



email Communiqué

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The Nativity of KCM: Within the Prophetic Tradition

Remember that 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 were attached to last month's edition of the email Communiqué.**

The following insightful words from an article on this commemoration last year by The Rev'd Martin C. Yost highlight the significance of this occasion:

Without suggesting that the Royal Martyr was sanctified from the womb, we might place his birth within the prophetic tradition. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you," the Lord said to Jeremiah; "I appointed you a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5). As with prophets, so with kings. While cognizant of the vicissitudes of history, in God's providence, we may say, a king is called from birth. And so with the saints.



In T.S. Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral*, Saint Thomas Becket says, "A Christian martyrdom is no accident. Saints are not made by accident ... A martyr, a saint, is always made by the design of God." As with prophets and kings, saints and

martyrs, so even with you and me. Saint John Henry Newman expresses this beautifully, with words that among others recall that:

God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission—I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. ... He may prolong my life, He may shorten it; He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers, He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide the future from me—still He knows what He is about (*from Meditations and Devotions, "Hope in God—Creator," March 7, 1848*).

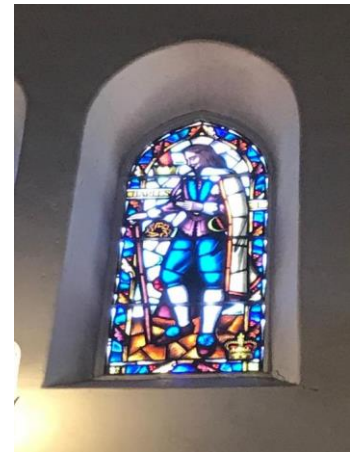
O sovereign God, who didst grace thy servant Charles Stuart with nobility and fortitude, so that he was content to forfeit his throne, and life itself, for the cause of apostolic order in the Church: bestow on us, we beseech thee, the like grace, that we, being steadfast in all adversity, may persevere unto the end, and attain with him the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ the faithful witness, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

An Invitation to Promote Your Local RMD Observance

The Board of Trustees continues to encourage more Royal Martyr Day celebrations in the US and Canada as well as to make those celebrations better known, both before and after. Thus, we again are offering to **advertise in advance those local observances that are made known to the Society** – in addition, of course, to the Society’s official Annual Mass & Luncheon that moves from place to place each year.

To this end, in an early January edition of the *email Communique* we will be reporting on any locally planned **Royal Martyr Day observances or related** that are sent to us. Thus, you are invited to send in any report, skeletal or detailed, with a **24 December deadline**. Also, the June *SKCM News* will as usual report on celebrations after they have been held.

This will be a great opportunity for you to give visibility to your plans, thus increasing access to the purpose of our Society. Just respond to membership@skcm-usa.org and we’ll take it from there as well as help you with any liturgical resources (many are already on the Society website, www.skcm-usa.org)!



Preview of Royal Martyr Day Observances in Great Britain

ROYAL MARTYR CHURCH UNION: 11.30 am Solemn Eucharist on Saturday 29 January 2022 at St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, London EC1. Celebrant: The Lord Bishop of Southwark; preacher: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Harbord of Sheffield Cathedral. **11:30 am Sung Eucharist on Tuesday, 1 February 2022** in St Mary’s Cathedral, Palmerston Place, in Edinburgh. Celebrant: the Provost, the Very Revd John Conway; Prof Jolyon Mitchell of the University of Edinburgh will give the address. For further info including luncheons details etc please contact David Roberts, RMCU Secretary and Treasurer, robertssopwellnunnery@btinternet.com.

ROYAL STUART SOCIETY: 11 am on 30 January will be the usual service at the statue in Trafalgar Square with chaplain, bugler and piper. **5 pm on 30 January:** the Society also will lay a wreath above the vault containing the remains of the King during Evensong at St George's Chapel Windsor Castle. On **8 February**, in the afternoon subject to Abbey confirmation, the Society will hold a short Service of Commemoration at the tomb of Queen Mary Stuart in Westminster Abbey. Contact: Hugh Macpherson, Principal Secretary, at principal-secretary@royalstuartssociety.com.

SOCIETY OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR: The Society's usual observances will be held on **29 January**, (the 30th falling on a Sunday in 2022), with 11:40 am Commemoration of S. Charles' Martyrdom at the Banqueting House entrance, followed by noon Sung Mass and Veneration of the Relics inside the Banqueting House. Contact: The Revd James Hill, SSC, SKCM Chairman, frjameshill@hotmail.co.uk.

We also plan to include any updated information in the December edition of the *Communique*.

November SKCM-AR Board Meeting Highlights

The SKCM (American Region) Board of Trustees met via Zoom technology, as usual, on 8 November. Here's a recap:

UPDATE THROUGH 18 NOVEMBER
(comparisons are to 12 months before)

Total membership = 504 (a new record)

+ All contributions up 23%

+ 10 new members (up from 6)

+ 5 new life members this FY (now 106)

+ Current year dues renewals: steady

+ Prepaid dues up 15%

+ Goods sales up 39%

THANK YOU!

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: The 2020-2021 fiscal year closed with a **surplus of \$10,400**, four times that of the two previous years ... this unique surplus happened due to a higher-than-expected contributions and life memberships converging with lower-than-planned Annual Mass and general administrative costs ... the Board approved moving half of that surplus (**\$5,000**) to **add to the Endowment Investment**, where it would be available for such special initiatives as funding Caroline shrines ... also, the Board adopted an **investment policy** prepared by the Finance Committee.

ANNUAL MASSES: Arrangements are in progress for our **29 January 2022 Annual Mass** at Trinity

Church, Clarksville, TN, which will be streamed as well as celebrated in person (see below, including Friday special events and hotel arrangements) ... planning continues for Masses for **2023 (St Barnabas' Anglican Co-Cathedral, Dunwoody, GA)** and 2024 (probably in New England/NE US).

PUBLICATIONS: The **December 2021 SKCM NEWS** edition is being prepared for publication as the transition team continues ... in addition to the usual "annual report" sections, this edition will include some topical articles.

DEVOTIONAL: The **40 busts of the Royal Martyr** have proven quite popular; most have been sold ... **white rose neckties and bow ties** have been reordered ... 10 local churches received copies of the latest *SKCM NEWS* for distribution; one reported back that this had gone over well locally.

BUDGET: A **balanced budget of \$14,810** was adopted, similar to recent years.

How To Share Your Time & Talent with the Society

Noting that we are a volunteer society that depends upon the time and talent of its members, brief discussion during the recent Board meeting noted that there are some areas where we need some (or more) talent to surface for engagement! If you have one or more of these talents that you would like to share and/or know other members who do, please email the details to membership@skcm-usa.org:

Writers ... planned giving ... chapters formation ... membership administration & development ... history ... awards program ... advertising ... liturgical scholarship/writers ... Caroline scholars (including articles on Caroline shrines particularly in North America) ... other talents/interests

Our 29 January 2022 Annual Mass & Luncheon

SOCIETY OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR *39th ANNUAL SOLEMN MASS OF S. CHARLES, K.M.*

You are invited to join us at
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Clarksville (near Nashville), Tennessee USA
11 a.m., Sat., 29 January 2022

+ WATCH FOR STREAMING INFORMATION +

Preaching: Bishop John Bauerschmidt of TN
Celebrant: Fr Roger Senechal, TN Chapter Chaplain
For Friday reception, hotel, & luncheon info: go to www.tnskcm.org
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