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A Publication of the NY Ministry Network Royal Rangers - a boys’ ministry.

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June 3 – 5 The Canoe Action Camp is for boys and men who want to learn more advanced canoeing skills as well as how to conduct canoe trips. Boys must have attended JLDA and finished the 9th grade. Please visit our website for more information.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY: JUNE 3 – 5 and AUGUST 7 – 11
The Junior Leadership Development Academy (JLDA) is a program for equipping Junior Leaders with a variety of outdoor skills as well as encouraging leadership, teamwork, and personal development. For information concerning the JLDA events, please visit the training page of our website.

POW WOW August 11 – 14 “The Quest”
This annual event takes place at the District Royal Rangers campgrounds in Greene, NY. This unique event brings together men and boys from across the state to enjoy four days of fun activities in the scenic Appalachian Mountain Chain of Chenango County. Check out this video and show the folks at church.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTBs9iJq82Q

The Adirondack Chapter will be conducting the Fall Trace Sept 30 – Oct 2. This event is attended by Members and Candidates for membership only. Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship (FCF) is a special program of Royal Rangers that provides men and boys with additional opportunities to develop specialized outdoor skills based on the lore and traditions of the early American frontiersmen.

The NY Ministry Network has a great mentoring program just for GIRLS.

For information regarding Girls’ Ministries, please contact Lisa Durant
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THE HUNTER’S HORN - Will be published quarterly. We would love to have an opportunity to consider your article for a future edition. If you have interesting Royal Ranger news please forward pictures and story to Mike Kelleman.
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God’s Purpose and Promise
By David Nuzzolo
Executive Assistant, Metro

2 Chronicles 20:1-17 is a great story of King Jehoshaphat.

The enemy was surrounding the city. There seems to be no hope. Jehoshaphat could only cry out to God for help. All of Judah cries out with him. Then it happens.

God speaks those famous words that we love to quote, “The Battle is not yours, but Mine.” It’s done. The enemy is defeated. Judah is delivered.

This is one of those exciting stories in the Bible that we love to quote, in a way to build our faith and confidence.

For example, did you ever have a situation where things seem to be working against you? When you know that you have not done anything wrong, and you realize that there is nothing in your power that you can do. We often encourage ourselves by quoting this verse, “the battle is not mine but the Lord’s.”

And I would say “rightfully so.”

There are other times, however, that we may find ourselves in a jam, maybe because of our bad decisions or even misbehavior. All of a sudden we take the “Christian” position that, “God is on my side and the battle is His.”

If we take a closer look at the story of Jehoshaphat, we see that he was a godly King that understood and lived the principles of God. If you read Jehoshaphat’s prayer, he is not only asking for deliverance, but is reminding himself, and God, of God’s purpose and promise.

So let’s stop and think for a moment:
- God has a purpose
- God makes a promise to fulfill that purpose
- Jehoshaphat lived his life in line with that purpose and promise
- When action was needed, God defended His purpose and promise.
- God takes the battle as his own. Jehoshaphat, and all of Judah, walked in the blessing

It would seem to me that God taking the battle as His own was not just Jehoshaphat needing help and defense, but God working out the purpose of His promise.

So this begs two questions?
What is the overall purpose and promise of God?
What is the purpose and promise of God in my life?

I believe the answer to these would better direct our passions and our opinions concerning the world and events around us, and help us with personal direction and impact (and frankly, put a stop to many of the divided opinions and debates).

We may want to consider, that if we are struggling with blessing, we need to review if we are living out the purpose and promise of God.

Just a thought !
The Hunter's Horn

PASTOR'S CONCERNS

The Need for Royal Rangers
By Dick Gruber, D.Min.

Royal Rangers fits easily into the fabric of pastoral vision and into the flow of church ministries. We affirm the male hands-on, interactive learning style by featuring an intentional discipleship journey for boys and young men based on their unique design, needs and interests. Every meeting, outing or service activity is designed to encourage boys and young men in their walk with God.

This paragraph is found on the top page of the national Royal Rangers website. It accurately describes my experience with Rangers since becoming a children's pastor in 1979. The following words are written for pastors. It is my desire that you will recognize, and act upon, the need for Royal Rangers in your church.

Royal Rangers enhances church life and supports the vision of the lead pastor. It is every pastor's desire to grow his/her church through new converts. This ministry provides the opportunity for evangelism of boys, and mentoring them in the Christian faith. Godly men can impact boys for eternity through Rangers. Many boys reached through Rangers live with their single mothers. As a boy witnesses, maybe for the first time, how a man of God lives, talks, teaches, and interacts with others, his life is changed.

Royal Rangers often opens a home for a first contact with the Gospel. One boy invites a friend. That friend receives a follow-up call from his Ranger leaders and the church now has connection with an unreached family. This relationship can be nurtured as parents are invited to special events like Pinewood Derby or a field trip to a local historic site.

Royal Rangers is first and foremost an evangelistic ministry. Royal Rangers has long been one of the most effective tools for reaching boys outside the church community. The churches I've served in have always seen growth in the children's department through Royal Rangers. Children's evangelist Randy Christensen writes, "Children are searching for the reality of supernatural power in an everyday world. This is the theme of the most popular children's books, movies, and toys." Their need can be filled through a quality Rangers program at your church.

Royal Rangers also become an incredible on ramp for parental involvement in the Christian education of their own children. George Barna encourages, "Parents have a simple but profound responsibility to evangelize and disciple their own children." The church can facilitate parental contribution and partner with parents in this discipleship process. Rangers is an ideal ministry for nurturing this kind of involvement. Over the years many have said to me, "I just can't find enough workers to sustain a Rangers program." My answer is to mobilize parents and grandparents to serve in Rangers. Love for the child is the first and most important specialized skill needed to succeed as a Rangers commander. Relatives meet this requirement.

There is no other ministry that meets the criteria of: 1) implementing the pastor's vision for evangelism and growth, 2) Provides male mentors and role models for today's boys, 3) winning boys and opening homes to the Gospel, and 4) providing occasional and weekly opportunities for parents to model Christian living and minister to their own children.

Consider acknowledging the need for Royal Rangers in your church. There are quality men ready to stand by your people providing training and encouragement as they embark upon this adventure of ministry to boys.

63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes (US Dept. Of Health/Census) – 5 times the average.
90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes – 32 times the average.
85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes – 20 times the average. (Center for Disease Control)
71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes – 9 times the average. (National Principals Association Report)

Father Factor in Education – Fatherless children are twice as likely to drop out of school.
- Children with Fathers who are involved are 40% less likely to repeat a grade in school.
- Children with Fathers who are involved are 70% less likely to drop out of school.
- Children with Fathers who are involved are more likely to get a ‘B’ in school.
- Children with Fathers who are involved are more likely to enjoy school and engage in extracurricular activities.
- 75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes – 10 times the average.

Importance Of Chartering
Chartering is registering members of your outpost with the National Royal Rangers Ministries. Chartering provides:

- Important information to the national ministry that helps monitor and shape the success and well-being of Royal Rangers.
- Support for the ongoing development and improvement of the ministry.
- A solid financial foundation for national and district ministry and preferred benefits for chartered outposts.
- Advancement of the important biblical cause of Royal Rangers to evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christ like men and lifelong servant leaders.

In this current charter period, September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. Many outposts have renewed their charters; however it’s not too late to charter your outpost, if you have not done so yet.

Currently in NY - 56 outposts, with a total 1602 boys and men, have completed this process on-line with the National Royal Rangers Office via their web site, www.royalrangers.com. There’s still time!

REMEMBERING
My dad and I were on a fishing trip for a few days but when it began to rain and the weather turned stormy, we found ourselves back in the cabin to sit and wait it out. During that time, my dad pulled out his fishing album. There, collected on the pages, were pictures of the fish we had caught and written memories of our time fishing over the years. There were pictures of when I was a small child, articles of where the best fishing spots were for that particular year and the memories of time gone by. As we rifled through the pictures, we began to relate the stories that went along with the pictures. Stories of what type of bait we used, how the boat performed and the best part was the stories of the laughter and fun we enjoyed along the way. It was great to be reminded of the wonderful times my dad and I shared while fishing.

Joshua 4:21-24 (NASB) it says:
21 He said to the sons of Israel, “When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, ‘What are these stones?’ 22 then you shall inform your children, saying, ‘Israel crossed this Jordan on dry ground.’ 23 For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as the Lord your God had done to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed; 24 that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, so that you may fear the Lord your God forever.”

Along the sleeves and chests of Royal Ranger uniforms are patches and pins of the many memories of time in Royal Rangers, accomplishments of time spent learning, memorizing, practicing until they got it right, patches about different events attended. Those badges are worn with honor as a way of remembering the past, signifying where they were and how far they have come. God said to Joshua that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, what are these stones, Joshua and the other men would tell them of what God had done for them in time gone by, a time to remember the blessing of God upon their lives.

As Royal Ranger leaders, we too can look back and tell the young men of the blessings of God as we look from patch to patch. We can relate the stories of friendships made, times of laughter, moments of God’s touch upon an event. We can have the young men retell their stories of how they worked hard to achieve the patches that they wear proudly on their uniforms. As the sons of Israel related to the next generation of the blessings of God, Royal Ranger leaders and young men can relate how God has seen them through the challenges and struggles and remained faithful to help them achieve their patches and pins to the next generation of Royal Rangers. So the next time you put on your uniforms, take a moment and look at the patches, and remember the goodness of our God!

ALL CHARTERED OUTPOSTS CAN BE FOUND BY USING THE “OUTPOST LOCATOR” TAB ON THE DISTRICT AND NATIONAL RR WEBSITES
A Season for Everything
If you are like me, you’re eager for Spring. Winter can at times feel pointless or at least long. But the next season promises rebirth, new life, and better weather.

But as much as I like Spring, I know winter is an important time for barn building, repairing tools, and readying everything for planting, caring, and harvesting. A wise farmer takes to prepare for the busy seasons ahead.

The last year or so has felt like barn building to me personally as I direct Royal Rangers International and ready myself and the ministry for the season ahead:

- I’ve been preparing myself financially. Kerry and I now only need $600 in monthly support.
- Praying for clarity on how God wishes us to pursue our mandate to establish Royal Rangers in every nation in our lifetime. We are active in 92 of 220 nations and sovereign territories today. Let’s shrink the gap.
- Working to grow the RRI team to staff the dream. I’m excited that Steve Schultz is raising his budget to head up our worldwide training, starting later this year. He will join Andy Whitman and John Wilson, and other staff announcements will follow later. God is building the team and I’m so grateful.
- Retooling our website. Check it out, www.RRintl.org; follow our new blog to stay in the know, and like our refreshed Facebook page, too.

These are just some of our efforts and God is blessing them as we seek to do His work His way. Thank you for standing with us in this season of preparation. There are many other plans underway and we covet your prayers, that we will gain the mind of Christ in each matter so that a harvest of souls will come to Him all around the world in the years ahead. Indeed, there is a season for everything. Can’t wait for Spring! Doug Marsh

Recently I was reminded of a prayer that I have prayed many times: “God, send laborers.” The best part of that prayer to me is the dependence upon God. He is trustworthy, dependable and a perfect steward of the resources he offers.

Each Monday, I spend about 20 minutes in a meeting with the principal and other administration of a local high school. The purpose of the visit is prayer for the school. It has been an amazing opportunity that has opened up for local ministers! One of my most often prayed prayers at this meeting is asking God to send students who are laborers for the harvest. Just a month ago, a student introduced himself to a teacher from our prayer meeting. He made it known to us that he wanted to pray and see what he can do for God in his school. It seems like an answer to prayer!

Matthew chapter 9:35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (NIV)

Jesus commands us to ask the Lord of the harvest for workers in light of all the work needing to be done. We can trust him that he will send what we need to do his mission. So, as we look on the crowds of students and our communities with compassion, let’s ask God for workers and trust him for the supply!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. God Bless you, John Ginnan

You can donate by visiting: NYDAG.org/give use the tab “Royal Rangers Missions Emphasis” donations are distributed equally to the ministries/missionaries. We support, RRI, STL, PFM, BGMC and Doug Marsh and Steve Shultz. (Doug and Steve are both RRI missionaries)
During our Training Camp week, August 7-11, 2016 in Greene NY, we will conduct our 2ND Emergency Preparedness and Response Exercise and Training Camp. Disaster response will be addressed, beginning with the more likely scenarios that may be faced. Following orientation and response training, role play(s) and debriefing will give experience and practicality to the training.

MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW

CAC - Canoe Action Camp
JUNE 3 – 5

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To participate in the Canoe Training, you must be a strong swimmer. Boys must be Adventure Ranger and older.

Why Encourage Training for Royal Ranger Leaders?

2 Timothy 2

“...entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others...”

After recruits decide to join the Military, they begin their training. During this time, they acquire skills necessary to prepare for their career.

A General will: Continually strive to train his troops to the highest standard of excellence.

Let’s All Be the Best We Can Be, That We May Reach the Lost More Effectively.
Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship (FCF) is a special program of Royal Rangers that provides boys and men with additional opportunities to develop specialized outdoor skills based on the lore and traditions of the early American Frontiersman.

What FCF means to me is - it’s a brotherhood. Being in this ministry I have been blessed to make many friends of people I can consider to be my brothers. Through this ministry I have been able to learn more than just how to be the best at tomahawk and knife throwing, I’ve learned how to truly be a servant for the Master Ranger, Jesus Christ. FCF has taught me how give and to serve whether it be on a campout or even at home. If it weren’t for all the amazing commanders that have encouraged me through the years I wouldn’t be the man I am today.

Seven new members in the picture to the left are: Marc Derkowitz, John Gant, Derek Sands, Saul Becerril, Armonis Romius, Seshan Armstrong, Garrett Schmidt.

One Dozen Fuzzy Edge Pictures … just a few of the colorful scenes we had during the 2016 Spring Trace held May 13 – 15 on our beautiful campgrounds in Greene, NY. Our Spring Trace was open to all Royal Rangers - Discovery and up. We hope that you will join us next May. See you at Pow Wow.
It’s a new Chapter for the Chapter
By Richard ‘Jacob Staff’ Franco, FCF Adirondack Chapter
President

The year started off with a change in leadership. After an impressive and dedicated 16 years at the front of the line, Charles ‘Flying Bear’ LaShure resigned. Time for a well deserved rest. A new president was appointed, Richard ‘Jacob Staff’ Franco stepped up to bear the torch.

Change can sometimes be a difficult thing. However, this transition could not have come at a more apropos time. It was almost as if the future for FCF was foreseen by our former president, whose timing could not have been planned better.

Over the past several years, aside from the appointment of a new National Director, there have been various updates, changes and modifications, but little had applied to FCF, which remained constant. Well, that is no longer the case. At this past 2016 Lead Conference in Dallas, our National FCF President, Paul ‘Grey Owl’ Walters II unveiled a new era, or shall we say “chapter” of growth in the rich history of the FCF.

From the chapter presidents prospective, just released, are all new procedures and guidelines with detailed documentation from conducting events, ceremonies, to specific job descriptions has all been re-written and updated.

Effective immediately, via the national FCF website, nationalfcf.com, available for all to review are the new advancement workbooks for ‘Frontiersmen,’ ‘Buckskin’ and ‘Wilderness.’ There is also a good Power Point to outline the highlights. Although much may appear the same, there are differences. Without listing in detail, the short is, FCF will have a greater spiritual emphasis for its members, mentoring will have a more significant role, including what it is to be in FCF and to live by the motto that we embrace an hold so dear. As such, ‘Trappers Brigade’ is no longer an option for its members, but a requirement for advancement. You can look forward to the new Spring Trace that will follow the new guidelines for the event and the ‘Frontier Adventure.’

It is highly recommended that all members and future members take the time to read these workbooks. In addition, review the various applications to understand the advancement requirements, from becoming a new Frontiersman ‘Torch Bearer’ The Great Commandment; then advancing to ‘Armor Bearer,’ Fulfill the Great Commission; through to ‘Warrior,’ Being a Fully Empowered Warrior; and including the changes regarding the ‘Trappers Brigade,’ ‘Ad Dare Servire.’
This year is shaping up to be a good year for our boys earning the Gold Medal of Achievement. As of February we’ve already doubled the number earned in 2015. Recently there was a ceremony in Ozone Park, Queens, honoring 6 boys from outpost 234. What an accomplishment, getting 6 boys through the process at one time. (pictured here) The boys of outpost 234 are to be commended for their hard work, their commanders too.

Our 2016 GMA recipients so far are:

Lawrence Lue G2016-016 OP 234 February 27th Ozone Park
Ashton Duncan G2016-017 OP 234 February 27th Ozone Park
Joel Persaud G2016-018 OP 234 February 27th Ozone Park
Emmanuel Khellawan G2016-019 OP 234 February 27th Ozone Park
Samuel Singh G2016-020 OP 234 February 27th Ozone Park
Tyson Terborg G2016-021 OP 234 February 27th Ozone Park

Richard Wottowa G2016-001 OP 43 May 1st North Great River
Chris Wottowa G2016-002 OP 43 May 1st North Great River
Matthew Wottowa G2016-003 OP 43 May 1st North Great River
John Friedmann G2016-012 OP 33 May 21st Central Islip
Michael Oscher G2016-013 OP 33 May 21st Central Islip
Connor Fallon G2015-035 OP 149 June 25th Smithtown
Russell Fallon G2015-035 OP 149 June 25th Smithtown
Skyler Fallon G2015-035 OP 149 June 25th Smithtown
Andrew Frey Jr G2015-089 OP 149 June 25th Smithtown
Elias Velez-Maldonado

Honor GMA Ceremony
Jared Silverman H2014-009 OP 149 April 16th Smithtown

**BAND OF BROTHERS AT OUTPOST 43 EARN GMA’s**

In a ceremony held at the Full Gospel Assembly, N. Great River, on May 1st - three Royal Rangers from Outpost 43 received the Gold Medal of Achievement. The event marked the first time that New York has celebrated three brothers earning the GMA together. Expedition Rangers, Matthew Wottawa, Richard Wottawa and Christopher Wottawa were honored before an audience of family, friends, fellow Royal Rangers and special guests, including NY Network Director Steve Monez. In addition, they received proclamations from local legislators and the Suffolk County executive. Each young man was also presented with a U.S. flag in a beautiful flag case on which their names were engraved. Congratulations to, Matthew, Richard and Christopher for receiving the Royal Rangers highest award!
Compassion Care Ministries of the NY Ministry Network

Rev Don Snyder
The “Chap,” aka “Doc Nefario!”

Compassion Care Ministries is excited about our partnership in emergency preparedness and encouraging our young men to step up to engagement with first responders!

We look forward to having a presence at the Summit in April, and then completing the Emergency Preparedness Merit at the Junior Leadership Training Academy in August.

We have begun to share resources in both staff and materials. Our common goal is to bring glory to God to our efforts and see young men living the Christian life in power!

On the right, in yellow, you will see Ron Beckering helping us develop emergency management for NYMN Churches and events. Thank you, Ron!

May He use us together in our efforts to bring honor and glory to Jesus in NY! - Chaplain Don Snyder, CCM Director
NATIONAL CAMPORAMA


Think summer camp on steroids, multiplied by 10! That’s National Camporama! This amazing event only takes place once every four years in Eagle Rock, Missouri, and is filled with exciting activities that every guy will enjoy. You can’t miss this! Bring all the Guys! National Camporama is a Royal Rangers event that is open to all men and boys, fathers and sons, even teen guys from all across the country. If you’re a guy, you’re invited to National Camporama where you’ll experience for the “Ultimate Event for Guys.”

This thing is gonna be AMAZING!

At National Camporama you’ll have the chance to show your skills in a variety of activities and competitions.

• Take on the guys from across the country in the soccer tournament, or the guys from down the street in a flag football game
• Exercise your thumbs in the video arcade
• Test your nerves on the high ropes course
• Experience the rush of the 500-foot zip line
• Destroy clay targets at the trap shooting range
• Run the gauntlet at the paintball course (then dare your friends to do the same)
• Cool down after an amazing day in one of our swimming pools

It’s all gonna be there, and more, at National Camporama!

FCF 50th Anniversary

Come join us as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship (FCF). Experience an authentic pre-1840s frontier village and fort with all the sights and sounds of the American frontier. Find out more at NationalCamporama.org.
THE VALUE OF THE EVENT by Pastor Dave Hartwick

I'm not a big event guy. Either way you interpret that sentence, it's true. Events are not the highlight of my year and the size and scope of them doesn't change that fact. I prefer the process, the journey, and the moments in between THE moment.

But there are three things I've learned to love and value about events.

1) The work of the Spirit.

   We have no control over this one but it needs to be said. I believe God honors our unity and I also believe that simply changing the scenery can heighten a student's sensitivity to what God is saying. In other words, events can be a time of both coming together and coming apart. There's nothing like seeing the Spirit use that combination to do a real work in young men, revealing Jesus to their hearts.

2) The power of the moment.

   I can walk into certain rooms and immediately point to a place where I had an encounter with God. The moment becomes a landmark in our spiritual lives. In the Old Testament, our spiritual fathers built physical landmarks to signify where and when heaven invaded earth. While the ultimate spiritual landmark in our lives is the cross there are additional times when God reminds us of His greatness and the Spirit whispers to us of Jesus' goodness. Those moments matter.

3) The importance of the conversation.

   I often tell leaders that events have a way of starting, restarting or accelerating really important conversations between students and leaders, between disciples and disciple-makers. You can’t sustain a moment but you can sustain a conversation. Without the moment there may be no conversation but without the conversation, the moment will never be more than just a nice memory. Getting students plugged into disciple-making environments creates opportunity for the conversation to continue.

As you think about Royal Ranger’s events—let’s be praying together that the Spirit will use moments to launch conversations that help us lift up Jesus and make disciples!

Your donations help us promote this valuable ministry, and your dollars will also help us develop and maintain our Campground in Greene, NY... Send your tax-deductible support today, payable to; “NY Ministry Network” in the memo write – “Royal Rangers” To: 8130 Oswego Rd, Liverpool, NY 13090-1520.

On-line donations, visit http://nydag.org/give Go to the tab “Royal Rangers General Fund”.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING HOW YOUR BOYS CAN EARN A SABER CONTACT OUR TRAINING COORDINATOR ED HAZARD rangered@rochester.rr.com

Begin making plans today for all of our great events. You will be glad you did.