



A Message from the President

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Greetings in the Name of our Royal Martyr --

Our member, The Rt. Rev'd. Chad Jones, *SSC*, provides good background about this day in his *Philorthodox* blog: "... the Shrine Church bearing the title [of Our Lady of Walsingham] is the national Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary in England, the spiritual epicentre of world Anglican Catholicism. In AD 1061 the Holy Mother of God appeared in a vision to a noblewoman, Richeldis de Faverches, and commanded that a Shrine in honour of the Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Family be built on her land. Our Lady revealed the design she desired to be built, a small house, a replica of the Holy House in which the Annunciation from the Archangel Gabriel took place and in which the Holy Family dwelt at Nazareth. A miraculous well sprang up in the place chosen by the Mother of God for the erection of the Shrine, and so the original Holy House was built thereon. ...

"The devotion lay in abeyance until a young Anglican vicar, Father Alfred Hope Patten, moved to Walsingham in 1921 with the hope of restoring the ancient Shrine as well as the ancient Faith. A leader of the Catholic Movement in the Anglican Church, the energetic Father Patten restored the fullness of orthodox doctrine and practice to the parish Church of Saint Mary's, Little Walsingham, and in 1922 he restored the Image of Our Lady of Walsingham inside the parish Church at the north side of the building. It was his idea to base the new statue of Our Lady of Walsingham on the Image depicted on the seal of the medieval Priory. Regular pilgrimage and devotion were returned to Walsingham. From the first night the Image was restored, people gathered to offer their intercessions in union with the prayers of Our Lady, and the ministry of prayer, intercession, and devotion has gone on unbroken every day since."

The Shrine has tangible Caroline connections. A statue of St. Charles (*right*) was placed in the Shrine Church of Our Lady of Walsingham by Father Patten in the 1930s, when the shrine was first built, and it remains there still. It is presently positioned beside the steps leading to the Orthodox Chapel. Also, a bust of St. Charles (*see next page*) appears above the front door of The Kings Lodge, a house at the side of the Shrine grounds. This early devotion by one of the pillars of Anglo-Catholic revival in the UK testifies to the continuing veneration of St. Charles throughout the Anglo-Catholic movement.



Our fiscal and membership years ended on 30 September. In the next *Communique*, to be published in early November, we will share with you continuing good news on both fronts, for which we are thankful. Also in early November, we will be mailing the annual statement for dues, contributions and goods purchases.

Society members are invited to submit nominations for Board of Trustees consideration as members of the Order of Blessed William Laud, Abp. & Martyr. Today the rolls of this select group include 49 members and supporters of the Society, in this life and the next, designated since the creation of this recognition in 2009.

In accordance with Board policy, the members of the Order are elected “in recognition of contributions rising to a certain level, or higher, of significance as to impact and benefit to the Society by members and

supporters who are not members ... Election to membership in the Order of Laud shall be considered equivalent to the designation of Benefactor status with regard to impact and benefit to the Society.” Just as Benefactors are entitled to use “Ben.” after their names, Order of Laud members may use “OL”.

Such nominations, giving background on the candidate and stating why he or she should be honored, should be sent by 2 November 2013 to The Ven. James G. Monroe, Ph.D., SSC, Awards Chairman, at jimmon39@gmail.com or 4310 Meadow Forest Lane, Kingwood TX 77345-3007 USA, for consideration during the current awards cycle.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at skcm@skcm-usa.org should you have any questions, ideas or concerns.

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THE MARTYR**



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