



National Network

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Calendar of Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
March 16-17	Royal Rangers Executive Committee	Springfield, Mo.
March 18-20	National Royal Rangers Council	Springfield, Mo.
April 9	Good Friday	
April 11	Easter	
April 15-17	BSTC	Falling Waters, W. Va.
April 22-25	NTC	Woodworth La.
April 26-30	FCF MAPS Trip	Tepokepa, Tabasco, Mexico
April 29-May 2	NTC	Springville, Ala.

General Information

The 1993 National Council and the National District Leadership Seminar is just around the corner: March 18-20. We are offering a great lineup of NDLS classes this year you won't want to miss. By now you should have received your registration packet. If not, call us! Remember: Special activities are planned for your wives. And during council time we have many important items to discuss, such as the new Light-for-the-Lost Junior Councilmen program, the 1994 Camporama, and the new Advancement Trail.

Thanks for keeping those Stake a Claim pledges coming! The national office is now distributing Stake a Claim certificates to districts that have earned them.

I appreciate your ongoing efforts to assist in the Overseas Travel Fund.

The North Texas Commanders Conference was held January 22, 23 at Jacksonville, Tex. I had a great time there. What a beautiful spirit ... and great results! Thanks, Leonard Ward and Joe Bailey, for bringing me on board.

I also attended a GMA awards ceremony at Tempe First Assembly, Tempe, Ariz. Thanks to Rex Chaney for inviting me. During that trip westward I also

attended, by invitation from Robert Jimenez, an awards service in Mesa New Life Assembly, Mesa, Ariz.

The Florida ANTC, held February 9-13, was attended by 84 leaders! Thanks to all who were instrumental in the success of this training camp.

Please help promote the 1993 Eagle Rock Adventure. Read the spring 1993 *High Adventure/Leader*, which includes an article about the 1992 Eagle Rock Adventure and ads on the upcoming July 18-24 Adventure.

By the time you read this I may have already returned from the European National Commanders Conference near Zurich, Switzerland, held February 27, 28. We will be discussing ways to improve this ministry throughout Europe. Please pray that our ministry will become even more effective in evangelizing boys as a result.

South Central Region Coordinator Leon ("Shorty") Wills recently underwent surgery at Claremore Indian Hospital in Claremore, Oklahoma. Let's remember Shorty in our prayers.

National Council Vice President Mark Gentry had suffered several weeks with pneumonia. Pray that he will totally recover, that his strength will be renewed.

Ray Lambert, public relations coordinator for the Peninsular Florida District, was involved in a serious auto accident in January. Ray was traveling to a Round Table meeting in Florida when a car collided into his. He was near death when the local sheriff and his deputy rushed to the scene. Ray later discovered that the one who saved his life was a former Royal Ranger of an outpost Ray had led years ago in Parmo, Ohio. God has a master plan! God bless you Ray!

Congratulations Anthony Raduano! Anthony, son of Northeast Regional Coordinator George Raduano, recently qualified for the Gold Medal of Achievement.

Scholarship Awarded: Tim Lee, son of District Commander and Mrs. Arlon Lee, was recently selected as a South Dakota delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program, sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. Congratulations Tim!

A Reminder To District Commanders: When ordering the Royal Rangers promotional brochure via the Gospel Publishing House 1-800 number, be sure to use the correct order number: 729-023 (District PR Brochure). Otherwise you will be charged for the brochure.

Ann White—wife of Ed White, Southeast regional coordinator—has been diagnosed having cancer. Please lift up Ann and Ed in your prayers. Our Lord *is* in the healing business!

Reverend Charles W. H. Scott, former assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, passed away recently. Brother Scott was the one who suggested the name "Royal Rangers" for this ministry. He is survived by his wife Gertrude, who resides here in Springfield.

The Division of Home Missions is sponsoring an urban ministries convention titled "Cities '93" at First Assembly, Phoenix, Ariz., May 19-21. More than 40 workshops—topics such as Street Ministry, Reaching Hispanics, and Reaching Inner-City Youth—will be offered. For registration information contact Division of Home Missions; 1445 Boonville Ave.; Springfield, MO 65802-1894. Phone: (417) 862-2781, ext. 3274.

Resources Available

The American Bible Society offers various Bible translations that may be of use to Royal Rangers in

your area. For the Spanish regions, for example, the ABS offers Bible translations in the Spanish language. Write to ABS for a complimentary *1993 Spring and Easter Catalog of Scripture Resources*: American Bible Society; 1865 Broadway; New York, NY 10023.

Looking for helpful workbooks on child abuse? If so, *Abused? How You Can Find God's Help* may be for you. Its forward reads: "This workbook...is a genuine help to those unfortunate persons who have endured such difficulties [as child abuse]. And, the help it offers does direct readers to God rather than to men.... One of the main values of the workbook is that it directs readers to biblical answers to questions and biblical solutions to problems." For further information write Fairway Press; 628 South Main Street, Lima, OH 45804.

To obtain the *Christian Videos Catalog* contact Church Service & Supply Co.; 1787 East 28th Street; Long Beach, CA 90806-1978. Phone: (310) 426-6401 or (800) 350-FILM. 24-hour FAX: (310) 426-FILM.

Video *Dear Distant Dad*: What happens when fathers break the hearts of their children? Such questions are discussed in this 23-minute video. In this emotionally charged video several teenagers, who come from broken homes, share from their hearts about their personal struggles in their relationships with their fathers. They candidly describe the lack of attention and love they feel and the void that exists as a result. For information contact Sid Griffith, director, Youth and Christian Education, New York District.

The *1993 Royal Rangers Catalog* is now available through the Gospel Publishing House. Some new items featured in the catalog are short-sleeve khaki shirts, four new Royal Rangers T-shirts, and 30 new Advanced Merits (Awards).

Advanced awards will now be referred to in our national publications and training as advanced merits. All merits, both existing and new ones, will soon be taking on a new appearance. GPH is preparing to replace the plastic merits with cloth-covered, silk screened ones, which will appear in various colors and which will mount on the Class B assembly track. The size and placement will remain status quo. A new mounting bar—required for mounting revised merits—will be sold by GPH for mounting these revised merits. This change was necessitated due to the following reasons: 1. Escalating costs of materials prohibited further supply of existing awards. 2. Wrong mounting

bars were mistakenly being ordered by outposts. 3. The need for better quality and appearance.

New: Royal Rangers Order Form. New order forms have current information and pricing from the 1993 *Royal Rangers Catalog* and the 1993-94 *Specialty Catalog*.

The 1993-94 *Specialty Catalog* will feature more than 30 new products—such as tents, mess kits, cooking supplies, sleeping bags, and pinewood derby car kits with trophies and accessories. This specialty catalog should be ready by April. It will also be inserted in the summer 1993 *High Adventure*.

If you need a supply of the 1993 *Royal Rangers Catalog*, please call GPH toll free, 1-800-641-4310, and request item number 75-2028.

Please note an oversight: The new catalog lists how to order the Gold Medal of Achievement—a restricted order item. This item will be removed from the 1994 edition.

Information on Soil and Water Stewardship Week, April 25-May 1: To receive a sample kit of materials, write to NACD Service Center; P.O. Box 855; League City, TX 77474-0855.

Articles of Interest

"How To Be Liked By Others"

You will get more out of life if you are able to get along with others. Your personality is nothing more or less than your attitudes in action. It's the way you communicate your thoughts about others and yourself. Here are some pointers to remember to make your personality pleasing, one that will create very positive reactions in others:

1. To have a friend, you must be one.
2. The greatest hunger people have is to be needed, wanted, and loved. Help create those feelings in others.
3. Don't try to impress others. Let them impress you.
4. Be kind to people. You may not always love them, but you can be kind to them.
5. Learn to like yourself. Others will respond to you the way you respond to yourself.
6. Be enthusiastic. Nothing significant was ever achieved without enthusiasm.
7. Do things to make people feel important. Give a compliment. Write a letter. Say "Thank You." Encourage. Praise. Support. Cooperate.
8. Be a good listener. You can have a greater effect on others by the way you listen than by the way you talk.

9. Unless you can say something worthy about a person, say nothing.

10. Call a person by name. Use it often in your conversation.

11. Communicate cheerfulness. Smile. Be pleasant. Talk about brighter things in life.

12. Avoid arguments.

13. Be genuinely interested in others. Get them to talk about themselves. Ask for opinions, viewpoints, and ideas.

—*Courtesy of the Council on Aging*

"A Word on Prayer"

This we should never forget when we pray: We do something humanly impossible. We talk to Somebody who is not somebody else, but who is nearer to us than ourselves. We address Somebody who can never become an object of our address because He is always subject, always acting, always creating. We tell something to Him who knows not only what we tell Him, but also all the unconscious tendencies out of which our conscious words grow. This is the reason why prayer is "humanly" impossible. Out of this insight the apostle Paul gave a mysterious solution to the question of the right prayer. It is God himself who prays through us when we pray to Him. God himself in us: That is what "spirit" means. Spirit is another word for "God present," with shaking, inspiring, transforming power.

—*Paul Tillich, Dallas, Texas*

"The Tallest Man"

The tallest man in the world is not a basketball player. I don't really know of any great accomplishments of this man except that he, according to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, is the world's tallest living man standing at 7 feet, 8 inches tall.

Almost anyone who knows anything about the Bible can tell you what Methuselah was famous for. He lived longer than any man in history—969 years. Yet he died in the same year of the Great Flood. Did he live that long and still perish as an unbeliever? The height of a man or the length of his life tells us little about the kind of person he is. Some of the biggest men in stature have been some of the biggest failures at life. Some of the shortest men have been some of the greatest men in history; the apostle Paul, for example, may have been as short as 4 feet, 6 inches tall. What an impact he made for Christ.

Today much emphasis is placed on the human body, the physical. Certainly our duty to our bodies as the temple of the Holy Spirit is to take good care of it. There are other areas, however, more important in our

development. Jesus, our Master Ranger, according to Luke 2:52, "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

In Royal Rangers we teach this as the example of the four ways a boy should develop: mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially. One of the things that made Jesus stand so tall in His earthly ministry was that He gave himself for others. He was not any taller physically than other men around Him. He did not live a long time—only 33 years. Yet no person has ever impacted the lives of people as did He. The selfless life He lived, constantly giving himself for others, is the greatest example for men to follow—men who seek to be "tall" men and make their lives "higher than the average man" by impacting their world for Him.

The call of men to Royal Rangers leadership demands the giving of self for others. Remember: "No man ever stands quite so tall as when he stoops to help a boy."

—S. Paul Howell, *Pentecostal Holiness national commander*

A Glance At Today's Young People:

Their Influences

1. Dysfunctional family: Many teenagers today were born into dysfunctional families.
2. The crave for relationships.
3. Insecurity and fear.
4. New Age and spiritualism.
5. Materialism.

Their Needs

1. A sense of belonging.
2. Approval and friendship.
3. Independence.
4. A need to experiment.
5. Responsibility.

Requirements to help our young people meet the challenges of the 1990s:

1. *They need to be challenged spiritually.* The grace of God is for us, and He is willing to forgive. At the same time, however, there is a need to develop Christian character.
2. *They need authentic role models.* We need to walk the Christian life before our kids. They are not just listening, they need to see people who walk by the Spirit of God and who are hungry for God.
3. *Love and acceptance from leadership.* "Do these teenagers feel accepted by us?" This is a basic question we each must ask ourselves in every situation.

4. *Young people need to talk about tough issues.* Let's not run away from them. Let's understand the precautions we must take.

5. *Young people need the Church as a haven of rest.* They need a place they can "run" to where they feel safe and where their hurts can be bandaged.

6. *They need to be lovingly confronted.* They need to know what we believe and what we do not believe.

7. *They need counseling on career choices.* One of their biggest frustrations is not knowing what to do with their lives.

—Keith Elder, *Treasure State News, Montana District*

"Youth Rescue Friend"

There was no time to call 911. Young Jordan Pitts was sucked under, and the strong, fast-moving floodwater was taking him into the drainage pipe. The quick action of Todd Parfitt, Trevor Paul, and Harry Polis saved his life.

Nobody saw Jordan fall in the whirlpool created by the racing floodwaters until Patty Cannin, who happened to be at her mailbox, saw Jordan's little hand above the water near the drain pipe. She screamed for help and Todd, Trevor, and Harry ran over to help. Harry and Mrs. Cannin grabbed Jordan's arm and shirt while Todd and Trevor jumped into the ditch and pulled him out. The boys said the current was pulling Jordan into the drainage pipe when they got to him.

Todd, Trevor, and Harry, are members of Outpost 6, First Assembly of God, Florence, S. C.

"Dustin Vore Receives Certificate of Valor"

Dustin Vore—of Outpost 94, Dundee, Mich.—received the Certificate of Valor for saving his mother's life. On Good Friday, March 27, 1992, Dustin arrived home from school and found his mother crying for help. He alertly and prayerfully phoned 911. When the ambulance arrived, he calmly directed the paramedics to his mother in the bedroom. The paramedics immediately administered oxygen and necessary relief then took Mrs. Vore to the hospital. During this time Dustin gave assistance and information. He also took responsibility for his 3-year-old brother who was at home.

On Sunday, October 4, 1992, the Certificate of Valor was presented to Dustin during the morning worship service at Dundee Assembly.

A Word of Encouragement: "Mighty angels intervene daily in the lives of Christian women and men, carrying out their missions to assist us in our spiritual journey.

—Judith MacNutt, *February 1993 Charisma*