



The Monarchist League

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CENTRAL STATES NEWS

NEBRASKA BRANCH

Just over 50 people attended the annual King Charles the Martyr service at St. Barnabas Church, Omaha, on Saturday, January 26. Many thanks to the several branch members and friends who provided food for the Brunch following the service.

The next Branch event will be on Sunday afternoon, April 21st. This will be a celebration of the Queen's 50th Jubilee as well as the Queen's real birthday, which happens to fall on the same day. This will be held at Saint Barnabas Church, 40th & Davenport Streets in Omaha. There will be an English High Tea at 4:30 PM followed by a Festival Solemn Choral Evensong at 5:30 PM. The music will include works of Ralph Vaughan Williams and favourite British national hymns. We anticipate that members of the local Union Jack Club will also be joining us for this celebration.

Please contact Nick Behrens at 402-455-4492 for more information.

EASTERN STATES NEWS

NEW YORK BRANCH

Members and friends of the Branch are invited to attend a service to commemorate the Canonization of Saint Charles (King Charles I) on Saturday morning, April 27 at 11:AM. The service will be celebrated at the Church of Saint Paul in the City of Brooklyn, located at Clinton Street at Carroll Street. There will be a luncheon following the Mass. For details please contact Dr. Bernard Brennan, the Chapter Secretary of the Society of King Charles the Martyr and League member, at 718-852-8235.

KING CHARLES THE MARTYR SERVICE

About 125 people attended the official national King Charles the Martyr service on Saturday morning, January 26th, 2002 at the Church of the Transfiguration in Manhattan. The preacher for the occasion was the Rev. Canon Prof. J. Robert Wright. Dr. Wright is Saint Mark's Church in the Bower Professor of Ecclesiastical History at The General Theological Seminary in New York.

Music of the Mass was Harold Darke's Communion Service in F Major, and the anthem

"Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace" by S. S. Wesley, and was sung by the Transfiguration Choir of Men and Boys under the direction of Dr. Claudia Dumschat, Organist and Choirmaster.

KING LOUIS XVI REMEMBERED

The Annual Requiem Mass for King Louis XVI of France was held on Saturday, January 26, 2002 at St. Anne's Cathedral, 110 East 12th Street in Manhattan. The Requiem Mass was organized for those loyal to the memory of the King and Martyr, Louis XVI, to coincide with the annual religious ceremony held the same day at the Basilica of Saint-Denis in Paris in the presence of HRH Prince Louis de Bourbon, duc d'Anjou. The Solemn Requiem Mass was an Indult Mass, granted by the Ecclesia Dei Commission at the Holy See, according to the Carolingian-Gregorian rite of Pope Saint Pius V. At one point during the Mass, the priest read the very moving Last Testament of Louis XVI. About 200 people attended the Mass.

Afterwards about 50 people attended a reception at the Café Loup. The featured guest and speaker was HIRH Archduke Geza of Austria, who had also attended the Mass. During his talk the Archduke took a very sympathetic view of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, a view he reached on his own as a historian and not as a relative. He pointed out that there are few good books about Louis XVI as compared to those about the Queen, mentioning a new biography by Lady Antonia Fraser. Also, he spoke of the Queen's great involvement with the arts and fashion and her commitment as a mother.

ROYALTY AT THE MET

There are several great lectures of interest to monarchists coming up this season at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. On Tuesday April 9, Olivier Bernier will be speaking on the topic "The Handsomest of Kings: Louis XV and the Rococo" and "Queen of Fashion: Marie Antoinette".

Then in a series of Lectures, HIRH Archduke Geza of Austria will speak on "Three Habsburg Kings of Spain, Charles V, Philip II and Philip IV". These lectures will be held on Thursdays, April, 18, 25, and May 2 respectively. Please contact the museum for times and cost.

RUSSIAN EASTER BALL

The annual Russian Nobility Association Easter Ball is coming up on May 17, 2002. As usual this will be at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. Members will be receiving invitations in the mail shortly. You may also contact Dr. Gunn-Walberg for more information. (See the Delegates Box below).

For information about future New York Branch events, or if you have suggestions, or would like to help, please contact Stephen Stephanou at 212-255-2900, or write 105 Duane Street, Apt. 52-A New York, NY 10007.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

League members in Florida and Southeast Georgia are encouraged to contact Brad Lawrence, 800 Lincoln Road, Neptune Beach, FL 32266, to find out about future gatherings of the new Branch in that area. Visitors and guests are most welcome.

GREATER WASHINGTON DC

There are at present 25 to 30 members in the Washington DC, Maryland, and Eastern Virginia area. This is more than enough members to start a League Branch in the area. We encourage members in the area to contact our Eastern States Delegate, Dr. Kenneth Gunn-Walberg, to discuss organizing a new branch.

EASTERN DELEGATE'S REPORT

Our Eastern State's delegate Dr. Gunn-Walberg reports that on December 9th, 2001 he delivered a speech in Toronto, Ontario to the Serbian National Shield Society. The speech was entitled "A King for Yugoslavia" and reminded those present of the arguments for monarchy in general and in favour of Crown Prince Alexander in particular. His speech was well received and closed with a toast to Prince Alexander and his eldest son Prince Peter. The speech was printed in full in the December 27 "Voice of Canadian Serbs" newspaper

In mid January, 2002 Princess Selina Obolensky of Washington DC traveled to Moscow where she presented a check for \$1500 raised by American members of the League to the Museum of the Russian Imperial Dynasty. These funds will be used for the upgrading of the Museum's computer systems. An article about the Museum appeared in the October, 2001 American member newsletter.

Dr. and Mrs. Gunn-Walberg represented the League at the Russian Nobility Association's New Year's Ball January 11 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington DC. They were accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. B.A. Zikria. Dr. Zikria is a principal advisor to HM King Zahir Shah of Afghanistan and was in Washington for talks with US government officials.

Dr. Gunn-Walberg and Tom Hutson were instrumental in setting up a speech given by HH Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi of Iran on February 20th

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to a Washington DC meeting of the Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired (DACOR) organization. The Crown Prince gave an excellent address in front of a very large audience. (See related article below).

WESTERN STATES NEWS**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH**

Roy Green has submitted the following report and special invitation to members of the Branch.

For many years, the British Community in Los Angeles held an annual Grand Ball at the elegant Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel on the occasion of the official birthday of their Sovereign. There were flowers, dancing to a lovely orchestra, fine wines and excellent food, and in addition, a colour guard and Scottish pipers in full regalia. It was a much anticipated affair.

This year the Brits (and monarchists) really have something to celebrate in the Golden Jubilee of their much beloved Queen Elizabeth II, and in keeping with this event are recreating the Grand Ball in its original rendezvous, the Grand Ballroom of the Regent Beverly Hills Hotel. This event will take place on Saturday evening, June 15th, 2002. It will be a spectacular night to which you are all invited. It is a black tie event with a modest fee of \$125 per person.

The British Mayflower Club has agreed to handle reservation inquiries. You may call at 818-769-6370 Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please be sure to mention your League membership when you call.

Remember, Saturday, June 15th, 2002, Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel. See you there!

For information about future Branch events contact Roy Green at 818-244-2389, or Charles Coulombe, 626-357-7236, ccoulomb@mail2.thinline.com

Our Western States delegate Charles Coulombe reports that while in Britain earlier this year he attended the League's January Council meeting and was present at the Royal Stuart Society's annual wreath laying ceremony at the statue of King Charles I in Trafalgar Square. He also delivered a lecture on "Jacobitism and the American Revolution" at Oriol College, Oxford. On March 8 he delivered a lecture entitled "A Golden Jubilee Retrospective" to the Toronto Branch of the Monarchist League of Canada.

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH?

Members in the San Francisco or Northern California area who would be interested in getting together for social events and possibly to form a new branch are asked to contact League member Joel Wallenberg at his e-mail address - yoelw@yahoo.com

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AFGHAN KING IN THE NEWS

As of this writing, King Mohammed Zahir Shah is scheduled to return to Afghanistan on March 21, ending 29 years of exile. Interim Afghan leader Hamid Karzai told a news conference in New Delhi on March 10 that the King would "celebrate the Afghan new year in Kabul," which begins March 21. The holiday is known as Naw Roz and was banned by the Taliban.

Mr. Karzai has said that for the moment the King is coming as an Afghan citizen and as an elderly statesman.

Mr. Karzai is considered to be a royalist and, despite opposition from some within his interim government, he has insisted that the King should return home and play a role in restoring peace and stability to his country. Mr. Karzai, who took office on December 22, is an ethnic Pashtun, like the former King, and is related to him.

Some experts believe that the King's return will strengthen Mr. Karzai, who is surrounded by non-Pashtun ethnic troops of the Northern Alliance who captured Kabul after the collapse of the Taliban regime several months ago. Although the Alliance signed a deal with the King in October, in an act all too typical of politicians, it has cooled its support of the King since capturing Kabul. Alliance leaders now say that Zahir Shah can return as an ordinary citizen but should have no role in Afghan politics.

However, there are encouraging small signs for Royalists. On January 30, troops loyal to Mr. Karzai took the town of Gardez about 60 miles south of Kabul. There the Paktia region's new royalist governor, Badshah Khan, entered the town with 800 soldiers and raised the red, black and green flag of the Afghan Kingdom at the governor's mansion.

On February 5, Mr. Karzai issued a plea for unity and hope at a ceremony attended by most government ministers, the foreign press, and such diplomats as are presently in Kabul. This was held in front of the old Royal Palace. During the ceremony the old royal flag was raised and the royal national

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anthem was played.

We urge League members to continue to contact their congressmen and government departments to support the return of the King to Afghanistan, and to support the restoration of the Monarchy.

Those wishing to learn more about the Afghan Royal Family may visit a new web site dedicated to MH King Mohammed Zahir Shah and the Royal House of Afghanistan. It is: www.zaher-shah.fr.fm.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I would once again like to thank Mr. Walter Moore of Ellicott City, Maryland for keeping me informed by sending me e-mail reports from which I can draw to compile this newsletter. His vigilant eye is much appreciated!

You will note the celebrations of the Queen's Jubilee scheduled for Los Angeles and Omaha. If members are aware of other celebrations here in the United States, please let us know about them so we can let members in the area know and provide reports in this newsletter.

Members' reports on Royal visits, exhibits, etc. are always welcome too, particularly if we can provide advance notice of some event.

IRAN MONARCHY NEWS

During the last several months Reza Pahlavi, the exiled Crown Prince of Iran, sometimes referred to as "The Young Shah", has been increasingly in the news both in the American and foreign media. He has been interviewed on, or written about, on Fox News Sunday, MSNBC with Chris Matthews, and USA Today to name but a few.

In January he had a major op-ed piece published in the Washington Post outlining his hopes for the future of Iran. In this he said his priority was the creation of a "democratic and secular regime" and not necessarily reinstating the monarchy, though he would be willing to serve as monarch should the Iranian people choose a constitutional monarchy over a republican regime.

"I believe the Iranians are today capable of taking care of their own destiny, provided the international community tells them it is with them, and not against them in this quest," he added, calling for a strategy of "non-violent civil disobedience."

Support for him within Iran itself seems to be picking up steam. Evidence of this has been shown by the fear which the current Iranian regime seems to have of him. It has been learnt that the Iranian government has been providing funds to the Northern Alliance in Afghanistan to discourage the return of King Zahir Shah. It being feared that the

Afghan King's return would encourage more Iranians to call for Reza Pahlavi's return.

Crown Prince Reza also recently voiced support for President George W. Bush's designation of Iran as part of an "axis of evil" though he believes that US military action against his country would be a mistake.

"What President Bush said is what Iranians have hoped to hear for years," pointing out that President Bush took pains in his "axis of evil" speech late last month to separate the Iranian people from the Tehran regime and had referred to the Iranian "people in search of their freedom who are still led by force." But he made it clear that he opposed military action against his country. President Bush and other officials have hinted that Iran might be a target for attack in the US-led war on terror.

To learn more about the current or to send a message of support members may visit the Crown Prince's website – www.rezapahlavi.org.

LEAGUE ITEMS IN US DOLLARS

Items advertised in the League journal *MONARCHY* should be ordered directly from League headquarters in London. Payment may be made by personal checks or money orders. For your convenience, we list these items and their cost in US dollars, postage from Britain included: League Neck Ties - \$21, League Blazer Badges - \$21, League Lapel Pins - \$7.50, Back issues of *MONARCHY* are \$2.50 per issue. Old back issues of "*THE MONARCHIST*" (our previous publication) are \$4.00 per issue.

USED BOOK SHOP

Every so often we receive donations of used Royalty books. We are offering these for purchase to our members. The prices suggested are to help generate some additional funds to help us with regular day-to-day League expenses. We are not trying to be in competition with booksellers. If there is something you are interested in, please send a note or call before sending payment, to make sure we still have the item. The prices include postage costs within the USA. All books are hardback, unless stated otherwise. Please contact Nick Behrens, at the address in delegate box on this page.

At Home With the Royal Family (1986) 246 pages,

Paul James and Peter Russell, \$10

Elizabeth and Philip (1991) 516 pages, Charles

Higham and Roy Moseley \$12

The Prince of Wales (1994) 620 pages, Jonathan

Dimbleby, new \$20

Famous Scots (1988) 229 pages, Ian Fellowes

Gordon, new, \$5 (paperback)

Little Book of Scottish Clans (1995) 60 pages,

Alexander Fulton \$8

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A Scots Sampler – Anthology of Prose and Verse (1993) 160 pages \$10

Debretts Book of the Royal Wedding (Duke and Duchess of York) (1986) 160 pages, \$12

Aristocrats (1983) 248 pages, Robert Lacey, \$15

The Last Empress (Alexandra of Russia) (1994) Greg King, \$20

The Canadian Monarchy in Saskatchewan (1990) 52 pages \$5

Hirohito, Emperor of Japan (1966) 371 pages Leonard Mosley \$15

Window for the Crown Prince (Akihito of Japan) (1952) 320 pages, Elizabeth Vining \$15

Portrait of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1990) 192 pages, Photographs by Michael Reagan, \$20

Royal Family – Years of Transition (1983), Theo Aronson \$10

Edward VII – Prince and King (1979) Giles St. Aubyn \$15

Royal Heritage – The Reign of Elizabeth II (1977) J.H. Plumb & Huw Wheldon, \$12

Prince Philip – A Family Portrait (1959) by Alexandra, Queen of Yugoslavia, \$15

The Man Who Will Be King HRH (bio of Prince Charles) (1979) Tim Heald & Mayo Mohs, \$10

The Windsor Story (Duke and Duchess of Windsor) (1979) J. Bryan III & Charles J.V. Murphy \$15

The Woman He Loved (Duke and Duchess of Windsor) (1973) Ralph Martin, \$15

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