



## A Message from the President

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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 29<sup>th</sup>, immediately preceded the feast day of St Andrew the Apostle. 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.



As we turn the calendar from November to December and 2016 draws nearer, St. Andrew's day is a sign that we are moving not only into Advent but also closer to a new year. It thus reminds everyone who has not already done so to send in their dues and/or contributions.

count is 394 – 9 new this FY.

A big **“thank you”** goes to the members who have already paid their dues and made contributions to the Society. At this point 44% of those members with 2016 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 69% of the record amount contributed for the January 2015 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. Our current membership

**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.

**W**e also welcome six new **Life Members** (we're now up to 46) and two new **Benefactors** (we now have 23 Benefactor members, plus another 11 who are in the next life). 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. 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.

**S**ince member time and talent are also welcomed, the Society is seeking a talent pool for potential service on the Board of Trustees and other volunteer roles. In this period of growth, we continually need to identify more members who have contacts or influence (including clergy), experience in "growing" and involving organizations (including recruiting and retaining new members and setting up local chapters) to fulfill their purpose or cause, a familiarity with devotional societies and their origins and purpose, and leadership ability to move into the various Board offices. A strong devotion to the Society must be present, of course, but if you do not know for certain that someone is a member do not hesitate to propose him or her anyway! So, if you would like to suggest someone for possible Board service or other volunteer responsibilities, please let us know as described below.

**We are also asking if you have special skills and interests that could be helpful to the Society.** We need to engage not only our many new members but also all members with time, talent and a sense of commitment to our cause. This talent pool, which we started building two years ago, is already helping us to involve more members in a variety of Society responsibilities. Thus, you are invited to offer and contribute your time and talent to the work of the Society. Some possibilities include those shown above ... social media skills ... electronic media publication ... Editorial Board (for SKCM News or Communique) ... goods orders fulfillment ... financial development/planned giving ... sending Society dues billings ... membership development ... identifying and/or writing relevant articles ... chapter program ideas ... devotional materials contributions ... awards development and selection. If you have particular skills and interests that you would like to share with the Society, even if not listed above, please let us know.

E-mail your responses to [skcm@skcm-usa.org](mailto:skcm@skcm-usa.org) by **December 18**. Responses will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee. Thank you.

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

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### **33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SOLEMN MASS OF S. CHARLES, K.M.**

**11 a.m., Sat., 30 January 2016**

**Church of Holy Communion, Charleston, SC**

The Rev'd M. Dow Sanderson, SSC, Rector, Celebrant & Preacher,  
Mozart's *Spatzenmesse* (with orchestra)  
Walsingham Angelus, (pm) Benediction

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