

# Footsteps



## A Fathers Perspective

I had just returned from a Cub Scout Meeting when I heard the sound. As parents we can instantly tell the difference between a stubbed toe and something much more serious. All I heard was my eleven year old daughter Meghan screaming. When I got to her I found her on her bed crying out “she’s dead Daddy, Violets dead” Violet of course is her beloved pet hamster—her first pet. I said all the right things but nothing helped. When I told hr we would bury her the next day she asked that our priest (Father Brian Burgess)

do the honors. In fact she asked to speak to him right then! I called him thinking he would calm her, and explain to her that we don’t offer the rite of Christian Burial for pets. He did however jump at the chance to be with Meghan and offer prayers for her and my family during this time of mourning.

The next day my eight year old son, my daughter Meghan, her best friend, and I awaited his arrival. When Father Burgess arrived we gathered around the grave site. As my daughter cried tears of

goodbye, we were all joined with collects, readings, prayers, and the Holy Sacrament. Afterward Meghan told me that she understood that she had celebrated the resurrection through Violet.

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## St. Uriel’s forms Brotherhood Chapter

A new chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was welcomed into the Diocese of New Jersey. Brother Sean Garvin, Assistant Diocesan Coordinator, was there to formally install the men into the chapter and the chapter into the brotherhood.

Also in attendance was Brother The Reverend Deacon Jim Gowland, Diocesan Coordinator.



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## Are We Too Busy

Are we too busy each day? Is our lifestyle a reflection of doing more than we seem to have time for each day and being even busier on the week-ends? Think about this fact, we have many electronic gadgets to keep us in touch with our family, friends, coworkers, our boss, and so on. We drive while holding a cell phone and answer incoming calls while in church. Many people have Blackberries,

and their Blue Tooth attached to an ear, and they text message all day long. Then we have Facebook, You Tube, and other means to communicate over the Internet that further enables us to keep in touch. How many people have an MP3 player to listen to music while they walk, or traveling on public transportation, when sitting in coffee shops, or anywhere else that one might want to hear a favor-

ite song? We watch cable business news and have access to many other local and national news channels to find out what else we missed during the day. To round things out, we get instant weather reports and traffic updates for commuting to and from work. Sound like someone you know? It is no wonder why we can't find time to attend a chapter meeting, or to make it to church on Sunday. This is not a criti-

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## A Father's Perspective (continued)

I know there are spiritual messages all over this but I can't help but see it through a Father's eyes. My daughter was crushed by the death of her beloved Violet one moment and in the backyard with friends celebrating the resurrection the next.

It truly was a beautiful experience for my family. One I'm sure I won't forget any time soon. I know Meghan won't forget as long as she lives.

Sean Garvin

Christ Church Chapter—  
Woodbury, NJ

## The Witness by: James M. Keane

Apollos entered the tavern, knowing he would find his friend at his usual table. The older man was to be found there at any time he was not on duty or performing some pleasant task. Personally Apollos found little appeal in this. The tavern had little to recommend it. It was one of many such that dotted

Jerusalem, except that perhaps here the wine was marginally better. At any rate, he was not here for the wine, nor for pleasant tasks. Approaching the small table, he seated himself opposite his friend without waiting to be recognized, adjusting his short sword automatically to keep from poking him-

self. He gave more attention to the short red cape he wore; their Centurion was a stickler for a well polished and maintained uniform for his soldiers. 'It would not do for the occupying army not to be neat, oh no.' Apollos thought wryly.

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## Advent Chapter Installation

On March 22, 2009, the Church of the Advent, in Westbury, Long Island was installed. Their Rector is Fr. Jeffrey Krantz, who is the National Study Coordinator for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Deacon Richard Montrose also worked closely with the new members to guide them in forming their chapter. Special guests present were Diocesan Coordinator, Samuel Gill, Province II President, Bob Dennis, and Nassau Assembly President, Charles Harewood, along with chapter members of Trinity/St. John's, Hewlet.



## Are We Too Busy (continued)

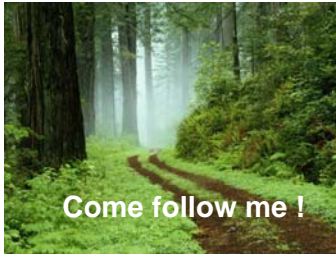
cism, only an observation. Our lives are so fast paced, especially if you have children, then the only rest you look forward to is late at night when hopefully you will get some sleep. Who has time to do everything that we have committed to? How many people do we know that are retired and are busier now than when they worked full time? No time to talk and listen anymore, it seems there is only time to get your "word in" and move on! Do you sense that feeling? Jesus said: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew: 12: 28-

30. Jesus is providing rest for our souls, and for those asking forgiveness for their sins, and not trying to earn salvation by doing good works. This is the "if I work hard, and if I do a good deed that is enough mentality". Jesus gives us rest through our commitment to Him, and not all the secular distractions we face each day that already overburden us. Have you found on many occasions when you take time to pray and then feel rushed that you have no time left to rest in Him, and no opportunity to rid yourself of you're the demanding distractions placed upon you, leaving you feeling unfulfilled. Not getting the answers to what you are looking for in your prayers continues to be a concern. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you",

James 4:8. You will be renewed and better prepared for the day's challenges ahead, if you "let go and let God" as we often quote. If we allow ourselves to be overburdened each day in our family, work and social life everyone is dramatically affected. But if we rest in our Lord, and in our daily prayers and study, we will find through Him how to balance our personal lives, and be better prepared for the challenges that lay ahead. In our walk with Jesus, He will provide the answers that we seek, and we will all say: "But for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15.

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## The Witness (continued)

"What tidings?" Phobias asked, barely looking up from his wine.

"Well you should ask. Stuck in this tavern, you still cannot be insensate. One cannot go down any dusty street without hearing the Jews talk of it."

"I'll bet." Phobias said sourly, taking a hard pull of his goblet. "The rabbi who came down from the tree. The king who died and lives. 'Jesus Nazareus Rex Iudorum' that damned placard read. Might as well have been a spell to their god for all the fire it's caused. Garbage!" He slammed the goblet down with more force than was necessary, and several eyes turned in their direction. They did not linger more than an instant, however; an angered Roman soldier was nothing the locals wanted any part of.

They were not the only uncomfortable ones. Apollos thought he was more so than they were, and for good reason. "Phobias, you were there. You saw –."

"Nothing! I saw nothing!" The man told him with deadly fire. But Apollos would not be put off. He had come to talk. He had to talk!

"We two, late in the night, an easy post. Guard a dead man in a tomb. Make sure his friends do not come in the night and roll a stone that took fifteen Legionnaires to roll into place back and spirit the body away for their convenient lies to stir the populace. But they didn't

need to make any wild tale, did they?" "Didn't they?"

Apollos wasn't sure he was talking to the same man who had stood by him just two nights gone. "Phobias, the earth shook as if the very gods pounded upon it. That stone; it moved on its own, rolled away as if it were a chariot wheel. You saw it! And the light – so blinding I could barely stand it! And then he – he came out and the light came from him! Bright as the sun, brighter! His clothing white as pure light – his body shining so I couldn't even keep my feet, but fell to the ground and could not move. You had already passed out by then but –."

Phobias' hand darted out with the speed of a striking viper, grasping his forearm in a crushing grip. "I am a Roman Legionnaire!" He said with deadly fury. "A Roman does not *pass out!*"

Apollos looked into his friend's eyes and did not see any amity there. Very carefully, very slowly, he drew back, pulling away from the grip. "Yes. But Phobias, he *looked* at me!"

"What?" "He looked at me. I saw him, just before I – well..." "If the light was as bright as you make it, you could not have seen him look at you."

"It was that bright, and I should not have been able to, but I could. I could see his face as clearly as yours, and –."

"Enough!" Phobias

leaned in close, his tone that of death itself. "Let me tell you something, fool! Nothing happened! That is what Rome says. That is what the Governor says. That's what their own damned High Priest says!" He grabbed Apollos' sword arm tightly, half to prevent him from going for his own blade as Phobias leaned in closer, making sure his words carried no further than the two of them, but no less fiery for their quiet determination. "Their own Rabbis, Priests, whatever in Hades they are, turned him over to Rome because they wanted him dead! And they got what they asked for. We crucified him. Septemus even drove a spear into him to make sure. He's dead and buried, and whatever the talk that is going on out there, it is not going to change that!"

"But we –."

"Rome says he's dead – he's dead. I'm a soldier. I'm here to keep the Jews in line. They get out of line, and they're dead too. And if you are heard spreading this spurious lie about light and coming back from the dead I may be ordered to make you dead too."

There was a moment of horrible stillness. "You would do it." Looking into his friend's eyes, he knew the truth.



## Province II Spring Meeting 2009

Dear Bros. Andrew:

Please be advised that the 2009 Annual Spring Meeting of Province II Chapters of the Brotherhood of St Andrew will commence at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at:

**The Church of the Transfiguration**  
**73 South Long Beach Avenue** (corner of Pine Street)  
**Freeport, NY 11520**  
**Office Tel.: (516) 379 -1230**



The following names have been submitted for Provincial Officer positions:

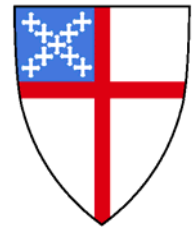
Provincial President: *Samuel Gill and Allen Inniss*

Vice President: *Richard Williams and Hamilton Simpson*

Treasurer: *Wendell Bristol*

Secretary: *no names submitted*

**Meeting will be followed with a Eucharist**



## Men's Retreat hosted by Christ The King Spiritual Life Center



### Deep Roots: Like Trees Planted By Streams of Water

Sponsored by The Albany Episcopal Diocese & Brotherhood of St Andrew

Men's Retreat: Friday, May 1st – Saturday May 2nd



- Join us for a Christ-centered men and boys retreat at Christ The King Spiritual Life Center Greenwich, NY.
- Prayer, Study, & Service activities
- Enjoy Christian encouragement and fellowship!
- Sign up today! Registration Closes April 17th

#### Registration Options:

- Full Retreat: \$75
  - Friday 5:00pm to Saturday 7:30pm
  - Cabin lodging, meals, activities
- Optional Sunday stay-over \$38
  - Room & Sunday breakfast
  - No program, just for those who want to rest & depart Sunday

One Form per guest

**Sign up today! Registration Closes April 17th**

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Make check to Brotherhood Of St Andrew

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## News from the Brothers at St. James Eatontown

Dear Bros. Andrew:

The Jubilee Singers of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ will present a concert on **Sunday, May 3, 2009 at St James Episcopal Church, 300 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ.** Ushers for this concert will be members of The Brotherhood of St Andrew, St James Memorial Episcopal Church, Eatontown, NJ. The public is invited to the concert which begins at 5 PM, No admission or tickets are required.

After sponsoring a memorable trip to Washington National Cathedral in 2008, The Brotherhood of St Andrew at St James, Eatontown are planning a trip to the Cathedral of St John The Devine in New York later this year. Please stay tuned for further information. We welcome Brothers from other chapter as well as their families and friends.



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