

ROYAL RANGERS LEADERS



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For Missionettes Devotions



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Commander's Corner

Dear Commander:

You will note on page 15 of this issue a rank insignia change. For the benefit of you who may have questions regarding why this change was made, I would like to make the following clarifications:

For quite some time the National Office has been bombarded with requests for perma-press uniforms instead of the cotton-twill type supplied by Gospel Publishing House. On the other hand, Gospel Publishing House stated that they could not find a source from which to purchase perma-press uniforms with epaulets. (I also tried to find some for my personal use without success.) We also discovered that all military uniforms now have the epaulets removed from the shirts. We were also informed that in the future such shirts will be impossible to find unless specially made.

While traveling on the field, I observed many leaders wearing the rank insignia on the collar in military fashion because their shirt had no epaulets. I observed others wearing the insignia on the shoulder of the shirt without epaulets, which looked even worse.

It was my observation that the variations of shirts with or without epaulets would be less conspicuous if the rank insignias were all worn in the same place. One of the strengths of any program is uniformity. Obviously some decision had to be made to help create more uniformity in uniforms. We also discovered that Royal Rangers is the only organization of its type that wear rank insignia on the epaulets. All others wear insignia on the collar or elsewhere.

We realized that in making a decision, we would probably be caught in the crossfire of those wanting a change and those already with epaulets not wishing to change. However, after carefully studying all phases of the problem, and looking into the future, it was our sincere belief that the proposed change was best for the overall program. We therefore made a recommendation for this change to the National M. F. Committee. The subject was thoroughly discussed, and a unanimous decision was made for the change.

Except for the few hundred leaders wearing cloth insignia (about 400) it is a simple matter for the remaining 12,000 leaders to unpin their metal insignia and move it to the collar. A miniature rank insignia will be made available for shirt collars which will look much better than the large size insignia.

"READY" in His service,

ROYAL RANGERS DIVISION

Johnnie Barnes

Johnnie Barnes
National Commander

PLANNING GUIDE

SUMMER 1970

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MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
RANGERS IN ACTION (To coordinate with Royal Ranger Week.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HISTORY (including outpost) 2. OUTPOST ORGANIZATION (including duties) 3. ROYAL RANGER ACTIVITIES 4. OUTPOST GOALS 	<p>ATTEND CHURCH AS A GROUP IN UNIFORM</p> <p>FATHER-SON CAMPOUT, PICNIC, OR BANQUET</p>	<p>TAKE PHOTOS OF FATHER-SON EVENTS AND OTHER ROYAL RANGER WEEK FUNCTIONS AND DISPLAY IN MEETING ROOM</p>

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LIFE IN CAMP (<i>"Adventures in Camping"</i> Handbook)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CAMP LAYOUT (Making a campsite efficient and comfortable) 2. CAMP COOKING AND SANITATION 3. CAMP ACTIVITIES 4. CAMP SAFETY 	EXTENDED CAMP-OUT	MAKE RUSTIC CAMP FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT ON YOUR CAMPSITE

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MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
SPLISH AND SPLASH (<i>"Leader's Manual,"</i> Pages 83-87 and Pages 129-134)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SWIMMING SAFETY 2. SWIMMING TECHNIQUES 3. WATER FUN 4. LIFESAVING TECHNIQUES 	SWIMMING MEET	MAKE LIFESAVING AND SWIMMING SAFETY EQUIPMENT

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



A STAR TO FOLLOW

(Submitted by Joseph E. Jolley
Anaheim, Calif.)

Equipment Needed: Four large paper stars (readable at fifteen feet):

First Star with photo of movie star printed on it.

Second Star with photo of some world ruler on it.

Third Star with photo of the richest man in the world on it.

Fourth Star larger than the rest with picture of Jesus on it.

Strong flashlight or spotlight.

Note: *In speaking about each star, give any personal anecdotes you wish.

1. Direct boys' attention to the stars overhead and talk about the North Star which is used as a direction finder or guide for people all over the earth. Emphasize that each person needs a guide or light to follow.

2. Shine light on the first star.

Point out that many people use movie stars as their guide. They pattern their lives after these people both in action and dress. The popularity these people gain does not satisfy. Many of the movie stars wreck their lives by the use of drugs and alcohol, and quite a few of them try to commit suicide. Entitle this "The Star of Personal Glory and Prestige." This is not a star to follow.

3. Shine light on the second star.

State that many people would like to be a great ruler. They try to gain prestige by achieving certain positions in life; they hope this will satisfy. But when these positions are gained, they still are unhappy. Read Matthew 20:20-23 and point out that "The Star of Personal Ambition" will not satisfy.

4. Shine light on the third star.

Explain that this is "The Star of Riches." Tell the story of the rich young ruler who came to Jesus in Luke 18:18-

24; also Luke 16:19-31. Emphasize that riches will never satisfy. Quote Matthew 16:26,

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

5. Stress the point that the stars they have just seen are not the stars to follow; man needs a greater star to follow. He needs a light to guide his pathway. Revelation 22:16 tells us of One who is called the "Bright and Morning Star." That Star is Jesus. Shine the light on the fourth star. The brightest light in all the sky is the "Morning Star" and if we follow Jesus, our Morning Star, we will never lose our way.

6. Turn the light on the stars one by one and explain again that they will not satisfy, but when we follow Jesus there is satisfaction and eternal life.

Give each boy a chance to accept the Lord Jesus Christ or rededicate his life while the light remains on the picture of Jesus.

CANDLELIGHT MEDITATION

(Submitted by Gordon L. Benson
San Diego, Calif.)

Materials Needed: Candles, 1 for each person present.

Setting: A campout area

Purpose: To teach the importance of private meditation.

What to Do: Introduce your plan with a few words about meditation. Point out the value of meditation and the difficulty of finding time to meditate each day. Tell the group that it is as important for us to be still and allow God to talk to us as it is for us to talk to God.

Then ask each boy to light his candle and walk away from the crowd to meditate for ten minutes.

The sight of lighted candles all across the campsite area will be beautiful; but

most important, the service will make some of the young men discover, for the first time in their lives, the experience of private meditation.

Close the service according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

ONE WAY

*(Submitted by Charles Crabtree
Tracyton, Wash.)*

There is a story about a man who often got lost in the woods. It was necessary for his friends to go in search of him. Finally one man became tired of this procedure so he bought him a compass and showed him how to use it. The next time the man went into the woods, he carried the compass with him. Soon he lost his sense of direction and pulled out the compass. It pointed in only one direction. The man kept wandering around. Finally his friends went in search of him. When they found him, they asked, "Why didn't you use your compass?" "I did," he said, "but it wouldn't point in the right direction."

This is the problem with many people spiritually. They have the Word of God which is a sure guide, however many do as this man did. They try to get the Bible to point in the direction they want to go. The Word points however in only one way—God's way. So many are left in confusion because they will not follow God's directions. If a man goes to heaven, it will be because he follows the Word of God. The Bible states in John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me."

STAYING CLOSE TO THE MASTER RANGER

*(Submitted by Michael D. Cox
Oklahoma City, Okla.)*

Equipment Needed: Several kitchen matches, 1 nail, a length of string or cord.

Fellows you have all seen a match like this before, haven't you? (Hold up 1

match.) You know how easy it can be broken? (Break this match in half and let a couple of the boys break a match to stress the point.)

Now fellows, look at this nail. It would be very hard to break it, wouldn't it? Now let's put a match side by side with the nail and wrap this string around both of them and tie the ends.

Now! let's see if the match can be broken. (Attempt to break it.) Well, I can't seem to do it. Maybe some of you boys can. (Pass it around to several of them—if the match is joined securely to the nail and wrapped tightly, it cannot be broken.)

Fellows, the match represents each of us, and the nail represents the Master Ranger (the Lord Jesus Christ). Perhaps you can already see a great truth illustrated here. By ourselves we can easily be broken by Satan. But when we completely unite or tie ourselves to Christ, there is nothing that can break us or make us fall.

LOVE BROUGHT GREAT RICHES

*(Submitted by Bill Shepard
Oildale, Calif.)*

There was a certain rich family, a man, woman and a small boy. They were very happy until the mother became ill and died. The man and boy were heart-broken. But this was not the end of grief for the man, because soon after, the boy became very ill and he too died. This was too much for the man. His health started to fail and he lost all interest in life. A short time later he died. His friends all said he died of a broken and lonely heart.

There were no living relatives to claim the rich inheritance.

Because there was no will, the state took over the estate and began to auction off the home and furnishings. Over the fireplace hung an oil painting of the son. An old family servant who had

known the boy as a baby and loved him as his own bid the highest for the painting. No one really wanted a painting of someone they didn't even know.

To everyone's surprise, when they took the painting off the wall they found a message written on the back. The mother and father had written an agreement that whoever loved their son enough to buy the painting was to become heir to all their fortune. So because of the servant's love for the son, he became heir to the father's riches.

There is also a great spiritual truth in this story. If we love God's son, Jesus Christ, we will become joint heirs with Jesus to the kingdom of God.

MINE TWICE!

*(Submitted by Coyce O. Pollard
Fort Worth, Tex.)*

Make a campfire and have the fellows sit down in a circle around the fire.

"One day Frank decided to take on the project of building a model boat. He asked his father to purchase materials for him to build his boat. His dad suggested instead that he earn the money to buy needed materials by mowing lawns, etc. Frank agreed, and by mowing his first lawn produced \$1.50.

"When Frank had earned and saved \$4.50 he told his father that he was ready to pick out and purchase the needed materials. A visit to the hobby shop with Dad, and about 2 weeks of hard work after school, and Frank's boat project was completed. Frank was anxious to try his boat out on the nearby lake.

"Frank scampered off to the lake-shore, boat, string and all. The boat pleased Frank in every way. The sailing seemed perfect, it floated just as any boat its size should. The painting could have been improved possibly, but Frank felt that it was ideal for him anyway because he bought the materials and with his own hands made the boat.

"While Frank mused over the exciting results, he heard a fire whistle. Naturally the only thing to do was tie the boat and see about the fire.

"An hour or so later, after watching a neighbor's house burn, Frank remem-

bered that his boat was tied at the lake. He ran back to the spot where he'd left his boat tied, but it was gone! Frank cried and looked up and down the shore, but to no avail. His boat had been stolen.

"Frank returned home in a dead run, crying and sobbing because his entire efforts and hard earned project had been stolen. After explaining to his dad the entire situation, they decided to take a look at the pawn shops downtown.

"It was just about dark as Frank and his dad arrived at the third pawn shop. They had gone into detail about every part of the project with the two managers at both of the first two pawn shops. Oops! Wait a minute.

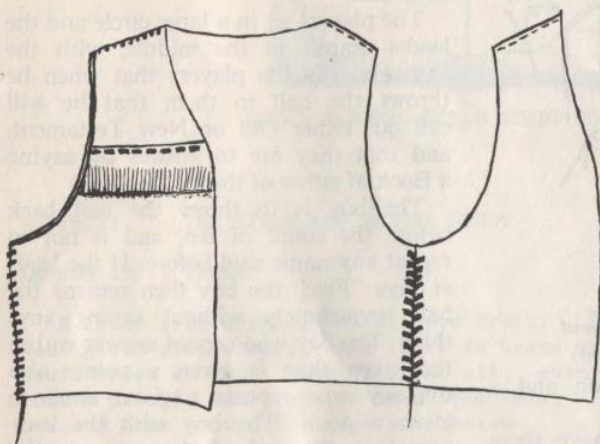
"'Dad, that looks like my boat in the window. My boat was sky blue and white just like that one. The longer Frank looked, the more convinced he was that the boat was his. Frank's dad suggested talking to the manager about the boat. The manager stated that he purchased the boat from a boy about 2 hours before for \$1.50. The manager offered his regret to Frank after he had explained for the third time his project, investment and loss.

"Finally the manager agreed to let Frank have the boat for exactly what it cost him—which was \$1.50. Frank agreed after borrowing the money from his father to be paid back in thirty days.

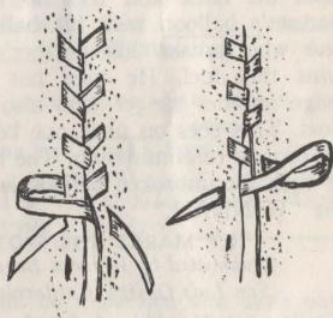
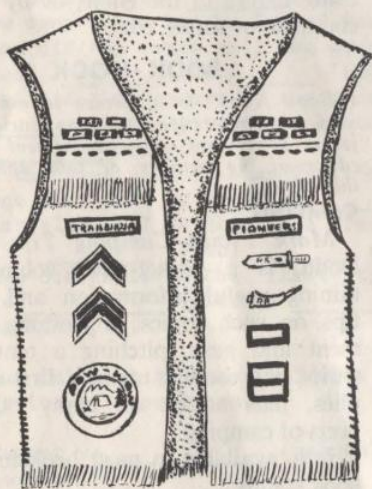
"Heart fluttering, peaceful inside, and thankful, Frank hugged the boat and said 'Little boat, you are mine twice. I bought and made you once, and now I have bought you back after you were stolen.'

"Frank's dad said, 'You know, son, that's the way Christ did. He purchased us and made us in his own image. Because of Adam's sin, we were born into a world of sin with a sinful nature. After being lost Christ found us and paid the price to buy us back.'"

CRAFT IDEAS



CHISEL MADE FROM NAIL



USE DOUBLE OR SINGLE LACING

AWARD VESTS

An award vest is an ideal way for Royal Rangers to display a record of their achievements, ratings, pow-wows, and camporees. They may display advancement pins, chevrons, advanced awards, and guide bars which they have previously received in any age division. Camporee and pow-wow patches can also be displayed in this way.

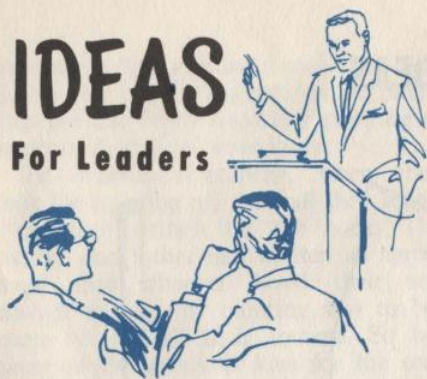
These vests may be worn during any

Royal Rangers activity, except formal occasions, such as banquets and church services.

Make the vest from buckskin, suede cloth, or felt and lace it with leather or plastic lacing. Punch holes for lacing with a sharp leather chisel or make a chisel from a nail with a file. Use an old vest as a pattern or secure a vest pattern from a store. This would make a good outpost craft project.

IDEAS

For Leaders



GAME IDEAS BALLOON DUEL

(Submitted by Warren Bebout
San Luis Obispo, California)

Equipment Needed: A balloon and a piece of string for each boy.

Pair off your rangers or have them choose partners. Give each a balloon to blow up, tie it off, then tie it to his partner's wrist (right). At a given signal each ranger puts his left hand behind his back and tries to break his partner's balloon with his balloon. The one who breaks his partner's balloon wins the duel. He then has to challenge another ranger who also won his duel. This goes on until one boy is left, by process of elimination. The last ranger with the unbroken balloon is declared the "WINNAH."

"X" MARKS THE SPOT

(Submitted by Warren Bebout
San Luis Obispo, California)

Equipment Needed: A handmade large "treasure map" (a big piece of wrapping paper will be just the thing), a blindfold, a piece of crayon for each ranger (a different color for each boy).

Draw a circle where the treasure is located. Hang the "treasure map" on the wall. Each ranger is blindfolded, one at a time, turned around 3 times, and given a crayon with which to mark a big "X" where he thinks the "Treasure" is located. Be sure to give each ranger a different color to use so he will know which "X" is his.

The ranger who draws his "X" in the center of the circle, or nearest to it, is the "WINNAH."

FIRE

(Submitted by John Casebolt, Sr.
Kansas City, Missouri)

Equipment Needed: A volley ball or large ball.

The players sit in a large circle and the leader stands in the middle, with the ball. He tells the players that when he throws the ball to them that he will call out either Old or New Testament, and that they are to answer by saying a Book of either of these.

The boy is to throw the ball back before the count of ten, and is not to repeat any name said before. If the leader says "Fire" the boy then returns the ball immediately without saying anything. The boy who cannot answer within the given time is given a point; also the boy who repeats a given name is given a point. The boy with the least points at the end of the game is the winner. This game may be varied by using names in the Bible, or by naming countries or states, etc.

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Royal Rangers Bible Study



ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 53: TREES

A fruit tree normally bears good fruit. However, if a tree has not been given proper care, the fruit it bears will not be usable. Some fruit trees do not bear fruit at all, even with best of care. Jesus told a parable concerning a tree like this. Read the story in Luke 13: 6-9 and then answer the questions below.

1. What did the owner look for on his fig tree? _____ (tuifr)
2. Did he find it? _____ (on)
3. How many years had he looked for it? _____ (heret)
4. What did the owner tell the dresser of the vineyard to do with the tree? _____ (utc) _____ (ti) _____ (onwd)
5. What did the dresser of the vineyard ask to do? Wait _____ (noe) _____ (raey) so that he could _____ (gid) about it, and _____ (nugd) it.
6. If the tree did not bear fruit after this extra care what would be done with it? It would be _____ (tcu) _____ (odwn).
7. What else will be done to a tree which does not bear fruit? Luke 3:9 _____ (stac) _____ (tnoi) _____ (het) _____ (rfei)
8. Luke 3:8 tells us the first type of fruits we should bear. They are _____ (sitruf) _____ (tohryw) _____ (fo) _____ (eeeacnntpr).

Jesus tells us in Luke 13:5 what will happen to a person who does not bear fruits of repentance.

9. "Except ye _____ (peertn), ye shall all likewise _____ (hersip)."

The rich man in Luke 16:19-31 is an example of a person who did not repent. Turn to the story, read the account and then answer the following questions.

10. Where did the rich man go when he died? _____ (lelh)
11. Why did he want some water? To _____ (olco) _____ (shi) _____ (ugoent)
12. At the White Throne judgement where will the people be who have refused to repent? Revelation 20:15 _____ (keal) _____ (fo) _____ (reif)

Have you repented of your sins and asked God to forgive you? If you haven't, why not bow your head and do so now?

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 54: TREES

A tree needs an adequate supply of water. To gather this water, a tremendous root system is developed. In their search for water, roots grow into almost every crack and crevasse. They make their way between small stones and into cracks of larger stones. They buckle sidewalks and pavements and clogg sewers. The tips of the roots are guided by specks of moisture which attract them like magnets. When the root reaches a drop of moisture, root hairs reach out and absorb it. The roots are continually searching for and absorbing the water which the tree needs.

Water is so important to the tree that if there isn't a sufficient supply, the growth of the tree will be stunted and the tree will become fruitless. A lack of water will cause the tree to die. On the other hand, a plentiful supply of water will permit a tree to grow and become fruitful.

Did you know that God likens a person who studies His word to a tree with a good supply of water? Turn to Psalms 1:2,3 and read what He said. "But his _____ is in the _____ of the _____; and in _____ law doth he _____ day and night. And he shall be like a _____ planted by the rivers of _____, that bringeth forth his _____ in his season..."

Just as it is important for a tree to have a continual supply of water, it is important for a Christian to read and study the Bible regularly. Let us see what some of the great men of the Bible said about Bible study.

MULTIPLE CHOICE (underline the correct answer)

1. Peter tells us to (avoid, forget, desire) the sincere milk of the word. (I Peter 2:2)
2. Moses tells us in Deuteronomy 8:3 that (man lives by bread and part of the words of God, man only lives by bread, man lives by bread and every word of God.)
3. Job said that he esteemed the words of God (less than, more than, equal to) his necessary food. (Job 23:12)
4. The Psalmist in Psalm 119:72 states that the law of God is better unto him than (tens, hundreds, thousands) of gold and silver.

We can see from these scriptures that we should study God's Word. The next question is when should we study the Word?

5. The Psalmist said he meditated in God's Word (most of, all, part of) the day. (Psalm 119:97)
6. The people of Berea searched the Scriptures (daily, once a week, every other day). Acts 17:10,11.

NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP

National Training Camp is an experience of a lifetime. You won't want to miss the inspiration and training received during this camp. If you haven't already sent your application into the National Office, why not do it right now?

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 55: TREES

In this lesson we will study the palm tree. There are over 4,000 species of palm trees. Most of these grow in warm and tropical regions. Some palm trees grow over 100 feet tall. Palm leaves vary in size, but the more common leaf measures 20 feet long and 4 feet wide. The leaves of the Raffia palm are the largest measuring up to 65 feet in length.

The palm tree mentioned in the Bible is the date palm. Psalm 92:12, "The righteous shall flourish like the _____ he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon." This palm has a single straight trunk and grows to a height of 75 to 100 feet. The roots of the date palm grow down until they reach water which is often 20 or more feet deep. These roots do not only gather water, but they also serve as a firm anchor in the time of storms. Thus the palm tree is able to flourish in the desert in which it grows.

Just as the palm tree needs to be firmly rooted in order to withstand the storms, so must a Christian be firmly established in God's Word in order to withstand temptations and spiritual storms.

HOW CAN WE BE ESTABLISHED?

1. II Chronicles 20:20, "... _____ in the Lord your God, so shall ye be _____; _____ his prophets, so shall ye prosper."

WHO WILL ESTABLISH US?

2. Romans 16:25, "Now to him (God) that is of _____ to _____ you according to my gospel..."
3. Psalm 40:2, "He (God) brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and _____ my goings."

IN WHAT SHOULD WE BE ESTABLISHED?

4. Colossians 2:7, "Rooted and built up in him, and _____ in the _____, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."
5. Isaiah 54:14, "In _____ shalt thou be _____: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear; and from terror; for it shall not come near thee."
6. Proverbs 12:19, "The lip of _____ shall be _____ forever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment."
7. II Thessalonians 2:17, "Comfort your hearts, and _____ you in every _____ and _____."

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SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 56: TREES

Trees have a special clock which tells them when to prepare for winter and when to start growing again. This clock is governed by the number of daylight hours in a day. In the spring, when the time between sunrise and sunset reaches a precise number of hours and minutes, the clock signals the tree to start growing again. Sap starts to flow, buds burst forth, blossoms appear and new shoots and leaves grow. So dependable is the clock of a tree that when we see the buds and blossoms, we know that spring has arrived and summer is not far off.

Jesus likens these signs of spring to signs which will appear just before He returns to earth in power and glory. Luke 21:29,31, "And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree and _____; When they now _____, ye see and know of your own selves that _____ is now nigh at hand. So _____ ye, when ye see _____ come to pass, know ye that the _____ is now at hand." Complete the cross word puzzle below and see what will happen just before Jesus returns in power.

ACROSS

3. What will happen to the sun?
Matthew 24:29
6. "There will be signs in the _____." Luke 21:25
7. See verse below.
8. What will happen to the stars?
Matthew 24:29
9. "There will be signs in the _____." Luke 21:25
10. "There will be signs in the _____." Luke 21:25
11. See the verse below.
12. See the verse below.



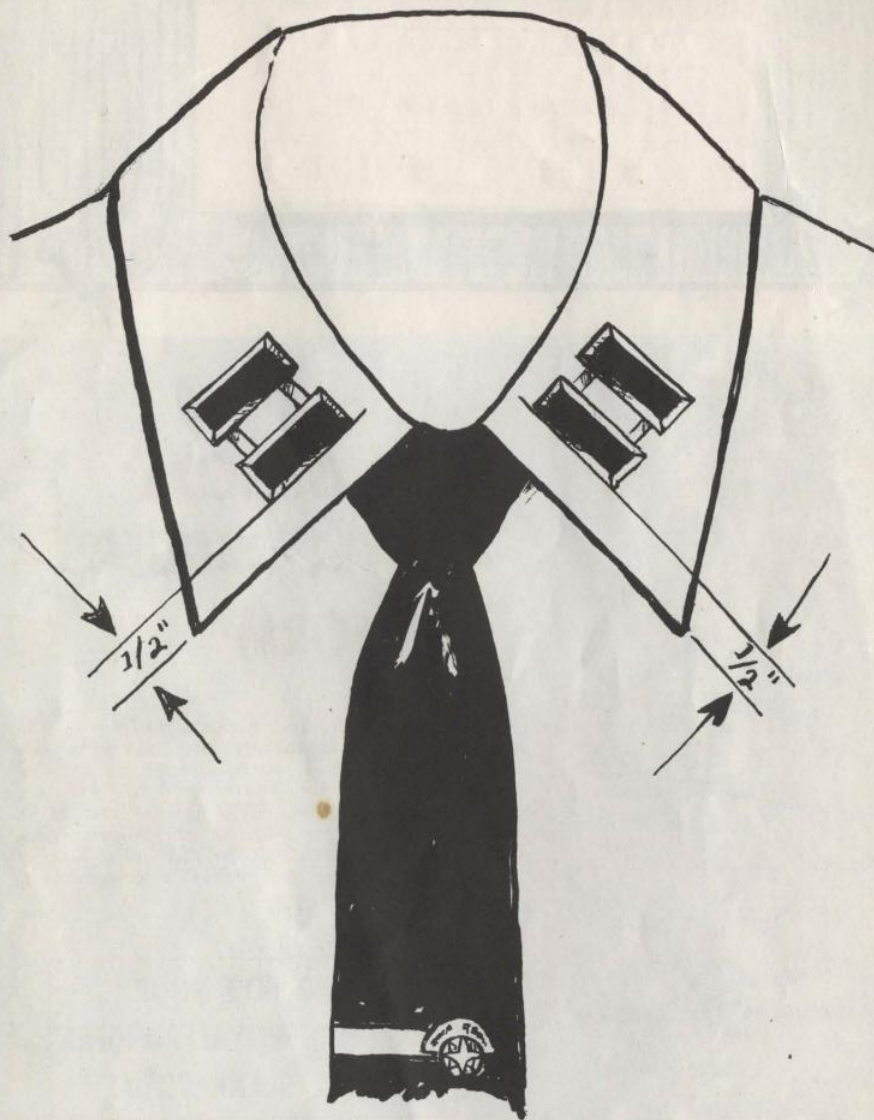
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1. "Ye shall hear of _____" Matt. 24:6
2. "There shall be _____" Matt. 24:7
4. "There shall be _____" Matt. 24:7
5. "Shall be famines and _____."
Mark 13:8
8. "There shall be _____" Matt. 24:7

Luke 21:27, "And then shall they (11 across) the (12 across) (7 across) man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

"There is no limit to the good a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit."

REVISED INSIGNIA PLACEMENT SHEET



Due to the difficulty in securing shirts with epaulets (shoulder straps), the decision has been made by the National Committee to change the leader's rank insignia from the epaulets to the collar of the shirt in the same style as used by the military. The insignia is worn on the collar of shirts, whether they have epaulets or not. This does not apply to

coats. The insignia on the coats remain the same.

Leaders will no longer wear the R R Collar ornaments; these will be for boys only.

If a khaki shirt is worn with a dress uniform coat, rank insignia should not be worn on the shirt.

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