

What are some of the things the Trinity Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew does?

- Donation to and Participation in **Blessings in a Backpack** - for meals to school-age children who cannot afford them.
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** – Preparing and serving meals for a Trinity Chapter fund-raiser for outreach events and Trinity Sunday picnic in March.
- Donation to and Participation in **Rebuilding Together**- to repair houses of community residents in need in April.
- Donation to and Participation in **SAWS (Servants at Work)** - a nonprofit, volunteer organization to build ramps for wheelchair users.
- **Trinity Sunday Picnic** – Providing logistical support and some meal items and grilling during the annual church picnic on Trinity Sunday.
- **Italian Dinner** – Preparing and serving meals for a fund-raiser for outreach events and Trinity Sunday picnic where the Trinity Chapter prepares meals and hosts parish families and their guests in October.
- Observance of the **Feast of St. Andrew** in November.
- **Donation to Elf Sunday** - a Trinity ministry which provides toys and necessities to children in local underserved neighborhoods in December.
- **Breakfast with Santa** - with St. Jane Chapter, Daughters of the King – a Trinity event for small children where the Trinity Chapter donates funds and prepares breakfast for family members in December.

Ministry: The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew is a ministry of men and boys within The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion throughout the world. Our mission and sole objective is to minister to men and boys by leading them into a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This we prepare to do through the observance of the Disciplines of daily Prayer, regular Study and continuous Service.

How did the Brotherhood begin?

Mr. James L. Houghteling organized a group of 12 young men who met regularly for prayer and Bible study at St. James Church, in Chicago, Illinois. Their Rector, the Rev. W. H. Vibbert asked them to take a drunkard off his hands as the man often came to the church asking for help. The man mostly slept during their meetings, and at one lucid

moment he spoke to them about a church he attended years earlier that had a group named for St. Philip and St. Andrew. He said that they reminded him of Andrew, who brought his brother Peter to meet Jesus, and he later died of his illness.

The group invited men to church who lived in neighborhood rooming houses, following the example of Andrew and fifty of these men were confirmed at St. James in the first year. They asked permission of their Rector to form a group to be named the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the first meeting of this new Brotherhood was held on St. Andrew's Day, 1883, and soon became a spiritual force in the parish. The idea of this ministry rapidly caught on and other parishes were encouraged to form groups, as well.

News of what they were doing spread very quickly, so that by 1886, there were over 100 groups across the U. S. and Canada, with interest throughout the Anglican Communion. The groups initially adopted just two disciplines, Prayer and Service and met together to pray, study scripture, and plan how to reach out to other men with the Good News. A meeting of group representatives was coincidental with the Episcopal Church's General Convention in Chicago, where it was decided that a national office was needed to coordinate what was becoming an international ministry. Each group then accepted the authority of the National Office and became known as a Chapter.