



A Message from the President

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Greetings in the name of the Royal Martyr—

**T**he restoration of the Monarchy in England in 1660 in the person of King Charles II was proof positive of the failure of the program of those who chose to murder King Charles I in 1649. The return of King Charles II proved that the death of his father was caused more by the base motives of a cabal of parliamentarians than any actions on our Royal Martyr's part.

One sign of the change in the country's mood was the publication of a rite in the (newly restored) Book of Common Prayer that was intended to ensure that the mistakes of the prior decade would never be repeated. The opening page reads thus:

A FORM of PRAYER with THANKSGIVING to Almighty God, For having put an end to the great Rebellion, by the Restitution of the King and Royal Family, and the Restoration of the Government after many Years of interruption; which unspeakable Mercies were wonderfully completed upon the Twenty-ninth of May, in the Year 1660. And in Memory thereof, that Day in every Year is, by Act of Parliament appointed to be for ever kept holy.

The office then begins with the following sentence:

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. Dan. 9. 9, 10.

If you wish to read the propers as a whole, from an eighteenth-century source, you may do so via this link:

<http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/1662/may29.pdf>

**A**s we work into the summer, please also keep in mind that part of our work as Society members is evangelism – not the least recruiting more members to our cause and midst. We've already brought in two-thirds of our usual number of 20 new members, but it would be wonderful if we could bring in twice that many. Here are some suggestions on membership growth: 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](mailto:Ameraca453@aol.com)) ... be a “mover and shaker” and 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 greater visibility to the Society (contact Doug Ruff at [douglassruff@aol.com](mailto:douglassruff@aol.com) or John Covert at [covert@covert.org](mailto: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](http://www.skcm-usa.org) (make certain that you use this address rather than the one in the UK – we’ve recently spotted two parishes on the East Coast and one in the Heartland that are still showing the UK link!) ... and generally make the work of the Society more visible. Check our website and/or contact the Membership Secretary for further assistance in making this happen.

We’re proud that five members have already opted to become Life Members this year, the largest number since the initiation of the Life Membership category four or five years ago. That means they owe no further dues and that we reserve all but one year’s worth of their payment, the rest held for annual use on their behalf. If you are interested, the cost is \$360; for age 65 and up, the amount drops to \$250.

**F**inally, the June 2013 *SKCM News* was sent to the printer in mid-May. The final pre-print proof came in today, so we are clearly on track for each of us to receive our copy during June. This edition will be a bit longer than usual, containing reports on the annual January commemorations in the US (SKCM Annual Mass & Luncheon plus local observances) and UK, news of members, and a variety of features, articles, historical pieces, book reviews and editor’s miscellany. This will be Dr. Wuonola’s final edition after 25 years of yeoman service in this important role. We reiterate our earlier thanks, both in the 10 January *Communique* and at the Annual Luncheon in Boston, for the stellar contribution that he has made in making visible the purpose and work of the Society.

As always, please contact me at [skcm\\_usa@verizon.net](mailto:skcm_usa@verizon.net) should you have any questions.

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