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Please welcome our newest members into the 4th degree. The May 15/25 exemplifications brought into the 4th degree 52 new members as well as starting two new assemblies, serving the Wahoo and David City area Councils. Much more information on the two new assemblies will be posted on the Fourth Degree website fourthdegree.nebraskakofc.org including all new members as well as many pictures from the degree. I wish to thank all those that help put on these two very successful degrees.

I received notification on May 17 from Dennis J. Stoddard, our Supreme Master, concerning by-law changes. Article IX, Section 36 will read as follows:

Honorary and Honorary Life Membership

- (a) Members who have attained the actual age of sixty-five years and who have been members of the Fourth Degree for twenty-five consecutive years, shall be designated as honorary members and on due request in writing they shall be exempt from general fund charges, except payment of \$10.00 per annum which shall include all assembly dues charges and levies.
- (b) Members who have attained the actual age of 70 years and who have been members of the Fourth Degree for 25 consecutive years, and those who have been members of the Fourth Degree 50 years regardless of age shall be designated as Honorary Life members and on due request from the Faithfull Comptroller, they shall be exempt from further payment of dues.

It is no longer necessary to submit a Form 4 to request Honorary or Honorary Life membership for a member. Supreme will automatically recognize when a member is eligible. **Chalice Club fees are not included** in this article and are still up to the individual Assemblies.

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FR. FOSTER COUNCIL COUNCIL 9518, RALSTON

New Pope John Paul II Squires Circle in Omaha Area

Fr. William A. Foster Council 9518, Ralston, held a founding investiture ceremony for their new Pope John Paul II Columbian Squires Circle, Saturday, May 7, 2011.

"When Grand Knight Brian Munchrath approached me to consider taking on the task of forming this new circle," Chief Counselor Dave Marx said, "I felt that it was worthwhile and something I could succeed at."

And succeed he did, along with Co-Counselor Dan Bourne. One of only three in the Omaha area, Pope John Paul II Squires Circle now has fifteen young men as members.

"The investiture ceremony demonstrated worthy qualities our youth possess in becoming Squires, with a bright future for our Church and the Knights of Columbus," Marx continued.

The State Co-Chairman for the Squires Tim Smith and St. Mark Squires Ryan Soncuan, Jacob Adkins, Nicholas Adkins, Jacob Mumby, and Andrew Duke led the St. Gerald youth through the ceremony.

"Pope John Paul II is the tenth Squire circle formed in Nebraska. We are proud to participate in a great organization that allows our youth to participate in the Church along with their families, and also help with many community events."

This new Squires circle jumped into action with their first carwash held on Saturday, June 4. "We've raised enough money to get the supplies we need to get started," Dave shared.

State Council representatives in attendance at the investiture ceremony were District Deputy Ron Morss and State Publicity Chairman Ron Goodrich, both from council 9518. Council 9518 Grand Knight Brian Munchrath and 50 other Knights and family members were also present.

The Squires is an international fraternity of approximately 25,000 Catholic young men, ages 10 to 18, in over 1,400 circles worldwide.

The Columbian Squires program strives to provide "the spiritual, cultural, civic, social and physical improvement of its members, and the development of their leadership qualities," (section II, Article II of the Laws and Rules of the Columbian Squires).

Local Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies sponsor Squire circles, which may be based either in a council/assembly hall, in a parish building, a parochial, private, public or military school, or on a military installation. The Squires involves young men in programs to benefit the Church, the community, as well as in recreational and social activities.

For more information on the Columbian Squires or how to start one, visit the Supreme website kofc.org/un/en/squires.

Congratulations to the fifteen young men who were invested into the St. Gerald Columbian Squires:

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| James Bauer | Andrew Nigro |
| Joseph Brennan | Benjamin Nigro |
| Austin Exline | Matthew Pohlman |
| Jaden Exline | Michael Sheridan |
| Josh Fowler | Ryan Sheridan |
| Nate Johnson | Jonathan Silva |
| Nathan Marx | Roberto Silva |
| Zachary Munchrath | |