



## A Message from the President

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and  
The Ascension of Our Lord

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Dear Friends in the Royal Martyr –

From time to time the calendar provides us with interesting, perhaps even fascinating, coincidences. This year the date of the feast of Our Lord's Ascension into heaven and that of the Restoration of the British monarchy (also termed Oak Apple Day or Royal Oak Day) are the same. I confess openly that I have not sat down to try to figure out how often this might occur across decades or centuries. What I do sense, however, is the way in which the "victory of right" more often than not comes through in God's time. Neither Hitler nor Stalin, for example, succeeded in ruling the world—nor did their programs (or pogroms, for that matter).



As Christians we are called both to believe and to live out with conviction that, as the hymn would have it, "God is working His purpose out as year proceeds to year." This is true as much for us

corporately as the Society of King Charles the Martyr as it is for us individually as Christian men and women. We are seeing innovations in our programs as time passes, and we are reaching out to others committed to the Caroline cause not only through our personal witnesses but also through technological innovation in the area of the Internet and related means of e-communication.

Summer vacationtime has now begun. Many of us have visited the Banqueting House at Whitehall Palace in London, outside of which King Charles I was martyred in 1649. One of our newer members, Kathryn McGee, of Grapevine, TX graciously sent us several publications available in that locale. They will be familiar to some who have been there but should be of interest to others who visit that historic place. A 56-page souvenir guidebook entitled *Discover the Banqueting House* is particularly informative, as is a Pitkin Guide named *Life in Stuart England*. These publications may be purchased onsite. We also have a number of copies of *Banqueting House*, a pamphlet in the Historic Royal Palaces series, which is available upon request to the Secretary-Treasurer, as supplies last. Thank you, Kathy.

In recent months I'd asked the Secretary-Treasurer to prepare information for me to share with the membership on our numbers and who we are. So here we go ...



- We have added or reclaimed 48 members this year, and the year will not be over for another four months. This is the largest membership gain in quite a few years, and much of it comes from our adding the PayPal option for paying dues and contributions and purchasing goods. On the other hand, we have lost 25 members, 8 from death, 5 from resignation, and 12 from nonpayment of dues, actually fairly standard attrition. Today we have 337 current members, a 9% net increase thus far over last year. Given our age demographics, we need to keep growing at this pace.
- Three-quarters of our number are laity, with 25% clergy including 12 bishops from various jurisdictions.
- Our median age is 64, although the median age of those joining since October 2009 is five years younger (59) and for members new this year is 49. The age of our members varies from well into the 90s to around 20. That's all good.
- With information on hand from 93% of our ranks, we have an increasingly diverse membership united in devotion to the Royal Martyr as well as to the Christian faith:

JURISDICTION	ALL MEMBERS	JOINED 2009-TD	JOINED 2013-14
TEC/Anglican Church of Canada, C of E, et al	63%	59%	51%
ACNA and other Anglican bodies	25%	22%	40%
Catholic	9%	14%	6%
Orthodox	3%	3%	2%
Others	2%	2%	0

- Today we have 37 Life Members; in 2010 we had 10. One can become a Life Member by making a one-time payment of \$360; for persons 65 or older, the amount is instead \$250. No further dues are required. If this category interests you, please go to our website and then to PayPal or send an inquiry or check to the Secretary-Treasurer. FYI, one may join the Society as a Life Member.

Finally, our *SKCM News* Editor has advised us that the June edition is being sent to the printer right about now. Expect to receive your copy sometime during June. Watch for reports on our 2014 Annual Mass & Luncheon and more, including *Church & King* from our Mother Society across the pond.



Please do not hesitate to contact me at [skcm@skcm-usa.org](mailto:skcm@skcm-usa.org) should you have any questions, ideas or concerns.

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