

17. What is the Squire Advancement Program (SAP)?

The SAP is an activity-based program that helps Squires learn and develop as leaders. Squires advance through five progressive levels, completing tasks and gaining skills in four activity categories, and earn recognition for their achievements.

18. What are the levels and activity categories of the SAP?

The five levels are Page, Shield Bearer, Swordsman, Lancer and Squire of the Body of Christ. The activity categories are home and family, Squires and Knights, community and country, and Church.

19. What do councils receive in return for sponsoring a circle?

In addition to helping mold future Knights and leaders of your Church and community, sponsorship of a Squires circle in good standing fulfills all four youth activity requirements for the Columbian Award. It also can help membership as Squires often join their sponsoring unit.

20. How can a sponsoring unit develop a good relationship with its circle?

Build a good relationship through occasional joint programs, visits by Knights to circle meetings, regular reports by the chief counselor at council meetings and through publicity in council bulletins.



“A Circle In Every Council”

For more on the Squires program, visit www.kofc.org/squires or call 1-203-752-4402



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20 FAQ'S

ABOUT THE

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES



Knights of Columbus
SQUIRES
Youth Organization

1. Who are the Columbian Squires?

The Columbian Squires are the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus. A Squires unit, called a circle, is comprised of at least 10 Catholic young men between the ages of 10 and 18. For more information on the program, visit www.kofc.org/squires.

2. What are benefits of being a Squire?

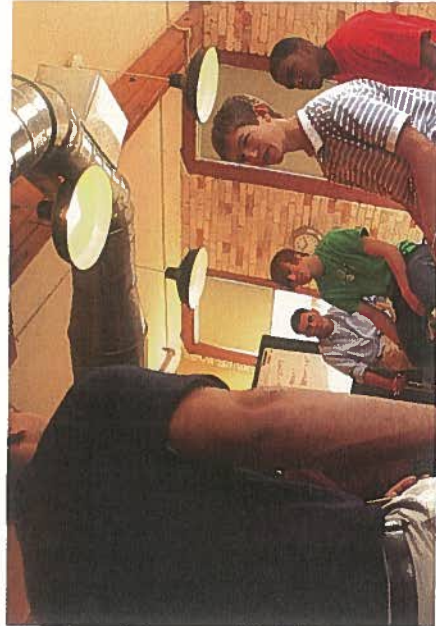
The program develops leadership by allowing the Squires to plan and carry out activities with advice, suggestions and encouragement from Knight leaders. Squires also have fun and bond while helping their Church and community through service.

3. Who sponsors a Squires circle?

A Knights of Columbus council or assembly sponsors a circle.

4. What is the responsibility of the

council/assembly in connection with the circle? The sponsoring council/assembly must provide: an adequate staff of adult Knight leaders, who are called counselors; meeting facilities for the Squires; and an Advisory Board, who serve as the liaison between the Squires and Knights.



5. Who is on the sponsoring unit's Advisory Board?

A sponsoring council's Advisory Board consists of their grand knight, deputy grand knight and chaplain. For an assembly, the members would be the faithful navigator, faithful captain and faithful friar.

6. Does the Advisory Board have direct supervision of the circle?

No. Direct supervision of the circle is the responsibility of the counselors, who are chosen and appointed by the Advisory Board.



7. What are the duties of the counselors?

A counselor works closely with the Squires, encouraging and supporting their ideas and initiatives, but will not do their work for them.

8. How many counselors does a circle need?

A minimum of two: a chief counselor and a father prior, usually a parish priest. Other Knights and fathers of Squires can be counselors as well.

9. What are the chief counselor's responsibilities?

The chief counselor maintains strong circle relations with the sponsoring unit, assists with the selection of other counselors, coordinates efforts of counselors and leads the supervision of Squires.

10. Where do you find counselors?

All counselors must be Knights. Consider men who are coaches, teachers, fathers of prospective Squires, former Squires and young council members.

11. Should the council/assembly provide financial support for the Squires?

Once a circle is established, the circle should be self-supporting, through dues and fundraisers.

12. What does it cost to join and maintain membership in a circle?

The initiation fee is \$1.00, which goes into the circle's treasury. Dues are determined by the circle.

13. Should a circle have a bank account?

Yes, a circle should establish a savings/checking account. All circle checks should be signed by the chief Squire, bursar and chief counselor.

14. How does a circle recruit members?

Every Catholic young man between ages 10-18 can be a Squire. Consider recruiting in religious education classes, in Catholic schools, through parish announcements and bulletins, and in school newspapers and the media. Don't forget sons and grandsons of Knights. Established circles should hold membership drives and Squires should continually look to bring in new members.

15. Can a Squire remain active after his 18th birthday?

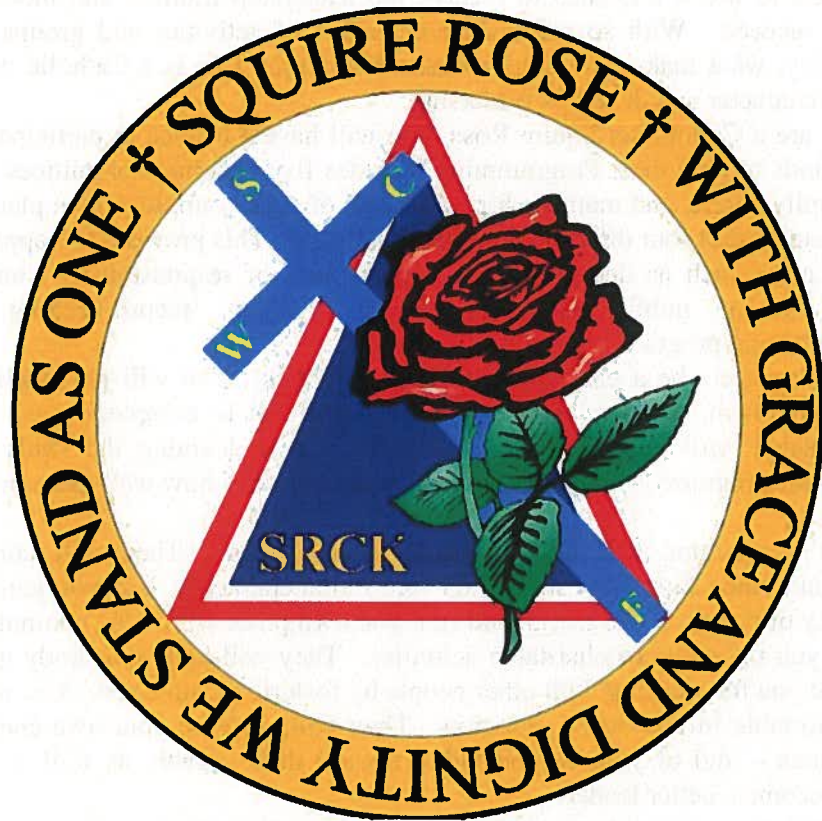
Yes, if he was of eligible age at start of the program year, he can be a Squire until June 30. Once 18, he should be encouraged to become a Knight while still an active Squire.



16. Can a circle be formed in a school?

In-school circles are a growing area of Squire development. Circles have been instituted in public, private and military schools, though Catholic schools are the most frequent location. School circles draw members and counselors from the school's students and faculty.

Columbian Squire Rose Program of New Jersey



The Columbian Squire Roses emblem symbolizes the ideals which identify a Squire Rose. Centered in a circle is the cross of Christ, with the letters "F," "W," "S," and "C." These symbolize Family, Wisdom, Spiritual, and Civic growth that occurs within the Squire Roses. Within the triangle are the letters "S," representing Service, "R," for Responsibility, "C," for Christ, and "K," for the Knights of Columbus, by whom the Squires Roses program is sponsored. The triangle, the most stable geometric shape, is a representation of the Holy Trinity. A red rose adorns the emblem, symbolic of womanhood and of blossoming life. The emblem is encircled with a golden ring, signifying the value and perpetuity of the group, and that all within are equal. Upon the ring is the motto of the Squire Roses – "With Grace and Dignity We Stand as One."

Purpose

The Columbian Squire Roses program was developed to enhance a young woman's opportunities in life – a chance to receive the leadership training and moral guidance needed to succeed. With so many different types of activities and groups for young women today, what makes the Squire Roses different? This is a Catholic organization that builds character and develops leadership.

While you are a Columbian Squire Rose, you will have a chance to participate in many different kinds of activities. Programming includes five standing committees – spiritual, service, family, circle, and membership. The goal of each committee is to plan, organize, and complete at least four different activities each year. This provides the opportunity for growth in areas such as decision-making, delegation of responsibility, administration, teaming, sharing, public speaking, public relations, record-keeping, financial responsibility, and program promotion.

You will not merely be a participant in those activities. You will plan them, organize them, finance them, promote them, and carry them out to completion and follow-up. Your counselors will guide, advise, and assist you in learning the skills needed to complete your programs – but yours is the responsibility for how well these programs are carried out.

The circle's programs will enrich you in many ways. They will confirm your commitment to the Church and strengthen your moral character. You will gain a sense of the diversity of people in the world, and find your own place within the community. They will teach you the value of charitable activities. They will help your body grow strong and prepare you for working with other people by fostering team spirit. You will become more comfortable in any social situation. They will increase your awareness of other young women – and of your responsibility toward their growth, as well as your own. You will become a better leader.

As an elected or appointed leader in your circle, the most important gifts you can give to your circle and to its members are your time, effort, and enthusiastic support. The depth of your commitment will determine how much benefit you receive from your participation. Your commitment should be a free and conscious decision to give part of yourself to the circle.

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COLUMBIAN SQUIRES MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENT
 THE OFFICIAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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3	ARE YOU A PRACTICAL CATHOLIC IN COMMUNION WITH THE HOLY SEE?	YES	NO	NAME OF PARISH	
	I hereby recommend the above applicant for membership in the Columbian Squires.		I agree that the laws, rules and regulations of the Columbian Squires, now or in the future, shall be binding on me during the period of my membership therein.		I hereby approve membership in the Columbian Squires for
4	SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT
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Membership application for:

- 1. Columbian Squires Circle (for boys ages 10-18)**
- 2. Columbian Squire Rose Program of NJ (for girls ages 10-18)**