



A Message from the President

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Dear Friends in the Royal Martyr –

I write to share with you that I received notice from Fr. Jim Monroe, SSC, a member and Secretary of our Board of Trustees, of the entrance into the Church Expectant of one of our most devoted workers on the Board of Trustees, Bill Gardner, who died of an apparent heart attack on Tuesday the 22nd of May at his home in Florida. Fr. Monroe has been in a pastoral role with Bill in two different churches. At the time of his death, Bill was a member of Guardian Angels parish in Lantana, Florida, where a requiem was held on Saturday, June 2nd. He will be interred in Druid Ridge Cemetery, located at 7900 Park Heights Avenue in Pikesville, just to the NW of Baltimore on Friday, June 8th, at 11:00 a.m. The officiant will be Fr. Fred Thomas, SSC, of Grace & St. Peter's Church. Doug Ruff, who succeeded Bill as Treasurer and is our current Vice President and David Lewis, our present Treasurer and Membership Secretary note that Bill had "one of the strongest set of SKCM leadership credentials around, including Council of the American Branch (2007-2008), Membership Secretary, American Region (1995-2009), Trustee (2008-2012), [and] Treasurer (2008-2009)." He also had long-standing connections with Dr. Mark Wuonola, who preceded me as President and is the present editor of *SKCM News*, not only as alumni of M.I.T. but also as parishioners at both S. Clement's in Philadelphia (where he offered in 1995 to be Membership Secretary on his own initiative) and the Church of the Advent in Boston. The two of them worked closely together in administering the Society during the pre-incorporation years. Bill is survived by a sister, who continues to live in the Baltimore area. Please remember Bill in your prayers.

While I am writing, I am happy to report that the *Devotional Manual* is now with the printer and should be done soon. The tentative ship date from the printer is this coming Friday, June 8th. If you have not already ordered a copy, you are invited to download, complete and mail in a goods order sheet (available from our website listed above), or if need be just email us at Ameraca453@aol.com and a goods order form will be emailed to you. Also, we hope to have the Summer issue of the *News* to you in the coming month or so, and I will keep you advised as that date is further defined.

I thank the growing number of members – we're up to 15 right now – whose email addresses we did not have and who have now shared them with us. Approximately 70% of our members now have email addresses in our database. Your assistance in this way will enable us to involve you more effectively in the work of the Society.

Finally, reminded by the death of Bill Gardner ... both the 1928 and 1979 Prayer Books remind us of the importance of leaving bequests for religious and charitable as well as family uses. In addition to remembering your families, friends and churches in your wills, would you also prayerfully consider including the Society in your planned giving?

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