

# ROYAL RANGERS NATIONAL AIDES-DE-CAMP COUNCIL

## MINUTES

(May 14 and 15, 1971)

The 1971 Aides-de-Camp Council convened on the platform of the headquarters auditorium at 9:11 a.m., May 15, 1971. The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnnie Barnes. Since each Aide-de-Camp had received a copy of the 1970 minutes, those minutes were not read. No additions or corrections were made to the 1970 minutes. Chairman Johnnie Barnes announced that, in conformity with previous action of the Council, Aides-de-Camp only would be eligible speakers during the Council. A motion was made and seconded "to follow the agenda as printed and restrict additions." The motion carried.

Chairman Johnnie Barnes clarified the appointment method for District Aides-de-Camp: The District Commander nominates the candidate, after which the National Committee officially appoints them.

### ITEM #1 - REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Reports were given to the Council by the following officers: Johnnie Barnes, Chairman; Wes Kilcrease, President; Floyd Larson, Second Vice President; and Don Franklin, Secretary. Each report was accepted, individually, by a unanimous vote.

### ITEM #2 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Wes Kilcrease presented the Executive Committee report. Among the items discussed were name tabs and name plates, stressing the desirability of uniformity in design, etc. Suitable name plates are available through Ken Nolan, 27812 Forbes Road, South Laguna, CA 92677. Council President Kilcrease referred to the standards as established by the minutes of the 1970 Aides-de-Camp Council, page 9, Item #17 - NAME TABS, as a proper reference point.

### ITEM #3 - PROGRESS REPORTS:

Chairman Johnnie Barnes reported favorable progress on the new promotional advancement poster to be made available very soon.

It was reported that Don Franklin will be the editor of the new Jr. Leaders Handbook.

The new Royal Rangers songbook, compiled by John Eller, will soon be available. Its contents will include many old favorites, plus new songs that will provide an excellent variety for every occasion.

Volume II of the Bible Study lessons, which is now available, was referred to as "excellent reference materials for outposts." Its order number is #02-0697.

### ITEM #4 - HIGH ADVENTURE MAGAZINE:

Chairman Johnnie Barnes gave a detailed progress report of the HIGH ADVENTURE magazine, which is now in the hands of thousands of readers. Our newest publication is

being enthusiastically received. The chairman indicated that if our subscriptions pass the 10,000 mark, we can add all-color processes and additional pages. It is suggested that we utilize every opportunity to distribute subscription cards, especially at National Training Camps and Pow Wows. Complimentary copies will be sent to all outpost commanders.

Wes Kilcrease indicated that an award is being planned for outposts with a 100% HIGH ADVENTURE subscription.

ITEM #5 - INCREASE IN CHARTER MEMBERSHIP FEES:

The Chairman explained that, effective July 1, 1971, yearly registration fees will be raised from 50¢ to \$1.00 per person. Extensive consideration has been given to the necessity of this change, and the cooperation of every leader in implementing this change will be greatly appreciated.

ITEM #6 - JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP:

Chairman Johnnie Barnes explained that the Jr. Leadership Training Camp in each district should operate similar to the regional National Training Camp, except it would be conducted on a district level and under district supervision.

ITEM #7 - FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY:

National Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity President John Eller reported on the F.C.F. cabin. This cabin was given to the History Club of Evangel College. They in turn gave it to us as a symbolic headquarters for our Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity. A large sign has been erected designating it as our official Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity cabin. Extensive work needs to be done on it -- the south wall, the hearth, the doors, the locks, etc. The contribution of artifacts is needed. Each chapter should write to the National Office to avoid duplication when donating artifacts.

Discussion followed, regarding requirements and qualifications as described on page 15 of the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity handbook. Chairman Johnnie Barnes stressed the need for vigils to be conducted by Regional Aides-de-Camp, District Commanders, or National Staff Officers. It was further suggested that vigils be a separate event -- not part of a Pow Wow.

It was requested that the names and addresses of all participants in the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity be sent to National President John Eller.

The 1972 National Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity Rendezvous will tentatively be held in June of that year. Plans are under way to have a patch available, entitled, "National Rendezvous, 1972." The Rendezvous will be of two days' duration. The total cost will be kept to a bare minimum.

ITEM #8 - APPLICATION FORMS FOR MEDAL OF MERIT AND MEDAL OF VALOR:

Chairman Johnnie Barnes discussed the basic reasons for issuing the Medal of Merit, and guidelines for processing. He also indicated that detailed information is needed regarding the application form for the Medal of Valor. A request was made to simplify each recommendation as much as possible. Each recommendation should

proceed from the district level. It was suggested that stories of Medal of Valor winners would provide good material for HIGH ADVENTURE magazine. The person selected to receive the Medal of Valor must be a Royal Ranger, either a man or a boy. The events should have occurred within the past year.

The basic qualification for the Medal of Valor should be, "For saving a life at the risk of one's own life." A special recognition certificate entitled, "Certificate of Valor," will be given to anyone who has saved someone's life, but not at the actual risk of their own.

\*\* The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Johnnie Barnes for lunch.

Upon reconvening, Chairman Johnnie Barnes discussed scripture-text calendars as a possible means of fund-raising. Published by the Gospel Publishing House, the calendars can provide a good, Christian-service project. Available soon, these 1972 calendars will involve a contest in which the boy selling the most, and the group selling the most calendars will win valuable prizes. Costing 35¢ and selling for \$1.00 each, calendars sold will represent an excellent profit. These Gospel Publishing House calendars are expected to go on sale this fall.

ITEM #9 - FUTURE PROPOSED NATIONAL TRAINING EXPERIENCES:

Chairman Johnnie Barnes disclosed plans for winter National Training Camps. Such training under winter conditions would prepare trainees to safely experience unusual weather conditions, and, in turn, be able to communicate the skills learned. He also shared plans for an aquatic N.T.C. with emphasis placed on water activities.

Les Hughes shared with the Council the availability of a canoe trip excursion. Localized in the Ely, Minnesota area, it would provide a means of exploring the upper Minnesota lakes area for a reasonable fee.

ITEM #10 - LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE SUGGESTIONS:

Don Franklin, National Training Coordinator, addressed the Council. A question and answer time was held to clarify training concepts. It was requested that all persons who conduct training sessions should be cleared through the district office and follow procedures as outlined by the National Office, using accepted materials and communication; district officers should be aware of courses being conducted, and proper notification should be made to the National Office so that Leadership Training Course pins can be ordered well in advance.

It was moved, seconded and carried to close discussion on Item #10.

ITEM #11 - PROPOSED BLAZER CHANGE:

It was moved and seconded that "we eliminate epaulets on blazers and go to blue, Air Force-type shirts; to place miniature insignias on collars." Discussion followed. A motion was made to limit debate. Debate for and against the motion was heard. The motion lost.

ITEM #12:

It was moved and seconded that "the National Office consider the company (Crestlane, New York City and Los Angeles, California) as a possible source for blazers. The color should match our Royal Rangers leaders' tie." The motion carried.

ITEM #13:

It was moved and seconded that "we miniaturize the outpost number(s) on the right sleeve." The motion lost.

ITEM #14:

It was moved and seconded that "we prepare a bugler patch with a blue background, with a gold bugle, to be called a 'bugler guide patch'." The motion lost.

ITEM #15 - OVERSEAS TRAVEL FUND FOR NATIONAL OFFICE:

To assist in the promotion of Royal Rangers in other countries, a motion was made that "the District Aides-de-Camp make available \$25.00 per year; and the Regional Aide-de-Camp make available \$50.00 per year for a Royal Rangers overseas travel fund." The motion unanimously carried.

ITEM #16 - AWARD PINS FOR BUCKAROOS AND PIONEERS:

It was moved and seconded that "we change our Buckaroo and Pioneer metal award pins to cloth pins." The motion lost.

ITEM #17 - GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE:

It was moved and seconded "to limit debate on Item #17." The motion carried.

The motion was made and seconded that "Glen Bonds, Johnnie Barnes and Don Franklin discuss with Dave Johnston the possibility of allowing each district to handle their own supplies." The motion carried.

ITEM #18 - PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS:

Chairman Johnnie Barnes informed the Council that we are in the process of preparing another, smaller-type brochure for promotional purposes. A space on the brochure will be provided for the use of a church stamp.

ITEM #19 - BIBLE AWARD:

The difficulty involved in earning the Bible Award, listed in the Advanced Awards section, was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to "keep the Bible Award like it is." The motion lost. The Council was informed that the National Office will be making a study of this.

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Discussion was held regarding the pooling of ideas, information, helps, to centralize through the National Office and its publications.

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The Council business meeting was concluded by National Commander Johnnie Barnes expressing his deep appreciation to all Aides-de-Camp for their excellent contribution to the Royal Rangers program. He also noted that it was a very delightful occasion to have many of our Aides-de-Camp wives with us.

Council adjourned.