We have proved  $C(A) = C(A^T)$ ,  $N(A) = N(A^T)$ , so there exsts a invertible  $P \in GL_n(K)$ , such that  $A = PA^T$ , then  $A^T = (PA^T)^T = AP^T$ . Then  $A^2 = AA^T$  implies  $A^2 = AAP^T \Rightarrow A^2(I_n - P^T) = 0$  which implies  $A(I_n - P^T) = 0$  (for  $N(A^2) = N(AA^T) = N(A^T) = N(A)$ ). i.e.  $A = AP^T = A^T$ Similar for  $A^2 = -AA^T$  (replace  $I_n - P^T$  to  $I_n + P^T$ )