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Upcoming Annual Masses

XXXV Annual Mass: St. Timothy's Church, Fort Worth, TX, 27 January 2018. The Right Rev'd Keith L. Ackerman, SSC, D.D., OL,* Vicar.

XXXVI Annual Mass: Nashotah House, Nashotah, WI, 26 January 2019.

XXXVII Annual Mass: St. Stephen's Church, Providence, RI, 25 January 2020. The Rev'd Dr. John D. Alexander, SSC, Ph.D., OL,* Rector.

Additional information will be reported in future editions; *indicates SKCM member

New Members (April through September 2017)

The Rt Rev'd John Crawford Bauerschmidt, of Nashville, TN (HONORARY) The Rev'd Ellen Lederer Brauza, of

Clarence, NY (LIFE)
The Rev'd Daniel D. Brereton, of Toronto,

ON CANADA Todd Rankin Byrd, of Lexington, KY

The Rt Rev'd Anthony Clavier, of Glen Carbon, IL (REINSTATED)

Rebecca Davis, of Green River, UT Kenneth R. Fowlkes, Jr., of Nashville, TN (REINSTATED)

James Griffin, of Drexel Hill, PA The Rt Rev'd Chandler Holder Jones, *SSC*, of Buford, GA (LIFE/REINSTATED)

New Members (continued)

Charles H. Jones, RN, of Nashville, TN
Pete Judson, of Hollywood, FL
Kevin J. Pinson, of San Jose, CA
Ron Roberts, of Tyler, TX
The Rev'd John R. Robison, of Laurel, MD
Phillip Haywood Shearin, of Maynard, MA
Edward Michael Southwell, of Wilkesboro,
NC (REINSTATED)
Silverstream Priory, of Stamullen, County
Meath, IRELAND
Charles C. Taliaferro, PhD, of Minneapolis,
MN (REINSTATED)

Deaths (April through September 2017)

Charles Owen Johnson, OL, Ben., of Mobile, AL (LIFE MEMBER)

Charles I and Drinking Chocolate

BBC History magazine has published a seventeenth-century recipe for drinking chocolate. Charles I enjoyed the beverage, but Oliver Cromwell banned it, deeming it sinful.

http://www.historyextra.com/article/premium/recipe-hot-chocolate

- Originally posted by Becky Davis to the SKCM Facebook page

Charles I's Art Collection

The Royal Academy of Art has just published a lengthy article about Charles I's art collection. The website contains both a video about reassembling the art collection and an online gallery of select pieces.

https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/charles-i-king-and-collector

- Originally posted by Adrian Thomas to the SKCM Facebook page

Allegory on the Consequences of the Execution of King Charles I

The National Trust Collection features an extensive collection of artwork. One piece will interest to Society members: "Allegory on the Consequences of the Execution of King Charles I." The online version has a summary and other details concerning the origins and ownership of the piece.

http://www.nationaltrustcollections.org.uk/object/486249

- Originally posted by Amanda Hemmings to the SKCM Facebook page



Coronation Celebration

AT ALL SAINTS ASHMONT, BOSTON, on Sunday June 18, 2017, candles and flowers were placed on the High Altar and at the Shrine of the Royal Martyr for the High Mass (see picture at left) celebrated by Rector Rev. Fr. Michael Godderz. It was celebrated in commemoration of the Coronation of King Charles Stuart I at Holyrood, Edinburgh June 18, 1633, and for the souls of the departed members of SKCM. Funds were donated by SKCM Life Member and parishioner John E F Hodson.

- Contributed by John Hodson

Ordination & Consecration Anniversaries (2017)

Congratulations!

Thou art a Priest forever, after the Order of Melchisedek

Ecce Sacerdos Magnus!

[We note these anniversaries in advance so members may write to congratulate ordained members known to them. The Secretary-Treasurer will provide contact information upon request.]

55 Years

The Rev'd David Crichton Kennedy, SSC, CC, OL, Ordained 21 December 1963

50 Years

The Rev'd Canon W. Gordon Reid, OL, Ordained 14 June 1968

45 Years

The Rev'd Robert J. Gearhart, Ordained 1 December 1973 The Venerable James G. Monroe, PhD, SSC, OL, Ordained 14 September 1973

40 Years

The Very Rev'd Canon Harry E. Krauss III, Ordained 4 March 1978

35 Years

Yje Rev'd James W. Browder III, Ordained 1 March 1983 The Very Rev'd William Willoughby III, EdD, OStJ, Ordained 27 January 1983

30 Years

The Rev'd Donald A. Lowery, Ordained 23 April 1988 The Rev'd Canon Barry E.B. Swain, SSC, OL, Ordained 29 June 1988

25 Years

The Rt Rev'd Jack Leo Iker, SSC, DD, Ben., OL, Consecrated 24 April 1993 The Rev'd John D. Alexander, PhD, SSC, OL, Ordained 5 June 1993 The Rev'd Harold G. Birkenhead, Ordained 15 May 1993 The Rev'd John A. Lancaster, SSC, Ordained 7 March 1993

20 Years

The Most Rev'd Mark D. Haverland, PhD, Consecrated 31 January 1998 The Rev'd Daniel D. Brereton, Ordained in 1998 The Venerable Shawn W. Denney, JD, Ordained 26 May 1998 The Rev'd Reid Nelson Wightman, MSJ, Ordained 21 February 1998

15 Years

The Rev'd Charles A. (Drew) Collins, Jr., Ordained 17 August 2003 The Rev'd John M. Phelps, SSC, Ordained 22 September 2003

5 Years

The Rev'd Deacon Michael Ryan Seward, Esq., Ordained 17 August 2013

Articles

Membership Report

David Lewis FAAO, OL, Secretary-Treasurer

Here is an **overview of the membership dynamics** for the end of the year, with the four preceding years shown for context:

Date	Exp prev year	Exp this year	Prepaid	Hon & Life	Totals
30 Sep 2013	16	173	91	32	312
30 Sep 2014	14	210	83	36	343
30 Sep 2015	29	227	77	54	387
30 Sep 2016	38	201	84	66	389
30 Sep 2017	22	220	75	79	396

However, in some recent years our net gain has been slight. The best recent years have been those when we started using PayPal and/or there were a large number of members who joined as gifts from others. This last year, though, has seen a good increase in new members (49, up from 33) as well as a decent decrease in the number of members pending suspension next year (22, down from 38):

Date	New or reinstated	Suspended (dues)	Died/otherwise lost	Net gain
2012-2013	23	9	13	1
2013-2014	60	12	18	30
2014-2015	66	11	10	45
2015-2016	33	24	8	1
2016-2017	49	36	6	7

Our **average age** continues to decrease. For all members, the median age is now 60. Half of the 49 new or reclaimed members this year were born in the 1970s or 1980s – a good sign. Another good sign is the continued growth in the number of life members.

Our **jurisdictional diversity** continues. Here are percentage figures illustrated by clergy and lay:

Clergy	TEC etc	Anglican	RC	Orthodox	Misc.	Unkn	Totals
All clergy	65	42	0	2	4	0	113
2016-2017 joins	9	6	0	0	0	0	15

Lay	TEC etc	Anglican	RC	Orthodox	Misc.	Unkn	Totals
All lay	164	46	43	10	9	11	283
2016-2017 joins	23	4	3	1	2	1	34

Each of us can help expand the Society by bringing in new members! Unlike the other devotional societies, where chapters are the main building blocks in activities and membership growth and retention, most (in our case, 2/3) of our members are the only Society members in their own local churches. And if you want ideas on what local chapters and members can do in addition to faithfully reading our ongoing publications, let us know—we have plenty of them, including recently adopted guidelines for forming successful chapters!

Devotions

Submitted via Facebook by Charles A. Coulombe

Introduced by Benjamin M. Guyer

Regardless of when it was first written, the poem was set to music in the mid-1640s. During the civil wars, several collections of poetry and music were dedicated to Lovelace, although he largely absented himself from further military involvement. Whatever its precise origins, it had an influence upon Charlotte and Emily Brontë and in the twentieth century was set, along with other poems by Lovelace, to music by a number of artists.

To Althea, from Prison

When Love with unconfined wings Hovers within my Gates, And my divine Althea brings To whisper at the Grates; When I lie tangled in her hair, And fettered to her eye, The Gods that wanton in the Air, Know no such Liberty.

When flowing Cups run swiftly round With no allaying Thames,
Our careless heads with Roses bound,
Our hearts with Loyal Flames;
When thirsty grief in Wine we steep,
When Healths and draughts go free,
Fishes that tipple in the Deep
Know no such Liberty.

When (like committed linnets) I With shriller throat shall sing The sweetness, Mercy, Majesty, And glories of my King; When I shall voice aloud how good He is, how Great should be, Enlargèd Winds, that curl the Flood, Know no such Liberty.

Stone Walls do not a Prison make, Nor Iron bars a Cage; Minds innocent and quiet take That for an Hermitage. If I have freedom in my Love, And in my soul am free, Angels alone that soar above, Enjoy such Liberty.

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Devotions

Sermon III

Joseph Butler

Introduced by Benjamin M. Guyer

Joseph Butler (1692–1752), successively bishop of Bristol (1738-1750) and Durham (1750-1752), was arguably the greatest Anglican philosophical theologian of the eighteenth century. His great work The Analogy of Religion, Natural and Revealed, to the Constitution and Course of Nature (1736), which answered the Deist rejection of revelation, was a mainstay of Anglican theological training through the early-twentieth century. The sermon printed here is transcribed from The Works of Bishop Joseph Butler, volume I (London: Macmillan, 1900), pp. 230-243. It is copied from anglicanhistory.org, which is maintained by SKCM Board Member Richard Mammana.

Preached before the House of Lords in the Abbey Church of Westminster, on Friday, January 30, 1740-41. Being the day appointed to be observed as the day of the Martyrdom of King Charles I.

And not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. (I Peter ii. 16).

[I.] AN history so full of important and interesting events as that which this day recalls annually to our thoughts, cannot but afford them very different subjects for their most serious and useful employment. But there seems none which it more naturally leads us to consider than that of hypocrisy, as it sets before us so many examples of it; or which will yield us more practical instruction, as these examples so forcibly admonish us, not only to be upon our guard against the pernicious effects of this vice in others, but also to watch over our own hearts, against everything of the like kind in ourselves: for hypocrisy, in the moral and religious consideration of things, is of much larger extent than every one may imagine.

[2.] In common language, which is formed upon the common intercourses amongst men, hypocrisy signifies little more than their pretending what they really do not mean, in order to delude one another. But in Scripture, which treats chiefly of our behaviour towards God and our own consciences, it signifies, not only the endeavour to delude our fellow-creatures, but likewise insincerity towards Him, and towards ourselves. And therefore, according to the

whole analogy of Scripture language, to "use liberty as a cloke of maliciousness," must be understood to mean, not only endeavouring to impose upon others, by indulging wayward passions, or carrying on indirect designs, under pretences of it; but also excusing and palliating such things to ourselves; serving ourselves of such pretences to quiet our own minds in anything which is wrong.

[3.] Liberty in the writings of the New Testament, for the most part, signifies, being delivered from the bondage of the ceremonial law; or of sin and the devil, which St. Paul calls "the glorious liberty of the children of God." This last is a progressive state: and the perfection of it, whether attainable in this world or not, consists in that "perfect love," which St. John speaks of; and which, as it implies an entire coincidence of our wills with the will of God, must be a state of the most absolute freedom, in the most literal and proper sense. But whatever St. Peter distinctly meant by this word, liberty, the text gives occasion to consider any kind of it, which is liable to the abuse he here warns us against. However, it appears that he meant to comprehend that liberty, were it more or less, which they to whom he was writing enjoyed under civil government: for of civil government he is speaking just before and afterwards: "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him. For so is the will of God, that with well doing," of which dutiful behaviour towards authority is a very material instance, "ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:" as free, perhaps in distinction from the servile state, of which he speaks afterwards, "and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness," of anything wrong, for so the word signifies; and therefore comprehends petulance, affectation of popularity, with any other like frivolous turn of mind, as well as the more hateful and dangerous passions, such as malice, or ambition; for all of which liberty may equally be used as a cloke. The apostle adds, "but as the servants of God": as free but as His servants, Who requires dutiful submission to "every ordinance of man," to magistracy; and to Whom we are accountable for our manner of using the liberty we enjoy under it; as well as for all other parts of our behaviour. "Not using your liberty as a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God."

[4.] Here are three things offered to our consideration:

- [5.] First, A general supposition, that what is wrong cannot be avowed in its proper colours, but stands in need of some *cloke* to be thrown over it; secondly, A particular one, that there is danger, some singular danger, of liberty's being made use of for this purpose; lastly, An admonition not to make this ill use of our liberty, but to use it "as the servants of God."
- [6.] I. Here is a general supposition, that what is wrong cannot be avowed in its proper colours, but stands in need of some cloke to be thrown over it. God has constituted our nature, and the nature of society, after such a manner, that generally speaking, men cannot

encourage or support themselves in wickedness upon the foot of there being no difference between right and wrong, or by a direct avowal of wrong; but by disguising it, and endeavouring to spread over it some colours of right. And they do this in every capacity and every respect, in which there is a right or a wrong. They do it, not only as social creatures under civil government, but also as moral agents under the government of God; in one case to make a proper figure in the world, and delude their fellow-creatures; in the other to keep peace within themselves, and delude their own consciences. And the delusion in both cases being voluntary, is, in Scripture, called by one name, and spoken against in the same manner: though doubtless they are much more explicit with themselves, and more distinctly conscious of what they are about, in one case than in the other.

- [7.] The fundamental laws of all governments are virtuous ones, prohibiting treachery, injustice, cruelty: and the law of reputation enforces those civil laws, by rendering these vices everywhere infamous, and the contrary virtues honourable and of good report. Thus far the constitution of society is visibly moral: and hence it is, that men cannot live in it without taking care to cover those vices when they have them, and make some profession of the opposite virtues, fidelity, justice, kind regard to others, when they have them not: but especially is this necessary in order to disguise and colour over indirect purposes, which require the concurrence of several persons.
- [8.] Now all false pretences of this kind are to be called hypocritical, as being contrary to simplicity; though not always designed, properly speaking, to beget a false belief. For it is to be observed, that they are often made without any formal intention to have them believed, or to have it thought that there is any reality under these pretences. Many examples occur of verbal professions of fidelity, justice, public regards, in cases where there could be no imagination of their being believed. And what other account can be given of these merely verbal professions, but that they were thought the proper language for the public ear; and made in business for the very same kind of reasons as kept up in conversation?
- [9.] These false professions of virtue, which men have, in all ages, found it necessary to make their appearance with abroad, must have been originally taken up in order to deceive in the proper sense: then they became habitual, and yet often still, to civility is often intended merely by way of form serve their original purpose of deceiving.
- [10.] There is doubtless amongst mankind a great deal of this hypocrisy towards each other: but not so much as may sometimes be supposed. For part which has, at first sight, this appearance, is in reality that other hypocrisy before mentioned; that self-deceit, of which the Scripture so remarkably takes notice. There are indeed persons who live "without God in the world": and some appear so hardened as to keep no measures with themselves. But as very ill men may have a real and strong sense of virtue and religion, in proportion as this is the

case with any, they cannot be easy within themselves but by deluding their consciences. And though they should, in great measure, get over their religion, yet this will not do. For as long as they carry about with them any such sense of things, as makes them condemn what is wrong in others, they could not but condemn the same in themselves, and dislike and be disgusted with their own character and conduct, if they would consider them distinctly, and in a full light. But this sometimes they carelessly neglect to do, and sometimes carefully avoid doing. And as "the integrity of the upright guides him," guides even a man's judgment; so wickedness may distort it to such a degree, as that he may "call evil good, and good evil; put darkness for light, and light for darkness"; and "think wickedly, that God is such an one as himself." Even the better sort of men are, in some degree, liable to disguise and palliate their failings to themselves: but perhaps there are few men who go on calmly in a course of very bad things, without somewhat of the kind now described in a very high degree. They try appearances upon themselves as well as upon the world, and with at least as much success; and choose to manage so as to make their own minds easy with their faults, which can scarce be without management, rather than to mend them.

[11.] But whether from men's deluding themselves, or from their intending to delude the world, it is evident scarce anything wrong in public has ever been accomplished, or even attempted, but under false colours: either by pretending one thing, which was right, to be designed, when it was really another thing, which was wrong; or if that which was wrong was avowed, by endeavouring to give it some appearance of right. For tyranny, and faction so friendly to it, and which is indeed tyranny out of power, and unjust wars, and persecutions, by which the earth has been laid waste; all this has all along been carried on with pretences of truth, right, general good. So it is, men cannot find in their heart to join in such things, without such honest words to be the bond of the union, though they know among themselves, that they are only words, and often though they know, that everybody else knows it too.

[12.] These observations might be exemplified by numerous instances in the history which led to them: and without them it is impossible to understand in any sort the general character of the chief actors in it, who were engaged in the black design of subverting the constitution of their country. This they completed with the most enormous act of mere power, in defiance of all laws of God and man, and in express contradiction to the real design and public votes of that assembly, whose commission, they professed, was their only warrant for anything they did throughout the whole rebellion. Yet with unheard-of hypocrisy towards men, towards God and their own consciences for without such a complication of it their conduct is inexplicable even this action, which so little admitted of any cloke, was, we know, contrived and carried into execution, under pretences of authority, religion, liberty, and by profaning the forms of justice in an arraignment and trial, like to what is used in regular legal procedures. No age indeed can shew an example of hypocrisy parallel to this.

But the history of all ages and all countries will shew, what has been really going forward over the face of the earth, to be very different from what has been always pretended; and that virtue has been everywhere professed much more than it has been anywhere practised: nor could society, from the very nature of its constitution, subsist without some general public profession of it. Thus the face and appearance which the world has in all times put on, for the ease and ornament of life, and in pursuit of further ends, is the justest satire upon what has in all times been carrying on under it and ill men are destined, by the condition of their being as social creatures, always to bear about with them, and, in different degrees, to profess, that law of virtue, by which they shall finally be judged and condemned.

[13.] II. As fair pretences, of one sort or other, have thus always been made use of by mankind to colour over indirect and wrong designs from the world, and to palliate and excuse them to their own minds; liberty, in common with all other good things, is liable to be made this use of, and is also liable to it in a way more peculiar to itself: which was the second thing to be considered.

[14.] In the history which this day refers us to, we find our constitution, in Church and State, destroyed under pretences, not only of religion, but of securing liberty, and carrying it to a greater height. The destruction of the former was with zeal of such a kind, as would not have been warrantable, though it had been employed in the destruction of heathenism. And the confusions, the persecuting spirit, and incredible fanaticism, which grew up upon its ruins, cannot but teach sober-minded men to reverence so mild and reasonable an establishment, now it is restored; for the preservation of Christianity, and keeping up a sense of it amongst us, and for the instruction and guide of the ignorant; nay were it only for guarding religion from such extravagancies: especially as these important purposes are served by it without bearing hard in the least upon any.

[15.] And the concurrent course of things, which brought on the ruin of our civil constitution, and what followed upon it, are no less instructive. The opposition, by legal and parliamentary methods, to prerogatives unknown to the constitution, was doubtless formed upon the justest fears in behalf of it. But new distrusts arose: new causes were given for them: these were most unreasonably aggravated. The better part gradually gave way to the more violent: and the better part themselves seem to have insisted upon impracticable securities against that one danger to liberty, of which they had too great cause to be apprehensive; and wonderfully overlooked all other dangers to it, which yet were, and ever will be, many and great. Thus they joined in the current measures, till they were utterly unable to stop the mischiefs, to which, with too much distrust on one side, and too little on the other, they had contributed. Never was a more remarkable example of the Wise Man's observation, that "the beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water." For this opposition, thus begun, surely without intent of proceeding to violence; yet as it went on,

like an overflowing stream in its progress, it collected all sorts of impurities, and grew more outrageous as it grew more corrupted; till at length it bore down everything good before it. This naturally brought on arbitrary power in one shape, which was odious to everybody, and which could not be accommodated to the forms of our constitution; and put us in the utmost danger of having it entailed upon us under another, which might. For at the king's return, such was the just indignation of the public at what it had seen, and fear of feeling again what it had felt, from the popular side; such the depression and compliance, not only of the more guilty, but also of those, who with better meaning had gone on with them (and a great deal too far many of this character had gone); and such the undistinguishing distrust the people had of them all, that the chief security of our liberties seems to have been, their not being attempted at that time.

[16.] But though persons contributed to all this mischief and danger with different degrees of guilt, none could contribute to them with innocence, who at all knew what they were about. Indeed the destruction of a free constitution of government, though men see or fancy many defects in it, and whatever they design or pretend, ought not to be thought of without horror. For the design is in itself unjust, since it is romantic to suppose it legal: it cannot be prosecuted without the most wicked means; nor accomplished but with the present ruin of liberty, religious as well as civil; for it must be the ruin of its present security. Whereas the restoration of it must depend upon a thousand future contingencies, the integrity, understanding, power of the persons, into whose hands anarchy and confusion should throw things; and who they will be, the history before us may surely serve to shew, no human foresight can determine; even though such a terrible crisis were to happen in an age, not distinguished for the want of principle and public spirit, and when nothing particular were to be apprehended from abroad. It would be partiality to say, that no constitution of government can possibly be imagined more perfect than our own. And ingenuous youth may be warmed with the idea of one, against which nothing can be objected. But it is the strongest objection against attempting to put in practice the most perfect theory, that it is impracticable, or too dangerous to be attempted. And whoever will thoroughly consider, in what degree mankind are really influenced by reason, and in what degree by custom, may, I think, be convinced, that the state of human affairs does not even admit of an equivalent for the mischief of setting things afloat; and the danger of parting with those securities of liberty, which arise from regulations of long prescription and ancient usage especially at a time when the directors are so very numerous, and the obedient so few. Reasonable men therefore will look upon the general plan of our constitution, transmitted down to us by our ancestors, as sacred; and content themselves with calmly doing what their station requires, towards rectifying the particular things which they think amiss, and supplying the particular things which they think deficient in it, so far as is practicable without endangering the whole.

[17.] But liberty is in many other dangers from itself, besides those which arise from formed designs of destroying it, under hypocritical pretences, or romantic schemes of restoring it upon a more perfect plan. It is particularly liable to become excessive, and to degenerate insensibly into licentiousness; in the same manner as liberality, for example, is apt to degenerate into extravagance. And as men cloke their extravagance to themselves under the notion of liberality, and to the world under the name of it, so licentiousness passes under the name and notion of liberty. Now it is to be observed, that there is, in some respects or other, a very peculiar contrariety between those vices which consist in excess, and the virtues of which they are said to be the excess and the resemblance, and whose names they affect to bear; the excess of anything being always to its hurt, and tending to its destruction. In this manner licentiousness is, in its very nature, a present infringement upon liberty, and dangerous to it for the future. Yet it is treated by many persons with peculiar indulgence under this very notion, as being an excess of liberty. And an excess of liberty it is to the licentious themselves: but what is it to those who suffer by them, and who do not think, that amends is at all made them by having it left in their power to retaliate safely? When by popular insurrections, or defamatory libels, or in any like way, the needy and the turbulent securely injure quiet people in their fortune or good name, so far quiet people are no more free than if a single tyrant used them thus. A particular man may be licentious without being less free: but a community cannot; since the licentiousness of one will unavoidably break in upon the liberty of another. Civil liberty, the liberty of a community, is a severe and a restrained thing; implies in the notion of it, authority, settled subordinations, subjection, and obedience; and is altogether as much hurt by too little of this kind, as by too much of it. And the love of liberty, when it is indeed the love of liberty, which carries us to withstand tyranny, will as much carry us to reverence authority, and support it; for this most obvious reason, that one is as necessary to the very being of liberty, as the other is destructive of it. And therefore the love of liberty, which does not produce this effect; the love of liberty, which is not a real principle of dutiful behaviour towards authority; is as hypocritical, as the religion which is not productive of a good life. Licentiousness is, in truth, such an excess of liberty as is of the same nature with tyranny. For what is the difference between them, but that one is lawless power exercised under pretence of authority, or by persons invested with it; the other lawless power exercised under pretence of liberty, or without any pretence at all? A people then must always be less, free in proportion as they are more licentious; licentiousness being not only different from liberty, but directly contrary to it; a direct breach upon it.

[18.] It is moreover of a growing nature; and of speedy growth too; and, with the culture which it has amongst us, needs no great length of time to get to such an height as no legal government will be able to restrain or subsist under which is the condition the historian describes in saying, they could neither bear their vices, nor the remedies of them. I said legal government: for, in the present state of the world, there is no danger of our becoming

savages. Had licentiousness finished its work, and destroyed our constitution, power would not be wanting, from one quarter or another, sufficient to subdue us, and keep us in subjection. But government, as distinguished from mere power, free government, necessarily implies reverence in the subjects of it, for authority, or power regulated by laws; and an habit of submission to the subordinations in civil life, throughout its several ranks: nor is a people capable of liberty without somewhat of this kind. But it must be observed, and less surely cannot be observed, this reverence and submission will at best be very precarious, if it be not founded upon a sense of authority being God's ordinance, and the subordinations in life a providential appointment of things. Now let it be considered for surely it is not duly considered what is really the short amount of those representations, which persons of superior rank give, and encourage to be given of each other, and which are spread over the nation? Is it not somewhat, in itself, and in its circumstances, beyond anything in any other age or country of the world? And what effect must the continuance of this extravagant licentiousness in them, not to mention other kinds of it, have upon the people in those respects just mentioned? Must it not necessarily tend to wear out of their minds all reverence for authority, and respect for superiors of every sort; and, joined with the irreligious principles we find so industriously propagated, to introduce a total profligateness amongst them; since, let them be as bad as they will, it is scarce possible they can be so bad as they are instructed they may be, or worse than they are told their superiors are? And is there no danger that all this, to mention only one supposable course of it, may raise somewhat like that levelling spirit, upon atheistical principles, which, in the last age, prevailed upon enthusiastic ones? not to speak of the possibility, that different sorts of people may unite in it upon these contrary principles. And may not this spirit, together with a concurrence of ill humours, and of persons who hope to find their account in confusion, soon prevail to such a degree, as will require more of the good old principles of loyalty and of religion to withstand it, than appear to be left amongst us?

[19.] What legal remedies can be provided against these mischiefs, or whether any at all, are considerations the furthest from my thoughts. No government can be free, which is not administered by general stated laws: and these cannot comprehend every case, which wants to be provided against: nor can new ones be made for every particular case, as it arises: and more particular laws, as well as more general ones, admit of infinite evasions: and legal government forbids any but legal methods of redress; which cannot but be liable to the same sort of imperfections: besides the additional one of delay; and whilst redress is delayed, however unavoidably, wrong subsists. Then there are very bad things, which human authority can scarce provide against at all, but by methods dangerous to liberty; nor fully, but by such as would be fatal to it. These things shew, that liberty, in the very nature of it, absolutely requires, and even supposes, that people be able to govern themselves in those respects in which they are free; otherwise their wickedness will be in proportion to their liberty, and this greatest of blessings will become a curse.

[20.] III. These things shew likewise, that there is but one adequate remedy to the forementioned evils, even that which the apostle prescribes in the last words of the text, to consider ourselves as the servants of God, Who enjoins dutiful submission to civil authority, as His ordinance; and to Whom we are accountable for the use we make of the liberty which we enjoy under it. Since men cannot live out of society, nor in it without government, government is plainly a Divine appointment; and consequently submission to it, a most evident duty of the law of nature. And we all know in how forcible a manner it is put upon our consciences in Scripture. Nor can this obligation be denied formally upon any principles, but such as subvert all other obligations. Yet many amongst us seem not to consider it as any obligation at all. This doubtless is, in a great measure, owing to dissoluteness and corruption of manners: but I think it is partly owing to their having reduced it to nothing in theory. Whereas this obligation ought to be put upon the same foot with all other general ones, which are not absolute and without exception: and our submission is due in all cases but those, which we really discern to be exceptions to the general rule. And they who are perpetually displaying the exceptions, though they do not indeed contradict the meaning of any particular texts of Scripture, which surely intended to make no alteration in men's civil rights; yet they go against the general tenor of Scripture. For the Scripture, throughout the whole of it, commands submission; supposing men apt enough of themselves to make the exceptions, and not to need being continually reminded of them. Now if we are really under any obligations of duty at all to magistrates, honour and respect, in our behaviour towards them, must doubtless be their due. And they who refuse to pay them this small and easy regard, who "despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities," should seriously ask themselves, what restrains them from any other instance whatever of undutifulness? And if it be principle, why not from this? Indeed free government supposes, that the conduct of affairs may be inquired into, and spoken of with freedom. Yet surely this should be done with decency, for the sake of liberty itself; for its honour and its security. But be it done as it will, it is a very different thing from libeling, and endeavouring to vilify the persons of such as are in authority. It will be hard to find an instance, in which a serious man could calmly satisfy himself in doing this. It is in no case necessary, and in every case of very pernicious tendency. But the immorality of it increases in proportion to the integrity and superior rank of the persons thus treated. It is therefore in the highest degree immoral, when it extends to the supreme authority in the person of a prince, from whom our liberties are in no imaginable danger, whatever they maybe from ourselves; and whose mild and strictly legal government could not but make any virtuous people happy.

[21.] A free government, which the good providence of God has preserved to us through innumerable dangers, is an invaluable blessing. And our ingratitude to Him in abusing of it must be great in proportion to the greatness of the blessing, and the providential deliverances by which it has been preserved to us. Yet the crime of abusing this blessing

receives further aggravation from hence, that such abuse always is to the reproach, and tends to the ruin of it. The abuse of liberty has directly overturned many free governments, as well as our own, on the popular side; and has, in various ways, contributed to the ruin of many, which have been overturned on the side of authority. Heavy therefore must be their guilt, who shall be found to have given such advantage against it, as well as their who have taken them.

[22.] Lastly, The Consideration, that we are the servants of God, reminds us, that we are accountable to Him for our behaviour in those respects, in which it is out of the reach of all human authority; and is the strongest enforcement of sincerity, as "all things are naked and upon unto the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do." Artificial behaviour might perhaps avail much towards quieting our consciences, and making our part good in the short competitions of this world: but what will it avail us considered as under the government of God? Under His government, "there is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves." He has indeed instituted civil government over the face of the earth, "for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise," the apostle does not say the rewarding, but, "for the praise of them that do well." Yet as the worst answer these ends in some measure, the best can do it very imperfectly. Civil government can by no means take cognizance of every work, which is good or evil: many things are done in secret; the authors unknown to it, and often the things themselves: then it cannot so much consider actions, under the view of their being morally good, or evil, as under the view of their being mischievous, or beneficial to society: nor can it in any wise execute judgment in rewarding what is good, as it can, and ought, and does, in punishing what is evil. But "God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

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Book Reviews

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Brendan McConville, *The King's Three Faces: The Rise and Fall of Royal America, 1688-1776*, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture (University of North Carolina of Press: Williamsburg, 2006); xv + 344pp. \$32.50

Eric Nelson, *The Royalist Revolution: Monarchy and the American Founding* (Harvard University Press: Cambridge, 2014); 400pp. \$29.95.

HERE CAN BE LITTLE DOUBT that something of a revolution has been underway in the study of both colonial and independence-era American studies. David Hackett Fischer's 1989 work, *Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America* showed how regional division among early English colonists engendered regionalisms that have endured until to-day. Kevin Phillips' magisterial 1999 tome, *The Cousins' Wars*, aimed to show the interconnectedness between the English Reformation, the British Civil Wars, the so-called Glorious Revolution, the Jacobite Wars, and the American Revolution and Civil War. Recently, the Loyalists have been re-examined in such works as *Tories Fighting for the King* and *Liberty's Exiles*. Into this whirl of much-needed revision step the authors of the two books here under review.

I would suggest that they be read in the order here reviewed, because while McConville's book is excellent on its own, it also sets the stage for Nelson's. The basic thesis of *The King's Three Faces* is that the American colonists basically created – in the wake of James II's overthrow (and concurrently that of the Dominion of New England) – an image of the monarch to revere that was unique to themselves. In this view, common to New England Puritans and Southern Cavaliers alike, the King was the protector of faithful Protestants against the Papist Jacobites, French, and Spanish. This idealised picture of the successive post-1688 monarchs exceeded by far the reverence given the King in Great Britain, where there were still numerous Jacobites and an increasing number of radicals – and where, in any case, the ministers of the Crown were steadily draining away the remaining powers of the Royal prerogative for themselves. In sharp contrast, the image of "the King" as an almost semi-divine figure grew in the American imagination – and never more than in the three decades immediately preceding Lexington and Concord.

The clash of this image and reality came when, after agreeing in the 1763 treaty to treat his new French and Indian subjects as though they were his own by birth, King and government began trying to safeguard their rights and properties. At the same time, of course, ministry

after ministry sought unsuccessfully to find a means of raising a token amount form the colonies to be employed either in defence of in servicing the debt accumulated by the Crown in the French and Indian War. These attempts led to a large number of Americans feeling the need to appeal to the King over his ministers – an unconstitutional act, were George III to accept such complaints. Nevertheless, his not doing so led to his being recast personally as the enemy of "American liberties" – which is why George personally was the target of the Declaration of Independence, rather than the cabinets who had actually framed the policies that aroused colonial ire. As they had been once so assiduous in placing Royal symbols about –from churches to courtrooms, so now they were in tearing them down. For the rebels, the real King had failed to live up to the image they had created of him.

Nelson's book takes up the same theme, with particular regard to rebel appeals to the King over Parliament. Where Charles I and his Stuart successors had been seen – especially in New England – as tyrants who had received their just desserts, the growing struggle between colonial oligarchies and London caused many apologists for the former to reconsider their own constitutional history. With the exception of Georgia, each of the colonies had been established with charters issued directly by the King – charters that made no mention of Parliament or Privy Council. For such proto-revolutionaries, the Stuarts briefly regained heroic status, and their memories were appealed too, as Nelson documents. Pamphleteers urged George III to rule directly over the colonies as Charles I had – and to deal with each colonial assembly as he did with Parliament. This was a non-starter, however: while the King was keen on regaining control of the Royal prerogative to the extent that Queen Anne had wielded it, and reigning over the Empire as she had, His Majesty had no desire to overturn the 1689 settlement.

In the end, of course, between the Whigs at home chiseling away at the war effort, and the oligarch rebels in the colonies allying with France, Spain, and the Netherlands, the Revolution was lost and at last the monarchy reduced to the figurehead status it currently holds. But Nelson goes on to argue that the arguments in favour of a Stuart-type monarchy affected the construction of the American presidency at the Philadelphia constitutional convention. He characterises the end result of war and convention with the pithy phrase, "On one side of the Atlantic, there would be Kings without monarchy; on the other, monarchy without Kings." Whether either side is better off with this result is, of course, another question entirely.

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Financial Report

Society of King Charles the Martyr, Inc. Financial Statements for FY 2016-2017 & 2015-2016

	2016-2017	2015-2016
	Profit and Loss	
INCOME		
Donations	\$6,649	\$6,354
General	2,839	2,684
Annual Mass	3,810	3,670
Sales net of cost of goods sold	(1,867)	(2,410)
Sales income	2,612	2,998
Membership dues	7,665	6,410
New members	555	5 450
Reinstated members	20	30
Previous Years' Dues	15	5 45
Current year	2,640	2,785
Future years	825	5 1,080
Life memberships	3,475	5 2,020
Endowment investment income	2	1
TOTAL INCOME	12,449	10,354
EXPENSES		
Annual Mass	3,060	2,570
SKCM News	5,448	4,082
Administration	3,127	2,057
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,635	8,709
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	813	1,645

Balance Sheet - End of Fiscal Year

BALANCES

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Bank of America – Operating	4,062	4,034
Bank of America – Restr: Endow/Life/Ppd/Etc.	24,923	24,025
Undeposited Funds or Receivables – Operating	50	163
TOTAL ASSETS	29,035	28,222
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	29,035	28,222
Net Income	813	1,645
Other Net Assets	28,222	26,577
Liabilities	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITES & EQUITY	29,035	28,222

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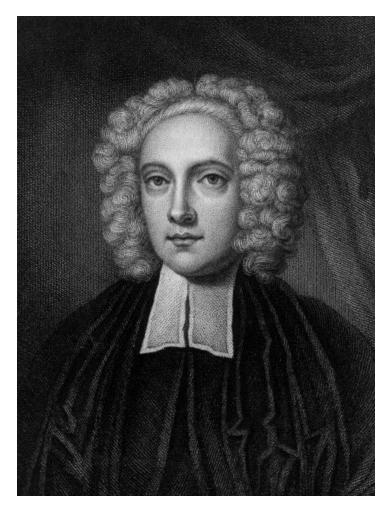
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