could approach your sponsoring Knights of Columbus Council and ask for a map of where deceased KofC members are buried, and clean the headstones. This is a great way to show respect for loved ones that have passed away!

## **DECEMBER**

### **ADVENT PREPARATION**

Advent is a time to prepare yourself for Christ's birth. An easy way to do this is to have your circle gather once or twice during Advent to read together a book for Advent preparing yourself for Christmas (Donkey Bells would be a great choice). Add some snacks or a fun activity to the night, and a few weekly challenges for the Squires to work on. An example of a weekly challenge could be doing one random good deed per day, or something along those lines.

## **JANUARY**

### **BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

As the new year starts, everyone is thinking of New Year's resolutions, and it's a great idea to add reading the Bible to your life and to your circle. After every Business Meeting ask one of the Squires to read out loud to the circle a few verses of the Gospel according to Mark (the shortest Gospel). Encouraging younger Squires to read will also help them become comfortable speaking in front of others. Ask your Father Prior to give an explanation and then have a quick discussion about how to implant the Gospel into your life.