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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”.



HUGUENOTS AND HUGUENOT DESCENDANTS OF DISTINCTION: *THE HUGUENOT CONNECTION TO LIBERTY ISLAND AND THE STATUE OF LIBERTY*

By Janice Murphy Lorenz

There is scarcely a statue more symbolic of American liberty, nor a location more visible to all who sail into the New York Harbor or gaze out upon it from the shores of New York or New Jersey, than the Statue of Liberty and its home, Liberty Island. Liberty Island was once owned by a Huguenot refugee, Isaac Bethloe, and was known as “Bedloe’s Island.”¹ How fitting that it was selected by that statue’s creator, French Protestant sculptor Auguste Bartholdi, as the perfect site for his most famous creation, the Statue of Liberty, which he entitled “Liberty Enlightening the World.”

Auguste Bartholdi’s family was based in Colmar, France. He was a fine citizen, contributing to his local and national community and to Franco-American relations. After his death, his widow dedicated his family home in Colmar as a museum-showcase for his work, on the condition that the museum’s curator should always be a Protestant, and born in Alsace of parents who were from Alsace, and from Colmar.² Bartholdi’s mother would have been proud, since she had insisted that her son not marry except to a Protestant. It is doubtful that Bartholdi realized that Bedloe’s Island was once owned by a Huguenot refugee who had emigrated to New York from France in 1652. Mr. Bethloe purchased the island in 1667 and settled there. The island was sold in 1752, and after various transactions, it was taken over by the federal government due to its strategic location in New York Harbor. The Statue of Liberty was conceived as a joint project with France to commemorate the centennial of American Independence and to honor the “alliance of the two nations in achieving the Independence of the United States of America and attests their abiding friendship.”³ The statue itself was a gift from France; the pedestal was to be paid for by United States. Fundraising for the pedestal was successfully completed by the famous newspaper mogul, Joseph Pulitzer, who, incidentally, was of part Jewish ancestry but was raised and lived as a Protestant. The Statue of Liberty was inaugurated in a spectacular ceremony in 1886 presided over by President Grover Cleveland and attended by the notarati of the day.

The statue’s symbolism is allegorical, so it may be helpful to provide a “decoding” of its important features.

- The statue’s face was modeled after Bartholdi’s mother, who had insisted, despite his being in his 40’s when he wished to marry, that he provide her with assurance that his proposed French wife was a Protestant.
- The torch held in her outstretched right hand symbolizes the light of enlightenment by liberty;
- The statue’s internal iron frame was designed by the French civil engineer, Gustave Eiffel;
- Her crown resembles that of the Colossus of Rhodes, and its seven rays represent the seven seas and the seven continents; the 25 windows in the crown symbolize gemstones and the heaven’s rays shining over the world;
- The chains and broken shackle at her feet show her escape from tyranny, oppression and servitude;
- The tablet in her left hand reads “July 4, 1776” in Roman numerals, commemorating the date America declared her independence from Great Britain
- The statue faces southeast to greet the millions of immigrants who look to her as a symbol of freedom;
- Her left foot is stepping forward, symbolizing that she is moving forward as her torch of liberty enlightens the world.⁴

The moving poem by Emma Lazarus containing the words, “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free....” was inscribed on a bronze tablet laid in the pedestal in 1903. It is fitting that the foundation for such an icon of liberty rests upon former Huguenot property. “From the outstretched arm of that figure gleams the light that illuminates the harbour, typical of the light of religious liberty which the persecuted of all lands were here to enjoy.”⁵

¹Fosdick, Lucian John. *The French Blood in America*, London and Edinburgh: Fleming H. Revell Company (1906) at 217-218.

²Houghton, Louise Seymour. *Handbook of French and Belgian Protestantism*, Published for the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America by the Missionary Education Movement. New York: Federal Council of the churches of Christ in America (1919) at 67 n.1; *The Bartholdi Museum, The Inauguration of the Monument to the Memory of August Bartholdi and the Creation of The Bartholdi Museum*.

³Presentation Tablet bearing Bartholdi’s name.

⁴StatueLiberty.net; nyctrip.com; Statue of Liberty.org.

⁵Fosdick, Lucian John. *The French Blood in America*, London and Edinburgh: Fleming H. Revell Company (1906) at 218.

OFFICIAL CALL TO 2011 MIDYEAR MEETING in GREATER LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

The National Huguenot Society, Inc.
Semi-Annual General Council and Board of General Officers Meetings

The Kentucky Society will host the National Huguenot Society's mid-year meeting in the Greater Louisville area on October 7-8, 2011. The meeting hotel is the Sheraton Louisville Riverside Hotel, winner of the 2010 customer satisfaction award, and located in Jefferson, IN, across the river from downtown Louisville. A limited number of rooms are guaranteed for NHS attendees at \$119 per night, not including tax, but you must reserve by 10 September 2011, and only a limited number of rooms are available at that discounted rate. Come 2-3 days early or stay 2-3 extra days at the discounted rate. Known as the "Gateway to the South," you will arrive during the colorful fall foliage and will overlook one of America's major waterways, the Ohio River, the area where Lewis and Clark assembled for their expedition, or hike along the falls fossil beds, among the largest in the world.

The nearest airport is the Louisville International Airport, and the Sheraton offers free courtesy transportation to and from the airport. The Sheraton also offers free hotel parking. Guests are within walking distance to six restaurants from Kingfish to Japanese grill; and five minutes from "museum row" that includes the Sons of the American Revolution National Genealogical Library, Frazier International History Museum, Natural History Museum, Hillerich and Bradsby Louisville Slugger bat factory and museum, and even some ghost tours. There is also Churchill Downs where the Kentucky Derby is run each May and its museum with an impressive media show in the round. If more sedate settings appeal, there are the gorgeous Cave Hill and Zachary Taylor Cemeteries.

Dine with us Friday evening at the prestigious private Pendennis Club and attend our meeting and luncheon there on Saturday. Meet Huguenots from other states, be involved in discussions with national officers, and learn how to enhance your activities at home. There's something for everyone, so "y'all come."

Sheraton Louisville Riverside Hotel
700 West Riverside Drive
Jeffersonville, IN 47130
812-284-6711 (ask for Trish and mention the National Huguenot Society)

Meeting Registration Fee: \$15

Friday, 7 October 2011

- 11:45A Optional Lunch Workshop for State Presidents at the Sheraton's Bristol Bistro (order and pay individually from the menu)
- 2:00P-3:30 General Council Meeting at Sheraton (open to members, National officers, State Presidents, Honorary Presidents General, and Chairmen of Standing NHS Committees)
- 3:30P-4:30 NHS Board Meeting (elected officers, Committee Chairmen and Honorary Presidents General)
- 6:30P Reception and Dinner at Pendennis Club, downtown Louisville (Black tie optional; transportation provided.) (\$45/person) All members and guests are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, 8 October 2011

- 9:00A Registrars Workshop in hotel conference room.
- 11:30A Join the KY Huguenot Society and Other Societies at their Meeting and Luncheon (\$28). All members and guests are encouraged to attend.

The total cost for the entire meeting, including registration, the Friday night dinner, and the Saturday State Society luncheon is \$88.

Please make checks payable to The Kentucky Huguenot Society, Inc., and MAIL CHECKS BY 20 September 2011 to:

The Rev. Paul W. Smith
3724 Hillsdale Road
Louisville, KY 40222-5914
Telephone: 502-425-2105 E-mail: wasppws1@insigntbb.com

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S REPORT TO CONGRESS

9 April 2011

It has been a wonderful ride!! The ups and downs, the peaks and valleys, the exhilarating optimism and gloomy pessimism, all have taken this officer on quite a ride over the 10 years of involvement at the National level of the Huguenot Society. Please permit this quick review of those too-fleeting 10 years:

It began as a result of the heartbreaking separation from the National Society of a group of the Texas Society's members, thus breaking up that State Member Society in the Spring of 2001. Throughout that ordeal, this officer communicated frequently with Mrs. Neoma O'Brien, the then-President General, and her husband, James Dewey O'Brien, and that led to my first attendance at a National Huguenot Society meeting.

The valiant efforts of Neoma and Dewey to revitalize the National Society, which was also suffering, while simultaneously assisting in preserving the Texas society, sort of "sucked" this officer into wanting to help National get back on its feet as well as preserve our Texas State Member Society. Fortunately, there were many of the Texas members who wanted to continue the Huguenot Society of Texas as a State Member Society of National. Today, the Texas Society is doing quite well, thanks to many members who have been willing to serve in leadership positions.

As a result of the close contact and involvement with National, this officer was appointed to a term on the National Society's 2003-2005 Finance Committee with Dewey O'Brien and Peter Morgan Adams, the Treasurer General under President General Nadine-Hardin . This officer learned so much from Dewey during that two years. He was her mentor, and she shall forever be grateful for his patience and guidance and willingness to share his knowledge of tax rules, regulations, and laws applying to our Society.

Neoma was a fountain of knowledge about the history of the National Huguenot Society, and freely educated this officer in that regard. Those two have come to her rescue numerous times when she needed information and help in solving "nitty gritty" problems. To them a great big "Thank you!"

The next term found this officer serving as Treasurer General of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., under good friend, Sylvia McAuliffe, President General 2005-2007. Once again, this officer was the beneficiary of the knowledge and guidance of a most capable leader. With her blessings, and that of the General Council and Board of General Officers, the Treasurer General was able to transfer the records of the National Society to the Quick Books Non-Profit computer program and establish a standardized chart of accounts for accounting for the receipts and disbursements of the National Society and devised a standard form for reporting by the State Member Societies that reconciled their membership changes with their annual membership fees (dues).

This officer can never adequately thank Sylvia for all that she has done to encourage her, to advise her on the bylaws and Robert's Rules, to stand with her in touchy situations, and to celebrate each accomplishment with her, no matter how small or how great. Sylvia served in numerous capacities at the Chapter, State and National levels of the National Huguenot Society and has been a valuable asset to National over many years. This officer is grateful for having the opportunity to serve with Sylvia.

There were some major bumps in the road during that time, but for some reason, the Nominating Committee felt that this officer would be a capable replacement for the "heir apparent" to the position of President General after he decided to withdraw from the nomination in 2007. The Annual Congress elected her as President General for the 2007-2009 term, and again, for the 2009-2011 term.

It has been a great pleasure to serve the National Huguenot Society, Inc., in all of the aforementioned capacities, and this officer has so many people to thank for serving with her and giving her their support. As President General, this officer

was blessed with outstanding fellow General Officers, and excellent Chairmen and Committee Members during both terms. Time and space does not permit recitation in this report all the ways in which each individual contributed to whatever measure of success was achieved during these past four years, nor to this officer's education and development during the six prior years.

It will be this officer's great pleasure to give individual special recognition to many at the Awards Luncheon during this Diamond Jubilee celebration, the 75th Annual Congress.

As mentioned at the outset, there have been many "ups and downs" over these several years. Among the "ups," just to name a few, were:

- The salvation of the Huguenot Society of Texas (thanks to Grace DeuPree and June and Hershel Walters, among others);
- The salvation of the Huguenot Society of Virginia (thanks in large measure to Rachel Wills, Alice Sweeney, and other loyal Virginia members);
- Revival of the Huguenot Society of Mississippi (thanks to Penny Lotterhos, Mary Margaret Buck, and Lynn Meador);
- The successful move of the "Headquarters Office" from Bloomington, MN, to San Antonio, TX, and the very capable administration of that office by Registrar General Nancy Brennan with the help of Jean Fish and Rosemary Sanders, volunteer members of the Languedoc Chapter of the Huguenot Society of Texas;
- The establishment of the Youth Program with Carol Chew, Jan Cordell, Janice Lorenz, Todd Frary, and Jennifer Fomby.

By far the greatest "up" of them all has been the wonderful fellowship during the two annual meetings of the General Council and Board of General Officers and the Annual Congress, and the fast friendships formed as a result.

The most disappointing "downs" have been the inability to salvage the Huguenot Society of Massachusetts; the necessity of some small State Member Societies to disband for lack of leadership, aging of members, non-participation of members, lack of attendance at meetings, and in one case, disagreement with the National bylaws.

On the bright side, those "downs" provide opportunities and challenges for the new administration, with Janice M. Lorenz, Esq., as President General. This officer is sure that all of the outgoing and incoming members of the Board of General Officers, Committee Chairmen, State Society officers, and all Huguenot Society members will join this officer in supporting Janice and will volunteer to assist in any way that they can, just as this outgoing officer has.

Best of luck, Janice! Please let us know how we can be of service.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara MacManus, President General 2007-2011

MINUTES of the NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC. SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

8 April 2011
Washington, D. C.

The annual meeting of the General Council of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., was held at the Washington Marriott 22nd Street Hotel, in Washington, D.C. President General Barbara C. MacManus called the meeting to order at 9:25 A.M.

Invocation: Given by Chaplain General The Rev. Paul W. Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America: led by Noella Oberlin, Tennessee Society.

The Huguenot Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America: led by Alice Sweeney, Genealogist General.

Introduction of Guest: Jan Cordell introduced her guest, prospective member Ann Williams of Georgia. Mrs. Williams is active in a number of lineage societies.

Workshop: President General MacManus introduced the "Handbook for State Societies" and solicited comments. Each officer of state societies will receive a handbook.

Open Forum: Members-at-Large in Member States led by Nancy Brennan, Registrar General.

Motion 1: Janice Lorenz moved to recommend to the Board of General Officers that the 2nd Vice President General position be responsible for managing the Members at Large and that the Members at Large be nicknamed the "George Washington" members. Motion was seconded and adopted.

Business Session: Called to Order at 11:40 A. M.

Fourteen (14) members and guests were present for the business meeting.

Minutes of the last council meeting were approved by a reading committee and published in The Cross of Languedoc. They stand approved as published.

Reading Committee: The Chair appoints Alice Sweeney, Genealogist General, President of the Huguenot Society of Virginia and Nancy Brennan, Registrar General, Member of the Huguenot Society of Texas serve as a Reading Committee and attest to the minutes of this meeting.

Reports of the General Officers: The report of the President General and reports of other officers is deferred to General Congress with the following exception:

Registrar's Report: Given by Nancy W. Brennan, Registrar General. The written report is filed.

Committee Reports: Four (4) reports have been filed with the Recording Secretary General at this time.

State Reports: President General MacManus reported on the states of Connecticut, Ohio, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Virginia. State reports for Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington (state) have been filed. All reports will be published in The Cross of Languedoc.

It is confirmed that the next General Council and Board of General Officers will meet in Louisville, Kentucky on October 7 & 8, 2011. The Kentucky Society will host. This is the 2011 Mid-Year Meeting.

The 2012 Annual Congress will meet at the Washington Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C. on April 13 & 14, 2012.

An invitation has been received from the Georgia Society to host the 2012 Mid-Year Meeting in Atlanta. Motion 2: Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien moved that the Council recommend to the Board at its meeting that the invitation of the

Georgia Society to meet in Atlanta 25-26 October 2012 be accepted. Motion was seconded and adopted.

Motion 3: The Registrar General moved that the fee for Youth Registration be increased to \$10.00. Motion was seconded and adopted.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Jan Estelle Cordell
Recording Secretary General

Saturday, 9 April 2011

Washington DC

The annual meeting of the General Congress of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., was held at the Washington Marriott 22nd Street Hotel, in Washington, D.C. President General Barbara C. MacManus called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M.

Reading Committee: President General MacManus appointed Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien, Delegate Shirley de la Barre and Kentucky Society President Fay Charpentier-Ford to serve as a Reading Committee to attest to the minutes of this meeting.

Invocation: The invocation was given by the Rev. Fr. Paul W. Smith, Chaplain General.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Noella Oberlin, Tennessee Society. The Huguenot Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Alice Sweeney, Genealogist General. Sacred Oath: Recitation of the Sacred Oath was led by Recording Secretary General Jan Estelle Cordell.

Objectives of the Society: Objectives of the National Huguenot Society were read by Jan Cordell.

Credentials: The First Report of the Committee on Credentials was given by Linda A. Smith, Chairman:
General Officers (6),
Honorary Presidents General (2),
Presidents of State Member Societies (4),
Delegates (4),
State Societies represented (9),
Voting Strength (16),
Alternate Delegates (0),
Non-Delegate Members (1),
Guests (2).
Total Registration: 19.

Motion: Mrs. Smith moved the adoption of the Credentials Report. Motion carried.

Quorum: Bylaws ARTICLE X, Section F, 1. "General Officers and delegates representing ten different Member Societies shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business...." A quorum was not declared. Motion: Mrs. O'Brien moved that this Congress continue with business at hand and proceed while searching until the meeting is reconvened after lunch for another delegate to make the quorum. Roger Smith, delegate from Florida, moved to amend the motion to state that if a quorum is not obtained, at the next session of the society it be requested to ratify any actions taken. Both the motion and the amendment were seconded and adopted.

Standing Rules: In the interest of time and without objection, the Standing Rules as printed in the program were not read.

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Program: The Program was corrected to include "Election of Officers" following "Minutes of 74th Annual Congress." Mrs. Smith moved the adoption of the Printed Program as corrected. Motion carried.

Minutes of the 74th Annual Congress: The minutes were approved by the appointed reading committee and published in The Cross of Languedoc. The minutes were accepted as printed.

Election of Officers for the 2011-2013 Term: 2nd Vice President Janice Lorenz, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers:

President General - Janice M. Lorenz,
1st Vice President General - Fay Charpentier-Ford,
2nd Vice President General - Aubrey Wilson,
3rd Vice President General - Peter Morgan Adams,
Treasurer General - Rex L. Gradeless, CPA,
Registrar General - Nancy Wright Brennan,
Recording Secretary General - Linda Antram Smith,
Corresponding Secretary General - Jan Estelle Cordell,
Organizing Secretary General - Betty L. Swisher,
Chaplain General - The Rev. Paul W. "Sonny" Smith,
Genealogist General - Alice J. Sweeney,
Counselor General - no candidate at time slate was finalized,
Surgeon General - no candidate at time slate was finalized.

Motion: A motion to accept the slate as presented was made and adopted.

Nominations from the Floor: A nomination was made from the floor for Incumbent George Rountree to serve as Counselor General. Mr. Rountree has indicated his willingness to continue serving in this capacity. Motion was seconded and carried. A nomination was made for William "Bill" Hearter, Jr., MD of the Arizona Society to serve as Surgeon General. Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion: A motion to accept the candidates by acclamation was made. Motion carried.

Timekeeper: None appointed.

General Officers Reports: Deferred to follow lunch.

Treasurer General's Report: The report was distributed. Motion: A motion to accept the report was made, seconded and adopted.

Audit Report: Motion: A motion to accept the report was made, seconded and adopted.

Budget Report: Motion: A motion to accept the report was made, seconded and adopted.

Motion: Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien moved to approve a budget item of \$600.00 for the Books & Archives Committee for the Huguenot Collection located at the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Library. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Motion: A motion was made to refer to committee an investigation of obtaining paid assistance for digitizing records in the San Antonio office with a report to be presented to the Board of General Officers Mid-Year meeting in October 2011 and/or the National meeting in April 2012. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Funds Donated: Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller donated \$500.00 to the Society to be used for assistance to the National office in San Antonio until the society is able to vote on the previously noted request.

Letter: A letter from Honorary President General the Rev. Travis Talmadge du Priest, Jr., Ph.D. regarding his insignia was read.

Invitation: The Board of General Officers and the General Council announced they have accepted an invitation from the Georgia Society to hold the 2012 Mid-Year Meeting in Atlanta.

Book Award Committee: The report of the committee was read by the President General. **Motion:** A motion to accept the recommendation of the committee to give first place to *The Protestant International and the Huguenot Migration* was made, seconded and adopted. The book was written by David E. Lambert and published in 2010 by Peter Lang Publishing, Inc., New York, N.Y.

Recess: The meeting recessed at 12:05 P.M. for lunch.

Reconvene: The meeting reconvened at 2:05 P.M.

Credentials Report: The second report of the committee indicated no change.

Postponed General Officers Reports:

Chaplain General: A proposed Necrology Report Form was distributed.

State Reports: Reports are filed from 15 states. Other reports will be filed as they arrive. In addition, Jan Cordell presented a check for \$100.00 from the Arizona Society for the Youth Committee in honor of President General Barbara MacManus.

Committee Reports: A report from Jeannine S. Kallal, Chairman of the Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors was read by President General MacManus.

President General's Report: Barbara C. MacManus gave her report, a retrospective of her four (4) years serving this Society as President General.

New Business: (1) Installation of Officers: The General Officers for 2011-2013 were installed by Barbara C. MacManus. (2) Passing of the Medallion and Gavel: Mrs. MacManus presented the Medallion and passed the Gavel to newly installed President General Janice Lorenz.

Motion: Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien moved that outgoing President General Barbara C. MacManus be elected Honorary President General. Motion was seconded and adopted. President General Janice Lorenz presented her with a sunburst medallion and a commemorative pin from the National Society.

Benediction: Chaplain General the Rev. Fr. Paul W. Smith gave the Benediction.

Adjournment: President General Janice M. Lorenz adjourned the meeting at 2:45 P.M.

Jan Estelle Cordell
Recording Secretary General

REPORTS FROM GENERAL OFFICERS

Treasurer General's 2010 Year End Report

One of the biggest financial concerns of the society needs to be the current economic conditions with financial institutions paying low interest rates which apparently will be the norm for several years to come. Along with this concern are the society's deficits which continue to drain our reserves.

Upon maturity certificates of deposits were renewed or obtained with the highest interest rates available at that time. Our accounts currently earn the following:

Account	Type	Maturity Date	Term	Interest Rate
First Federal Savings Bank	Checking			0.05
Cardinal Bank - Dickey CD	CD	11/21/2011	12 months	0.747
Cardinal Bank - Lewis CD	CD	11/8/2011	12 months	0.747
First Community Bank - Dickey CD	CD	12/28/2011	12 months	1.650
National Penn Bank	CD	6/25/2011	10 months	0.995
Compass Bank - Dickey CD	CD	8/4/2011	12 months	1.094
Bank of America - Dickey CD	CD	10/3/2012	24 months	0.400
Bank of America - Dickey CD	CD	10/3/2011	12 months	0.350
First Federal Savings - Operating CD	CD	5/9/2011	18 months	1.500
First Federal Savings - Advent Recovery	CD	3/7/2012	12 months	1.000

Over the next several years the Society will need to take a hard look at various expenditures to decide what changes need to be made in our operations so we can maintain our reserves and live within our means. These may be difficult decisions to make but must be made for the good of the society. As long as we remain open to various ideas our goal as described will be achieved.

The undersigned, Treasurer General of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. does hereby submit this report and the attached financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Rex L. Gradeless, CPA Treasurer General

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Please email your reports and other official documents in Word format to the President General at president@huguenot.netnation.com, with a copy to the Recording Secretary General, Linda Antram Smith. If you must mail them, please mail to:

Janice M. Lorenz, 700 New Hampshire Ave, NW #507, Washington, DC 20037

We are always interested in receiving articles about Huguenots, member Huguenot Society activities, or other matters of potential interest to our members and prospective members. Articles should be no more than five typewritten double-spaced pages long. Please email them to the Editor, and your submission will be considered for publication. Any images embedded in your document should also be separately emailed to the Editor. Again, we welcome you to submit material you believe might be of interest. We want to know about subjects that interest you.

Janice Murphy Lorenz
Editor@huguenot.netnation.com

Treasurer General's 2010 Activity Report

3 April 2011

During the period since the Treasurer General's prior Activity Report to the present, I have completed the following tasks:

- Prepared and filed the IRS 2009 Form 990, and other related disclosures, including information about affiliated state societies under our group exemption letter.
- Deposited funds as received from the President General, Registrar General, the headquarters office, state member societies, members-at-large and individuals.
- Disbursed payment of bills and invoices as received, approved, and submitted by the President General in accordance with the established voucher system.
- Reviewed and reconciled bank statements from various financial institutions in which funds of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. are maintained.
- Interacted with the President General regarding maturities and renewals of certificates of deposit.
- Posted deposited receipts and disbursed checks to the statement of accounts.
- Submitted financial records to the Audit Committee.
- Reported to the Credentials Committee the State Member Societies eligible to be represented at the Annual Congress based on timely payment of annual fees (dues).
- Kept a roster of paid registrants for the 75th Annual Congress and reported updates to the Credentials Committee Chairman and the President General.
- Prepared the 2010 Year End Financial Statements and Reports to be presented at the 75th Annual Congress on April 9th, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Rex L. Gradeless, CPA
Treasurer General

Registrar General

Fifty seven (57) new members by application have been approved during calendar year 2010.

Twelve (12) state societies gained new members. Florida takes the prize this year with eleven (11) approved applications. California is second with seven (7) and Kentucky follows with six (6)

For the term of office from April 2009 to April 5, 2011, this officer has approved 131 new applications, 6 reinstatements, 36 transfers and 16 youth registrations.

This officer receives and answers requests for information from the website to the registrar's email. For the year 2010 the total was 87. There were 109 email requests for information to the Huguenot Society office. This is a total of 196 email requests for membership or general information. This is an increase of 37 over 2009. The website had 1,217,125 hits in 2010 which is a huge increase over the 224,140 in 2009.

Names and addresses of all new members have been added to the mailing list. Deletions of deceased, resigned or dropped members have been made. The State chapters reported 56 deceased members in 2010 and 102 dropped or resigned persons. The list was submitted to the mailing service in March for the spring issue of *The Cross of Languedoc*.

Names of known deceased members have been submitted to the Chaplain General.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wright Brennan

Historian General

Greetings my fellow Huguenots!

Let me pass along the greetings not only from myself, but on the behalf of the entire Georgia Huguenot Society to all our members gathering in Washington this April to do the great and important work of our national society.

I have continued compiling a catalog of Huguenot History as well as expanding to incorporate a bibliography of Huguenot specific titles, with annotations about each book where possible. We still are desperately short on age-appropriate titles for use by essay contestants so if anyone is aware of any good titles please do pass them along.

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As mentioned previously I would like to see our annotated bibliography available through our web site as an aid to students, historians, teachers, and the casually interested as a resource to aid them in their research.

I continue to receive information on our Huguenot forebears that is most varied and interesting in nature, and we of course will continue to collect it and hope to make it available to our members. Should you have any such information please do not hesitate to forward it on.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd B. D. Frary

Chaplain General

The Chaplain General has prepared a publication entitled "Daily Devotions and Memorial Service for the Huguenot Faithful Departed," which is available to our State societies if you will contact him. In addition, he has prepared a new Death Notice form for you to complete and send to him to notify him of a death in your state society. The form will be mailed to all state society presidents.

Genealogist General

This officer has helped a gentleman in Charleston, SC to locate his Huguenot ancestor in Virginia with many pages of proof. Another man from Ohio called to ask for information and help with another Virginia ancestor. He sent what he knew and this precipitated records for him that would help. Many times people just want someone to do their genealogy but these were sent enough that they could go on their own and do it themselves.

A lady in California asked for help and the first three generations were sent with proof for her. Another lady in Texas wanted help to prove her ancestor and in each case enough help was sent to let them know that there was the possibility of proving what they were working on if they did some of the work themselves.

In addition to these there have been phone calls and emails that have been answered as promptly as possible. Many who have contacted this officer have had problems with finding proof in Virginia in some of our badly burned counties, which happened often during the Revolutionary War and the War Between the States. Other courthouses have just had the misfortune to burn for other reasons. This makes it harder but not impossible to find what is needed if one knows where to look. Many researchers are finding wills,

deeds and other vital information in other counties or even other states where people were heading west. Many of these records are being published in *The Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, published by the Virginia Genealogical Society in Richmond, VA, and others are available at the Library of Virginia or lots of other places.

If this officer can be of help please get in touch. New Huguenot ancestors are being discovered all the time as more records are available now than ever before. Many of the lineages in the old red book need to be reproved. In many cases they were not proved in the early days of the Huguenot Society but with the availability of records being published, now they can be documented. Our ancestors deserve to be documented.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Sweeney

Report From Honorary President General The Rev. Travis Talmadge DuPriest, Jr., Ph.D.

It continues a pleasure and honor to serve on the Book Award Committee. During the past year, I have represented The National Huguenot Society at meetings of The Mayflower Society, The Society of Colonial Wars, and Sons of the Revolution in both Virginia and Illinois.

I have also encouraged several relatives and friends to join The National Huguenot Society through their member Societies and have had the pleasure of sharing some of my research with them. One has been approved, and a second is working on her papers.

As time allows, I continue to work on "Descendants of Robert Depresses of New Kent Co. in the Colony of Virginia" -- now over 200 pages -- which includes an Introduction to the Huguenot Movement and a lengthy Bibliography and an article on "Huguenot Genealogy." One of the poems I am currently working on and want to submit for publication is entitled "The Liberties, Dublin," the section of Dublin settled by French Huguenots.

It continues to be an honor to be a part of our Venerable Society.

Submitted with Huguenot Faith and Devotion,
The Rev. Travis DuPriest

MEMORIAL ROLL CALL OF NECROLOGY

Alabama

Marie Henley Duffee
Ernest Starr Hansberger, Jr.

Arkansas

Elsie Marie Frownfelter Hargrove
Elizabeth Boykin Wooten

California

Ruth Woods dean
Harriet (Pat) George-Clark
Care Lincoln Hoke
Kay Oatas
Franc Lorraine Perdue

CANADA

L. Allyn Dean

Delaware

Carolyn Gaumer

Florida

Marie Elizabeth Bigelow
Martha Ruth Gaston Blizzard
Grace Haile Miller Bowen
Ruth Collette
David Thompson Demarest
Marjorie Anne Stubbs Heaney
May Grundy Henderson
Gladys Collier Hilton
Lillian Moore Swingle

Georgia

Susan Reid Manley (Mrs. George Hammond Law)

Indiana

Florence Virginia Rhudy
John V. Sellers

Kansas

Miriam Watkins

Kentucky

John Edwin Proctor
Francis LeRoy Wortham

Mississippi

none reported to Chaplain General

Missouri

Elma Porter Hopkins

Ann Crouch Hutton

Sarah Jane Short Mallinson

Nevada

none reported to Chaplain General

New York

Cynthia Hurd

North Carolina

Charles M. Beardsley
Jean Young Ruth Caton

Ohio

Elizabeth Miller (Erwin)
Edward Taylor
Lt. Col. Jack Thacker

Oklahoma

none reported to Chaplain General

Pennsylvania

Ama J. Chambers
Jane s. Hershorin
Mary Lou McCain
Edwin C. Marotte
Nancy B. Taylor
Violet M. Turnbaugh

South Carolina

none reported to Chaplain General

Tennessee

none reported to Chaplain General

Texas

Nancy Smith
Dr. Jean Andrews

Virginia

none reported to Chaplain General

Washington

none reported to Chaplain General

Washington, DC

Kitty Crittenberger

Wisconsin

Augusta Roddis

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Awards Committee

THE NHS 2010 BOOK AWARD WINNER IS *The Protestant International and the Huguenot Migration to Virginia*

It is a great pleasure for the Awards Committee to announce that the 2010 book by David Lambert, *The Protestant International and the Huguenot Migration to Virginia*, was selected as the winner of the National Huguenot Society, Inc.'s annual competition for the best work of scholarship dealing with any aspect of Huguenot history in a paper, article, thesis, dissertation, movie, video production, or book published during 2010 and submitted to the Awards Committee.

The following is a quotation from one of the members of the Awards Committee, a very learned gentleman, the Reverend Travis T. DuPriest, Jr., Ph.D., Honorary President General, of The National Huguenot Society, Inc.:

"The Protestant International and the Huguenot Migration to Virginia is the best scholarly work since a major article by Dr. James Bugg many years ago on Virginia Huguenots and Manakin Town. The book not only contributes insight into the migration to Virginia, but also offers a completely new thesis on Huguenot immigration throughout Europe and the world. The author, a professor of history at Azusa Pacific University, has presented first-rate scholarship and documentation."

The Committee congratulates Dr. Lambert on the receipt of this award. The winner of the NHS Book Award is entitled to a payment of \$1000 in honor of this accomplishment. The NHS wishes Dr. Lambert great success for the book.

Finance Committee

Greetings my fellow Huguenots!

Let me pass along the greetings not only from myself, but on the behalf of the entire Georgia Huguenot Society to all our members gathering in Washington this April to do the great and important work of our national society.

I have not received the Financial Report from Rex Gradeless and as a result have not had the opportunity to review them. Once they are received I will review them and send a supplemental report to the board. The Chairman of the Huguenot Collection and Archives Committee is requesting an item be included in the 2011 budget in the amount of

\$600 for adding publications to the Huguenot Collection at the DAR Library, and this is something I highly recommend us doing. The DAR Library is perhaps one of the greatest repositories of genealogical information in our nation and a resource I have used countless times while in Washington. Other than that I have nothing of interest or concern, and as such have no recommendations regarding the finances of the Society.

I wish I could be there to personally extend the invitation for the National Huguenot Society to come to Georgia to for the 2012 Fall General Council and Board Meetings, but sadly this is our busiest season at work. Please know that I am there in spirit and wish you all a productive meeting that renews our bonds.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd B. D. Frary, Chairman

Indiana Society Celebrates 100th Birthday of Cloyd James Julian

We are grateful to Robert Rati for bringing to our attention a most notable achievement by one of our members, Cloyd James Julian of Indiana. Mr. Julian has celebrated his 100th birthday! Isn't it wonderful to see him enjoying this remarkable day. The National Huguenot Society wishes you many more, Mr. Julian!



L-R: Robert D. Rati (IN Past President 1985-1989), Cloyd James Julian (member since 1981, picture taken on his 100th birthday on 30 November 2010, his ancestor is Rene Saint Julian), and Dr. Charles F. Bragg (IN Secretary).

Scholarship Award Committee**KATHRYN ELVEY WINS THE 2011
NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The winner of The National Huguenot Society Scholarship Award for 2011 is Kathryn Elvey, a member of Languedoc Chapter, Huguenot Society of Texas.

Kathryn graduated from the University of Mary Washington (from 2005-2008), completing her under graduate work in three years, with a double major in Religion and Political Science. She graduated Cum Laude with Honors in Religion. In the fall of 2008 she began working toward her masters in Religion at Wake Forest, focusing on American Cultures and Traditions, and wrote her thesis on the way religious rhetoric changed in New Orleans post-Hurricane Katrina. While at Wake Forest she also examined the way religion ministry programs functioned in prisons, and because of this work she applied to the top ranked (ranked first as of 2011) Criminal Justice program in the nation at the University of Cincinnati. She began her work at the University of Cincinnati in the fall of 2010. It is a four to five year program and is extremely academically rigorous.

Kathryn is 24 years of age and tells us that she enjoys running in her spare time. On May 1, 2011, she ran her second full marathon, the Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon.

During the school year and the summer of 2011, Kathryn will be working for the Human Rights Quarterly, a peer reviewed journal published by Johns Hopkins University Press while taking classes at the University of Cincinnati.

Kathryn's mother and father live in Dallas, Texas. She believes they have been integral to her academic success. She is a third generation member of the National Huguenot Society. Her two sisters and mother are members. Her grandmother, Betty Dalbec, who passed away on April 25, 2011, first introduced her to the National Huguenot Society and Kathryn's first remark upon being told that she was winner of the Scholarship Award was, "my grandmother would have been so proud."

Our heartfelt congratulations to Kathryn Elvey and every good wish to her and to her family.

Scholarship Award Committee:

Richard Dana Smith, Sr., Chairman

Neoma O'Brien, Hon. President General

Eleanor Niebell

Bernard W. Hugus

Memories of April 2011 Congress.....



Bob Miller and Nadine Hardin-Miller



Linda and Roger Smith



Elizabeth Harrington and the Lesters

Below: Janice Lorenz and Fay Charpentier-Ford



Father Sonny



Nancy Brennan and Muriel Oehme



Neoma O'Brien and Jan Cordell



Robin Chenault sings



Peter A. Dixon and James D. O'Brien



Sweeney's of Virginia

Below: Rachel Wills presents Barbara McManus flowers



Pianist Andrew Welch



REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

2011 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors Committee

Madam President General,

The long-awaited new Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors is nearing completion. It is happening later than hoped but other duties interfered at times. This chairman regrets the delay but as a volunteer not every day could not be spent on this project.

This chairman is working on the last couple files trying to find a way to make them work. There are still questions on previous files. The Registrar General will be assisting in resolving some of these issues. While there are new ancestors, others will be dropped due to the fact that no real proof was on file.

As soon as the last file is entered, every one of the over 400 pages will be re-read to check for errors. When that is done, the book will be downloaded to 2 flash-drives and sent to San Antonio. Registrar General Nancy Brennan has a couple of people who can index it.

This chairman suggests that the book be offered as a book, a book with a CD, or just a CD. The advantage to having the book on a CD is that each state registrar can cut and paste the information and send it to prospective members. Registrar General Brennan has identified some companies that publish "on demand," thus no backlog of books would occur. When someone orders the book, one copy is printed.

This has been a much bigger project than previously thought. It was alarming to find files with relatively no information, others with totally contradictory data. It is a wonder that some of these ancestors were ever approved.

Despite frustration over some entries, this has been a very interesting odyssey. A lot has been learned. It provided a chance to reactivate this officer's French and to hone map reading skills! This chairman thanks the Society for giving her the opportunity to return to the "classroom."

Jeannine Sheldon Kallal
Chairman

2011 Edition, Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors

Books & Archives Review Committee

The Huguenot Collection at the DAR Library: In February, the committee chair checked the collection, located on the far right side of the mezzanine level, and found it to be well organized though with little additional space left. Staff members assured her that when the collection completely

fills shelves in its current location a new place would be found for it in the library.

Library staff also told her that books and materials in the collection are frequently used. A complete list of items in the collection can be found adjacent to the shelved materials for handy reference. NHS members are reminded to identify themselves at the main desk when entering the library for free admission.

The DAR Library Special Collections website describes the NHS Collection: "In 2003, the National Huguenot Society (NHS) donated its books to the DAR Library. The resulting National Huguenot Society Collection of over 500 volumes supplements existing materials at the DAR on the role of French Protestants in the settlement and growth of the American colonies and the United States and on their European backgrounds.

Members of the NHS continue to donate materials to this collection or funds for the DAR Library to use for the purchase of Huguenot-related publications and sources. All items in the collection are cataloged and the records of these volumes appear in the online DAR Library catalog.

Two books were added to the Huguenot Collection in 2010: *The French Hospital in England: Its Huguenot History and Collections* and *From a Far Country: Camisards and Huguenots in the Atlantic World*.

The Committee would like to again see a budget item of \$600 restored for The Huguenot Collection as it had been in the past. They would also like to know what books and publications members would like to see added. The committee's goal is to make this a collection the society can be very proud of and one that is extremely useful to family researchers and scholars alike.

Archived Materials: Huguenot-related items and mementos, such as 18th and 19th century miniature portraits, postage stamps honoring descendants, society medals, and Huguenot commemorative coins are stored in a bank vault or at the national headquarters in San Antonio. Members should be aware of this collection in case they have items to donate that can be added to the inventory.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Chew
Neoma O'Brien
Committee Members

Publicity Committee

This committee chairman continues to serve at the pleasure of the President General as Webmaster and Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

The National Huguenot Society maintains its website at an annual cost of approximately \$242 for hosting services by Netnation Communications, Inc. of Vancouver, B.C. This site continues to be a valuable resource for members and non-members alike and continues to be a primary means of communicating information on upcoming events; and of achieving our Society's stated objective of perpetuating the memory, spirit, and deeds of the Huguenots; and for recruiting new members.

The National Huguenot Society Internet website is constantly being maintained and updated with new information and links to other Huguenot web sites. Over the last year modifications and changes as directed and approved by the President General and the Registrar General have included, but are not limited to:

1. additions to the database of qualified Huguenot ancestors;
2. modifications to listed pricing, contact mailing information, and form instructions to maintain currency, including the form for ordering insignia items from Hamilton Jewelers;
3. providing an electronic "PDF" version of each semi-annual edition of The Cross of Languedoc for online access;
4. evaluating requests from other organizations for providing links to their sites.

In addition, sufficient space exists on the site to host state and chapter web pages. During the last year the Webmaster worked with The Huguenot Society of Mississippi to maintain its web presence for that state society on the national site by occasionally updating their information as directed by that state's President, and has recently been in contact with the President of The Huguenot Society of North Carolina to provide that state information about creating a web page for their society.

This Webmaster has also assisted the Registrar General by printing the membership certificates for all new members. Over the last year approximately 48 such certificates were printed and distributed to new members.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Gerth, Webmaster

Youth Committee

First Contest: In June 2010, the committee sent a completed contest packet to the NHS national office where it was copied and distributed to all state societies. Since this past year was the first time the program was implemented, the committee was pleased to announce that two winners, Rachel & Sarah Hood, were selected after the October 1, 2010 deadline. Their names, photos, and essays were printed in the Spring 2011 issue of The Cross of Languedoc.

Contest Goals:

Those who enter are required to have either an application for Youth Registration submitted for them, or if they are 16 years of age or older to apply for NHS membership. We anticipate that as the competition continues in coming years that increasing numbers of parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents will become aware of NHS Youth Registration and will multiply the number of children who learn about the society. We also feel older students will be encouraged to become new members.

Three divisions (grades 2 – 4; 5 – 8; 9 – 12) were set up with the potential for three place winners in each. In future years we hope to be able to recognize winning entries for all of them.

The committee hopes that as the annual event receives more publicity and becomes better known by state societies that more young people will submit artwork (for those in primary grades) or essays (for those who are older students.) The first couple of years will help determine what improvements are needed to create a successful and long-lasting program.

The committee plans to add a student member to our planning group for additional points of view, ideas, and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Chew
Jan Cordell
Committee Members

MEMBER (STATE) SOCIETY REPORTS

Arizona

The Arizona Society was both honored and delighted to have hosted the Mid-Year Meeting at the Fiesta Inn and Conference Center in Tempe, allowing our visitors from afar to enjoy our sunny climate, October 23-23, 2010. The super heat of the summer was gone, replaced by cool evenings and pleasant days.

Much energy was present in both the workshops, meetings and fun aspects of each day, and good discussion was had regarding the many issues pertaining to the Society and goals as put forth by our President General. We will look to see many of our thoughts and suggestions we brought to the table at the conference reviewed by the Board at their next Executive meeting.

We want to thank our own Jan Estelle Cordell, Recording Secretary General from our Arizona Society, for all her hard work as our Conference Coordinator as she thoughtfully designed lovely gift bags, centerpieces, informational and promotional items, tour suggestions, etc. She kept everything running smoothly and really brought it all together for everyone's benefit. We also want to thank our guests from out-of-state who shared so much with us, as we learned more about the Society from their different viewpoints and perspectives. They are our new friends and we hope to see them - and many others of this esteemed Society, at the 75th Annual Congress!

Our meeting of March 26, 2011 at Dillon's Restaurant in Phoenix, had a great turnout and President Nelson presented a program about the education of Huguenot children - especially young girls, in Colonial America.

Our elections were held and the following new Arizona Officers will serve for the 2011-2013 term: President, Mrs. Lee Thomasson Nelson; Vice President, Georgiana Swanson; Chaplain, Patricia Pittman; Secretary/Registrar, Jan Estelle Cordell; Treasurer, Alice Garrigus and Librarian, Historian, Joan Ragas. We know they will continue to help the Society grow and prosper in the years ahead! Our Registrar has already brought in two new members and is looking at 7 perspectives to date.

The best to all as we look to the future through a most remarkable past.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lee Thomasson Nelson, President

Arkansas

Members of the Arkansas Society are faithful in attendance at our three meetings each year. We always meet in Little Rock and are fortunate to have both professional historians and others interested in Huguenot history in the area who are willing to share their research with us. These programs increase our awareness of the hardship (and blessings) of our Huguenot ancestors.

A scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Zachary Lane, a freshman at the University of Arkansas.

We were grieved that three of our members passed away during the year, but in contrast we happily welcomed three new members. Our membership stands at 56.

We are pleased to have in our membership Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller and present Corresponding Secretary General Nancy Askew.

Betty Harp, President
Huguenot Society of Arkansas

California

The California State Huguenot Society is alive and doing well. We have two chapters in the State. One the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter in the North and the La Rochelle Chapter in the South. Each chapter has its own meetings and schedule and the State Society meets each year and every two years we elect new officers.

For some time now due to health issues of its members the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter has been somewhat dormant. A recent report from them shows that they are are ready to gear back up and are hoping to get a meeting scheduled for April or May. In 2010 they gained two new members, had one transfer in and lost three members who passed away. They currently have a membership of 30. They have a scholarship that is given out to worthy students at Golden Gate University and is monitored by their own Elaine Oldham.

The La Rochelle Chapter in the South, led by President Wayne Rogers, meets four times a year in January, March, May and October. In 2010 they had some outstanding programs by Beth McCarty on "Collections & Indexes at LDS Libraries," Wayne Rogers "George Washington's Medical History," Chris Wood's "Underground Railroad,"

and Fred A. Steiner's "Building the American Flag". They have a strong membership. They sent 6 applications to National and all were approved. They had one transfer in and one member who resigned. They had three deaths and have 5 Associate Members. By the end of 2010 they had 55 dues paying members and four Youth Registrations.

That gives our State Society 85 Members. It was discovered last year that we had a member who had written on her Chaplain's card that she was Catholic. We sought guidance from the National Society on how to handle this situation. She has not renewed her membership for this year so the situation is no longer a problem.

Our State is financially sound and we are looking forward to another successful year by our chapters and members.

Yours in Huguenot Faith,
James F. Blauer, President

Delaware

Six members of the Delaware Huguenot Society and a guest met at Cokesbury Village Retirement Community, Hockessin, DE on May 2, 2010. Advance written notice of time and place indicated a quorum would not be present. A social meeting was held on that date with Chaplain Lucia Venable relating the story of her ancestor, Elizabeth Micheau Woodson's, aka "The Little Nightcap," escape from France in a barrel.

With a now membership of 23 [17 Delaware and 6 out of state] and with 65% between the ages of 64 to 95 and 35 % between the ages 53 to 63; our youngest member being 53 years old, our Society has reduced to one meeting a year in the Spring.

Respectfully submitted:
William M. Brown, Jr., President/ Registrar

Florida

YEARLY REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF FL REVIEWING 2010 ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY

Four delegates from Florida attended the Annual Huguenot National Congress in Washington, D.C. held April 16th and 17th, 2010. This State President again served as Credential Chairman for the Congress as requested by President General MacManus during her term of office, which will end 2011.

An Internal Review committee presented an excellent report of the State finances. Treasurer Brett D. Brown had provided regular reports to all the officers of the FL Huguenot Society. He further reported our compliance with the Tax Exempt Status, noted he is on file as our Registered Agent, and he updated the FL Solicitation License. Counselor Mary Morgan recommended we renew the Solicitation License each year since Florida statutes require any organization operating as a charitable organization or sponsor in the State to be registered. Our State Treasurer was again bonded as required in our Bylaws.

Two more issues of the newsletter Florida Huguenot were produced by Fleur de Lis Chapter President and Newsletter Editor, J.B. deRosset in an effort to keep Huguenot members around the State in touch with each other and informed of chapter programs. These newsletters were mailed and/or emailed to all members.

At the February 2010 Annual Membership Meeting, State Chaplain Atwood Brewton reported with regret we had lost 4 members through death. By the end of 2010, the death count of members rose to 8. State Registrar Charles Baker reported an increase of 4 members in midyear and that number rose to 9 by year's end but resignation and deaths put our total state membership once again at 186. He was happy to report 5 Youth Registrations from Florida for children under the age of 16 who have registered their Huguenot ancestors with the help of an adult relative. A membership plaque is passed along each year to the Chapter gaining the most new members. The Huguenot Society of Florida reported 7 chapters and 186 members at the end of 2010.

Webmistress Susan Szewczyk has updated the State website with all "Florida Huguenot" newsletters, the scholarship form, and a link to the National website and local chapters.

The 58th Annual Membership Meeting of the Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc. was scheduled for February 12, 2011 in St. Petersburg, Florida with the Admiral Gaspard de Coligny chapter in charge of arrangements. The Executive Board met the afternoon and evening before at Holiday Inn Lakewood Ranch. Delegates for 2011 National Congress will be elected; Bylaw revisions were presented for adoption and the 2011-2013 Slate of Officers elected and installed.

This president attended the Semi Annual General Council Meeting of the National Huguenot Society in Phoenix, AZ October 22nd and 23rd, 2010 and the 75th Annual Congress of The National Huguenot Society in Washington, D.C., on Friday, April 8th and Saturday April 9th, 2011. She also plans to attend the Fall 2011 Mid-Year Meeting of the

General Council of the National Society is being planned for Friday October 7th and Saturday October 8th, 2011, in Louisville, Kentucky.

I wish to thank the members of the Huguenot Society of Florida for the vote of confidence and the opportunities you have given me to carry on the work of the Florida Society in your name. None of it would have been possible without the most conscientious and cooperative Board of Officers and Chairmen ever elected to the Huguenot Society of Florida. It has been a pleasure to support the work of the National Huguenot Society and President General MacManus.

In Huguenot Faith,
Linda L. Smith, President

Mississippi

We will not have anyone able to attend the April 2011 Congress.

Mississippi continues to look for new members and encourage the members to attend meetings. We do have a web page. Members are notified by mail and email of meetings.

We had our Spring Meeting at the Clinton Visitors Center. Lynn Meador gave a very informative presentation of Huguenot sites that she has visited from Charleston to New York. Penny Lotterhos gave an interesting report on Oliver Besley travels from France, England, Charleston to New York.

In March the Spring Meeting was held at the Lotterhos condo in Oxford, MS. We discussed ways to encourage membership. Several members knew of eligible family members and friends. I had been contacted by several people who expressed the desire to join our group. It was decided to rotate our meeting between the Northern and Southern part of the State. We held elections for new officers. Mary Margaret Buck will be the President, Lynn Meador, Treasurer, and Penny Lotterhos, secretary.

Penny Lotterhos, Secretary

Nebraska

The Huguenot Society of Nebraska meets twice a year usually in October and May unless our officers cannot attend due to a conflict. We met last November 4 for a luncheon and business meeting and enjoyed a program based upon the book, Days Of the Upright by O. J. A Roche. After

our officers' reports we agreed that our main activity for the coming year should be gaining new members and will coordinate this effort with the National Huguenot Society's Registrar. We are also hoping to begin to add junior members under age 18.

Ours is a small society who in recent years have lost a number of active members due to death. Therefore, we are in the process of rebuilding our membership through our contacts with members of other patriotic societies in Nebraska. These contacts have become easier as our president and vice-president are members of many of these other societies. Often, just by making others aware that our society exists in Nebraska and offering to assist them with Huguenot membership is sparking interest and we are in the process of following up with their applications. Thus, this last year we added one new member and are working with several other prospective members. Due to unfortunate circumstances relating to one of our deceased members, we find the need to replace our regalia. We will be planning special projects in the future as we gain new members who will be able to share in these activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Ann Reinert, President

New Hampshire

The New Hampshire Huguenot Society was very pleased and proud to award its first annual scholarship to Mr. Camden Munson from New Hampshire who is attending Grove City College in Grove City PA. We solicited applications from numerous Christian High Schools in New Hampshire and hope to continue this scholarship in the years to come. The scholarship was possible through member gifts and our modest endowment.

Marsha Stewart, President

New Mexico

Dear Madam President:

I wish to submit the report for New Mexico. We have a luncheon meeting in June and go to Church on Reformation Sunday & then to lunch. We are all older and just holding together, a small group.

Sincerely,
Jo Berry, President

North Carolina

The Huguenot Society of NC meets in April for an annual business meeting, presentation, and luncheon. We were honored in, April 2010, to hear from Dr. Sujin Pak, a Reformation Scholar of the Duke University Divinity School. His address entitled "Luther, Calvin and the Huguenots" was edifying and enjoyable. During our business meeting we received and approved of updates made to our by-laws. We gratefully thank Mrs. Elaine Baldasare for her dedicated work with the by-laws and for sending them to the records repository at Eastern Carolina University. We are equally grateful to Elaine Baldasare and N. Larry Rozier for organizing, updating, printing, and mailing a new directory for the Huguenot Society of NC. Mrs. Marie Thiele, who lead the NC organization for the past three years stepped down after installing a new set of officers for the 2010 – 2012 term. We are thankful for the depth of experience Marie brought to the president's position after necessarily stepping in part way through the past president's term and ultimately re-connecting the NC organization with the National Huguenot Society.

Our membership increased from 66 members on January 2009 to 76 members in December 2009.

Unfortunately, we must report that two members passed away in 2010: Charles M. Beardsley, and Jean Young Ruth Caton. We continue to work with perspective members to move them toward membership. In July 2010, new installed president, Cheryl Fetterman, represented the Huguenot Society of NC at a Family History Fair put on by the Family History Society of Eastern NC in New Bern, NC. There are many families with Huguenot ancestors in the New Bern area, as some of the Manakintown, VA Huguenots migrated to this area. We look forward to attending this event again this coming summer. Additionally, we may be able to organize a joint meeting of the two groups, ours and the Family History Society of NC, in the fall.

Another project undertaken by Dr. Linda Little and Mrs. Marie Thiele on behalf of our organization is the completion of a publication about Huguenots in North Carolina begun by long-time member Dr. W. Keats Sparrow who passed away in 2009. This publication is nearing completion.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Fetterman, President

Ohio

Greetings from Ohio!

During this past year, new membership and getting our presence known remains a primary emphasis for our State. A brochure was prepared for Ohio and has been made available to various genealogy society locations here in Ohio and taken to state meetings of other lineage societies. Also, Ohio has established the email address of ohio.huguenot@yahoo.com as a source for electronic inquiry and response.

Effective year-end, 31 December 2010, Ohio's Treasurer reported a total of fifty-six Ohio members. Of that membership, Ohio is saddened to report the death of three of its honored members and extends condolences to the surviving families of: Edward Taylor, (member number 04477) deceased October 2010; Jack Thacker (member number 04464) deceased May 2009; and Elizabeth Miller (member number 04460) deceased October 2009.

Ohio is pleased to report that within the few months following the 2010 year-end report, we have added and welcomed two (2) new members: Kelly Lee Caghan Holderbaum (Huguenot Ancestor Maureen Duvall), and Mark Vincent Runyon (Huguenot Ancestor Vincent Runyon) into membership. In addition, Ohio currently has an additional five (5) prospective new members working on their applications for submission. Ohio wishes to express its ongoing appreciation to National's Registrar Nancy Brennan for her valued expert assistance and efficiency in the application process.

We will continue in our efforts to increase membership as we move forward with the bright hope of reporting a more active presence for the Huguenot Society of Ohio in the near future.

In the Faith of our Huguenot ancestors,

Catherine E. Mackey, President/Registrar

Tennessee

The following officers were duly elected at our April 2, 2011 Spring Assembly:

President: Mrs. Jo Bandy Hill (Mrs. Julian) #422
Vice President: Ms. Carolyn Beyer Marvil #371
Chaplain: Mrs. Lenore L. Levy (Mrs. Bernard) #407
Recording Secretary: Daniel A. Rineer, Jr. #365
Corresponding Sec'y: Mrs. Patricia Miller Pelfrey (Mrs. Chester) #413

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Treasurer; Marcia H. Guilbert (Mrs. Gordon M. Jr.) #244
 Registrar: Nancy Wells Carr (Mrs. Lynn A.) #389
 Historian: Phoebe Linnabary (Mrs. R. D.) #409
 Genealogist: Sally S. Batts (Mrs. Nathan W.) #342
 Surgeon: Dr. F. Hall Reynolds II, MD #378

#415 Noella M. Oberlin served as Nominating Comm. Chairman, and, though not an officer, she will attend the Council Meeting in DC as our Representative.

#416, John D. Wright was a Transfer from the Georgia Society, approved 11-4-2009. He has never received a Certificate and has requested one.

#260 Elizabeth Driver (Mrs. Charles) has requested a waiver of her dues, as has
 #369 Willie May Beattie (Mrs. James F). Both have been granted.

New letterheads will be printed, including addresses, so you will receive a copy in the near future.

Our best wishes for a fine National Council meeting.

In Huguenot Faith
 Marcia Guilbert, Treasurer

Texas

The Texas Society of the National Huguenot Society met for their annual assembly February 14, 2011 at the Double Tree Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. Presiding Officer was President Jack Vance Cowan. Texas University Professor Kenneth Magerism spoke on "What Happened to Those Huguenots Who Remained?" Janis Meyer O'Connor gave a memorial for deceased members Betty Hamner, Jean Andrews, and Yvonne Amonette Armstrong of Languedoc Chapter and Sam E. Shakely from La Rochelle Chapter.

Newly elected officers of The Texas Huguenot Society of The National Huguenot Society were: President Jack Vance Cowan, Vice President Aubrey Wilson, State Recording Secretary Deborah Elvey, State Treasurer Barbara MacManus, State Registrar Rosemary Sanders, and State Chaplain Janis Meyer O'Connor.

Acting State Registrar Rosemary Sanders reported that the Texas State Huguenot Society had a total membership of 124 members. La Rochelle Chapter of Dallas, Texas has 53 members and Languedoc Chapter of San Antonio has 71 members. This was an overall loss of eight members from the previous year. Each chapter also added three new members each.

Rosemary Sanders, Acting State Registrar

Washington State

Dear Madame President General,

Membership and getting our presence "out there" continues to be the primary emphasis for Washington State. Our membership count remains at 27 with several prospective members actively working on papers.

The new brochure generated last year and placed in libraries, genealogy society meeting areas, and taken to state meetings of other lineage societies continues to solicit inquiries and since it is a portable reminder, frequently needs replacement. A group of members asked to meet during the summer to invite other ideas, thus we began placing the brochures in Christian bookstores as an alternative site. The traveling display on the Huguenot is also making rounds of family history fairs, genealogy society meetings, history day displays, etc. Word of mouth is still our strongest encouragement for membership. Our Washington State Huguenot Society website continues to bring inquiries.

We have instituted a small newsletter on what is happening in our Washington State Society as well as interests and concerns of the National Society and it is included with our twice yearly meeting notice. Since a significant number of our members are unable to attend meetings due to age and distance, several have written back that they are enjoying this additional piece. Having programs on our Huguenot heritage at our local Society meeting has also sparked positive responses. Interestingly, a number of our staunch members seem to be participating more and not just "showing up"! We feel our continued efforts will pay off, both for us and for our National Society.

Washington State will be electing officers at this Spring meeting. Special thanks go to Past State President, Don Winger son (President 1999-2009), for his support and advice. Again, thank you on behalf of Washington State!

Respectfully,
 Peggy Goldenman, President/Registrar

INTERESTED, BUT NOT A MEMBER YET?

We encourage interested people to explore the possibility of becoming a member per the qualifications set forth on our website. See any ancestor names you recognize on our Welcome to New Members list? If your surname matches that of one of the ancestors listed for our new members herein, or one of those listed on our website, it might be worth exploring whether you might be descended from a common Huguenot ancestor. Why not start exploring now? Your state society's Registrar can assist you in developing the necessary documentary proof to establish your lineage connection to one of our known Huguenot ancestors, or to establish a new ancestor connection. We welcome new members!

ABOUT OUR 2010 BOOK AWARD WINNER'S AUTHOR, DAVID LAMBERT, "THE LEARNING PROFESSOR"

Prof. Lambert currently teaches U.S. History at Azusa Pacific University, an evangelical Christian university in southern California. His interests and education extend to European and international history, and because he is known for exhorting his students to pursue the exciting path of being life-long self-directed learners, he has earned his moniker, "The Learning Professor." He is indeed a role model for his students.

Prof. Lambert's career and life path may provide useful lessons for our Huguenot youth. First, he HAS obtained a number of degrees, including a Bachelor's degree (Phi Beta Kappa) in International Affairs from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service (1965), a MA in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh (1966), a MBA in Finance from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business (1970), and a PhD in U.S. History from the Claremont Graduate University (2008). He attended 12 schools in 12 years because his father was military and moved quite a bit. His parents instilled in him a zest for learning about each new place and for anticipating that each new home would bring fresh adventures. Two parts of the world anchored his formative years: Tidewater Virginia and western Europe.

A major influence on Professor Lambert's life was Donald Scion's book, *The Reflective Practitioner: How Professionals Think in Action*, and comments on its applicability to our lives. In his career, he views himself as perhaps less academic than most professors, but more academic than most executives.

The rest of the story of how Prof. Lambert came to write this award-winning book is set forth in his wiki, <http://thelearningprofessor.wikispaces.com/About>).

2011 Additions to The Huguenot Collection at the DAR Library, Washington, DC

The following books have been added so far in 2011 to the Huguenot Collection at the DAR Library:

1. *The Protestant International and the Huguenot Migration to Virginia* (2010), by David E. Lambert; Edited by: Randolph Vigne and Charles Littleton
2. *The Hidden Thread: Huguenot Families in Australia*, Edited by Robert Nash, Secretary of the Huguenot Society of Australia since 2001;

3. *From Strangers to Citizens: The Integration of Immigrant Communities in Britain, Ireland and Colonial America, 1550-1750* by, Randolph Vine;

4. *Society and Culture in the Huguenot World, 1559 to 1685*, Edited by Raymond A. Mentzer and Andrew Spicer. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002.

Bon Mots: Exploring the Language of our Heritage By Mme. Le Mot

"Walloons"

One of the delightful and perhaps unexpected benefits of our Huguenot lineage research is what we can learn of other people and places. When our ancestors left France, often in the 'dead of night', they first went to whichever land was welcoming, safe, and most readily accessible. Wallonia was one such locale.

The word Walloon is derived from a Germanic term referring to Celtic and Latin speakers and probably dates back to a period when Germanic tribes displaced the native Gaul's and Romans in what is now northern Belgium. The term "Walloon" and its variants define a region (Wallonia), a language (from the *langue d'oil* family with Latin and Germanic components) a people, and a church.

Wallonia is the region of Belgium that is home to this very old culture. It covers the southern half of modern Belgium and includes a third of the population of that country. The boundaries of the region have shifted over the years, but include the familiar areas of the Ardennes, and the communities of the Meuse valley. This valley system traverses southern Belgium from northeast to southwest and once was a vital industrial belt with coal deposits and steel processing. No wonder the Walloons are credited with leading the Industrial Revolution on the European continent!

The French Protestants (Huguenots) who fled to Wallonia, and other French speakers (Calvinists) from the Southern Netherlands, established the Walloon church. The members of the French-speaking "Walloon Reformed Church" are distinguished from the Dutch-speaking members of the "Dutch Reformed Church."

From Wallonia many of these French-speaking Huguenots would continue on to Ireland and the American colonies. You may already have discovered them among your own ancestors.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Arkansas

Lynda Sue King Fontaine	Ancestor: Jacques/James delaFontaine
Jennifer Shelaine Hartman Jones	Ancestor: Jacques/James delaFontaine
Cynthia Marie Hartman Hutchinson	Ancestor: Jacques/James delaFontaine

California

James Leslie Quinnelly	Ancestor: Pierre David
William Eugene Edgar Campbell	Ancestor: David Des Marets
Tyler Jay DeJarnette	Ancestor: Jean DeJarnat

Connecticut

Kenneth Duane Roach	Ancestor: Nicholas DuPuy
John Walter Nigro	Ancestor: Hester Mahieu
Lillian Prosser Nigro	Ancestor: Hester Mahieu

Florida

Melva Winston Odell Bartush	Ancestor: René St. Julian
Ginny Melinda Bartush	Ancestor: René St. Julian
Wendy Lynn Parlier	Ancestor: René St. Julian
Elizabeth Coane Corbin Handlan	Ancestor: Jan (Jean) LeQuier
Raleigh Elroy Worsham	Ancestor: Andrew Lewis
Vernon Theodore Hornback	Ancestor: Robert Brasseur/Brachear
Alice Troutman Hornback	Ancestor: Pierre Prevatte

Georgia

Rachel Cole Colbert	Ancestor: Benjamin Ayedelott
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Kentucky

Jimmie Carol Carithers Spratlin	Ancestor: Pierre LeGrand
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Member at Large

Carrolyn Ann Tryon Davies	Ancestor: Nicholas Gaillard/Gaylord
Betty Lou Crowell Crowder	Ancestor: Martin Hardin/Hardewyn
Zola Ruth Montgomery Christensen	Ancestor: Jacque Bilbo/Bilbaud

Missouri

Phyllis Raylene Dollard Cornine	Ancestor: Gabriel Maupin
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New Mexico

Nancy DeHaven Henry	Ancestor: Louis DuBois
Nancy DeHaven Henry #1 supplemental	Ancestor: Mathieu Blanchan

North Carolina

Ruth Liffrog Oliver	Ancestor: Jean Brevard
Carolyn Ann Dimsdale Phillips	Ancestor: John Rozier

Ohio

Kelly Lee Cohan Holderbaum
Mark Vincent Runyon

Ancestor: Mareen Duvall
Ancestor: Vincent Runyon

Tennessee

Carol Anne Storkman Williams
Jordan Phillip Maloney
Elizabeth Josephine Bandy Hill
Frances Trew Campbell

Ancestor: Chretien DuBois
Ancestor: Louis DuBois
Ancestor: Jean PaPierre
Ancestor: Williams Pickens

Virginia

Walda Ruth DuPriest-Brandt
John Paul Conwell Hanbury

Ancestor: Robert de Priest
Ancestor: Louis Dupré

–Reinstatements–**NM**

Sarah Anne Stepanovich Clark

NM & Transfer to TX

VA

Margaret Young Roper
Mary Louise McNeill Stuart

VA
VA

–Youth Registration–**Florida**

Connor James Gould
Cameron Russell Gould
Chloe Rose Saxton

Arizona

Aspin Bayley Cooper
Tanner Brogen Cooper

CALLING ALL POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS!

Membership in the NHS provides you with the opportunity to meet and socialize with people who share an interest in history and in honoring our ancestors of Huguenot heritage. You may be surprised to discover ancient connections as you begin to attend meetings, become involved, and get to know our organization. In one state society alone there are two instances of members who discovered that they are related via a common ancestor ten generations or so back. You will enjoy enhancing your knowledge of Huguenot history, Huguenot notables, and familiarizing yourself with your own worthy Huguenot heritage.

Membership requirements are as stated in the National (NHS) Bylaws, as follows:

Any person shall be eligible as a Regular Member who is:

- of Christian Protestant faith,
- above the age of sixteen years,
- adheres to the Huguenot principles of Faith and Liberty, and is lineally descended in the male or female line from a Huguenot without regard to ethnic origin or adherence to any particular sect of Protestantism, who

- subsequent to 10 December 1520, and who,
- prior to the promulgation of the Edict of Toleration, 28 November 1787,
- emigrated to North America or some other country,

- or, a Huguenot who, in spite of religious persecution, remained in France.

France is defined as any territory lying within the Kingdom of France on the date of the promulgation of the Edict of Toleration, 28 November 1787.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR INCOMING PRESIDENT GENERAL



What an honor you have bestowed upon me by electing me as your President General for the 2011-2013 term. You can trust that I will do my utmost to serve the organization well and to represent and promote its interests. Together, we hope to continue the fine work done by outgoing President General MacManus, and we thank her for her many accomplishments. She will certainly be a hard act to follow, but with your support, we hope to keep building upon the successes she and our prior Presidents General have achieved.

I recommend that the over-arching goal for the NHS in the 2011-2013 term be that we continue to build our Huguenot brand. We want Huguenots to be synonymous with American patriotism, liberty of conscience, historical and educational and humanitarianism (non-political, please!). We want to promote the cachet of being a Huguenot. We can do this by demonstrating our ancestors' relevance to American and world history, by finding ways to motivate people who are researching their family history to want to be a Huguenot, and to do the research to prove it. *The Cross* will continue to play

its role in that endeavor, and we must also publicize our national and state-level scholarship programs more, as well as the other activities we normally engage in. How can this be accomplished? Every single one of us leads by example. Over time, even seemingly small efforts by individuals will reach a tipping point that will propel us to a higher level of functioning.

Here are some other specifics of things we might do to maintain and increase the vitality of NHS and our membership:

1. **Elevator Pitch.** The NHS Board should develop and then provide our members with an “elevator pitch” that explains, in 1-3 sentences, what Huguenots and the NHS are all about.

2. **Increased visibility and cohesiveness.** We are Huguenots, and we are proud of it. Historically, Huguenots have been and should continue to be publicly associated with promoting liberty, patriotism and altruism, including educating the public about our contribution to American and world history and culture. We are proud to attend and participate in events or otherwise support causes that promote these Huguenot principles. So go out and attend every patriotic or humanitarian-related non-political function you can find, and let's pay more attention to publicizing such events and the fact that you attended them on behalf of your state and national society. Do not forget to send a quick note or an email to National so that we can do our best to mention it in *The Cross* or on the web for you. We will measure success by an increase in the number of such mentions in *The Cross* and elsewhere. As an example of the kinds of things one can do to increase our visibility, thus far as NHS President, I have attended the annual event for the Hereditary Society of the United States of America, have visited the International Reformation Museum in Geneva, Switzerland, and met with its Director, attended the DAR Opening Ceremonies on July 4th weekend in Washington, D.C.

Most of all, Huguenots must start turning out in bigger numbers to support our own—the National Huguenot Society's events. Regarding Programs & Arrangements, we will be asking questions such as, do we need to schedule our Congresses at a better date within Colonial Week? Must Congress fall on a Friday and Saturday? Should we move our Congress back to the Mayflower to take advantage of the convenience of one central location and the opportunity to visit with associates from other societies? There are many ways to slice and dice our annual and midyear arrangements, and we will be looking at all of them, as will the Finance Committee. We will measure success by whether we see an increase in NHS attendance and activity. As a more immediate measure, we will be piloting some new methods of communication within our Board, to see if we might make an impact that way. Additionally, we are planning to increase the attention paid to our Members at Large and our somewhat inactive societies, through a team effort by our Organizing Secretary General, Betty Swisher, our 2d Vice President General, Aubrey Wilson, and our Membership Chairman, Barbara MacManus. We need our members to attend Congress and Midyear meetings so that we can achieve a quorum to get our business done, and consequently accomplish more for the Huguenot cause we all cherish.

One thing that has been extremely successful is our NHS website. In 2009, our website experienced more than 224,000 “hits” or visits. In 2010, our website experienced in excess of 1,200,000 hits, an increase of more than 68% from 2009 to 2010. Everyone, this is proof positive that our society is on the right track in terms of generating interest. Let's strategically continue this momentum and build upon it.

3. **Increase Public Access to Records That Support Membership.** As a national organization, we need to throw our support toward ease of internet access to the Huguenot ancestral birth, marriage and death records that could support a membership

application. The inaccessibility of such data is arguably the number one barrier to membership in the NHS or any other lineage society. National is working on this problem now. This will take time to build, so we should measure success by our progress in building an improved avenue of Huguenot records access.

4. *Programs/Speakers Bureau.* We need to demonstrate the importance and relevance of Huguenots in shaping world and American freedom and culture. We might do this by creating publications and programs with this in mind, and actively sharing them between NHS and our state societies, so that we create a more organized databank of useful material. If you create or learn of a good publication or speaker who can add to the Huguenot conversation, please tell National so that we can build a national network of material, speakers and writers about topics of interest to us. If we can improve the programs we offer at our state meetings and national events, perhaps more people—and particularly young people--will join us. Success will be measured by the production of a spreadsheet of potential speakers and programs for use by National and by State societies.

From an operational standpoint, NHS has identified an opportunity to improve its financial position. A new Finance Committee has been appointed to study our income and expenditures and to make recommendations to the Board. We are so fortunate to have incredibly well-qualified individuals in our membership who were eager to take on this task on behalf of our organization.

The topic of our programs and arrangements arises again in connection with our finances and basic operations. The prior administration recognized two important facts: (1) we have been expending large funds for events that only a small percentage of our members attend, and (2) opportunities still existed to improve the programs we were offering at our events. Our Bylaws currently tie National's ability to conduct business to its ability to attract attendance at Congress, because Congress must approve of key actions and expenditures each year. That means we need to attract sufficient attendance at Congress to achieve a quorum. We tried to ensure sufficient attendance at Congress 2011 by celebrating it as our 75th Congress and devoting additional funds more activities to it, but there was no appreciable increase in attendance and we were one state short of a quorum. Nevertheless, positive momentum was apparently established, because we are pleased to report that, as of mid-July, there have been so many reservations made by NHS members at the hotel where our October midyear meeting in KY will be held, that we have found it necessary to make overflow arrangements! We thank you, Honorary President General Barbara MacManus.

To the extent that improvements in communication methods might increase membership participation and awareness, and attract new members, we will be experimenting with some updated methods of communication between NHS and our state society presidents to test their practicality. If using more updated technology works, we may want to try it out experimentally at a midyear or a Congress meeting.

As a new President General, my initial focus is to address NHS's big-picture, strategic issues, some of which are directly impacted by operational requirements imposed by our Bylaws. The first step is for the NHS Board to have more information about our membership and what it wants, and about the pool of new members and of potential new members, and what drives them to join. Therefore, I am currently working on a study of our membership demographics and various financial trends. I will also be conducting a survey of our membership to obtain certain specific information that should add insights and should help us to formulate a strategic plan to serve you better.

Let us all continue to serve as ambassadors for the National Huguenot Society, as we strive to demonstrate the high principles of our beloved Huguenot forefathers.

Best Huguenot Wishes from the Heart,
Janice

NEWS FROM THE WASHINGTON, DC SOCIETY

The Washington, DC Society enjoys meeting and dining together three times a year. At our March 2011 meeting, we elected and installed new officers. Wilfred James Keats, II, otherwise known as “Skip,” is our new President.



L-R Elizabeth Harrington (guest of Huguenot descent from France), Virginia Lester (Secretary), Muriel Oehme (Registrar/Corresponding Secretary), Skip Keats (President), Shirley de la Barre (VP), and Janice M. Lorenz (Counselor).

THE SECRET REASON IT IS FITTING TO HOLD OUR MIDYEAR 2011 MEETING IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

It is fitting that we are holding our 2011 Midyear Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, given the fact that our Kentucky Society has demonstrated remarkable energy and prowess at gaining new members. But there is another reason it is of Huguenot interest to convene in the Louisville area, and that is that Louisville was named by the Virginia Legislature in 1780 for the beheaded King of France, Louis XVI. (Before Louisville became part of Kentucky in 1797, it was a Virginia territory.)



Statue of King Louis XVI in Louisville. Photograph courtesy Fay Charpentier-Ford

Why was Louisville named after King Louis XVI, the staunch Catholic king who was beheaded in the French Revolution? The reason was patriotic: King Louis XVI had supported the French government's significant contribution of monetary and military assistance toward the fight for American independence. France's finances were deeply depleted as a result of this depletion of resources, leading to the French

Revolution and the tragic beheading of King Louis XVI and his family (his wife was Marie Antoinette). A few years before the French Revolution ended his life, Louis XVI, a staunch, fair Catholic who was also reputed to be timid, had the singular courage to stand up to the French clergy and restore the civil rights of the French Protestants in his kingdom. This he did with the encouragement of America's dearest French friend, the Marquis de Lafayette. A marble statue of Louis XVI that was commissioned by the king's daughter stands in Louisville. It was a gift from Louisville's sister city of Montpellier, France.

A GLIMPSE AT HOW THE FLORIDA SOCIETY AND ITS CHAPTERS CONTINUE TO ATTRACT ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Most of our Chapters continue to meet regularly with programs pertaining to Huguenot history and ancestry—often from the members themselves. Our Florida meetings are held in many venues including restaurants, retirement homes and club facilities.

At the February 20, 2010 Florida Annual Membership Meeting held at the Holiday Inn Lakewood Ranch and hosted by our Jean Calvin Chapter, white roster covers with handsome cross cover inserts were purchased for new members. To raise money for scholarships, tote bags were offered for purchase. The tables were filled with photographs of notable Huguenot descendants from many fields of work. The theme for the meeting was “We Are the Descendants of Huguenot Freedom Fighters.” State Treasurer Brett D. Brown presented a slide program entitled “Huguenot Freedom Fighters.”

“Mereau Medals” are being distributed for a donation of \$10.00 with proceeds to go toward the new State Flag or the Allen-Parker Scholarship fund. The méreau (plural méreaux) is a circular token the Huguenots used in France from the 1550's to the mid 19th century. During Holy Communion an elder would give a méreau before the service to each parishioner who qualified to receive the sacrament. The others, who did not attend catechism regularly or had been admonished by the consistory, would not receive a medal. During the service each individual would hand his mereau to an elder standing next to the communion table before receiving bread and wine. On this méreau, Christ is depicted as a shepherd, with a staff in His left hand, holding a trumpet in His right hand. Two fig trees, one on either side of Christ, with a cross and banner are also shown. A flock of sheep, symbolizing His followers, is shown at His feet. The back side shows an open bible, which is opened at St. Luke chapter 12, verse 32, saying in French: “Have no fear little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Above the Bible is a symbolic shining sun and six stars.

STATE SOCIETY IDEAS EXCHANGE

Improvements are easier when we understand the needs of the organization. Every organization on earth has five common needs: good leaders, leadership development, members, purpose, and ample finances.

1. **Leaders** - Basically there are three types:(1) the orator who can paint the vision and excite the members; (2) the person who, with others, can put together the plan and initiate the action; and (3) the “nuts and bolts” person who can see that the work is completed. It’s cyclic and leaders should be matched to the needs of the organization. Is it time to revisit the vision (excite the troops), devise a plan, or complete the work?

2. **Leadership Development** - Who are the potential leaders? What talents, backgrounds, and experiences best match the evolving directions? Are there opportunities for potential leaders to prove themselves, such as committee work, special projects, or involvement on agenda items? Who makes you feel good just to know them, to be around them? Who has consistent attendance and support? Who seems to have others rally around them?

3. **Members** - Call them members, customers, clients, students, patients, they are the people who comprise your group. What can you do to make their memberships more interesting, fun, helpful, attractive? Begin by smiling, getting to know them. Show an interest in their work, inquire what they need or would like to do. Leave egos at the door and give members reasons to want to emulate good examples.

4. **Purpose** - This is your reason for existence, either product, people or both. Yes, hereditary societies share the study of ancestors, i.e., preserving history. But isn’t it more than that, such as meeting people you might not otherwise know or befriend? You also visit places and enjoy personal experiences not previously envisioned.. It gives platforms for exchange of information, enhanced documentation, and shared lineages, to name a few benefits.

5. **Finances** - Regardless of how the society is configured, it must have enough money to achieve mutual purpose. Funding sources come from investments of life memberships, annual dues, maybe a little extra from meeting fees, supplemental application fees, outright gifts, and estate bequests. Special projects such as booklets and awards also may produce income.

Try applying this anatomy of an organization to your society. Deal with questions pertinent to your society. Devise a plan. Put the plan in action. Smile more, be enthusiastic, make members and prospects feel wanted and special. Those who want to join the efforts may be some of your emerging leaders.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the Dates

7-8 October 2011

Mid-Year General Council and Board of General Officers
Sheraton Louisville Riverside Hotel
700 West Riverside Drive
Jeffersonville, IN 47130
812-284-6711 (ask for Trish and mention NHS)

13-14 April 2012

76th Annual Congress
Washington Marriott Hotel
1221 22d Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037 Reservations: 1-888-236-2427 *Cutoff date for NHS discount is March 8, 2012*

26-27 October 2012

Mid-Year General Council and Board of General Officers
Atlanta, GA
Hotel -To Be Announced



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