



## PONY XPRESS NEWS OCTOBER 2015

**OUR MISSION: To Evangelize, Equip, and Empower the next generation of men to be lifelong Christlike servant leaders. What is our vision? Don't Know; how you going to get there? Proverbs 29:18**

### **DEVOTION: Enlightenment (Ephesians 1:17,18)**

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened;

A THOUGHT TODAY:

Be honest. Are there times when you read Scripture and it doesn't say anything to you? When reading the Bible becomes a little dull or even redundant? Or when other people are blessed, inspired and moved by the pastor's message, but somehow you get nothing out of it? Why does this happen to even the most faithful of believers? In the last chapter of Ephesians, Paul tells us it is because of the blinding and hardening work of the powers of darkness that deadens our hearing and understanding. To counteract this ongoing attack against God's people, there must also be a corresponding work of prayer. One in which the ministry of prayer asks God for a spirit of wisdom and revelation -- so that the truth of His Word can come alive (and remain alive) in our hearts.

We pray about problems; yet, Paul's prayer is for the cause. In this section of Scripture, Paul expresses his passion that these great truths would truly grip and take root in the hearts and lives of the Ephesians, and I, "as well in the lives of all Royal Rangers." And true change cannot occur without enlightenment.

There is a young man 33 years of age that serves with me as Lieutenant Commander. He has been diagnose with autism. He is a great Lieutenant, and well respected by the boys. They know he loves them; that is how you do brother, "let them know you for your love for them!"

He lives at home with his father and mother. His father said he could not go to Pow-Wow with us because of a family reunion, and lost people would be there too. Now there is a big difference here; our purpose intent in all events is to evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation. Not so much so, at a family reunion!

So I ask you, are the eyes of your heart losing enlightenment? The Bible is not merely a book of prophesy, historical stories, good advice, or ethical guidance. Principally and primarily, Scripture is designed to lead us into the presence of God. It allows us to feel Him, know Him, understand Him, relate to Him and sense His great love, wisdom, strength, and amazing control of human events. I wonder sometimes if our teaching of God's Word doesn't fall upon deaf ears because we have failed to pray as Paul prays in our passage today.

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

How's your vision? What has obstructed your vision? How can we refocus our vision and mission? Let our prayers be founded with purpose intent on the cause of mission and vision.

Open your Bible, and pray with me, "Lord, reveal yourself to us in Your Word and enlighten us with Your eternal truth." (John 17:3: "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.")

**CHARTERING: October last month for 2016 (just do it!)**

The new charter season began on August 15. The quickest, easiest way is to charter online at <https://secure1.ag.org/royalrangers/>. You can also print a Mail-in charter application for your district and pay by check from this site (note additional processing fee).

**FCF Fall Trace: October 9-11/2015—Rotary Scout Reservation**

You can come early on the 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be there. All outpost, boys, & men are welcome.

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY our purpose intent SECURED BRIDGE-HEAD  
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER Lee Williams Honor Bound Director**

**OUTPOST COMMANDERS MEETING: (War Room) 9:00am—2:00pm**

**Location—Paintball Asylum 3101 Pond Station Road Louisville, Ky. 40272**

**Registration @ [www.kyroyalrangers.org](http://www.kyroyalrangers.org)**

**Round table meeting \*Prayer \*Praise and Worship \*Devotion \*Lunch \*Lazar Tag games— so bring high school boys.**

**If you plan to attend better get registration in mail today, or text me at 502-718-9922**

**This is where we plan what we doing: who, what, were, how, when, and our purpose intent.**

**Souls are in the balance. Is there something more important to you?**

**TRAINING: December 4-5/2015—Louisville, Kentucky @ Calvary Christian Center**

**A/G to register go to [www.royalrangers.com](http://www.royalrangers.com) & training under National Training**



**Johnnie Barnes Excellence in Leadership & Ministry Initiative:**

The Johnnie Barnes Excellence Initiative (JBEI or EI), for short, will stretch you and your leadership team. You will be challenged to embrace new leadership behaviors and attitudes. Though counter-intuitive, you will discover freedom by embracing limits that lead to greater influence and effectiveness. You will also receive tools to continually improve upon past performance and reach new goals. Many in Kentucky may never have another opportunity as this, for such a great conference as this.

JBEI in Puerto Rico was a resounding success. Eighty-four leaders registered for this event that was offered in Spanish. The JBEI is a required seminar for the Platinum level of the (OLT) Organizational Leadership Level.

The new Ranger Training Camp (RTC) was released this past April, and we are getting very positive review from districts that are presenting it. It is intended to replace DTC and ATC.

Adult leaders have many opportunities to attend NRMCM, NEEC, or WCO. Please encourage leaders to sign up early and take advantage of the early registration discount. Remember these training events are needed to complete the Organizational Leadership Advancement Levels (OLAL).

Information on all of these events can be found on the national royal ranger website on the training link: <http://royalrangers.com/training/schedule/>

### **CAMPORAMA 2016:**

Remember, [www.nationalcamporama.com](http://www.nationalcamporama.com) is your total resource for the latest information for the 2016 Camporama. It will continue to see regular updates as we draw closer to this great event. **Don't forget, registration opens December 1, 2015.**

### **CAMPORAMA FUNDRAISING:**

How is your fundraising going for Camporama2016? The Royal Rangers 50th Anniversary Weatherby Mark V Rifle with Leupold VX-3 Scope can be a great fund raising event. Go to [http://www.thenssp.org/NSSP\\_weatherby\\_benefit\\_drawing](http://www.thenssp.org/NSSP_weatherby_benefit_drawing) for more information.

### **STARTING ROYAL RANGERS:**

We have a new website that is now available, dedicated to helping churches start Royal Rangers at [startroyalrangers.com](http://startroyalrangers.com). It is simple and has the most basic information for churches interested in starting Royal Rangers.