



The Monarchist League

American Member Newsletter

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EASTERN STATES NEWS

NEW YORK - A service to commemorate the Canonization of King Charles the Martyr will be held on Saturday, April 25th at 11 AM. The service will be held at the Church of Saint Paul in the City of Brooklyn, Clinton Street at Carroll Street. A luncheon will follow. For more information you may contact Dr. Bernard Brennan, the New York Chapter Secretary of the Society of King Charles the Martyr, 718-852-8235.

Our Eastern States delegate, Canon Gunn-Walberg celebrated the annual mass for the Feast of Blessed Charles, King and Martyr on January 30th at Holyrood Seminary. Holyrood Seminary is located in Liberty, NY and serves seminarians of The Anglican Catholic Church.

Several members of the New York Branch will be attending the Royal Weekend on April 25 and 26 in Ticehurst England. This event is sponsored by Royalty Digest. Among the presenters will be Hugo Vickers and Zoia Belyakova. Members in New York will also want to be aware of the "Jewels of the Romanovs" exhibit at The Brooklyn Museum. For information about future Branch events, or if you have suggestions or would like to help, please contact Mr. Stephan Stephanou at 212-554-1683, or write 105 Duane Street, Apt. 52-A New York, NY 10007.

RUSSIAN SPRING BALL

The annual Russian Nobility Association Spring Ball will be held on Friday, May 1st at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. This event is the principal fund raising event for the Association.

This year marks the 60th year of the founding of the Association in the United States. The Association was founded in 1938. Mr. Vasili Wadkovsky served as the first president. He was followed in this capacity by members of other distinguished families of Imperial Russia: Prince Serge Belosselsky, Count Paul de Kotzebue, Prince Alexis Obolensky, and Prince Alexis Scherbatow, the current president.

The Association provides charitable assistance to a number of causes, both inside and outside of Russia. These include: St. Dimitry Orphanage and Hospital in Moscow; St. Vladimir's Seminary; the Russian Gift of Life Foundation; St. George's Pathfinders (the Russian Scouts in America); the Association of Russian Explorers; Holy Trinity Seminary; Religious Books for Russia; and the Tolstoy Foundation.

If you would like to attend the Spring Ball, please contact Princess Tatiana Galitzine, 12 Ullman Terrace, Chestnut Ridge-Monsey, NY 10952-5118.

If you would like more information about the Association or would like to make a donation, please write: The Russian Nobility Association, 971 First Avenue, New York NY 10022.

SERVICES FOR KING LOUIS XVI

The death of King Louis XVI of France was commemorated by a mass on Saturday, January 17th at St. Ann's Cathedral in New York City. The mass was sponsored by the French American Friendship Foundation. A reception followed at the Café Loup. The speaker at the reception was Aurelien de Seze, a descendant of Romain de Seze, Louis XVI's lawyer who defended him at his trial. Mr. De Seze discussed the trial and the relationship between France and the United States during the King's reign.

Another service in honor of Louis XVI was also held at St. Barnabas Church in Cleveland, Ohio on the same day.

The Foundation is very interested in helping to sponsor more such services around the United States. If you have contacts in your area to help organize such an event, please contact the Foundation or one of our delegates. For more information about the French American Foundation, please write: Comte Claude de Bardin, 300 East 34th Street #33C, New York, NY 10016 or call 212-679-4674.

WASHINGTON - League member Hassan Kemal has provided information about an Islamic Unity Conference to be held in Washington from August 7-9, 1998. Among those leaders attending the

conference will be members of several Islamic royal families. The sponsoring organization is sympathetic to the institution of monarchy. A recent issue of their publication "The Muslim Magazine" carries a very favorable and sympathetic article about the monarchy under the Sultans in Constantinople. The article makes the point that the conditions of Muslims has "worsened everywhere since the demise of the Ottoman monarchy".

For more information, you may call 1-888-278-6624 or contact Mr. Hassam Kemal, 10505 Forest Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22030.

It has been reported that Sonja Hoechstra-Foss, assistant to the newly installed Archbishop Kolini of Rwanda, had a long audience with HM King Kigeli V of Rwanda in Washington. This prior to her return to Rwanda.

CENTRAL STATES

NEBRASKA BRANCH - Thank you to those who attended and helped with the annual King Charles the Martyr Service on January 31st. The service was held at St. Barnabas Church in Omaha. The Rev. Fr. Thomas Hurley, Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Omaha delivered a fine address to those in attendance.

FUTURE EVENTS - The Branch will again help with the annual St. George's Day/Queen's Birthday celebration at St. Martin of Tours Church. This year's celebration is set for Sunday, April 26th, starting at 4:00 PM. The church is located at 24th & J Streets in South Omaha.

As in the past the event will include English patriotic songs and hymns, followed by an English Tea. Please contact Stephanie Russell-Heller (402-292-7416) or Nick Behrens (402-455-4492) if you would like to help or donate food items.

Celtic Fest 98 - Members may be interested in attending a Celtic Fest to be held on Saturday, April 18th at the Westfair grounds in Council Bluffs, Iowa. This event celebrates British Heritage with such activities as Highland dancing competition, piping competition, and other types of entertainment. Admission is \$8. For more information call Kevin Arnold at 402-431-0733.

IMPERIAL MARTYRS OF RUSSIA SERVICE.

The annual Omaha commemoration of the martyrdom of Tsar Nicholas II of Russia and his family will be held on Tuesday evening, July 7th, 1998. The service will be held at St. Vincent of Lerins Orthodox Church at 51st and Lake Streets in Omaha. A Vespers service will begin at 6:30 PM with a mass in honor of the Imperial Martyrs of Russia following at 7:00 PM. Please contact Fr.

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Stephen Walinski for more information at 402-492-8102.

WESTERN STATES NEWS

Southern California Branch - While the Branch has been busy, no formal report was received for this issue of the newsletter. For information about coming events, please contact Megan Evans, 23 Deerborn Drive, Alisa Viejo, CA 92656, 714-643-8397, or Charles Coulombe at 818-357-7236.

Charles Coulombe was present at the March 18th meeting of the League's governing Council in London, the first time one of our American delegates was present for a regular Council meeting. Mr. Coulombe also attended a lecture at the Sikoksi Polish Military Museum presented by the League's Chancellor Count Nicholas Tolstoy about the monarchist movement and restoration prospects in Russia. Mr. Coulombe had the honor of meeting HRH, The Duke of Kent who was also present at the lecture.

(Members in the San Diego area, please note the article about the Romanian paintings coming to your area mentioned in these pages).

SETBACK FOR QUEEN'S STATUE

We reported in our September 1997 issue about the unveiling of the first part of a statue of Catherine of Braganza, the Queen Consort of King Charles II. The 35 foot tall statue was to have been set into place this Spring at Hunter's Point along the waterfront of the East River.

Recently however, a few voices from the African-American community have raised concerns about erecting the statue because of slave trading by the Portuguese during the Queen's lifetime.

While this is clearly a case of "guilt by association", the project has been put on hold. A compromise in this dispute has been proposed to place the statue on private, rather than public land. Some opponents, however are objecting to having the statue placed anywhere. Negotiations are continuing. If you would like to lend support for the statue project, you may contact: The Friends of Queen Catherine, Box 600 Planetarium Station, New York NY 10024.

NEW WEB SITE

League member Mike McFall of Burton, Michigan has set up a new web-site called "The Royalist Society". "The Society is a Cyberspace monarchist organization and only exists on the World Wide Web. The page is a resource for monarchists world wide." Having visited the site himself, the editor highly recommends that members visit this site. It is very well done and has numerous useful links. The address: <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/3115>.

AN ITEM FOR YOUR PEN

Members will have read about King Michael of Romania's public announcement on December 30th 1997 that he wished his eldest daughter, Princess Margarita, to be his successor should the monarchy be restored in Romania. A few days later, on January 3rd, 1998 BBC News reported that Romanian President Emil Constantinescu, who had run as a pro-monarchy candidate, said he would not accept any attempt to restore the monarchy. He is reported to have said that another referendum on the issue is out of the question, that any change to the constitution would be "illegal and immoral".

Given that the option of the monarchy has not been directly presented to Romanian voters, and that constitutions around the world are perpetually amended and rewritten, the President's comments seem patently absurd. Members are urged to write letters to the Romanian Embassy to protest this position. Embassy of Romania, 1607 23rd Street NW, Washington DC 20008, 202-332-4848.

USA ROYALTY TIDBIT

If you happen to find yourself traveling across Nebraska on Interstate 80 to or from the Colorado Rockies, and are looking for a little Royal history excursion, you might consider taking a detour to a little known remote historical site.

In 1871-72, the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia (1850-1908) made a tour of the United States. During this trip he visited Nebraska and among other entertainment, he was treated to a Buffalo Hunt and Indian Pow-Wow staged by the legendary Buffalo Bill Cody. This hunt was staged at a point about 45 miles south of North Platte, Nebraska. The campground area where the Grand Duke's party stayed is now a local recreation area maintained by

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Hayes County. While there is no special commemoration of the event at the park, it is isolated enough that one can visualize the Grand Duke's encampment.

The state of Nebraska has placed a history marker near the site, briefly describing those events long ago. The site can be reached most easily by taking Nebraska Highway 25 south from the Sutherland exit off I-80. 48 miles to the county seat town of Hayes Center (pop.230). From there take the main gravel road east toward Maywood (where the road forks, follow the signs toward Maywood). About 10 miles will bring you to the marker in a valley. While most of the drive is through open range land, the marker stands in front of a corn field. A separate road from the marker leads to the campground.

The text on the marker reads as follows. "The Grand Duke Alexis - During the winter of 1871-1872, the Grand Duke Alexis, fourth son of Tsar Alexander II of Russia, paid a good-will visit to the United States. General Phil Sheridan arranged for a buffalo hunt to be held in his honor. The hunt camp-site was about a mile north of here on Red Willow Creek. It was a short distance above the point where a Fort McPherson-Republican Valley military road crossed the creek ½ mile east of here. The hunt took place January 13-15, 1872."

"Alexis was accompanied by Russian officials and servants. General Sheridan's party included Generals George Custer and George Forsyth. Buffalo Bill Cody was the guide and chief hunter. Many officers, enlisted men and civilians were required to tun the camp. Chief Spotted Tail and an encampment of Brule Sioux entertained with dances and shooting exhibitions. Alexis and others succeeded in killing a number of buffalo, and nightly celebrations were held."

"Within two years, the buffalo were gone, and pioneer ranchers moved into the area. A decade later, hundreds of homesteaders moved into the area and Hayes County was organized in 1885."

The main gravel road continues on another 10 miles toward Highway 83 and the little town of Maywood. This drive takes you through some very spectacular plains terrain, with deep swales, high hills, and long vistas. Unchanged from the views that greeted the Grand Duke 126 years ago. It is the kind of view today's Interstate drivers miss. (And proof that Nebraska is most certainly not flat!)

If you are aware of other such historic sites or monuments commemorating royal personages or visits, we encourage you to submit an article or pertinent details for this newsletter.

FORMER ROMANIAN ROYAL ART COLLECTION TOURS USA

An exhibition of 27 paintings from the National Museum of Art of Romania is currently touring the United States. The show is titled "Old Masters Brought to Light" and contains works once part of the private collection of the Royal Family of Romania. According to the guidebook, this collection was formed by a series of art acquisitions by King Carol I in the late 1870's and 1880's. King Carol was intent on creating a royal collection for Romania, and on his death in 1914 his collection was willed to the Romanian Crown. This royal collection and two other private collections were confiscated by the communist regime after King Michael was exiled in 1948. The National Museum is housed in the Royal Palace in Bucharest.

The paintings in the exhibit include master works from the 14th to 17th centuries. Among these are included works by El Greco and Rembrandt van Rijn. The guide book identifies which works were purchased by King Carol and in some cases tells in which of the royal residences the work hung. Of special interest is a painting of The Virgin and Child by Boccaccino. This work had been owned by Duke Alfred of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (Queen Victoria's second son) and passed to his daughter Queen Marie of Romania on his death in 1900. The 112 page guide book has color photos of each work and a brief outline of the collection's history. The cost is \$25. To purchase a copy, contact the Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68102, 402-342-3300.

The exhibit is currently showing at the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha, NE until April 17th. It will then move to the Philbrook Museum of Art in Tulsa, OK and be on display from May 17th to July 12th. The last venue in the USA will be at the San Diego Museum of Art in San Diego, CA from August 1st until October 18th.

PAX AMERICANA

The following article was written by Alan A. Morgan, Consultant and VP to the Secretariat of Brasil Imperial. It was first published in 1992 in the Brazilian Monarchist publication "Diario do Grande ABC" It was revised by the author in October 1997. It contains the opinions of the author, though it provides food for thought for American readers.

American presidents have usually been quick on the draw in affirming that one of the most important missions of the United States in

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international affairs is in defense of liberty and democracy around the world. And that it is the responsibility of the head of this nation to act as the world's marshal, in principal, for our own good.

But if we take a close look at what has happened in the world during the course of this century, one will find that reality has been quite different. To understand what we are driving at, let us take a closer look at the results of this "pro-democracy," "pro-liberty" universal action of the USA in support of freedom around the world.

Through its interventionist policies, and against the common sense expounded by European nations at the time, the USA was instrumental in the fall of the Ch'ing dynasty of China in 1911. This introduced foreign and antagonistic republican ideals into a civilization with thousands of years of monarchical tradition. Alas, this paved the way for civil war and later the communist takeover of the country, with all its terrible consequences. This includes the later turmoil and wars in Indochina.

The USA supported the removal of monarchies in Central Europe after World War I. This facilitated the installation of fascist, national-socialist and communist regimes which subjugated half the continent's people in a way never seen before. It also pushed the formation of artificial Balkan countries in direct detriment to the aspirations of those who lived there. After the Second World War, the USA (and other Allies) delivered Eastern Europe on a silver platter to the Russians. This condemned millions of people to total misery and death (when not into slavery) and without giving the people involved any chance whatsoever to express their opinion about what future they preferred. In Italy the USA connived with certain local authorities for the fraudulent plebiscite which installed a republic with little, or no, specific identity to the national framework, condemning Italians, ever since, to chronic institutional chaos.

In the 1950's in the Middle East the USA stood idly by as King Farouk of Egypt was exiled with the resulting emergence of the Nasser dictatorship, with his effective consolidation of power after the disaster of the Suez Canal crisis when the USA withdrew its support from Great Britain and France. Similarly in Iraq the fall of King Faisal and the subsequent arrival of the Baath regime led in time to the presidency of Saddam Hussein who brought, and still dispenses, much misery and suffering to the Iraqi and neighboring Arab nations. This includes having caused the gratuitous destruction of Kuwait and the pollution of the environment in a way never seen before. This will effect the region for decades to come. In Tunisia the Bey Lamine was allowed to

be dispatched from the country and the dictator Bourguiba installed.

In the 1960s pressure was put on European countries to quickly grant independence to their colonies in Africa, submerging almost an entire continent into dictatorial regimes and provoking misery and the death of millions through hunger and civil war which last to this day. A similar fate was in store for Asia through the imposition of republican regimes in Indonesia and Burma, submerging those two countries into brutal dictatorships which still exist on the threshold of the 3rd millennium.

Monarchies continued to disappear through the urging or neglect of American foreign policy. This happened throughout Indochina. In 1968 King Idris of Libya was exiled and the monster Kadaffi arrived. In 1974 the Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia was abandoned, allowing that country to be submerged into one of the most brutal civil wars known to man and which still persists to this day. Having sacrificed millions of Ethiopians to death, misery and starvation. Similarly Shah Reza Pahlevi was abandoned, delivering Iranians to the niceties of the fundamentalists of the tyrannical Ahatollah Khomeni, with the many other consequences with which we are too familiar.

In the 90's economic and political pressure was put on Yugoslavian, Bulgarian, Albanian and Romanian authorities to discard thoughts of restoring their monarchies as a solution to their institutional problems. This being contrary to American policies for the region.

These are some of the beguiling results of "pax americana" and the republican heritage today. To these we can add here in Brazil, the episode when the Navy, under Admiral Saldanha da Gama, took up arms in 1893 to press the republican government to honor the decree #1 of Nov. 15th. 1889 (the proclamation of the Republic) which specifically stated that a plebiscite would be called for the people to decide whether they wanted to revert back to monarchy or confirm the republican regime imposed on them by a coup d'etat carried out by a handful of positivist army officers. Field-Marshal Floriano Peixoto, the president at the time (who had himself deposed the first elected President of the Republic in 1891) called upon the naval forces of the USA to annihilate our naval forces.

The interesting thing is that in most of the cases cited above, there is a common denominator: the systematic persecution of the monarchial form of government. The direct consequence of this has been the creation of an institutional emptiness in centuries-old monarchial cultures. The people of those cultures then finding that they had been delivered to the perversities and cruelties of

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republican dictatorships. Having experienced liberty and democracy under monarchy, they passed to live with a new order which tried to eradicate their past, their traditions and to blemish the national character. All due to the naïve and erroneous concept that "what is good for the United States is good for all other countries."

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

In my comments in the last issue I mentioned that there were tentative plans for a visit by King Michael of Romania to various American cities and Canada in March. Because of extra activity by the King within Romania since January, the King's schedule did not permit this. I received several offers from members to help with this. I wish to thank those who expressed interest. In time we hope we can make use of that help.

The problems besetting the American presidency since January have not gone unnoticed by editorial writers in Britain, Australia and Canada. I have read of a number of instances in which editorialists have begun to look upon monarchy in a more favorable light in those countries in the wake of this controversy.

The following text of a letter sent from our Secretary-General to The Washington Post might serve as a helpful response for our monarchist pens to the present situation. "Whatever the outcome of the latest scandal to beset a President of the United States, it does act as a reminder of the dangers inherent in the Head of State and representative of the nation being an elected politician who is also Head of Government. This fact has been mentioned by several American journalists and political analysts commenting on the recent events for the British media. While it is unthinkable that the United States should adopt a monarchial system, I hope those countries which are monarchies, and those republics which wish to restore their monarchies, will in the future receive greater respect and understanding from those Americans who hitherto

have failed to appreciate that 'the American Way' is not the *only* way, nor necessarily the *best* way."

ITALIAN MONARCHIST CLUB FORMED

We have received information about a new organization formed in New York City devoted to the history of the Italian House of Savoy, and to help support the current head of the Royal House HRH Vittorio Emanuele, Prince of Naples and Duke of Savoy. Called the "Club Reale (Royal Club), Umberto II, the club is affiliated with the Italian based Federazione Monarchia Italiana. As such it is that organization's first branch in the United States.

The organization is non profit and non political. Count Pier Arrigo Braschi has been appointed to serve as the director. To contact the club, please write: 412 W. End Avenue, Suite 1.S New York NY 10024, tel. 212-362-6729, fax 212-580-8210.

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PRINCE OF NAPLES IN NEW YORK.

The January 1998 issue of "Italia Reale" reported that "The Head of the Royal House of Italy recently passed several days in the United States, where he met with many individuals and local groups. Particularly nice was what happened outside a Manhattan restaurant. A small party of Italians recognized the Prince and gathered round to welcome him. Very quickly, more people joined them and in a few minutes Prince Victor Emanuele found himself in the middle of a throng of excited and happy Italians and Italian-Americans. Affection of Italians for the House of Savoy is anything but dead!"

PORTRAIT OFFER

League member Mr. David Schwalm, an accomplished artist, is available to paint a portrait of your favorite royal person (or anyone else for that matter). Special rates will be made available to League members. Please contact Mr. Schwalm at: 4807 Bluffview Blvd, Dallas, TX 75209.

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