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Charles Chapman Grafton, Bp., died 1912

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Dear Friends in the Cause of King Charles the Martyr:

On this day we commemorate the death in 1912 of an ardent supporter of the Oxford Movement – from whence we and the other devotional societies originated - **Bishop Charles Chapman Grafton**. Born in Boston and confirmed at the Church of the Advent, he was ordained and served parishes in



Maryland before being elected the 4th rector of Advent Boston. In 1888 he was elected the 2nd Bishop of Fond du Lac, in his approval process encountering difficulties because he many thought him to be too “ritualistic” – definitely a challenge in that Low Church era. As bishop, he was known as a church planter in his diocese. He was also the co-founder (with Edward Bouverie Pusey and one other) of the SSJE (Cowley Fathers), who were once in charge of such well-known parishes as S. Clement's Philadelphia where we will be holding our January 2017 Annual Mass & Luncheon, as well as a co-founder of the Benedictine Order of St. John the Beloved and the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity. Clearly Anglican Catholic in his theology and liturgy, many would identify Bishop Grafton as exemplifying the phrase “Joy in the Gospel.”

Loving God, who didst call Charles Chapman Grafton to be a bishop in thy Church, endowing him with a burning zeal for souls: Grant that, following his example, we may ever live for the extension of thy kingdom, that thy glory may be the chief end of our lives, thy will the law of our conduct, thy love the motive of our actions, and Christ's life the model and mold of our own; through the same Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, throughout all ages. Amen.

We are excited to offer our members and friends an opportunity to purchase a unique new publication, the **Caroline Prayer Book**. Compiled by our member, Peter W. Yancey, Ph.D., and published by the Society with his overview, this 104-page, 8 ½ x 11 spiral bound volume seeks to provide Anglicans with a “truly Anglican prayer book ... offering private prayers for individuals and families.” The prayers and related material were written by such leaders of the Laudians (also known as the Caroline Divines) as Archbishop William Laud, Bishops John Cosin, Jeremy Taylor, and Thomas Ken and Canon Peter Heylyn – and the Royal Martyr himself. Biographical sketches also are included. Observed Dr. Yancey, “Instead of a Protestant church, they sought a reformed catholic church, one which was Apostolic, but purified of the errors and innovations of both Rome and the continental Protestant churches. At a time when to many observers the Anglican world seems to be lost at sea, reaching back to the works of the Caroline

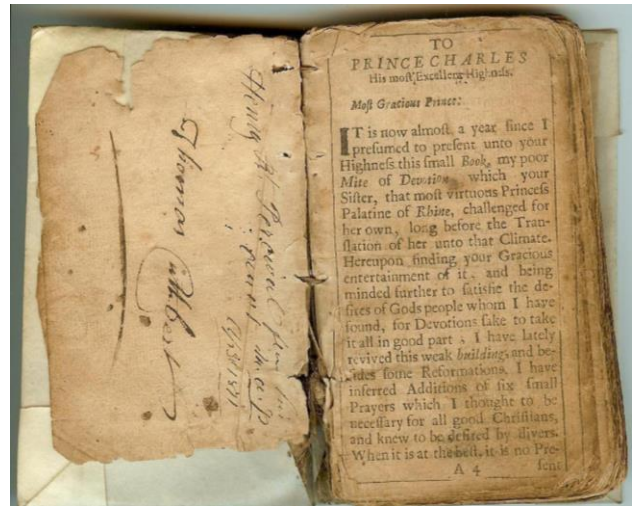


Divines provides us with a safe harbor, and their works—both devotional and theological—serve as a guide to what is truly and classically Anglican.”

The following review by The Rt. Rev'd. Chandler Holder Jones, Suffragan Bishop of the Eastern United States, Anglican Province of America, says it all: *“I have just reviewed your Caroline Prayer Book and I absolutely love it! To my knowledge it is utterly unique in the modern era as I have only read these prayers before in primary sources; I have never seen them compiled into one volume before. As one realizes there is a seemingly infinite selection of prayers and materials from which to choose, I believe you made excellent choices. This is a kind of Caroline Divine version of the Saint Augustine's Prayer Book or the Saint Swithun's, but with strictly Anglican 17th century texts. My only recommendation is that it be published as soon as possible! Thank you for your outstanding work. God bless you!”*

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Today we have the sad duty of reporting the death on 23 March of **The Rev'd Kent Lambert Haley** of Keizer, Oregon. Possibly the oldest member of the Society, he was born in 1917 and would have turned 99 this year. Many of us may recall him as the generous donor in 2009 of the antique Prayer Book – “Supplications of Saints” by The Rev'd Thomas Sorocold - which one report said may have been used by the Royal Martyr the night before his decollation in 1649. That volume, which Father Haley had received as a gift upon his priestly ordination in 1949, is now in the Rosenbach Museum and Library in Philadelphia, in keeping with his instructions with the gift. Particularly fascinating is its dedication to Prince Charles nearly a decade before he acceded to the throne. At that time the Board designated Father Haley a Benefactor of the Society, bringing with it his further recognition as an Honorary Member. A more formal obituary of Father Haley will appear in the December SKCM News. And the Society remains interested in similar gifts as well as planned giving such as bequests.



A correction to the previous (11 August) Communique: 1845 was when John Henry Newman was received into the Roman Catholic Church; he was not made a cardinal until 1879.

Finally, a reminder: Articles, book reviews and other matters of interest are invited and encouraged for submission for the **December SKCM News**. Deadline: 30 September. Please submit them to editors@skcm-usa.org.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at skcm@skcm-usa.org should you have any questions, ideas, or concerns. And thank you for your continuing support of the Society and its devotional work.

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