Greetings to all my fellow Adirondack Chapter FCF members!

We are at the mid-point of the Ranger year and I wanted to take this opportunity to provide members with some positive and encouraging news, keep members updated on matters and address some general issues.

In addition, with the Spring Trace soon approaching, I have also included in this newsletter information with regard to member advancement.

State of Affairs

To all FCF Adirondack Chapter members, once again… !!!, We did it again, and again, and again, you earned it for the third consecutive year. With regard to the 2017/2018 Ranger year the Chapter was awarded at the NER Empower Conference in January with the Territory’s most coveted ‘Eagle Award’. In addition, for the eleventh consecutive year we were also recognized nationally at this year’s LEAD Conference in March for achieving a Five ‘5’ Star Chapter rating for our accomplishments. These will be on display at the Summit and then placed in the FCF Mercantile Store.

I can only continue to express and convey the sentiments of dedication and hard work that our members have done. I know that it is not for our own reward but done to glorify the Lord. Nevertheless, I want to thank all of you and encourage you to keep up the good work.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” 2 Timothy 4:7

Being a good chapter is good, BUT, you know what, great chapters are even better. GOOD IS GOOD, BUT, GREAT IS BETTER. We have started with good, but don’t ever be completely satisfied with being a good chapter, let’s work towards being a great chapter. Be thrilled with good and work towards great! Maybe next year we can achieve the National ‘Hawk’ award for the top chapter in the nation, which was received this year by one of our own Colonial Territory chapters.

Lets see how much more blessed our chapter will be when a good chapter turns into a great chapter. Lets set high goals, except no mediocrity, but give only a 100%. In turn, we will not only see our Chapter blessed beyond our understanding, but our Royal Ranger Network as well. Through the empowerment and grace of God, lets impact our world for the kingdom…FROM GOOD…TO GREAT!

Staff

Although there are still a few staff positions open, I am pleased that several members have answered the call to serve. We are close to hopefully filling the remaining vacancies. It is my goal to accomplished this by the Spring Trace. Please pray and seek the Lord where he may use you to serve in the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship. For more details on Job Descriptions, feel free to inquire.

The following is a list of positions that need to be filled:

- Vice President – Western Division
- Special Events Coordinator – (Pow Wow village activities, exhibits for Summit and other events)

Current Staff

- Vice President, Metropolitan Division – Ken Jordan (also: Buckskin Representative)
- Vice President, Eastern Division – PENDING awaiting final review and approval
- Vice President, Central Division - Jim Siddall (Also: Frontiersmen Representative)
- Vice President, Western Division - OPEN
- Scribe – Elias Maldonado Velez
- Scout – Daniel Parker
- Assistant Scouts – Matthew Karabaztoglou and Ian Whitehurst
- Trappers Brigade Representative - Colin Dudley
- Pathfinder Coordinator – Jared Silverman (also: NYMN RR Missions Coordinator)
- Store Keeper – Joseph Otero; Assistants – Bill Wittenhagen, Michael Osher, Jim Siddall
- Wilderness Representative – Paulie Martin
- Historian – Hal Truhn
- Field Advisor - Brian Miller (also: Colonial Territorial Representative)
As you are aware from previous announcements, we know have a new Pathfinders Representative for our Chapter, Jared Silverman. This position falls under the NYMN RR Missions Coordinator, which Jared also has been appointed to serve. Keep Jared in prayer as he takes our Chapter and Royal Rangers Network to higher levels of missions service. Jared will present and outline at the Summit his missions goals and future plans. We should all look very forward to this with great expectation as we see what God has for us to be able to serve Him in this capacity.

**Annual Dues**

Just a reminder that dues covers the Rangers year from September 1st 2018 through August 31st 2019 and is expected to be paid each year at the Fall Trace. If not in attendance, it should be sent in to be received by our Chapter Scribe prior to the end of the calendar year, 12/31/18. Let’s continue to make it our business to uphold a spirit of cooperation and work together to have every member remain in ‘Good Standing’. If you are not current please send in your dues as soon as possible, or you can satisfy your account at the Summit or Spring Trace.

As you know a concerted effort has been made to bring all members in compliance with dues support. In part this was successful. However, there is still a large gap in member records and compliance. Amnesty was provided last year in order to provide opportunity to keep members in good standing. Now the time has come to take a good look to review the membership role.

Please be advised, that it will be one of this year’s objectives to finalize the membership rooster. As such, a committee is being formed for this purpose. The membership roles are being audited with regard to updated member information and the listing of “Active” versus “In-active” members. This will be based on chapter involvement and current dues status.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

Be further advised, although a hard-line approach, that the end result of this audit will most likely have significant impact to the Chapter in two ways:

1. First, it is anticipated that the current membership role of 236 members is expected to be reduced significantly. This in turn may have negative ramifications for the next year that could effect our star rating status, but, thereafter will have greater impact on the future growth of the Chapter; and

2. Secondly, staying in compliance with the national FCF guidelines, members deemed inactive, or not current in supporting the Chapter via dues, will permanently forfeit their standing and membership in FCF. To return to FCF anytime thereafter will require that individual to re-join by following the present membership process.

**Territorial Rendezvous**

The Colonials Territorial Rendezvous is being hosted this year by our Chapter at the NY Royal Ranger Camp in Greene, NY. Mark your calendar for October 3 - 6, 2019. Due to scheduling of this event, there will not be a Chapter Fall Trace. This will take its place to serve the same and should free up more members to attend. More information will be presented at the 2019 Summit by our Territorial Representative, Brian “Patches” Miller. Every effort by our leaders should be made to promote and attend this event. Let’s expect to have a great attendance from our Chapter. Pray that God will speak to you, provide the opportunity for you to have the time, and to bring boys/Young Bucks with you.

In addition, in preparation for this event the Chapter is scheduling some work days for members to help make some repairs and improvements for the village. Such things as a new village road way, new entrance, village border fencing and improvements to the FCF Mercantile Store to erect a roof covering over the front porch. Work day dates will be published soon for members to plan and sign-up to help. Remember, all hours can be applied to your Trappers Brigade service.

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I look forward to the Spring Trace and I hope that you do too. I cherish the fellowship and the atmosphere of praise and worship that is experienced at these events. I have great expectation for this Trace. It will be exciting to see how God will move once again. Expectations are high so come with open hearts and ready to serve as we conduct another Frontier Adventure for new membership, and for members pursuing advancement for the Buckskin Challenge and Wilderness Vigil.

As always, I look forward to seeing everyone and it is my prayer to see you at the 2019 Spring Trace

‘Ad Dare Servire’,
Richard “Jacob's Staff” Franco
FCF President, Adirondack Chapter
Once again we will be conducting advancement opportunities for all three experiences. In addition, please see this exclusive preview herein of the new Adirondack Chapter advancement medallions that will be awarded during these Trace Experiences.

For membership and advancement requirements see [http://royalrangers.com/fcf/](http://royalrangers.com/fcf/)

Listed below are the membership and advancement levels of FCF for the Frontiersmen, Buckskin and Wilderness, including service awards for the Trapper’s Brigade.

All requirements and additional details concerning advancement or the Trappers Brigade can be found in the FCF handbook or by visiting the National FCF website at [http://www.nationalfcf.com](http://www.nationalfcf.com). In addition, all advancement level workbooks and application forms are available to download. These can also be obtained from the NYMN - Royal Rangers website at [http://nyroyalrangers.org](http://nyroyalrangers.org).

All members should be actively mentoring others, including mentors that are not FCF members.

It is strongly urged to download from the National website at [nationalfcf.com](http://nationalfcf.com) under the FCF Experiences Workbooks ‘Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship Mentors Guide’.

### Advancement / Administrative Application Fees

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<td>$50.00</td>
<td><strong>May 1st 2019</strong> Application deadline, thereafter Admin fees apply. <strong>NO EXCEPTIONS</strong></td>
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In order to offset Chapter expenses, applicants / outposts are responsible for additional Administrative Fees above the standard application fee that will be charged and collected during event registration. These fees are as follows:

- **$10** for applications received after the set deadline date.
- **$15** (in lieu if Standard Fee) for pre-registered applicants that cancel or do not show for the Experience.
- **$20** Walk-in applications. Applicants will not be turned away, but, this does not guarantee that supplies needed for the Frontier Adventure candidate will be available. Priority goes to pre-registered candidates.
Advancement Representatives

For more information regarding requirements and application forms, go to nyroyalrangers.org or if you have general questions or need advisement or guidance, contact:

Torchbearers

Frontier Adventure:

“The Great Commandment”

For further information on membership or other general questions should be directed to:

Jim Siddall, Chapter Frontiersmen Representative  
(315) 247-9574   dsiddall@verizon.net

Fulfilling the Great Commandment

The following equipment and items must be with you for the Frontier Adventure:

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Armor Bearers

Buckskin:

“Carry the Vision”

For further information and advisement or other general questions on Buckskin contact:

Ken “Sneaky” Jordan, Chapter Buckskin Representative  
(631) 968-8487   sneaky1k@optonline.net

Fulfilling the Great Commission

Warrior

“Lead with the heart of God”

For further information and advisement or other general questions on Wilderness contact:

Paulie “Spike” Martin, Chapter Wilderness Representative  
(631) 512-1274   matchflicker@optonline.net

Being a Fully Empowered
Trapper’s Brigade:

For further information on Trapper’s Brigade contact:

Colin Dudley, Chapter Trapper’s Brigade Representative
(585) 808-8329   colin.dudley@daemen.edu

Hours are to be logged in using ‘Service Trakker’

Trappers Brigade recognitions will be made at all Royal Rangers events throughout the year.

MOTTO:

To Give and to Serve

(Latin: Ad Dare Servire)

Our FCF motto identifies our mission’s effort. This means that we continually look for ways to be of service to our fellow man. FCF members have a long history of providing service at the local church and to the far reaches of the earth. The Trappers Brigade is that service aspect of FCF that promotes the active and ongoing involvement of FCF members in service to their outpost, church, community and world.

For this year’s credit for hours served is for the year-end deadline of 8/31/19. Remember to enter and compete recording all of your information using the on-line mobile App: