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Council, Camporama, and Contributions

by Richard Mariott

RR NATIONAL COUNCIL SUCCESS: Royal Rangers National Council was a success! If you were not able to attend, you missed a great one. We had close to a thousand in attendance for the ICS and Ranger Basics Training.

Excitement was very high as Ranger Basics was released and ICS, IT, and Transition training being offered. Royal Rangers are preparing for methods to "reach" every boy in their communities. The new program will offer many options and methods to accommodate this plan.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of you who have expressed your support. I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who helped and taught classes, as well as to the staff who worked so diligently to make it a success.

At Friday's opening session of the National Training Seminar of the March council, Commander Mariott presented the National Medal of Merit and Fred Deaver presented the FCF Flame of Honor to Rev. Thomas Trask, general superintendent of the General Council of the Assemblies of God for his leadership and tremendous support for Royal Rangers. His work has provided finances, encouragement, and the resources of headquarters in order for the Royal Rangers department to move forward at this critical time in our history.

RANGER BASICS & TRANSITION COURSE: The new Ranger Basics course is available through GPH. We are already hearing great comments from commanders in your districts who have taken the course. The plan is that districts will schedule these seminars over the next 6 months and will continue to offer Ranger Basics as our new introduction training into Royal Rangers. The training gained in the course will enable a new commander who takes the Ranger Basics and uses the new weekly curriculum to be a successful outpost commander. Additional LTA modules are being developed to enable leaders to continue to earn the LMA. Remember in the transition, a commander who has earned his blue or red LMA will go through the Ranger Basics and Transition course and will receive the new Gold LMA.

TRANSITION BROCHURE: The new Transition Brochure will be sent to every church and chartered non-A/G church in June. The eight page brochure communicates the transition plan from the old program to the new. This is a very informative and colorful brochure available through GPH.

FIRST 100 MERITS ONLINE: The RR website, www.royalrangers.ag.org, has the first new 100 merits posted in the correct color groups with the requirements. We encourage you to download the PDF files and start your boys on the new merit awards. Check weekly for new updates as we continue to "chip away on the obsidian to make the arrowhead." It is a process, and we will have a finished product that we will all be proud to use.

40TH ANNIVERSARY PRODUCTS: We have been overwhelmed by a great response to the 40th Anniversary bolo ties and patches. The bolo tie is available this year and at Camporama. If you don't want to wait until then, you may contact the national Royal Rangers office and we will ship it to you. The bolo is \$7.50 plus \$2.50 for shipping and postage. Patches are \$4.00 plus \$1.00 for shipping and postage.

COMMANDER MARIOTT ARROWHEAD BOLO TIE: Commander Mariott had several requests to handcarve arrowhead bolos that he had created several years ago in his district. This year he is carving a limited number.

These arrowheads are carved out of different hardwoods. Commander Mariott places a special limited edition medallion in the center of each. The first 60 were sold at March Council. Commander Mariott is working on more. These will be available soon. Contact the RR office to order, or some will be available at Camporama. The price is \$25.00 plus \$2.50 for shipping and postage.

BIBLEMAN COMING TO CAMPORAMA: Willie Aames, former star of *Eight is Enough* who now plays BibleMan, will be coming July 18th, the final night of Camporama, to present an action-packed pageantry. Thursday will be open to visitors all day and for the final evening service. The service will include BibleMan, a great fireworks presentation, and special closing speaker Reverend Terry Raburn, Penn-Florida district superintendent.

THANKS TO BGMC: BGMC recently purchased a complete tram trailer for Camporama and challenged districts and regions to do the same. Each tram trailer with cover costs \$5,000. BGMC funds paid for the materials for the visitors restrooms near the Johnnie Barnes Lodge as well. A plaque will be posted on both buildings extending our appreciation to BGMC. Thanks to David and Mary Boyd for the BGMC support.

CAMPORAMA MAP: A colorful Camporama map is being designed to be included with each registration with information about activities and a buildings map. It's colorful, it's action-packed, it's Royal Rangers Camporama!

CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS: Camporama and campground improvements include:

- Many new showers and restrooms. We are presently working on the underground development for septic, water and utilities.

- An extra 6 acres added to the meadow in front of Johnnie Barnes Lodge. (You can see all the way down to the rappelling tower and Shower House Number 4!)

- Enlarged roads to accommodate vehicles and foot traffic.

- Expanded amphitheater, with new improvements for video and sound towers, and major plans for the first-ever "Pageantry School" the week prior to Camporama.

- Expanded rifle range to host the first national BB air rifle championship, sponsored and hosted by Daisy BB corporation.

- Eagles Resort Center where registration will be held. All campers and visitors are required to register and receive a ID card. The card will be used as a pass to enter through security. This ID Card will also be a meal card and will serve as the official ID name badge. It must be worn at all times for safety reasons.

- Three food service locations to provide faster service, allowing more time for scheduled activities and events.

- Tram service for visitors and Royal Rangers. Berryville Tractor will supply the tractors to pull the tram trailers for Camporama.

Special thanks to the Southwest region, South Central region, and Northeast region for sending crews to help with completing campground projects. The Gulf region plans to help in May.

You may ask what our greatest needs are. We need electricians, plumbers, concrete finishers, and finish carpenters. Over the next few months we have a lot of work to complete. If you can donate your time for a weekend or more, please contact Rick Dostal at the national Royal Rangers office.

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From the desk of

Richard MARIOTT



Chipping an Arrowhead

One of my many interests which continues from childhood are many different facets of art. I have had a strong interest in history as well. So when the two meet, it always catches my attention, and I have a special appreciation for these items.

Arrowheads are one of the items I have a special appreciation for and enjoy collecting. Although I'm just an amateur collector with a small collection, I still have an appreciation for how the arrowhead was formed. Where I lived in Northern California, obsidian was one of the rocks used by the American Indians to chip arrowheads and many artists still use it today. Some of the most beautiful arrowheads in the northern part of the state and throughout the north-west are obsidian, mahogany obsidian, and rainbow obsidian.

I have been researching information about arrowheads from the midwest and east coast. I find the way the makers used different rocks to make arrowheads depending upon what was available to them fascinating.

I have not personally chipped or made an arrowhead from rock, but I have watched several experienced people do so. It is amazing to watch the rock slowly, but surely, emerge into an arrowhead.

As the artist looks the rock over, he or she determines what some call the grain of the rock. By hitting the rock correctly at a specific place, it comes apart, hopefully in the intended spot, and begins the process of becoming an arrowhead. The artist uses many different tools to start the chipping process. Generally deer antlers of different sizes and angles are used. But there is a process that they must follow that takes the rock from its rough form into a perfect arrowhead.

The result is that no two arrowheads are exactly the same. They each have their own uniqueness, yet they are still arrowheads. Their effectiveness will depend upon the quality of time spent, the tools used, and the artist's ability to apply his or her skills.

I've also seen many arrowheads that were quickly done, generally for tourism purposes. Some are very rough; others almost do not resemble an arrowhead. The time, effort, and maybe the lack of tools and a skilled master are evident. The obsidian or rock used may have been the same, but the result was not there.

Royal Rangers leaders hold in their hand the rough obsidian rock God sees as a perfect arrowhead. Every arrowhead is different and each boy is different.

Commanders, if we apply ourselves, use good tools (i.e. books, manuals, weekly meetings and preparation, good communication skills), and apply the Word through our devotions and Bible studies, we will become better equipped at the chipping process.

Arrowheads have been found that are hundreds of years old; boys can have an eternity.

Keep up the great work, Commanders, and may you be richly blessed.

Richard A. Mariott
Richard Mariott, National Commander

EVENING SERVICE AT CAMPORAMA

If you are looking for fun and excitement, you won't want to miss the evening services at Camporama. Monday evening will begin with a parade of flags from the districts represented. There will be great special effects and a greeting from General Superintendent Thomas Trask and National Commander Richard Mariott. Each evening Brian Bopp will lead us in both fun and worship songs geared to young people. The first night you will be introduced to the Rapture Ranger Patrol as they help answer questions for selected boys from the audience. It will be a time of fun and excitement as they prepare the way for our evening speaker, James Barger, president of the National Royal Rangers Council and Great Lakes region coordinator.

Tuesday will start with fun songs and audience participation activities. The Rapture Ranger Patrol will again help a selected boy from the audience answer a spiritual question, and you won't want to miss a dynamic message from Freddie Espinoza, vice president of the National Royal Rangers Council.

Wednesday Brian Bopp will have you moving and singing in the pre-service and the Rapture Ranger Patrol will have you sitting on the edge of your seats in anticipation of National Royal Rangers Commander Richard Mariott's message dealing with "Hero."



Thursday has been set aside as the day to invite everyone to visit Camporama and stay for the evening service. So invite all your friends, family, pastors, deacons, and Sunday school teachers (Well, you get the message.) so they can see what Camporama is all about. There will be a special performance from BibleMan, a fireworks show, candlelight ceremony, and Terry Raburn, Superintendent of the Peninsular Florida district will challenge all of us to take the message of Jesus Christ to our communities.



40th Anniversary Bolo Tie



Example of new and renovated shower house



One of seven new cabins in Eagles Resort



Arrowhead Bolo Tie



Trading Post



Johnnie Barnes Lodge



Cedar Creek



Access bridge to Amphitheater



Tram with cover



Closeup of a new and renovated shower house



Site development on roads



Seeding new meadow extension