



TRINITY CHAPTER OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW CELEBRATES THEIR 35TH ANNIVERSARY

On November 30th the Trinity Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew celebrates their 35th anniversary. The Chapter began with less than 10 members and has grown to over 30 members and is the second largest chapter in the Diocese of Virginia.

The chapter actively supports our parish, hosting an annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Italian Dinner in October, helping to set up and grill on Trinity Sunday, taking the lead in Yard Cleanup Day, and donating to such ministries as Blessing in a Backpack and Elf Sunday. Additionally, some members support community causes as building ramps for wheelchair users through SAWs and participating in Rebuilding Together to help repair houses of homeowners who cannot afford the expenses.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been bringing men and youth to Jesus Christ since its founding on the cold, wintry day of Nov. 30, 1883 at St. James' Episcopal Church in downtown Chicago. Homeless men were sleeping on the city's downtown streets – and it was these men the fledgling Brotherhood wanted to save. There are three disciplines Brothers Andrew follow: prayer, Bible study and service.

Today, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is a worldwide ministry with chapters in Africa, Japan, the Philippines, Great Britain, Canada, Haiti and the United States. Its 4,000+ members in 350+ U.S. chapters perform a myriad of ministries, from building and operating a medical mission ship to sponsoring homes for women and children-in-need.

St Andrew's Day, November 30th, is marked by celebrations by chapters throughout the world. St. Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen and his feast day is most often remembered in fishing villages, especially in his native Scotland. St. Andrew's feast day in some years coincides with the

start of Advent (the first Sunday following the Nov. 26). St. Andrews Day, however, is best known as a celebration of Scottish culture. Since 2006, it has been officially recognized as a national holiday in Scotland, with events such as celebratory St. Andrew Feast dinners happening around the nation, and is marked around the world by the many St Andrew's Societies from the Americas to the Far East composed of Scottish expatriates, descendants of the Scots diaspora, and others who simply have an interest in all things Scottish.