



REMEMBER!

## *email Communiqué*

**Society of King Charles the Martyr - American Region  
Accession Day of King Charles I & Founding of SKCM – 27 March 2018**

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27 March marks the Accession of Charles I as monarch of England, Scotland and Ireland, upon the death of his father James I. In the last years of his life, James had been plagued with bouts of arthritis, gout and fainting spells, and his heavy consumption of alcohol contributed to his decline. He died at Theobalds House in Hertfordshire, one of his favorite country residences. (During the Commonwealth, Cromwell would see to its speedy demolition and disposal.)

Owing to his elder brother's death in 1612, Charles had been created Prince of Wales in 1616. Under the tutelage of his father he also adhered strongly to the principle that kings are appointed by God to rule by divine right. Charles succeeded to the throne in 1625 as the second Stuart monarch.

Charles inherited all of the problems left by his father, including growing financial pressures and a disgruntled Parliament. He also inherited the highly unpopular Duke of Buckingham who would eventually be assassinated in 1628.

Quite notably, the early years of his reign would be consumed with ironing out the difficulties of his marriage with the French Catholic princess Henrietta Maria. Over time, their marriage became the closest of relationships, a source of great comfort to Charles during the last years of his life when he was imprisoned, tried for high treason and "other high crimes against the realm of England" and eventually executed.

As we reflect upon the events of Holy Week, primarily Our Lord's arrest, trial and crucifixion, we see mirrored in them the tragic affairs culminating in the martyrdom of Charles I. Having the desire to imitate Our Lord in life, he had the privilege of imitating Him in death. May Charles inspire us to follow more closely in the steps of Our Lord.

*An important postscript:* It was also on 27 March 1894, when 27 March was Easter Tuesday – a week earlier than this year – that Mrs Ermengarda Greville-Nugent and The Rev'd James Leonard Fish founded the SKCM in 1894, thus making this year the 124<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding and next year a key date for us to celebrate. Mrs Greville-Nugent remained as President of the SKCM in the Mother Country until 1932, passing from this life on 9 July 1949; Fr Fish died on 29 December 1906. Please remember them in your prayers.

And REMEMBER!

## COMMEMORATING ROYAL MARTYR DAY ... LAST CHANCE TO SHARE!

**W**E've invited our members and friends **let us know when local Royal Martyr Day observances were planned**, with their announcements first shared in the Communique and then post-observance reports to be carried in the June *SKCM News*. We have heard from the following churches and other places – thank you - but **if you have any additional reports** please submit them to [membership@skcm-usa.org](mailto:membership@skcm-usa.org) by **6 April** so that they, too, may be shared with the membership:

- + **IRVINE, CA:** Blessed John Henry Newman Ordinariate Catholic Church;
- + **LA MIRADA, CA:** Anglican Church of the Epiphany (ACNA);
- + **NEW HAVEN, CT:** Christ Church (TEC);
- + **LANTANA, FL:** Church of the Holy Guardian Angels (ACC);
- + **ATHENS, GA:** St Stephen's Anglican Church (ACC);
- + **DUNWOODY, GA:** St. Barnabas' Anglican Church (APA);
- + **SAVANNAH, GA:** Collegiate Church of St Paul the Apostle (TEC);
- + **SPRINGFIELD, IL:** Cathedral Church of St. Paul (TEC);
- + **VERSAILLES, KY:** St. Andrew's Anglican Church (ACNA/REC);
- + **ANNAPOLIS, MD:** St Anne's (TEC);
- + **PORTLAND, ME:** St Paul's Anglican (ACA);
- + **DURHAM, NC:** St Luke's Church (TEC);
- + **HENDERSON, NC:** Church of the Holy Innocents (TEC);
- + **WINSTON-SALEM, NC:** St Timothy's Church (TEC);
- + **WEST SENECA, NY:** St Nicholas Anglican Church (ACA);
- + **NEWPORT, RI:** St. John's Church (TEC);
- + **PROVIDENCE, RI:** S Stephen's Church (TEC);
- + **GREENVILLE, SC:** St. Andrew's Church (TEC);
- + **CLARKSVILLE, TN:** The Tennessee Chapter at Trinity Episcopal Church;
- + **CLEVELAND, TX:** Holy Cross Anglican Church (ACC);
- + **FORT WORTH, TX:** SKCM-AR Annual Mass at St Timothy's Church (ACNA)
- + **ROCKWALL, TX:** The Anglican Oratory of Lake Ray Hubbard (REC);
- + **MONTROSS, VA:** Holy Redeemer Anglican Church (UEC).
- + **NASHOTAH, WI:** Nashotah House.



## REPORT FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING ON 15 FEBRUARY

The Board of Trustees held its required annual meeting on 15 February as the “membership” of the Society of King Charles the Martyr, Inc. (the SKCM American Region). Under our by-laws, the trustees at the time constitute the formal membership, with everyone else being “associate members.” The sole power of the “members” is to elect the trustees. In recent years, the Board has been meeting several times each year to oversee and give direction to the Society. Here are the highlights of the meetings of the “members” and the Board per se:

### GOVERNANCE:

- ✓ The annual meeting of the members was recessed for several months, in order to complete a structural and personal evaluation, i.e., to identify plans and personal gifts required to better engage persons in addition to the current trustees; in the meantime, the leadership will remain in place ...
- ✓ Amended the bylaws to confirm that members in addition to trustees may serve on committees

### FINANCE:

- ✓ **FY 2017-18 income is down** due to less unrestricted donation dollars and fewer new life members, although new members and renewals are up and Annual Mass support slightly exceeded last year’s record total ...
- ✓ Formally created a **Finance Committee**, to be chaired by a trustee with other members to be non-trustees

### MEMBERSHIP:

- ✓ During the last half dozen years, **SKCM-AR membership has grown** from 300 to 423 (at press time up to 428, including 36 new members since 1 October) ...
- ✓ Only one-third of the membership is in churches where there are one or more additional members, a continuing challenge; thus, it is important to **turn logical new or former chapters into reality**, with local Caroline events important motivators of growth ...
- ✓ Reviewed **comments from new members**, which contained much information of interest on new member backgrounds and interests ...
- ✓ Noted the recent creation of the **third currently active local chapter, Blessed John Henry Newman Chapter**, drawn from three Ordinariate Catholic communities in Southern California ...
- ✓ Conferred the **Order of Laud** designation to honor our members Charles Coulombe of CA, Adrian Thomas of the UK, and Peter Yancey of CA (see the January *email Communique* for background on the Order of Laud)

### DEVOTIONAL:

- ✓ See the February *email Communique* for a report on our **2018 AM&L** held in Fort Worth, TX ...
- ✓ Planning has begun for the **2019 AM&L**, to be held at Nashotah House ...
- ✓ Current AM&L guidelines are being reviewed, particularly to increase membership recruitment at this annual flagship venue ...
- ✓ **2018 Royal Martyr Day Observances reports** are to be included in the June *SKCM News* ...

- ✓ Reviewed Society activities directed at adding the Royal Martyr to the **calendar of observances** in The Episcopal Church ...
- ✓ Endorsed continuing work on getting **devotional materials** into the hands of more members, not only for Royal Martyr Day but also for other Caroline observances during the year ...
- ✓ Approved a KCM **holy card** and **glorification prayer** to proceed to publication ...
- ✓ Received **documentation rebutting claims** that Charles I personally was responsible for the execution of English Catholics ...
- ✓ Reviewed the progress of developing an additional **devotional manual** geared to Ordinariate Catholic and similar members, adding to the Society's several current devotional manuals, as well as collecting and publishing liturgical and related materials for observing additional Caroline memorials ...
- ✓ Continued planning for writing materials that could go into **tracts** published by the Society, both for entry level inquirers as well as increasing knowledge and with the possibility of their emerging as DVDs for study groups and exhibits

## COMMUNICATIONS:

- ✓ Continued planning for a proposed **joint exhibit by devotional societies** at the 2018 General Convention of The Episcopal Church ...
- ✓ Noted that the **Society portrait** of the Royal Martyr, the work of our member Thomas P. Curtis of WI, is now at Nashotah House ...
- ✓ Further free **downloads of material from the website** are planned, beyond Royal Martyr Day resources ...
- ✓ Additional **Facebook** visibility is intended ...
- ✓ **Society goods** available for purchase currently are worth over \$10,000 ...
- ✓ Placement is being sought of appropriate **articles in publications** of various jurisdictions

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