

A Message from the President

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I'm pleased to report that the Society closed its 2012 FY on 30 September with a surplus of \$940. Watch the Winter *SKCM News*, which will be sent to the printer tomorrow and should reach you in mid-November, for a complete financial report.

The topic of "news" reminds us of our ongoing challenge of attracting more members to our Society and our cause. We have a good, stable membership, but it would be even better if we could be larger and thus reach more people. Here are some suggestions on how to achieve that goal: every member recruit a new member during this fiscal year ... order Society membership flyers for your tract rack (email the Treasurer/Membership Secretary at Ameraca453@aol.com) ... form a SKCM chapter if you already have a core group ... if you use social media sites, post on the Facebook SKCM page to help give visibility to the Society (contact Doug Ruff at douglassruff@aol.com or John Covert at covert@covert.org for assistance, if needed) ... if you already have a SKCM presence in your parish, put a link on your parish website to the SKCM website, www.skcm-usa.org (make certain that you use this address rather than the one in the UK).

It isn't too early to start planning your local annual commemoration of the martyrdom of King Charles, on or around 30 January. After all, not everyone will be able to attend the Society's Annual Mass & Luncheon in Boston on 26 January! Liturgical materials are available in the Devotional Manual and Liturgical Manual, available via the goods order sheet on the Society website.

Finally, we will have the usual dues, donations and goods order materials to you around Christmas Day. They are being mailed separately from the News this time. We want to get them into your hands before the end of calendar (and tax) year 2012 to accommodate members desiring to make payment before 31 December.

As this is the feast day of Our Lady of Walsingham, I note that our Episcopal Patron, the Rt Revd Keith L. Ackerman is also a Guardian of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and ask you to keep him and his family especially in your prayers.

Fr. Bill Swatos