

NYMINISTRYNETWORK  
**ROYAL RANGERS**



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**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
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In the pages that follow are brief updates regarding departmental activities, boys' recognition and Sectional reports.

Generally, 2020 has not been a good year for the Royal Ranger Ministry due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Rejoice! We serve a mighty God! We are thankful - 1 Thessalonians 5:1. Encouraged, we will advance and continue to reach out to churches and communities with the very best program to mentor boys to Christlikeness: Please join us as we pray for growth in the overall Royal Ranger ministry here in New York.

I want to thank **Matt Kimble**, who has served as the Sectional Coordinator for the South Central Section. He has also been very generous with his time, helping us maintain the fields at the camp in Greene. Matt has asked to be relieved due to family concerns. We will miss having Matt on our staff. We are praying and hoping that Matt will be able to return to the ministry in the years ahead.

Please join me in prayer to fill Sectional Coordinator vacancies: North East, Capitol and South Central Sections

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**Note: We have suspended all overnight activities until further notice.**

**CHARTERING** Earl Haima

Royal Rangers chartering has been affected by the Covid-19 virus as most organizations have during 2020 and is reflected in the charter numbers. Listed below, for comparison, are the charter numbers for the charter periods 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and the current numbers for 2020-2021, as of November 3, 2020.

2018-2019	51 Charters	1425 Total boys and leaders chartered
2019-2020	42 Charters	1103 Total boys and leaders chartered
2020-2021	12 Charters	368 Total boys and leaders chartered <i>(This number will grow as this charter period runs from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.)</i>

**District Royal Rangers Staff Meeting aka DSM** is on the calendar for December 11 – 12. Due to Covid we are planning to conduct the meeting on **December 12** via a communication platform such as Zoom. Staff members will be sent details.

## **FUNDRAISING** David Spreckels

We are very active in raising money for Missions and BGMC Master's Toolbox. This is an effort that we have encouraged all of our Outposts to get involved in. See information at this site; <https://royalrangers.com/bgmc>

Also; our fundraising efforts have been focused on improving our NYMN Royal Ranger Camp in Greene. We believe this camp to be a special place for the boys to grow by providing a unique setting. Our camp is a place where they can, and do, connect with God. We see the camp as a shining respite for our campers, especially after all the difficulties in 2020.

The fundraising opportunities have progressed slowly due to many outposts and sponsorships temporarily suspended. We look forward to future efforts to raise funds and support for our missionaries and camp projects. In the months and years ahead we will step up our efforts in the area of fundraising.

## **COMMUNICATIONS** Justin Witty

Communications has been working with our outposts to keep people informed of event statuses. In the past months with the Covid pandemic a number of our events have had to change dates and some even moved out until the next year. We hope that by keeping people informed and excited that we can carry some momentum and make the events a great success when we are able to finally gather! We also worked with getting word out to outposts about the beginning of the new charter period. We are currently at 12 outposts chartered, but hoping to gain more as the year progresses.

## **OUTREACH** Rory Dudley

A Zoom meeting with the entire Outreach Team, (Sectional Outreach Coordinators) is planned for November 17th. We are finishing 'an opinion' survey form regarding the Royal Ranger Ministry, which our Communication Coordinator will distribute via email to all pastors in the NY Ministry Network. Our hope is that we will learn from this and can help to resolve issues that are keeping some of our churches from using the RR program for the boys in their communities.

The benefits of chartering can now be found on our NYRR webpage.

The Outreach Team is also working on a list of resources for starting an outpost and links to the videos. They will soon be on the website as well.

# FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FELLOWSHIP

Richard 'Jacob Staff' Franco President - Adirondack Chapter

**Reporting Period: September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020**

**Dated: October 30, 2020**

*Third Quarter 3/1/20 - 5/30/19*

*Fourth Quarter 6/1/20 - 8/31/20*

## Chapter Membership

Total Active FCF Members - **256** 90 - Old Timers (18 & older) / 166 - Young Bucks  
Frontiersmen **196** Buckskin **40** Wilderness **20**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of the Rangers year, due to the Covid Pandemic had all FCF activities on hold. As a result, the Spring Trace, Camporama, Pow Wow, Fall Trace and Summit were all cancelled. Nevertheless, with the uncertainty of the situation, everything was viewed one day at a time, with hopes of positive changes. As such, planning for each event was still conducted until the last possible moment before making final decisions.

Despite circumstances, opportunity did avail itself to make progress for taking care of long awaited administrative details, to organize and update the Chapter with regard to Policies & Guidelines, Membership Records, and Event Organizing.



## Chapter Recognitions

As mentioned in the previous quarterly reports for the Adirondack Chapter, I once again reiterate our achievements for earning another **Five (5)** Star rating for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, and the NER / Territorial **"Eagle Award."**

However, the icing on the cake was at the National LEAD Conference in early March, the Chapter also received the **'Hawkeye'** Award for being the **#1 Chapter in the nation.** (62 chapters)

## National Updates

National FCF unveiled new Membership & Advancements guidelines for boys. The revised criterion is merit skills based, as well as stepping back the advancement level minimum requirements. These modifications will allow greater opportunity and encourage more boys in becoming members of FCF; an important processes in the mentoring of these young lives.

## Missions

Pathfinder Missions efforts and opportunities were in the process for everyone to get involved, including FCF and non-FCF leaders and boys, as well as, non-Royal Rangers. Unfortunately the current situation with the pandemic has halted all efforts at this time, but we eagerly look forward with great expectation as we see what God has for us and how we can serve Him in this capacity as we continue to plan future missions endeavors.

## **TRAINING** Edwin Hazard and Michael Kellerman

Something new to report:

Online Training has been available for all RR leaders on selected topics through the Royal Rangers Online Training System. Go To [www.royalrangers.com](http://www.royalrangers.com) then click the “More Info” drop down to access “TRAINING.” Here a leader can complete specific training modules in the comfort and convenience of their own home and on their own schedule. These are offered at minimal cost.

The **newest addition** to the Online Training is “Ranger Foundations.” It is an online, or a combined online and hands-on, classroom experience that teaches new leaders the foundational principles of how to run successful outpost meetings, how to use and access the Royal Ranger curriculum and advancement system, program structure, uniforms, and much more. Click here for information: <https://royalrangers.com/training/adult/district>

The Northeast Regional Leaders Conference (**Empower 21**) will benefit Royal Ranger leaders as well as Girls’ Ministries leaders. Training, fellowship and encouragement will help to strengthen both of these mentoring ministries. **January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**, 2021 at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg, PA. This year we are excited to have Rev. Doug Clay, Assemblies of God General Superintendent as guest speaker. [www.northeastregion.org](http://www.northeastregion.org)

## **2021 CAMPS** (pending Covid restrictions) For updates, visit our website [www.nyroyalrangers.org](http://www.nyroyalrangers.org)

- Winter Survival Action Camp February 12 – 14
- Spring Action Camps June 11 – 13 (Canoe and Trail)
- Summer JLDA July 12 – 15
- POW WOW July 15 – 18

Please keep these events in prayer. We hope to announce our Pow Wow guest speaker in the next report.

## **MISSIONS** Jared Silverman

The Covid-19 virus placed a halt on many missions focused plans during 2020; however, we trust that this is all part of God’s plan so we look to the future with optimism. We have been in contact with prospective organizations in need of construction and missions focused work. We are also in search of families/people in need that have been impacted severely by the pandemic. In the spring of 2021, we look to hold a rescheduled mission’s trip. Plans for this trip are developing. We also look to hold our newly developing Missions Camp in 2021, along with our other Junior Leadership Training.

## **CAMP UPDATE** John Gingerich

Camp was pretty quiet this year. We were able to finish some trim work, caulking and painting on the new shower house. The native stone retaining/seating wall was extended towards the rear of the building. The pile of fill dirt was graded off filling in on the east side of the building.

The old shower house (now a tool shed) got a new roof, a new set of double doors and sealing up of all the cracks and holes. We are now storing the mowers and other tools in it.

On Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>, a team will be at the camp to walk thru the property so that plans for future structures and sites can be laid out and applied to the master facility plan.

## **SAFETY IN THE CHURCH** John Gingerich

### **Standards for Leader Screening & Supervision:**

Important web links for information and resources on this topic -- we suggest you read both:

<https://nyroyalrangers.org/resources/childsafety/>

<https://royalrangers.com/~link.aspx?id=9CF12E65B1EB4D168C28E8CCB8CE5C9E&z=z>

Committee Progress:

We have been busy building our database for tracking the status of staff paperwork being up-to-date. As you know, and as you can see on our web links, we require that all of our RR leaders have been properly vetted by certified background checks and character references. (Know your leadership corp - check in on them from time to time... unannounced. Know the safety protocols and put them into practice.) Each year as outposts resume their activities the church leadership must make sure of every adult leader's fitness to work with children. We are perfecting our records so that when we have events and gather that we can easily verify each leader's status. This process is ongoing in that, children's workers and RR leaders change from year to year.

We want to remind all of the pastors and outpost coordinators the importance of background checks on all adults who will be working with the minors in our churches. When asked.... 'Was there "due diligence" in the matter of protecting the minor?' Let's all be sure we can answer that correctly. Be safe, be vigilant!

**Due diligence definition**, reasonable care and caution exercised by a person who is buying, selling, giving professional advice, etc., especially as required by law to protect against incurring liability: The court said there was due diligence on the part of the plaintiff.

**RECOGNITION** Brian Miller



Please join us in congratulating our finest young men.

*The following eight young men have been presented their GMA medal.*

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| • Toby Dickerson    | Outpost 290 Lifequest Church, Hilton | G2020-006 Jan-20 |
| • Joshua Ramsaroop  | Outpost 234 Calvary AG, Ozone Park   | G2020-021 Feb-20 |
| • Josiah Sohun      | Outpost 234 Calvary AG, Ozone Park   | G2020-022 Feb-20 |
| • Ethan Baksh       | Outpost 234 Calvary AG, Ozone Park   | G2020-023 Feb-20 |
| • Andrew J McCalmon | Outpost 234 Calvary AG, Ozone Park   | G2020-024 Feb-20 |
| • Stephen Sargeant  | Outpost 234 Calvary AG, Ozone Park   | G2020-025 Feb-20 |
| • Tekla Chew        | Outpost 234 Calvary AG, Ozone Park   | G2020-026 Feb-20 |
| • Tziyon Narine     | Outpost 234 Calvary AG, Ozone Park   | G2020-027 Feb-20 |

Below are young men who have earned the GMA but are soon to be presented.

*Samson is to be presented his **GMA with Merit** on November 14:*

Samson Kassey G2019-096 Jul-19 Outpost 66 Evangel AG Williamsville

*These three young men Noah, Tyler and Caleb are from Bethel Full Gospel in Rotterdam, NY Outpost 257: Date of presentation has not been set.*

- **Noah Brown** - has qualified for the Gold Medal of Achievement. Noah's GMA number is: G2020-084.
- **Tyler Benintende** - has qualified for the Gold Medal of Achievement. Tyler's GMA number is: G2020-085.
- **Caleb Mathurin** - has qualified for the Gold Medal of Achievement. Caleb's GMA number is: G2020-086.

*This young man, Nathan, has received two awards and is from the Mission Church, Holmes, NY Outpost 125. Date of presentation has not been set.*

**Nathan Pandolfo**, has qualified for the Gold Medal of Achievement. Nathan's GMA number is: G2020-091. **Nathan** has also qualified for the E3 Award. Nathan's E3 number is: E3-2020-045.

**South Central Section** Matt Kimble

Outpost #9 in Binghamton is the only Outpost currently meeting. They have had 12 -18 boys each week. That is a little less than half of normal.

**Southern Tier Section** Rory Dudley

We have not been able to have any events for the ST. All three outposts are meeting in person. We hope to be able to get back to our spring schedule and do the Ranger Derby and a RK Day. I will be scheduling a Roundtable for after Regional Business meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> so that I can give updates.

**Western Section** Paul Ronca

We held our Camporee as a day event due to Covid and had pretty good attendance with three outposts represented; 28 boys and 21 men. Chris Post, Outpost 292 coordinator was the speaker and did a great job with First Corinthians 16: "Be courageous like men." We also have a Roundtable meeting planned for November 9<sup>th</sup>, where we will be discussing our Klondike Run with the possibility of running that as a day event also.

**NYC Section** By Ernie Susco

Most of the churches in the city haven't been meeting with Rangers due to the restriction of attendance. I spoke with Neil from Calvary AG in Ozone Park and they have done a few virtual meetings, and my church, Bethlehem AG in Richmond Hill, has not had any meetings as no children under 10 are allowed in the church at this time. We're all praying that this pandemic ends sooner rather than later so we can get back with the kids. However, for now we're just texting and speaking over the phone.



**LI Section** Albert Patton

**Jun. 2020 – Aug. 2020**

In Qtr. 4, all Sectional events were postponed or canceled due to the Covid-19 shutdowns. We conducted our Sectional Staff meeting in August. At that time we decided to cancel all Sectional events for the fall. We also decided to continue conducting Roundtables to keep contact with the Outposts in the section. Three Outposts reported conducting meetings (merit work) during the summer (two in-person – outdoors and one on-line)

**Sep. 2020 – Oct. 2020**

In September we held a Zoom Roundtable meeting. It was attended by 9 commanders, representing five (5) outposts. We discussed the cancellation of fall events. We discussed ideas on conducting on-line meetings and keeping in contact with our Rangers. Several outposts spoke about conducting in-person meetings in the fall.

During these tough times, we are excited to report startup of a new Outpost in the Section. True Light Church – Southold has started Royal Rangers. The Sectional staff did a presentation in November 2018 for the pastor and several men at the church. The church was in process of changing locations and was not able to begin at that time. Mike Oliver came to a Ranger Basics training class in October 2019. Now they are starting with Discovery Rangers. Please join me in welcoming them to the New York District.

In an informal survey of the 14 active outposts in the section: 6 meeting in-person, 4 meeting online and 4 on hold.

**Hudson Valley Section** Bill Leman

The churches in the HVS continue to be under some form of lock down. As of the middle of October none of the outposts have been meeting in person. At this time many of the outposts are continuing to meet via ZOOM or Google Meet. It is noteworthy that even these online meetings have seen a dramatic drop off in attendance from last year. Some of the outposts have had day events (BBQs and various simple low contact events like kite flying.) Nathan Pandolfo from Outpost 125 has earned his GMA and the Outpost had a Zoom meeting to honor him. There are two more boys, both from Outpost 60, who are completing the requirements for their GMAs - Elijah Mery and Billy Wittenhagen. It's been difficult, but we are pressing forward and praying for a breakthrough.

**Capitol Section** Ian Traynor, Sr. Commander Outpost 257 Bethel AG, Rotterdam

Here in Outpost #257 we are continuing our Ranger meetings for all 4 groups. Ranger Kids, Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition. We have just completed Archery merits and BB Gun along with Firearm Safety. We are looking to have an outpost hiking event in the next couple of weeks.

We do have a smaller group of boys this year due to several reasons. Covid is one of those reasons. Our church here, Bethel, is temporarily doing online bible study Wednesday nights due to Covid (used to have study right in church) and at the same time we used to do Rangers in the same building. That allowed parents to drop off their kids to Rangers and go to the bible study. We now have Rangers being held Thursday nights at our old church building. Leaders wear masks and have boys' temp checked and hands are washed on arrival. Commander Dave Hallenbeck and myself are preparing for a GMA ceremony for April 2021 for our three Expedition boys. Something I've never done before and could use all the help I can get. I am reaching out to our pastor and others from church to help us prepare for this ceremony.

**Lake Shore Section** Kevin Cudney

Due to Covid restrictions, our outposts have not been active. One of our chartered outposts began following the national webinar programs, but those stopped after a month. Another outpost began conducting small worship meetings on Zoom, but attendance quickly declined.

The goal for my local outpost was to conduct a Bicycle Rally for families. This would involve a "Bicycle Rodeo Course" (designed and set up by our AR/ER), Bicycle Inspection Station (provided by a local bike shop), Bike Riding Info Station, and a 10 mile ride. But due to continued Covid closures this event has been postponed.

**Central Section** George Mehallow

Currently we have two outposts running meetings. Grace AG (Outpost 21) was suspended in March. In July, they had a summer session and resumed regular meetings in September. Word of life AG is holding virtual meetings. Trinity AG has suspended Wednesday night meetings (including youth.)

No overnight activities are allowed at this time.