



## ESSAY CONTEST

### 2009 Topic

### **“What does "How Being a Squire Strengthens My Faith"”**

#### REGULATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Open to all Columbian Squires in the State of Texas:  
Sophomore Division      Ages 10 to 12, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> places  
Junior Division              Ages 13 to 15, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> places  
Senior Division              Ages 16 to 18, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> places
2. Squire must be active and in good standing with his Circle.
3. Cover sheet must include name, Circle name and number, city and his age.
4. Essay must be typed and double-spaced. No hand written essays will be accepted.
5. Essay must be a minimum of 150 words and a maximum of 500 words.
6. Entries will be graded on the following criteria out of 100 points:
  - a. CONTENT      50 Points Possible
  - b. ORIGINALTY    25 Points Possible
  - c. GRAMMAR      15 Points Possible
  - d. STRUCTURE    10 Points Possible
7. The Definition of the criteria is as follows:
  - a. CONTENT: Did you completely and thoroughly address the topic?
  - b. ORIGINALITY: Be creative and include new ideas that will impress the judges.
  - c. GRAMMER: Correct spelling, punctuation, and complete sentences.
  - d. STRUCTURE: Use proper paragraph and sentence structures. One long paragraph is unacceptable.

### **Essay must be submitted at Registration**

**or Mailed to**

**Columbian Squires - Circle 2040, c/o Allan Thompson, 725 Overland Trail, Southlake, TX 76092**

**Mailed Entries must be Received by Friday, June 26, 2009**

**ESSAY CHAIRMAN: STATE BURSAR SQUIRE or State Squires Chairman**

All decisions of the Texas State Circle will be final, unchanging, and binding.