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**Society of King Charles the Martyr - American Region
10 January 2018 – Death of Abp William Laud (1645)**

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Let's begin with an update and reminder of the Society's Annual Mass and Luncheon:

SOCIETY OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR XXXV ANNUAL SOLEMN MASS OF SAINT CHARLES, K.M.

**11 a.m., Saturday, 27 January 2018 + St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Fort Worth, TX
Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Presence of a Greater Prelate**

American Missal

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rt Rev'd Keith L. Ackerman, SSC, DD, OL, Vicar;
The Rt Rev'd Jack Leo Iker, SSC, DD, OL, Ben., Bishop of Fort Worth, *pontificating*

Choir of the Diocese of Fort Worth with Orchestra

Early choral music directed by Kathy Powell

Buffet Luncheon reservations: \$20 by 19 January;
checks to "St. Timothy's" - memo "SKCM"

Send to church at 4201 Mitchell Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76119

Contact: 817-536-7856 or info@sttimothysacc.com + Church website: www.sttimothysacc.com

On 10 January 1645, **Archbishop William Laud** was beheaded on Tower Hill in London. He had been arrested in 1640 on a charge of high treason and then imprisoned in the Tower since 1 March 1641, accused of assuming tyrannical powers in both Church and state, as well as promoting "popish superstition." Two factors went into his arrest. The first was a rising sentiment towards Puritanism in Parliament and the second was overtly political, that of attacking those most closely associated with Charles I.

Laud had a long and successful ministry in the Church having succeeded Lancelot Andrewes as Dean of the Royal Chapel while Bishop of Bath and Wells under Charles. He then became Bishop of London in 1628 and Archbishop of Canterbury in 1633 at the age of almost 60. Throughout his episcopacy, Laud advocated a return to Catholic thought and practices, resulting in an increasingly polarized atmosphere within the Church in England. This included the preference for the doctrine of free will in contrast with the strict predestination of Calvinism, the emphasis on the Sacraments, traditional ceremony and vestments, and a focus on the altar at the east end of the sanctuary, with *ad orientum* celebration of Prayer Book services. Laud also advocated clergy to play a more prominent public role.



After his imprisonment, Laud remained in the Tower for three years before facing trial. In March 1644, he was brought before the House of Lords, where the prosecution was led by William Prynne, a Puritan lawyer who had himself been held in the Tower by Laud's orders. The House of Lords adjourned without condemning Laud of treason and equally the House of Commons was unable to arrive at a vote for impeachment. Eventually, both houses of Parliament issued a special decree to condemn him, the House of Commons on 15 November 1644 and the House of Lords on 4 January 1645.

Like Charles, William Laud was committed to the episcopacy as the Dominically ordained order for the Church. He also believed in the centrality of the Mass and like Andrewes before him, held to the importance of confession before receiving the Sacrament. Both in life and in death, Archbishop Laud gave witness to the Catholic faith in the most turbulent of times within the Church in England.

The foregoing recounting of the significance of William Laud in the 17th century connect us to the work of the Society today. **Members are invited to submit nominations** for Board of Trustees consideration as members of the **Order of Blessed William Laud, Abp. & Martyr**. Today the rolls of this select group include over 50 members and supporters of the Society, in this life and the next, designated since the creation of this recognition in 2009. They are listed in the *SKCM News*.

In accordance with Board policy, the members of the Order are elected "in recognition of contributions rising to a certain level, or higher, of significance as to impact and benefit to the Society by members and supporters who are not members ... Election to membership in the Order of Laud shall be considered



equivalent to the designation of Benefactor status with regard to impact and benefit to the Society." Just as Benefactors are entitled to use "Ben." after their names, Order of Laud members may use "OL".

Most of the awards represent the furthering of key activities of the Society, *i.e.*, its publications and its Objects. These are, primarily, contributions to *SKCM News* ... dedication of churches and chapels, establishing and erecting votive shrines to, and placing prominent depictions of the Royal Martyr ... organizing and nurturing Chapters of the Society ... supporting the Society, its Patron, its Objects, its governance and organizational structure and needs ... and hosting its Annual Mass and other gatherings, preaching at them, and speaking and writing publicly in support of the Society.

Such nominations, giving background on the candidate and stating why he or she should be honored, should be sent by **30 January 2018** to The Ven. James G. Monroe, Ph.D., SSC, OL, Awards Chairman, at jimmon39@gmail.com or 4310 Meadow Forest Lane, Kingwood TX 77345-3007 USA, for consideration during the current awards cycle.

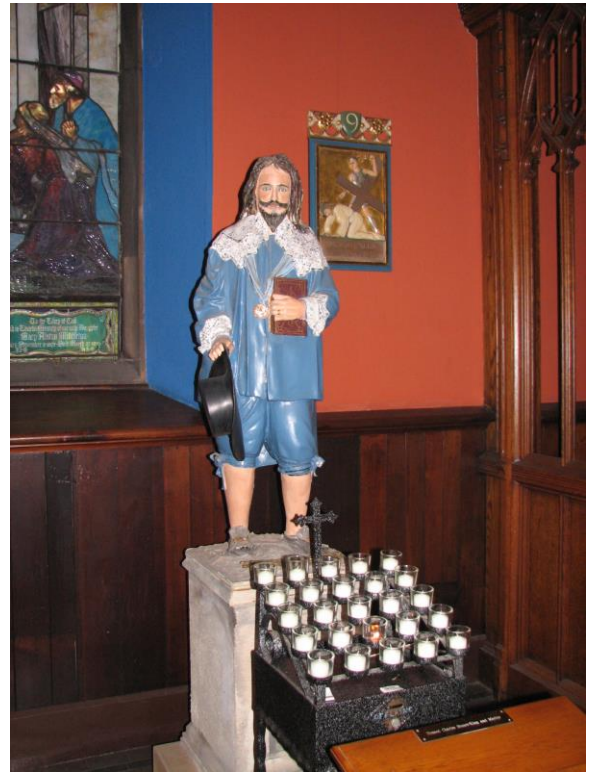
PREPARING FOR ROYAL MARTYR DAY

We invited our members and friends **let us know when local Royal Martyr Day observances are planned**, which we have shared not only in the Communique editions published on 6 and 23

December but now also in this edition. We are pleased to forward to you the following plans thus far received, as well as to include reports in the June *SKCM News* of all liturgies reported:

- + **IRVINE, CA:** Solemn Evensong for the Royal Martyr will be celebrated at Blessed John Henry Newman Ordinariate Catholic Church, 2532 Dupont Drive, Irvine, CA 92612 at 3 pm on Saturday, 27 January. This liturgy is being sponsored by the new SKCM-AR chapter located there. For more information go to www.newmanonline.org.
- + **LA MIRADA, CA:** Anglican Church of the Epiphany (ACNA) in La Mirada, CA will be having a said Eucharist in our chapel at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 30th in commemoration of the Royal Martyr. Contact matthaeus.nigellus@gmail.com for further details.
- + **LANTANA, FL:** There will be a Low Mass at 10:00 am on Tuesday, January 30th in the Church of the Holy Guardian Angels (Anglican Catholic Church) Lantana, Florida. Father David C. Kennedy, SSC, Rector.
- + **SPRINGFIELD, IL:** Mass for Royal Martyr Day will be celebrated at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 815 S. Second St., Springfield, IL on January 30, 2018 at 12:15 p.m. The Ven. Shawn W. Denney, SKCM, will be the Celebrant.
- + **VERSAILLES, KY:** Morning Prayer will be said at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Versailles, Kentucky at 7:00 EST on Tuesday, 30 January 2018. Please let Deacon Todd Renner, todd.renner@woodfordfinancial.net, know if you need more details.
- + **ANNAPOLIS, MD:** St Anne's Annapolis will use the propers of Charles at their noon service on 30 January. Their website is <https://stannes-annapolis.org>.
- + **WINSTON-SALEM, NC:** St Timothy's Episcopal Church will observe Royal Martyr Day with Morning Prayer for the Royal Martyr (1662 BCP) at 8am, Low Mass (Anglican Missal) at 8:15am, and Evening Prayer for the Royal Martyr (1662 BCP) at 4:45pm.
- + **WEST SENECA, NY:** Wednesday, 1/31/2018 at 7:00pm, St Nicholas Anglican Church (ACA), 539 Main Street, Fr. Phillip Cunningham – Celebrant.
- + **NEWPORT, RI:** *An Afternoon Treat with Barry Rose*, Sunday, 28 January, 2018 in honor of King Charles Martyr. St. John's Church, Washington & Willow Streets, Newport RI. *Open Rehearsal at 3:00 p.m.* with the Professional Choristers of The Choir School of Newport County and St. John's adult choir. General admission \$10; free to members of the Arts & Cultural Alliance of Newport County, Redwood Library & Atheneum, and The Preservation Society of Newport County. *Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.*, St. John's Church, free-will offering, celebrating the Feast of King Charles, Martyr (d. January 30, 1649). *English Tea Reception at 5:45 p.m.* with Dr. Barry Rose, O.B.E., St. John's Guild Hall, 61 Poplar Street, free. Tea, scones, and all the stories you can relish, benefiting the August 2018 educational choir tour to England. Among other special musical events in which he played a key role was the wedding of another royal Charles, the current Prince of Wales, to Lady Diana Spencer.
- + **PROVIDENCE, RI:** In addition to working with St John the Evangelist Church in Newport on their 28 January celebration, S Stephen's Providence will observe Royal Martyr Day with a Low Mass at 12:10 pm on Tuesday, January 30th.
- + **CLARKSVILLE, TN:** The Tennessee Chapter will hold its commemoration service at 11:30 AM CST, Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 317 Franklin St., Clarksville, TN. The Rev'd Roger Senechal, Chaplain, will be the celebrant and preacher. For more information visit www.tnscm.org.
- + **FORT WORTH, TX:** See above for information on the SKCM-AR's Annual Mass & Luncheon.
- + **ROCKWALL, TX:** The Anglican Oratory of Lake Ray Hubbard (REC) will be observing Evensong in honor of KCM. We are a new tiny mission, but will do our small part and promoting his feast. Sunday, Jan 28 at 5PM with Catechesis to follow. Contact Revtemplin@gmail.com.
- + **MONTROSS, VA:** Holy Redeemer Anglican Church. Montross, VA, plans to have a memorial service on 30 January. Contact The Rev Dr. W.R. Gardiner, PhD, at trampus314@aol.com for more information.

Don't forget - as we announced on 23 December, **the full propers and additional hymns for Royal Martyr Day are now available for free download from the Society website, www.skcm-usa.org.** This collection remains a work in progress; if you have additional Royal Martyr Day liturgical resources or hymnody to submit, please send them to frsteve@sttimothys.ws. We particularly thank our member John Burrows for composing two of the hymns.



MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENTS

Since October 1, 2017 the Society has recognized two new Honorary Members, Life Members, and Benefactors. The **Honorary Members**, who have earned their recognition due to length of membership, are Wallace H. Spaulding, PhD, of Arlington, VA and our President Emeritus, The Rev'd Canon William H. Swatos, Jr., PhD, OL, of Galva, IL. Our new **Life Members** are The Rev'd Richard C. Alton, of Philadelphia, PA, and The Rev'd W. Patrick Edwards, of Southampton, NY; they have paid advance dues, i.e., \$250 for those age 65 or over, \$360 below. Joining our growing list of **Benefactors**, who are members who have contributed \$700 or more (exclusive of dues or goods purchases) cumulatively to the Society in North America, are The Very Rev'd Canon Harry E. Krauss III of New York, NY and Dr. Galen B. Ritchie of Delmar, NY. Benefactors may use "Ben." after their names.

We're pleased that since 1 October some 23 new or reinstated former members have joined the Society, bringing our current total membership to 416 – a record number, at least during recent years. Keep them coming! And if you have not yet paid your 2018 dues – we're tracking about the same as last year at this point – you are encouraged to do so.

The December **SKCM News** was mailed late that month; you should have it by now. Note that we received *Church and King*, published by the Society in the Mother Country, in time to include it with this mailing. Also note that attached to C&K is an abbreviated form our membership flyer, which includes a membership application; you are encouraged to make copies of the flyer and give it to potential members and/or place it in your church's tract rack. (The full version is available by download from membership@skcm-usa.org.) Remember: the strongest membership recruitment step is to personally ask a prospect.

MAY YOU AND YOURS HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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