



A Message from the President

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Greetings in the name of the Royal Martyr at the time of this venerable Christian feast —

As we pass from one fiscal/membership year into the next, I wanted to share some thoughts on where we are heading as a Society. We are a growing organization that has become more diverse in denominational affiliation while remaining united on our central devotional purpose. That growth, which now translates into one-third of our membership being new within the last two years and 70% of our members being the only SKCM presence in their local church, brings the following concepts to mind:

- ✓ Our Board of Trustees has become increasingly active, including in such bread-and-butter matters as internal communication, membership growth and retention, planned giving (as evidenced by two generous bequests received in recent months), and chapters formation;
- ✓ We're committed to giving all members what they need to enjoy the benefits of membership, each of us at his or her own speed, through our semiannual *SKCM News* and usually monthly *Email Communiqué* as well as by special devotional publications and sharing what local groups and individual members find of pertinent value to us all; and
- ✓ A personal wish is that in addition to having our major Annual Mass & Luncheon that rotates each year, many more local churches will have local Royal Martyrdom Day observances and the local observances will expand to the additional Caroline commemorations throughout the year.

Our job is to lead, involve, equip and empower. Let us know how you can help and what you need. We'll be there to do our share.

It's dues and contributions time again. Ten days ago we mailed 2016 membership renewal and/or contributions forms to all members, a week earlier than last year. The Society's PayPal account remains available for use (via our website), should you so desire, for making your payment. We invite members and friends to pay any dues pending, of course, but also to contribute to the support of the Annual Mass and General Fund. This non-dues support continues to keep our dues low and stable as well as enables us to publish a particularly attractive magazine twice each year and to sponsor a glorious Mass of witness each January. I'm pleased to report that at this early point we have already received funds equal to around 25% of last year's total income, not counting bequests received. Thank you.

The reverse side of the form contains an order form for **various goods offered by the Society**. We encourage members to purchase Society goods as Christmas gifts. Particularly attractive are the silver medal, neckties, and the DVD from the January 2015 Annual Mass in New York City. Additional goods not yet on the list remain under consideration.

Please continue to note our upcoming **33rd Annual Solemn Mass of Saint Charles, K.M.** All members and friends, particularly those in the Southeastern US but also all others who can attend, are encouraged to join in this Mass of witness which rotates from place to place each year. An informal “membership meeting” of those present normally takes place following the luncheon; if you are interested in attending same but do not desire to go to the luncheon, you certainly may do so.

And it is not too early for your own local parish or church to be planning its **local Mass of Remembrance for January.**


Last but not least, our **Board of Trustees** recently met by conference call, as is our custom, to take up pending Society business. At this meeting we covered a number of items, including the following:

- ✓ Noted that the Society closed its 2014-2015 FY on September 30 with a surplus of nearly \$10,000. Bequests provided \$6,385 of this surplus, but we were still over \$3,000 to the good. Watch the upcoming Winter *SKCM News* for a complete financial report, including background on continuing membership growth as well as our healthy financial condition.
- ✓ Received progress a progress report on the formation of three potential chapters.
- ✓ Reviewed the status of upcoming Annual Masses in 2016 & 2017 and began site selection for the following two years.
- ✓ Gave Order of Laud designation to Charles Owen Johnson and David Lewis ... also approved one honorary membership, to be announced subsequently.
- ✓ Formally approved the Nashotah House Library as the site for the Society archives.
- ✓ Noted the recent preliminary decision of the Episcopal Church to add commemoration of the martyrdom of King Charles I on 30 January 1649 to the church calendar.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below should you have any questions, ideas or concerns.

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SOCIETY OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR



**XXXIII ANNUAL SOLEMN MASS
OF SAINT CHARLES, K.M.**
11 a.m., Saturday, 30 January 2016

REMEMBER!

Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston, SC
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd M. Dow Sanderson, SSC
Music: Spatzzenmesse, W. A. Mozart, with orchestra;
Mass with full propers & other traditional music
Walsingham Angelus following Mass;
Benediction following Luncheon
Traditional BBQ Luncheon reservations: \$20 by 20 January
Checks to “Holy Communion” - memo “SKCM”
Send to the church at 218 Ashley Ave., Charleston, SC 29403
Church website: www.holycomm.org
Contact: 843-722-2024 or fatherdaniel@holycomm.org

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