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President's Report

by Joseph A. Larrance



The new year is moving fast. With the economy as it is and the stress of the times, it is hard for many to cope in today's world.

This makes Scouting and NAPS all the more important and necessary. We need to be the stabilizing anchor for boys without that security at home.

Try to find ways to subsidize the program, so those with little can participate. We are always working on our own budget, but now is the time to focus on the needs of those who need us most.

I challenge each of us to take it upon ourselves to pay for the registration for one or two boys, other than our own, and/or the fee for an outing, so more boys can participate.

Or even better, if you have the wherewithal, arrange a money making endeavor, so the boys can earn their own way. And, they will meet the new First Class rank requirement requiring them to earn and save money. *(Continued -See, President's message, p-2)*

NAPS Needs Your Help!!

NAPS will sponsor a booth at the PC(USA) General Assembly will be held in Minneapolis/St. Paul Minnesota July 3 through 10, 2010. We need help manning the booth during this period. If you can help for the part or full time and wish to do so please contact Wray Johanning at 636-391-0734 or e-mail wray-diana@mindspring.com.

Shortly thereafter, July 24 through August 3, 2010 NAPS will have a booth at the 2010 Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree celebrating the 100th anniversary of the BSA. We will be located in the Community Alliance Tent (Area) on the Midway.

We have four full time positions available and an unlimited number of day staff positions. Fees for the Jamboree are for full time staff is \$795 and the day staff of \$35 a day for each day worked. If you have any interest in joining us for this historic event, Please, contact Wray Johanning at 636-491-0734 or e-mail wray-diana@mindspring.com.

Past President's Report

by Wray Johanning

As we move through the first quarter of 2010, I hope this Newsletter reaches you and yours in good health and good Scouting.

It has been six months since we last published our Newsletter. We as officer's of NAPS wish to apologize for the lack of communication with the membership. However, our Editor in Chief Corb Sarchet was diagnosed with cancer 10 months ago, with a positive outcome predicted.



We are pleased, no overjoyed, to report that our Prayers have been answered and Corb after, radiation therapy, has made a complete recovery and is feeling strong enough to resume his position as publisher of the Newsletter.

We have a lot to catch up on. I have recently returned from the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators. it was successful and many contacts were made. (See article on Page 2)

Over the past year NAPS has been approached to resolve conflicts between Scouting Units and their Chartering Partner. Most of the contacts have been made by the parties finding our web site and had the belief they could get guidance from NAPS. We have been contacted by both Pastors and Units.

They have been resolved by knowledge of the system and providing the parties with the facts. However, all of the issues could have been resolve at the local level, before reaching the crisis level, by having knowledgeable Charter Organization Representatives (COR) and/or Commissioners. In the next few issues of the Newsletter we will be publishing articles on this subject. *All the knowledge in the world will do no good if it is not in those hands that need it. It would benefit both the Charter Organization and the Scouting Unit if the COR were a member of NAPS.*

Which leads me to a most important subject. Recruiting of new NAPS members. Let's try to recruit all the Presbyterian COR, but let's not just limit our recruiting efforts to COR's.

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Getting us through until the economy turns back positive is a challenge for everyone. It will be wonderful, create so much goodwill for all, if you can help as I have asked.

Again, if your Church does not charter a Scout unit, this is an opportunity for Christian Outreach in tough times. If the unit is a senior high youth group Venture unit, the insurance that goes with Scouting, relieves the Church some of the responsibility and offers additional avenues for activities.

If it is any traditional Scout unit, it is a good, relatively inexpensive way to reach more youth if the Church takes an active role in choosing the leaders. So many units are chartered by organizations that just leave it alone that they may as well not exist.

We need active leadership from the Church to be involved with the unit, so we become a voice and example as Christians, not just a figurehead.

On another note, I have read a book I wish to recommend, "The Shack," by William P. Young. It is subtitled, "Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity." This book focuses on relationships as God would have us behave. I am one who is sensitive to emotional situations, so I have had to force myself through parts of it, but it offers some huge insights into who we are and why we do what we do and feel how we feel. For a New Testament Christian, this book is a must read.

Yours in Scouting

Joe

Have You Read These? If Not, You Should!

Two books have recently been published by Red Honor Publishing Co. and are being sold through the BSA Catalog. Both books are inspiring works by two authors that pertain to Scouting Values.

The first work "*In Our Own Way*" is an assembly of Prayers by all faith traditions, written by Dr. Robert Lee Edmonds. Dr. Edmonds solicited input from all faith traditions, including NAPS and received inspiring input from our own Gene Foley. The criteria for the Prayers were they must represent the beliefs of the faith tradition and reflect the traditional values of the Boy Scouts of America. "In Our Own Way" provides a perfect resource for all Scouting functions.

The second work is written by David C. Scott titled "*We are Americans, We are Scouts*". This book has taken selected inspirational quotes from President Theodore Roosevelt. "Teddy Roosevelt held a unique relationship with BSA in that he is the only person to hold the title of "Chief Scout Citizen of the BSA". Many of his values can be traced back to the Scout Oath and Law. "*We are Americans, We are Scouts*" is truly a confirmation of what, as Scouters, we believe as the values of the BSA Program. It is a must read.

ACPE Conference Allows NAPS To Tell Its Story

NAPS was represented at the APCE Conference by Wray Johannig (NAPS Past President) and David Pack representing the Community Alliance Task Force from BSA. The Conference was held in Nashville TN. From January 26 through January 30, 2010.

The Conference was attended by 1,150 Christian Education Directors, Youth Directors and Youth Pastors. The Conference provided us an opportunity to present the values of having a Boy Scouting Programs in the individual Churches, the adult awards program, in particular the Celtic Cross and introducing the PRAY Program, formally known as the God and Country Program, to the attendees.

We were located next to the doorway leading into the "Marketplace". Everyone going to the Marketplace, which was about 90% of the attendees, had to pass by our location. We were busy most of the time with multiple visitors to our booth.

One of the most encouraging things that happened were the young Youth Directors that showed interest in Scouting. (This was the 25 to 30 year olds and many were female.) We had two or three that were Eagle Scouts. All were interested in incorporating Scouting in to the Church program. Many filled out Contact Cards which will be forwarded to the appropriate Council, by BSA, for future contact by the Council.

To summarize the Conference other than two canceled flights and almost not getting out of Nashville due to ice and snow, It was a wonderful opportunity to present our Scouting Programs and show the value of Scouting to the Church.

Kudos.....

Elliott Kerlin, past president, presented three Celtic Cross Awards in Orlando, FL., in February at Park Lake Presbyterian Church. Honorees were Chris Crowley, Senior District Executive, Fort Gatlin District, CFC; Tom Price, former T-48 Scoutmaster; and Corb Sarchet, former T-48 Scoutmaster and NAPS officer.



Scout Sunday in February was celebrated across the land with a highlights of many being presentation of religious awards to youth and Scouters. Here, Bob Bates, right, presents PCUSA God & Service Awards to left to right, Dr. Dorlinda House, Bill Staiger on behalf of his wife, Linda Schwichtenberg, and Edmund Gantt, at Park Lake Presbyterian Church in Orlando. All honorees are part of Troop 48. (Photo by Susan Gantt)

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Any person who is a Presbyterian by faith (including PC(USA), PCA, EPC, & OPC) plus any church who is in communication with these churches and believes in the values as stated by the, and is a registered member of Boy Scouts of America is eligible to join NAPS. Registered Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Leaders also may join NAPS on an individual basis as long as they meet the all other criteria.

Please, recruit at least one new NAPS member in the next 3 months. In particular your COR. You will be hearing more about recruiting new members in the near future.

Just as a reminder Certificates for Presbyterian Youth that attain the Rank of Eagle Scouts are available from NAPS, as well as a personalized congratulations letter to the New Eagle Scout. To receive this service, please contact, Rush Hart at rushart@sbcglobal.net.

This summer is going to be a busy one. We have PC(USA) General Assembly, NAPS BI Annual Meeting and the National Jamboree celebrating the 100 Anniversary of Boy Scouting in America to attend.

In order to be prepared for the NAPS Bi Annual meeting, our bi-laws state we must have a Nominating Committee appointed and an election of National Officers, Regional Officers and any b- law changes that may be pending. Corb Sarchet, National Communications Director, will again serve as chairman of the nominating committee, When you receive your ballots please vote, your voice is important.

Presbyterians Served Philmont As 2009 Protestant Chaplains

Eugene Foley and William Tarbell began the 2009 summer season as the Protestant Chaplains at Philmont Scout Ranch in Northeast New Mexico.

Chaplain Gene is well known to NAPS, having served for many years as its Northeast Region Director. His term at Philmont ran through July 5, after which he assumed the position of Chaplain at Cascade Pacific Council's Camp Baldwin on the east side of Mount Hood in Oregon.

Gene first served as a national chaplain for the BSA in 1992 at the Florida Sea Base, and has continued his service at Philmont, Sea Base, several local councils, and at National and World Jamborees.

Chaplain Bill, a retired PC(USA) minister from South Carolina, is a first-year Philmont Chaplain. He and his wife, Amanda, have enjoyed driving to Philmont and will continue their exploration of our country after a full season of discovery in Philmont's majestic mountains and valleys.

Bill and Amanda have added a great deal to the Philmont chaplaincy as they share their experiences and knowledge with trekkers, advisors and staff along Philmont's hundreds of miles roads and trails.



Chaplain Gene, left, and Chaplain Bill



Indiana Scouts Honor Their Pastor with Celtic Cross

*By Gay Hanson, Committee Member
Troop 275, Venturing Crew 1776
Crossroads of America Council, BSA*

Members of Scout units chartered to Faith Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, recently honored the Rev. Dr. L.Vern Farnum with the Celtic Cross Award in recognition of his service to youth and especially to the Scouting program.

The Award was presented by Scouts of Cub Pack 831, Boy Scout Troop 275, and Venturing Crew 1776. Faith Presbyterian Church charters and supports all three Scout units.

The Celtic Cross Award is given by the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters to adults active in youth leadership in a Presbyterian Church. For many years, Rev. Farnum has been a true blessing to the Scouting Program of Faith Presbyterian Church.

He has blessed Scouts, Scouters, and parents with his faith, prayers, understanding, knowledge, and his steadfast and unwavering support.

He has always been there for the Pack, the Troop, the Crew, and the God and Country Program, and they in turn wanted to thank him for that support in a way uniquely "Scout."

So it was with deep gratitude and affection that the members of Cub Scout Pack 831, Boy Scout Troop 275, and Venturing Crew 1776 presented Rev. Dr. L. Vern Farnum with the Celtic Cross Award.

NAPS Director Kraft to Serve As Jambo Subcamp Chaplain

NAPS member Warren Kraft, of Troop 615-Oshkosh WI, has been selected to serve as one of the staff chaplains for the 2010 Boy Scout Jamboree. He has been assigned to subcamp 14 at Fort AP Hill, VA, during this centennial celebration of Boy Scouting in America.

In addition, he is serving on the planning committees for both the Bay-Lake Council #635 contingent to the Jamboree and his own Troop's excursion to the East Coast.

During the Mikana Chapter Spring Conference in June, he stood his Vigil for the Awase Lodge #61 and was named "Mantowagan", which is translated as "One who has Spiritual Powers." He is also setbrf as Senior Patrol Leader for thr summer's Wood Badge for the 21st Century course C-11-09 in the Bay-Lakes Council.

Additionally, he will be one of the commissioners for the Great Lakes Area Centennial Jamboree to be held in late September. Organized by the 13 councils that touch Lakes Michigan and Superior, the weekend will be held on the grounds of the Experimental Aircraft Association in Oshkosh.

As a commissioned lay pastor, Warren has two distinct roles for the Presbytery of Winnebago in northeast Wisconsin. He serves as pulpit supply and is assigned as chaplain to the Boy Scouts, guiding times for reverence for both scouting and Order of the Arrow events. In 2009, , the Awase Lodge named him its Adviser of the Year and the Bay-Lakes Council presented him with the Silver Beaver Award.

He and his wife Liz just celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary. She is a special education teacher currently assigned to work with fourth graders. Warren is the full-time assistant city attorney/director of Human Resources for the City of West Bend WI, and serves in an of-counsel capacity for the Murphy-Desmond law firm of Madison WI.

They have two grown children: Jessica who works as a pre-school/daycare teacher and Nathan, an Eagle Scout, who works overnight security. They make their home in Oshkosh WI.



Warren Kraft, left, and Logan Becker, right, both of Troop 615-Oshkosh WI received their Vigil Honors at the Mikana Chapter Spring Conference of the Awase Lodge. Standing with them is the Troop Scoutmaster David Becker.

Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being solicited for the positions of Officers and Directors of the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters. Please email or postal mail your nominations to the Nominations Committee Chairman, Corb Sarchet, by March 30, 2010.

**Corb Sarchet
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Publications Secretary, NAPS
107 Lake Darby Place
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I nominate _____, of _____, to serve NAPS in the 2010-2012 term as a: (Check one or more)

I submit my name for the office of (Check one or more)

President

Vice-President, Membership

Vice-President, Program

Secretary

Treasurer

Chaplain

Communications Director

Regional Director of _____ Region

NOTE: You must be a member in good standing to serve.

Your Name: _____

Street Address, City, State, & Zip _____

Email address: _____

Best Phone Number: _____

Please attach a one-page or less resume of your NAPS, Scouting, and Community service, and your current occupation.





We Want You!
To Help Round Up New Members for NAPS
Give this application to your COR, Youth
Pastor, Pastor, Youth Director, or any
Presbyterian Scouter

Application for Membership

National Association of Presbyterian Scouters

Youth are the future and they are the Church. I pledge my service and support to Youth. As a Presbyterian Scouter or Associate member, I will take action or respond to opportunities for service through the Church and through Scouting. I will be a light for the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters.

(please print clearly)

DATE _____ NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

COUNCIL NAME AND NUMBER _____ Position(s) in Scouting _____

CHURCH _____ Position(s) in Church _____

SIGNATURE _____

CHECK ITEMS THAT APPLY:

New Member / **Associate Member** / **Renewal Member** / **Lapel Pin (\$5.00)**

Annual Member (\$20.00) / **Five-year Membership (\$75.00)** / **Ten-year Membership (\$150.00)** / **Life Membership (\$350.00)**

Make your check for the total amount due to NAPS and attach it to this form. Form and check should be sent to: Rush Hart, Treasurer, 2416 Ryan Place Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76110-2503

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