



A Message from the President

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Greetings in the name of the Royal Martyr—



On behalf of myself and Mrs. Swatos, as well as the leadership of the SKCM American Region, I want to extend our best wishes to you for a happy and holy Christmas season and in the days that follow.

But today, as we prepare to conclude the Advent Season, we pause to focus on a Caroline observance – the **baptism of the month-old Charles Stuart at Holyrood Palace in 1600**. He was created Duke of Albany on this occasion, then Duke of York five years later. When his older brother, Prince Henry, died of typhoid in 1611, Charles became heir to the throne of the Three Kingdoms of England, Scotland, and Ireland which their father, James I (James VI of

Scotland), had assumed in 1603 upon the death of Elizabeth I. The royal journey thus begins.

I also want to thank those who have already sent in their annual dues for 2017 and beyond, and especially those who have sent in contributions for either the Annual Mass and Luncheon or toward our general purposes throughout the year. The total for those two essential purposes is decently ahead of last year at this same time. Thanks also to Matthew D. Dupee, Esq., John E.F. Hodson, James T. Lang, Jr., The Rt. Rev'd Donald F. Lerow (also a new member), Donald R. Reinecker, and Dr. Adrian M.K. Thomas, who have become Life Members of the Society – bringing us up to 53 out of our total current membership of 399 - and thus will have no further dues obligation, and to our 12 new members who have joined thus far this fiscal year.

A few reminders:

- + I also hope some of you are planning to attend the **AM & L** at Saint Clement's Church in Philadelphia (see further information below).
- + Don't forget to plan, promote, and celebrate **Royal Martyr Day** on or around 30 January. Our SKCM News editor will be interested in a report on your observance; please email to editors@skcm-usa.org. If you need resources for that observance, check our website's goods list and/or contact membership@skcm-usa.org.

- + These next couple of months are an ideal time to recruit new members. If you need our new tract rack brochure, with a built-in membership form, you may order same through the website or get a copy-ready version from membership@skcm-usa.org.
- + Watch for the December SKCM News, which was mailed a few days ago. Among other things, this edition includes Adrian Thomas' illustrated piece on James and Charles I in Winchester Cathedral, Richard Mammana's piece on the John Brady's 1812 *Clavis Calendaria*, and the promised guidelines for use in starting or reactivating SKCM chapters and providing ideas for local devotional and other activities.
- + If you haven't paid your 2017 dues yet, please do so. And Annual Mass and unrestricted contributions are still being received, including with memorial or thanksgiving designations.

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” - *Gospel of St John 1:14*

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

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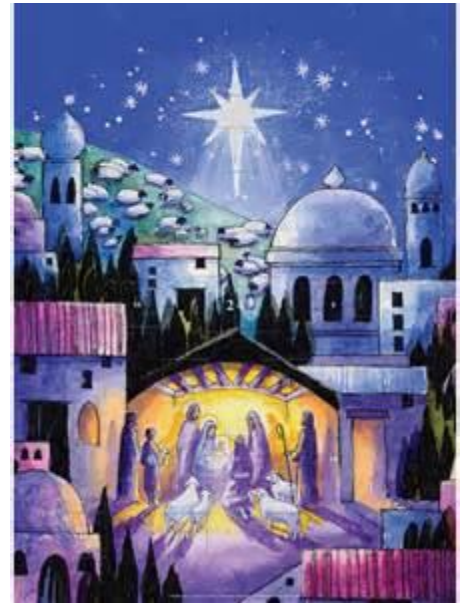
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**SOCIETY OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR
 XXXIV ANNUAL SOLEMN MASS OF S. CHARLES, K.M.**

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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