



**REMEMBER!**

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**Society of King Charles the Martyr - American Region**

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**Royal Warrant to Abolish the State Services (1859)**

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## **The Question of Authority: Picking Up What is Broken**

**W**hen the Solicitor-General, John Cooke, started to read the charge against King Charles, the king tapped him on the shoulder with this cane accompanied by the command, "Hold!" followed by a second poke. Cooke ignored the command and continued. The third time, the King poked him with enough force that the silver tip came off and rolled on the floor.



King Charles wanted to know by what authority he had been called. His voice was not being heard and used the tip of his cane to get the attention of the man prosecuting him. Dramatically, the cane proved impotent, falling apart as if to symbolize the future of the monarchy and its arguments for authority. When the tip rolled on the floor, no one picked it up. The King himself had to rise and retrieve the tip and place it in his pocket.

How very often we feel that our voice isn't being heard. Both the Church and Culture keep speaking despite our pleas to *hold*. We plead for an explanation for the authority that grants a license to actions. The State Services were removed in 1859 (see Dr Roman's excellent article), the Royal Martyr is still

absent from the American Prayer Book, and so often the martyrdom of King Charles is misunderstood. The proverbial tip of our cane falls off and rolls on the floor.

*We pick it up.*

We remember that King Charles returned to his trial with the tip restored. He continued to prod and to raise the question of authority. He held to the conviction of Apostolic Faith and Order. His perseverance brings us to our persistence. May we use the Feast of the King Charles the Martyr as a call to renew our commitment to Our Lord and His Church and to continue our patient and persistent call to examine the question of Authority. And when our efforts are derided, ignored, or broken, let us rise and pick up what is broken and return to our trial restored. Remember!

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

## **When Cross and Crown Conflict: The Order of 1859**

**O**n January 17<sup>th</sup> 1859, Queen Victoria issued an order to cancel the State Services in the Book of Common Prayer that marked the Commemoration of King Charles the Martyr on January 30<sup>th</sup>.



This order raises important questions concerning the relation between Church and State. But, more significantly, it also has an enduring relevance for all members of the Society of King Charles the Martyr since our Society's foundational basis has ever been to oppose, on a number of fronts, the regrettable consequences that this order produced in the life of Ecclesia Anglicana since.

Indeed, January 17<sup>th</sup> might well be called a day of mourning, second only to the actual Feast of the Martyrdom of Saint Charles. It likewise constitutes a clarion call to us to redouble our efforts aimed at restoring justice with respect to the honour of the Royal Martyr who, on January 17<sup>th</sup>, suffered another blow, this time a legislative one to his enduring legacy as the defender and protector of the Church for which he died.

The entire issue is replete with the paradigm of Church-State relations. It would not be the first time in Christian history that this occurred. The two-headed eagle of the Byzantine, Russian and other empires testified to a synergy between Church and State. Byzantine Emperors called together Ecumenical Councils, when needed, to settle disputes regarding matters of faith and church discipline. Twenty such emperors and empresses were canonized for their services to the Church in this regard.

And when Tsar Saint Nicholas Romanov and the Royal Family of Russia were targeted by the Bolsheviks on July 17, 1918, they were martyred precisely because they represented the unshakeable synergy of the Orthodox Church and the Orthodox State with whose continued survival the Bolsheviks had no hope of inaugurating their new atheistic world order founded on the enslavement and destruction of many millions of people.

Saint Charles, King and Martyr, stands in that same historic Christian tradition where the Church was to Christianize society and bring to fruition the highest ideals of civil government founded upon Biblical norms and values.

He did that, first and foremost, by defending the same Catholicity of the Church which he clearly saw as continuing from the ancient Orthodox and Catholic Church of Jesus Christ down to his own “Orthodox Church of England” as he himself called it, complete with Apostolic Orders and Catholic Authority while blossoming with her own Saints, Doctors and Martyrs as testimony to its own true ecclesial reality and validity.

The 1859 Order was, in the words of the Anglo-Catholic liturgist, the Very Reverend Vernon Staley, “...clearly *ultra vires* ... to make the action of the Queen and the Parliament in 1859, in cancelling the form for January 30, valid, it is necessary to show that Convocation assented to the discontinuance of that form of Service. No evidence of Convocation being consulted as to the discontinuance of the Service is so far forthcoming . . . If so, the question will arise whether the Crown had the right to this action apart from the acquiescence of Convocation. To this question there can be but one answer, and that is in an emphatic, *NO.*” (Liturgical Studies, 1907, pp. 77-78).

To oppose the order of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1859 by promoting the liturgical and private veneration of King Charles the Martyr is not to be engaged in some sort of quaint hearkening back to times largely irrelevant to contemporary modernity. In fact, quite the opposite is true.

**T**he promotion of the celebration of St Charles in accordance with the historic Common Prayer Services affirms, at the same time, the independence of the Church from the State whenever the latter attempts to constrict its life so as to unduly and negatively influence its role as a true Christian leaven for society and the world.



When it comes to its Orthodox faith, Catholic sacraments and Evangelical preaching – the Church will not be silenced! The heretics of old found that out and so have the modern communist states. The modern materialistic, secular society with its own brand of anti-Christian a priori will likewise learn its lesson in a similar manner.

So on this day let us all rekindle our Apostolic zeal and redouble our efforts at promoting the liturgical celebration of King Charles the Martyr as our own contemporary witness to the Christian values he espoused which, as they were at the time of the Apostles and throughout the Church’s history, part of the great commission given to us all by our “Great God and Saviour, Jesus

Christ.” May we, by the intercession of the Royal Martyr, be empowered by the Holy Spirit to fulfill this our great duty and responsibility! Let us begin now to prepare ourselves for the upcoming Feast of St Charles so that we may truly and worthily “Remember!”

- Alexander Roman, Obl.S.B., PhD, OL, Member, Board of Trustees/  
- Canadian Representative

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

11 a.m., Saturday, 1 February 2020

**CATHEDRAL OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE  
Springfield IL USA**

The Rt Rev'd Daniel Hayden Martins, DD, Bishop of Springfield, *Celebrant*;

The Rev'd David J. Halt, Rector,

St Matthew's, Bloomington, IL, *Preacher*

**Music:** *Morning Star Service*, by Richard Shepherd (contemporary English composer);

Student singers from Blackburn College, Carlinville, IL,

Under direction of Diane Akin, organist at St Paul's, Carlinville

*Buffet Luncheon reservations: \$25 by 18 January*; checks to "St Paul's" - memo "SKCM"

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## Local Observances in North America

An updated list of reported commemoration plans, in addition to the Society's own Annual Mass & Luncheon, follows. If there is an observance available to you, you are encouraged to be there; if not, you may want to contact your local church and see if there will be one of which the Society is not aware. The June SKCM News will include a report on all observances held, so if you want to be included in that report or desire to update your information please email [membership@skcm-usa.org](mailto:membership@skcm-usa.org) by 31 March:



### CALIFORNIA

LONG BEACH – ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL (ANGLICAN-ACNA): We are celebrating at Evensong on the 29th in Long Beach, CA. Come visit! Contact: Joe Laughon ([joseph.laughon@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.laughon@gmail.com)).

### FLORIDA

GLEN ST MARY - ST PETER'S-IN-THE-GLEN (ANGLICAN): The state services for HM (Evening Prayer) will be read on the 30th in this small Anglican church in rural Florida. For further information contact Bo Register ([registerbo@gmail.com](mailto:registerbo@gmail.com)).

### GEORGIA

DUNWOODY - ST BARNABAS (ANGLICAN-APA): We will celebrate Mass in honour of Saint Charles Stuart, King and Martyr, on Thursday 30th January 2020 at 9am, in the presence of the official delegation of the Anglican Joint Synods (G4) - Polish National Catholic Church dialogue. Contact: The Rt Rev'd Chad Jones ([bspchj@gmail.com](mailto:bspchj@gmail.com)),

WARNER-ROBINS - CHRIST THE REDEEMER (ANGLICAN-ACA): We will commemorate the Martyrdom of Saint Charles at 7PM on January 29th. Of interest we have installed in our chapel a 18th Century engraving of the Royal Martyr. The Rev'd Matt Harlow, email at [harlowmatthew@gmail.com](mailto:harlowmatthew@gmail.com).

### KENTUCKY

VERSAILLES - ST ANDREW'S (ANGLICAN-ACNA): We will be holding a service of Evening Prayer in commemoration of the Royal Martyr on Thursday, 30 January 2020, at 5:30 p.m. J. Todd Renner, CPA, CGMA, Deacon; email [todd.renner@woodfordfinancial.net](mailto:todd.renner@woodfordfinancial.net).

## MARYLAND

BALTIMORE - GRACE & ST PETER'S (TEC): On 30 January 2020 at 6PM Byrd's *Mass for Four Voices* will be sung in the Lady Chapel of Grace and St. Peter's Church, Baltimore. The celebrant will be The Rev'd Christopher V. Pyles, Priest in Charge. The anthem will be William Child's *O Lord, Grant the King a Long Life*. At the end of High Mass prayers will be offered at the Shrine of Charles Stuart, King and Martyr at the rear of the nave. A reception will follow in the Rectory dining room. Grace and St. Peter's was the first church south of the Mason-Dixon Line built of brownstone in 1852. Contact [CVPyles@aol.com](mailto:CVPyles@aol.com).

## NEW YORK

CATSKILL – ST LUKE'S (TEC): We will have a Low Mass on the day at 6 pm. Contact: Fr Martin Yost at [fryost@gmail.com](mailto:fryost@gmail.com).

NEW YORK CITY - RESURRECTION (TEC): There will be a Low Mass for King Charles the Martyr on Thursday, January 30 at 12:15 p.m., 119 East 74th Street (just east of Park Avenue). Contact Cn Barry Swain at [rector@resurrectionnyc.org](mailto:rector@resurrectionnyc.org).

NEW YORK CITY - ST JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE (TEC): The Eucharist will be celebrated at 6:15 pm on Wednesday 29 January 2020 according to the rite of the Scottish Prayer Book, introduced by King Charles in 1637. The Celebrant will be The Reverend Graeme Napier MA (Oxon), sometime Chaplain of the Royal Stuart Society (UK). The Eucharist is followed by 'Caroline Cabaret': a convivial evening of Caroline and Jacobite song from the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, with harpsichord and professional musicians, and food and wine to share, and opportunities to sing along. The church address is 218 W 11th St, New York, NY 10014. Contact [rector@stjvny.org](mailto:rector@stjvny.org). Those interested in joining in the cabaret (\$10) are encouraged to register here: [www.carolus.eventbrite.com](http://www.carolus.eventbrite.com).



## NORTH CAROLINA

ASHEVILLE - CRAGGY MINIMUM-SECURITY PRISON (TEC MINISTRY): The Holy Eucharist is offered in this place on the 4th Thursday each month. We will remember Blessed King Charles the Martyr at the January 23 Mass. Contact: The Rev'd Tom Rightmyer ([trightmy@gmail.com](mailto:trightmy@gmail.com)).

## OHIO

COLUMBUS - ANGLICAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP: The Holy Eucharist will be offered at the Capital University Schenk Chapel at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, 2199 E. Main Street, Columbus OH 43209. For further information contact Ethan MacDonald ([ethanmcdonaldichss@gmail.com](mailto:ethanmcdonaldichss@gmail.com)).

## OKLAHOMA

BROKEN ARROW - ST MICHAEL'S (ANGLICAN-ACNA): Matins & Low Mass at 8am on the 30th. Contact The Rev'd Michael Keith Templin ([templin.blackberries@gmail.com](mailto:templin.blackberries@gmail.com)).

## RHODE ISLAND

NEWPORT - ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST (TEC), NEWPORT: We will observe the feast with a Low Mass following 5:30 Evening Prayer on Thursday 1/30/2020 in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers at the parish's shrine following Mass. The Rev'd N.J.A. Humphrey, Rector, The Zabriskie Memorial Church of Saint John the Evangelist on the Point, Washington & Willow Streets. Website: [www.saintjohns-newport.org](http://www.saintjohns-newport.org).

## SOUTH CAROLINA

GREENVILLE - HOLY TRINITY (ANGLICAN-ACC): We will celebrate a Low Mass on Thursday, 30th January 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in observance of the Martyrdom of St. Charles, K.M. Contact Fr Lawrence C. Holcombe ([1745holcombe@gmail.com](mailto:1745holcombe@gmail.com)).

## TEXAS

CLEVELAND - HOLY CROSS (ANGLICAN-ACC): We have a scheduled Evensong and Mass on the 30th. Contact The Ven James Monroe ([jimmon39@gmail.com](mailto:jimmon39@gmail.com)).

## VIRGINIA

MATHEWS – ST THOMAS (ANGLICAN-OAC): Evening Prayer service on the 30th at 6:30PM to remember the Royal Martyr. Our address is 15661 John Clayton Memorial Hwy, Mathews VA 23109; [www.MathewsAnglican.org](http://www.MathewsAnglican.org), Fr Jason Hess, Rector.

## Some Caroline Snippets

**T**he BBC reminds us of **one good reason that the Cromwells were removed and our Mother Country returned to its senses:**

*Lord Protector of England Oliver Cromwell seemed to be the Grinch of the 1600s. With the assistance of Parliament, he passed an ordinance in June 1647 that banned celebrating Christmas.*

*The notoriously puritanical Cromwell viewed elaborate Christmas festivities as wasteful, overly decadent, and sinful practices that threatened what he thought were the foundations of Christianity. The ban was strictly enforced, so much so that shops were to remain open on Christmas Day and soldiers patrolled the streets of London. They were ordered to confiscate any Christmas-related celebration food or decoration. The ordinance also abolished Easter and Whitsun feasts. Any indication of celebrating such a holiday could lead to an arrest. The ban (along with other legislation) was overturned in 1660 when the English Restoration took place.*



**D**on't forget that the **Friends of the SKCM Group in Facebook** is a membership benefit! As said in the Group's description, "This group has been renamed as the Friends of the Society of King Charles the Martyr. We consist not only of members of the Society, whether that located in the UK or North America, who enjoy this group as an extra benefit of membership, but also those who have an interest in the Royal Martyr but have not yet joined the Society." This Group provides ongoing postings and discussions of interest pertaining to the Royal Martyr, shared by the SKCM in the UK and the SKCM-AR. **If you have not joined and desire to do so, it's there for you!**

Are you interested in a complete listing of **Shrines and similar commemorative places to the Royal Martyr** throughout the world? As a joint project, the SKCM and SKCM-AR are actively assembling such a resource. Contact [membership@skcm-usa.org](mailto:membership@skcm-usa.org) if you know of a shrine and want to make certain that others do too.

As an example of **what a successful SKCM-AR Chapter can do**, take a look at the website of the Tennessee Chapter: <https://tnskcm.org/> They have nearly two dozen members, will be hosting the SKCM-AR Annual Mass and Luncheon next year, and have a lot to share with the rest of us!

On 31 December **the SKCM-AR reached a record high number of members: 452!** Just think – if each of us would recruit a new member, we would have nearly 1,000, an achievable milestone! Just put copies of the **SKCM flyer** (sent with this edition) which includes a membership application into your parish tract rack and/or give a copy to a friend who may be interested!

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