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In the office with the president

Preparing the Way

Editor's note: The following homily was preached by President Ronald Warfuel during the fall Executive Board meeting in Ambridge, PA., on Dec. 4, 2004. The Gospel reference came from the second Sunday of Advent, Matthew 3: 1-12.

Let Us Pray

O Lord, help us to remain so connected to you that we may continue to become the servants to others;

Take our MINDS and think in them.

Take our LIPS and speak through them.

Take our HEARTS and SET THEM ON FIRE.

In your name Lord Jesus, we pray, and all the Brothers say,

Amen

Good morning. Some modern day theologians might equate John the Baptist as like a young fiery Billy Graham.

Both men preached confession of sin and repentance in their 'hay day.' One still does. Plans call for Dr. Graham to preach his final crusade around June 2005 from Madison Square Garden in midtown Manhattan, where he first began his evangelism ministry.

From the wilderness John the Baptist declared, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." John the Baptist exemplified the rebirth of baptism as new life in God's own Son. He said, "I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

Preacher John the Baptist admonished the people to prepare, to get ready, to become righteous or make right one's relationship with God because His Son, The Messiah is coming.

Preparation implies an active process that develops something or someone into a state of readiness.

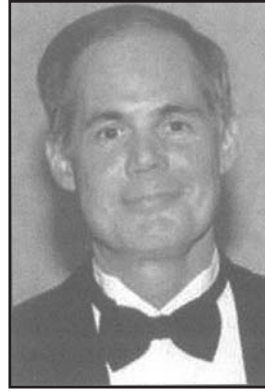
According to Webster, he uses descriptive words like "organization," "planning," "groundwork," "spadework," "training," "instruction," "provision(s)," "measures," "program" and "schedule." All these are components of preparing.

The prophet Hosea writes in the 12th verse of his 10th chapter, "Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of steadfast love; break up the fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord that He may come and rain salvation upon you."

Breaking up fallow ground is part of the preparation process a farmer will undergo to make ready his land for planting, fertilizing, growing, nurturing and harvesting his crops. Once again, Webster characterizes fallow ground as uncultivated land, yet unsown, broken up or tilled – plowed.

Working the land is a revolving process, it seems to me, where the farmer makes ready the land for planting, nurtures the seed and cultivates the crop toward the harvest. His methodology is an operation to prepare the way to sell his crops.

I believe the Brotherhood is, in similar ways, beginning a process of preparation to rejuvenate our primary mission. Perhaps the season of tilling the fallow ground is soon coming



Ron Warfuel

where we must remove hard soil or rocks that make for obstacles to growth, or should I say obstacles to grace. Perhaps a time is coming where, collectively, we must reflect upon our own righteousness in order to plant the seeds of Christ-like living on fertile soil. Many think the season of Lent is such a time but some believe Advent is also a period of introspection. In either case, it seems to me, we should be preparing the way or becoming in a state of readiness for what? Inspection.

Yes, inspection by the Holy Spirit. Are we organized enough to spread Christ's Kingdom among men and boys and to bring them into a closer relationship with Him as Lord and Savior, as Sovereign Commander over every aspect of their lives? How about a checkup of our own lives first? Are we modeling and exemplifying our disciplines for which we are dedicated, or is it dressed up rhetoric with no evidence or fruit? Are we doing our homework of planning, prayer and implementation or are we just too tired to work the land?

Brothers, we are here today to prepare the way. New farm equipment, so to speak, is available now and perhaps more in the near future to provide every opportunity to bring the Brotherhood of St. Andrew into the 21st century. There are,

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In the office with the president

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however, elements of evil that would delight in thwarting our every effort, but we will NOT surrender. A popular ACC college basketball coach of the 1970s and 1980s once said, "Don't give up, don't ever give up." On the final Apollo space mission Astronaut Gene Cernan said, "No dream is impossible."

You want to know my dream, my vision for my beloved Brotherhood? I long to see the day of revival come to us where we discover a season of restoration; The time where we give praise and thanksgiving to God for His victory.

That's why I wish to announce today The Decade Of Renewal for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and it begins now, with you and I in this season of Advent 2004 and will carry forward to our successors in Advent 2014 who will taste the fruit of our labors. I believe NOW is the appointed time to prepare the way and I believe God had anointed you as the chosen ones for the task.

Ours must be a plan of offense. We have to attack. In order to be ready we must attack our financial posture until it is permanently healthy. We must attack our field operations vigorously by training the chain of command about the features and benefits the Brotherhood can offer in the pursuit of spiritual growth. We must attack any perceived complacency or we will quietly lose the land to choking weeds that cause death and defeat to the crops.

Yes, Brothers, your mission (should you choose to accept it) is to reinvigorate the Brotherhood of St. Andrew regardless of wider Church politics, no matter what the obstacles we may face, or in spite of the nay sayers who would believe our time has ended. Instead, we go on the offense, starting NOW. We attack beginning today!

The Decade of Renewal is a mission that requires tools in order to be successful. First, we need a compass to point us toward engaging this mission. That compass is the Light of Jesus Christ; faith, hope and trust – for the battle is His.

Secondly, we should move out with a map that gives direction to our destination where we may rely upon the experience of the senior Brothers for counsel and energy from the middlers just as the Disciples depended on Jesus to show them the righteous way.

Finally, we ought to have measurable goals that crystallize our purpose to achieve victory in revitalizing our beloved Band of Brothers.

Attack in every Province. Attack in every Diocese. Attack in every prospective Assembly and attack in every local Parish and Mission by BOLDLY expressing the reality of the Living Lord Jesus Christ in your life!

And the next time you feel like God can't use you anymore, just remember this:

Noah was a drunk, Abraham and Sarah were too old, Isaac was a day-dreamer, Jacob was a liar, Leah was ugly, Joseph was abused, Moses had a stuttering problem, Gideon was afraid, Samson was a womanizer, Rahab was a prostitute, Jeremiah and Timothy were too young, David had an adulterous affair and was a murderer, Elijah was suicidal, Isaiah preached naked, Jonah ran from God, Naomi was a widow, Job went bankrupt, John the

Baptist ate bugs, Peter denied Christ, the disciples fell asleep while praying, Martha worried about everything, The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once..., Zachaeus was too small, Paul was too religious, Timothy had an ulcer, AND Lazarus was dead!

Now, no more excuses. God can use you to your fullest potential. Besides, *we* aren't the message. We are simply the messengers. So let's be thankful for the Decade of Renewal.

Imagine yourself praising God with these words of thanksgiving:

Dear God,

I want to thank you for what you have already done. I'm not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards; I'm thanking you right now. I'm not going to wait until I feel better or until things look better; I'm thanking you right now. I'm not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop talking about me; I'm thanking you right now. I'm not going to wait until the aches in my body disappear; I'm thanking you right now. I'm not going to wait until my financial circumstances improve; I'm going to thank you right now. I'm not going to wait until the children are asleep and the home is quiet; I'm going to thank you right now. I'm not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get the job, I'm going to thank you (when?) right now. I'm not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief; I'm going to thank you right now. I'm not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed; I'm thanking you right now. I'm thanking you because I am alive. I'm thanking you because I made it through another day by your pure grace. I'm thanking you because I have hurdled the obstacles. I'm thanking you because you gave me the ability and the opportunity, and you made me available to do more and do better, and I can and I will do better!

I'm thanking you right now, O God, because you haven't given up on me, and for that we say together, "God is good! All the time. And all the time, God is GOOD!"

Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight His paths. Are we ready for inspection?

Amen

Annual reports are due June 15

Annual reports will be due from all field leaders, i.e. Vice Presidents, Committee Chairman, Provincial Presidents, Diocesan Coordinators, Assistant Diocesan Coordinators, Associate Field Secretaries.

These reports will be due June 15, 2005 to be compiled, printed and then distributed at the National council meeting in St. Louis.

- Ron Warfuel

What makes a successful chapter?

Editor's note: The following article by The Rev. Bill Brake is taken from a letter originally written to Brotherhood of St. Andrew Executive Vice President Kenneth Evans.

By The Rev. Bill Brake

The success and vitality of a Brotherhood chapter depends upon two factors: (1) the active, constant, and encouraging presence of the rector and (2) an absolute fidelity to the Brotherhood disciplines of prayer-study-service.

A Brotherhood chapter is a magnet which draws rusty men to fellowship because of what it is, not what it does. What a chapter is, i.e., its being, is a fellowship of men and boys who feed, encourage, support and pray for one another. What it does is an entirely tangential factor.

The fact that it holds fundraisers or trims a person's yard or provides Easter morning breakfast for a parish is nice but that is what it does, not what it is. A chapter's intrinsic value is in being what it is called to be.

Many chapters find that they are getting out of balance when they begin emphasizing the doing rather than the being. If a man feels that he is constantly expected to have to do something, to help raise money, to labor physically, he might well think, "I can join Kiwanis or Rotary if doing is what is expected! I need the Brotherhood to be a ministry that helps me be what God is calling me to be."

The Brotherhood chapter at Pohick Church started with seven men in 1984 who acknowledged to one another their need for fellowship and spiritual support. It might be well occasionally to ask the question, "Have we, in any way, gotten away from our primary calling?" If so, how do we go back to the beginning?

The Brotherhood chapter here at St. Andrew's By-The-Sea, now has 40 members. We average 29 to 30 for most weekly meetings. We just hosted a delegation from a sister church 100 miles away which wishes to meet with us and see what it will take to begin their own chapter. I am present at every chapter meeting I can possibly make; I keep the proceedings on course; I bird-dog the absent brothers; I push and pull those present; I intentionally keep everyone from thinking more highly of themselves than they should; and I communicate with the absent officially by e-mail.

When I was the rector at Pohick Church, I maintained an intentional posture of always being present but saying no more than necessary. I follow the same procedure here at St. Andrew's. It isn't what the cleric has to say that is important; rather his "available presence" should speak for itself. One caveat for my clergy colleagues: the best way to discourage the Brotherhood chapter is to be too intrusive in the proceedings while forgetting that the Brotherhood is, by definition, "lay led" and not "clergy dominated!"

The Rev. Bill Brake served a mission field and three parishes before retiring as rector of Pohick Church, Lorton, Virginia at the end of 1999. Since "retiring," he has served as Priest Associate at St. Andrew's by-the-Sea, Nag's Head, NC, and meets weekly with the 38 Brothers Andrew in the Brotherhood chapter at St. Andrew's, one of seven chapters he has helped charter in the United States. In addition, during four mission trips between 1995-1999, Fr. Brake has helped charter 12 chapters in four dioceses in the Church in the Province of Southern Africa. Fr. Brake was awarded the Brotherhood's Legion of Merit in 1999. He and his wife, Jeannie, reside permanently on the Outer Banks of North Carolina in the Town of Duck.

Ron Warfue is commissioned as president of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew on St. Andrew's Day, 2004 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina.



Four to lead Brotherhood ministries

By Jim Goodson

President Ron Warfuel has appointed four Brothers to lead important ministries during the next two years.

Ray Talbird has been named chair of the Evangelism Committee;

Sgt. Quentin Witherspoon has been named chair of the International Missions Committee;

Bob Dennis has been named dean of Provincial Presidents and chair of the Field Operations Committee, and

Mike Borno has been named president of Province IV. Talbird has announced plans for the evangelism committee for the upcoming year.

"I believe the Evangelism Committee is the most important committee in the Brotherhood and I would like to see it as the most active," Talbird said.

"Some possible activities for the Evangelism Committee are to get an evangelism line item on the budget, offer evangelism fund raisers, sell tapes of convention speakers, sell Brotherhood license plates, produce a devotional book for Lent, produce a Brotherhood cookbook, send out an appeal letter for evangelism to Life Members, produce evangelism DVDs that can be used for men's retreats, identify and train Brothers to go out to churches and speak, train and send out evangelist, produce tracks and produce Bibles to be given away."

Dennis said he will be working with the field leaders in the Brotherhood to achieve goals that will result in increasing the number of chapters, retaining what exists and opening up better channels of communication.

"As you know I am the Province II President, and I will have the ability to test new methods as well, in my region of the country," Dennis said. "Working together, we can fine tune what works, eliminate what doesn't work and resolve what can be done better.

"I look forward to a new approach to introducing our men's ministry that focuses on the spiritual life of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and its mission purpose. This is a great opportunity to work together to spread God's Kingdom among men and boys. I look forward to working together with the new committee members, and I would encourage positive suggestions from the membership for the benefit of the Brotherhood."

New Province IV President Mike Borno said the challenge of the Brotherhood happens at the chapter level.

"My plan for Province IV is to establish an email communication organization whereby as many diocesan coordinators and chapter directors as possible can stay in touch with each other," Borno, a retired U.S. Navy Commander and current city commissioner of Atlantic Beach, Florida, said.

"We can share, support and challenge each other. By challenge I mean simply that we have a charge by being members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to bring men and boys to Jesus Christ. And let's face it, this challenge is at the chapter level. Like I expressed to President Ron Warfuel at my installation, 'the chapter is where the rubber meets the road.'

"By becoming organized in how we communicate with each other (first via email and second via regular mail), our

Brothers of Saint Andrew,

The lord has called us to evangelise to men and youth to all corners of the earth. The International Missions Committee is flooded with inquiries and requests concerning new chapters outside of the United States. Currently, the job of maintaining relationships with established chapters is enough to occupy a full time position.

Nurturing new chapters is a task that requires much communication and constant attentiveness. This committee needs six members, highly qualified, highly motivated, and highly spiritual, to commit to task of spreading Christ's kingdom around the world.

I challenge those of you with a serving heart to join me in this endeavor. These foreign souls have a need for the word of God. Their resources and conditions are often deplorable. Their success relies on your abilities to solve problems that are outside of ordinary. You will be challenged to guide them from where ever you are. If possible, you may travel to assist them. Please contact the International Missions Committee with your prayers and solutions.

Semper Fidelis,
Quentin David Witherspoon
Chairman

Sgt. Witherspoon is actively recruiting Brothers to join the International Missions Committee. He asks that prospective members be able to send and receive email attachments. You may contact Sgt. Witherspoon at SGTWITHERSPOON@aol.com.

leadership qualities will pick up momentum and by sharing, each chapter will have the added information to strengthen and grow their chapter.

"Recruitment of new members and harvesting our past members must be a vital part of this growth and is the challenge we will overcome.

"How? I will say from my experience, this is most successfully done in two vital methods. The first is to lead by example, each of us by our daily deeds and as a chapter what we do well, and that is prayer, study and service.

"By being structured in both of these examples we set a standard that would make other men and boys want to be a member of your Brotherhood chapter. Now that we have set the stage, each of us - yes, you and me - recruit and invite men and boys to be a member. Invite them one on one, looking each in the eye and tell them, 'I would like to invite you to join me on (whenever your chapter meets) to get to know what we in the Brotherhood are and what we can do for you as a man or boy who believes in Jesus Christ.'

"I fully acknowledge that not everyone will respond positively the first time, just as some of the apostles did not respond or believe at the first invitation. Keep leading and asking. It will work and your chapter will grow."

Brother saves retirement home residents from slasher

Virginian John Springer is stabbed after saving a woman's life

By Jim Goodson

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia - Brother John Springer doesn't consider himself a hero. But you'd have a hard time convincing Jeanne Hobbs of that.

Springer saved Hobbs' life Jan. 9 during a violent, bloody episode at the Goodwin House retirement center.

"Jeanne sent me a note recently that said, 'I will always be close to you,'" Springer said. "I was only doing what anyone else would do. But I'm glad I was there."

Springer was visiting his 95-year-old mother at Goodwin House when the retirement center's normally quiet halls were pierced by a woman's scream.

Following the sounds, Springer ran down the hall to a small office where he saw a large man in a gray house-keeping uniform bent over Hobbs, a 34-year-old dietician quietly preparing meal schedules for the following week. The attacker was slashing her in the face repeatedly with a steak knife as blood splattered the walls and the carpet.

"I had been watching the Eagles playoff game on TV with my mom," Springer said. "We keep the sound muted so we can talk. After about 15 minutes I heard a series of rapid fire screams down the hall.

"I got up, looked to the left and saw that five or six doors down some brown hair was being thrown out the door onto the floor. So I ran into the room and saw a man stabbing a woman in the face.

"I didn't stop. I just grabbed his right arm and started pushing him toward the back of the room. He was much larger than me and was able to push me down. After my head hit the floor, he started stabbing me.

"I knew he was cutting me - I could feel it," the 62-year-old Brother said. Blood began gushing down the side of his face, covering his eyes.

Fortunately, Springer's heroics alerted others, who were able to subdue the man just as an Alexandria police officer arrived.

"One woman had some pepper spray, which she was



John Springer

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able to use," Springer said. "She missed the first time, he lunged at her with the knife, and she sprayed him again. She got him good the second time."

While others tussled with 6-2, 240-pound Mustafa Mohamed, 30, Springer, 62

years-old and 190 pounds at best, crawled to a trash can so that his bleeding would not mess up the room, which was the dietician's office.

"I called 9-1-1 on my cell phone," Brother Springer said. "It didn't take long for the police and EMT services to arrive."

Brother Springer and Hobbs were taken to the emergency room at Inova Alexandria Hospital. Springer said he felt lucky to be alive after doctors at Inova Alexandria Hospital sewed up the four deep gashes in his face with 48 stitches.

"I have nothing but praise for the staff there," Springer said. "They really did a great job."

Before Springer's intervention, four elderly residents were stabbed as they lay helpless in their beds. One suffered a broken neck and another needed 200 stitches. Hobbs, however, was the target of Mohamed's ire, Springer said.

Mohamed, 30, of Alexandria was held without bond on two counts of malicious wounding. Both Hobbs and Mohamed were Goodwin House employees. Hobbs had allegedly filed a complaint about Mohamed with the retirement center, Virginia Commonwealth attorney S. Randolph Sengel said.

A member of the Brotherhood chapter at Pohick Episcopal Church in Lorton, Virginia, Springer has been nominated for the Legion Award of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

New chapter in the Dominican Republic

The following is a report concerning the activities of a Brotherhood of St. Andrews delegation as they traveled to the Dominican Republic promoting chapter formation.

By Quentin D. Witherspoon

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic - A team comprised of six persons - Murtland and Shirley Yaw, Ray Talbird, Quentin D. Witherspoon and President Ronald and Kathryn Warfue - traveled to the Dominican Republic March 11-14 to form a new chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

On Saturday, March 12, the delegation assembled for prayers and breakfast in the hotel where we staying. The agenda was discussed and executed. A 15-minute journey through the city brought us to the compound of the diocese offices and chapel. There, we met with a few priests, church activists and inquisitive Christian men. At the commencement of the meeting, we estimated that 40 men were present. Each took turns, stood, introduced himself, and the church he represented.

By 11 a.m., 12 churches, four priests, and 47 men formed the audience. After the delegation was introduced prayers were offered, and some songs were sung. President Ron Warfue explained to our hosts the purpose of the Brotherhood, and of our mission. Next, Brother Yaw conducted a very thorough and interactive Bible study. Scriptures that he used were the justification for our cause. Following this, Ray Talbird instructed the assembly on the history of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrews on a global level and in the U.S.A. Quentin Witherspoon explained briefly how communications and support would be administered between the national office and the Dominican Republic.

Songs and prayers were initiated throughout the morning. The group broke for lunch, which had been catered and hosted by diocese.

After the delicious local meal, the floor was opened to questions and answers. The most prevalent concerns were for long-term continuous activity and support. Also, points were made about the mutual inclusiveness of the Brotherhood and other

organizations. Additionally, requests were made for a highly structured support program.

To our benefit, several individuals argued our case for us to audience. Their hope was to fulfill a deficit in programs geared towards young adults who may be transitioning from established youth programs. Ron Warfue estimated then that acceptance of the Brotherhood was mutual throughout the majority. The Holy Spirit was present.

From there, we proceeded to install members at large in the chapel on site. Father Ross and Father Nestor approved and helped with the ceremonies.

In a small chapel, there in Santo Domingo, 12 churches witnessed the blessing and installation of four individuals into the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew. These men - Kenny Frias, Jose Casimiro, Bob Snow, and Juan-Enrique Sheen - were selected based upon a long and consistent observance of their activities and merit amongst their peers. In addition, to lead them, Dr. Sheen was installed as the Diocesan Coordinator.

The group, in its entirety, celebrated the Eucharist with many prayers and songs. The event ended with a group photograph and goodbyes. The delegation returned to the hotel afterwards as the hosts made their way back home, some of whom had traveled overland four hours for the event.

At sunset, the team gathered at the hotel restaurant for dinner and end of day discussion. The consensus was that the mission would be a success with much effort and prayer. The events of the day provided much conversation late into the night.

Special recognition should go out to Kathryn Warfue, for the tireless efforts and tenacious spirit. She translated and haggled for us all. Her positive and joyful energy was quite contagious for all who encountered her. And, to Bob Snow, (assistant to the bishop), who pre-arranged ground transport and accommodations for the delegation. Additionally, he was able to help muster the group of men to who we were ministering. The delegation wishes to thank the Episcopal Diocese of Santo Domingo for the use of their facilities and miscellaneous support.

Andrew Grams



Lakewood, Ohio

More than 125 people attended the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper Feb. 8 at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. From left are Clarence Watters, The Rev. Lee Domenick, June Madden, John Jones, Jack Martin and Jim Ford.

National Council meeting

Meet us in St. Louis

By Jim Goodson

You Were Created For Mission is the theme of this summer's National Council Meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew July 7-10 in St. Louis.

"This is a working meeting that also offers opportunities for spiritual development for Brothers and their guests," President Ron Warfuel says. "We'll either be working, worshipping or simply enjoying fellowship together."

The guest speaker is Chuck Brewster, national director of Honor Bound ministries, an organization of men who desire to grow in their relationship to God and to become more fully equipped in ministering to men.

"A fatherless vacuum in the family has led to a moral and spiritual decay in the hearts of too many men," Brewster says. "Men reached for Christ will win their entire family to Christ more than 90 percent of the time. By building a network of men who minister to men, we accomplish far more than we could alone."

Brewster is the keynote speaker Saturday night July 9.

Praise worship from Don Moen precedes the National Council meeting, which convenes at 10 a.m. Friday, July 8. Reports from overseas, youth, the Brotherhood's Scouting program and treasurer are among the items on the agenda.

An orientation for National Council members is scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

Holy Eucharists are scheduled for Friday and Saturday mornings, led by Bishop William J. Cox and The Rev. Dr. Alvin Robinson, respectively.

"We hope for a good turnout of National Council members," Brotherhood of St. Andrew president Ron Warfuel says. "This is a time for us to focus on mission. We are all created for mission."

The National Council meeting will be held at the St. Louis Airport Holiday Inn. A shuttle service is available for those arriving at the St. Louis Airport (see adjacent box).

The hotel is 13 miles east of downtown St. Louis.



Directions to the St. Louis Airport Holiday Inn

From Kansas City

Take I-70 east, cross Missouri River, past I-270, take exit 235B Lindberg exit. Follow one mile to Natural Bridge and make a left. Go to the stoplight and look for the Holiday Inn sign. Turn left into Holiday Inn entrance.

From St. Louis Airport

At baggage claim, go to the hotel phone board and dial number 50. Tell the operator which airline you came in on and the operator will tell you where to get the shuttle.

From Chicago

Take I-55 south to I-270 (towards Kansas City). On I-70 east (toward St. Louis) take exit 235B. Take Lindberg. Follow down one mile to Natural Bridge. Make a left. Go to the spotlight and look for the Holiday Inn sign. Turn left into Holiday Inn entrance.

National Council Meeting

St. Louis, Missouri July 7 -10 2005

You Were Created For Mission

AGENDA

Thursday, July 7

9 a.m. - Noon	Executive Board meetings
10 a.m.- 5 p.m.	Registration
Noon - 1 p.m.	Lunch
1 - 2:30 p.m.	Executive Board meeting (continued)
1 - 2 p.m.	Praise & Worship - Youth Leaders
2 - 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 - 3:15 p.m.	Orientation for National Council Members - Bob Dennis
3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	Break
4:15 - 6 p.m.	Field officers meeting includes provincial presidents, diocesan and assistant coordinators, associate field secretaries, assembly and chapter officers
6 - 7 p.m.	Break
7 - 9 p.m.	Dinner - (Speaker TBA)

Friday, July 8

7 - 8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist-Bishop Cox BSTA Chaplain
8 - 9 a.m.	Breakfast
9 - 10 a.m.	Praise Worship with Don Moen on CD
10 - 11:50 a.m.	National Council Convenes Welcome by Bro. Ray Talbird, National Council Chairman Roll Call - Bro. Al Coppersmith, National Secretary Minutes of last National Council Meeting - Bro. Al Coppersmith Executive Board Minutes - Bro. Al Coppersmith Motions for discussion and approval National President's address. Reports: Youth, Treasurer, Overseas and Scouting Motion to accept reports as listed in the journal.
11:50 a.m. - Noon	Break
Noon - 2 p.m.	Lunch - Steve Banton
2 - 2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15 - 2:45 p.m.	Nominating Committee Report and Nominations from the floor
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	WORKSHOP- Youth
3:45 - 4 p.m.	Break
4 - 6 p.m.	Committee Meetings
6 - 7 p.m.	Break
7 - 9 p.m.	Dinner- (Speaker TBA)

Saturday, July 9

7 - 8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Rev. Dr. Alvin Robinson
8 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9 -10:30 a.m.	National Council Meeting Reconvenes Elections - National Council , National Chaplain, Foundation, etc.
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Youth Bible Quiz
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Lunch
1 - 2 p.m.	Bible Study
2 - 5 p.m.	Committee Chairs Report Announcement of next meeting location
5 - 6 p.m.	Break
6 - 7 p.m.	President's Reception
7 - 9 p.m.	Banquet - Chuck Brewster, CEO of Champions of Honor Ministries,
Pensacola, FL	

Sunday, July 10

8 -9 a.m.	Morning Prayer
9 a.m.	Breakfast
	Checkout by Noon

Welcome, ladies

ST. LOUIS - First Lady Kathryn Warfuel announces an exciting conference custom designed with women in mind.

Spouses of National Council Delegates, St. Louis area Daughters of The King, local clergy spouses and lay-women of the St. Louis Deanery are cordially invited to attend a conference to be held in conjunction with the 2005 National Council Meetings both Friday and Saturday mornings and afternoons July 8-9, 2005 at the host Hotel.

The conference is entitled WIN (Women In Need) and is presented by 'Kathryn and Friends.'

She brings a 25 year background in teaching and holds a BA in Art Education with a Graduate Degree in Special Education. Currently she is pursuing a second Masters Degree in Counseling and Family Therapy while serving in private practice as a National Board Certified Clinical Neuromuscular Massage Therapist. She also volunteers at a local Episcopal retirement community and is a budding speaker and aspiring author on women's issues.

Kathryn will be joined by Wanda Brewster and colleagues from throughout the country who are notable leaders in women's ministry. Together they plan to offer an exhilarating program of prayer, praise, special music, teaching, discussion, testimony, fellowship and fun...

Join the First Lady and her team as they minister to women in need of daily Grace, inner Healing, Victory and Renewal.

Ladies, please indicate on the 2005 NCM registration your plans to attend this dynamic conference. Don't wait - seating is limited!

Stewardship

By Ken Evans

What is stewardship?

It is, as stated in a theological dictionary, *the responsibility given to humans in creation for managing the resources of the earth (Gen. 1:26). In the church, Christian stewardship involves the whole of life since all life comes from God and is to be lived for God's glory (1 Cor. 4: 1-2; 9: 17; 1 Peter 4: 10).*

This definition, while comprehensive, is abstract. In order to overcome this and to gain some practical insights into the meaning of **Christian stewardship**, we need to go to the New Testament. Specifically we can go to Matthew 10; a chapter that is commonly described as a *Discourse on Mission*. This discourse is particularly relevant with respect to a specific phrase in our **Christian stewardship** definition, *Involves the whole of life*.

In the mission discourse it is important to note that Jesus, while speaking directly to his disciples, is actually addressing the entire church, which includes the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The focus in this column will be on two of Jesus' points regarding His church, two guiding principles.

Starting at Matthew 10:5, Jesus instructs his 12 disciples in preparation for sending them out on their own to proclaim the good news, cure the sick, etc. In verses 11–13, Jesus told them, "Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you."

Since Jesus is really speaking beyond the disciples to each Brother, I tend to put myself in the disciples' position and try to take Jesus' message to heart. I suspect that that is what most of you do. Instead, let us put ourselves in the position of a member of the household that a disciple (or the Holy Spirit) enters when he comes into our town or village.

What must we do to be worthy?

What must you and I do to be worthy? Since the disciples are going out to proclaim the good news, it seems that our receptiveness to that good news is one factor. Another factor must be our willingness to help and assist that sole disciple who comes to our house in our town or village, i.e., the discipline of service. He is alone. He is a stranger. He is without money. He is without food. What must you and I do to be worthy?

We must involve *our* selves, as our definition on **Christian stewardship** states, the *whole of (our) life*. We must provide or help provide the means, i.e., the money, the food, etc., to that sole disciple and all who come after him so that they may continue to proclaim good news.

We must provide Christian stewardship. We must also accept that good news. We, too, must seek out Christian stewardship so

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The Brotherhood: A worthy candidate?

Is the Brotherhood of St. Andrew a worthy candidate to receive your support, your stewardship support? Only you can answer that question. In this article I will address two topics that you should consider in arriving at that decision. These two topics are: (1) the Brotherhood's financial needs and (2) the Brotherhood's use of your stewardship support.

It takes approximately \$158,000 annually or about \$13,000 monthly to sustain the day-to-day operations of the Brotherhood. These figures include the National Office payroll, National Office operations (rent, electricity, etc), Brotherhood communications (The Cross magazine, postage, website, etc.) and Brotherhood travel (about \$9,500).

These operating expenses have gone from \$140,000 in 1996 to a peak of about \$180,000 in 2001 and are now back down to about \$158,000, which is where they were about 10 years ago. During that same period our annual income has varied between \$143,000 and \$159,000. This year's day-to-day operations budget is based upon an income of \$159,000; the same as the estimated expenditures. What are the sources of this income?

- Dues: \$115,000 (This assumes that 84 percent of the Brothers will pay their dues.)
- Foundation \$38,000
- Miscellaneous \$6,000

Even with the operations portion of the budget is in balance, there are two major problems. **First** is the problem with dues. Last year 81 percent of the Brothers

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that we may be able to proclaim the good news. We, too, must proclaim the good news! This is what you and I must do to be worthy. It is a never-ending circle.

But how much is enough when it comes to Christian stewardship? Starting with verse 40, Jesus talks about the reward for the hospitality given to those who proclaim the good news. "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ... and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

In the fourth century St. John Chrysostom, Bishop Of Constantinople and a Doctor of the Church interpreted Jesus' message and answered the question, "How much is enough when it comes to Christian stewardship?"

St. John, in one of his sermons, tells us that even the poor can provide Christian stewardship by giving to those in need a cup of water. How much is enough when it comes to **Christian stewardship?** It is that which permits us to *live our lives for God's glory*. That may be as little as or as much as a cold cup of water. **Each brother must individually determine how to fulfill his stewardship responsibilities; responsibilities that are an inherent part of the discipline of service - be it only with a cup of water.**

Postscript: St. John Chrysostom is not really 16 centuries away from us but he is as close to us as our Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Archbishop Cranmer when he developed the first BCP in the mid 1500s used the prayer of St. Chrysostom, which was drawn from the Liturgy of St. Chrysostom. That prayer has continued to be part of the BCP to this day. It can be found in the current BCP's services and in the 1662 BCP's services for Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer.

Ken Evans is senior vice president of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

New Life Members

Bishop D. Bruce MacPherson
Alexandria

Dean Maurer
Arlington, Texas

Charles Jenkins
Oxford, Mississippi

Richard Hightower
Ponte Vedra Beach,
Florida

William Lawrence
Miami Gardens, Florida

Brian Rowland
Boynton Beach, Florida

William F. Smith, Jr.
Dayton, Ohio

The Rev. David R. Milam
Middleborough, Maine

Gerry Harkins
McDonough, Georgia

Bishop James M. Stanton
Dallas, Texas

The Rev. Canon Charles Atcheson
Kingston, Washington

Steve Brown
Bakersfield, California

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paid their dues but so far this year only 70 percent have paid, leaving a dues shortfall of \$19,000.

Second, we are not aggressively pursuing the mission that we have undertaken, **bringing men and youth to Christ.**

Financial resources, or rather the lack of them, are constraining the Brotherhood - the number of Brothers has remained constant at about 4,500 over the past 10 years. Our budget is a budget that only sustains the Brotherhood, not one that helps us reach out to men and youth. There are many parishes with no Brotherhood chapters; the Brotherhood does not exist in some dioceses.

The *means* to both sustain the Brotherhood and to reach out to many more men and youth who are eager to better know Christ are at hand. **First**, if you have not paid your dues yet please do it now or do it again to help those who need help. **Second**, make the President's Spring (April) Appeal a success. If we can raise \$40,000 - more than any time in the past 10 years - we can both cover the Brotherhood's day-to-day operations expenses and have \$15,000 to \$20,000 to use to reach out to parishes that have no Brotherhood and to men and youth who want to meet Christ.

The *means* are available but *you* must decide if we are to do this, if the Brotherhood's mission is worthy of your stewardship support. If your answer is no please pray for us and tell us how we can better do God's will. If your answer is yes then we need both your prayers and your financial support.

God bless,- Ken Evans

Financial information in this column is based upon the fiscal Brotherhood budget calendar which ends Aug. 31, 2005.

Brother Kirschner kept us focused

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of stories by longtime Brother Jerry Balcom that honors outstanding members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The story describes some of the highlights of the tenure of 1979-1984 National President Robert F. Kirschner, Sr.

By Jerry Balcom

I first met Bob in 1973 when I moved to New England from Oklahoma and was elected to serve as regional vice president (now provincial president) of Province 1.

During these years we teamed up visiting many parishes that had expressed an interest in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Under Bob's leadership at least 10 chapters were formed in his diocese and an assembly was organized with another past national president, Jack Castle, assuming the position of assembly president.

In 1979 when president Bill Mudge stepped down, I simply could not accept a nomination as his replacement since it would be unfair to my new bride to take on what amounts to a second full time job and thus I asked Brother Kirschner if he would agree to have his name placed in nomination. I assured him that I would continue my role as senior VP; if elected, he would have my full support.

Bob was elected and a real transformation of our beloved Brotherhood began.

From the beginning Bob reminded all who would listen that we were not just another organization, but a ministry to bring men to Jesus Christ. He was not hesitant to echo this fact many times.

There were many accomplishments during his five years as president beginning with changing the format of *The Cross* magazine from a 10 issue per year newspaper tabloid to an attractive quarterly magazine that featured articles on our three disciplines of prayer, study and service.

In 1981, in cooperation with the evangelism office of the national church, Bob took the lead on organizing an evangelism congress which had 270 souls in attendance, one of whom was Bishop Nkoyoyo of Uganda. From this conference was born an outreach ministry that is still active today.

It began with the Brotherhood having some funds left over from the Congress after the bills were paid. Past National Council Chairman Frank Marshall happened to mention to Bob at a FINCOM meeting about an organization called Hope International, which had a need for hymnals for Uganda. Thus, the excess monies were spent for that purpose and the idea of a ministry was germinated.

President Kirschner remembered the great work done by Paul Rusch in Japan in a program titled KEEP, an acronym for Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project, which involved a farming venture. Thus, the Brotherhood started a similar program referred to as the Baale Farm Project in a little village of Baale, Uganda, and a strong relationship developed between the Brotherhood and Bishop Nkoyoyo.

Our national office moved from York, PA to Ambridge,



**Robert
Kirschner, Sr.**

PA in 1983.

The time was right as our General Secretary Elmore Hudgens was retiring and the situation of the office was in a section of town that was unsafe for our female employees. We shared office space with Faith Alive, which chose to remain in York. The new location was in Ambridge, directly across the street from a Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry (TESM). They have been good neighbors and of much help over the years.

Merle Hansen was hired to replace Elmore and God must have blessed this decision as Merle employed his great skills in setting up a very efficient operation with new employees to train, putting in an entire new system for records. Recognizing the Brotherhood needed to get on board with the computer age, a computer was purchased and a financial accounting system was devised that is still in use, with some modifications.

Taking advantage of the expertise of the seminary professors, a new chapter training program was developed which included material covering our disciplines of prayer, study and service as well as a history of our ministry. This was provided to all newly-formed chapters to get them started on the right foot.

Another major achievement Bob oversaw was the creation of the Brotherhood Foundation under the control of our organization, using an elected panel of trustees to oversee investments and provide income to the Brotherhood resulting from profits gained from investment. This foundation has been built up from bequests and the income from the Lifetime membership program Bob wisely created. This was in conjunction with removing the old managed account by Girard bank in Philadelphia. The formation of the foundation has resulted in almost \$1 million, which produces yearly income of about \$40,000 for the Brotherhood, even with interest levels at a low ebb.

I am sure several other important accomplishments have been neglected in this article. Bob's family, particularly his lovely wife Margaret, are honored as well for the sacrifices that were made of time and monies spent that normally would have been things shared with his family, including several trips to Uganda.

Listen! Hear Saint Andrew! He calls each one of us and may we even in a small way answer his call as Bob Kirschner has done and is still doing from his home in Lakeville, Mass. Bob you have set a high mark that is almost unsurpassable. We honor your many contributions and sacrifices made both from a financial and a personal effort

And, yes, we remember we are a ministry to men and Jesus Is Lord!



Emmanuel Parish in Cumberland, Maryland reconstituted its chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew on November 28, 2004. Originally chartered in 1894, the chapter is one of the oldest in the Brotherhood. After being piped into the church by A.J. DeFusco, nine men were inducted during the ceremony led by Ken Evans, Executive VP of the Chapter. The Chapter has conducted several service projects to date, including assisting at a fund-raising dinner at Emmanuel to provide money to build two houses in Honduras. Shown in the picture are Ken Evans and inductees The Rev Edward Chapman, Rector of Emmanuel Parish; Darten Greist, chapter president; Rick Thayer, Gaylord Brooks, Scott

Chapter supports Rite 13 program

ATHENS, Georgia - The growing chapter at St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church supports the Rite 13 youth program at the church.

Proceeds come from the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. The chapter also purchases Bibles for every person baptized or confirmed in the church.

"We have an active chapter that has grown this past year," director David Boop says.

Scouting important in Hempstead, New York

HEMPSTEAD - The ministry of Scouting is very important to Brothers at St. George's Episcopal Church. Scouts had a pancake breakfast, popcorn sale, Scout walk, visit to a firehouse and swimming competition.

"This is just a few of the activities they have embarked upon," director Bryon Mellish says.

The chapter also conducts an active mentoring program that involved Brothers meeting at either the town's juvenile center or library every Saturday.

"Mentoring is a rewarding ministry and the Brotherhood is proud to be instrumental in fulfilling this ministry."

Jacksonville chapter helps the homeless at the beach

JACKSONVILLE, Florida - The Cold Night Shelter Program and ongoing assistance to the Beaches Mission for the homeless are just some of the programs and activities of the Brotherhood chapter at St. Paul's by the Sea Episcopal Church.

The Brotherhood has participated in the preparation and service at an annual shrimp dinner, St. Luke's prayer breakfast, the second annual mother and daughter ladies' dinner and the Easter Sunrise service.

The chapter annually contributes funds for an orphanage in Uganda, a seminarian and for missionary Derek Washington.

A St. Joseph's Carpenter Guild has been established to provide service to those in need. One project has been the construction of shelves and tile flooring for the Beaches Mission.

Household repairs have also been made for church members unable to do the work themselves.



Many of the Brothers at St. Paul's By the Sea in Jacksonville, Florida.

Andrew Grams

New chapter inducts 20 in Wisconsin

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wisconsin - On May 4 a new chapter at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church was formed when 20 men were inducted into the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The chapter has been involved in five projects in its first 14 months. Proceeds have benefited the church's new parking lot, a youth camp and updating the church's school's Godly Play classroom, among other projects.

The chapter also sponsored the induction of eight men into a new chapter at St. James' Episcopal Church in Mosinee, Wisconsin. Future plans include joining forces so the neighboring churches can perform more effective ministries throughout the city.

Hurricane doesn't stop Christ Church

PENSACOLA, Florida - The devastation caused by Hurricane Ivan didn't stop Brothers at Christ Episcopal Church, who helped move several of the church's parishioners from their condemned homes.

Brothers made a donation to Wilmer Hall, an orphanage supported by the diocese, because they could not conduct the annual parish dinner as planned due to the hurricane. They also participated with the parish's garden committee to cleanup and beautify the church grounds.

Brotherhood members remodeled and painted the interior of the Bishop's Cottage at Camp Beckwith, the diocesan conference center, and sponsored the parish's trip to the annual pilgrimage for all martyred in the Alabama civil rights movement.

"I continue to be amazed at the operation of the Holy Spirit in my ministry as a Brother St. Andrew and am humbled by the grace, which has been poured upon me, my chapter and the parish as a result of this organization," chapter director Dick Hooper says.

More meetings in New Jersey

PITMAN, New Jersey - The Brotherhood chapter at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is expanding to three meetings per month so members can undertake more prayer and study as well as identify needs and talents of its members.

"There is great enthusiasm for upcoming plans," director Jim Wynkoop says. "It's happening just in time. We are finally finding our feet."

Morning Prayer at nursing home

DOWNERS GROVE, Illinois - Lay readers conduct weekly Morning Prayer services at Burgess Square Nursing Home every Sunday morning with help from Brothers at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The chapter also sponsors the Lenten prayer workshop and an annual youth recognition luncheon.

Youth also benefit from the church's wiener roast and an annual lobster dinner benefits St. Leonard's House ministries.

Bean bag golf raises funds

ATASCOCITA, Texas - A new outdoor game titled Bean Bag Golf was a fundraiser and fellowship event at Christ the King Episcopal Church. It brought the church together and introduced many men and youth to the church's Brotherhood chapter.

"To strengthen the Brotherhood, we must go the extra mile to make it clear that the meetings and activities are open to all men and boys and that becoming a member in the Brotherhood is not required," chapter director Barry Rought says. "They'll become members if they feel welcome, fulfilled and involved."

The chapter continues its support of the Diocese of Texas' Lord of the Streets program.

Faithfulness is the key

LAKEWOOD, OHIO - Faithfulness is the key to the Brotherhood chapter at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Lakewood, Ohio, special liaison Clarence Watters says. "The more time we spend together in church activities, the more we will know and appreciate one another," Watters says.

The Brotherhood is involved in many church activities, but one that brings joy to several families and their children is a Christmas gift program in conjunction with Lakewood Christian Service Center.

"We are looking forward to increasing the membership of the Brotherhood, guided by the Holy Spirit," Watters says.

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The Brotherhood Today

Brothers Who Rest in Peace

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Donn T. Boyd Kerrville, Texas	William H. Daughtrey Stone Mountain, Georgia
Edward C. Robertson Aptos, California	William Ulbricht Victoria, Texas
James Bailey Winter Haven, Florida	Lawrence Mairs Jacksonville Beach, Florida

New Chapters

Emmanuel Episcopal Church Cumberland, Maryland	Montrose, Pennsylvania
St. James' Church Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Church of the Resurrection Franklin, Tennessee
St. John the Apostle Pottsboro, Texas	St. James' Lake City, Florida
St. Christopher's Dallas, Texas	St. Mark's Beaumont, Texas
St. Stephen's Hurst, Texas	St. Mary's Bellevue, Florida
Church of the Holy Apostles Brooklyn, New York	St. Timothy's Junior Chapter Washington, D.C.
St. Paul's	St. Francis' on the Hill El Paso, Texas

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

Financial results

Six months ended Feb. 28, 2005

	Actual	Budget
REVENUE		
Dues	\$92,028	\$96,712
Other revenues	\$45,395	\$43,059
Total revenues	\$137,423	\$139,771
EXPENSES		
Office expense	\$56,526	\$56,694
<i>The Cross</i> magazine	\$14,186	\$15,527
Other expenses	\$27,701	\$33,010
Total expenses	\$98,413	\$105,231
NET	\$39,010	\$31,540

- Bill Carr
Treasurer, Brotherhood of St. Andrew

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A new chapter in Ardmore, Pennsylvania



A new Brotherhood of St. Andrew chapter was installed at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Ardmore, Pennsylvania Nov. 28. The Rev. Judy Rhodes officiated at the ceremony and The Rev. Jay Lawlor was assisting priest. Brother Sam Palermo was the inductor. From left are Brother Ian Richmond, Brother Walt Emmett, Brother Sam Palermo, The Rev. Judy Rhodes, The Rev. Jay Lawlor, Brother Bill Powell, Brother Ed Speedling and Brother Rick Wright. Brother Kenneth Marx is not pictured.