



The Cross of Languedoc

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“May God keep us steadfast as He kept them steadfast, and in joy or in sorrow, may we know, as they knew, that underneath are the Everlasting Arms”.



-COVER STORY

Photo by: Daniel Chew

THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT COLLECTION

Shown on the cover of this August 2006 issue is the interior of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Library. The location of the **National Huguenot Society Collection** can be seen on the second level. Efforts are being made to increase both the quality and quantity of Huguenot research material located here.

The National Huguenot Society had for many years maintained a library located at rented space at the National Headquarters Office in Bloomington, MN. Since it was impossible to keep the library open to the public it seemed prudent to explore possibilities for placement of the Library where it would be open to the public, well-housed and well-maintained, without expense to our Society. A most fortunate opportunity was opened to us in early 2003.

With approved vote by the Annual Congress of April 2003, The National Huguenot Society entered into a ***Deed of Gift and Agreement***, with the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. NSDAR through its DAR Library agreed to accept the library of Huguenot genealogical and historical materials and agreed to catalogue, arrange, and make available to all researchers the library of the National Huguenot Society as a special collection to be called the National Huguenot Society Collection and agreed to maintain the collection as a distinct, unified compilation within the DAR Library. NSDAR also agreed that members of the National Huguenot Society may have access to the DAR Library and thereby to the National Huguenot Collection without paying a daily entrance fee.

The National Huguenot Society continues to place materials for research in the ***National Huguenot Society Collection***. A Special Committee has been established to “review” and determine what worthwhile additions should be added. It is the hope of the Society that our collection will grow to be among the best Huguenot research centers available. In 2005, CD Rom’s purchased from the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland were added, consisting of many Registers of French Churches, such as: Threadneedle Street, Spitalfields, Le Carre and Berwick Street, Savoy, Spring Gardens and Les Grecs, Chapel Royal, St. James, Swallow Street, Hungerford Market (later Castle Street), all of London. Also records of Walloon and Huguenot Churches outside London available on CD Rom were added.

The Chairman of the Special Committee for Acquisitions, our Historian General, met with the Finance Committee preceding the 70th Annual Congress (April 2006) and requested funds for the purchase of hard copies, now available, of ***French Records*** in Britain and Ireland. Many of these records are invaluable to the researcher and will be easy to use in their printed form. Their addition will greatly enhance our collection.

Each year the Society gives an award for the best publication of the year having to do with a Huguenot subject in whole or in part. The winning publication is placed in the collection. Also other submissions are often donated to the collection by the author and are much appreciated.

Donations of materials for the collection will be accepted, subject to review by the Special Committee (for acquisitions). Monetary donations for the purchase of desirable materials are always welcome and those should be sent to the Treasurer General stating that the funds should be used for the National Huguenot Society Collection.

The ***National Huguenot Society Collection*** is located within the NSDAR Library, at **1776 D Street, N.W.; Washington, DC**. Members are encouraged to make use of this collection by visiting whenever possible.

Neoma O. O'Brien
Honorary President General
-Editor pro tem

President General's Report

70th Annual Congress

Washington, DC

The President General has attended Chapter, State and National meetings, traveled and spoken about the Huguenots to Daytona Beach SAR, and will speak in May to the Halifax Genealogical Society.

She has presided at meetings of The National Huguenot Society in Washington, DC, and San Antonio, TX. Plans are being made with the Florida Society President, Robert Burt, to host the semiannual meetings of the Board of General Officers and the General Council in Daytona Beach, in October.

Shortly after election and appointment of Committee Chairmen, she appointed Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien as Liaison Officer with the Harris Publishing Company. We have had two beautiful editions of The Cross of Languedoc produced by our Editor Pro Tem, Mrs. O'Brien. Janice Lorenz of the DC Society recently accepted appointment as a member of the Publications Committee. We expect an October delivery of the 2006 edition of our 3rd National Huguenot Society Membership Directory.

Organizing Secretary General James Barr resigned his office and Betty Swisher of Missouri was appointed to fill the term. First Vice President General Dr. David Harpole was appointed Membership Chairman. Carole Belcher, PRP, and her committee worked on amendments to the Bylaws. The President General kept Jeannine Kallal, Registrar General, supplied with signed membership certificates and letters of welcome to new members.

The Headquarters Archivist/Secretary Grace Rice recommended that the National Society move its National Headquarters Office to some other location. Miss Rice has been working very hard with the files to replace things that had been removed by a previous officer and not replaced, removing duplicate material, from the Ancestor files, and organizing the Member Application papers in preparation to place this material on archival safe material determined to be microfilm or microfiche. This work will be completed before moving of the Headquarters.

The National Society's Web-Site was edited to correct inaccuracies in the definition of "Who Were the Huguenots?" to bring it into conformity with the facts and the National Society.

Jean Hyde, Chairman of the Award Committee to award \$1,000 annually to the author of the Best Published Work, has worked with her Committee to select a winner for this year who will be named in Mrs. Hyde's report. Treasurer General Barbara MacManus keeps the financial matters running like a well-oiled machine. Corresponding Secretary General Barbara Baylis produced a lovely directory of Officers, Chairmen and State Presidents which has proved to be invaluable.

The President General has handled correspondence by U.S. Mail, and e-mail, and has made and received countless telephone calls. The Call to the 70th Annual Congress was approved by the President General and mailed by the Corresponding Secretary General. She had copies made of Frances Dubois' "Huguenot France" on VHS and DVD technology for sale, and several school teachers ordered copies to use as a teaching aid in their classrooms. She contacted Clearfield Publishing Co., the publisher of the Society's Bible Records, regarding publication of another volume and Sharyn Worrell of Illinois is working on Bible Records Volume II. Volunteers are needed for this and other projects.

The President General has accepted an invitation to visit the Tennessee Member Society this year and was guest of the Illinois Society in November at their very special Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration.

Thank you for electing me as your President General. It is a pleasure working with each of you to accomplish our Huguenot goals of increased membership, the Book Award, and "The Cross of Languedoc" publication.

In true Huguenot Faith and Devotion,

Sylvia F. McAuliffe

REPORTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS

First Vice President General David H. Harpole, Sr., M. D.

This Vice-President is impressed by the overwhelming need for growth and development of our National Huguenot Society. Above all, we need more members and more active member-state societies. This situation calls for an across-the-board joint effort to obtain our goals.

Our membership committee is actively working to improve our methods of finding more prospective members, and helping to coordinate efforts to enlist more members.

Our commitment at the San Antonio meeting was to enlarge our list of eligible ancestors, and, eventually, to publish a considerably larger list. Finding proof is not easy when the sources are in Europe, but, we will not get discouraged. This will be a multi-year process. The initial phase is to provide our member-societies with a list of surnames, from which some descendants can be found. As we find proof of these lines, more ancestors may be added to our approved list.

In this room we have a lot of “wheels” and “axles” to turn them, but we need more “cogs” in the gears that turn the axles that make the wheels go. Please help when called upon, or volunteer without a call. Be a “cog”. Let’s work together with our best efforts in the coming years, to make our Society the most effective one possible.

David H. Harpole, M.D.

Chaplain General The Rev. Dr. Albert Clinton Walling, II

From now until May, 2007, our nation and the world will be making preparations to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestowne, Virginia. Jamestowne is the oldest permanent English settlement in the New World. It was actually the beginning of English America and the British Empire.

The Jamestown Foundation, the Commonwealth of Virginia, key organizations such as the Order of First Families of Virginia, the Jamestowne Society, Order of Descendants of Ancient Planters, and others are making plans for the event. The President of the United States of America, the Queen of

England or her Heir and other notables will likely be in attendance.

We who are of Huguenot descent have close ties with Virginia and Jamestowne, Williamsburg and Yorktown. Early Huguenots such as Nicholas Martiau were in Jamestowne in the years near the founding date. The largest Huguenot Settlement in America was the Manakin settlement on the James River just up the river from Jamestowne. These Huguenots left Europe in 1699, just 92 years after the founding of Jamestowne. Some of them had helped King William win the British Crown and he rewarded them with 10,000 acres of good Virginia land.

Oh Almighty God, who didst give to thy servants, the Huguenots, boldness to confess the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ before the rulers of this world, and courage to die for this faith: Grant that we may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, to suffer gladly for the sake of the same our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MEMORIAL ROLL CALL OF NECROLOGY Huguenot Faithful Departed 2005 – 2006

ARIZONA

MacGregor, Dorothy

CALIFORNIA

Anderson, Mary Elizabeth

Carlton, La Vanche

Davis, La Verne Cave

Dedrick, Georgianna

Escherich, William Winder

Fortine, Eugene Arthur

Stebbens, Patricia

Steward, Vivian

Woolridge, Donald

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Cummings, James W.

Harris, Nancy Louise Edwards

DELAWARE

Abernathy, Annie Lou

Hotchkiss, Horace Leslie, IV

FLORIDA

Bertolet, Raymond J.
 Bridges, Helen Hutchinson
 Davis, Rachel
 Short, James Warren
 Staples, Willard I.

IDAHO

Hicks, Alice
 Redmond, Evelyn

INDIANA

Brown, Maxine L.
 DeMuth, Esther G.
 King, Marilynn Miller
 Moore, Nelson R.
 Souder, Marjiann

KANSAS

Clark, Ruth Keys
 Walker, Howard Ransey

KENTUCKY

Cassell, Hugh Bethel
 Williams, Frances Marion

MAINE

Viall, Todd Wilkes Sturdivant
 Syme, Jean Metcalf Atwood

MARYLAND

Keigler, Margaret (Peggy)
 Nelson, Anita R.
 Stein, Charles F., III
 Stewart, Elizabeth Winslow

MASSACHUSETTS

Cohen, Elizabeth Lanier Jennings
 Costello, Juanita
 Gilman, Frances M.

MISSOURI

Bolen, Nancy Neiman
 Marshall, Elizabeth Van Meter Haynie
 McKinney, Frances
 Osborn, Robert Wynn

MONTANA

(At Large Member)
 Musser, Cara V.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Naylor, Jessie
 Sumner, Donald M.

NEW MEXICO

Runyan, James E.

NORTH CAROLINA

Kuchta, Adda R.
 Wood, Mary Sutton
 Yates, Sue Tucker

OHIO

Bohl, Geneva Anne Smith

PENNSYLVANIA

Watrous, Dorothy

RHODE ISLAND

Davis, Dorothy Quinby
 McGunigle, Dorothy Greene

TENNESSEE

Beyer, Carolyn Stephens
 Farrar, Lillian Bondurant
 Roberts, Barbara Jean Smith

TEXAS

Baughn, Ann Letyre Proctor
 Chenault, Davis Oscar, Jr.
 Holmesly, Sydney J.

Niedermaier, Louise Pullen
 Reddy, Josephine Ledwell

Smith, Mary Louise Anderson

VIRGINIA

Bowen, Nellie Fox
 Crandall, Catherine Bolling

Hale, Mary Elizabeth
 Kinnier, Frances Williams

Manley, Iva Bowman
 Worsham, Margaret Curry

WASHINGTON

Taggart, Mary Alice

MEMBER AT LARGE

Hobson, Lois H.

Jesus said, "Come you who are blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matthew 25:34

The Chaplain General expresses his gratitude to our President General, Mrs. Sylvia F. McAuliffe, and to the State Presidents, the Chaplains and the Registrar General. They have all been kind and cooperative and diligent in reporting names and pertinent data as have numerous other members.

The Memorial Wreath before you contains a flower for each of our deceased whose name you have heard read. At the end of this Annual Congress, we will place the wreath at the World War II Memorial, and all are invited to join us there as we pay tribute to those living and dead who served our nation during that trying conflict.

The Rev. Dr. Albert Clinton Walling, II

Corresponding Secretary General

Barbara R. Baylis

My first duty of the 2005-2007 Term was to compile the Directory of The General Council: which consists of the National Officers, National Chairmen, Honorary Presidents General and State Presidents. It was assembled and delivered to our President General in September 2005. She, in turn, mailed these to The General Council.

This officer has brought to this meeting corrections to this publication. These were passed out to Members of The General Council. Please let me know if additional corrections should be made. I would like to remind the Council to make a copy of the last page in the Directory for a Change of Address Form. Please use this for your corrections. It can be mailed or emailed with a copy going to the **President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Registrar**.

Out of thirty-seven Member (State) Societies, only eleven sent in their officers before the Directory went to press. For the other twenty chapters we had to make phone calls or cross our fingers and hope for the best. This lack of response explains why some states may have been late in receiving their Directory.

It was my decision to use Huguenot colors for the Directory. The Printer did not have our beautiful French Blue so the Gold in our ribbon was my next choice. As our tactful President General said, "You can spot it quickly on the shelf!"

I did one more thing without asking approval. I placed the sheet in the front with her picture and address. Sylvia spends so much time and effort on behalf of our Society I felt, as I am sure you do, she is deserving of a page with her picture for her dedication on behalf of the Society.

From my office have also been mailed the minutes of the 2006 National meeting, the 2006 Board Meeting in San Antonio and the Call for the 2006 National Meeting of this week.

My thanks to Sylvia McAuliffe, Barbara McManus and Jeannine Kallal for their help in obtaining names and addresses. Thanks to those State Societies who did correspond and send in information. I also appreciate those State Societies who remembered to get their information in even when it was after the deadline.

Thanks to the members of the Society for allowing me to serve as your Corresponding Secretary.

Barbara R. Baylis

Organizing Secretary General

Betty Lawson Swisher

Since last October I have been trying to learn more about Huguenot rules and regulations! Also how we may increase membership, as we need young, active and dedicated members for survival and growth of our chapters. We want to strengthen our current membership and share with them motivation and encouragement at times as this is deeply appreciated!

Trying to serve as your Organizing Secretary is a new field for me and I will certainly appreciate your help and suggestions for the betterment of our society as well as prospective applicants for chapter membership.

I am sure each of us present today agrees that we as Huguenot descendants are truly blessed! We have such a great heritage and something we want to share with others eligible to enjoy this wonderful privilege.

Our Huguenot ancestors helped assure freedom of religion from early history. Let us work together in Unity and Faith for the good of our Huguenot Societies and our Nation.

In Huguenot Faith and Devotion,

Betty Lawson Swisher

NOTICE

The National Huguenot Society Membership Directory of 2006, published by Harris Publishing Company is expected to be completed in October 2006. Harris will begin mailing to those that have placed orders at that time.

Treasurer General's Activity Report

Barbara C. MacManus

During the period since the Treasurer General's last report on 8 October 2005 to the present, I have accomplished the following tasks:

Timely posted and deposited all funds received from the Registrar General, the Headquarters Office, State member Societies, Members-at-Large, and individuals.

Reviewed and reconciled all bank statements from the various financial institutions in which the funds of the National Huguenot Society, Inc. are held.

Monitored all time deposits and researched current interest rates and yields and timely reinvested maturing time deposits in the FDIC insured financial institutions that were most advantageous as determined in collaboration with members of the Finance Committee.

Timely disbursed payment of all bills and invoices approved and submitted by the President General in accordance with the established voucher system.

Promptly posted all deposited receipts and disbursed checks to the books of account in the computerized Quick Books system.

Kept the President General and Finance Committee advised of the status of accounts.

Closed the books for the year 2005 and submitted the records and supporting documentation to the Audit Committee for audit.

Submitted a draft copy of the 2005 Federal Tax Return to the Counselor General for review.

Completed and filed the 2005 Federal Tax Return.

Reported to the Credentials Committee the Member (State) Societies eligible to be represented at the 2006 Congress based on timely payment of annual fees (dues).

Provided the Registrar General with lists of Members-at-Large whose 2006 dues are paid.

Prepared 2005 Year End Financial Statements and Reports as well as First Quarter 2006 Financial Statements and Reports to be presented at the 2006 Annual Congress.

These tasks were performed humbly and with pride in and loyalty to my Huguenot heritage and the National Huguenot Society.

Respectfully submitted 8 April 2006,

Barbara C. MacManus

Treasurer General's 2005 Year End Report 8 April 2006

Barbara C. MacManus

The undersigned, Treasurer General of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., does hereby submit the following Year End Financial Report as of 31 December 2005.

The balance of funds on hand at the beginning of the year 2005, including the Dickey Scholarship Restricted Funds of \$286,868.83, the Lewis Memorial Restricted Funds of \$20,618.85, the Unrestricted Advent Recovery Funds of \$78,077.78, and the Unrestricted Operating Funds of \$54,178.90, totaled \$439,744.36.

There was received from all sources during the period from 1 January through 31 December 2005, \$49,069.49. During the same period, the disbursements totaled \$32,852.68, leaving a net increase in funds for the year 2005 of \$16,216.83.

Balance of funds on hand as of 31 December 2005, including the Dickey Scholarship Restricted Funds of \$291,700.41, the Lewis Memorial Restricted Funds of \$21,246.86, the Unrestricted Advent Recovery Funds of \$80,330.25, and the Unrestricted Operating Funds of \$62,683.67, totaled \$455,961.19.

The attached Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2005, includes printouts of the beginning 31 December 2004 Balance Sheet, a detailed accounting of Revenue and Expenses, and the 31 December 2005 Balance Sheet showing restricted and unrestricted funds balances.

Also attached is a Worksheet showing verification of Account Balances in the various financial institutions and a worksheet showing those Account Balances allocated to the various Funds to which they belong.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara C. MacManus

**Treasurer General's
First Quarter 2006 Report**

**8 April 2006
Barbara C. MacManus**

The undersigned, Treasurer General of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., does hereby submit the following Financial Report for the period 1 January 2006 to 31 March 2006:

The balance of funds on hand at the beginning of January 2006, including the Dickey Scholarship Restricted Funds of \$291,700.41, the Lewis Memorial Restricted Funds of \$21,246.86, the Unrestricted Advent Recovery Funds of \$80,330.25, and the Unrestricted Operating Funds of \$62,683.67, totaled \$455,961.19.

There was received from all sources during the period from 1 January through 31 March 2006, \$29,087.02. During the same period, the disbursements totaled \$9,272.69, leaving a net increase in funds for the First Quarter 2006 of \$19,814.33.

Balance of funds on hand as of 31 March 2006, including the Dickey Scholarship Restricted Funds of \$294,158.89, the Lewis Memorial Restricted Funds of \$21,411.29, the Unrestricted Advent Recovery Funds of \$81,128.01, and the Unrestricted Operating Funds of \$79,077.33, totaled \$475,775.52.

The attached Financial Report for the period 1 January to 31 March, 2006, includes printouts of the 31 December 2005 Balance Sheet, and a detailed accounting of Revenue and Expenses for the First Quarter 2006, and the 31 March 2006 Balance Sheet. The Balance Sheet does not reflect gains or losses allocated to each individual Fund because the gains and losses are only closed to the Funds' Equity Accounts on the books at year end; however an attached Worksheet shows verification of Account Balances in the various financial institutions and another attached Worksheet shows those

Account Balances allocated to the various Funds to which they belong.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara C. MacManus

Audit Committee

**Frank S. Hall
Linda Hess
30 March 2006**

The Audit Committee, consisting of Frank S. Hall, President of the Huguenot Society of Texas, and Linda Hess, President of the La Rochelle Chapter of Texas, reviewed the financial records of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., for the period ending December 31, 2005, and the financial reports for that period generated by the current Treasurer General. The Audit Committee found the financial records and reports to be in very good order and in agreement with balances reported by the various financial institutions in which the funds of the National Huguenot Society, Inc. are deposited. The total assets balance for the period ending Dec. 31, 2005, was \$460,816.19.

The Audit committee commends the Treasurer General Barbara C. MacManus for her diligence and dedication to detail.

The Audit Committee recommends that additional verification of inventory of merchandise for sale be made available for the next audit.

The Audit Committee hereby submits this Audit Report to be placed before the membership for approval at the next Congress meeting April 7-8, 2006.

**Frank S. Hall
Linda Hess**

Question:

What present-day "Royal House", in what country (once a refuge for Huguenots) traces its lineage through Huguenot, Admiral Gaspard De Coligny (1519 – 1572)?

In the unlikely event that you do not know – the answer will be published in the next issue.

- Editor

Registrar General

Jeannine S. Kallal

Between 6 October 2005 and 5 April 2006, 35 applications and 5 supplemental papers have been approved. Three of the 35 new members are juniors. There have been 2 transfers, 1 dual membership and 2 reinstatements in that same time period.

At this time, all papers received have been read at least once. Eight papers are awaiting further documentation before they can be approved.

The annual State Registrar Report Form was sent to 35 State Registrars in late December—25 responded. All notifications of deaths have been sent to the Chaplain General; all membership changes were sent to the mailing service. All monies have been tabulated and sent to the Treasurer General. Completed files and approved applications and supplemental papers have been sent to the Society's Archives in Minnesota.

Countless emails have been answered and membership referrals made to the State Registrars. Happily, all but 7 of them have email addresses, which makes the task much easier and cuts down the response time for prospective members. The cost to the Society is also less.

Barry Gerth of the Illinois Society continues to do the membership certificates at no cost to the Society. At this time all but the 7 newest members have their certificates.

The totals for this administration since 8 April 2005 are: 75 new members (including 4 juniors), 12 supplemental papers, 3 Youth Registrations, 6 transfers, 2 dual memberships and 3 reinstatements.

Once again, Florida led the way in membership: 9 new members by application, 1 reinstatement, 3 transfers in and 2 dual members—a total of 15 new members in that state. The Florida Society also submitted 3 supplemental papers. The Virginia society gained 8 new members by application and regained one member through reinstatement. North Carolina had 5 new members by application and one transfer in, for a gain of 6 new members. This officer wishes to thank all the State Registrars for their hard work and the cooperation that they have shown.

The 2005 *Update* was completed and printed. Copies are available today at the cost of \$7. A copy has been included in the National Huguenot Society Collection located at the

NSDAR Library. All the State Registrars were notified regarding its availability and many of them have purchased the booklet. The list of qualified Huguenot ancestors on our website is kept current. Recently J. E. Caldwell, our official jeweler, contacted me regarding price changes. I sent those changes to Steve Gerth, our webmaster, and the new prices were on the website minutes later. Steve can be counted on to get everything on line quickly so that the information on the website is as timely as possible.

The biggest job is trying to keep our membership list current. In order to have any hope of doing this, I need State Registrars and Treasurers to send membership changes in a timely fashion. Every time an incorrect address is used for an issue of *The Cross of Languedoc*, the Society bears the cost of its return. The list is more accurate than it was, but it is a work in progress.

The next project will be a compilation of *The Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors* and the 10 *Updates* into one book. A single reference is really needed.

This officer has attended all meetings and has carried out all the duties of her office.

Jeannine Sheldon Kallal

Historian General

Carol Chew

Huguenot Collection: In November, the Historian General visited the DAR Library in Washington, D.C. to see the Huguenot Collection recently housed there. During that time she was given a tour of the library, met with Director Eric Grundset and other staff members, and brought materials from the Huguenot Society of Wisconsin to add to the Collection. Her husband took several photos of the visit for use in a future issue of *The Cross*. Attached is a list of books and materials donated in the past year. Seven CDs were purchased from the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland. Print publications from the same organization are planned to be added this year following a request by the Historian General to the Finance Committee to include funds in the new budget to expand the Collection. Additional publications recommended by members will be evaluated by the Books and Archives Review Committee. Current individual titles in the Collection are listed on the DAR Library website

Member (State) Society Historians: The Historian General is enjoying contacting Member Societies to learn what historical work they are doing and to find if they currently have an historian. Some groups keep scrapbooks of their society activities. Several mentioned they hold two meetings a year and some say they observe Reformation Sunday. A number of groups cited declining memberships as making recycling of officer positions necessary. Ways to increase visibility, through news articles and exhibits, for example, were discussed and web searches of Huguenot information for their states were conducted as they spoke. In some cases, fortunately, State memberships are increasing. One group mentioned that their publications, such as directories, programs, and newsletters, had been computer-formatted, making the job easier for future officers.

Historical Data Collection: Additional material is being added to the history binders that have been kept for several years. Theses include information about prominent Huguenot descendants and sites which are categorized by State. Some Member (State) Societies have also sent photos of meetings or events. Material from our Counselor General has also been filed for historical record.

THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC.
Donations To The Huguenot Collection,
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Familienbuch von Schwabendorf und Wolfskaute by Gerhard Badouin (Donated by Dr. Ned H. Benson through the Huguenot Society of Wisconsin.)

Seven CD-ROMs entitled *Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland Quarto Series* (Donated by the National Huguenot Society.)

French Architecture from Colonization to Birth of a Nation, by Ron Katz (Donated by the Huguenot Society of Wisconsin.)

Les Baptemes Protestants en Bearn du Desert a la Revolution 1756-1793 by Marie-Helene Grintchenko (Donated by the Huguenot Society of Wisconsin.)

Les Pyrenees Basco-Bernaises: d'une Frontiere de Chretinte a une Frontiere de Catholicites, by Christian Desplat (Donated by the Huguenot Society of Wisconsin.)

Pierre Viret e al Reformation du Bearn 1567-1571 by Philippe Chareyre (Donated by the Huguenot Society of Wisconsin.)

Centre d'etude du Protestantisme Bearnais, Bulletin 37 (Donated by the Huguenot Society of Wisconsin.)

Centre d'etude du Protestantisme Bearnais, Bulletin 38 (Donated by the Huguenot Society of Wisconsin.)

Reforming French Protestantism, (The Development of Huguenot Ecclesiastical Institutions, 1557-1572) by Glenn S. Sunshine; Copyright 2003 Truman State University Press, Kirksville, Missouri, U.S.A. (Donated by Author.) (This volume is the winner of The National Huguenot Society Award for the Best Published Work Concerning Huguenot History 2004-2005.)

Religion and Royal Justice in Early Modern France, (The Paris Chambre de'Edit, 1598-1665), by Dianne C. Margolf; Copyright 2003 Truman State University Press, Kirksville MO. (Donated by Author.)

Society and Culture in the Huguenot World (1559-1685) by Raymond A. Mentzer and Andrew Spicer; Published 2002 Cambridge University Press, 40 West 20th Street, New York, NY 10011-4211. (Donated by Author.)

Dr. John Durand of Derby, Connecticut and His Family (descendant of Dr. John (Jean) Durand of La Rochelle, Poitou, France, by Alvy Ray Smith; Copyright 2003 Newbury Street Press, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116-3007. (Donated by Author.)

Respectfully submitted,
 Carol Chew

The 71st Annual Congress (2007) will be held Friday, 6 April and Saturday, 7 April 2007 at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC. Details will be published in the next issue.

Counselor General

James Dewey O'Brien, J.D.

15 March 2006

This officer attended the October, 2005 meeting of the General Council and Board of General officers in San Antonio, Texas. The events of that meeting have been reported in the Spring Issue of the *Cross of Languedoc* along with the Minutes. As there were no particular legal issues before the Council and Board, there was nothing significant to this officer to be reported. On a personal note, I wish to add my congratulations and thanks to the Huguenot Society of Texas for excellent arrangements and, particularly, to the Chairman, Treasurer General Barbara C. MacManus. It was a most interesting venue, a focal point of which is pictured in the current issue of the *Cross*.

Our corporate representative and agent for the service of process in Maryland, Mr. William Riddle of Elkton, Maryland, has continued to apprise me of all matters coming to him in that capacity. The Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern Judicial District of California, San Jose Division, sent to Mr. Riddle reports on a criminal matter pending in that District. The federal grand jury for that District has indicted Advent Trust Company and several brokers for that now bankrupt investment company.

This Society has long been aware that one of the centers of Advent Trust Company's alleged fraudulent activities was in the San Jose area. Mr. Riddle has forwarded to me the most recent status report from the Office of the United States Attorney signed by Victim Witness Advocate, Deborah Kusber.

My response, by fax to Ms. Kusber, was that we are not victims of any alleged fraud because we recovered all funds invested with Advent Trust Company plus some interest. I then received a telephone call from Assistant United States Attorney David Calloway of the San Jose Division of the U. S. Attorney's office asking for further information which was supplied to the extent possible. (This case is entitled *U.S. v. Advent Trust Company, et al.*, the others being the California brokers.)

I have been in communication with the President General regularly on matters such as amendments to, and interpretations of, the Bylaws, and more routine matters.

It has indeed, been a pleasure to work with President General Sylvia F. McAuliffe, members of the Board of General Officers, and the General Council.

James Dewey O'Brien

Reports of Standing Committees

Book Award Committee

Jean M. Hyde, Chairman

The 2006 Annual Book Award is being awarded to **Gary Fouse** who wrote the book, **ERLANGAN**, published by the University Press of America, Lanham, Maryland. It is an American's impression of a German town where many Huguenot refugees settled after the events of 1685 in France and their influence on the town.

Mr. Fouse has a B.S. degree from the University of California and a Masters degree from the University of Virginia. At the present time he is an adjunct lecturer in English as a second language at the University of California at Irvine, CA.

We have had several inquiries this past year and two submissions which will be placed in the **National Huguenot Collection** which is located in the DAR Library in Washington, DC.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve the Society as Chairman of this Committee. I would also like to thank members of the Committee: Chad Christopher Means and Rev. Travis DuPriest, PH.D for their prompt reading and mailing the entries. I would also like to thank Steve Gerth, Webmaster, for his transmitting of the inquiries and other help.

In Huguenot faith,

Jean M. Hyde

“In Bayreuth, Christian Ernst, sympathizing with the plight of the Huguenots, also saw benefits in inviting them to relocate in Erlangen. Many of them were wealthy, while others were skilled in trade. On December 7, 1685, he issued the Bayreuth Privilege, which invited the Huguenots to resettle in his territory. Incentives included tax exemptions and freedom to practice their religion.” From: Erlangen

Bylaws Committee

Carole D. Belcher, Chairman

This Chairman worked with the other members of the committee and the President General to prepare bylaw amendments to submit to the Board of General Officers for their approval. The bylaws that were presented and approved at the General Council Semi-Annual Meeting in October 2005 were sent in the "Call to Congress" and will be voted on at the Annual Congress in April 2006.

Carole D. Belcher



Note: All proposed Bylaw amendments were passed with the exception of the proposal to reduce the number required for a quorum of Member Societies attending Annual Congress. –Editor



Membership Committee

David H. Harpole, M.D., Chairman

Membership, Membership, Membership!!! That's what we need more of. As membership grows, there is more energy, more financing, more enthusiasm, and more progress in our efforts.

As the alphabetical lists of Huguenot surnames are published in a series of e-mails; if you don't get the lists and want to receive these, send us your e-mail address to dharpole@aol.com.

If your Member (State) Society Registrar needs help tracing an ancestral line, send us: name, birth, marriage, emigration, and death dates, and city or district of residence in Europe. Our membership committee will try to help. We have had several requests and sometimes have found answers.

If acquaintances have a surname on the lists, suggest that a search of their ancestry may find an eligible ancestral line to Huguenot membership. Some people with a listed name will have such ancestry.

We hope that, in the future, there can be regular membership committee meetings at these Annual Congresses, to better coordinate our efforts.

David H. Harpole

Scholarship Award Committee

Richard Dana Smith, Sr., Chairman

This Committee consists of five members. Completed Applications for the Scholarship Award, along with all accompanying data, is photo-copied by the Chairman and copies mailed to each member of the Committee. Committee members review those applications and notify the Chairman the result of their independent review.

Rules set forth in the Bylaws are strictly adhered to. Many times the Chairman encourages applicants who are not declared to be the winner to apply again the following year. A winning applicant cannot apply a second time.

The Chairman reported to the Board of General Officers, at their April 2006 meeting, that the Committee had selected by unanimous vote, Jennifer Ann Dillinger, a student at Harvard University Divinity School, the winner of the 2006 Scholarship Award. Jennifer became a member of The National Huguenot Society on May 2, 2003 through the Connecticut Member Society.

The Board of General Officers gave final approval and directed the Treasurer General to issue the Society's check to the educational institution. The Society' annual \$5,000.00 award is funded by accumulated interest from the Jacqueline Wells Dickey bequest, restricted by will for scholarships.

Members of the Committee give careful attention to all applications and take pleasure in knowing that "one of our own" can benefit from this thoughtful gift of Mrs. Dickey.

Richard Dana Smith, Sr.

Note: There is more about the 2006 Scholarship Award Winner in this issue. A most impressive record of service of our young winner is detailed elsewhere. – Editor

**JENNIFER ANN DILLINGER
STUDENT AT HARVARD
DIVINITY SCHOOL
WINNER OF 2006 SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD**

Jennifer Ann Dillinger, a member of The Huguenot Society of Connecticut, and a descendant of (Huguenot) Benois Brasseur, is the winner of The National Huguenot Society's Annual Scholarship Award.

Jennifer is presently a first-year student at Harvard Divinity School, working toward a Master of Divinity degree in order to pursue a career as a hospital chaplain.

She graduated from Stanford University in 2004 with a B.A. degree in Psychology and a cumulative grade point average of 3.8. At Stanford she focused both on studies in Psychology and Religious Studies, and took classes on subjects ranging from the Hebrew Bible to Theories of Religion. She was a Teaching Assistant for three undergraduate classes. For *Introduction to Statistics* and *Peer Counseling* she taught sections (small discussion-style classes designed to supplement lectures). For *Issues in the Assessment and Care of Older Adults and Their Families* she taught two class lectures and organized Alzheimer's Disease-related student service activities.

During her senior year at Stanford, she worked for the Older Adult and Family Center at the VA Hospital in Menlo Park, CA, developing support groups/education programs for caregivers of patients with dementia. As a part of this experience, she coauthored a chapter on end-of-life issues for women, which is published in the *Handbook of Girls' and Women's Psychological Health, Oxford Series in Clinical Psychology*, edited by Judith Worell and Carol Goodheart.

Between undergraduate and graduate studies, Jennifer worked for a year as a chaplain resident at Stanford Hospital.

In her application for the National Huguenot Scholarship Award, Jennifer wrote: *"This amazing opportunity allowed me to provide spiritual support to patients and their families throughout the Stanford Hospital and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, during regular business hours and during weekly overnight on-call shifts. As part of this position, I led grief support groups for staff on the oncology unit and created two weekly spiritual discussion groups*

for patients on the psychiatric units. This experience confirmed my interest in ministry as a career and inspired me to apply for admission to Harvard.

"As a student now at Harvard Divinity School, I am taking classes which include The Histories, Theologies, and Practices of Christianity, and Religion and Government. In addition to my studies in the classroom, I am an intern at the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Boston, a small church located between two housing projects in South Boston. I also serve as Co-director for In Common, a graduate student peer counseling group at Harvard.

"I am honored to be a member of the Huguenot Society as, with my studies in religion, I more than ever understand and appreciate the religious persecution that my Huguenot ancestors endured in their quest for religious and civic freedom."

The National Huguenot Society is most pleased to award to Jennifer Ann Dillinger the "Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship" of \$5,000 for 2006. Jennifer's true Huguenot spirit and dedication is inspirational! Our best wishes, thoughts, and prayers will remain with Jennifer.



Jennifer Ann Dillinger

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

And

*Congratulations to those who Have had Supplemental Papers Approved: 16 November 2005
10 May 2006 inclusive*

16 November 2005
Birdseye, James Havens
VA Member Society
Ancestor: Francois LeConte

19 November 2005
Rozier, Christopher Neil
NC Member Society
Ancestor: John Rozier

22 November 2005
Johnson, Lucie Threlkeld Jenkins
NC Member Society
Ancestor: Mareen Duvall

26 November 2005
Conley, Garland Edgar, Jr.
GA Member Society
Ancestor: Johannes Lorentz

17 December 2005
Neese, Richard Lee Cavnes
MAL (residence Oregon)
Ancestor: Henry Cabanis

3 January 2006
Stewart, Kyle Brooke J
NH Member Society
Ancestor: Nicholas de la Plaine

3 January 2006
Riser, Jefre Thomas
FL Member Society
Ancestor: Pierre Chastain

10 January 2006
Frantz, John Thomson
PA Member Society
Ancestor: Paulus Frantz

12 January 2006
Kiersma, Joan Renee
IN Member Society
Ancestor: Hester Mahieu Cooke

12 January 2006
Kiersma, RoseMary Johnson S
IN Member Society
Ancestor: Pierre Chamois

17 January 2006
Rodenberg, Susan Marie Birdseye
VA Member Society
Ancestor: Francois LeConte

24 January 2006
Watkins, Bonnie Moore Veigle
PA Member Society
Ancestor: Charles F. DeBart

31 January 2006
Warden, Martha Page Laubach
VA Member Society
Ancestor: Nicholas Martiau

1 February 2006
Elliott, Barbara Creswell Arnott
WA Member Society
Ancestor: Gabriel Maupin

1 February 2006
Halley, Rebecca Lynn Creswell
WA Member Society
Ancestor: Gabriel Maupin

2 February 2006
Seeley, Jean Elaine Husemoller
VA Member Society
Ancestor: William Vassall

13 February 2006
Troyan, Salli Distler Nelson
MAL (residence SC)
Ancestor: Jean Gosset

13 February 2006
Troyan, Juliana-Marie Nelson J
MAL (residence SC)
Ancestor: Jean Gosset

13 February 2006
Christy, Juliana Distler Nelson
MAL (residence SC)
Ancestor: Jean Gosset

22 February 2006
Duay, Deborah Lynn Boshart
FL Member Society
Ancestor: Jacques Eno

5 March 2006
Rozier, William Houston
NC Member Society
Ancestor: John Rozier

11 March 2006
Stegall, Barbara Nell Greener
AR Member Society
Ancestor: Jacques Cossart

11 March 2006
Burkholder, Glenda Renea Stegall
AR Member Society
Ancestor: Jacques Cossart

13 March 2006
Zimmerman, Martha Rosenberger
IL Member Society
Ancestor: David DuFour

15 March 2006
Hahn, Erica Lis
CA Member Society
Ancestor: Jacques Remy

17 March 2006
Riser, Jefre Thomas S
FL Member Society
Ancestor: Anne Soblet

26 March 2006
Carl, Evan Wright
CA Member Society
Ancestor: Jacques Pineo

27 March 2006
Finch, David Richard
AL Member Society
Ancestor: Cornelius Melyn

4 April 2006
Greene, Samuel Edward
DC Member Society
Ancestor: Jacques Eno

9 April 2006
Cunningham, Alva Sappington
MO Member Society
Ancestor: Cornelius d' Aubigne

9 April 2006
Fuemmeler, Laurel Cunningham
MO Member Society
Ancestor: Cornelius d' Aubigne

11 April 2006
Krueger-Points, Dorothy Lee Dolle
MO Member Society
Ancestor: Jacob Forney

18 April 2006
Saxton, Barbara Ann Brown
FL Member Society
Ancestor: Jacques Eno

18 April 2006
Brown, Brett Dicken S
FL Member Society
Ancestor: Jacques Eno

18 April 2006
Hiler, Elizabeth Shelton
TX Member Society
Ancestor: John Vivian

18 April 2006
Atchley, Frederick Pendleton S
TX Member Society
Ancestor: Robert Easley

18 April 2006
Brennan, Nancy Suzanne Wright S
TX Member Society
Ancestor: John Roote

18 April 2006
Nelson, Roberta Lee Thomasson
AZ Member Society
Ancestor: Bartholomew Dupuy

19 April 2006
Drake, Charles Edward Francis
VA Member Society
Ancestor: Jean Souille

19 April 2006
Glenn, Albert Hudson, IV
VA Member Society
Ancestor: Philippe du Trieux

25 April 2006
Beckman, Kathryn Ann S
CA Member Society
Ancestor: Marie Coursier

1 May 2006
Rucker, Seabie Paul
FL Member Society
Ancestor: Peter Rucker

2 May 2006
Mee, Katharine Barbara Crittenden
VA Member Society
Ancestor: Pierre Cazenove

2 May 2006
Mee, Katharine Lanore
VA Member Society
Ancestor: Pierre Cazenove

2 May 2006
Gasque, Ann Clem Wilbanks
AL Member Society
Ancestor: Pierre Roger

5 May 2006
Young, Shirley Ann Sample
MO Member Society
Ancestor: Jacob Forney

5 May 2006
Dibrell, David Benton
TX Member Society
Ancestor: Christoffe duBreuil

5 May 2006
Martin, Dorothy Gaye Buttles
TX Member Society
Ancestor: Nicholas Lanier

10 May 2006
Woods, James Edward, Jr.
TX Member Society
Ancestor: Daniel Maupin

10 May 2006
Woods, Joshua James
TX Member Society
Ancestor: Daniel Maupin

10 May 2006
Yeates, Marci Ann Usrey
TX Member Society
Ancestor: Jean Sevier

Please Note:

**S – indicates Supplemental
Approved**

J – indicates Junior Member

Note:

Membership Forms can now be completed electronically on computer, and printed to hard copy for final submission, by using the Society's web-page.

To avoid the necessity of completing all the Application at one time, a single page can be completed and printed. Other pages can be completed and printed later, one at the time, until the application is ready to be submitted. Be sure to print extra copies for your personal file!

Submitted Applications must be printed on acid-free paper of at least 20 pound weight.

*Proof of each generation, with the generations marked by number, must accompany the completed Application. Proof information should be **underlined in red**, using a straight edge.*

-Editor

70th Annual Congress – Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC



At left: Sylvia F. McAuliffe, President General, Annual Banquet 2006.

Above: Foreground, Charles Owen Johnson, Genealogist General; standing, (L to R) David Harpole, First Vice President General; Peter Adams, Past Treasurer General; Dr. Philip Bernstorf, Hon. President General; Eleanor Niebell, delegate, District of Columbia.

Lower Left: Seated (front row) Carla Odom, President, VA Society; Mrs. Rachel Wills, delegate, VA; (second row): Muriel Oehme, delegate, DC Society; standing at far right, Richard Dana Smith, Sr., PA delegate and Chairman of Scholarship Committee.

Photos by Linda Neal



Huguenot Memorial Wreath is placed at WWII Memorial, despite cold wind and rain. Sylvia F. McAuliffe, President General; Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling, II, Chaplain General; Nadine Hardin-Miller, Hon. President General; Linda Neal, Recording Secretary.

Photo by Dr. Lori Lynn Hardin

OFFICIAL CALL
The National Huguenot Society, Inc.

Board of General Officers Meeting and Semi-Annual General Council Meeting
 Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort
 100 North Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach, Florida
 Telephone: 1-386-254-8200
 Reservations: 1-800-445-8667

The Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc. as Host Member Society welcomes all Officers, Members and Guests of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., to the Semi-Annual Council Meeting of The National Huguenot Society in Daytona Beach. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to attend a meeting of your Society in a beautiful and relaxing location, to meet your officers and chairmen, to learn more about your Society, and most of all, to enjoy the fellowship of one another in the spirit of the Huguenots. Please come!

Monday, 16 October 2006	1:30 PM	Meeting of Board of General Officers (Standing Committee Chairmen are invited.)
	6:00 PM	Reception and Dinner *
Tuesday, 17 October 2006	9:00 AM	Meeting of General Council*
	12:00 Noon	Luncheon*

*(General Officers, Member Presidents, Members and Guests are invited.)

The Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort is located at Ocean Walk Village where you can walk along the boardwalk and view a bronze **Huguenot** marker on the beach side of the coquina shell wall adjacent to the hotel, facing the ocean. The marker commemorates the landing of French Huguenot Jean Ribault in 1565. For your comfort and enjoyment, bring your beach togs and sandals, (the hotel has a pool); walking shoes (tennis shoe type) and lightweight rain gear and umbrella for Florida's unpredictable weather.

Daytona Beach International Airport (**DAB**) is served by Delta, Continental and United. Shuttle service is available from Daytona Shuttle Service, telephone: 386-253-2294. If you are driving, there is parking across the street at \$6.00 per day or valet parking at \$12.00 per day. Directions: I-95 from north or south, exit East onto Route 92. Go East across the River Halifax to dead-end. Turn Left on Atlantic Avenue to hotel.

Total meeting costs: registration, dinner Monday and lunch Tuesday, is \$110.00 per person. For members and guests who are only attending the meals, dinner is \$70.00, lunch is \$30.00, per person, including tax and gratuity. Please make checks payable to: **Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc.** and **MAIL BY 20 SEPTEMBER 2006** to:

Sylvia F. McAuliffe
128 Deer Lake Circle
Ormond Beach, FL 32174-4266

Telephone: 386-677-3582 Fax: 386-677-3582 E-mail: safmcauliffe@cfl.rr.com

Hotel Reservations should be made as soon as possible. Request the National Huguenot Society rate, that is, \$119.00, plus tax of 12.5%. Should you wish to come early or extend your stay, this rate will also be honored three days before October 16th and three days after October 17th.

Plans are being worked out for a possible trip on the 18th, following the meetings, to Huguenot places of interest in the Jacksonville area: Fort Caroline, Fort Matanzas and the Ribault monument. Jacksonville is a 2 ½ hour ride from Daytona Beach plus return. If you are interested in the day trip, please e-mail or call the President General, Sylvia F. McAuliffe (see above), so that appropriate transportation arrangements can be obtained.

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBER (STATE) SOCIETIES

Alabama

The Huguenot Society of Alabama was very active in 2005. There were two regular meetings and two Executive Board meetings where the agendas and programs were planned for the Society's sessions. Our membership remains at 49 with the addition of four new members but the loss of four members. The Alabama Society has 10 prospective members awaiting final approval. The Society made its annual contribution to the Colonial Chapel and the Alabama Village in Montevallo, Alabama. The Chapel is a replica of the Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, VA. Fifty thousand school children visit The American Village each year.

The first Executive Board meeting was February 17, 2005 at the Country Club of Birmingham. All board members were present. The regular meeting was set for March 17, 2005 with the business meeting beginning at 10:15 a.m., followed by the church service at the South Highland Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, AL. A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

The French Huguenot church service, held at the South Highland Presbyterian Church, is a tradition of the Huguenot Society of Alabama and the Huguenot Society Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia Alabama State Branch. The church service is held according to the Reform Church of France. Dr. Edwin Gray Hurley, senior minister, delivered the sermon "Our Heritage and Our Hope." "Repenter (Oh, Divine Redeemer)" was sung in French by Jan Hall, church soloist. Forty-one members, spouses and guests attended the service.

The second Executive Board meeting was held on August 11, 2005 at the Country Club of Birmingham. All members were present except one who was excused. President Leigh Pegues gave a report on the national Society meeting held in Washington, D.C. He praised the high quality of the national officers, especially President Sylvia McAuliffe, Treasurer Barbara C. MacManus, and Counselor General James Dewey O'Brien. He also stated that great strides had been made in the finances of the National Society. Mr. Pegues urged the Huguenot Society of Alabama to continue to participate actively in the National Society.

The Huguenot Society of Alabama met September 22, 2005 at the Country Club of Birmingham. The following officers were elected for 2006/2007.

President	Barbara Cade Hunt
First Vice President	Barbara Ross Garner
Second Vice President	Lillian Culley White
Chaplain	Grace and James Y. Cooper
Recording Secretary	Gale McDonnell Fuller
Treasurer	Steve J. Saxon
Registrar	Mary Joyce Harris Ponder
Historian	Bette Pegues Hayes
Librarian	Allie Claire Cooper Dorough

The meeting continued with a luncheon. Following the meal, Dr. Charles Baker of the Center Point Independent Church was the speaker. The subject of his talk was "Early Huguenot History in France." There were thirty-nine members and guests present.

The Executive Board of the Huguenot Society of Alabama meeting in Birmingham, Alabama on February 16, 2006, with a quorum of members present, voted unanimously to reject the amendment proposed by the Maryland Society to change the membership criteria for The National Huguenot Society. The change would be to insert the word Christian for the word Protestant.

The Board instructs the Huguenot Society of Alabama delegates to the 2006 Congress of the National Society in April 2006, to vote NO on the Maryland Society's proposal.

Barbara C. Hunt, President



Left to right: Barbara Cade Hunt, President Alabama Society; William Stewart of American Village; Royal Leigh Pegues, Past President Alabama Society.

Alabama Addendum:

The Program for the March 23, 2006 meeting of the Alabama Huguenot Society at the Country Club of Birmingham was a program performed by William Stewart of the **American Village***. Mr. Stewart dressed as Patrick Henry and recited Mr. Henry's fiery speech, better known as the "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" address.

The Patrick Henry speech was given at the second Virginia Convention at St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia. This speech in 1775 along with Thomas Jefferson's writing and leadership at the fifth Virginia convention were the lead-in for the Declaration of Independence at the second continental Congress the following year.

****The American Village***

The American Village, located in Montevallo, Alabama, not far from Birmingham, is an authentic reproduction of an early American village during the Revolutionary War period. It was begun in 1999 and features buildings such as a reproduction of Mount Vernon, some typical village shops and homes, a chapel, and the latest addition being a reproduction of the house in Philadelphia that was used as the first "White House" in Washington's presidency.

The Village is inhabited by "residents" in colorful 1700's clothing, going about their daily lives and chores. They never hesitate to speak with the visitors and tell them about what it's like to live during this period. Patrick Henry gives his famous speech, "Give Me Liberty Or Give Me Death" in the village courthouse. Abigail Adams is among the many characters as well as George Washington.

The purpose of the American Village is to educate and inform children of all ages about the beginning of our country, its patriots, their sacrifices, and their ultimate victory to guide their own destiny. The Village is dedicated to preserving our American heritage, and ideals, giving our young people a "hands on" look at living history.

California

The Huguenot Society of California held their annual meeting on March 12, 2006 at the Marriott, in Irvine, California. The State Board held their meeting before the annual meeting. State Treasurer gave her report on the finances, and the state dues will be raised to \$2.00, as the state was running in the red. A by-law committee of three

was appointed and will update and make changes to the 2000 Constitution. The next Annual Meeting is to be held at the Marriott, Irvine in March 2007.

The meeting was opened by President Donna Bennett Cole; who welcomed all those in attendance and introduced the past president, Shirley Williams, and speaker, Wayne Rogers, who gave a program on the "History of the Huguenots." I was happy to report the website is up to date.

The death of Eugene Fortine was devastating. Shirley Williams is now the new State Treasurer and we thanked her for stepping in at a time of need. The Chaplain Giovan V. King gave a memorial service for the deceased member.

Jim Blauer is now the new appointed State Historian and the last appointment was Parliamentarian, Connie Fisher. We talked about the National Conference in Washington, D.C. April 8, 2006. At this time no one plans to attend.

Members talked about the change of paper work from Protestant to Christian. Each member gave their opinion on what they think it should be. It was very informative and the style was unformatted.

Reports were given by the state officers. The State Registrar had seventy-four paying members, three new applications sent to National, eight members dropping or resigning, eight deceased members, and four junior members. There are two chapters in the state of California: San Francisco Bay Area Chapter and the La Rochelle Chapter.

The San Francisco Bay Chapter gave a report, by President Shirley Williams. Chaplain: Dorothy Corwell; Recording Secretary, Carole J. Vercellino; Treasurer (pro tem) Shirley J. Williams; and Registrar, Romaine Veronda. The Chapter meets twice a year, in the spring (April) and fall (October). Scholarships are given out annually.

The La Rochelle Chapter report was given by President Barbara Whatley. A meeting was held at the home of Constance Fisher August 26, 2004. At this meeting the proposed budget was presented, modified and approved to be presented at the January 2005 regular meeting. Program recommendations were presented by Vice President Constance Fisher and approved. All chapter chairmen presented their reports, showing the chapter continued to grow financially through numerous donations and proper investments. These donations continued to allow the chapter the ability of subsidizing

our fine speakers and more importantly the ability to provide worthy candidates a healthy scholarship on an annual basis. The 2005 recipients were Dr. Christian Laursen and Dr. Cyrus Masroori. The scholarship was presented for their research of the great Huguenot utopian novel of the 17th century, "The History of the Sevarites or Sevarambi" by Denis Veiras. In this chapter there are fifty regular members, thirteen life members, and four junior members.

The scholarship winner for the 2006 year was Michelle A. DuVigneaud, a Stanford graduate student in the School of Education, who recently joined the chapter.

The La Rochelle Chapter continued to meet the objectives of promoting patriotism, history, education and religion in order to perpetuate the memory, spirit, and deeds of the men and women called Huguenots.

At the meeting held on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, the membership of La Rochelle Chapter, at the recommendation of its Board, voted in favor of the request that you convey to the National Society their opposition to any change in the membership requirements that would substitute the word "Christian" for the word "Protestant." It is the opinion of our chapter Parliamentarian and State Parliamentarian that changes of this magnitude need to be brought to the entire membership for ballot vote.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting of the Huguenot Society of California was adjourned.

Donna Bennett Cole, State President



The newly elected officers of the Huguenot Society of California 2005-2006

Washington, D.C.

On Saturday, 1 October 2005, The Huguenot Society of Washington, D.C. enjoyed a beautiful **Day of Remembrance Service** at the Washington National Cathedral. Invitations were also extended to all Virginia and Maryland Society members living in the Washington metropolitan area to participate and visit the nation's capital on what proved to be a perfect fall day. The service was conducted by one of its distinguished members, Rev. Richard Fichter, in the lovely Bethlehem Chapel located just past an alcove devoted to Huguenot remembrance. A baritone performed a wonderful solo of the Huguenot National Hymn, **La Cevenole**.

On 4 March 2006 a business meeting and luncheon were held at the Westchester Dining Hall in Washington, D.C., at which time it was announced that Brian Lester of Greensboro, North Carolina, had been selected to receive a scholarship of \$800 from the Society. He plans to attend college in Greensboro.

The Society currently has a membership of 75. Three of our members are currently serving as General Officers of the National Society: Ann D. Hallgren as 2nd Vice President General; James Dewey O'Brien, J.D., as Counselor General; and Charles Owen Johnson, J.D., LL.M. as Genealogist General.

Shirley de la Barre, President

Florida

Our Registrar has reported at our State Meeting in Brandenton, Florida 08 Feb 2006, that we had a 4.2% gain in our membership.

We now have SIX very strong CHAPTERS and I have arranged to attend each chapter meeting during my term of office. New membership is on each chapter agenda.

Plans are to have a Genealogy Happening late September in the Naples-Fort Myers area to gather members to reinstate the Henry of Navarre Chapter, which was dropped 2 years ago.

We in Florida invite the National Society to have their Mid-Year meeting 16-17 October at the Hilton Hotel on the Beach. We will hold our State Executive Meeting on Monday morning prior to the National activities. You All Come!!

Robert E. Burt, State President

JOURNEY FROM FRANCE TO CAROLINA

The following article was presented by Guyton B. McCall at a meeting of The Huguenot Society of Georgia.

NOTE: This translation of the Judith Guiton letter was published by the Huguenot Society of South Carolina in *TRANSACTIONS OF THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF SOUTH CAROLINA*, No. 59, 1954. (Used here with permission.)

In the year 1685 Judith Guiton, her mother, Magdalen, two brothers, Pierre and Louis, and Francois Bonnet, a servant, embarked on a flight from France to avoid persecution. The following letter was written by Judith Guiton some time after her arrival in Charleston, South Carolina, to her brother who was serving in the Army of the Elector of Hanover.

THE LETTER

“I make you an account of our going out of France as far as Carolina since you wish it. We have suffered through eight months exactions and quartering upon us by the soldiery, for the religion, with much evil. We took resolution then to go out of France by night, and leave the soldiers in bed, and leaving the house fully furnished. We got to Romans and hid ourselves ten days while search was made to find us, but the hostess, being reserved, disclosed nothing about us, when asked if any had seen us. From there we made our way to Lyons, from there to Dijon. Then my eldest brother wrote you a letter, and one from Langres. I do not know if you have received them. They informed you that we were going out of France.

“We passed to the home of Madame de Choiseul, where we did nothing. She was dead, and her son-in-law master of everything. Besides he let us know very well that seeing that we wished to go out of France, that if we wanted to ask anything of him, he would denounce us.

“We pursued our way to Metz, in Lorraine. Then we embarked ourselves on the Moselle river to Treves. From there we made to Kochem, and to Coblenz, from there to Cologne, where we quitted the Rhine to go by carriage, when we made to Wesel, where we found a host who spoke French a little, who told us that there was but thirty leagues from there to Luneburg. We knew at the time that you (her brother) were there in winter quarters, as we had received one of your letters fifteen days before going out of France, which informed us that you would there pass the winter. Our late Mother and I at once besought our eldest brother to choose to go that way, or choose to let us stay on at Wesel while you might be able to come to see him, since it was in the depth of winter. But he would have none of this, having nothing but Carolina in his thoughts, for fear of losing any chance of getting there.

“Afterwards, we passed into Holland to go to England. I do not remember very well in which year this was, in four, or in eighty-five. It was the year King Charles of England died. We were three months at London awaiting a ship set for Carolina.

“Being embarked we were very badly off. The spotted fever appeared in our ship, of which many died. Of it, our late Mother died, being elderly. We were nine months before arriving in Carolina. We were at two ports; in Portugal; and at an island called Bermuda, belonging to the English, to repair our ship, because of a great storm at sea, where we were badly used. Our ship's Captain, having committed certain rascalities, was thrown into prison, and the ship seized. We were obliged to go on to Carolina, and, as our money was used up after we payed our passage at London, it followed that our brother, Louis, and I, served eight months for twenty-four crowns required for our second passage.

“After being in Carolina we suffered all sorts of evils. Our eldest brother died, a year and a half after our arrival here, of a fever, not being fitted to the harsh work to which we were exposed. We have seen ourselves, since our departure from France, in every sort of affliction; in sickness, pestilence, famine, poverty, very hard work. I was in this country a full six months, without tasting bread, and whilst I worked the ground, like a slave. And also, I have passed three or four full years before having it (bread) when I wanted it.

“God surely gave us good grace to have been able to withstand all sorts of trials. I believe that if I wished to make you a full list of our adventures, I should never have done. Suffice it, that God has had pity for me, and has changed by lot to one more happy. Glory be unto Him.”

HERE ENDS THE LETTER

Indeed, Judith's fortunes did improve. She later married Pierre Manigault, and together, they established one of the wealthiest and most highly respected families in Carolina. Their house, listed on the National Register, still stands in Charleston, and is open for visits.

Georgia

The Huguenot Society of Georgia held its Fall meeting at Shilling's on the Square in Marietta, Georgia, on Saturday, April 29, 2006. A large crowd of Members and guests attended.

After the invocation by Chaplain Madeline Martin, a champagne toast to our Huguenot ancestors was provided by Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Sanders Pike. Following an outstanding steak dinner, including delicious cheese cake, our speaker, Mrs. Caroline Crawford, was introduced by President Todd Frary.

Mrs. Crawford is the Librarian at the Georgia Room, a research section at the Cobb County Public Library. Her talk provided information on the Library's holdings of publications and records of interest to persons pursuing family research. At the conclusion of the meeting, Members were invited to visit the Library and become acquainted with its facilities.

A very meaningful Memorial Service was conducted by chaplain martin, honoring the memory of two departed Members—Mrs. J. H. Keels (Zelma Brewton) a Charter Member of the Georgia Society, and Mr. John Baynard Guerard, Sr., a long-time Member.

The Society, continuing its program of assisting libraries in the accumulation of research material, authorized gifts of \$100.00 each to the Cobb County Public Library System and the Statesboro Regional Library in Statesboro, Georgia.

It was announced at this meeting that the Society has received a gift of \$10,000 from Dr. Charles B. Upshaw, Jr., to be added to the Leroy-Upshaw Memorial Endowment Fund, honoring his Mother, Belle Porcher LeRoy Upshaw, and his early Huguenot ancestor, Philippe LeRoy.

Guyton B. McCall, Librarian

Illinois

In November, 2005, President General Sylvia Frederic McAuliffe was our guest for the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of our Illinois Society. She was well received by the members in attendance and spoke of our Huguenot heritage and faith. At our May meeting, we hosted the Illinois Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots at our luncheon meeting; our special guest was OFPA Governor General Alden Atwood. OFPA Past Governor General Thomas Pelham Curtis of Milwaukee was our guest speaker.

Programs and locations have been contracted for our next two meetings in May and November, 2006.

We currently have two scholarship recipients, Mason Hugus and Rob Myers, both having been picked from heavy competition. We again anticipate awarding two scholarships for this next and all future years, due to the generosity of our membership.

Our Registrar, Shari Worrell, reports that we now have 93 Members, including 18 Life Members. We have recently purged several inactive and non-responsive members.

We continue to grow with new applicants coming in from downstate Illinois. We have attempted to host a meeting at Decatur, but have not found sufficient support as yet.

There are not enough words in our dictionary to describe all the support, assistance and love which our immediate past (and my predecessor) State President Cary Downing Myers poured into this society over her many years of service. We are all grateful to her for so very much.

In Huguenot Faith,

James F. Barr, President

Indiana

The Huguenot Society of Indiana meets twice a year in Indianapolis. Our April 2005 meeting was held at the Marquette Manor, a retirement center. Our dinner meetings are followed by educational programs.

Dr. Jeffrey Webb, Associate Professor of History at Huntington College, spoke on his book, THE COMPLETE IDIOT'S GUIDE TO GOD. The October 2005 meeting was held at the Columbia Club. Dr. Walter Froese, Professor of Church History at the Anderson University Graduate School of Theology, spoke on "The Early Huguenots and Religious Wars."

During the past year, we have recruited 3 new members, 1 member resigned due to illness, and 8 members passed away. Currently we have 44 life members and 23 regular members, making a total of 67 members. Our recent new members are younger, which guarantees our future existence. Mrs. Rose Mary Kiersma has been appointed as our membership chairperson.

Allen W. Moore, President

(See: Supplemental Indiana Report of April 2006)

Indiana (continued)**Supplemental Report of 9 April 2006**

We just completed the vote of the Indiana Huguenot Society to change the bylaws of the national society on the qualifications for membership from Protestant to Christian. On behalf of our President, Allen Moore, and the Indiana Society, I report that the result is that this proposed change was rejected with 11 no votes and no yes votes.

Bob Rati, Historian

Kansas

The Kansas Society currently has 56 members and meets twice yearly—the Spring Meeting is held in the Kansas City Area and the Fall meeting in the Wichita Area. With the distance of nearly 200 miles between meeting places we have some of our officers at one or the other meeting, but not at both.

Our Memorial Service this year was for two of our Past Society Presidents, Ruth Keys Clark who passed away 7 March 2005, just two days following our last spring meeting, and Howard Ramsay Walker, whose death occurred on 27 February 2006.

Membership is our largest problem and, obviously, the fact that members usually attend just one meeting a year makes continuity of a program difficult if not nearly impossible. A request was made for all members to check with their local libraries on holdings based on Huguenot history, customs and current interests with the purpose of placing books provided by the Kessler Fund.

Maine

In submitting this report to The National Society it is with a great deal of regret that I must again report on the absence of any discernible progress in the recruitment of new members. In March of 2004 I solicited the assistance of a certified genealogist who has a genealogical column in one of the newspapers published in my area of the State of Maine and on March 4th she published a significant article describing the history of the Huguenot membership and what it represents. Unfortunately there was not a single response to this effort.

The year 2004 marked the quadricentennial of the French settlement of the Acadian Peninsula in Canada and Ste. Croix

Island in the Bay of Fundy. Our Vice President was significantly engaged in all of the preparatory arrangements for the celebration which took place in Bayside, New Brunswick under the joint auspices of the U.S. Park Service, Parks Canada, and the Saint Croix Committee. Our President was invited by the Governor General of Canada to be a guest at the occasion. A sudden illness prevented his attendance but he was represented by our Vice President, Edwin Garrett, IV. Despite a deluge on the day, the event took place as planned, but I am not sure that any of the attendees have completely dried out even to this day.

Our State Registrar remains disabled and even her whereabouts are completely uncertain. Our Historian died several years ago leaving that position unfilled. With only a President, Vice President, and Treasurer actively concerned, our future remains bleak and uncertain.

Another call for a meeting will be attempted this Spring 2006 but it is not likely that there will be a significant change from the two members, one of which was myself, who attended the previous call.

The geographical distances involved and the absence of dedicated effort on the part of those members who are physically able to participate make our prospects for continued activities somewhat unpredictable at the ideal best in the near future.

C. Eugene de Groff, President

Maryland

Since the last Congress, the Maryland Society reports a current membership of 62 and three new members. Meetings were held in May 2005, October 2005, and March 2006. Council meetings were held in July and January each year. The Society's longtime Registrar, Peggy Krigler, and Historian, Anita Nelson, as well as two other members, passed away.

At the May 2005 meeting, a proposed change to the National Society's bylaws was prepared which would remove the Protestant requirement from the requirement for membership qualification. A new President was elected at the May 2005 meeting for a term of two years, Barrett McKown. A speaker gave a presentation about French history and emigration to the United States.

Barrett L. McKown, President

New Hampshire

The New Hampshire Huguenot Society was saddened this past year by the death of former President and Treasurer, Donald Sumner. Don was a fine gentleman and a true friend to many, both in our Society and many other lineage and reenactment groups. His enthusiasm and support are truly missed.

The Society donated a Huguenot book to a seacoast library anxious to have a copy.

The members have enjoyed meeting at a variety of locations including the Loon Center on Lake Winnepesaukee; Currier Gallery of Art in Manchester; Castle in the Clouds, a landmark home now open to the public; and Canterbury Shaker Village, which included an educational tour of the community. Programs have been planned keeping in mind not only the religious freedom sought by our Huguenot ancestors, but their vast and varied cultural contributions they brought with them from France to the rest of the world.

We are finding that our new members are joining in family groups rather than lone individuals. We are trying to encourage younger membership and welcomed a junior member for the first time this year.

We are a small, but involved group, proud of our Huguenot heritage, looking forward to furthering the objectives of the Society in the coming year and the future.

Marsha Stewart, President

North Carolina

The regular Fall meeting of the Huguenot Society of North Carolina met at the N.C. State University Club on Saturday, November 5, 2005. There were fifteen in attendance as State President James Blocker called the meeting to order.

After being welcomed by the President, the members introduced themselves and their guest and told the name of their Huguenot ancestor. Many of the members explained a little of the history surrounding their ancestors and all the members were fascinated by this history lesson.

Following a delicious lunch, the state officers gave their respective reports at the business session. Christopher N. Rozier was elected as the new State Treasurer. Deborah

Shoop spoke briefly on her N.C. Huguenot research and passed around a rough draft of her thesis paper.

N. Larry Rozier, State Registrar



The North Carolina Huguenot Society Fall 2005 Meeting

Pennsylvania

Greetings from the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania!

Our membership stands at 250; 149 annual members and 101 life members. While approximately two-thirds of the members reside in Pennsylvania itself, almost 90 Huguenots in 30 states from Maine to Florida to Oregon to Hawaii maintain their membership in the Pennsylvania Society.

The 87th Annual Assembly was held on Saturday, May 7, 2005 in the theatre of Shannondell at Valley Forge. Following discussion of business matters, the society enjoyed luncheon and a speaker, the Rev. Mark Dewald, on the topic of the work ethic and craftsmanship of the Huguenot.

On Reformation Sunday, State Chaplain The Rev. G.F. Dimick conducted the annual church service at the historic Salem Lutheran church (1760) in Lebanon, PA. The sermon, entitled "Standing Our Ground," was offered by the Rev. Millard Fisher of Fort Indiantown Gap and called for the continued need of the world for Reformation. Youth participation included a guest organist, the grandson of Vice President Robert M. Kline; and two recipients of the PA society scholarships, Laura Blauch and Shannon Sandoe Alloway. Following the service, the society enjoyed high tea and a tour of the historic property.

The society notes with sadness the death of Dorothy Watrous, a faithful member of the state council.

The Jean Ribault Chapter (Louise May, President) is active and growing in the south-central part of the state. There are two meetings per year; one in October and one in June.

The Languedoc Chapter (Katharine Both, President) is centered in the greater Pittsburgh area. At the time of this printing, plans are under way for a luncheon meeting towards the end of March.

We look forward to holding our 88th Annual Assembly on Saturday, May 6, 2006, in conjunction with celebrations of the announcement of the French Alliance at Valley Forge National Park.

Future society initiatives include a focus on junior membership and more attention to statewide programs of Huguenot interest.

Thanks to all the officers for the time they give to furthering the aims of the society.

Lord, keep us steadfast in thy word;
Curb those who fain by craft or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from thy Son
And set at naught all He has done.

Faithfully,
Mark S. Dimick, President

Virginia

Last March The Huguenot Society of Virginia met at Lowry's in Tappahannock. William Bryant gave an excellent program about the Manakin Town Huguenot, Pierre Reviere. Members approved a proposal to purchase CD's of lists of eligible ancestors to aid applicants. Three members attended the 69th Annual Congress. The State President represented the Society at Jamestown Day.

This past summer Virginia's Registrar encapsulated all the applications in acid free plastic sleeves. Some of the oldest documents were placed on acid free paper as well. Copies of the new yearbook were provided to the National Officers and Virginia members. A state web page has been established and linked on the national site. This electronic marvel has provided inquiries leading to several new members.

In October the Annual Day of Remembrance was held at the Army Navy Club at Arlington. Dr. David Harpole, Sr., presented the program "Migration of the French Huguenots Across Europe." He received a Past President's pin in appreciation for his faithful contributions to the society. The Chaplain conducted a lovely Memorial Service for members who had entered larger life in the past year.

The Huguenot Society of Virginia held its Annual Meeting on March 25, 2006 at Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville. The program featured a tour of the historic church.

The Council Meeting was held at the home of the Reverend and Mrs. Ramsey Richardson. Afterwards council members traveled to the nearby church for the fellowship hour. A brief business meeting followed a delicious luncheon served by the women of the church. Olivet member Melissa Young brought a program about the history of the church.

President Odom reported on the activities that have occurred during the past year. It was announced that the next meeting will be held October 28, 2006, at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond. Dr. Harpole and State President Carla Odom, Don and Helen Shelton, Alice Birdseye, Paul Morrisette and Gerald Runyon will serve as Delegates from the Huguenot Society of Virginia to the upcoming 70th Congress.

After adjournment the members joined Miss Young for a tour of the site.

Carla Whitehurst Odom, President



Fellowship Hour at Olivet Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville (L-R): Elaine Strange; Secretary Susan Rodenberg; Past President Jackson Darst; Council Member Ann Darst; President Carla Odom; Registrar Alice Birdseye

**THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT
SOCIETY, INC.
MINUTES
70TH ANNUAL CONGRESS
Saturday, 8 April 2006
Washington, DC**

The meeting of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. 70th Annual Congress, held in the Rhode Island Room at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, on Saturday, 8 April 2006, was called to order at 9:30 AM by the President General, Sylvia F. McAuliffe. The Recording Secretary General, Linda Neal, was present. The invocation was given by The Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling, II. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Shirley de la Barre, President, Washington, DC Society. The Huguenot Pledge to the Flag of the United States was led by Dr. David Harpole, Sr., First Vice President General. The Sacred Oath was read by Barbara C. MacManus, Treasurer General.

Barrett L. McKown, Chairman, gave the first report of the Credentials Committee and moved its adoption. The motion was adopted. 15 States, 7 State Presidents and 40 voting delegates were present. The President General announced a quorum was present. The Standing Rules were read by Mr. McKown, who moved adoption of the standing rules. The standing rules were adopted. Mr. McKown moved the adoption of the program as corrected. The program was adopted.

Dr. Philip Bernstorff moved that the General Council combine its meeting with the Annual Congress. Motion adopted. A member of the Annual Congress moved that the Annual Congress combine its meeting with the General Council meeting. Motion adopted, and the General Council meeting and Annual Congress were combined.

Recording Secretary, Linda Neal, stated there were no minutes of the 69th Annual Congress as explained in the "Cross of Languedoc". Those appointed to review and approve the minutes of today's meeting were Honorary President General Nadine Strang Hardin-Miller and Dr. David D. Harpole, First Vice President General. Carla Whitehurst Odom, President of the Virginia Society, was appointed by President General McAuliffe, as timekeeper for the reports.

President General McAuliffe presented the National Officers General: First Vice President General, David H. Harpole, Sr., M.D.; Second Vice President General, Ann D. Hallgren; Recording Secretary General, Linda M. Neal; Corresponding Secretary General, Barbara R. Baylis; Organizing Secretary General, Betty L. Swisher; Treasurer General, Barbara C. MacManus; Registrar General, Jeannine S. Kallal; Historian General, Carol W. Chew; Counselor General, James Dewey O'Brien, J.D.; Surgeon General, Lee Crandall Park, M.D.

The President General presented Honorary Presidents General: Dr. Philip W. Bernstorff; Joyce M. Bockmuehl; Neoma O. O'Brien; Nadine Strang Hardin-Miller.

REPORTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS:

President General, Sylvia F. McAuliffe (report attached).

First Vice President General and Membership Chairman, David H. Harpole, Sr. M.D. (report attached).

Second Vice President General, Ann D. Hallgren, reported no activity.

Chaplain General, Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling, II showed the booklet he printed for the Memorial Service to be held later in the day for members of the National Huguenot Society who had departed in the years 2005-2006.

Recording Secretary General, Linda Neal had no report.

Corresponding Secretary General, Barbara R. Baylis (report attached).

Organizing Secretary General, Betty L. Swisher (report attached).

Treasurer General, Barbara C. MacManus gave an activity report (attached); year-end report (attached); an end of first quarter 2006 report (attached), reporting an ending balance (March 31, 2006) of \$475,775.52 in all funds, which include restricted and non-restricted funds, after which, Royal Leigh Pegues, Chairman, Finance Committee was asked to present, in the absence of the Chairman of the Audit Committee, Frank Seldon Sutherland-Hall, the report of the Audit Committee (report attached). Mr. Pegues presented the report and moved its adoption. The report was adopted.

Registrar General, Jeannine S. Kallal, presented her report (attached).

GUEST SPEAKER:

There being no objection for the Program to be presented at this time, the President General introduced the guest speaker, Brother James W. Knox, Pastor of the Bible Baptist Church of DeLand, Florida.

(Minutes – continued)

After the program, a 10 minute recess was taken.

The meeting resumed at 11:05 A.M.

Approval was given for fees to remain the same as established in the preceding year.

CONTINUATION OF REPORTS:

Historian General, Carol W. Chew reported (report attached).
Counselor General, James Dewey O'Brien, J.D. reported (report attached).

Genealogist General, Charles Owen Johnson, J.D., LL.M. stated, "No cases or controversy concerning Huguenot ancestry had been referred and therefore there has been no occasion to call the committee into session to render a judgment".

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD:

The Recording Secretary read the report of the Board of General Officers and moved the recommendation of the Board of General Officers that the National Huguenot Society retain its Protestant requirement for membership. Motion was adopted by a two-thirds vote to accept the recommendation, and the Bylaws will retain their Protestant requirement.

The President General announced the next Annual Congress will be held April 6 – 7, 2007 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC.

Royal Leigh Pegues, Chairman, Finance Committee presented and explained the proposed Budget prepared by the Treasurer General, Barbara C. MacManus (copy of proposed budget attached) and moved its adoption. The budget was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. David Hope, delegate from PA, asked about digitalizing our Huguenot records. President General McAuliffe responded that she has learned the best type of preservation of records was microfilm/microfiche, according to several archival repositories. Many of our records are currently on microfiche and it would seem appropriate to continue with that process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Awards Committee Chairman, Mrs. Jean M. Hyde, sent a report (attached) that was read by President General McAuliffe. The Book Award was awarded to Gary Fouse, who wrote the book, ERLANGAN, which is an American's

impression of a German town where many Huguenot refugees settled after the events of 1686 in France and their influence on that town.

The Scholarship Award Committee report was presented by Richard D. Smith, Sr., Chairman (report attached). Jennifer Dillinger was the recipient of the \$5,000 scholarship for 2006.

Archivist Committee Chair, Grace Rice, had no report at this time.

Before the recess was taken for lunch at 11:53 AM, President General McAuliffe announced the memorial service would be held at 1:30 PM in the Rhode Island Room of the Mayflower Hotel.

The meeting reconvened at 1:19 PM for the Reports of Presidents of Member Societies, which were limited to two minutes.

Alabama, report read by Royal Leigh Pegues (attached).

California, report filed.

District of Columbia, by Shirley de la Barre, President (attached).

The meeting was recessed at 1:30 PM for the Memorial Service for deceased members conducted by Chaplain General Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling, II.

Following the service, Reports of Presidents of Member Societies resumed:

Florida, by Robert Burt, President (attached).

Idaho, read by Recording Secretary General (attached).

Illinois, read by President General (attached).

Indiana, report filed.

Kansas, read by Philip W. Bernstorff (attached).

Kentucky, report filed.

Maine, report filed.

Maryland, by Barrett McKown, President (attached).

Michigan, by Joyce Bockemuehl (attached).

Missouri, by Pat Horton, President (attached).

New Hampshire, by Ray Stewart, Treasurer (attached).

Pennsylvania, by Louise May, delegate (attached).

Virginia, by Carla Odom, President (attached).

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

given by Barrett McKown, Chairman (report attached) showed a voting strength of 44, 14 States represented, 14 General Officers present, 4 Honorary Presidents General present, 6 guests and 45 registered delegates.

Honorary President General and Chairman for Program and Arrangements, Mrs. Neoma O. O'Brien, requested that members meet with Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling, II, to place the Memorial Wreath at the World War II Memorial, located at 17th and Constitution Avenue across from the Washington Monument, following the adjournment of Congress.

Recommendations for Bylaw changes from the Board of General Officers were read by Linda Neal, Recording Secretary General. All recommendations were discussed and passed except the one lowering the quorum from 12 to 8 which was not adopted (report attached).

The candidates for the Nominating Committee were elected: Nadine Hardin-Miller, Honorary President General; Barbara MacManus, representing the Board of General Officers; Carla Odom of Virginia, representing the State Presidents; Betty Swisher of Missouri, representing Societies west of the Mississippi River; Linda Neal of Florida, representing Societies east of the Mississippi River. The committee met briefly to elect a chairman. It was announced that Nadine Hardin-Miller was elected as Chairman of the Nomination Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joyce Bockemuehl, Treasurer of the Michigan Society, petitioned the 70th Annual Congress for the disbanding of the Michigan Member Society, following the payment of all debts and obligations. The life membership fees will be returned to each member. Their flag will be offered to Peter Dixon, who keeps the Flag Collection of The National Huguenot Society. The MOTION to disband the Michigan Member Society was approved, with regret.

The President General reported that the Vermont Society was disbanded at the 69th Annual Congress upon the recommendation of President Max Cavnes. However, there being no minutes, there was no official record. Therefore, the notes of the Organizing Secretary General of 2003-2005 will serve as clarification that the disbandment has occurred.

The Canada Society never achieved member status, so they were not an affiliate society and should be stricken from the record.

The Maryland State President, Barrett McKown distributed a proposal. The President General noted that this was a different proposal than the one that had been circulated 60 days before Annual Congress as required by Bylaws. Mrs. Bockemuehl moved to put the proposal on the floor for discussion. The motion was seconded but was not stated by the Chair.

The President General requested that a "Special Report" by the Counselor General be read by the Recording Secretary General. The report is attached and printed as a part of these minutes.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE COUNSELOR GENERAL

Dated: 6 April 2006

A careful review of the Bylaws of The National Huguenot Society, its Articles of Incorporation, and the Bylaws of The Federation of Huguenot Societies from which core it was formed, shows that the *identity* of The National Huguenot Society has been constant from the beginning.

The *identity* is most specifically expressed in Article II, Sec. B 1: "To give expression to Huguenot tenets of faith and liberty, and to promote understanding thereof, for the good and welfare of the United States." Those words appear in the earliest editions of our Bylaws. That concept appears in Article III, Sec. D 1 (as to Regular and Affiliate membership) and D 2 (as to Junior Members), as well as to other categories of Membership. Members "must be of the Protestant faith ... who adhere to the Huguenot principles of faith and liberty".

The proposal of the Maryland Member Society is totally inconsistent with those longstanding principles of the National Huguenot Society. Had it been in appropriate form for approval, and was approved, it would create an entirely different Society. That Society would have a new *identity*, would be a **new entity**, a quite different and new Society, which would, ostensibly, lay claim to the name and assets of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. The cover memorandum quotes the Articles of Incorporation but appears to miss the significance of the directive therein that the "*objects*" of the Society "*perpetuate*" the "*spirit*" of the Huguenots. Thus, our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are in perfect harmony. The Bylaws carry out the "*spirit*" of the Articles.

The Bylaws of the existing Member Societies must not be contrary to the Bylaws of the National Society (Art. IV, Sec. C 1). Should such a change come to pass, it would mean

that Bylaws of the Member (State) Societies would have to be changed to satisfy the proposal from Maryland. How many of our individual members are even aware of this far-reaching proposal is unknown. To what extent the drafter(s) of this MD proposal were aware of how far-reaching it is remains unknown.

This is a matter of federal law as well as MD State law as this Society has been granted exempt status under Sec. 501 (c)(3) because we fulfill the requirements of Sec. 509(a)(2), both Title 26, U. S. Code. As Counselor General of this Society, as one who became a member of the Bar of the U. S. Supreme Court in 1954, and of other Courts, it is my opinion of relevant law, that it would be contrary to law for the President General of this Society to entertain such a motion. It is in reality a proposal to change the longstanding identity of an existing organization and to form a new one. It is, therefore, illegal as a motion to amend. Whether the form of the proposal, proposing to amend nothing specific, meets parliamentary criteria is not within my purview.

Respectfully submitted, **James Dewey O'Brien, J. D.**

The President General stated that the new proposal was illegal and therefore, out of order. The Recording Secretary General **reread** the recommendation from the Board of General Officers that was voted on, and passed by a two-thirds majority vote, by the Congress in the morning session: to retain the Society's Protestant Membership requirement.

Mrs. Bockemuehl inquired of the Chair what she was going to do with her motion. The Chair ruled it out of order.

The Benediction was given by the Chaplain General, Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling, II. There being no further business and no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 PM.

Those meeting at the World War II Memorial at 4:10 PM for the placing of the wreath bearing the name of The National Huguenot Society were:

Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling, II, Chaplain General; Sylvia McAuliffe, President General; Nadine Hardin-Miller, Honorary President General and her daughter, Dr. Lori Lynn Hardin, delegate, and Linda Neal, Recording Secretary General.

Linda M. Neal, Recording Secretary General

QUESTION ANSWER
(From Spring 2006 Issue)

Question was: What do you know of the ship Mary and Ann, of London, commanded by George Haws which arrived the 23rd of July 1700 at James City, Virginia, after about 13 weeks passage, with two hundred and five people "**aboord ye ship**". It was a "**first**" and should be an easy question for many of you!

Answer: *Indeed the question should be an easy one for many of our members who trace their ancestry to one or more of the passengers aboard the "Mary and Ann", the first ship that had sailed from England crowded with French refugees bound for the colony of Virginia. During the voyage of more than three months they had expected to settle in America on the boundary between North Carolina and Virginia near the coast. They had been told that they could establish their own colony. Upon arrival it was revealed that their destination had been changed and they were not told the reason. They suspected the change in their final destination was made because another location would be more advantageous to those in power. Eventually, a total of 10,000 acres was set aside for the "French Refugees", near present day Richmond. The "Manakintowne" area had been formerly occupied by the fierce Monacan Indians. A French settlement in the area would serve as a buffer between other Indians further west. Four other ships would arrive carrying French Protestants fleeing religious persecution to claim the "French Lands" in Virginia.*

The surveyed lots were long and narrow, each with river frontage on the south side of the James River. Patents were issued only to the French Refugees fleeing religious persecution.

*Much of the above information is contained in Volume One of **Turff & Twigg (The French Lands)** by Pricilla Harriss Cabell. Mrs. Cabell also includes a large folded map as an accompaniment to the volume. The map identifies each Patentee by name and by Patent number, locating each on a reconstructed map, by the author. The publication is a great service to many!*

–Editor

**Address to The National Huguenot Society,
Saturday, 8th April 2006,
by Brother James W. Knox
(Excerpts)**

In Romans 9:6 the Holy Bible says, “Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel.” When Jesus Christ walked this earth He was confronted by a people who were the physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob but a people who had never embraced the faith of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They were Israelites by birth but not by practice.

Are you Huguenot or are you merely the descendants of Huguenots? Should this body be called “The Huguenot Society” or the “Remember the Huguenot Society?” It is one thing to trace one’s lineage to a man or woman who was Huguenot. It is quite another thing to live and die as did those people of great faith.

Allow me to summarize what these men and women believed:

Man fallen through sin has lost his moral integrity. His nature is corrupt and his will is captive to sin. From this condemnation only those are rescued whom God saves through grace upon their personal faith in Jesus Christ without consideration of their works. Man is reconciled to God by the one sacrifice which Jesus Christ offered on the cross, and our justice consists entirely in the remission of our sins assured to us by the imputation of the merits of Christ. Faith alone makes us partakers of this salvation.

The intercession of the saints, purgatory, oral confession, the mass, and indulgences are human inventions. The true church is the society of the faithful who agree to follow the word of God and the pure religion which is based thereon. It ought to be governed in obedience to the ordinance of Christ, by pastors, guardians, and deacons. All true pastors have the same authority and equal power. Their first duty is to preach the word of God. Baptism and the Lord’s Supper are outward signs and assured pledges of the grace of God. They do not impart salvation or merit.

These were the guiding principles that determined their course of action in every affair, and directed their every choice.

Huguenots were known for their fiery criticisms of the worship performed in the Roman Catholic Church. They denounced the focus on ritual and what seemed an obsession with death and the dead. They believed the ritual, images, saints, pilgrimages, prayers, and hierarchy of the Catholic Church did not help anyone toward redemption but actually stood between the searching soul and God.

They saw the Christian faith as something to be expressed in a strict and godly life, in obedience to Biblical laws, out of gratitude for God’s mercy. Like other Protestants of the time, they felt that the Roman church needed radical cleansing of its impurities, and that the Pope represented a worldly kingdom.

Rhetoric like this became more fierce as events unfolded, and stirred up the hostility of the Catholic establishment. Huguenots faced periodic persecution from the outset of the Reformation but Francis I (reigned 1515–1547) initially protected them from parliamentary measures designed for their extermination. The affair of the Placards of 1534 changed the king’s posture toward them. He stepped away from restraining persecution of the movement. As the Huguenot influence and zeal grew, violence against them grew as well. France experienced eight civil wars of religion, interrupted by periods of relative calm, between 1562 and 1598.

A decade later a great change had come over the people as industry and learning began to flourish, and so rapidly did truth spread that over a third of the population embraced the Reformed Christian Faith. This alarmed the Vatican. France was her eldest daughter and main pillar – the chief source of money and power. Nearly half the real estate in the country was owned by the Roman clergy (who had taken a vow of poverty).

Catherine de Medici, the Queen Mother, supported the marriage of her daughter to young Prince Henry of Navarre, descended from a Huguenot family and was (himself) one of their leaders. The wedding (guests) gathered for the celebration. Beginning in Paris, without warning, French soldiers and Roman Catholic clergy fell upon unarmed people, and blood flowed through the country. The rivers of France were so filled with corpses that for many months no fish were eaten.

Pope Gregory XIII with all the Cardinals repaired to the Church of St. Mark for the *Te Deum*, and prayed and ordered prayers that “the Most Christian King might rid and purge his entire kingdom (France) of the Huguenot plague” and a medal was struck to honor the occasion. The medal represented an exterminating angel smiting the Huguenots with his sword, the inscription reading: “Huguenot conspirators.”

The persecution of the “dissenters” resumed under the guidance of Cardinal Richelieu and Louis XIV, who began to apply his motto “I am the state” and introduced the infamous Dragonnades – the billeting of dragoons in Huguenot households. Louis XIV (enforcing) the policy of “one faith, one law, one king”, revoked the Edict of Nantes on 22 October 1685. Emigration was declared illegal. (The borders closed.) Protestant churches and houses were burned or otherwise destroyed. Many Huguenots who did not find their death in local prisons or execution were shipped to sea to serve their sentences as galley slaves, either on French ships, or sold to Muslims in Turkey as slaves.

Every Huguenot minister who refused to conform was to be sent to the Hopitaux de Forcats at Marseilles and at Valance. A minister noted for his zeal might be sent to slavery for life in the West-Indian islands which belonged to the French.

The gospel preacher Schuch was burned in the town of Nancy. When the martyr reached the place of execution, he was called upon to retract; but he refused, saying: “It is thou, O God, who hast called me, and thou wilt give me strength unto the end.” Having mounted the pile, he continued to recite the Psalm until the smoke and the flames stifled his voice.

One of the most remarkable sources of encouragement to these Huguenot Christians was the inspiration they received from the Book of Psalms. They went into battle singing the Psalms, notably the 68th, put to rhyme by Theodore Beza. They went to the scaffold singing. In trying to stop their singing they were gagged, until the fire severed the cords and they sang again, with charred lips. On the galleys and in the prisons they sang their Psalms. When they marched through the streets they sang. The Psalms were at the heart of all their actions.

These are *your* ancestors. They are worthy of sacred memory, they are worthy of emulation. These were your

people. Their noble example calls out to you. Will *you* walk in their footsteps? Are we Huguenots or merely distant relatives of those who bore the name because of their unyielding faith in Jesus Christ and the word of God.

I call upon you today to do more than remember your ancestors. I call upon you to live and die as they did.



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You have probably seen him on the cover of the Spring 2004 “Cross of Languedoc” portraying Ernst d’Erlach, Huguenot Nobleman, with Princess Issena of the Timucuan Indian Tribe, in the tableau for “The First Christian Marriage in North America in 1566” when the Huguenot marker commemorating this event was rededicated.

I am pleased to present my Pastor, Brother James Knox.

From: Introduction by Sylvia F. McAuliffe, President General, at 70th Annual Congress, Saturday, 8 April 2006, Washington, DC.



The National Huguenot Society is pleased to have had James W. Knox as their guest speaker for their 70th Annual Congress. Our thanks and best wishes for him and his work.
- Editor



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*Merci,
Neoma O. O'Brien*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Semi-Annual Council Meeting will be held Monday, 16 October 2006 and Tuesday, 17 October 2006 at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort Hotel, in Daytona Beach, Florida. See inside for details.

Annual Congress will be held Friday, 6 April 2007 and Saturday, 7 April 2007 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. Details will be found in the next issue.



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