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## *email Communiqué*

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## **Our Lady of Walsingham: Caroline Connections**

**F**ive years ago SKCM-AR Life Member, The Rt. Rev'd Chad Jones, *SSC*, now Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of the Eastern States (DEUS) in the Anglican Province of America (APA), provided good background about this day in his *Philorthodox* blog. It



is an excellent sharing of significance to the Society which we are pleased to share with you again:

“ ... the Shrine Church bearing the title [of Our Lady of Walsingham] is the national Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary in England, the spiritual epicentre of world Anglican Catholicism. In AD 1061 the Holy Mother of God appeared in a vision to a noblewoman, Richeldis de Faverches, and commanded that a Shrine in honour of the Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Family be built on her

land. Our Lady revealed the design she desired to be built, a small house, a replica of the Holy House in which the Annunciation from the Archangel Gabriel took place and in which the Holy Family dwelt at Nazareth. A miraculous well sprang up in the place chosen by the

Mother of God for the erection of the Shrine, and so the original Holy House was built thereon. ...

“The devotion lay in abeyance until a young Anglican vicar, Father Alfred Hope Patten, moved to Walsingham in 1921 with the hope of restoring the ancient Shrine as well as the ancient Faith. A leader of the Catholic Movement in the Anglican Church, the energetic Father Patten restored the fullness of orthodox doctrine and practice to the parish Church of Saint Mary's, Little Walsingham, and in 1922 he restored the Image of Our Lady of Walsingham inside the parish Church at the north side of the building. It was his idea to base the new statue of Our Lady of Walsingham on the Image depicted on the seal of the medieval Priory. Regular pilgrimage and devotion were returned to Walsingham. From the first night the Image was restored, people gathered to offer their intercessions in union with the prayers of Our Lady, and the ministry of prayer, intercession, and devotion has gone on unbroken every day since.”



**T**he Shrine has tangible Caroline connections. A statue of St. Charles (*above*) was placed in the Shrine Church of Our Lady of Walsingham by Father Patten in the 1930s, when the shrine was first built, and it remains there still. It is presently



positioned beside the steps leading to the Orthodox Chapel. Also, a bust of St. Charles appears above the front door of The Kings Lodge, a house at the side of the Shrine grounds. This early devotion by one of the pillars of Anglo-Catholic revival in the UK testifies to the continuing veneration of St. Charles throughout the Anglo-Catholic movement.

In North America, some of our members will recall the Episcopal Proto Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham at Grace Church in Sheboygan, WI. Others will note that the dedication of the Ordinariate Catholic Cathedral in Houston, TX is to Our Lady of Walsingham, including a large outdoor shrine (*left*).

## A Couple Questions to Discern Member Interest

- ❖ Would you be interested in receiving the *SKCM News* electronically instead by mailed hard copy?
- ❖ Would your parish like to order the *SKCM News* in bulk, in addition to the copies otherwise prepared for the membership?

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## Posted to Our World: Our Annual Dues Statement and Contributions & Goods Opportunities

In early October we mailed our annual statement so that members and friends may, depending upon their status, pay annual (including future years) dues, support the Annual Mass and/or the General Fund, become a Life Member, and/or purchase Society goods.

We have already attracted three new Life Members thus far in October – the same as last year’s total! Our membership currently totals 444 and most likely will continue to grow.

As announced in last month’s *Communique*, we’ve made a significant change in **how we recognize and thank our contributors**. Noting current giving trends, we have added a \$250 level for Annual Mass contributors ... established General Fund contributor levels using the Annual Mass levels ... and expanded overall Benefactor recognition to include three rather than just one level but with those at all levels collectively designated as Benefactors, as now. Finally, to make certain that everyone has a fair chance to be thanked under the updated recognition levels, **the Benefactors list in the December SKCM News will reflect all contributions received through 31 October**.

Many of us will spot these changes as being similar to recognition systems used by other organizations, designed to encourage as well as thank those who support the Society. Today, 38% of the Society’s budget income comes from contributions, enabling us to keep our dues low and stable and for which we are thankful.

## Nominations Invited: Order of Laud

Society 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 10 years ago.

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”.

Such nominations, giving background on the candidate and stating why he or she should be honored, should be sent by 2 November 2019 to The Ven. James G. Monroe, Ph.D., SSC, Awards Chairman, at jimmon39@gmail.com or 4310 Meadow Forest Lane, Kingwood TX 77345-3007 USA, for consideration during the current awards cycle.

## Upcoming: Nativity of KCM

Mark your calendar: 19 November is the day when we commemorate the birth of Charles Stuart at Dunfermline Castle to King James VI of the Scots and his queen, Anne of Denmark, in 1600. Since this is an important Caroline observance, this Society (together with our Mother Society across the Pond) encourages all members and their churches to make proper observance. Thus, **the Eucharistic propers for this feast are attached**, and the November *Communique* will feature a significant article conveying its importance.



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### **SOCIETY OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR XXXVII ANNUAL SOLEMN MASS OF SAINT CHARLES, K.M.**

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***AND BRING IN A NEW MEMBER THIS YEAR!***