



## A Message from the President

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## *Email Communiqué*

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Greetings in the name of the Royal Martyr—

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Traditional Collect for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)

This year the First Sunday in Advent, November 30<sup>th</sup>, is also the feast day of St Andrew the Apostle. Some congregations will likely try to combine the two, while others will choose to move St. Andrew's Day to a weekday celebration. For us in the SKCM, the day has significance as well, inasmuch as it was King Charles' attempt to institute episcopacy in the Scottish church, of which St Andrew was a patron, that began his many difficulties with his subjects and especially those in leadership in both Church and State.



St. Andrew's day also is a sign that we are not only moving into Advent but also into a new year, and as 2015 much more appears on our calendars when we turn over from November to December and likely see the January calendar as possibly looming in one corner or another, this is a sign that 2015 SKCM dues are also coming onto our agenda.

A big **"thank you"** goes to the members who have already paid their dues and made contributions to the Society. At this point 37% of those members with 2015 dues obligations have responded, as have many others who do not owe dues but have made contributions or prepaid dues for additional years. We are particularly thankful for the stellar support to date for the Annual Mass; we are already at 70% of the record amount contributed for the January 2014 Annual Mass. Noting that contributions are tax-deductible, we encourage you to make same and/or pay any dues by 31 December if you have not already done so.

**Please remember:** if you want to be listed in the Annual Mass program, we need to receive your contribution by *15 January*. Also, our year-old PayPal availability, tied to the website, continues to be very

helpful both in recruiting most of our new members and making it easier to renew one's membership, make contributions, and purchase goods.

We also welcome three new **Life Members** (we're now up to 33) and one new Benefactor (see more below). One may become a Life Member by making a one-time payment, which may be made by check or via the website and PayPal, in lieu of all current and future dues. For those under age 65, the amount is \$360; for 65 and over, it is \$250.

Last month, the Board of Trustees took significant actions on a number of fronts that are designed to expand the potential of the Society in both **financial and membership development**. We'll continue to report on these matters as we implement them as stewards of the Society's future.

Significant for this time of the year, when we think of giving in its many dimensions, is our action of establishing a **planned giving society** in concept. We also formalized our existing **endowment**, with its funds to come from bequests and other gifts accepted by the Board of Trustees. Any endowment income may be used for general operations; however, the Board of Trustees may expend principal only for durable items related to the Society's objectives.

We're also taking a look at existing policies designed to encourage **Benefactors**, a distinction that recognizes financial support of the work of the Society. We currently have 20 Benefactor members, plus another 11 who are in the next life. Using Quickbooks we keep track of all giving and thus automatically flag members as they become eligible. The threshold for benefactor status is \$700 in accumulated gifts to the Society, over and above the annual dues and any goods purchases. Benefactors are entitled to use "Ben." after their names. If you are interested and have any questions, including how much you have already given, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer.

Finally, our *SKCM News* editors report that the December edition will be off to the printer during the first part of December.

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.

Fr. Bill Swatos, President

**SOCIETY OF KING CHARLES  
THE MARTYR**



**XXXII ANNUAL SOLEMN MASS  
OF SAINT CHARLES, K.M.**

11 a.m., Saturday, 31 January 2015

Church of the Resurrection, NY, NY  
The Rev'd Cn Barry Swain, SSC, Rector

Preacher, The Rev'd Frederick Thomas, SSC  
Rector, Grace & St Peter's, Baltimore MD

Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*, with orchestra

Followed by BUFFET LUNCHEON  
Reservations required. \$20 per person.  
Make check to "Church of the Resurrection"  
- memo line "SKCM"

Send to the church at  
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by 20 January

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