

ST. ANDREW'S CROSS

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew
of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion



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2015: Not your typical Triennial

Ministry Fair to address men's issues

By Jim Goodson

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania – In a departure from previous Triennial Conventions, the Brotherhood will offer a day-long seminar featuring eight topics of interest to men in today's society.

Episcopal leaders from throughout Pennsylvania and nearby New Jersey are being invited to attend this first Brotherhood Ministry Fair Day.

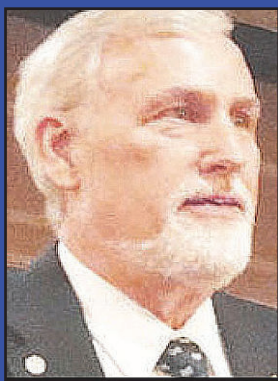
On Friday, June 12, leaders of important Pennsylvania ministries will address issues that impact men today: How to be a Great Dad in the 21st Century, Blended Families, Creating Veteran Friendly Congregations, Restorative Justice (helping prison parolees adjust to modern society),

• Go And Make Disciples

Using Social Media, Fatherless and Homeless Boys, Ways the Brotherhood can support the Boy Scouts and Combatting Pornography.

"To stay relevant in today's world and to remain the foremost ministry in the Episcopal Church, we must be prepared to provide the tools needed by our men in the field," National Council chairman Brother Robby Gerber says.

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**'We need
to look
outward, not
inward.'**

**- President
Robert Dennis**





Small Group Ministries

Robert Dennis

There is little that is more important in ministry than the need for a small group ministry. We are not meant to be solitary Christians!

We need to have a support group to meet and grow together and pray and work together for the spread of Christ's Kingdom. If we believe that to be true then why are we not encouraging men to join one? The most often excuse given to me is that men are not interested in being part of one!

Another excuse given to me is that there are so few men in our parish and that excuse is a reason for not forming a chapter. Sad, isn't it!

I would "go on record" to encourage men to be part of a small group ministry. I attended chapter meetings in times past when there were only four active members in my small parish who were interested in the Brotherhood, out of a total of eight men attending church. One of our members was from another parish!

Therefore, my message to our membership and any man considering joining the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, is to focus on having a small group ministry. So much good work has been done by men who are not only members of the Brotherhood, but by the faithful men who meet in prayer and for many, service.

However, some men focus more on service.

I have often said for many years as I addressed groups of men, that if you are praying and studying regularly (daily), you most assuredly are involved in service to our Lord. Some small groups may already be adhering to Our Three Disciplines that have chosen initially not to form a chapter.

I appeal to our members-at-large to promote a small group ministry for men at your parish. Any man who joins will benefit and there may be more support from your clergy for this ministry. Please don't misconstrue that I believe having a small group ministry supersedes having a chapter and it is easier to form a small group first and then in time the men may agree to form a chapter.

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear

about him unless someone tells them?

Romans: 10:14. This is one of my favorite passages, and I have quoted it in the past. Your small group ministry not only will draw men closer to our Lord, but they will be with you in your "walk" or "journey."

I have joined with fellow Brothers Andrew that together we have shared our faith beliefs and I assure you that we all benefited from this openness and trust shown, during our meetings. It is an immeasurable experience, maturing together in our faith. I have personally grown from my participation in a small group as well as with my chapter.

Yes, I am a "work-in-progress" and looking back over the years, I see where I was spiritually, and understand better where I am today and truly know where I want to go in my faith.

I have emphasized the importance of not only starting a small group ministry but joining an existing one at your parish; it will benefit you. There is so much material out in the Christian media that you can reference and you can also refer to the Chapter Reference Manual to guide you if you are somewhat new at this and are looking for answers.

E-mail our national office if you have questions or email me at nyc.rr.com and I would enjoy having the opportunity to share ideas with you.

If you would like, contact a local Brotherhood leader who has experience and can further guide you as you develop and grow your ministry. Our national office can assist with making contact as well.

Finally, two other short passages I like are: "Lord, what will you have me do? Here I am."

And, "Lord, your servant is listening." I want to do what our Lord Jesus wants me to and to say, I am listening! Please join with me and say yes, and listen to what you are being called to do.

"Be strong and courageous." Joshua 1:9.

Brotherhood President Robert J. Dennis can be reached at rdennis4@nyc.rr.com.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Triennial Convention and National Council Meeting

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania June 11 – 13, 2015
Theme: Go and Make Disciples

AGENDA

Thursday, June 11

10 am – 1:30 pm

1:30 – 2 pm

2 – 2:30 pm.

2:30 – 3:15 pm

3:15 – 3:30 pm

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4:45 – 5:15 pm

5:15 – 5:45 pm

5:45 – 6 pm

6 – 7:15 pm

7:15 – 8:30 pm

8:30 pm

Friday, June 12

7:10 am

8 – 8:45 am

9 – 9:10 am

9:10 – 9:30 am

9:30 – 9:45 am

9:50 – 10:05 am

10:05 – 10:20 am

10:30 – 10:45 am

10:50 – 11:30 am

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11:55 am – 1:15 pm

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1:25 – 1:40 pm

1:45 – 2 pm

2 – 2:20 pm

2:30 – 3 pm

3:05 – 3:20 pm

3:25 – 3:40 pm

3:45 – 4:15 pm

4:15 – 4:40 pm

4:40 – 4:50 pm

4:50 – 5 pm

6 pm

Registration and Check-in

Opening Session-Opening Prayer-Call to Order-Roll call - Charles Craven

Welcome Message and Introductions – Robby Gerber

President’s State of the Brotherhood Presentation – Bob Dennis

Break

Nominating Committee Report – John Curtis

Presentation and Approval of Budgets – Gordon Shumard

Uganda Orphanage Update – Julian Korti

Presentation and Approval of June 2014 NCM Minutes – Charles Craven

Break

Dinner (Meal Plan)

Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws – Billy Harrison

Adjourn and Compline

Brotherhood Ministry Fair

Registration

Communion

Introduction and Ground Rules

Kick-off speaker and music

Discipleship Training – Helping Men Find Their Way to Christ by

Dave Armstrong, Greater Philadelphia North Coalition for Men’s Discipleship

Manning-up 21st Century Blended Families, How to be a Dad by Ron Deal, Family Life

Break

Fatherlessness and Homeless Boys

Panel Topic

Boy Scouts, Northeast Regional Representative

Turn in evaluation sheets – Boxed lunch (Meal plan)

Session 2 starts

Veteran Friendly Congregations by Rev. Dr. Robert Certain

Warrior Resiliency – The War Within by David Keller, American Bible Society

Break – Afternoon Eye Openers

Panel Discussion – Social Media, Facebook and Communications

by Roy Benavides, Brotherhood Vice President of Social Media

Fighting Pornography by Joel Hesch, Founder, Proven Men Ministries

Restorative Justice Ministry by Dr. Edwin S. Davis, board chairman

Texas Restorative Justice Network

Table Topics and Call to Action by Robby Gerber, National Council Chairman

Discussion

Closing/administration

Session Ends: Concluding Hymn and Blessing

Booths open

Dinner (Meal plan)

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Saturday, June 13

7 – 8 am	Breakfast (On your own)
8 - 9 am	Holy Eucharist
9 – 9:15 am	Triennial Convention and National Council Meeting Reconvenes – Call to Order
9:15 – 9:30 am	Restorative Justice Ministries Update by Jack Hanstein
9:30 – 10 am	New Website Update by The Rev. Jeff Krantz
10 – 10:30 am	Break
10:15 – 10:30 am	Nominating Committee Final Report by John Curtis
10:30 – 10:45 am	Elections of National Officers conducted by Billy Harrison
10:45 – 11:15 am	Vote on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws conducted by Billy Harrison
11:15 – 11:30 am	James Houghteling Foundation Report by Bob Richards
11:30 am	Adjournment of Convention and Closing Prayer
11:30 am	Lunch (Meal Plan)
	Day Trip – To be announced
6 – 8:30 pm	Presidential Banquet and Reception (Meal plan)
	Introduction of Guests
	Installation of Newly Elected Officers – Bob Dennis
	Keynote Address
	Former President's Address by Robert Dennis
	8 – 8:30 am
	Morning Prayer
	Check out by Noon

Sunday, June 14

Day trip plans under consideration

By Jim Goodson

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania - Plans for a Saturday afternoon day trip are still under consideration.

The Brotherhood's Constitution requires that proposed changes to the Constitution or By Laws be published 90 days prior to day one of the Triennial.

That's why this publication must - and will - be sent to Brothers via email or the postal service by Friday, March 13 (yes, Friday the 13th). It will also be posted on our new website www.brotherhoodstandrew.com.

President Robert Dennis and Vice President Communications Jeff Butcher are attempting to arrange a trip to the former Episcopal Diocese of Philadelphia's Church House, site of the Brotherhood's famously heroic and efforts to keep tabs on some 170,000 U.S. servicemen during World War I (a similar effort was undertaken during World War II).

The former diocesan Church House is now a privately-owned, handsomely-renovated office building in

downtown Philadelphia and attempts to reach its current owner have not been successful - so far.

A trip to Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell is always inspiring - and that is under consideration, too.

The Philadelphia Phillies do have an afternoon game that day - in Pittsburgh against the Pirates, ironically.

It's this simple writer's opinion that all national Brotherhood meetings be held in Pittsburgh and tied to Pirates' games. Our name could be spelled out in big, bright lights on the huge scoreboard every year.

But that's just one man's opinion.

We all enjoy the Saturday afternoon day trips, as do our Brotherhood Associates (wives, that is).

Rest assured your Triennial planners will come up with something fun and educational.

And you can rest assured that many Brothers will opt for the rest assured by relaxing at the hotel during that post-business, pre-banquet time Saturday afternoon.

For now, day trip plans will have to be posted in the upcoming Spring editions of the *St. Andrew's Cross*.

The Constitution of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Inc.

(Amended by the Triennial Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, June 26, 2009)

Proposed Amendments to Constitution for the June 2015 Triennial Convention

Note: The Constitution is amended to change the words “Central Office” to “National Office” wherever “Central Office” may appear.

ARTICLE III NATIONAL OFFICERS

Section 3

One or more Vice Presidents ~~not exceeding eight (8)~~ **may be appointed triennially by the President or the Executive Board to assist with the administration of the Brotherhood** National Council for specific supportive duties, ~~as prescribed in the Bylaws,~~ with the National Officer status.

Section 4

Provincial Presidents, who shall have National Officer status, shall be elected every three years by their Provincial Council if one exists. Where a Provincial Council does not exist, the Provincial Presidents shall be elected by the National Council. Elections of Provincial Presidents shall provide one (1) for every **region or** National Province of the Church; and may be so elected for overseas jurisdictions. The Provincial President shall administer and promote all Brotherhood affairs in his Province under the supervision or authority of the National President. **A qualified member may be appointed a Provincial President to fill an unexpired term by the National President, where a Provincial Council does not exist, and then he shall be elected at the next annual National Council Meeting. A Provincial President may serve two three (3) year terms. If a replacement cannot be found, he may continue to serve for an additional three (3) year term.**

Section 8

The President, or in his absence or incapacitation, the Senior Vice President, shall be responsible for the operation of the Brotherhood. He shall be ex-officio a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The Senior Vice President shall be the chief consultant of the President and in case of inability of the President to perform his duties, shall immediately assume the duties, office and title of President, with the advice and consent of the National Council. Vice Presidents shall perform appropriate duties prescribed in the Bylaws and as assigned by the President. The Treasurer may be the Chairman of the Finance Committee and shall supervise all matters of finance. The Secretary, with the assistance of the Central Office employees of the Brotherhood, shall keep all corporate records and affix the corporate seal where required. The Chaplain shall advise the President and the National Council on ~~religious~~ **spiritual** and ecclesiastical matters.

Section 9

The Senior Vice President, under the direction of the President and the National Council, shall be the ~~chief executive~~ administrator of support work of the Brotherhood. He shall be responsible for **supporting** the **National** administrative organization of the Brotherhood's, **to include** ~~Central~~ **National Office** operations, **Field Operations, and as the National Council directs or as may be tasked by the President.** The **National** administrative organization shall be defined by an organization chart **prepared by the President and the Senior Vice President.**

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ARTICLE IV GOVERNMENT

Section 3 (starting with the 3rd paragraph)

The National Council shall meet annually to fulfill its prescribed functions, at a time and place to be set by the President. In the year of a Triennial Convention, the National Council shall meet concurrently. There shall be a final meeting of the incumbent National Council at or near the opening of that Triennial Convention, and an initial meeting of the newly elected (or re-elected) Council at or near the close of Triennial Convention. In addition, the National Council shall meet within thirty (30) days at the call of the National Council Chairman or the written request of ten (10) members of the National Council filed at the ~~Central~~ **National** Office. Except as designated herein and at the time of its annual meeting, the National Council may administer the affairs of the Brotherhood through its Executive Board including, if necessary, the election and installation of officers to fill vacancies caused by death, disability or resignation. Twenty (20) members shall constitute a quorum of the National Council **at any annual meeting.**

Section 4

“The Executive Board” shall exercise the powers of the National Council between sessions thereof. It shall screen all proposals for amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws and shall present recommended final revisions for ratification by the National Council or Triennial Convention as provided in Article X. It shall elect a Nominating Committee annually. The Executive Board shall be composed of the elected National Officers of the Brotherhood listed in Article III, Section 2, the Vice Presidents and Provincial Presidents listed in Article III Section 3 and 4. The Executive Board shall meet on call of the President, at such times or places as he may set, **and any meeting of the Executive Board must have a majority of the elected officers in attendance to transact any business.** The business of the Executive Board may be conducted by correspondence, by telephone or other electronic communication means. Memoranda summarizing the matters discussed and decisions reached by the Executive Board shall be maintained in the ~~Central~~ **National** Office files; except that records of personnel matters may be retained in the President’s confidential files.

ARTICLE VII FINANCE

Section 1

All Members-at-Large and Chapter members’ dues, in the amount prescribed in the Bylaws, are payable annually on or before January 1st for each calendar year ending the following December 31st. Dues include contributions to ~~publications~~ **communications in electronic or print format.** Dues notices will be sent out to members each November 1st for the new calendar year. Dues not paid by January 31st are considered to be in arrears and delinquent members shall be considered to be in an inactive status. Each Member-at Large and Chapter Members so involved shall be notified by the ~~Central~~ **National** Office to that effect. Assembly Presidents concerned and National Council Members residing within the Diocese will also be notified.

Section 3

On October 24, 1939, the James L. Houghteling Memorial Fund, a trust, was established by the Brotherhood. Undesignated memorial contributions shall become part of this trust. This trust, as amended, is continuing and exists for the purpose of receiving and retaining funds, the income from which shall be used for the maintenance, benefit, and support of the Brotherhood. The National Council shall have the power to amend this trust from time to time. The names of all persons memorialized shall be inscribed in the Brotherhood Book of Remembrance and published in the Brotherhood’s ~~St. Andrew’s Cross magazine~~ **publication.** The legal designation of this Trust is “The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Foundation (James L. Houghteling Memorial Fund)”; also referred to as “The Brotherhood Foundation.” The Trustees of the Brotherhood Foundation shall be five (5) members elected by and reporting to the National Council in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement. The members will elect amongst themselves a chairman and a vice chairman annually.

TRIENNIAL REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION FORM TRIENNIAL 2015, PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT MARRIOTT June 11—13, 2015

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person: make copies if necessary

Name _____ Phone _____

Email (print clearly) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church _____ Chapter No. _____ Diocese _____

Check all that apply: Clergy Friday Presenter
 Handicap Facilities Other Special Needs _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Check one: Single Room Double

Please assign me a roommate if possible.

My roommate is _____

PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT MARRIOTT reservations: 1-800-682-4087

Cost per person June 11-13, 2015 – Check one:

1 in a room (Single) 2 in a room (Double)

Registration \$75 All brother must pay registration fee. _____ \$75 _____

Meal Package(s) \$175 per person No. of person(s) _____ Total amount \$ _____

Saturday Banquet only—\$65 per person No. of person(s) _____ Total amount \$ _____

Method Of Payment: Check or money order enclosed

Make check payable to Brotherhood of St. Andrew and send with this form to:

Brotherhood of St. Andrew
Box 632
Ambridge, PA 15003-0632
1-724-266-5810
Email: brotherhoodofstandrew@verizon.net

Receipt will be sent once your registration form is received.

Cancellations: Registration fee is not refundable, except in extreme cases.

Payment in Full: \$ _____ (Registration + meal plan + day trip)

-Saturday banquet charge is included in meal package. Banquet can be ordered separately. The cost is \$65.00 per person.
Payment in full must be included with your registration form.

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BROTHERS TO HOST A MINISTRY FAIR

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Speakers include:

- Dave Armstrong of the Greater Philadelphia North Coalition for Men's Discipleship, who will discuss Discipleship Training;
- Ron Deal of Family Life, who will emphasize Manning Up 21st Century Blended Families: How to be a Dad;
- The Rev. Robert Certain, who will describe the Brotherhood's many successful Veteran Friendly Congregations – and how we can create more;
- Brother Vice President Roy Benavides, who will talk about the constantly-evolving Social Media world, its numerous platforms and how to use them to reach young men;
- Dr. Edwin S. Davis, board chairman of the Texas Restorative Justice Network. He'll examine the several Brotherhood chapters and assemblies currently helping parolees adjust to society – and how we can help more parolees;
- Joel Hesch, founder of Proven Men Ministries, who will tell Brothers and invitees how to help men addicted to pornography;
"We live in a world full of fatherless and homeless

youth, blended families, pornography and addictions," Brother Gerber says. "There are many real-life ministry opportunities for all our Brothers."

The Friday all-day event will be open to all Brothers and, more important, church vestry members (including women) and diocesan committee members.

The Ministry Fair will follow a Thursday when National Council members tend to our 132-year-old ministry's business: approving a budget, electing new officers, etc

President Robert Dennis, completing two consecutive three-year-terms and who is ineligible to run again, wanted to revamp the Triennial to take advantage of the fact that a large contingent of Christian men were gathering in one place for one singular mission: to bring men and boys to Jesus Christ.

"We need to look outward and not inward," the president says.

"It'll be tough but we can do all of our business in one day," President Dennis says. "Then we can spend the rest of our time marshalling our energies to focus on ministry."

Philadelphia Deputy Mayor Everett Gillison will welcome attendees and organizations will offer booths with information to help Brothers learn how to get involved in their ministries.

Bishop Rodney Michael of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania will be the Celebrant for the Holy Communion service that's the first item of business when the ministry fair begins at 8 a.m. at the Philadelphia Airport Marriott.

The conference's theme is Go and Make Disciples.