

Royal Rangers National Aides-de-Camp Council

April 17-18, 1970

MINUTES

OPENING DINNER SESSION:

The 1970 annual Aides-de-Camp Council was opened with a banquet at 6:00 p.m., April 17, in the Imperial Arms Room of the Imperial Arms Motel. National Commander, Johnnie Barnes, welcomed the Aides-de-Camp, their wives and guests. Rev. B. T. Parkinson, Dominion Commissioner for the Pentecostal Crusaders of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, was the guest speaker for the banquet.

The business meeting was called to order by the chairman, Johnnie Barnes. Since each Aide-de-Camp had received a copy of the 1969 Council minutes, these minutes were not read. The chairman asked if there were any corrections or additions to the written minutes.

John Tyler requested that an addition should be made to the minutes; he pointed out that the full text of the nominating committee's report had not been included in the minutes.

Whereas, the Aide-de-Camp Council is electing in a year which does not coincide with the established election year of officers by the other divisional council of the National Men's Fellowship Department: Therefore, be it resolved that this election of officers be for a temporary term of office for (1) year and that the officers so elected be eligible to succeed themselves in office since they will have served a temporary term less than the established regular two (2) year term as set forth in our by-laws.

The minutes were approved as amended.

REPORTS:

Reports were given by the following: Johnnie Barnes, National Commander; Wes Kilcrease, Council President; Norm Winchar, First Vice-President; Floyd Larson, Second Vice-President; and Paul Feller, National Training Coordinator. Each report was accepted individually by an unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned until 8:45 a.m., Saturday, April 18, 1970.

Chairman, Johnnie Barnes, called the Aides-de-Camp Council to order at 9:00 a.m., April 18, 1970.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The first order of business was the election of officers. The chairman announced that voting would be by secret ballot.

It was moved, seconded and passed that a two-thirds (2/3's) vote on the nominating ballot would constitute an election.

The chairman asked David Robinson and John Casebolt, two guests, to serve as teller.

The first office to be voted upon was the office of president. Prayer was offered by John Tyler, and the nominating ballot was cast.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Council continue with other business while the ballots were being counted.

The National Royal Rangers Executive Committee submitted the following recommendation:

Whereas the Council has a very long agenda and,
Whereas the time in which to cover this agenda is limited,
Therefore be it resolved that all visitor's comments be
presented through their District or Regional Aide-de-
Camp.

It was moved, seconded and passed to adopt this recommendation.

A count was taken to determine the number of eligible voters. There were 29 voters present.

The teller committee reported that Wes Kilcrease, Bob Simpson, John Tyler, Norm Winchar and Virg Palmer were nominated for the office of president. Wes Kilcrease received 21 out of 28 votes cast. The chair declared Wes Kilcrease elected as President.

The nominating ballot for first vice-president was cast.

The Chairman called attention to the fact that the agenda was still open and asked if there were any other items which should be added. The following items were added:

16. Additional Duties for Aides-de-Camp.
17. Name Tabs
18. The Buck-A-Roo program
19. God and Country Award

The teller committee reported that: Norm Winchar, Lester Hughes, Floyd Larson, Virg Palmer, Bob Simpson, John Tyler, and Alan Gell were nominated for First Vice-President.

Prayer was offered by Wes Kilcrease and the first electoral ballot was cast.

The following items were added to the agenda:

20. Insurance
21. F.C.F.
22. L.T.C.
23. Area Commanders

The teller committee brought the following report: Norm Winchar-13 votes, Floyd Larson-6 votes, Bob Simpson-4 votes, Alan Gell-2 votes, Lester Hughes-1 vote, John Tyler-1 vote and Virg Palmer-1 vote.

It was moved and seconded that the candidate with the second highest number of votes for first vice-president become the second vice-president. The motion lost.

John Eller offered prayer and the second electoral ballot was cast.

The words "and other areas" were added to item number 10 of the agenda.

It was suggested that the duties of the deputy district commander be outlined. The chairman pointed out that this is outside of the Aide-de-Camp Council's area of responsibility and should be discussed at the District Commander's Conference.

The tellers reported that Norm Winchar received 20 votes, Floyd Larson-7 votes, Bob Simpson-1 vote, and John Tyler-1 vote. The chairman declared Norm Winchar elected as First Vice-President.

Prayer was offered by B. T. Parkinson, and the nominating ballot for second vice-president was cast.

The teller committee reported that the following men were nominated for second vice-president: Floyd Larson, Alan Gell, Bob Simpson, John Tyler, and Virg Palmer.

Prayer was offered by Ron Halvorson and the first electoral ballot for second vice-president was cast.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the agenda be closed.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the agenda be considered in the order listed.

The teller committee reported that Floyd Larson received 20 votes, Alan Gell 3 votes, John Tyler-3 votes, and Bob Simpson-1 vote. The chair declared Floyd Larson elected as Second Vice-President.

The Chairman expressed his appreciation for the services of the tellers.

INTRODUCTIONS:

The Chairman recognized each of the special guests who were present: Floyd Brooks, Michigan District Commander; John Eller, Midwest F.C.F. Territorial

Representative; Ron Halvorson, Southern California District Commander; Rev. Roberts, Illinois District Commander; and Rev. Parkinson. Also, each of the Aides-de-Camp were introduced by name and the district or region they represented.

ITEM #7 - NATIONAL MEN'S FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Wes Kilcrease gave a report on the National Men's Fellowship Committee meeting in which he highlighted the areas of discussion and the action taken concerning the Royal Rangers program.

The areas so covered were:

- Training: Specializing training for R.R. Leaders were outlined. These included the 8 N.T.C.'s and a proposed National Training Hike.
- Uniforms: The committee passed a resolution moving R.R. insignias from the epaulets to the collars of the R.R. uniform.
- Magazine: The new R.R. magazine was reviewed. A brief description of contents was given and a dummy of the magazine was shown.
- District Commander's Conference A report on outpost chartering through the district was given by Wes Kilcrease. The need of more participation and representation of the District Commanders on a national level was presented. A decision to have District Commander's Conference two days prior to the M.F. conference was made.

ITEM #8 - PROGRESS REPORT ON ROYAL RANGERS MAGAZINE:

Johnnie Barnes reported on the progress of the Royal Rangers magazine for boys. Approval had been given by the publication committee, and the name "High Adventure" had been selected; also promotional materials are being prepared at this time for the magazine. "The Royal Rangers Division has been requested to secure 10,000 subscriptions before publishing the first issue. Subscriptions may be charged and they would not be billed until the first issue is printed. The cost is \$1.50 for single subscription and \$1.30 per subscription in bundle orders of 5 or more. Projected publication date is early 1971."

A brief description of the contents of the magazine was given.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Aide-de-Camp Council recommend that the possibility and feasibility of accepting advertising in the magazine be explored.

ITEM #9 - UNIFORM CHANGES:

Wes Kilcrease gave a report on some of the reasons for the decision of changing the insignias from the epaulets to the shirt collars. The main reason was

that it is becoming increasingly more difficult to secure shirts with epaulets.

A petition from the St. Louis area requesting that the change of insignias from the epaulets to the collar not be made was presented. Eighty-nine Royal Rangers officers and pastors from the Northern Missouri, Illinois, and Southern Missouri Districts signed the petition.

The N.Y. Royal Rangers' cabinet asked that the change not be made.

The Northwest District leaders looked forward to the change.

Southern California leaders were in favor of the change of the insignias.

North Texas leaders were in favor of the change.

Oregon leaders were in favor of the change.

It was moved, seconded and passed that discussion on insignia change cease.

It was moved and seconded that the Aide-de-Camp Council go on record as approving or disapproving the insignia change from the shoulder to collar. Seventeen approved and five disapproved. The five disapproving wanted their disapproval to go on record. They were: Ed Duddy, Virgil Palmer, Charles Hendrix, Gary McKee, and Lester Eager. Seven abstained from voting. The Council approved of the uniform change.

A question was asked if it was permissible to wear short-sleeved shirts with open collars. It was stated that it is permissible; and that the new revised Leader's Manuel contains information on this.

It was moved and seconded that the District Commanders be permitted to enter the discussion for the remainder of the council. The motion lost.

Rev. Kermit Reneau, Executive Director of Men's Fellowship, addressed the Council.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the National Royal Rangers Committee set a phase out time on insignia change.

It was moved seconded and passed that there be a uniform inspection with constructive criticism of all Aides-de-Camp uniforms.

The Chairman appointed Fred Deaver to do the inspecting.

It was moved and seconded that the Council cease discussion on uniform change and move on to other business. The motion lost.

It was moved and seconded that aiguilletes be added to the Aides-de-Camp uniform. The motion lost.

ITEM #10 - PROMOTIONAL IDEAS FOR CHARTERING:

Wes Kilcrease reported that Southern California served in a pilot program of chartering through the District Office. In this system, a month is

chosen in which all outposts in the district would renew their charter. One month before the time chosen for renewing charters, the District Commander sends out a letter to all churches informing them that it is charter time. During the month of charter renewing, area commanders contact the church, help the commander complete charter applications, collect the fees, and leave the appropriate membership cards and charter certificates. The charters and fees are then sent to the Sectional Commander, the Sectional Commander forwards them to the District Office and the District Office sends them to the National Office. By using this system, Southern California was able to reorganize several outposts and organize several new outposts. In addition, Southern California had a greater percentage of outposts renew their charters.

The National Commander asked that nothing be done on this subject until after the District Commander's Conference in August.

It was moved, seconded and passed that discussion move on to other items.

The Chairman called attention to the sheet containing promotional ideas and asked that each Aide-de-Camp read them and use the ideas that would fit in their situation.

It was suggested that the following items be made available through G.P.H.: Book of opening and closing ceremonies, advancement wall charts, posters of birds, trees, etc.; and reference materials for everything needed in the advancement program. There was a period of discussion on availability of materials.

It was suggested that a commissioning certificate be prepared to give to a leader at the time he is commissioned. The certificate should be in R.R. colors.

Another suggestion was that some type of recognition be given for soul winning. The purpose would be to encourage soul winning.

Rev. Glen Bonds, National Secretary of Men's Fellowship, addressed the Council.

ITEM #11 - PLANNING GUIDE:

Planning guide--The Chairman requested that each Aide-de-Camp share ideas they would like to see in the planning guide. These ideas are to be submitted to the National Office.

ITEM #12 - NATIONAL TRAINING TRAILS:

The chairman reported that in planning for the National Training Trails, it was decided that it would be best to postpone the training trails until 1971. A new conception in the training trail has been developed; instead of one trail there would be three. One would give training in back packing,

another would give training in canoe expeditions, and the third would give survival training. In order to qualify as a trainee in these trails, a person would have to have attended a N.T.C.

ITEM #13 - MEDAL OF VALOR AND MEDAL OF MERIT:

Discussion centered on what is the Medal of Valor and the basis on which it is awarded. The chairman explained that the Medal of Valor was awarded to a Royal Ranger (boy or man) who saved a life at the risk of his own. When information concerning such an incident reaches the National Office, it is reviewed by the National Royal Rangers Committee. The committee then decides what to award. If in the opinion of the committee, the Royal Ranger saved a life at the risk of his own, he is awarded the Medal of Valor. If the Royal Ranger saved a life but not at the risk of his own, he is awarded a certificate of valor. If the committee has not received enough information to make a decision, a letter is written requesting more details.

It was suggested that a pin might be designed which could be worn on the uniform for those who saved a life but not at the risk of his own.

The Medal of Merit is a top award given by the National Office to a Royal Rangers leader who has given outstanding service to Royal Rangers. Recommendation will come from the District Office and will be passed upon by the National Office. After a period of discussion, the Council moved on to the next item on the agenda.

ITEM #14 - GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE AND ROYAL RANGERS SUPPLIES:

Wes Kilcrease read a letter written by the National Royal Rangers Executive Committee and addressed to Rev. Kermit Reneau, Executive Director of Men's Fellowship.

It was moved and seconded that the Aide-de-Camp Council go on record as approving the content of the letter written by the National Royal Rangers Executive Committee. The letter stated the problems of receiving R.R. supplies through the Gospel Publishing House.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #15 - FILMSTRIPS:

The chairman mentioned there are two slides and tape presentations which are very good--"Let George Do It" and the "Valley Park Story." Both of these presentations can be used in promotion. "The Valley Park Story" gives the actual record of what Royal Rangers did for the Valley Park Assembly of God and is especially good for promotion of Royal Rangers.

ITEM #16 - ADDITIONAL DUTIES FOR AIDES-DE-CAMP:

Wes Kilcrease presented five proposed additional duties for District Aides-

de-Camp. They were:

1. That the Aide-de-Camp establish a National Desk at the District Office where the District Commander can place items of National concern into the hands of the Aide-de-Camp.
2. Promote and conduct all chartering and charter renewals in the District.
3. Promote the annual National Training Camp in his District.
4. All Aides-de-Camp shall achieve Training Chief status within one year of date of appointment (in some exceptional cases the time period may be extended by the National Office)
5. All Aides-de-Camp should endeavor to become a member of F.C.F. at his earliest convenience.

Floyd Larson presented the list of recommendations that were adopted by the Regional Aides-de-Camp. These were:

1. If possible, conduct Regional meetings on a semi-annual basis.
 - A. Those who will participate will be:
 1. District Aide-de-Camp
 2. District Commander
 3. District Deputy Commander(s)
 4. Special Aide-de-Camp
 5. F.C.F. territorial representative
 6. District M.F. Director and or Executive Director.
 7. District M.F. Chaplin
 - B. Suggest that the meetings be held on a Saturday and Sunday if necessary and to be centrally located.
 - C. Some suggested items to discuss could be:
 1. Philosophy of the National Office
 2. Promotion of National programs.
 3. Discuss District Operations.
 4. Leadership Training Courses
 5. Bring Region into uniformity of purpose.
 6. Promote National Training Camp.
 7. Other related regional needs.
2. Assist in conducting the annual Regional National Training Camp.
3. Shall send a bi-monthly newsletter to all District Aides-de-Camp in his region.
4. All Aides-de-Camp shall achieve Training Chief status within one year of date of appointment (in some exceptional cases the time period may be extended by the National Office.).
5. All Aides-de-Camp should endeavor to become a member of F.C.F. at his earliest convenience.

It was moved and seconded that the additional duties be accepted as read and entered into by-laws under responsibility of District Aide-de-Camp.

A question was raised as to who would have the primary responsibility for

promoting N.T.C. on a District level. The chairman explained that both the Aide-de-Camp and the District Commander could promote N.T.C.; but since N.T.C. is a national camp, then the District Aide-de-Camp, as a representative of the National Office, would have the primary responsibility.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the original motion be amended to include a sixth point stating that Aides-de-Camp must attend the regional meetings.

The original motion passed as amended with more than the 2/3's majority required vote.

A clarification of F.C.F. Territorial Representative duties was requested. The chairman explained that the basic responsibility of the F.C.F. Territorial Representative is to promote the establishment and to perpetuate the F.C.F. program in the Districts in his territory. This is done through personal contact with the District Royal Rangers Officers through newsletters, etc. He should also make himself available to any district who might need his assistance.

ITEM #17 - NAME TABS:

A recommendation from the National Royal Rangers Executive Committee that all personal identification name tabs include names and position was presented. The recommended size for the khaki uniforms was 3 x 1 inch (Model C1). The color would be dark blue background and white lettering. The recommended size for the blazer was 3 x 3/4 inches (Model C5). The color would be chrome (metal) with black lettering. When ordering, a clutch back fastener should be specified. The lettering for the name should be larger than the lettering for the position with the name on the top line and position on the bottom line.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation from the National Royal Rangers Executive Committee be adopted. There were 14 yes, 12 no votes with 3 abstaining. The motion carried.

There was a period of discussion on phase out time and the size of the blue name tabs. After the discussion, it was moved and seconded that the previous action be amended by changing the name tab model C1 (3" x 1") to model C2 (3" x 3/4") with a phase out time of April 1971. There were 19 yes, 3 votes no with 2 abstaining. The chairman declared the motion carried.

ITEM #18 - BUCK-A-ROO PROGRAM:

Discussion centered in the advancement requirements for Buck-a-Roos. Several Buck-a-Roo leaders had boys who had reached the top hand rating with nine months to go until they became Pioneer age. This presented a problem of keeping the boys challenged. Leaders wanted to see the requirements for advancement made harder or another step be added. They were particularly interested in adding some outdoor activities.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Council recommend that a study

be made of the Buck-A-Roo program and consideration be given to the possibility of additional advancement requirements or awards covering a longer time span.

ITEM #19 - GOD & COUNTRY AWARD:

The New York District requested that consideration be given to creating an award comparable to the Boy Scouts God and Country Award. In the discussion that followed it was pointed out that requirements equivalent to the God and Country Award are woven throughout the Royal Rangers advancement program and in the requirements for the Bible award, the Church award, and the Christian Service Award. Therefore, the Council generally agreed that an additional award was not necessary.

There was a period of discussion on whether the wearing of a name tab was mandatory or not and if so which leaders would be required to wear the name tab.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Council recommend that the name tab become mandatory on uniforms of leaders who are serving in a position above a local level. The name tab would be optional on uniforms of adult leaders serving in a position on a local level.

ITEM #20 - INSURANCE:

Norm Winchar stated that he requested that insurance be added to the agenda in order to clarify any question that might have arisen. Bob Thompson stated that he had an occasion to file a claim and the insurance paid off without any problems. There was no further discussion.

The chairman expressed his appreciation to Norm Winchar for setting up the insurance program for Royal Rangers.

ITEM #21 - FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY:

Discussion on the F.C.F. program centered around the number of new members accepted, standards for acceptance, and basis of limiting the number accepted each year. It was generally agreed that if there is not some limit placed on the number accepted then a chapter would not be able to handle all the new applicants.

Suggested means to control the number of new members were: A set limit per outpost, upgrade requirements, prorate the number according to the size of the outpost. It was also pointed out that the chapter has the prerogative of excepting or rejecting applicants. Discussion turned to the age of the F.C.F. president.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Council go on record as recommending that a F.C.F. president must be at least 21 years of age.

A vice-president may be under 21 but can not become president. In case the

president resigned and the vice-president was under 21, the vice-president would serve as acting president until an election could be held. He would not hold the office of president nor the rank of major.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that consideration be given to establishing a national organization for the F.C.F. with appropriate National officers.

It was moved and seconded that the Council recommend that all F.C.F. applications have a letter of recommendation from the pastor.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the motion be amended by substituting "provided a space for the pastor's signature recommending the applicant" in the place of "having a letter of recommendation from the pastor." The amended motion: "The Council recommends that all F.C.F. applications provide a space for the pastor's signature recommending the applicant."

The motion passed as amended.

It was moved, seconded and passed that all territorial F.C.F. representatives be made special Aides-de-Camp.

ITEM #22 - LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE:

A question arose concerning the policy of enrolling boys in the leadership training course. The chairman asked the National Training Coordinator to explain the policy concerning boys enrolling in the L.T.C.

It was stated that the policy of the National Office is that a boy should complete his own advancements and earn the Gold Medal of Achievement before enrolling in the L.T.C.

It was moved, and seconded that the Council recommend that boys in the Air-Sea-Trail Rangers, 15 through 17 age group, who are serving as Jr. Commanders be permitted to take the L.T.C. before earning the Gold Medal of Achievement. The motion lost.

The Council was concluded by the National Commander expressing his deep appreciation to the Aides-de-Camp for the fine work they are doing.

Fred Deaver and Wes Kilcrease inspected uniforms.

Council adjourned.

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