



## A Message from the President

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Greetings in the name of the Royal Martyr—

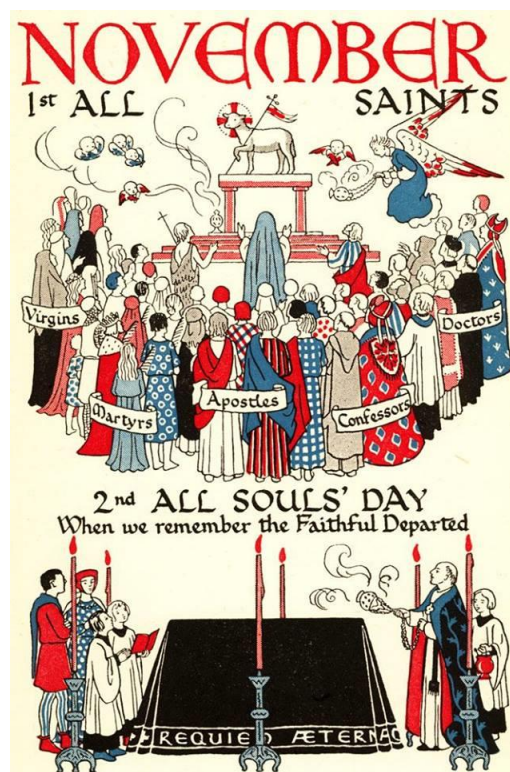
**All Saints' Day** is celebrated on 1 November by parts of Western Christianity, and on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Eastern Christianity, in honor of all the saints, known and unknown, in heaven and on earth.

In many Anglican churches and in the Roman Catholic Church, the following day, **All Souls' Day**, specifically commemorates the departed faithful who have not yet been purified and reached heaven. Christians who celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day do so in the fundamental belief that there is a prayerful spiritual bond between those in purgatory (the "Church expectant"), those in heaven (the "Church triumphant"), and the living (the "Church militant"). Thus, we pray for the happy repose of the souls of our members who have departed this life during the past 12 months: *The Rev'd Kent Lambert Haley, Ben., of Keizer, OR (HONORARY MEMBER) ... The Rev'd Frederick Shepherd Thomas, SSC, OL, of Baltimore, MD (HONORARY MEMBER) ... The Rev'd Elijah Brockenbrough White III, Ben., of Leesburg, VA (LIFE MEMBER) ... Ransom H. Widner, of Providence, RI.*

Today, we specifically commemorate the death on this day in 1612 of Prince Henry Frederick, resulting in **Prince Charles becoming heir apparent** to the British throne. Prince Henry died of typhoid fever at age 18. In the United States, two places in what was then the Virginia Colony, Cape Henry and Henrico County, were named after him. Four years after the death of his older brother, Prince Charles was created Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester.

**T**wo weeks ago we mailed **2017 membership renewal and/or contributions** forms to all members. 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. Thank you.

The reverse side of the form contains an order form for **various goods offered by the Society**. Particularly attractive are the silver medal, neckties, the DVD of our 2015 Annual Mass at Resurrection New York City, and the newly published *Anglican Daily Prayers: A Caroline Prayerbook*. Society goods make good Christmas gifts. Additional goods not yet on the list remain under consideration.



Please note our upcoming **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Solemn Mass of Saint Charles, K.M.** All members and friends, particularly those in the Mid-Atlantic area but also all others who can attend, are encouraged to join in this Mass of witness which rotates from place to place each year. There is always something of a “membership meeting” immediately following the luncheon of those who are there; if you are interested in attending same but do not desire to go to the luncheon, you certainly may do so.

**SOCIETY OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR**  
**XXXIV ANNUAL SOLEMN MASS OF S. CHARLES, K.M.**

**11 a.m., Saturday, 28 January 2017**

**S. Clement's, Philadelphia, PA**

Rector, The Rev'd Richard Alton

Preacher, The Rt. Rev'd Rodney Michel, D.D.

*Coronation Mass in C Major, KV 317*, by W. A. Mozart, with orchestra

Anthem: *O Lord, Grant the King a Long Life*, by Thomas Weelkes, sung by the S. Clement's Choir

*Te Deum in B-Flat*, by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

Followed by BUFFET LUNCHEON

Reservations required for luncheon; \$20/person

Make check to “S. Clement's” - memo line “SKCM”

Send to the church by 21 Jan. at 2013 Appletree St., Philadelphia PA 19103

Church contact: [rector@s-clements.org](mailto:rector@s-clements.org); 215-563-1876

Church website: [www.saintclementsphiladelphia.org](http://www.saintclementsphiladelphia.org)

And it is not too early for your own local parish or church to be planning its **local Mass of Remembrance for January**. Your Society leadership definitely encourages this devotional activity, as well as commemorations of other Caroline dates during the year.

To keep the membership up to date ... our **Board of Trustees** met by conference call on 4 November to take up pending Society business. Watch for a report in our next *Communique*, planned for 19 November.

Finally, each of us can do our bit to “grow” our membership. A straightforward way would be to copy and give the attached **revised membership brochure** to a prospective member, or better yet to make copies of this brochure and place it in your church's tract rack. Note that this brochure now includes a membership application, which has come at the suggestion of one potentially emerging chapter.

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

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## Upcoming Celebrations

*Royal Martyr Day – Annual Masses*  
(all on Saturday at 11 a.m.)

28 January 2017

S. Clement's Church, Philadelphia, PA  
The Rev'd Richard Alton, Rector  
The Rt Rev'd Rodney Michel, DD, Preacher

27 January 2018

St. Timothy's Church, Fort Worth, TX  
The Rt Rev'd Keith L. Ackerman, SSC, DD, Vicar

26 January 2019

Nashotah House, Nashotah, WI  
The Very Rev'd Steven A. Peay, PhD, Dean & President

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"I conceive that Episcopal Government is most consonant to the Word of God, and of an apostolical institution, as it appears by the Scripture, to have been practiced by the Apostles themselves, and by them committed, and derived to particular persons as their substitutes or successors therein and hath ever since to these last times been exercised by Bishops in all the Churches of Christ, and therefore I cannot in conscience consent to abolish the said government."

—Charles I, Declaration at  
Newport, 1648

"It is all I have now left me, a power to forgive those that have deprived me of all, and I thank God I have a heart to do it, and joy as much in this grace, which God hath given me, as in all my former enjoyments, for this is a greater argument of God's love to me than any prosperity can be.

"I die a Christian according to the profession of the Church of England. I go from a corruptible to an incorruptible crown. . . . REMEMBER!"

—Charles I, on the Scaffold

## HISTORY

The Society of King Charles the Martyr is one of the several devotional societies initiated by Anglo-Catholics in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It was founded in London on Easter Tuesday, 1894, by a scholarly Scots lady, Ermengarda Greville-Nugent (the Hon. Mrs. Patrick) together with the rector of Saint Margaret Pattens. In the Americas, the Society was active already in 1894 in New York, under the leadership of the Rev'd William Harman van Allen, later rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston (1902-27), and has remained active here since that time.

Charles was regarded as a martyr for the Church and for the people already at the time of his beheading, and after Church and Crown were restored in 1660 the Convocations of Canterbury and York, meeting jointly, adopted service for 30 January in 1661. In its prayers, King Charles was called a Saint and a Martyr.

In recent years, Royal Martyr Day has achieved greater recognition in North America. In 2015, the General Convention of The Episcopal Church took initial action to add this observance to the church calendar. The commemoration is also on the kalendar of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Anglican Church in North America, most jurisdictions in the Anglican Continuum, and Common Worship in the Church of England.

Today, all Christians enjoying the patronage of King Charles the Martyr may become members of the Society, a U.S. tax-exempt organization not formally affiliated with any ecclesiastical entity.

*"For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth."*

—I Peter ii: 19-22; Epistle for Feast of S. Charles, K.M.

## SOCIETY OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR,

INC.



*Founded in 1894*  
*An Oxford Movement devotional society*  
*Established in the Americas in 1894*  
*Serving members in Canada and the U.S.*  
*Incorporated in 2008 Donations are Tax-deductible*

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## OBJECTS

- Open to all Christians in the U.S.A. and Canada; membership currently is 60% The Episcopal Church/Anglican Church of Canada/related, 22% ACNA and the Anglican Continuum, 12% Roman Catholic (including the Ordinariate), 4% Eastern Orthodox, and 2% Other.
- To pray for the Anglican Communion.
- To promote a wide observance of 30 January, the day of the Martyrdom of King Charles I in 1649.
- To win general recognition of the great debt owed by Anglicans to Charles Stuart: his defence unto death of the episcopal government of the Church.
- To work for the reinstatement of the Feast of King Charles the Martyr in the Kalendar of the Book of Common Prayer throughout the Anglican world.
- To encourage efforts to build and equip churches and erect shrines dedicated to Saint Charles.

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To join the Society, please use our membership form (included herein) and send it to the Secretary-Treasurer at the address shown. Dues are payable by 30 January of each year, with notices being sent during October or November, also giving members the ability to make tax-deductible contributions either generally or for the support of the Annual Mass as well as to purchase Society goods. One may make a contribution either in thanksgiving or as a memorial gift. For any questions, please email [membership@skcm-usa.org](mailto:membership@skcm-usa.org).

Your annual dues cover your receiving the *SKCM News*, our semiannual magazine (40+ pp) which includes *Church & King*, published by our parent Society in the U.K. Also, the *email Communiqué* appears frequently, usually monthly. It contains notices of interest plus a feature article related to devotion to the Martyr King, &c. Both publications are also on our website.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please fill in the information below, together with the appropriate dues amount in US dollars, and mail the form and dues to the Secretary-Treasurer at the address below. If you desire to pay using our PayPal account (via [www.skcm-usa.org](http://www.skcm-usa.org), our website), please also email this information to the Secretary-Treasurer. Thank you.

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**I wish to become a member at the following annual/life membership rate:**

\_\_\_ \$15 per for annual membership (for \_\_\_ years, \$15 x \_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_)

\_\_\_ \$260, Life Membership (age 65+)      \_\_\_ \$350, Life Membership (under age 65)

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