



## A Message from the President

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Greetings in the name of the Royal Martyr—

Today we mark the Birthday in 1600 of our Royal Martyr. Our British compatriots will mark the day with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Church of St. Katharine Cree, followed by their Annual General Meeting. We keep them in our prayers.

This day is also a good opportunity to remind us to continue our own work in a number of ways, not least by making sure our dues are current. It is extremely helpful to the work of the Society that our cash flow coming into the New Year be strong, as we look forward to our own celebration of the Royal Martyrdom at the end of January. We very much appreciate the financial support, and in particular the great increase in unrestricted donations, from our members during the last few weeks.

To keep the membership up to date ... our **Board of Trustees** met by conference call on 4 November to take up pending Society business:

- ✓ Our **FY 2015-16 surplus** was \$1,600. Thanks go to all who made this happen. A full financial report will be included in the December SKCM NEWS.
- ✓ We now have 396 members, with 7 of them new or reinstated since 1 October. Very helpful to **membership** retention and growth are the email Communiqué, trustee mentoring of new members, diversity of Annual Mass locations, and cooperation with the other devotional societies (including a potential joint exhibit at the 2018 General Convention of The Episcopal Church).
- ✓ We signed off on the final guidelines for **chapters**, which will be published in the December 2016 SKCM News. Current, potential, or former chapters desiring to reactivate will be interested in this project, which began several years ago and includes ideas on structure and program.
- ✓ Reviewed the status of and promotion for upcoming **Annual Masses**, including S. Clement's in Philadelphia (2017), St. Timothy's Anglican in Fort Worth (2018), Nashotah House (2019), and S. Stephen's Episcopal in Providence (2020).
- ✓ Reviewed the interim report of the project team on **additional Caroline devotional opportunities**. This group is preparing material to enable more local observation of Caroline devotional occasions (e.g., White Rose Day, Restoration/Oak Apple Day, Nativity of S. Charles, and Baptism of S. Charles) in all places as well as to "develop a programme of Caroline devotion that can ...be practised within the parametres of the Roman Catholic Church."



- ✓ Agreed in concept to have certain designated **items available for free download** from the Society website. This list will not include various publications but rather will feature such items as the membership brochure and devotional material including Royal Martyr Day resources. Watch for further news.
- ✓ Discussed the use of the **SKCM Facebook group**, which now includes 27% of SKCM-AR members and includes people from the UK, North America, and otherwise with an interest in the Royal Martyr. Keeping discussion “on topic” is important, as is the reality that this group should not be viewed as a substitute for SKCM or SKCM-AR membership. The Board will continue to keep abreast of current trends in pertinent communication, including emerging social media.
- ✓ Began or continued planning in such other matters as future expectations of leadership as we continue to broaden collegial leadership, use of DropBox technology, sending SKCM NEWS in bulk to parishes ordering same, and preparation for the Board’s annual organizational meeting in February 2017.

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  
 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

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