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Completing His Journey toward God

Just before writing this reflection, I planned a funeral with a grieving family. I can't recall the number of times I've done this, the number of times I've explained the theology of the funeral – to commend the soul to Almighty God and to commit the body to the earth. I



remind the family, and often the congregation, that the focus of the act is not on the living, but on the dead. We are praying for the dead so that, in God's mercy, they may journey toward the beatific vision. To bury the dead is a duty and an act of mercy; one that was denied King Charles. Colonel Whitchcot, governor of Windsor Castle, denied the Royal Martyr the use of the Book of Common Prayer and he was buried, according to Lord Clarendon, "without any words, or other ceremonies than the tears and sighs of a few beholders."

Once again, devotion to King Charles as martyr, bears great Christian fruit. His burial, void of any Christian character, moves us to examine why this was so egregious and why its memory wounds still today. In death we are all equal, whether we are a prince or a pauper. All deserve a proper burial and with the assurance of the prayers of the Church, entrusting the soul of the dead to the unfathomable grace

and mercy of God. By suffering this final indignity, Charles again uplifts the Church. What is missing from his internment is not so much pomp fit for a king, but prayers on behalf of a servant.

As a martyr, we trust that King Charles has completed his journey toward God. As those devoted to his cause, let us remember why he died and what was denied. May we use this anniversary to pray, through his intercession, for the faithful departed and to engage in corporal works of mercy, especially the burial of the dead.

- *The Rev'd Steven C. Rice, Obl.S.B., D.Min., President*

Setting the Pace for 2019-2020

The SKCM-AR Board met on 5 February for its annual organizational session. Here are some highlights from the conference call meeting:

TRUSTEES FOR 2019-2020: Of the 11 trustees, nine are continuing for another term. Theodore Harvey of TX and Gregory Smith of TN opted to retire and have been succeeded by Kevin Hanratty of NY and Alexander Roman of ON Canada. The full Board now consists of:

The Rt. Rev'd Keith Lynn Ackerman, SSC, DD, Ben., OL, of Keller, TX
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VP/Devotional Programs: Cn Ostman
VP/Membership Programs: Dr Jensen
Secretary: Mrs Pettingell
Treasurer/Administrator: David Lewis, FAAO, OL (non-trustee)

COUNTERING CHALLENGES: There was serious discussion of the role of the Society in countering comments that challenge the sanctity and significance of the Royal Martyr. One challenge is that all too often today's values are projected back to what had taken place in the past. With Charles' sanctity as the bottom line, the Society must seek to make proper, informed apologia, with its leaders and members patiently rebutting mistruth and

misconception. Thus, the Society will provide its members and readers with tools to proclaim the truth. Watch for additional information soon on this issue, including the utility and availability of materials already published including recent editions.

ANNUAL MASS: Last month's Annual Mass at Nashotah House was reviewed (see separate article below). Also, the Executive Committee will now proceed with a review of existing Annual Mass policies and guidelines, anticipated at the February Board meeting.

FINANCIAL STATUS: Finances are in good shape, with contributions, new members and renewals slightly behind last year at this time but overall similar to recent years, and the movement of the endowment fund from a savings account to an investment account (with most of the life membership reserve) is off to a good start. Expenditures are within or below amounts budgeted.

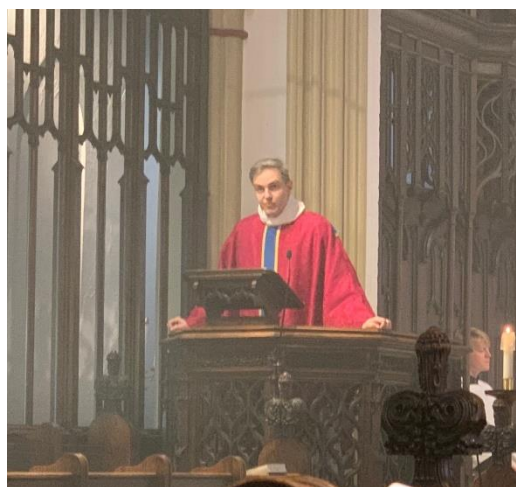
SOCIETY GOODS: Expect to see specific Society goods highlighted on an ongoing basis, both in the email Communique and in social media. A scarf is under active development, as is an icon of the Royal Martyr.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH: Using 31 January as the checkpoint, membership (which at press time now totals 449) is up 6% over the past 12 months and 20% over the past four years. To retain and expand this momentum, members are encouraged to recruit additional members.

Hymn Written by SKCM Member Begins 36th Annual SKCM-AR Royal Martyr Day Mass

Nearly 30 hardy souls braved the snow and sub-zero temperatures of a harsh Wisconsin winter to observe the martyrdom of King Charles I. The Annual Mass was held at the Nashotah House Theological Seminary, located just west of Milwaukee, in the 19th century chapel. Nashotah House was founded in 1842 by three young deacons who were recent graduates of the General Theological Seminary in New York City under the direction of the then Missionary Bishop Jackson Kemper, a strong supporter of the Oxford Movement.

The Mass began with the hymn *On This Most Holy Day of Days*, sung to the familiar tune *St. Agnes* and written by our member John Burrows of NJ; this hymn and others are available through the Society's website. The sermon, preached by the celebrant, The Rev. Thomas Nicholson Buchan III, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Church History, was very well received and is planned to be included in the June 2019 *SKCM News*. Additional hymns included *Royal Charles, who chose to die*, *Let thy Blood in mercy poured*, and *With thankful hearts thy glory*.



The organ prelude and postlude were skillfully rendered by The Rev. Alexander R. Pryor, who is Instructor of Chapel Music and Director of Music and Worship, who helped organize the Annual Mass and make it a success in spite of Mother Nature's attempt to derail it. Attendees came as far away as Virginia and central Illinois, and there was a decent representation of seminarians, even though the bulk of students had not yet returned for the spring term.

Watch for further news on upcoming SKCM American Region Annual Masses, as well as information that will be helpful to local observances of other Caroline commemorations, e.g., Restoration/Oak Apple/Royal Oak Day (29 May) and the Nativity of KCM (19 November).

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

Local Observances – Any More Out There?

As previously announced, the June *SKCM News* will include a report on all observances held in North America. We're glad that a number of local observances have been reported in addition to those published, some of them through the SKCM Facebook Group. If you have not checked in and want to be included in that report or desire to update your information, please email membership@skcm-usa.org by 31 March. We now have information from the following 33 places:

CANADA

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST (ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA), MONTREAL, PQ



UNITED STATES

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL (ACNA), LONG BEACH, CA
CHRIST CHURCH BROADWAY (TEC), NEW HAVEN, CT
ST. PAUL'S (K STREET) CHURCH (TEC), WASHINGTON, DC
ST. PETER'S IN THE GLEN (ANGLICAN), GLEN ST. MARY, FL
ST. BARNABAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH (APA), DUNWOODY, GA

OUR REDEEMER ANGLICAN CHURCH (ACC), MARIETTA, GA
COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE (TEC),
SAVANNAH, GA
CHRIST THE REDEEMER ANGLICAN CHURCH (APA),
WARNER ROBINS, GA
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CATHEDRAL (ACC) INDIANAPOLIS, IN
ST. ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH (ACNA), VERSAILLES, KY

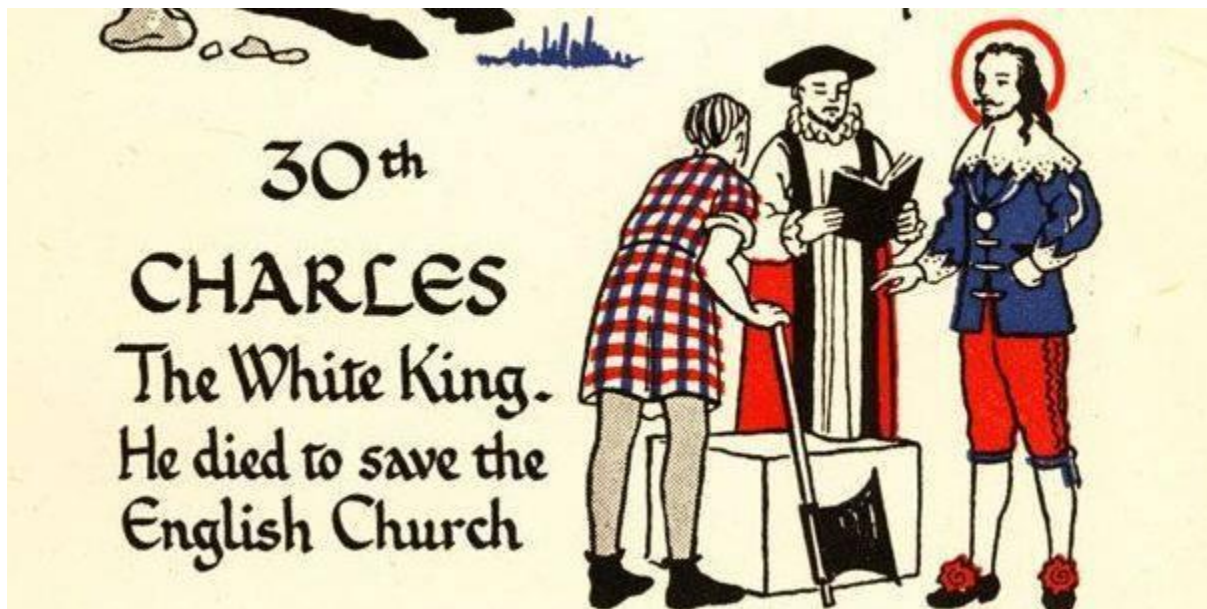
CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY (TEC), WEYMOUTH, MA
ST ANNE'S CHURCH (TEC), ANNAPOLIS, MD
GRACE & ST. PETER'S CHURCH (TEC), BALTIMORE, MD
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