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Preparing for our XXXIX Annual Mass

As previously announced in this and other media, the **Society's XXXIX Annual Mass** will be held on **Saturday, 29 January 2022** at Trinity Church in Clarksville, TN. Founded in 1832, Trinity is one of the five oldest Episcopal parishes in Tennessee; it remained open during the Civil War. Its first building was erected in 1838, with recent repairs caused due to tornado damage in 1999. Clarksville is in the Nashville Metro Area, near the Kentucky border and Fort Campbell.



Last year, our Annual Mass was available by virtual connection only and thus did not include the usual lunch. However, it was attended by a record number of people: 250. This year, the Mass will be accessible to all (including hotel arrangements for those who desire same), will include a lunch, and also will be available by virtual connection. Maybe we'll have another record attendance since we'll have the best of both worlds!

We are honored and delighted that our Select Preacher will be The Right Reverend John Crawford Bauerschmidt, DD, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Nashville. He is an Honorary Member of both the Tennessee Chapter and the SKCM American Region.

Speaking of the Tennessee Chapter ... it is our most active chapter in the Society, with over two dozen members. When the question of "what can we do if we are a chapter" comes up, we invariably include this chapter and its usual calendar of activities as our answer. This Mass and what goes on with it are a tribute to and example of their devotion and dedication:

- + The **Celebrant of the Solemn Mass** will be The Reverend Roger Senechal, the Chapter's Chaplain and a Society member
- + The **liturgical program and music of the Mass** are under their preparation – we will hear more about this as the date approaches.
- + **Accommodations have been lined up** for those who do not live nearby and desire same, i.e., the Hilton Garden Inn Clarksville; call 931-647-1096
- + **A Friday evening Members' Reception** – 6 pm at the hotel
- + **A buffet luncheon following Mass** ... reservations needed by 17 January ... \$25/person ... check to "TN Chapter SKCM"; mail to Mr. Greg Smith,, 1993 Waywick Drive, Clarksville TN 37043 ... Memo "Luncheon"
- + **See the TN Chapter website (www.tnskcm.org) or contact gregsmithdtm@gmail.com for further information**

So, start thinking not about *whether* you can attend but *how* you will be participating this year, since the Society and the Tennessee Chapter are making it possible to do so either at the venue itself or by remote connection like last year!

Coming Soon: Annual Dues Statement and Contributions & Goods Opportunity

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

Today, 101 - **21% of our 491 members - are Life Members**; another **17% of our members have prepaid their dues**, some for as many as 10 years ahead! It is likely that these numbers, as well as our membership total, will continue to grow.

Also, one-third of the Society's budget income comes from contributions, enabling us to keep our dues low and stable and for which we are thankful.



Our goods are priced to cover acquisition and shipping/handling costs, without building in any profit for the Society. This is in keeping with the overall devotional purpose and content of what we offer. Many members find this time when they pay dues and/or make contributions to be a convenient time to also obtain Society goods.

What is the best way to make payments to the Society? **We highly recommend using the Society's PayPal account**, which can be accessed through our website (www.skcm-usa.org) and is set up for easily made specific transactions. Any fees are paid by the Society. Interestingly, although most new members join via the website and PayPal, a majority of renewing members continue to pay by check. In the end, though, whatever works for you will work for us, with thanks.

SKCM NEWS Preview

The summer/fall SKCM NEWS edition went to press early this month, as the 30 August *email Communique* said would be happening! Watch for the following highlights of this traditionally Royal Martyr Day emphasis edition: Messages from the President (Fr Rice) and Episcopal Patron (Bp Ackerman) ... "An Unlikely Source of Inspiration for the Founding of SKCM" (Dr Roman) ... "The White Princess: Elizabeth Stuart, Daughter of King Charles II" (Mrs Pettingell) ... Homily from the Annual Mass 2021 (Fr Rice) ... Local Observances of the Royal Martyr ... Sermon for the Feast of St Charles the Martyr (Bp Paul Hewett) ... and early info on the Annual Mass 2022.

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