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KCM grants charter to Roxbury Latin School (1645) - 31 August 2018

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From the President: Remember!

On a beautiful Tuesday this past May, I walked down Whitehall in London with neither agenda nor appointments. As is often the case with London, unexpected rain quickened my pace, focused my journey, and I found a welcome respite in the Banqueting House. For over an hour I waited out the downpour under Ruben's canopy and my thoughts naturally turned to the Royal Martyr. It was not lost on me that my refuge from the storm was in a space so connected to the life and death of King Charles I. My English friends are sometimes confused, or at very least amused, that Americans have a devotion to King Charles. Our nation chose Constitution over Crown, making Caroline observances by Americans, such as Oak Apple Day, seem a bit odd. Our devotion to King Charles, however, is not based on mere sentimental romanticism about kings and courts but on catholic faith and order. King Charles gave his life because he firmly believed that defending the catholic faith was worth dying for thereby reminding us that catholic faith is worth living for. We cannot imagine the storms that raged outside Whitehall during his reign, but we are called to remember the fidelity to Jesus Christ and His Church that governed him. As the thunder rattled the windows the Banqueting House, I thought about the other storms that were outside. I thought about the struggles within Anglicanism and the struggles individual Christians have in living the catholic faith. And certainly, this week, the Body of Christ is wounded by growing revelations of clergy abuse and cover-up in the Roman Catholic Church. Dark clouds loom. It



is easy to question how the Church can survive the storms. King Charles knew that Christ would not abandon His Church, and he died for and in this knowledge. We look to Jesus Christ for our hope and to King Charles, his martyr, for courage. Remember!

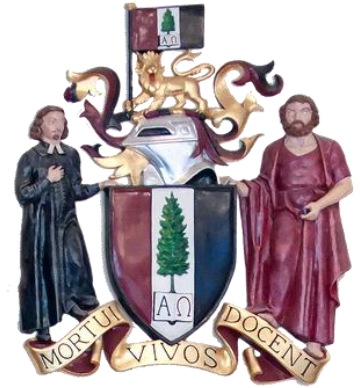
- The Rev'd Steven C. Rice, D.Min., President

Today's Caroline Connection: Chartering of Roxbury Latin School

31 August 1645 is the date of the formal founding of the Roxbury Latin School, under a charter received from Charles I. Roxbury itself (a south-west suburb of Boston), and the surrounding area, was settled by Puritans fleeing England. Convinced that the Church of England, especially Archbishop Laud, had been perverted by Papalist tendencies, they came to New England to establish the New Jerusalem, the City on the Hill.

In 1642, the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony passed the General Education Law requiring children and apprentices to read and write. One of the leading townsmen of Roxbury, Samuel Hagbourne, provided in his will of January 1642 for the establishing of a “free school in the town.” Upon his death in 1643 his widow Catherine married Thomas Dudley, who along with John Eliot, was able to persuade sixty-six landowners to pledge income from the holdings to underwrite the expenses of headmaster and school building in the amount of £20 per annum.

Thomas Dudley, who gave the most towards the building of the school, and John Eliot are recognized both as founders. John Eliot, a Puritan clergyman, also established a mission to the Massachusetts Indians in what is now Newton. This was never popular with the establishment in Boston as most Puritans regarded the native Americans as having been created not by God but by Satan. Eliot published two tracts outlining his success with the Indian mission that were then forwarded to Parliament. In 1649, Parliament passed an act that resulted in the establishment of the Society for the Propagating of the Gospel, and this became the foundation of Eliot’s work with the Indians for the rest of his ministry. In so doing, Puritanism itself was expanded to include native Americans in the Covenant so central to Puritan thought.



It should also be noted that after the death of Archbishop Laud in 1646 and the regicide of Charles in 1649, as many as a quarter of the Puritans who came to New England in the 1630s left the New Jerusalem for their homeland, including one-third of their ministers.

Roxbury Latin remains one of the oldest, operating private schools in the United States, known for excellence in preparing its 7-12th grade students for advanced education. It boasts the highest matriculation rate to the Ivy League colleges as well as the highest SAT averages of any school in the country. Former headmaster of Roxbury Latin for 30 years, Fr F. Washington “Tony” Jarvis, OL, is a life member of the SKCM, and one of his students, Jonathan Jensen, Phil.D., OL, joined the Society during Fr Jarvis’s tenure as headmaster and currently is our VP for Membership Programs.

- *The Rev’d Canon Jonathan J. D. Ostman, SSC, OL, Vice President – Devotional Programs*

Board of Trustees Meets; Fr Steve Rice Elected New President

Last week the Society’s Board of Trustees met by conference call, among other things completing formal organization for the term which had been delayed since the usual time in February. Here are highlights:

- + **Governance:** The Board adopted a plan calling for better engagement of trustees and other members. This action is a further step in the Society’s evolution into a collective leadership model which actually began a decade ago with incorporation. The plan notes that the Board is doing too much committee work at meetings, leadership responsibilities need to be spread out, more needs to happen between Board meetings, and the stake in the Society of non-trustee members needs to be expanded.

A key feature is that three subject matter Groups, each headed by a Vice President and coordinated through the Executive Committee, now will be the prime planners and implementers in the areas of Communications, Devotions, and Membership; also, the Secretary will work with the SKCM News Editor and further enable relations with other devotional societies. The various Groups continually will be on the lookout for more talent to involve. Another key feature is reactivating the office of

President, the duties of which for the past couple years having been shared by the Episcopal Patron and others since the retirement of Canon William Swatos.

- + The 10 current **trustees** were re-elected, with the 11th seat (formerly held by Fr Swatos) filled by The Rev'd Cn Jonathan J.D. Ostman, *SSC*, OL, of Marshall, VA, heretofore a non-voting officer. Thus, the Board of Trustees now consists of The Rt Rev'd Keith L. Ackerman, *SSC*, DD, Ben., OL, of Keller, TX ... John R. Covert, OL, of Acton, MA ... Theodore R. Harvey, of Dallas, TX ... Jonathan Jensen, D.Phil., Ben., OL, of Naples, FL ... Richard L. Mammana, Jr., Ben., OL, of New Haven, CT ... The Rt Rev'd Daniel H. Martins, DD, of Springfield, IL ... Cn Ostman ... Phoebe Pettingell, Ben., OL, of Providence, RI ... The Rev'd Steven C. Rice, D.Min., of Winston-Salem, NC ... Gregory V. Smith, MBA, MA, FACMT, OL, of Clarksville, TN ... and The Rev'd Martin C. Yost, *SSC*, of Catskill, NY.
- + The new **officers** are Fr Rice, President ... Bp Ackerman, continuing as Episcopal Patron and Chairman of the Board ... Mr Covert, ongoing VP for Communications Programs, Cn Ostman, VP for Devotions Programs, and Dr Jensen, VP for Membership Programs ... Mrs Pettingell, Secretary. Mr Smith will remain as chairman of the Finance Committee. Former trustee David Lewis, *FAAO*, OL will continue as Treasurer/Administrator.
- + The program-related **Groups** are: **COMMUNICATIONS**: Mr Covert, Mr Mammana, Bp Martins, and Timothy L. Martin of Indianapolis, IN and Mark A. Wuonola, PhD, Ben., OL, of Waltham, MA ... **DEVOTIONS**: Cn Ostman, Fr Yost, and former trustee Paul W. McKee, Ben., OL, of Washington, DC, Charles Coulombe, *KCStS*, OL, of Arcadia, CA, Daniel Nieciecki of New York, NY, and The Rev'd Dr J. Peter Pham of Washington, DC ... **MEMBERSHIP**: Dr Jensen, Mr Harvey, and former trustees The Ven James G. Monroe, PhD, *SSC*, OL, of Kingwood, TX, and Alexander J. Roman, PhD, OL, of Toronto, ON, and F. Joseph M. Goldkamp of Ladue, MO. Additional members can be added during the term. On the **FINANCE COMMITTEE**, joining Mr Smith (Chairman) are former trustee Baron Fain of Charleston, VA and Kevin J. Hanratty, CPA, Esq., of New York, NY. Mrs Pettingell is Board liaison to the *SKCM News* (Benjamin M. Guyer, PhD, of Jackson, TN, Editor) and for relations with other devotional societies.
- + **Financial**: A fiscal year surplus of around \$1,000 is anticipated. Various financial improvements are continuing at the instance of the Finance Committee and Treasurer, especially to enhance investment earnings and ensure bank account security. A \$14,000 balanced budget was adopted for FY 2018-19.
- + **Communications**: It appears that no further advance toward recognizing 30 January as Royal Martyr Day occurred at the recent Episcopal Church General Convention, despite such recognition already existing in a number of Anglican Provinces and Churches. The Communications Group will examine and plan for current website needs, seek and publish photos of local celebrations, seek expanded *SKCM News* and other coverage of the Annual Mass & Luncheon, increase Society visibility beyond the Annual Mass cycle, expand goods sales, and update social media needs. Sending the *SKCM News* in bulk to parishes ordering same is in active planning.
- + **Devotional**: Planning proceeds for the 26 January 2019 Annual Mass & Luncheon at Nashotah House. The Devotional Group is reviewing current Annual Mass guidelines. New member dues will be raised by \$10 effective 1 October 2018 in order to provide each new member with both a devotional manual and a devotional item. A mounted icon of the Royal Martyr will be made available for purchase on the website. The Liturgical Manual will be sent without charge to the chaplain of each new chapter, to encourage celebration of the liturgies included. Appropriate liturgical materials for the three major Caroline observances will be made available as PDF downloads, to include missal inserts as well as pew sheets. A holy card and glorification prayer with artwork are in production, together with well-researched articles on "Is Charles I a Saint."

- + **Membership:** Growth continues, including over a half dozen new student members. The Membership Group will examine and present plans regarding how to increase Society membership in targeted areas, recruit more student members (particularly at Nashotah House, which already has three), form and reactivate chapters, potentially publish a membership directory, and establish a formal program of planned giving and other special member gifts.

The meeting was **adjourned in memory** of Canon Robert S.H. Greene, OL of Winnipeg, ON and J. Douglass Ruff, Esq., Ben., OL of Washington, DC, members who had passed from this life since the last Board meeting.

Other Society News

We're now at **421 members in the SKCM American Region!** Some 51 members are new or reinstated, which is already higher than last year's final total of 49. And we are at a record 66 Life Members – 16% of our total membership, a net increase of seven LMs from a year ago. If you would like a PDF from which to make membership flyers, which includes an application form, and/or need further assistance in “growing” membership in your local church or general area, please email the Treasurer/Administrator at membership@skcm-usa.org.

Society members are invited to submit nominations for Board of Trustees consideration as members of the Order of Blessed William Laud, Abp. & Martyr. The Board elects the members of the Order (there are now over 50) “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 ...” Just as Benefactors are entitled to use “Ben.” after their names, Order of Laud members may use “OL”. Such nominations, giving background on the candidate and stating why he or she should be honored, should be sent by **2 November 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.



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