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Following In The "Footsteps" of Our Lord...

Footsteps

# A Special Thank You

One question always asked by anyone when they hear of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew is what do we do? In another article I touched on the Prayer, Study and Service aspect, but I learned at a recent Chapter meeting we do something much more. I have been having a difficult time in my workplace; I mean I was more stressed out than I have ever been in my short time on earth. Up to this point my definition of stress was going into a hostile environment with a squad of eighteen year-olds armed with semi-automatic rifles. Boy was I wrong.

My stutter is not a very redeeming quality, I

find it embarrassing, almost a weakness, and I don't have many of those. One of the Brothers in my Chapter has been helping me with this "little Problem". And lately I have been doing real well with it, unless I get frustrated or stressed; then it becomes more apparent. This job had me so flustered I couldn't even get through a prayer without stuttering during one of our Chapter meetings. A Brother with whom I had once been very close with a number of years ago during my separation with the military; he helped me readjust to civilian life, and got me my first IT position. Now he'll say "I just put you in the interview, you did the rest.";

and take no credit what so ever, no matter how many times I thanked him. But over the years a distance was kept in our friendship, for which the blame rests solely on my shoulders. However, since his installment into our Chapter, I felt our friendship has become renewed.

Anyway, he noticed the increasing frequency of my stutter and put two and two together. He and the other Brothers present insisted I spilled what was bothering me. So I did, I spilled and poured out my soul; they listened, supported and advised. What happened at that meeting was powerful. I walked out of that meeting feeling lighter than a feather,

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## Brothers' Are You A Member?

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew - Loved by all both far and near is never mention that doesn't bring a cheer and someone claims a portion, a kindness, in

order just to bind them to this Love. The purpose which is to spread Christ's kingdom among men and youth. It is known most everywhere.

Since 1883 - The object remains the same Prayer-Study-Service.

They have been talked about "The Brotherhood of St. Andrew"

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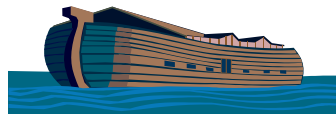
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### A Shared Prayer

"OH, THAT YOU WOULD BLESS ME INDEED, AND ENLARGE MY TERRITORY, THAT YOUR HAND WOULD BE WITH ME, AND THAT YOU WOULD KEEP FROM THE ARENA OF THE ENEMY, THAT I MAY NOT CAUSE ANY PAIN!"

1 CHRONICLES 4:10

## Everyone Has An Ark...



We just got done studying about Noah and his building of The Ark. One Brother had a thought; which many agreed with, what if the Ark could have been a metaphor for a difficult task. Granted they gave the measurements, and the time frame it took to complete the difficult task. He wasn't challenging whether or not this event happened, but the lesson to be learned. This Brother's thought got me thinking; perhaps he was on to something. As he expanded on his thought, he said that the Ark could be any difficult undertaking we become involved with.

Think about what Noah felt building his ark, the jeers from his

friends and neighbors, the frustration of this impossible task, the stress of knowing that once he was done; all he knew except a select few would be gone. But this simple man knew that God had his back. His faith helped see him through this impossible mission. Many of us face similar ordeals whether it be in school, work, church or home. As the Brother continued to build upon his thought and others added to it, I got to thinking; I've already had a fleet of Arks. My Arks have been some projects within the church and the balance with my family, my continuous battle with my anger management, and recently my involvement with The Brotherhood. The funny thing is my Brotherhood

“Ark” is becoming the pride of my “fleet”. One; it has the ultimate defense system. Two; it is by far the largest undertaking I've taken. Three; this is most important, it's not just my boat alone, and it has many builders with the same faith as me. We all have our special parts in the building of this behemoth, and all are equally important. But without your help and support OUR Ark will never get finished. Think about it. Everyone has an Ark; these are mine, what are yours?

Think about it.

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and knowing that my Brothers are there for me. There is a reason this happened, I keep thinking my problems are my own and no one else's and the ever patient Lord keeps proving me wrong. One day I will learn this. But until then I would like to take the opportunity to thank my Brothers. What you did words cannot explain, trust me I tried and the lettering on my backspace key

got rubbed off. I have always respected you and your individual contributions, but I now have a new founded respect for you. All I can say is thank you, and God Bless you all.

*...Knowing that my Brothers are there for me...."*



## Bishop Cancell Officially Visits Trinity Church Woodbridge

The Bishop visited our Parish on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> to Receive and Confirm members of our church. I had the rare opportunity to spend a few minutes with the Bishop. One of my tests when meeting someone is my youngest son, Brett, if he takes to you right away, your alright;

if not, you go to an arms length and have a long road to earn my trust. Well at first, he was a little wary, but a second later he was shaking hands with his “new friend”, as the Bishop then called himself.

There were a few times during the Mass when the Bishop showed his true nature. During

the peace the Bishop “high-fived” my youngest, much to his glee. Through out the Service he kept saying “there's my friend, Daddy”.

The Bishop also gave us a great gift, a message in the form of one of the most powerful sermons I have ever heard. It would not do it justice if I attempted to

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From which Chapters, Assemblies, Provinces, National Councils, Associate Field Secretaries, Diocesan Coordinators -Set apart from the National office. Within each parish The Rector, the worthy Chaplin to Members of the Brotherhood Foundation - Directors and Presidents - This Friendship is something you cannot buy , you have to belong and in so doing, here is where one may want to die, in the service of the Lord.

We must not (Never) judge

the orchard by the apples that we find that have fallen from the treetop. With a blood and specked rind, so the selection of The Brotherhood to be good and true; will be judged on their own face value. Visitation to other Brotherhood Chapters is repeated o'er and o'er and our latch string is the longest - In the Red - White and the Blue they were men in the war and battle too. Battle for the Lord. Now if ever across the ocean you have a chance to go, just say "The Brotherhood of St. Andrew". If

you want to make a show. Then start the band playing when you give of the best of your service, then watch the many eyes around you, how quickly they shed a tear. There is something in that song "Rise up Oh Men of God" That touches every heart. It brings us closer together, when once we were far apart, honors are given.

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summarize this amazing masterful speech. Perhaps a Brother close to him, could grab his ear and get a copy of it for next months issue of "Footsteps"; hint, hint, wink, wink.

I will say this, the theme of it was "You're one of God's children, now act like it". All I kept

thinking was how could I use this message; so many ways. One of them I thought of for you my Brothers: "We are the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, Apostles of Christ our Lord and now let's act like it".

*You're one of God's children, now act like it"*

## Trinity Brothers' Are At It Again...

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The Brotherhood at Trinity Church, Woodbridge, NJ has been at it again. This time they took on renovating the Sacristy. Under the watchful eye of our resident carpenter Brother Bryan MacArthur, the Brothers demolished, patched, painted and installed the Sacristy to a roomier

sanctuary for our Rector and Alter Guild to use. The Brotherhood worked like a true team, getting a much needed "Chore of the Church" out of the way. What is next, only time will tell.

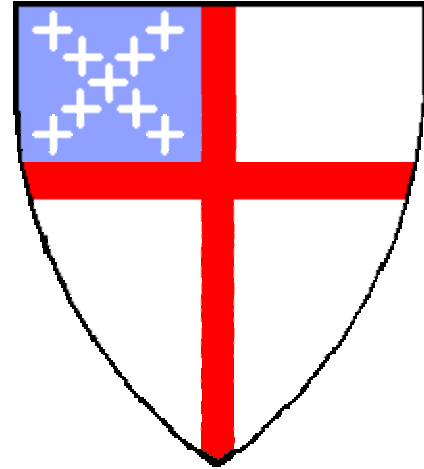


Brotherhood Of Saint Andrew's Flag

## Brotherhood of St. Andrew

- S** Saints are all of God's people around us.
- A** Awareness of the need for a spiritual life.
- I** Interested enough to become part of this men's ministry.
- N** Need for more of a Christ-centered life.
- T** Time, talent and treasure for the spread of Christ's kingdom.

- A** As Andrew did, lead men to Christ.
- N** Need for mission purpose, for healing and fellowship.
- D** Daily prayer.
- R** Regular study.
- E** Evangelism through service.
- W** Worship together.



### Announcements and Reminders

**National Council Meeting July 6<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>** –The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew's National Council Meeting is being held in St. Lewis this year. Brother Angelo is looking to attend, as well as Bob Dennis who will be making two presentations.

**1<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the New Jersey Diocese Meeting June 25<sup>th</sup>** - The Assembly will have their first official meeting at St. Peters in Freehold, NJ on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. All are welcome.

**Would you like to Contribute?** - Would you like to contribute? Contributing an article, have a link appear on the left-hand border or just an announcement is easy. Just email Angelo Berardi ([angeloberardi@comcast.net](mailto:angeloberardi@comcast.net).) These submissions don't have to be masterpieces; they could be a comment on a book you read, or about spiritual experience you would like to share. You can report what your chapter had done, that could be of interest to everyone. Any and everything counts, there is no minimum article length or language.

## Diocese of Albany Convention Report



**Episcopal Diocese  
of Albany, New York**

I attended the Diocese of Albany's Convention from June 10-12<sup>th</sup>, and I led a workshop titled, "How to start a Brotherhood of St. Andrew Chapter in your Parish". There were nearly 30 people in attendance, and my Power Point presentation went well, as I was informed by the feedback I received.

There are about four or five parishes that showed interest in forming a Chapter. This is very encouraging, and will lead to more in the future, as chapters begin to form, others will follow. There were seven clergymen present at the Workshop, including Fr. John Scott,

Rector of Calvary, Burnt Hills, who also is a member.

I was assisted by Don Rohr, a member of Calvary's Chapter, and Dennis Crimi, who is the Chair of Men's Ministries for the Diocese. Fr. John, Don and Dennis expressed much support for the Brotherhood, and the benefits of our ministry.

I want to further report that my wife Barbara and I felt spiritually renewed as a result of our attendance at this wonderful Convention. I believe that we were guided to be in attendance. I was asked to read a lesson at Morning Prayer on Saturday and I read before hundreds of people, and was very honored to have been asked to read. There were more workshops that were conducted there than anywhere else

I have been, and more Bishops in attendance than I have ever seen before at an event like this.

I must give credit to Bishop Daniel Herzog and Bishop David Bena for their warmth and gracious welcoming to us, even though we were guests we were made to feel part of their Church family. Their support for the Brotherhood and their willingness to promote our ministry is not only appreciated, but is inspiring.

I truly believe good works will continue in Albany and the Brotherhood will become a widespread ministry there. May God bless the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Albany!