

## October 2023

A Montgomery Sectional Commanders Conference was held on October 7, 2023 at Evangel Church at 9:04 AM. Opening comments and thanking Commander LeMaster for the use of his church by Commander Rick. Opening prayer and special prayer requests by Commander Bill LeMaster.

Churches represented at the Conference: First A/G Montgomery, 1<sup>st</sup> A/G Clanton, Evangel Church and Hunting Ridge COG.

Staff present: Commanders Rick Higgins and Joe Andrews.

The financial report for the past quarter was presented by Commander Rick. Commander Mark Dedman motioned to approve financial report. Commander Bill LeMaster seconded the motion. Motion passed. Copy is attached.

Commander Rick brought up the scheduling of Section events for 2024. Ranger Derby on March 2 at Montgomery 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30; Repelling dates to be determined by Commanders Fontine and Andrews; Pow Wow on Oct 11 and 12; Family Field Day on November 9 or 16 (depending on JBQ dates) and location TBD and AWF Fishing Rodeo in August.

Commander Rick also mentioned the upcoming Frontier Days event at Fort Toulouse in Wetumpka in November. Attendance is a decision of each outpost; the 2024 Commanders Conference schedule; repelling event in January 2024; liability release form for everyone at the powwows and repelling events (they are required) and the District paperwork which contains a background check on those who did not have one for the 2022 powwow (check is good for one year); zipline use and equipment was discussed if Section should sell it or keep it – commanders in attendance agreed to keep the equipment in hopes that someone would volunteer to be trained by certified to operate the zipline. Commander Josh Phillips was asked to check with District RR on next schedule training class at Camp Lone Eagle.

Commander Rick brought up for discussion the upcoming Family Field Day event. It will be held at Montgomery 1<sup>st</sup> A/G again this year. Commander Benny Ray will be in charge and host church. Cost will remain at \$6.00 per each registered Royal Ranger and \$2.00 each for everyone else who will be planning on eating lunch. Activities will be Archery (1<sup>st</sup> A/G Clanton), Air Rifle (Commander Scott Cofer), Obstacle Course (1<sup>st</sup> A/G Montg), Bean Bag Toss (1<sup>st</sup> A/G Montg). Other activities (unsupervised) will be stilt walking, tug-of-war and horseshoe toss. And, of course, a craft for the Ranger Kids and Discovery rangers and their siblings.

Commander Bill LeMaster motioned that Commander Rick Higgins be the new Section Commander effective immediately. All commanders in attendance seconded the motion. Motion passed. This motion was made due to Commander Ricky Whittington's health

problems for the past twelve months. Commander Rick accepted the position of Sectional Commander.

The next scheduled quarterly planning conference will be held on January 6, 2024 at Hunting Ridge COG. Main topic for discussion will be Ranger Derby.

Being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 with prayer by Commander Josh Phillips.

Yours in Christ,

Richard N. Higgins, Jr  
Montgomery Section Commander  
Secretary/Treasurer